



GHSA

“Items of Interest”

March 2007

GHSA Will Move Forward With Changing Times

The GHSA calendar seems to be played at “fast forward” speed all the time. At this time, the basketball championships are closing the curtain on winter sports. Spring sports are cranking up and then the 2006-2007 school year will be ended.

The GHSA Executive Committee will meet this month to develop policy that will take the association forward into the coming years. Trying to be proactive in the ever-changing landscape of education is a difficult task. Interest is already mounting over the 2008-2010 reclassification cycle that will be finalized in January of 2008.

Administrators and coaches at our member schools also deal with rapidly changing policies and procedures in education that seem to have nothing to do with GHSA issues. It is increasingly apparent, however, that some of the changes which don't seem to affect the GHSA now really will do so in the future.



Movements toward school choice issues and charter school issues present situations that appear to be incompatible with existing eligibility guidelines that were developed in a different educational era. Since the GHSA is outspoken in its belief that participation in athletics and competitive activities are extensions of classroom activities, it is important that this Association responds to the changes we are seeing in education in Georgia – and across the nation.

Several rules and procedures have been put in place over the past few years that accentuate accountability on schools to provide a safe and healthy atmosphere for competitions. While these measures have imposed more work for schools and their personnel, they protect our students and provide better risk management procedures. The influences of legislation and litigation always impact our work in these areas.

All this is to say that I see two options. We can bemoan the changes and wish for a simpler day, or we can diligently search for ways to keep the quality of high school competitions moving forward in this rapidly changing world. I only see benefit in the latter option, and I desire for the GHSA to move with you to make this happen. This will be a constant message from this office to our Superintendents, Principals, and Coaches in the coming months.

– **Ralph Sweargin**, Executive Director

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GHSA Online Store

You are invited to check out the **GHSA Store** and **Licensees** for a full list of products and services at www.ghsa.net.

To preorder or purchase surplus championship t-shirts, please contact **All-Star Outfitters**, the official event merchandise supplier of the GHSA at 770-590-0075 and www.asoapparel.com.

Attention Gymnastics Coaches

Gymnastics coaches are reminded that the Area (qualifying) Meet will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2007, at Lovett School. The championship meet remains on Friday, April 27, 2007 at Westminster School.

2007-08 Debate Topic

The 2007-08 National High School Debate Topic has been selected as follows: **Resolved:** The United States federal government should substantially increase its public health assistance to Sub-Saharan Africa.

Attention Tennis Coaches

The site has been determined for the Semifinal and Final rounds of the upcoming 2007 State Tennis Tournament.

The final two rounds will be played at the **Clayton County International Park's** Tennis Center on May 11 and 12. The schedule of teams to report for the Semifinals and Finals can be found on Pages 81 and 82 of the GHSA Constitution & By-Laws on the GHSA web site (www.ghsa.net).

And please remember that the **format for the second and third rounds was changed** at the August Executive Committee meeting. Sectional play, as mentioned on Page 81 of the Constitution & By-Laws, has been **eliminated** in favor of a return to play on the courts of the highest-seeded teams.

The first round of play must be completed by April 27, the second round must be completed by May 2 and the third round must be completed by May 8.

STATE CHAMPIONS**WRESTLING - Traditional**

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAA	McEachern High School
AAAA	Stockbridge High School
AAA	West Laurens High School
AA	LaFayette High School
A	Jefferson High School

SWIMMING and DIVING - Boys

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAA	Parkview High School
AAAA/AAA/AA/A	Westminster School

SWIMMING and DIVING - Girls

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAA	Northview High School
AAAA/AAA/AA/A	Marist School

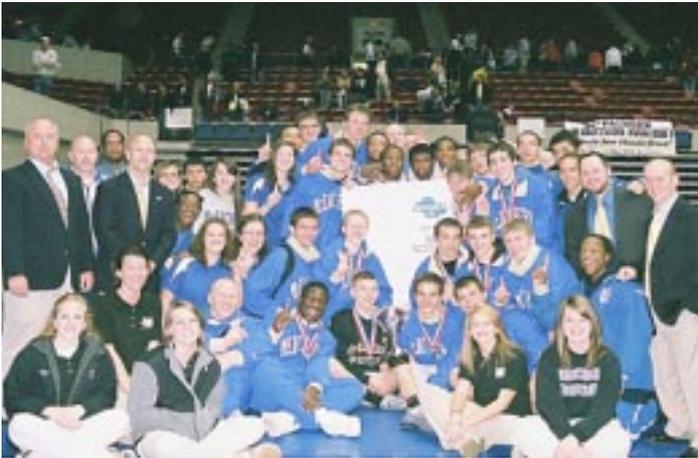
DEBATE

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

AAAAA/AAAA	Chattahoochee High School
AAA/AA/A	Pace 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.

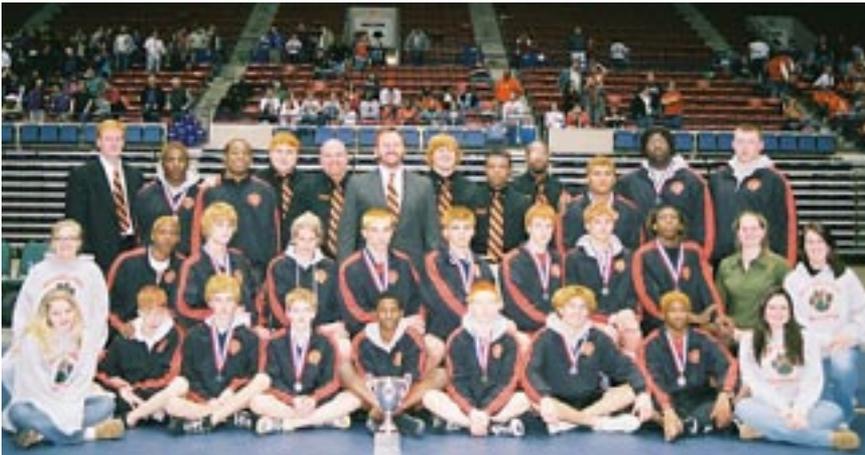
Team Dual Wrestling State Champions - 2007



Class AAAAA Champion: McEachern



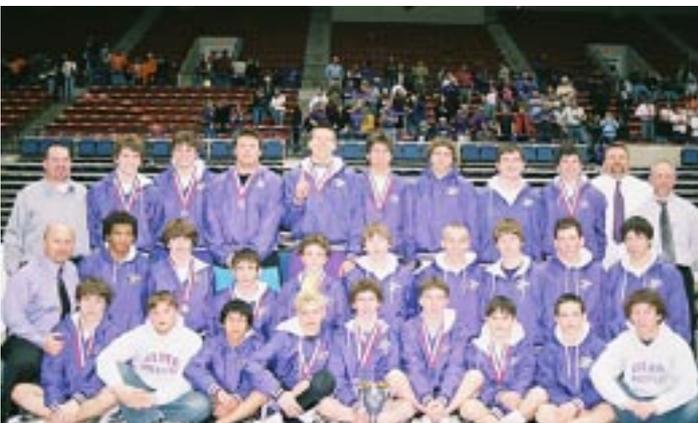
Class AA Champion: Wesleyan



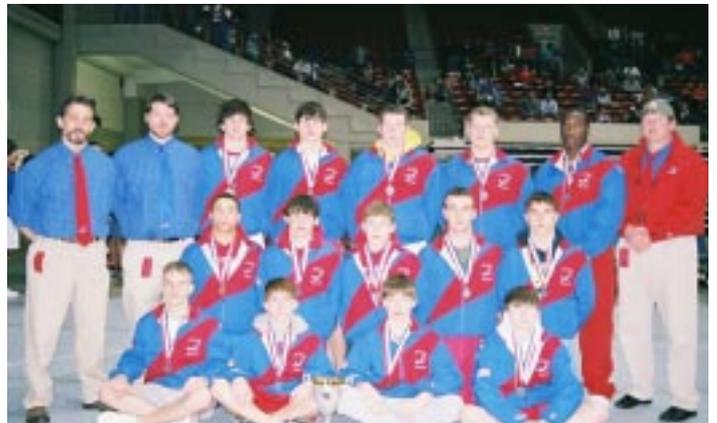
Class AAAA Champion: Stockbridge



Thanks to Donna Racine for providing these photographs of the 2006-07 Dual State Wrestling champions.



Class AAA Champion: Gilmer



Class A Champion: Jefferson

**GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA**

**HOLIDAY INN - FORSYTH, GEORGIA
March 19, 2007 - 9:00 A.M.**

Call To Order Dr. Gary Holmes, President
Invocation Dr. Ralph Swearngin, Executive Director
Roll Call Joyce Kay, Associate Director

APPOINTMENTS: Monday - 9:00 am: Dr. Quimby Melton, Principal, Griffin High School
Appeal of student eligibility (eight-semesters)

Monday - 9:15 am: Dr. Ralph Simpson, Principal, Miller Grove High School
Appeal of student eligibility (eight-semesters)

Monday - 10:00 am: Michael Robinson, Principal, Creekside High School
Appeal of student eligibility (eight-semesters, academic)

Monday - 10:15 am: Rob Brown, Principal, Alexander High School
Appeal of student eligibility (overage)

Monday - 10:30 am: Gary Boling, Principal, North Cobb High School
Appeal of student eligibility (overage)

Monday - 10:45 am: Carolyn Williams, Principal, Stone Mountain High School
Appeal of student eligibility (overage)

Monday - 11:00 am: Chad McConnell, Athletic Director, St. Francis High School
Appeal of student eligibility (migratory - appeal of Hardship decision)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Board of Trustees**

Study of 2007-08 budget
Proposals for tie-breaker in Championship games
Proposal to allow nurse practitioner to give physical exams
Proposal to delete the appeal allowed for the Age Rule
Proposed statement concerning scrimmages

Basketball Committee

Proposal to allow a voluntary week of conditioning with ball
Proposal to extend half time of varsity games to 15 minutes

Calendar Committee

Review of 2007-08 and 2008-09 calendars
Request to schedule championship events on different days
Request that Literary Meet not be scheduled on SAT date

Eligibility Committee

Proposal to require requests for student eligibility investigation to be filed 20 days prior to end of regular season
Study of loopholes for spring semester recovery work and summer school work
Athletes in individual sports who are ineligible forfeit their points and teams scores are adjusted
Discussion on "Early College" information

Football Committee

Proposals to change host team determination in quarterfinals, finals
Proposal to change spring practice dates by deleting the requirement to begin after February 1
Proposals for changes in playoff seating requirements
Proposal that in 2008 Championship games be played in Georgia Dome

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA, Cont.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

Theatre style seats to count as one seat regardless of width
AAAAA Championship game must have 8,000 seating capacity

Golf Committee

Proposal to allow top four individuals to advance to State
Proposal to expand the AAAA Boys and Girls Championship to a 36-hole Tournament.
Proposal to expand the AAA Boys Championship to a 36-hole event.
Proposals that a 9-hole match will count as 1/2 playing date during regular season.

Literary Committee

Proposal to create a Literary Advisory Committee
Proposal to delete the set date for Region Literary Meets
Proposal to change the format for Essay contests

Officials Committee

Discussion of officials travel pay

Reclassification Committee

Proposal for six classifications
Proposal for division of five classifications by FTE count
Proposal for separate Class A region alignment for football
Letter of concern on Class A reclassification from Bremen

Soccer Committee

Proposal to allow a voluntary week of conditioning with ball
Proposal to increase preseason by one week
Proposal to start season one week later
Proposal to allow one or two preseason scrimmages of regular game length
Proposal to eliminate penalty kicks to determine region game winners and have points award system

Swimming Committee

Proposed change to allow computer generated diving forms
Proposal to allow scoring 20 places
Proposal to have same reporting deadline for diving and swimming

Track Committee

Proposal to score 8 places at State Meets

Volleyball Committee

Proposal for week night single game be best 3 of 5
Discussion of post season format

Wrestling Committee

Proposal to require contracts for all competitions
Proposed statements concerning remaining in weigh-in areas
Discussion of post season events

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Budget for 2007-08

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers for 2007-08

ADJOURNMENT

GHSA Approved & Sanctioned Events - March

BASEBALL:

Coffee High School, March 13 & April 19, 2007
 Hart County High School, March 30-31, 2007 (JV)
 LaGrange High School, March 9-10, 2007
 Lassiter High School, March 8-24, 2007
 Lowndes High School, March 16-17, 2007
 Southeast Bulloch High School, February 26 - March 3, 2007
 Toccoa High School, March 2-3, 2007
 Ware County High School, March 1-3, 2007

DEBATE/FORENSICS/LITERARY:

Woodward Academy, March 2-3, 2007 (Debate)
 Woodward Academy, March 23-24, 2007 (Debate)

GOLF:

Bainbridge High School, March 3, 2007 (Boys)
 Brookstone High School, March 3, 2007
 Brookwood High School, March 19, 2007 (Boys and Girls)
 Burke County High School, March 17, 2007 (Boys)
 Calhoun High School, March 12, 2007 (Girls)
 Central of Carroll High School, March 31, 2007 (Boys)
 Colquitt County High School, March 31, 2007
 Columbus High School, March 5-6, 2007 (Girls)
 Carrollton High School, March 19, 2007
 Dalton High School, March 10, 2007 (Boys)
 Dalton High School, March 31, 2007 (Girls)
 Gainesville High School, March 26, 2007 (Boys)
 Georgia Athletic Coaches Association, March 24, 2007 (Girls)
 Glynn Academy, March 3, 2007 (Boys and Girls)
 Habersham Central High School, March 3, 2007 (Boys)
 Madison County High School, March 31, 2007
 Peachtree Ridge High School, March 10, 2007 (Boys and Girls)
 Pierce County High School, March 12, 2007 (Girls)
 Pike County High School, March 10, 2007 (Boys)
 Savannah Christian Prep School, March 26, 2007
 St. Pius X, March 26, 2007 (Girls)
 Statesboro High School, March 19, 2007
 Telfare County High School, March 24, 2007
 Upson-Lee High School, March 17, 2007 (Girls)
 Warner Robins High School, March 24, 2007 (Boys)
 West Hall High School, March 5-6, 2007 (Boys and Girls)
 White County High School, March 24, 2007

GYMNASTICS:

Sequoyah High School, March 9, 2007

LACROSSE:

Pope High School, March 17, 2007
 St. Pius X, March 9-10, 2007
 South Forsyth High School, March 24, 2007 (Girls)
 Sprayberry High School, March 10, 2007 (Girls)
 Westminster School, March 30-31, 2007 (Girls)

SOCCER:

Brunswick High School, March 22-24, 2007
 Chestatee High School, February 26 - March 3, 2007
 Harris County High School, March 21-24, 2007
 LaGrange High School, March 1-3, 2007
 Mary Persons High School, March 15-17, 24, 2007
 Newnan High School, March 20, April 13-14 2007
 Pace Academy, March 17, 2007 (Boys)
 Rome High School, March 5-10, 2007
 Walker High School, March 15-17, 2007 (Girls)
 Westminster School, March 16-17, 2007 (Boys)
 Winder-Barrow High School, March 24, 2007

TENNIS:

Baldwin High School, March 10, 2007
 Buford High School, March 9-10, 2007
 Cartersville High School, March 17, 2007
 Glynn Academy, March 23-24, 2007
 H.V. Jenkins High School, March 23-24, 2007
 LaGrange High School, March 2-3, 2007
 LaGrange High School, March 16-17, 2007
 Lowndes High School, March 16, 2007
 McIntosh High School, March 2-3, 2007
 Tift County High School, March 16-17, 2007
 Valdosta High School, March 2-3, 2007
 Ware County High School, March 9-10, 2007
 Westminster School, March 23-24, 2007

TRACK AND FIELD:

Adairsville High School, March 23, 2007
 Atlanta Track Classic, March 27-29, 2007
 Baldwin High School, March 31, 2007
 Bleckley County High School, March 22, 2007 (Boys and Girls)
 Bleckley County High School, March 27, 2007 (Girls)
 Bleckley County High School, March 29, 2007 (Boys)
 Brookwood High School, March 17, 2007
 Camden County High School, March 10, 2007
 Carrollton High School, March 24, 2007
 Cedar Shoals High School, March 24, 2007
 Clarke Central High School, March 31, 2007
 Collins Hill High School, March 3, 2007
 Creekside High School, March 12, 2007
 Duluth High School, March 10, 2007
 Eagle's Landing High School, March 3, 2007
 Glynn Academy, March 15, 2007 (Boys and Girls)
 Glynn Academy, March 22, 2007 (Boys and Girls)
 Glynn Academy, March 27, 2007 (Boys and Girls)
 Gordon Central High School, March 31, 2007
 Greenbrier High School, March 1, 2007
 Greenbrier High School, March 20, 2007
 Henry County High School, March 17, 2007
 Henry County High School, March 29, 2007
 Holy Innocents', March 31, 2007
 Lassiter High School, March 21, 2007
 McEachern High School, March 26-27, 2007
 Marietta High School, March 21, 2007 (JV Boys)
 Marist School, March 24, 2007
 Marist School, March 31, 2007
 Mill Creek High School, March 7, 2007 (Boys and Girls)
 Mill Creek High School, March 10, 2007 (Boys and Girls)
 Mill Creek High School, March 13, 2007 (Boys and Girls)
 Mill Creek High School, March 24 & 26, 2007 (Boys and Girls)
 Monroe High School, March 24, 2007
 Muscogee County Schools, March 5, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 & April 11, 2007 (Boys and Girls)
 North Forsyth High School, March 15-16, 2007
 North Gwinnett High School, March 16, 2007
 Northeast Whitfield High School, March 10, 2007
 Oconee County High School, March 13, 2007
 Oconee County High School, March 27, 2007
 Oconee County High School, March 31, 2007
 Ola High School, March 22, 2007
 Our Lady of Mercy, March 16, 2007
 Pope High School, March 16-17, 2007
 Roswell High School, March 24, 2007
 Roswell High School, March 27-28, 2007
 S.C. Johnson High School, March 5, 12, 19, April 16, 2007
 S.C. Johnson High School, March 24, 2007

GHSA Approved & Sanctioned Events - March, Cont.

TRACK AND FIELD, Continued:

Shaw High School, March 7, 2007 & March 21, 2007
 South Forsyth High School, March 8-9, 2007
 Southeast Bulloch High School, March 7, 2007
 Southeast Bulloch High School, March 28, 2007
 Southeast Bulloch High School, March 31, 2007
 Southwest DeKalb High School, March 16-17, 2007
 Spencer High School, March 31, 2007
 Starr's Mill High School, March 10, 2007
 Starr's Mill High School, March 28-29, 2007
 Stevenson High School, March 17, 2007
 Swainsboro High School, March 24, 2007 (Boys and Girls)
 Therrell High School, March 30-31, 2007

Thomas County Central High School, March 27, 2007
 Turner County High School, March 17, 2007
 Upson-Lee High School, March 22, 2007
 Upson-Lee High School, March 24, 2007
 Walton High School, March 3, 2007
 Walton High School, March 17, 2007
 Westminster School, March 15, 2007
 Westminster School, March 21, 2007
 Westminster School, March 28, 2007
 Wheeler High School, March 3, 2007 (Boys)
 Winder-Barrow High School, March 2, 2007
 Winder-Barrow High School, March 31, 2007
 Woodland High School, March 24, 2007

Schedule for State Literary Meet

The state literary meet for all classifications will be held at two sites on Saturday, March 17, 2007. Classes AA and AAA will be held at Houston County High School, while A, AAAA and AAAAAA will be at Northside High School in Warner Robins. Admission is free to all events.

Classes AAA and AA Houston County High School

Girls Dramatic Interpretation:

AA	9:30 am	Room 215
AAA	11:00 am	Room 215

Boys Dramatic Interpretation:

AA	9:30 am	Room 203
AAA	11:00 am	Room 203

Girls Extemporaneous Speaking:

AA	8:30 am	Room 305 (Drawing)
AA	9:30 am	Room 308 (Speaking)
AAA	10:00 am	Room 305 (Drawing)
AAA	11:00 am	Room 308 (Speaking)

Boys Extemporaneous Speaking:

AA	8:30 am	Room 305 (Drawing)
AA	9:30 am	Room 307 (Speaking)
AAA	10:00 am	Room 305 (Drawing)
AAA	11:00 am	Room 307 (Speaking)

Boys And Girls Essay:

AA	9:30 am	Room 312
AAA	9:30 am	Room 316

Girls Trio:

AA	11:30 am	Theater
AAA	11:45 am	Choral Room

Boys Quartet:

AA	1:30 pm	Theater
AAA	1:45 pm	Choral Room

Girls Solo:

AA	9:15 am	Theater
AAA	9:30 am	Choral Room

Boys Solo:

AA	10:30 am	Theater
AAA	10:45 am	Choral Room

Note: GHSA Headquarters, Scoring and Awards located in Cafeteria

Classes AAAAA, AAAA and A Northside High School, Warner Robins

Girls Dramatic Interpretation:

AAAAA	9:30 am	Room 902
A	9:30 am	Room 903
AAAA	11:00 am	Room 902

Boys Dramatic Interpretation:

AAAAA	9:30 am	Room 906
A	9:30 am	Room 909
AAAA	11:00 am	Room 906

Girls Extemporaneous Speaking:

AAAAA	8:30 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
AAAAA	9:30 am	Room 703 (Speaking)
A	8:30 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
A	9:30 am	Room 704 (Speaking)
AAAA	10:00 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
AAAA	11:00 am	Room 703 (Speaking)

Boys Extemporaneous Speaking:

AAAAA	8:30 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
AAAAA	9:30 am	Room 708 (Speaking)
A	8:30 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
A	9:30 am	Room 711 (Speaking)
AAAA	10:00 am	Room 702 (Drawing)
AAAA	11:00 am	Room 708 (Speaking)

Boys And Girls Essay:

AAAAA	9:00 am	Room 501
A	9:00 am	Room 503
AAAA	9:00 am	Room 505

Girls Trio:

AAAAA	11:15 am	Band Room
A	11:30 am	Tabor Cafe
AAAA	11:45 am	Theatre

Boys Quartet:

AAAAA	1:15 pm	Band Room
A	1:30 pm	Tabor Cafe
AAAA	1:45 pm	Theatre

Girls Solo:

AAAAA	9:00 am	Band Room
A	9:15 am	Tabor Cafe
AAAA	9:30 am	Theatre

Boys Solo:

AAAAA	10:15 am	Band Room
A	10:30 am	Tabor Cafe
AAAA	10:45 am	Theatre

GHSA - March/April Calendar - 2007

March

- 1 Football schedules due in GHSA Office
- 1-3 Second Round, Quarterfinals State Basketball Tournament
- 6 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 7-9 Semifinals & Finals State Basketball Tournament Class AAAA & AAAAA
- 7-10 Semifinals & Finals State Basketball Tournament Class AAA, AA & A
- 9 Complete Area Riflery
- 9-10 Region Literary Meets
- 12 File reports of Literary winners to GHSA by noon
- 15 Complete Riflery Sectionals
- 16 File Riflery Sectional winners with State Coordinator and GHSA
- 17 State Literary Meet
- 19 State Executive Committee Meeting, Forsyth
- 20 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 24 State Riflery Championship

April

- 1 Deadline for notification of entry in Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Riflery, Slow Pitch Softball, Soccer, Volleyball and Wrestling for 2007-08

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