Seasons Greetings and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR GHSA STAFF

Join the GHSA social media conversation @OfficialGHSA on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram
This month’s featured licensees are: Jostens, official championship jewelry (jostens.com); Musco Sports Lighting, sports-lighting technology (musco.com); FieldTurf, official artificial turf (fieldturf.com); Hudl, official video exchange service (hudl.com); Planet HS, connecting schools online (planeths.com); Jaxx Field Miracle, official field drying agent (jaxxusa.com); Sports Imports, official volleyball net systems (sportsimports.com); COOLShirt Systems, personal cooling systems (coolshirt.com); and TeamIP, official merchandiser (teamip.com).

STATE CHAMPIONS

CHEERLEADING

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA  Lambert High School
AAAAAA  Northgate High School
AAAAA  Carrollton High School
AAAA  Pierce County High School
AA  Coosa High School
A (public)  Commerce High School
A (private)  Mt. Paran Christian School
Co-Ed  Johns Creek High School

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA  Girls - Mill Creek High School
AAAAAA  Boys - Marietta High School
AAAAA  Girls - Dunwoody High School
AAAAA  Boys - Clarkston High School
AAAA  Girls - Marist
AAAA  Boys - Marist
AAA  Girls - Westminster
AAA  Boys - Blessed Trinity
AA  Girls - Lovett
AA  Boys - Bleckley County High School
A Girls (public) - Towns County High School
A Boys (public) - Drew Charter
A Girls (private) - Landmark Christian
A Boys (private) - Landmark Christian

ONE-ACT PLAY

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA - Lee County High School
AAAAA - Allatoona High School
AAAA  Perry High School
AAA  Davidson Fine Arts
AA  Thomasville High School
A (public) - Georgia Military College
A (private) - Lakeview Academy

SOFTBALL

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA - Mill Creek High School
AAAAA - Chapel Hill High School
AAAA  Buford High School
AAA  Calhoun High School
AA  Gordon Lee High School
A (public) - Georgia Military College
A (private) - Eagles Landing Christian School

VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAAA - Walton High School
AAAAA - Columbus High School
AAAA  Buford High School
AAA  Blessed Trinity
AA  Holy Innocents
A  Calvary Day

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.
All Games Live from GA Dome
On December 11th and 12th

The fourth annual GHSA-Tommy Guillebeau Football Championships, presented by Georgia Farm Bureau Insurance, will again be televised live by Georgia Public Broadcasting, this year from the Georgia Dome.

GPB’s coverage will begin at 1:00 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 11 with the Class A public school championship game. Longtime high school football voice Tommy Palmer will call the game along with longtime Atlanta sportscaster Sam Crenshaw. Niki Noto will work the sidelines for that game.

Game No. 2 on Friday will be the Class AAA game at 4:30 p.m., with Jon Nelson of GPB and former Atlanta Falcon Chuck Smith in the booth and Noto on the sidelines. The final game of the day will be the AAAAA championship with GPB’s Matt Stewart and WGCL-TV’s Larry Smith behind the microphones and Nelson on the sidelines at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, December 12, four teams will win state titles. Up first at 10:00 a.m., is the Class A private school title with Palmer and Crenshaw calling the action and Noto on the sidelines. At 1:00 p.m., it’s the Class AA game with GPB’s Gil Tyree and Tucker coach Bryan Lamar in the broadcast booth and Noto on the sidelines.

At 4:30 p.m., it’s the Class AAAA title game with Nelson and Chuck Smith again. And at 8:00, the AAAAAA final, with Stewart and Larry Smith calling the game. Mark Harmon and Jackie Brittain will host all the pregame, halftime and postgame shows, which will feature interviews, trophy presentations, performances from some of the marching bands as well as special guests, including GHSA Executive Director Gary Phillips.

All games will be televised live throughout the state of Georgia and into parts of Florida, Alabama and Tennessee on Georgia Public Broadcasting and webcast live at GPB.org/sports and NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA.

GPB has nine television stations across Georgia and is in more than 98 percent of the homes in the state. GPB is the third largest PBS station in the country based on population reach and has been the most watched public station in the country on the days of the football championship broadcasts.

DVD orders of the championship games will be available at NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA. The games will be rebroadcast on GPB Knowledge, one of GPB’s digital channels, from December 13-19 at 8:00 p.m. For more information on scheduling and finding GPB Knowledge, visit the website at http://www.gpb.org/GPBKnowledge.

Find out more about GPB’s high school sports coverage on gpb.org/sports and at www.facebook.com/gpbsports.

9th Annual Vincent Dooley Awards
Now Accepting Nominations!

Athletes for a Better World announces the 9th Annual Vincent J. Dooley Awards and Scholarships for the 2015-2016 school year.

Nomination deadline is February 28, 2016.

The athletic director of each school may designate the male and female recipient of the Awards for their school, and their recipients may compete for a four-year, $1,000 a year, scholarship.

For more information and the nomination form, go to the following: http://www.abw.org/awards/dooley-award-nomination/.
Girls State Cross Country Champions - 2015

AAAAAA: Mill Creek

AAAAA: Dunwoody

AAAA: Marist

AAA: Westminster

AA: Lovett

A (private): Landmark Christian

A (public): Towns County
Boys State Cross Country Champions - 2015

AAA: Marietta

AAAA: Clarkston

AAAA: Marist

AAA: Blessed Trinity

AA: Bleckley County

A (public): Drew Charter

A (private): Landmark Christian

Photographs in this newsletter of the state championship Cross Country teams were provided by Pinion Photography. Pictures of the winning Volleyball teams elsewhere in this newsletter were provided by Cecil Copland and Dave Buschell. And photos of the winning softball teams were provided by Anne Appleton.
State Softball Champions - 2015

AAAAAA: Mill Creek
AAAAA: Chapel Hill
AAAA: Buford
AAA: Calhoun
AA: Gordon Lee
A (private): Eagles Landing Christian
A (public): Georgia Military
State Volleyball Champions - 2015

AAAAAA: Walton

AAAAA: Columbus

AAAA: Buford

AAA: Blessed Trinity

AA: Holy Innocents'

A: Calvary Day
GHSA - December 2015 / January 2016 Calendar

December
4, 5
Semifinal Round State Football Playoffs
8
Hardship/Appeal Meeting
11, 12
Championship Round State Football Playoffs -- Georgia Dome
16
GHSA Office closed until January 4 for Christmas Holidays

January
9
Complete Dual Wrestling Area Tournaments
11
Earliest date for Gymnastics & Tennis practice
12
Hardship/Appeal Meeting
14-16
Dual Wrestling State Tournaments
18
M.L. King Day -- GHSA Office closed
18
Earliest date for Girls and Boys Track, Baseball and Soccer practice
25
Earliest date for Lacrosse practice
26
Hardship/Appeal Meeting
29-30
Traditional Wrestling Area Tournaments

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

GHSA Sponsors