



GHSA

“Items of Interest”

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GHSA Goals Remain Same Even in 21st Century

Recently an e-mail was circulated to me that contained a series of optical illusions. Those things really amaze me as my mind does battle with my eyes to make sense of what I am experiencing. With illusions, the normal cues that we use to provide meaning are manipulated to form a new kind of reality.

This is a lot like life in the world of education. Competitive activities exist within the larger context of education, and changes in education influence changes in activities. To make matters more complicated, influences outside the world of education are making more of an impact on education than ever before. Many of the traditional cues that have been used to make sense out of our experiences are being changed.

I doubt that the policy makers in the early years of the GHSA ever considered issues like virtual schools, year-round sport specialization, or the need for corporate partnerships. Those issues (and many more) are important today, as was exemplified at the recent meeting of the GHSA Executive Committee. The minutes of that meeting reflect the ongoing attempt by the leadership of the GHSA to anticipate issues rather than merely trying to catch up to them. Please be certain that the results of that meeting are circulated among your coaches and administrators.

Beginning in late Spring or early Summer, the GHSA Constitution and By-laws will be available on the GHSA web site (www.ghsa.net). This will be one step among many that will, over time, move the GHSA office away from dependence on paper-printed and mail-delivered interaction with member schools. It is imperative that schools continually update e-mail addresses for the contact persons who interact with this office. The GHSA web site will be improved to facilitate this new medium of communication. Please consult the web site frequently to keep up with new information that will be valuable to you. For the foreseeable future, however, the GHSA will continue to publish and distribute the “GHSA Forms Notebook” in addition to making many of those forms available for electronic transmission.

The altered reality that optical illusions provide is temporary. When social change tries to manipulate the traditional cues we use to understand what we do, educators need to hang onto the essential values of integrity and fairplay that have undergirded our work. The basic mission of the GHSA still remains intact. We are still committed to enhancing the education of high school students through the processes of competitive activities.



– **Ralph Swearngin**, Executive Director

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New Cheerleading Dates 2006-07

Due to the change in cheerleading season for 2006-07, many of the deadline dates have been moved up in the calendar. Please be aware that some forms are due in our office before school is out this year.

May 5 Deadline to request sanction of regular season Invitation Tournament **Note: There is a new procedure for this. Check the GHSA website (www.ghsa.net) or the GCCA website (www.gacheer.net) for instructions.**

June 1 Deadline to declare Coed or Non Coed **Note: Form is found on the GHSA website**

Aug. 1 First date for practice

Aug. 5 Deadline to register for regular season invitational tournament participation

Aug. 19 First date for competition

Oct. 1 Deadline for notification of entry and to submit team rosters

Nov. 4 Determine Region Winners and Coed Sectionals

Nov. 10-11 ... State Competition

STATE CHAMPIONS**BASKETBALL - Boys**

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAA	Norcross High School
AAAA	Columbia High School
AAA	Dunwoody High School
AA	Dublin High School
A	SW Atlanta Christian School

BASKETBALL - Girls

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAA	Collins Hill High School
AAAA	St. Pius School
AAA	Avondale High School
AA	Wesleyan High School
A	SW Atlanta Christian School

LITERARY

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAA	Kennesaw Mountain High School
AAAA	Hardaway High School
AAA	Gainesville High School
AA	Calhoun High School
A	Lakeview Academy

Winning a State Championship is an outstanding achievement for the GHSA schools, athletes and coaches, and a distinction that should create a great deal of pride in the community.

Contact Information for Official Merchandise

Those wishing to purchase GHSA merchandise should contact **All-Star Outfitters**, the official merchandise supplier of the GHSA.

The phone number for All-Star Outfitters is 770-590-0075 and the fax number is 770-590-0180. The address is 1420 Lockhart Drive, Building 100, Suite 102, Kennesaw, GA 30144. The contact person is **David Marler**.

2006 State Basketball Championships



Photos were provided by idipfoto.
Other photos taken at GHSA state
events can be found at idipfoto.com.



STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 13, 2006

MINUTES

The semiannual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 13, 2006, at the Holiday Inn, Forsyth, Georgia, by Dr. Gary Holmes, President. Following is a condensed version of the minutes of that meeting. A complete version may be found on the GHSA web site.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Report presented by Wayne Tootle

The Committee recommended:

A dues increase for all member schools. The dues for 2006-07 will be as follows:

AAAAA - \$300.00; AAAA - \$240.00; AAA - \$210.00; AA - \$180.00; A - \$120.00

Note: Catastrophic insurance fees will be added to the above dues.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Granting cheerleading an exemption from the sub-division alignments which begin in 2006-07.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Beginning 2007, implement a "dead week" during the week where July 4th falls (Sunday thru Saturday) where no practices, camps, weight training, or other such school activities will be allowed.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Allowing coaches to be spectators or "fellow competitors" at non-school events out-of-season as long as no coaching occurs. (EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY)

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Eliminating the conditioning week in all sports.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

BASEBALL COMMITTEE: Report presented by Anthony Dimitri

The Committee recommended:

Allowing one (1) seven-inning scrimmage game using open substitutions. All seven innings would be played on the same date; the scrimmage must be played on the Friday or Saturday preceding the first possible play date; if the game is rained out, it would not be made up; regular season umpiring fees would apply.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

CALENDAR COMMITTEE: Report presented by Donnie Griggers

The Committee recommended:

The following modifications for the 2006-07 calendar:

1. Basketball: The date of first contest moved from November 20 to November 18
2. Wrestling: The date of first practice for traditional and team dual wrestling moved from October 23 to October 30 (all other dates for traditional wrestling moved forward one week)
3. Lacrosse: The date of first practice moved from January 29 to February 5 and all other dates moved forward one week.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE: Report presented by Glenn White

The Committee recommended:

Delete By-Law 2.96 (a) and replace with (changes underlined): Member schools shall not permit their teams or players to participate in "Bowling" or "All-Star" games during the GHSA regular season or during GHSA playoffs. Players selected to participate in out-of-season games must adhere to GHSA amateur standing rules, and to NCAA regulations regarding all-star games.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, *Continued*

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE:

Report presented by Earl Etheridge

The Committee recommended:

Allowing teams to have 10 days of spring practice spaced over 13 consecutive school days.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Amending the preseason practice schedule for 2006 as follows:

1. August 1: May issue equipment ONLY
2. August 2-4: May practice in helmets, shoulder pads, and shorts
3. August 7: All schools may practice in full pads regardless of the date of their first game

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Amending the procedures for hosting a playoff football game for the Quarterfinals and Finals as follows:

1. The higher seeded team will be the host team. If the higher seeded team does not meet the required standards to host, they may secure a suitable site.
2. If both teams have the same seeding the following procedure will be used:
 - (a) If both sites meet or exceed GHSA standards, a coin toss will determine the host team.
 - (b) If only one site meets or exceeds GHSA standards, that school will host.
 - (c) If neither site meets GHSA standards, the Executive Director will designate a neutral site.

Responsibilities for FINALS are as follows:

1. The GHSA shall provide:
 - (a) tickets, ticket sellers, and ticket takers
 - (b) pass gate personnel
 - (c) game manager, press box manager, and PA announcer
 - (d) game officials and auxiliary officials
 - (e) programs and sellers; merchandise vendors
2. The host school shall provide:
 - (a) stadium that meets or exceeds GHSA minimum standards for permanent seats & press box
 - (b) stadium with restrooms and concessions stands (and workers) that are adequate for the anticipated crowd
 - (c) adequate police security inside and outside the stadium
 - (d) properly marked field
 - (e) adequate dressing facilities for players - sufficient for the size of the team
 - (f) custodial staff before, during, and after the game
3. Miscellaneous issues:
 - (a) host school shall retain all revenue from concessions and parking (if applicable)
 - (b) no host-school merchandise may be sold at the event
 - (c) no special rituals may be used by the host team that is not available to the visitors
 - (d) if restrooms and/or concession stands are inadequate, the host must take steps to add portable facilities to make it adequate.

Motion Passed Roll Call Vote #2: Yes - 30 No - 15

GOLF COMMITTEE:

Report presented by Jesse Crews

The Committee recommended:

Deleting existing copy on page 133, item F. and replace with: Coach-golfer conferences may occur between each green and the next tee box so long as there is no delay in play.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE:

Report presented by Earl Etheridge

The Committee recommended:

Amending the Constitution as follows:

Article 3, Section 3 B, page 15 (changes are underlined): Classification of public schools shall be based on F.T.E. (active enrollment) using the average of the counts of semester #2 and semester #3 of the preceding reclassification cycle secured from the Department of Education based on grades 9-12. ~~This count is based on figures from the nine (9) months immediately preceding reclassification.~~

Delete first existing NOTE and replace with: Classification for the school years 2008-09 and 2009-10 shall be based on the reports of spring semester 2007 and fall semester 2007.

Motion Passed (voice vote) CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE - REQUIRES 2ND VOTE

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, *Continued*

Amending the Constitution as follows:

Article 3, Section 3 C as follows:

Classification of private schools shall be based on enrollment information furnished by schools for grades 9-12 for the ~~nine (9) months fall semester immediately preceding reclassification.~~

Motion Passed (voice vote) CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE - REQUIRES 2ND VOTE

SWIMMING COMMITTEE:

Report presented by Scott Horton

The Committee recommends:

Changing page 157 B to read:

~~Only one~~ A Proof of Performance diving sheet for each diver ~~may~~ shall be submitted to the GHSA office.

1. No computer generated forms will be accepted.
2. If the Proof of Performance is accepted, the diver's name will appear on the ~~GHSSGA~~ GHSA web site.
3. No point total will be listed on the GHSA web site for a qualified diver.
4. If the Proof of Performance is not approved, ~~the school may appeal to the GHSA~~ the diver will have fourteen (14) days from the date on the original Proof to re-qualify and submit the new form to the GHSA Office. If the second Proof is not accepted, no further re-qualification is possible.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

On page 157, add new M. to read:

Each school participating in the State Meet will be allowed free admission as follows:

1. Swimmers and divers qualified and entered in the Meet
2. Up to four girls and/or four boys designated substitutes for relay teams
3. Up to two team attendants or trainers as listed on the team roster
4. Coaches that are listed on the Swimming and Diving Coaches list

Motion Passed (voice vote)

VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE:

Report presented by Ronnie Smith

The Committee recommended:

1. Allowing four (4) teams in each Area to qualify for post-season play in all classes.
2. Moving to two (2) single-elimination Sectional Tournaments in each class with each match having a best-of-five format. Two teams from each tournament will advance to the Final Four competition.
3. In all playoff matches, the linespersons and scorekeepers shall be supplied by officials' associations registered with the GHSA.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

WRESTLING COMMITTEE:

Report presented by Tommy Stringer

The Committee recommended:

Amending page 181 F. to read: Each school participating in the State Tournament will be allowed free admission for ~~sixteen (16) team members plus a maximum of eight (8) mat maids~~ all wrestlers who qualify for the tournament and a maximum of two (2) managers and/or mat maids. ~~Alternates will not be admitted without charge unless they have been substituted into the tournament in accordance with Tournament procedures.~~

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Amending By-Law 2.62 D 3. by adding Wrestling as a sport where a school may use a split squad.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Allen Fort, second by Sam Barrs, to delete Spelling as an event in the GHSA Literary competition.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Motion by Wayne Tootle, second by Jesse Crews, to reelect Gary Holmes President and Walter Wade Vice President.

Motion Passed (voice vote)

Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to adjourn.

GHSA Approved & Sanctioned Events - April / May

BASEBALL:

Fayette County High School, April 15-22, 2006 (JV & 9th Grade)
Jeff Davis High School, April 10-15, 2006 (JV)

Out of State:

Rutherford High School, FL, April 3-6, 2006
West Orange High School, FL, February 27 - April 28, 2006

DEBATE/FORENSICS/LITERARY:

Glynn Academy, April 7-8, 2006
Warner Robins High School, May 6, 2006

Out of State:

West High School, IA, March 30-April 2, 2006

GOLF:

Calhoun High School, April 3, 2006 (Boys & Girls)
Calhoun High School, April 14-15, 2006 (Boys & Girls)
Carrollton High School, April 10, 2006 (Boys)
Central High School, Carrollton, April 1, 2006 (Boys)
Colquitt County High School, April 1, 2006
Columbus High School, April 22, 2006 (Girls)
Columbus High School, April 19, 2006 (Boys)
Dalton High School, April 1, 2006 (Girls)
Etowah High School, April 4, 2006 (Boys)
Gainesville High School, April 10, 2006 (Boys)
Gordon Lee High School, April 15, 2006
Hardaway High School, April 14-15, 2006
Heritage High School, April 17, 2006
LaGrange High School, April 17, 2005
Marist School, April 3, 2006
Southeast Whitfield High School, April 5, 2006 (Boys)
St. Pius X Catholic School, April 20, 2006 (Boys)
Statesboro High School, April 3, 2006
Tift County High School, April 10, 2006
Vidalia High School, April 7-8, 2006 (Boys)
Windsor Forest High School, April 20, 2006
Windsor Forest High School, April 17, 2006
Windsor Forest High School, April 24, 2006
Woodward Academy, April 7-8, 2006 (Girls)

Out of State:

Dorman High School, SC, March 31 and April 1, 2005
Spring Palmetto High School, SC, April 13-15, 2006

Unapproved:

Aiken High School, SC, April 28-29, 2006
St. Paul's High School, AL, April 2-3, 2006

SOCCER:

Dalton High School, March 31 and April 1, 2006 (Boys)
Newnan High School, April 13-15, 2006 (Boys & Girls)
Parkview High School, April 7-8, 2006

TENNIS:

Hart County High School, April 12-14, 2006

Unapproved:

Baylor High School, TN, April 7, 2006

TRACK AND FIELD:

Alexander High School, April 11-12, 2006

Bradwell Institute, April 11, 2006
Brookstone High School, April 15, 2006
Cairo High School, April 8, 2006
Clarke Central High School, April 1, 2006
Columbus High School, April 18, 2006
Crawford County High School, April 1, 2006
Darlington School, April 8, 2006
Gordon Central High School, April 15, 2006
Heard County High School, April 18, 2006
Holy Innocents School, April 1, 2006
Jefferson High School, April 15, 2006
Johnson High School, Savannah, April 3, 2006
Kell High School, April 11, 2006
Lakeview - Ft. Oglethorpe, April 20, 2006
Lassiter High School, April 12-13, 2006
Lowndes High School, April 1, 2006
Marietta High School, April 22, 2006
Marietta High School, April 8, 2006
McEachern High School, April 15, 2006
Mill Creek High School, April 14-15, 2006
Monroe Area High School, April 15, 2006
Norcross High School, April 1, 2006
Northeast Magnet High School, April 8, 2006
Oconee County High School, April 11, 2006
Oconee County High School, April 15, 2006
Pepperell High School, April 13, 2006
Pepperell High School, April 4, 2006
Pepperell High School, April 1, 2006
Roswell High School, April 15, 2006
Shaw High School, April 1, 2006
South Gwinnett High School, April 18, 2006
Spalding High School, April 15, 2006
Spencer High School, April 19, 2006
Statesboro High School, April 8, 2006
Therrell High School, March 31 and April 1, 2006
Turner County High School, April 8, 2006
Washington County High School, April 15, 2006
Wesleyan School, April 11, 2006
Westminster School, April 5, 2006
Westminster School, April 12, 2006
Westminster School, April 18, 2006
Westside High School, Augusta, April 12, 2006
Westover High School, April 15, 2006
Whitewater High School, April 11, 2006
Winder Barrow High School, April 8, 2006

Out of State:

A.C. Reynolds High School, NC, April 1, 2006
Auburn High School, AL, April 15, 2006
Barron Collier High School, March 31 and April 1, 2006
Beaufort High School, SC, April 1, 2006
Gulf Breeze High School, FL, April 7, 2006
McCallie School, TN, April 1, 2006
Myers Park High School, NC, April 15, 2006
Nogales High School, CA, April 14-15, 2006
St. Paul's Episcopal School, AL, March 31 & April 1, 2006
Z.B. Vance High School, NC, April 15, 2006

Unapproved:

Arcadia High School, CA, April 7-8, 2006
Louisville Male High School, KY, April 22-23, 2006

GHSA - April/May Calendar - 2006**April**

- 1 Deadline for notification of entry in Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Riflery, Softball, Soccer, Volleyball, and Wrestling for 2006-07
- 1 State Riflery Championships
- 4 Hardship Committee Meeting, GHSA Office, Thomaston
- 18 Appeal Board Meeting, GHSA Office, Thomaston
- 21 Complete Area Gymnastics
- 22 Complete Area/Region Soccer, Tennis & Lacrosse
- 24 File Area/Region Soccer, Tennis winners
- 26 Complete Region Girls Track / Boys First Round Soccer in AAAAA & AAAA
- 27 File reports of Region Girls Track with GHSA office by 9 a.m.
- 27 Girls First Round Soccer in AAAAA & AAAA
- 28 Region Golf / Gymnastics State Final
- 28 Boys First Round Soccer in AAA & AA/A
- 29 Complete First Round State Tennis
- 29 Girls First Round Soccer in AAA & AA/A

May

- 1 File reports of Region golf winners with GHSA and with state sites
- 2 Boys Second Round State Soccer
- 3 Girls Second Round State Soccer / Region Boys Track
- 4 File reports of Region Boys Track with GHSA office by 9 a.m.

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