Competitive Activities Even More Important in New Century

For a number of years, the GHSA has emphasized the important role that competition plays in the educational process of high school students. Research studies have backed up that claim consistently. Recently, a new rationale for education-based activities has surfaced, and it merits our attention.

At the winter meeting of the National Federation of State High School Associations, a speaker analyzed current world trends and their impact on education. Bob Hughes, whose career is focused on education and technological advancement, traced major concepts of educational reform over the past twenty-five years and he attempted to answer a very significant question: What should 21st Century schools look like?

Mr. Hughes suggested that the attendees think of areas of school life where student attention is high and discipline problems are lower. He suggested three areas of school life where that kind of environment was likely to occur: sports, performing arts, and school newspaper/year book staff. The speaker proceeded to make a case that the skills needed to succeed in the 21st



century involve working with others to achieve common goals, to accomplish tasks, and to solve problems – and those skills are being taught best in the environments he highlighted.

Before our students move on from high school, their involvement in competitive activities has the <u>potential</u> to provide them with personal experiences to facilitate the academic knowledge gained in the classroom. However, if the purposes of education-based competitions are changed from an emphasis on providing participation experiences for a wide range of students to a focus on winning at all costs, that potential won't be reached.

The attendees at the NFHS meeting were provided with copies of newspaper articles that showed some of the perils faced in education-based competitions.

- 1. A "correspondence school" is being investigated for miraculously rejuvenating the GPAs of college athletic recruits while also allowing them to escape state graduation test requirements.
- 2. A survey of youth sports (including high school) in Utah revealed excessive parental inputs of money and time pursuing dreams for their children's athletic future.
- 3. A story told of two basketball players who lived in one state, went to school in 8th grade in another state where they could play varsity ball, and then moved with a guardian to a third state for their high school careers.
- 4. A coach at a small school that played 8-man football told his team an away game had been cancelled; then he suited up college-age players for that game.

Some people would argue that these are extreme circumstances that never would occur in Georgia. Yet there are issues being raised and investigated that indicate the focus is being moved away from the traditional purposes of education-based competitions. Think about it!

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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**.

Attention Tennis Coaches

The sites have been determined for the Sectional rounds of the upcoming 2006 State Tennis Tournament.

The complete brackets for the State Tennis Tournament can be found on Page 163 of the GHSA Constitution & By-Laws book.

On that bracket, the "A" South site for the May 5-6 Sectional will be **John Drew Smith Tennis Center** in Macon, while the "C" North site will be **Peachtree City Tennis Center** in Peachtree City.

The South "B" Sectional site remains Bacon Park Tennis Complex in Savannah, while the North "D" site remains the Stone Mountain Tennis Center, which is also the site for the Semifinals and Finals on May 12-13.

STATE CHAMPIONS

TEAM DUAL WRESTLING

Congratulations to the following State Champions and Runnersup in Team Dual Wrestling:

AAAAA - Champion:

Parkview High School

Runnerup:

Collins Hill High School

AAAA - Champion:

Henry County High School

Runnerup:

Ringgold High School

AAA - Champion:

Columbus High School

Runnerup:

Cass High School

A - Champion:

West Laurens High School

Runnerup:

Dublin High School

- Champion:

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Jefferson High School

Runnerup:

Bremen High School

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. See Page 3 for photos from the event.

2006 Dual State Wrestling Championships



















State Swimming and Diving Meets

The **State Diving Championship** will be held Wednesday and Thursday, February 8-9, at The Westminster School at 1424 West Paces Ferry Road in Atlanta.

The **State Swimming Championships** will be at Westminster on February 9-11.

Admission is \$7 per day, two days for \$10, 3 days for \$15, or all four days for \$20.

Schedule of Events:

February 8	1 p.m.	Diving - AAAA/AAA/AA/A
February 9	10 a.m.	Diving - AAAAA
February 9	5 p.m.	Swim Prelims for AAAAA
February 10	5 p.m.	Prelims for AAAA/AAA/AA/A
February 11	1 p.m.	Finals - AAAAA
February 11	6 p.m.	Finals - AAAA/AAA/AA/A

Order of Events: (boys events precede girls events)

200-yard Medley Relay 200-yard Freestyle

200-yard Individual Medley

50-yard Freestyle 100-yard Freestyle 100-yard Freestyle 500-yard Freestyle 200-yard Freestyle Relay 100-yard Backstroke 100-yard Breaststroke 400-yard Freestyle Relay

Qualifying Standards - Swimming

BOYS	EVENTS	GIRLS
1:52.00	200-yard Medley Relay	2:08.00
1:56.00	200-yard Freestyle	2:08.50
2:12.00	200-yard Individual Medley	2:24.00
:23.50	50-yard Freestyle	:26.50
:58.00	100-yard Butterfly	1:05.00
:52.00	100-yard Freestyle	:58.50
5:20.00	500-yard Freestyle	5:40.00
1:41.50	200-yard Freestyle Relay	1:54.00
1:00.00	100-yard Backstroke	1:06.00
1:08.50	100-yard Breaststroke	1:16.00
3:46.00	400-yard Freestyle Relay	4:14.00

Qualifying Standards - Diving

Qualifying for the State Meet can be done only through an 11-dive format, with both point score and degree of difficulty made at the same event. One, and only one, copy of the qualifying diving score sheet must be submitted with the entry forms for the State Meet.

- 1. Minimum degree of difficulty for optional dives for girls: (a) 11.5 degree of difficulty minimum
 - (b) 270 points in invitational meet (11 dive list)
- 2. Minimum degree of difficulty for optional dives for boys: (a) 12.0 degree of difficulty minimum
 - (b) 270 points in dual meet (11 dive list)

*** NEW SWIMMING DEADLINE ***

■ Because of a discrepancy in the GHSA Constitution & By-Laws, the deadline for submitting entries in the State Swimming Meet will be at 4:00 p.m., on Monday, February 6th.

State Basketball Changes!

The second and third rounds of the GHSA state basketball playoffs for **AAAAA teams in Regions 5-8 only** will be modified for the 2005-2006 season because of scheduling conflicts at universities and civic arenas in North Georgia.

Games in all other classes and regions will be held as originally scheduled in the GHSA Constitution & By-Laws book.

Second round games for AAAAA teams in Regions 5-8 only will be played with the same format as the first round games. There will still be a higher seeded team in every second round pairing that will host a single game.

Boys teams will play on Tuesday, February 21st at 7:30 p.m., and the Girls teams will play on Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices will be \$5.00 for each game.

The four **quarterfinal** games (3rd round) will be played at **Morehouse College** in Atlanta on Saturday, February 25th, using the following schedule:

1:00 p.m. Girls teams from the left side of the bracket 2:30 p.m. Boys teams from the left side of the bracket 4:00 p.m. Girls teams from the right side of the bracket 5:30 p.m. Boys teams from the right side of the bracket

"It is increasingly difficult find an arena that will seat an adequate number of spectators for three days in North Georgia," said GHSA Executive Director Ralph Swearngin. "Colleges and universities must take care of their programs, and February is a busy month for the civic arenas."

State Finals Time Changes

The starting times for the AAAA and AAAAA and the Wheelchair Finals at the Arena at Gwinnett Center on Friday, March 3rd have been changed.

The new times are as follows:

1:30 p.m. Girls AAAA Final 3:15 p.m. Boys AAAA Final 5:00 p.m. Wheelchair Final 7:00 p.m. Girls AAAAA Final 8:45 p.m. Boys AAAAA Final

Attention Wrestling, Swim Coaches

There have been problems in the past at the State Wrestling and State Swimming events with **Community Coaches** who were NOT registered with the GHSA office, but who asked to be allowed on the competition surface.

Please be aware that any coach who is NOT registered with the GHSA office prior to the state event will NOT be allowed to coach at that event.

If you are registering a coach with the GHSA office at this time, please fax the proper form to the attention of **Gary Phillips**. If you are unsure about whether or not a coach at your school is registered, please call **Tanya Anderson** in the GHSA office to check.

Area, State Wrestling Tournaments

Area Traditional Wrestling Tournaments may be held on either Saturday, February 4, 2006, or Friday and Saturday, February 3-4, 2006.

The Traditional State Tournament for all five classifications will be held on Thursday through Saturday, February 9-11, 2006 at the Arena at Gwinnett Center.

Admission prices for the State Tournament are \$7 on Thursday (all day), \$7 on Friday (all day), \$10 on Saturday (all day), or a total tournament ticket will be sold for \$20.

Area Tournaments will be held at the following sites:

AAAAA: Areas - Coffee, Redan, Groves, Fayette County,

Marietta, Cherokee, North Gwinnett, Shiloh

AAAA: Areas - Lee County, Lakeside-Evans, Henry County, Whitewater, Miller Grove,

North Forsyth, SE Whitfield, Clarke Central

Areas - Shaw, Elbert County, Blessed Trinity, AAA:

Gainesville

AA: Areas - Cook, Morgan Co., Darlington,

Oglethorpe County

Areas - Bremen (West), Social Circle (East) A:

The Schedule for the State Tournament at the Arena at Gwinnett Center is as follows:

Date/Time Wednesday/Feb.	Event	Class
6 p.m 9 p.m.	Weigh-In	4A & 5A
Thursday, Feb. 9		
8:30 a.m.	Coaches Meeting	4A & 5A
9 a.m 1 p.m.	Round of 32	4A & 5A
1 p.m 5 p.m.	Round of 16/1st WBs	4A & 5A
5 p.m 7 p.m.	2nd WBs	4A & 5A
7 p.m 9 p.m.	Weigh-In	2A & 3A
Friday, Feb. 10		
8:30 a.m.	Coaches Meeting	1A, 2A & 3A
7 a.m 9 a.m.	Weigh-In	1A
9 a.m 11 a.m.	Round of 16	2A & 3A
11 a.m 1 p.m.	Quarters	1A, 2A & 3A
1 p.m 3 p.m.	Quarters	4A & 5A
	1st WBs	3A
3 p.m 4:30 p.m.	3rd WBs	4A & 5A
	1st WBs	2A
4:30 p.m 6:30 p.	m. 4th WBs	4A & 5A
'	2nd WBs	2A & 3A
7:30 p.m 10 p.m	. Semifinals	All Classes
Saturday, Feb. 11		
9 a.m 10:30 a.m		All Classes
10:30 a.m noon	Con. Semifinals	All Classes
noon - 2 p.m.	Con. Finals	All Classes
Break to set up Fi		
5 p.m.	FINALS	All Classes

GHSA Deadlines:

BASKETBALL ROSTERS PAST DUE: Coaches and/ or Athletic Directors are reminded that the deadline for filing Basketball Rosters with the GHSA office was February 1, 2005. If you have not already faxed in your roster, please do so IMMEDIATELY to avoid a fine.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS: Anyone wishing to have an item included on the agenda for the March State Executive Committee meeting must submit the item to the GHSA office by February 10, 2006. The State Executive Committee meeting will be held March 13, 2006 at the Holiday Inn in Forsyth.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULES: Coaches and/or Athletic Directors are reminded that 2006 varsity Football Schedules are due in the GHSA office no later than March 1, 2006. If your school has hired a new coach for the 2006 season, please make sure he is made aware of this deadline.

OPEN MEET DEADLINE: Member schools are reminded that April 1, 2006 is the deadline to notify the GHSA office of entry in Open Meet State Events such as Volleyball, Slow Pitch Softball, Lacrosse, Soccer, Wrestling, Riflery and Gymnastics for the school year 2006-2007. The form for notification can be found in the GHSA Forms Book.

GHSA TV Guide

Comcast Sports Southeast (CSS) will televise action from the GHSA Traditional Wrestling State Champion**ship** in a taped two-hour program to air Thursday, Feb 16th at 9:00 p.m. and Friday, Feb. 17th at 12:30 p.m.

The 2006 state tournament will be held on Feb. 9-11 at The Arena at Gwinnett Center featuring the first time all five classifications have competed at a single site. CSS has broadcast GHSA wrestling since 1999.

Catch all the live excitement from the GHSA Basketball State Championships carried statewide by Georgia Public Broadcasting (GPB). Finals from AAAAA, AAAA and Wheelchair contests will begin Friday, March 3rd at 1:30 p.m. from The Arena at Gwinnett Center.

Action continues on Saturday, March 4th from the Macon Coliseum spotlighting the best in AAA, AA and A with opening tip-off at 11:00 a.m.

Go to www.ghsa.net for a full-schedule of game times. This is the ninth consecutive year that GPB has televised the GHSA basketball championships.

GHSA Partner Profile

The Georgia Electric Membership Corporation (GEMC) will host "Coaches Corner" Hospitality at both the wrestling and basketball championships....GEMC, along with Wachovia, Dodge and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) are supporters of GPB / GHSA broadcasts....Wilson enters its 7th season as the official basketball....State Farm agents will present awards at all finals and welcome fans with an interactive display at the Arena at Gwinnett Center.

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."

Dr. Ralph Swearngin, Executive Director Georgia High School Association

ATTENTION TRACK COACHES:

AAASP Information

As you should know, the Georgia High School Association has entered into a collaborative with the American Association of Adapted Sports Programs for events in track and field. For the 2006 season and beyond, coaches/teams with wheel-chair athletes **must** receive an orientation on working with these student-athletes.

All Schools must notify Gary Phillips, GHSA Assistant Director, of your intention to have wheelchair athletes participating in track this spring. This applies to schools having athletes who competed in previous years and will compete this year (2006 season), as well as schools having their first wheelchair athletes this season.

Also, please **contact Ron Lykins** at 404-840-7761 or rjlykins@mindspring.com to schedule your orientation and a trainer will come to your school's facilities to work with your athletes and coaches.

GHSA Officials / Coaches Clinics

By-Law #2.54, page 63 of the GHSA Constitution and By-Laws states: Every coach at a GHSA member school must attend a **GHSA-sponsored rules clinic** if he/she coaches the following sports: football, softball, volleyball, riflery, cheerleading (spirit and/or competitive), basketball, wrestling, swimming and diving, track, baseball, soccer and gymnastics.

- (a) A \$50.00 fine per coach who does not attend a clinic will be assessed to the school.
- (b) Community coaches (including first-year coaches) are reminded that clinic attendance is mandatory for them, also.

Following is a listing of the remaining 2005-06 GHSA Rules Clinics for coaches and officials.

Weeknight clinics begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday clinics begin at 10 a.m. unless noted.

ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED.

NOTE: All BASKETBALL, CHEERLEADING, FOOTBALL, RIFLERY, LACROSSE, SOFTBALL, SWIMMING, VOLLEY-BALL and WRESTLING clinics have been completed.

BASEBALL

February 6, 2006 Dalton High School - Auditorium February 6, 2006 Columbus High School - Cafeteria February 8, 2006 Wheeler High School - Auditorium February 8, 2006 Statesboro High School - Cafeteria February 9, 2006 Evans High School - Auditorium February 9, 2006 Norcross High School - Auditorium February 13, 2006 .. Vidalia High School - Cafeteria February 13, 2006 .. Northside High School, WR - Theatre February 15, 2006 .. Oconee County High School - Cafeteria February 15, 2006 .. Savannah Country Day February 16, 2006 .. Tri-Cities High School - Cafeteria February 16, 2006 .. Lowndes High School - Cafeteria February 20, 2006 .. Habersham Central High-Cafeteria February 20, 2006 .. Westover High School - Auditorium February 22, 2006 .. Fayette County (Sams Theatre) February 23, 2006 .. Ware County High School - Cafeteria

February 23, 2006 .. GHSA Office, Thomaston

SOCCER

Code: C = Coaches, R = Recertification, N = New Officials Certification

Coaches may attend any clinic listed

February 4, 2006 Shaw High School - Auditorium (C/R/N) February 4, 2006 Evans High School - Auditorium (C/R/N) February 11, 2006 ... Coffee High School - Media Center (C/R/N) February 11, 2006 ... Westside High School, Macon (C/R/N)

TRACK

INACK
February 1, 2006 Columbus High School - Cafeteria
February 2, 2006 Chamblee High School - Media Center
February 4, 2006 Dublin High School - Cafeteria
February 6, 2006 Carrollton High School
February 8, 2006 Calhoun High School - Auditorium
February 9, 2006 Lovejoy High School

February 11, 2006 .. Thomson High School - Auditorium February 11, 2006 .. Ware County High School - Cafeteria

GHSA Approved & Sanctioned Events - February/March

BASEBALL:

Atlanta Public Schools, February 28 - March 11, 2006 Bradwell Institute, March 2-4, 2006 Cook High School, February 27 - March 4, 2006 Effingham County High School, March 1, 2006 Fayette County High School, February 27 - March 18, 2006 Flowery Branch High School, February 28 - March 9, 2006 Tri-County High School, February 27 - March 4, 2006 Valdosta High School, March 6-10, 2006

Out of State:

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

BASKETBALL:

Cass High School, January 28, 30 & February 1, 2 & 4, 2006 Centennial High School, January 30, February 1, 2, 4 & 6, 2006 Grayson High School, January 28, February 1 & February 4, 2006 Woodland High School, January 28 & February 4, 2006

Out of State:

Mater Dei High School, CA, February 4, 2006 Montuerde Academy, FL, February 2-4, 2006 (Boys Only)

DEBATE/FORENSICS/LITERARY:

Chamblee High School, February 11, 2006 Woodward Academy, March 3-4, 2006

Out of State:

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

GOLF:

Burke County High School, March 20 & 27, 2006
Carrollton High School, March 27, 2006 (Girls)
Glenn Hills High School, March 14 & 29, 2006 (Girls)
Glenn Hills High School, March 7 & 30, 2006 (Boys)
Glynn Academy, March 4, 2006 (Girls)
Greater Atlanta Christian School, February 25, 2006 (Girls)
Habersham Central High School, March 4, 2006
Lee County High School, March 27, 2006
Madison County High School, March 25, 2006
Peachtree Ridge High School, March 10, 2006 (Boys & Girls)
Pierce County High School, March 13, 2006 (Girls)
Savannah Christian School, March 27, 2006
Vidalia High School, February 25, 2006
Vidalia High School, March 18, 2006 (Boys)

Out of State:

Dorman High School, SC, March 31 and April 1, 2006

GYMNASTICS:

Sequoyah High School, February 24, 2006

LACROSSE

Westminster School, March 3-4, 2006 (Girls)

SOCCER:

Baldwin High School, March 3-4, 2006 (Girls)
Baldwin High School, February 24-25, 2006 (Boys)
Brookwood High School, February 21-25, 2006 (Boys & Girls)
Central Gwinnett High School, February 13-18, 2006
Cross Keys High School, February 13-18, 2006 (Boys & Girls)
Glynn Academy, March 16-18, 2006(Boys & Girls)
Grayson High School, February 13-18, 2006 (Boys & Girls)
LaFayette High School/Ridgeland High School, February 13-18, 2006
Mary Persons High School, March 17, 18 & 25, 2005
North Gwinnett High School, February 13-17, 2006

Richmond Hill High School, February 20-25, 2006 (Boys & Girls) Westminster School, March 17-18, 2006 (Boys) Wheeler High School, February 13-16, 2005

Out of State:

Indian Springs High School, AL, March 31 and April 1, 2006 John Carroll Catholic School, AL, February 17-18, 2006 (Boys) John Carroll Catholic School, AL, February 24-25, 2006 (Girls)

SWIMMING/DIVING:

Clarke Central High School, February 4, 2006 Pope High School, February 4, 2006

TENNIS:

Camden County High School, March 10-11, 2006
Cass High School, March 4, 2006
LaGrange High School, February 24-25, 2006
LaGrange High School, March 10-11, 2006
Madison County High, February 21 & 23 & 28, March 2 & 4, 2006
McIntosh High School, March 3-4, 2005
Mill Creek High School, February 22, 24, 25, 2006
Wheeler High School, February 24-25, 2006

TRACK AND FIELD:

Atlanta Public Schools, March 28-30, 2006 Baldwin County High School, March 25, 2006 Brookstone High School, March 9, 2006 Brookstone High School, March 16, 2006 Brookstone High School, March 21, 2006 Brookstone High School, March 28, 2006 Burke County High School, March 18, 2006 Calhoun High School, March 18, 2006 Cedar Shoals High School, March 25, 2006 Central Gwinnett High School, February 25, 2006 Collins Hill High School, March 4, 2006 Collins Hill High School, March 23, 2006 Gordon Lee High School, March 31, 2006 Habersham High School, March 25, 2006 Marietta High School, March 29, 2006 Mill Creek High School, February 23, 2006 Mill Creek High School, March 7, 2006 Mill Creek High School, March 25 & 27, 2006 Northwest Whitefield High School, March 11, 2006 Oconee County High School, February 28, 2005 Pepperell High School, March 30, 2006 South Forsyth High School, March 9-10, 2005 Starr's Mill High School, March 11, 2006 Starr's Mill High School, March 29-30, 2006 Therrell High School, March 31 and April 1, 2006 Thomas County High School, March 18, 2006 Upson-Lee High School, March 14, 2006 Upson-Lee High School, March 25, 2006 Valdosta High School, March 18, 2006 Walton High School, March 4, 2006 Walton High School, March 18, 2006 Wesleyan School, March 1, 8, 22, 30 and April 11, 2006 Westminster School, March 15, 2006 Westminster School, March 22, 2006 Westminster School, March 29, 2006 Woodland High School, March 18, 2006

Out of State:

Amos P. Godby High School, FL, March 4, 2006 Beaufort High School, SC, March 4, 2006 Central High School (Phenix City), AL, March 18, 2006 Knoxville West High School, TN, February 11, 2006 (Indoor)

GHSA - February Calendar - 2006

February

1	Swimming & Diving entries to be filed with State Meet Site by 9:00 a.m
1	Deadline for notification of entry in Literary
1	Deadline to file Basketball Rosters with GHSA office
3, 4	State Debate Finals
3, 4	Traditional Wrestling Area Tournaments
6	Earliest date for Gymnastics meet, Golf practice
7	Hardship Committee Meeting, GHSA Office, Thomaston
8-11	State Swimming & Diving Meets
9-11	Traditional Wrestling State Tournament
10, 11	Complete Region Basketball
13	File reports of Region Basketball winners by noon
13	Earliest contest date for Lacrosse, Soccer, Tennis and Girls Track
13	Earliest date for Baseball practice
17, 18	First Round State Basketball Tournaments
20	Earliest date for Golf match, Boys Track meet
21	Appeal Board Meeting, GHSA Office, Thomaston
23-25	Second Round, Quarterfinal Round State Basketball Tournaments
27	Earliest date for Baseball game

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