



GHSA

“Items of Interest”

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Seasons Greetings and HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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GHSA Licensed Products

This month's featured licensees are: **Jostens**, official championship jewelry (jostens.com); **Musco Sports Lighting**, the GHSA leader in developing sports-lighting solutions (musco.com); **FieldTurf**, official artificial turf (fielldturf.com), **Resilite**, official wrestling mat (resilite.com), **TeamIP**, official merchandiser and online store (teamip.com) and **Championship Funding Solutions**, discount cards, donation letters and logoed products (cfsteams.com). View a complete list of GHSA licensees at www.ghsa.net/licensing.

STATE CHAMPIONS

CHEERLEADING

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Cheerleading:

AAAAA	Alpharetta High School
AAAA	Northgate High School
AAA	Columbus High School
AA	Calhoun High School
A	Trion High School
Co-Ed	Peachtree Ridge High School

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following State Champions in Cross Country:

AAAAA Girls	- Walton High School
AAAAA Boys	- Brookwood High School

AAAA Girls	- Marist School
AAAA Boys	- Marist School

AAA Girls	- Columbus High School
AAA Boys	- St. Pius School

AA Girls	- Westminster School
AA Boys	- Westminster School

A Girls	- Darlington School
A Boys	- Wesleyan School

ONE-ACT PLAY

Congratulations to the following State Champions in One-Act Play:

AAAAA	- Kennesaw Mountain High School
AAAA	- Northside-WR High School
AAA	- Gainesville High School
AA	- Manchester High School
A	- Athens Academy

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

Home 'Pink' is OK for February 7-12

In observance of "Cancer Awareness" the GHSA will allow member schools to wear "pink" jerseys at their HOME basketball games during the week of February 7 - 12.

The visiting teams must wear their normal "dark" uniforms, as usual.

Game officials will be using "pink" whistles for the "Calling For The Cure" promotion during the same week.

GPB Expands Coverage of State Football Championships

Georgia Public Broadcasting is pleased to announce expanded coverage of the 2010 GHSA State Football Championships on December 10-11 at the Georgia Dome.

In addition to televising and webcasting all five games live, GPB Sports will produce a live one-hour GPB Sports Central special on the championship games from the Dome on Thursday, December 9, from 7-8 p.m. on GPB.

Also, GPB Sports will be doing shows live from the Dome between games. Those shows will be anchored by Gil Tyree of GPB Sports Central and include the entire Sports Central team of Niki Noto, Mark Harmon and Jon Nelson. A group of high school experts will join the GPB Sports team for the championships including former Brookwood coach and athletics director Dave Hunter, Tommy Palmer, the host of the Georgia High School Scoreboard Show, and Chip Towers and Michael Carvell of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

GPB Sports is also excited to announce five different broadcasting teams for the games. The Class AA 4:30 p.m. game on Friday will be handled by Matt Stewart and Chuck Oliver of Comcast Sports Southeast while Noto will be on the sidelines. The Class AAAA game at 8 will be done by state championship broadcast veterans Charles Ward and Jeff Van Note with Nelson on the sidelines. Saturday's lineup will begin at 1 p.m. with the Class A game handled by WSB-TV's Zach Klein, Score Atlanta's Fletcher Proctor and Nelson on the sidelines, followed by the Class AAA game at 4:30 by Ken Rodriguez and Buck Lanford of FOX 5 with Noto on the sidelines.

The Class AAAAA finale will be done by veteran play-by-play man Dave Garner and former NFL player Harper Lebel with Nelson on the sidelines.

GPB will have a special edition of Sports Central XL on Thursday, December 10, from 8-9. Sports Central XL is a live video chat and will feature interviews with coaches from the state championship teams mixing it up with bloggers, writers and fans.

All games will be broadcasted live on Georgia Public Broadcasting and webcasted live at GPB.org/sports. GPB has nine television stations across Georgia and is in more than 98 percent of the homes in the state.

Complete coverage of the championships will be available live and on demand at GPB.org/sports. GHSA.tv will also have the games available for on demand viewing and DVD orders. The games will be rebroadcasted on GPB Knowledge, one of GPB's digital channels, from December 13-17. Each night will feature a game at 8 p.m., with the Class A game on Monday, December 13, followed by the Class AA game on Tuesday, Class AAA on

Wednesday, Class AAAA on Thursday and Class AAAAA on Friday.



For more information on finding GPB Knowledge, visit the website at <http://www.gpb.org/GPBKnowledge>.

The games will also be available on Comcast On Demand on the GPB Sport Central tab and on Charter on Demand in the Get Local and High School Sports section. Comcast Sports Southeast will also begin reairing the games on December 17 with the dates and times to be announced.

GPB Sports would also like to thank sponsors State Farm, GMC, Georgia College 411 and Regions Bank for support of the games.

For more information on the games, contact GPB Director of Sports I.J. Rosenberg at 404-256-1572 or ijrosenberg@gpb.org.

SEMIFINAL AND CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Class AAAAA

Semifinals

Colquitt County (8-5) at Grayson (10-3)

Collins Hill (10-3) at Brookwood (12-1)

Championship

Saturday, December 11, 8 p.m., Georgia Dome

Class AAAA

Semifinals

Chattahoochee (13-0) at Statesboro (11-2)

Starr's Mill (13-0) vs. Tucker (13-0) at Hallford Stadium

Championship

Friday, December 10, 8 p.m., Georgia Dome

Class AAA

Semifinals

Peach County (13-0) at Sandy Creek (13-0)

Burke County (11-2) at Carrollton (13-0)

Championship

Saturday, December 11, 4:30 p.m., Georgia Dome

Class AA

Semifinals

Carver-Columbus (13-0) at Calhoun (13-0)

Lovett (10-3) at Buford (12-1)

Championship

Friday, December 10, 4:30 p.m., Georgia Dome

Class A

Semifinals

Clinch County (13-0) at Wilkinson County (11-2)

Savannah Christian (12-1) at Wesleyan (12-1)

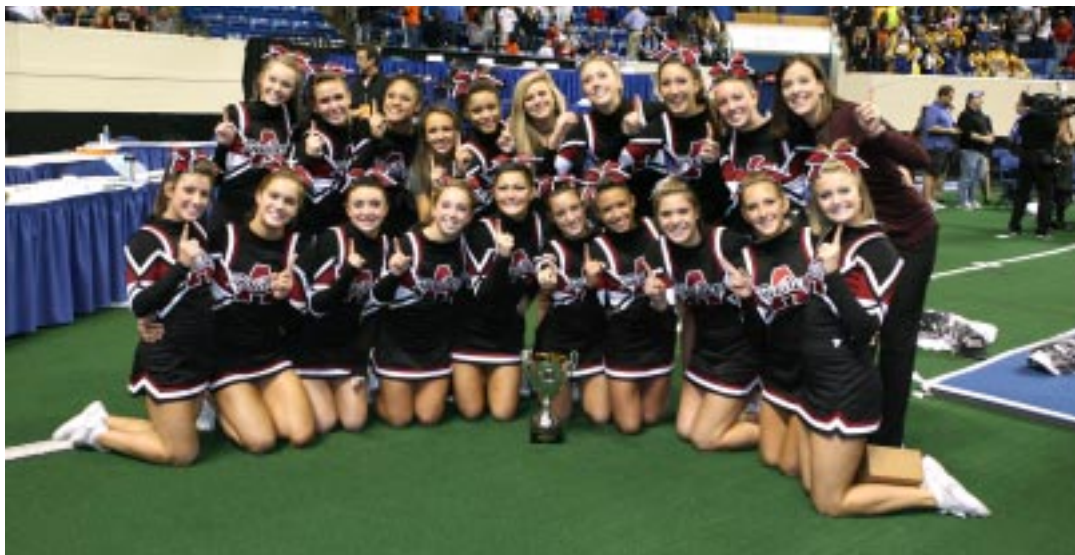
Championship

Saturday, December 11, 1 p.m., Georgia Dome



State Cheerleading Champions - 2010

Co-Ed
Peachtree Ridge
Lions

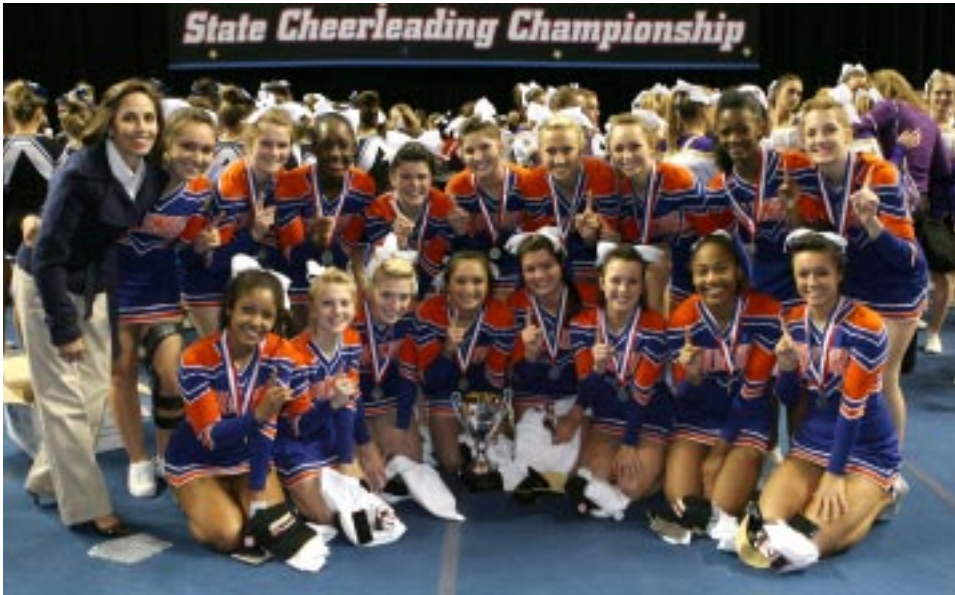


Class AAAAA
Alpharetta
Lady Raiders

Class AAAA
Northgate
Lady Vikings



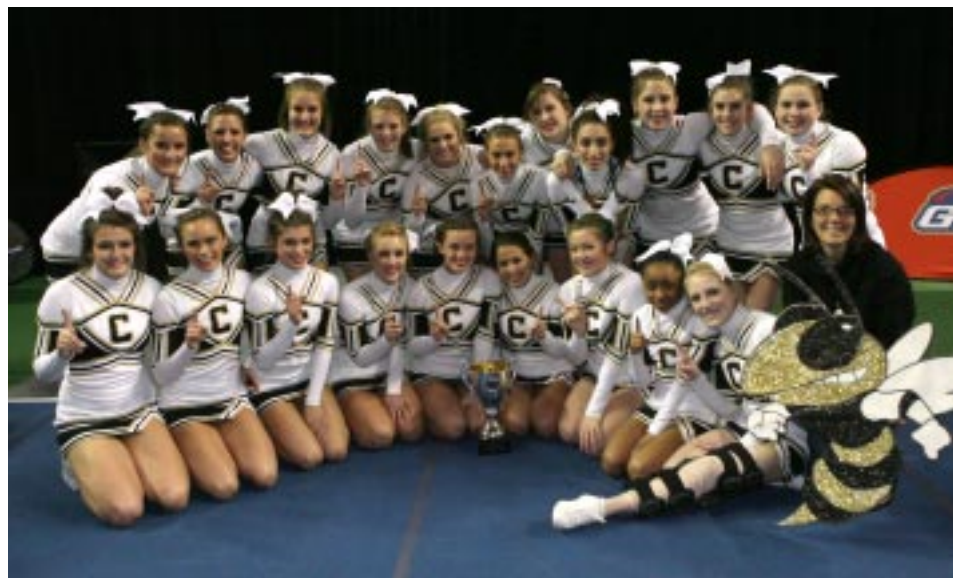
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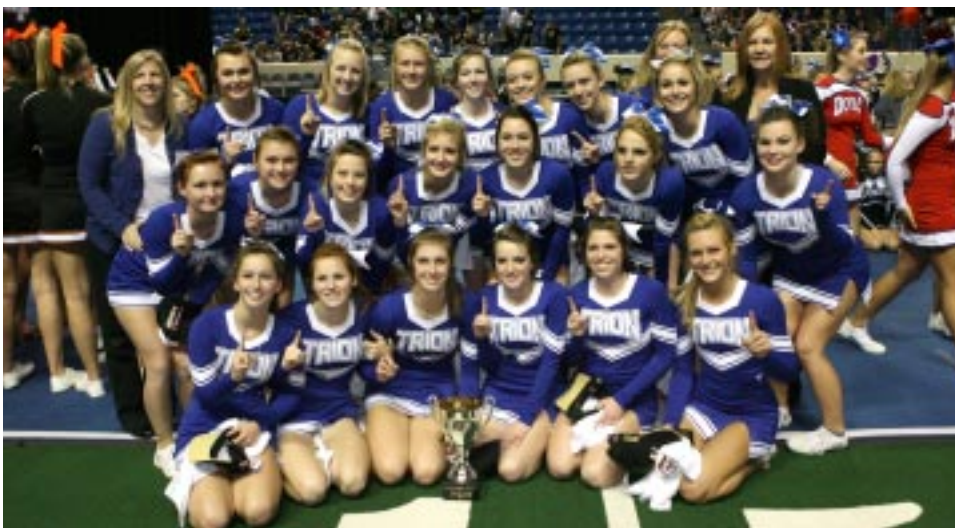
Class AAA
Columbus
Lady Blue Devils



Class AA
Calhoun
Lady Yellow Jackets



Class A
Trion
Lady Bulldogs



Photographs in this newsletter of the state championship cheerleading teams were provided by Jackson Photo (jacksonphoto.net).

Community Coach Schedule of Classes

Georgia High School Association By-Law 2.52 (Page 34 of the GHSA Constitution) lists the requirements under which a member school may employ persons who are not professionally certificated teachers as assistant coaches in their athletic programs.

These persons are referred to as "Community Coaches" and **MUST** complete the GHSA Coaches Education Training and Testing Program in Sports First Aid and Principals for Coaches **BEFORE** they can coach at a GHSA member school. Further information and a complete schedule of classes may be found on the GHSA web site (www.ghsa.net).

Following is a listing of the remaining 2010-11 GHSA Coaches Education Program courses:

JANUARY COURSES (Deadline is December 8, 2010):

PREPARE / FIRST AID

<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Jan. 5	Whitefield Academy	6 pm-10 pm	Ryan
Jan. 5	Calvary Day School	6 pm-10 pm	Carswell
Jan. 5	Tucker High School	6 pm-10 pm	Reed
Jan. 6	Whitewater High School	6 pm-10 pm	McCreary
Jan. 6	Athens Academy	6 pm-10 pm	Todd
Jan. 8	East Coweta High School	9 am-1 pm	Knott
Jan. 8	East Paulding HS	9 am-1 pm	Pike
Jan. 10	Chamblee High School	6 pm-10 pm	Finke
Jan. 10	Lovett School	6 pm-10 pm	McDaniel
Jan. 10	Westside HS, Macon	6 pm-10 pm	Quinn
Jan. 10	Richmond Academy	6 pm-10 pm	McCullough

PRINCIPLES FOR COACHING

<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Jan. 10-11	Tucker High School	6 pm-10 pm	Norwood
Jan. 10-11	Whitefield Academy	6 pm-10 pm	Hilliard
Jan. 10-11	Calvary Day School	6 pm-10 pm	Carswell
Jan. 12-13	Whitewater High School	6 pm-10 pm	McCreary
Jan. 12-13	Chamblee High School	6 pm-10 pm	Finke
Jan. 15	East Coweta High School	9 am-5 pm	Knott
Jan. 15	Westside HS, Macon	9 am-5 pm	Raines
Jan. 15	Athens Academy	9 am-5 pm	Kay
Jan. 15	Richmond Academy	9 am-5 pm	McCullough
Jan. 17-18	Lovett School	6 pm-10 pm	McDaniel
Jan. 17-18	East Paulding HS	6 pm-10 pm	Musgrove

FEBRUARY COURSES (Deadline is January 12, 2011):

PREPARE / FIRST AID

<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Feb. 3	Lovett School	6 pm-10 pm	McDaniel
Feb. 3	Tucker High School	6 pm-10 pm	Reed
Feb. 3	Statesboro High School	6 pm-10 pm	Blankenbaker
Feb. 5	East Paulding HS	9 am-1 pm	Pike
Feb. 5	East Coweta HS	9 am-1 pm	Knott
Feb. 8	Calvary Day School	6 pm-10 pm	Carswell
Feb. 8	Whitewater High School	6 pm-10 pm	McCreary
Feb. 9	Chamblee High School	6 pm-10 pm	Finke
Feb. 9	Westside HS, Macon	6 pm-10 pm	Quinn
Feb. 9	Daniel Ed. Center, Cols.	6 pm-10 pm	Cravey

PRINCIPLES FOR COACHING

<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Feb. 12	Whitewater High School	9 am-5 pm	McCreary
Feb. 12	Westside HS, Macon	9 am-5 pm	Shepherd
Feb. 12	East Coweta High School	9 am-5 pm	Knott
Feb. 14-15	Tucker High School	6 pm-10 pm	Norwood
Feb. 14-15	Calvary Day School	6 pm-10 pm	Carswell
Feb. 16-17	Chamblee High School	6 pm-10 pm	Finke
Feb. 16-17	Lovett School	6 pm-10 pm	McDaniel
Feb. 16-17	Carver High School, Col.	6 pm-10 pm	Flowers
Feb. 19	Statesboro High School	9 am-5 pm	Blankenbaker
Feb. 19	East Paulding HS	9 am-5 pm	Musgrove
Feb. 19	White County HS	9 am-5 pm	Sanfilippo

SAVE THE DATE!

TO:
All GHSA- affiliated High School Football Coaches

2010 Salute to Georgia High School Football Luncheon



Saturday, December 11, 2010
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Georgia World Congress Center
- Thomas Murphy Ballroom
285 Andrew Young International Blvd.
Atlanta, Georgia 30313

Don't miss your chance to hear from Falcons alumni Warrick Dunn and Head Coach Mike Smith as well as win a number of great prizes (double the amount this year!). Also, the 2010 Divisional Coach of the Year winners and Lifetime Achievement Award winner will be announced at this event.

This event is hosted by the Atlanta Falcons, the Georgia World Congress Center and Levy Restaurants

Stay Connected to the GHSA!

Become a Fan of the GHSA on Facebook (Facebook.com/OfficialGHSA) and Follow us on Twitter (Twitter.com/OfficialGHSA) to get the latest news, play-off/championship info, finals scores and media.

You are also invited to fan/follow the GHSA media partners listed below.

GHSA Network | Facebook.com/GHSANetwork and Twitter.com/GHSANetwork

GPB Sports | Facebook.com/GPBSports



GHSA SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT

Please insure that the following statement is read as a public address announcement prior to the start of **every GHSA sanctioned contest**:

"The GHSA and its member schools have made a commitment to promote good sportsmanship by student/athletes, coaches, and spectators at all GHSA sanctioned events.

Profanity, degrading remarks, and intimidating actions directed at officials or competitors will not be tolerated, and are grounds for removal from the event site.

Spectators are not allowed to enter the competition area during warm-ups or while the contest is being conducted.

Thank you for your cooperation in the promotion of good sportsmanship at today's event."

GHSA Official Balls

Coaches and school administrators are reminded that the GHSA State Executive Committee has approved "Official" balls for all GHSA state playoff events.

Listed below are the balls that will be provided for GHSA state playoff events. These balls are effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>
Baseball	WILSON A1010
Basketball	WILSON WAVE Boys: B0610 Girls: B0611
Football	WILSON F1003 or F1005
Soccer	BRINE "Championship"
Softball (optic yellow 12")	WILSON A9011 BSST
Volleyball	SPALDING TF5000

ACT and SAT Assessment Dates

Each year, the GHSA office gets requests to alter schedules due to conflicts with ACT and SAT. We cannot accommodate those requests. The following chart (also published in the GHSA Constitution & By-Laws and listed on the GHSA web site) gives dates of the exams and possible conflicts with GHSA activities. We urge you to inform your athletes, your counselors, and your coaches **now** about the dates scheduled for exams in order for the athletes to plan their assessments around events in which they are to compete.

ACT ASSESSMENT DATES

ACTIVITY CONFLICTS

December 11, 2010	State Football Finals
February 12, 2011	Sectional Traditional Wrestling, State Swimming & Diving
April 9, 2011	None
June 11, 2011	None

SAT ASSESSMENT DATES

ACTIVITY CONFLICTS

December 4, 2010	State Football Semifinals
January 22, 2011	None
March 12, 2011	AAA, AA & A State Basketball Finals, Region Literary Meets
May 7, 2011	State Playoffs in Baseball, Lacrosse, Soccer & Tennis, Boys State Track
June 4, 2011	None

SAT ASSESSMENT DATES

ACTIVITY CONFLICTS

Week 1 - May 2-6	Golf, Baseball, Lacrosse, Soccer & Tennis Playoffs, Region Girls Track, State Boys Track
Week 2 - May 9-13	Baseball, Lacrosse & Soccer Playoffs, State Girls Track

GHSA - December 2010 / January 2011 Calendar

December

- 3, 4 Semifinal Round State Football Playoffs
- 7 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 10, 11 Championship Round State Football Playoffs -- Georgia Dome
- 20 GHSA Office closed until January 4 for Christmas Holidays

January

- 7, 8 Dual Wrestling Area Tournaments
- 11 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 14, 15 Dual Wrestling State Tournaments
- 17 Earliest date for Gymnastics & Tennis practice
- 17 M.L. King Day -- GHSA Office closed
- 24 Earliest date for Boys Track and Soccer practice
- 25 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 31 Earliest date for Girls Track, Baseball, Golf and Lacrosse practice

The GHSA Staff Wishes You and Yours The Best of the Season



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