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"ITEMS OF INTEREST"

March 2020

Hopefully, Weather Will Clear and Let Spring Sports Catch Up

The Spring is a busy time for the GHSA as we are winding up winter sports and are well into spring sports. Like you, I am hoping that we can have a few days without rain as I know many of you are already behind in your schedules. Our rules allow you flexibility in rescheduling but I know the sunshine would certainly be welcome.

Congratulations to 2019-20 Fall Esports State Champions Pickens (Rocket League) and East Coweta (League of Legends). It was back-to-back Rocket League titles for Pickens. Pickens defeated Forsyth Central 4-1 in the Rocket League final, while East Coweta took the League of Legends title 2-1 over runner-up Lambert. Thanks to Cooper Van Rossum and the Mount Vernon School staff for hosting an outstanding event with production by PlayVS and NFHS Network.

The 2020 GHSA Traditional Wrestling State Championships were held February 13-15 at the Macon Centerplex in front of an enthusiastic crowd all three days. Congratulations to the 108 individual state champions, including the second year of the girls division, and to all the competitors. The team winners were: Camden County (4), Creekview, Woodland-Cartersville (2), Woodward Academy (3), Sonoraville (3), Chattooga and Commerce (7). It was the first traditional team title for Creekview and Chattooga.

Much appreciation goes to the Atlanta Takedown Association, Team Georgia, Macon Centreplex, Sports Medicine South/ Northside Hospital, U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, Georgia Farm Bureau, Resilite mats, Takedown Sportswear, NFHS Network, TrackWrestling, Gatorade, Tanita scales, officials, table workers, Georgia Wrestling Hall of Famers, dedicated volunteers and all the parents and fans that supported this event.

The 2020 GHSA Swimming & Diving State Championships were held February 6-8 at the Georgia Tech McAuley Aquatic Center. Congratulations to state champions and all swimmers and divers who competed in the event. Team winners were: Boys - North Gwinnett (7A), Dalton (6A), Marist (4A-5A) and Westminster (1A-3A); Girls - Lassiter (7A), Cambridge (6A), Blessed Trinity (4A-5A) and Westminster (1A-3A). First time state titles for North Gwinnett and Cambridge. It was the third straight boys/girls sweep by Westminster.

Much appreciation goes to Atlanta Swimming Meet Directors Franke Marsden, Matt Murphy and Evan Nylander, GHSA rep Andy Cowart, Georgia Tech Aquatic Center, NFHS Network, River Oak Photography, West Georgia Sports Information Services, meet officials, sponsors and the dedicated volunteers that worked hard to host another successful championship event.

Finally, we are firmly into the 2020 legislative session and, so far, there have not been any bills dropped that directly affect the GHSA. However, there is still plenty of time remaining in the session and I expect a Home School bill in some form allowing home schooled students to participate in the public school that serves the zone in which they reside. We will keep you updated on legislative items that impact your association. As always, it is a good idea for you to have a relationship with your legislators prior to developing issues that may negatively affect your school.

Thank you for all you do for Georgia's student-athletes and please let me know if I can help you in any way.

– Dr. James R. Hines, Jr., Executive Director



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GHSA CHAMPIONS**WRESTLING - Traditional**

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

7A	Camden County High School
6A	Creekview High School
5A	Woodland-Bartow High School
4A	Woodward Academy
3A	Sonoraville High School
2A	Chattooga High School
A	Commerce High School

SWIMMING and DIVING

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

Boys

7A	North Gwinnett High School
6A	Dalton High School
4-5A	Marist
1-3A	Westminster

Girls

7A	Lassiter High School
6A	Cambridge High School
4-5A	Blessed Trinity
1-3A	Westminster

DANCE

Congratulations to the following Invitational Champions:

7A	Mill Creek High School
5-6A	Starr's Mill High School
3-4A	Heritage-Catoosa High School
1-2A	Stilwell School for the Arts

GAME DAY CHEERLEADING

Congratulations to the following Invitational Champions:

7A	Mill Creek High School
5-6A	Lee County High School
3-4A	Morgan County High School
1-2A	Jeff Davis High School

ESPORTS

Congratulations to the following Fall State Champions:

Rocket League	Pickens High School
League of Legends	East Coweta 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.

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Basketball Finals Will Feature Dunk & Three-Point Contests

An exciting conclusion to the 2020 GHSA basketball season is expected as the GHSA / Dr. Ralph Swearngin State Basketball Tournament finals take place March 4-7 with first-time Slam Dunk and Three-Point contests.

The four-day championship round, presented by Georgia Farm Bureau Insurance, will tip off on Wednesday, March 4 with a full day of Class A action. The Private girls things start-p.m., followed by the Private boys and Public girls and that evening. All championship games will be played at the Macon Centreplex again this year.



Thursday's schedule also begins at 2:00 p.m., with the Class 2A and then 3A championships.

Friday's action begins at 11:00 a.m., with the 4A girls and boys finals. Later that evening, the two Class 5A titles will be decided. In between, the 23rd annual AAASP Wheelchair championship will be held.

The action concludes Saturday with the 6A and 7A championships beginning at 1:00 p.m. All the finals will be streamed live on the NFHS Network.

The first GHSA Slam Dunk and Three-Point Shooting Contests, presented by BSN Sports, will conclude during the final two days of the State Finals.

In the girls Three-point Shooting Contest, the top four point scorers from each Semifinal round will advance to the Championship Final, which will take place Friday, March 6 after the AAASP Wheelchair championship game.

The live Slam Dunk Championship will pit the three finalists against each other on Saturday, March 7 between the 6A Boys championship game and the 7A Girls championship game.



2020 GHSA / Dr. Ralph Swearngin State Basketball Championship Facts

When: March 4-7

Where: Macon Centreplex

Tickets: \$15 per day

Championship Schedule

Wednesday, March 4

2:00 pm - Girls Class A Private
4:00 pm - Boys Class A Private
6:00 pm - Girls Class A Public
8:00 pm - Boys Class A Public

Thursday, March 5

2:00 pm - Girls Class 2A
4:00 pm - Boys Class 2A
6:00 pm - Girls Class 3A
8:00 pm - Boys Class 3A

Friday, March 6

11:00 am - Girls Class 4A
1:00 pm - Boys Class 4A
3:00 pm - AAASP Wheelchair
6:00 pm - Girls Class 5A
8:00 pm - Boys Class 5A

Saturday, March 7

1:00 pm - Girls Class 6A
3:00 pm - Boys Class 6A
5:00 pm - Girls Class 7A
7:00 pm - Boys Class 7A

All Championship Finals are available on the NFHS Network. A 30-day subscription is \$10.95 for an all-access, unlimited viewing pass on any device.

Fall Esports State Champions - 2019-2020



Rocket League: Pickens



League of Legends: East Coweta

Swimming & Diving State Champions - 2020



7A Boys: North Gwinnett



7A Girls: Lassiter



6A Boys: Dalton



6A Girls: Cambridge



4A-5A Boys: Marist



4A-5A Girls: Blessed Trinity

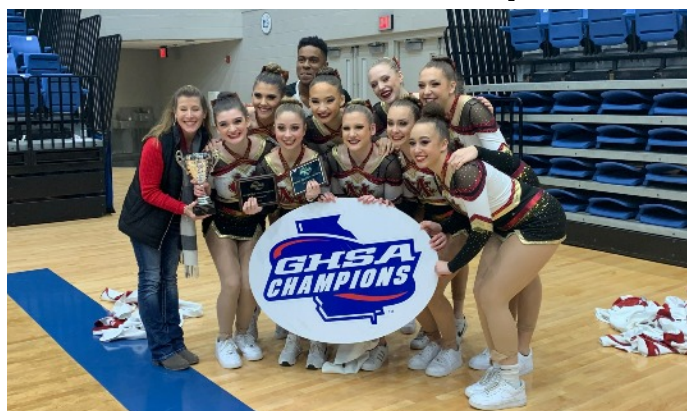


A-3A Boys: Westminster



A-3A Girls: Westminster

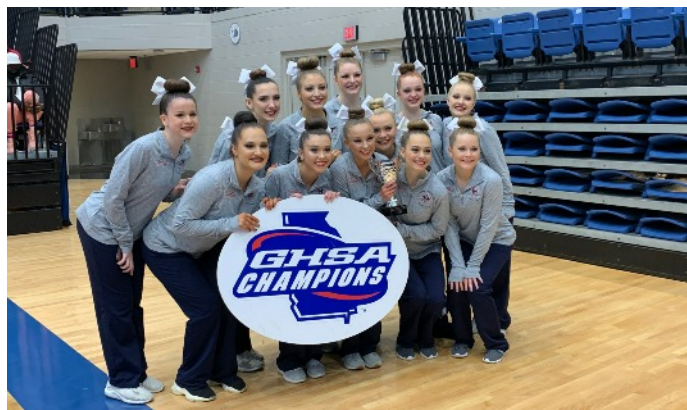
Dance Invitational Champs - 2020



7A: Mill Creek



5A-6A: Starr's Mill

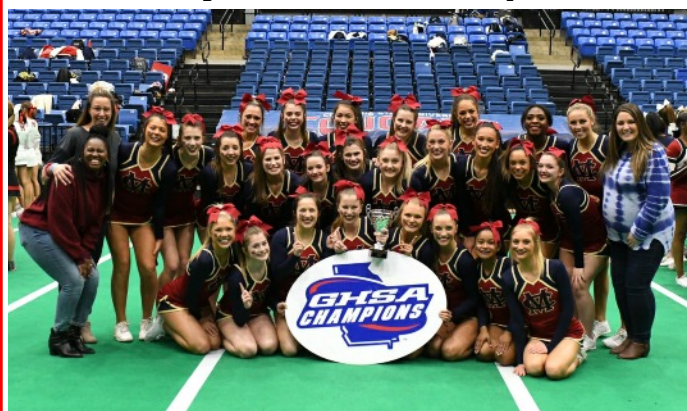


3A-4A: Heritage-Catoosa



A-2A: Stilwell Arts

Game Day Cheer Champs - 2020



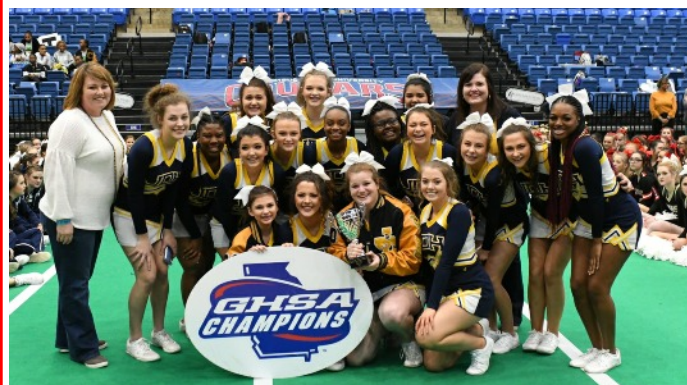
7A: Mill Creek



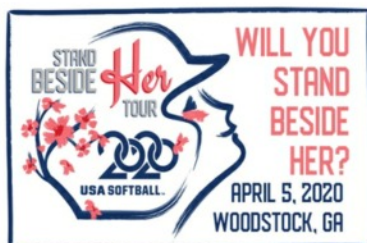
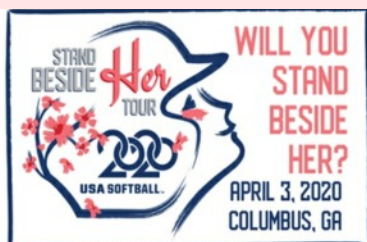
5A-6A: Lee County



3A-4A: Morgan County



A-2A: Jeff Davis



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GHSA Reminders:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ITEMS: Anyone wishing to have an item included on the agenda for the spring State Executive Committee meeting must submit the item to the GHSA office by March 20, 2020. The meeting will be held April 20, 2020 at the Marriott Macon City Center.

INTENT TO PARTICIPATE DEADLINE: Member schools are reminded that March 1, 2020 was the deadline to notify the GHSA of entry in open State Events such as Bass Fishing, Flag Football, Volleyball, Lacrosse, Wrestling, Riflery, Gymnastics, Esports, Dance and Game Day Cheerleading for the school year 2020-2021.

SPRING CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS: Cheerleading practice/tryouts are limited to a maximum of 10 consecutive days per school between February 1 and the last day students are in school. Once tryouts are complete, no further practices may be held until school is out.

DEAD WEEK: The mandatory "Dead Week" for this year is Sunday, June 28, 2020 through Saturday, July 4, 2020.

GHSA Seeks Host Sites

Each year, many schools contribute to the success of the GHSA programs by hosting a region/area or state event as a service to all member schools. The GHSA office soon will be determining sites for events for the 2020-21 year.

Sites are needed for the following events:

- Region Cheerleading
- Area Wrestling (Traditional and/or Team Duals)
- Sectional Wrestling (Traditional)
- Sectional Track
- Sectional Golf and State Golf

If your school would like to host one of the above events, please notify the GHSA office.

New Date to 'Go Gold' - April 9-14

ATLANTA - Each school day in America, 46 kids are diagnosed with childhood cancer, the leading disease killer of children in America ages 1 to 19, yet less than 4% of federal cancer research funding is allocated to childhood cancers.

In honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month this September, the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) is partnering with the **Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research** (Rally) to "Go Gold" for childhood cancer awareness during spring sports the week of April 9-14.

The GHSA first partnered with Rally to demonstrate their support for National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September 2016. The organization encouraged Georgia high school students, athletes and parents to be "#GOLDSTRONG" during the week of Sept. 12, 2016. The initiative raised more than \$100,000 statewide for childhood cancer research.

"We are honored to partner with the Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research to encourage our schools to bring attention to this worthy cause," said Dr. Robin Hines, GHSA executive director. "The GHSA and its member schools are affected by this disease far too often, and we are excited to do our part to raise awareness and funds for researching childhood cancers. We encourage everyone to be #Goldstrong in April!"

Georgia high school students and parents can fundraise and be #Goldstrong by wearing gold T-shirts, wristbands and ribbons, in compliance with school uniform and dress codes, throughout the entire month of April. Georgia high school athletes are encouraged to host #Goldstrong events and collect change and donations at home games and meets by wearing gold apparel and accessories that comply with the following GHSA uniform restrictions: Soccer, baseball, tennis and lacrosse teams can wear gold jerseys, socks or wristbands at home games.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Georgia High School Association again this spring for teams to be #Goldstrong, United Against Childhood Cancer," said Dean Crowe, Rally Founder and CEO. "We love seeing kids empowered to help kids, and that's exactly what these student athletes are doing when their teams are #Goldstrong – they are bringing awareness to their peers who are fighting, have fought or have lost their battle with cancer. This is crucial to our mission of raising awareness and funds for childhood cancer research to find better treatments and, ultimately, cures."

For more information on how to get involved with Rally, or to donate, visit RallyFoundation.org or @RallyFoundation on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Suggested "#Goldstrong" social media hashtags include #Goldstrong and #RallyOn. Schools can also elect to participate in a Rally 4 Quarters 4 Research fundraiser, a loose change collection, if they desire. For more information, please email Adam@RallyFoundation.org.

To learn more about upcoming GHSA events and initiatives, please visit www.GHSA.net.

Schedules for 2020 State Literary Meets

The 2020 state literary meets for all classifications will be held on two Saturdays, March 14 & March 21. Classes 5A and 7A will be held at Buford, while 3A and 6A will be at Houston County on March 21. Classes 2A and 4A will be at Veterans, and Class A public and private will be at Georgia Military College on March 14. Admission is free to all events.

Classes 2A and 4A - Veterans High School - March 14

Argumentative, Personal & Rhetorical Essay:		
2A & 4A	9:00 am	Media Center
Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking:		
2A	8:30 am	Room 1207 (Draw & Prep)
2A	9:30 am	Room 1201 (Speaking)
4A	10:00 am	Room 1207 (Draw & Prep)
4A	11:00 am	Room 1201 (Speaking)
International Extemporaneous Speaking:		
2A	8:30 am	Room 1207 (Draw & Prep)
2A	9:30 am	Room 1203 (Speaking)
4A	10:00 am	Room 1207 (Draw & Prep)
4A	11:00 am	Room 1203 (Speaking)
Dramatic Oral Interpretation:		
2A	8:30 am	Room 2405
4A	10:30 am	Room 2405
Humorous Oral Interpretation:		
2A	8:30 am	Room 2403
4A	10:30 am	Room 2403
Duo Oral Interpretation:		
2A	8:30 am	Room 2402
4A	10:30 am	Room 2402
Girls Solo:		
2A	9:00 am	Band Room (1601)
4A	9:15 am	Choral Room (1602)
Boys Solo:		
2A	10:15 am	Band Room (1601)
4A	10:30 am	Theater
Girls Trio:		
2A	11:15 am	Band Room (1601)
4A	11:30 am	Theater
Boys Quartet:		
2A	1:15 pm	Band Room (1601)
4A	1:30 pm	Theater

Class A Public and Private - Georgia Military College - March 14

Argumentative, Personal & Rhetorical Essay:		
Public & Private	9:00 am	Sibley Cone Library
Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking:		
Private	10:30 am	Rm: 172, Boylan Hall (Draw & Prep)
Private	11:00 am	Rm: 174, Boylan Hall (Speaking)
Public	11:30 am	Rm: 176, Boylan Hall (Draw & Prep)
Public	12:00 pm	Rm: 180, Boylan Hall (Speaking)
International Extemporaneous Speaking:		
Public	9:30 am	Rm: 176, Boylan Hall (Draw & Prep)
Public	10:00 am	Rm: 180, Boylan Hall (Speaking)
Private	12:00 pm	Rm: 172, Boylan Hall (Draw & Prep)
Private	12:30 pm	Rm: 174, Boylan Hall (Speaking)
Humorous Oral Interpretation:		
Public	9:30 am	Room: 333, Multipurpose Room
Private	9:30 am	Room: G16, Zell Miller Hall
Dramatic Oral Interpretation:		
Public	11:00 am	Room: 333, Multipurpose Room
Private	11:00 am	Room: G16, Zell Miller Hall
Duo Oral Interpretation:		
Public	12:30 pm	Room: 333, Multipurpose Room
Private	12:30 pm	Room: G16, Zell Miller Hall
Girls Solo:		
Public	9:30 am	OCB Legislative Chamber
Private	9:30 am	Goldstein Center, Boylan Hall Bldg.
Boys Solo:		
Public	10:45 am	OCB Legislative Chamber
Private	10:45 am	Goldstein Center, Boylan Hall Bldg.
Girls Trio:		
Public	12:00 pm	OCB Legislative Chamber
Private	12:00 pm	Goldstein Center, Boylan Hall Bldg.
Boys Quartet:		
Public	1:15 pm	OCB Legislative Chamber
Private	1:15 pm	Goldstein Center, Boylan Hall Bldg.

Classes 5A and 7A - Buford High School - March 21

Essay:		
5A & 7A	9:00 am	Room 2248 (Argumentative)
5A & 7A	9:00 am	Room 2246 (Personal)
5A & 7A	9:00 am	Room 2244 (Rhetorical)
Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking:		
5A	9:00 am	Room 2213 (Draw & Prep)
7A	9:00 am	Room 2232 (Draw & Prep)
5A	9:45 am	Room 2214 (Speaking)
7A	9:45 am	Room 2231 (Speaking)
International Extemporaneous Speaking:		
5A	12:00 pm	Room 2213 (Draw & Prep)
7A	12:00 pm	Room 2232 (Draw & Prep)
5A	12:45 pm	Room 2214 (Speaking)
7A	12:45 pm	Room 2231 (Speaking)
Dramatic Oral Interpretation:		
5A	9:00 am	Room 2203 (Buford Room)
7A	9:00 am	Room 2103 (Lecture Hall)
Humorous Oral Interpretation:		
5A	11:00 am	Room 2203 (Buford Room)
7A	11:00 am	Room 2103 (Lecture Hall)
Duo Oral Interpretation:		
5A	1:30 pm	Room 2203 (Buford Room)
7A	1:30 pm	Room 2103 (Lecture Hall)
Girls Solo:		
5A	9:00 am	Band Room (Performing Arts 1105)
7A	9:00 am	Chorus Room (Perform. Arts 1102)
Boys Solo:		
5A	10:15 am	Band Room (Performing Arts 1105)
7A	10:15 am	Chorus Room (Perform. Arts 1102)
Girls Trio:		
5A	11:30 am	Band Room (Performing Arts 1105)
7A	11:30 am	Chorus Room (Perform. Arts 1102)
Boys Quartet:		
5A	1:30 pm	Band Room (Performing Arts 1105)
7A	1:30 pm	Chorus Room (Perform. Arts 1102)

Classes 3A and 6A - Houston County High School - March 21

Essay (all at 9:00 am):		
Argumentative	3A (room 301)	6A (room 201)
Personal	3A (room 302)	6A (room 202)
Rhetorical	3A (room 303)	6A (room 204)
Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking:		
3A	9:00 am	Room 310 (Draw & Prep)
3A	9:45 am	Room 319 (Speaking)
6A	9:00 am	Room 216 (Draw & Prep)
6A	9:45 am	Room 215 (Speaking)
International Extemporaneous Speaking:		
3A	12:00 pm	Room 310 (Draw & Prep)
3A	12:45 am	Room 319 (Speaking)
6A	12:00 am	Room 216 (Draw & Prep)
6A	12:45 am	Room 215 (Speaking)
Dramatic Oral Interpretation:		
3A	9:00 am	Room 702
6A	9:00 am	Room 812
Humorous Oral Interpretation:		
3A	11:00 am	Room 702
6A	11:00 am	Room 812
Duo Oral Interpretation:		
3A	1:30 pm	Room 702
6A	1:30 pm	Room 812
Girls Solo:		
3A	9:00 am	Band Room
6A	9:00 am	Theater
Boys Solo:		
3A	10:15 am	Band Room
6A	10:15 am	Theater
Girls Trio:		
3A	11:30 am	Band Room
6A	11:30 am	Theater
Boys Quartet:		
3A	1:30 pm	Band Room
6A	1:30 pm	Theater

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GHSA - March / April Calendar - 2020

March

- 1 Deadline to submit Football Schedules to GHSA office
- 1 Deadline for notification of entry in Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Riflery, Soccer, SP Softball, Golf, Swimming, Dance, Esports, Gameday Cheer, Volleyball and Wrestling for 2020-21
- 4 Complete Region/Area Literary
- 4-7 Championship Round State Basketball Tournament
- 5 File reports of Literary winners with GHSA by 9 a.m.
- 10 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 14 State Literary Meets (A Public and Private, 2A & 4A)
- 14 Complete Area Riflery
- 16 Report Area Riflery results
- 21 State Literary Meets (3A, 5A, 6A & 7A)
- 24 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 28 Complete Riflery Sectionals
- 30 File reports of Riflery Sectionals with GHSA and State Meet Director

April

- 10 **Good Friday**; GHSA Office Closed
- 11 Complete Riflery Semifinals and Area SP Softball
- 13 File reports of Riflery Semifinals and SP Softball winners with GHSA by 9 a.m.

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