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"ITEMS OF INTEREST"

November 2021

Congratulations to AAASP's Bev Vaughn on her Retirement

This year is the 25th year of the American Association of Adapted Sports Programs which is 25 years of transforming lives and athletics. The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP) exists to provide disabled students the opportunity to experience the benefits of school sports competition just as their non-disabled peers.

As you are aware, GHSA sports and activities provide an extension of the educational process for students as well as providing a fertile landscape for teaching life skills such as leadership, being a good follower, goal setting, work ethics and being a good citizen. I'm sure you agree that these characteristics should be provided for disabled students as well and those who are not. These opportunities are provided with the GHSA's partnership with AAASP. They provide published competition rules, standardized seasons, safety guidelines, coaches and officials training as well as compliance guidelines and inclusive policies.

Bev Vaughn has served as the Executive Director for AAASP since its inception and done a great job championing this special group of athletes for the past 25 years and is retiring from this position although she will continue to serve in an advisory role. It has been a joy working with her in providing sports for this group of athletes. She has had such a positive impact on countless students and their families. Many students have earned college scholarships through her efforts and the experiences enjoyed by their families are immeasurable. Our congratulations and deep gratitude is due to AAASP and Bev Vaughn for her tireless efforts.

If your school and students are not currently involved in this program I encourage you to reach out to me or AAASP (adaptedsports.com) and we will show you how these opportunities may be provided for your athletes. Congratulations to Bev for a job well done!

We are in the process of reclassifying our schools to prepare for the next two years. The reclassification committee has worked very hard to set up the process moving forward. As I'm sure you are aware, there is a multiplier of 3.0 set for "out of district" students that will be applied to ALL schools. The FTE numbers for the October count by the GaDOE are projected to be released the first or second week of November. Out-of-district numbers were due October 15 and the GHSA office is prepared to calculate the numbers and place schools in classifications as soon as we receive them. Once published, schools have the opportunity to appeal their placement.

Once this list is finalized by the reclassification committee, the GHSA office will place schools in regions. Schools again will have the opportunity to appeal this placement. Once this is completed, the reclassification committee will approve and present the plan to the full State Executive Committee to be ratified. Once ratified, schools may schedule games for the following two-year cycle. The dates of appeals are TBA as all depends on the availability of the FTE count.

Thank you for all you do for the young people of the great state of Georgia and as always feel free to call me or any of the staff if we can do anything for you.

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

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Officials apparel and equipment; **Nfinity**, official cheerleading footwear and
apparel (nfinity.com); **Snapphound**, photo platform empowers schools to
unlock valuable fundraising opportunities (ghsa.snapphound.com/events);
VNN, Website software that helps high school athletic departments promote
their programs online (Vnnsports.net); **Thrive Spirit** provides high-intensity,
holistic cheer and dance training and experiences (cheerdancethrive.com).

GHSA Policy for Live Streaming

Attention ADs: With the football playoffs rapidly approaching, this is a good time to remind member schools of the GHSA broadcast policies.

During the regular season, the HOST school owns the rights to its events and must give permission for the visiting school to produce a broadcast (audio or video). The host school can use any platform it chooses to broadcast its own regular season events.

But the GHSA owns the rights to **all state playoff events** and anyone wishing to produce an audio or video broadcast of an event **MUST** secure a contract from the GHSA prior to the event and pay a right's fee. This includes any streaming of the event, whether it be by the school, a parent or an outside media entity, and no matter the platform (even personal YouTube channels).

No streaming of a state playoff event in ANY sport is allowed without first securing a contract from the GHSA. Email Media Director Steve Figueroa (stevefig@ghsa.net) to request a broadcast contract.

The only exception to this rule is if the school is a member of the NFHS School Broadcast Program (SBP). All schools participating in the SBP may live-stream any contest their team is participating in during the state playoffs (without a contract or fee) with the following exceptions: Cheerleading Sectionals, Football Semifinals, Basketball Semifinals and **all neutral-site state finals**.

If a school is hosting a state playoff event and the visiting team is an SBP member, the host school must allow the visiting school to stream the event without a fee.

In addition, if the visiting school is uploading the stream to the NFHS Network, the host school is prohibited from originating a separate stream on another platform. The NFHS Network has exclusive rights to any state playoff events it wishes to put on its network. If the host school is also an SBP member, then it also may stream the event.

If a school is hosting a playoff event and an outside entity wishes to broadcast or stream the event, but does not have a contract from the GHSA, the host school **should not allow** the broadcast.

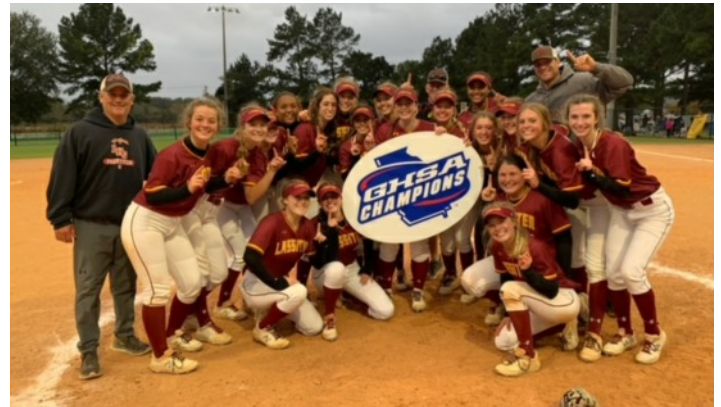
Please contact Steve Figueroa (see above email) with any questions about the GHSA broadcast policy.



State Fastpitch Softball Champions - 2021



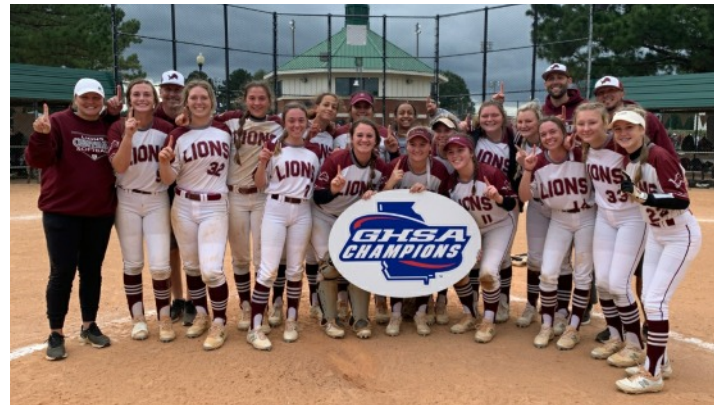
7A: North Gwinnett



6A: Lassiter



5A: Starr's Mill



4A: Central-Carroll



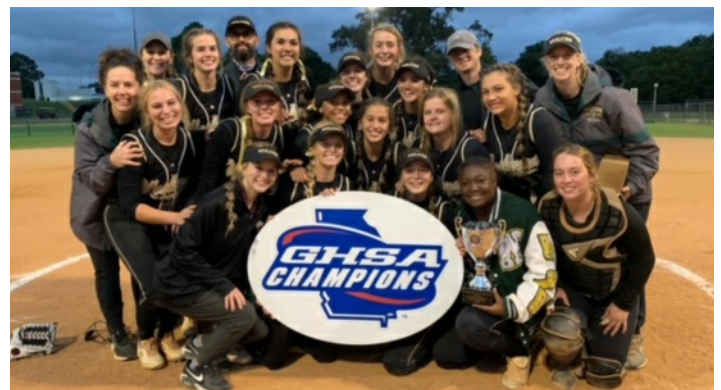
3A: Appling County



2A: Heard County



A (public): ACE Charter



A (private): Wesleyan

GHSA Cheerleading State Championships on November 19-20

The 2021-22 GHSA Cheerleading State Championships will take place November 19-20 at the Macon Centreplex.

Admission is \$12 per session and tickets are **ONLY** available digitally on [GoFan](https://gofan.co/app/school/GHSA) (<https://gofan.co/app/school/GHSA>).

The arena will be cleared between sessions each day so please make sure your ticket purchase is for your team's session!

Absolutely **NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY** will be allowed from any mobile device (phone / iPad/ tablet) or cameras by spectators during the competition! There is a danger to the cheerleaders and this displays poor sportsmanship toward the team competing.

Violators are subject to removal from the venue.

Fans can watch every session live on NFHSNetwork.com/GHSA for \$10.99 all-access pass, or on Georgia Public Television (GPB.org). GPB will also air a special on the event at a later date to be announced.

Thanks to our partners: Team IP, Nfinity and Unforgettable Moment Photography.

Defending state championship teams are South Forsyth, Carrollton, McIntosh, West Laurens, Mary Persons, Dodge County, Mt. Paran, Gordon Lee and Mill Creek (CoEd).



SCHEDULE

Friday, November 19, 2021

Session 1: Class 2A and 5A Finals
Doors open at 9:00 a.m. Session begins at 10:00 a.m.

Session 2: Class 3A and 6A Finals
Doors open at 2:00 p.m. Session begins at 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 20, 2021

Session 1: Class A Private & A Public and 5A Finals
Doors open at 9:00 a.m. Session begins at 10:00 a.m.

Session 2: Class 7A and Coed Finals
Doors open at 2:00 p.m. Session begins at 3:00 p.m.

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You may also preorder team t-shirts by using the flyer at left.

Preorder deadline is November 15.

Volleyball Finals Will Stream Live on NFHS Network!

The NFHS Network will stream live coverage of the 2021 GHSA Volleyball State Championships, presented by Mizuno, on Saturday, November 6 from the Champions Center at Lakepoint Sports Complex in Cartersville.

Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased online on GoFan at <https://gofan.co/app/school/GHSA>. No tickets will be sold at the site.

If you can't be there in person, family and friends can watch all the action live at <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/associations/ghsa>. Subscribing to the Network is just \$10.99 for a 30-day period or \$69.99 for an annual pass. DVDs and Digital Copies can also be ordered on [NFHS Network.com](https://www.nfhsnetwork.com).

Webcast partners include: Georgia Farm Bureau Insurance, Mizuno and Molten.



VOLLEYBALL FINALS November 6, 2021

Court #8

11:00 am - 1A Private
1:30 pm - Class 3A
4:00 pm - Class 5A
6:30 pm - Class 7A

Court #17

12 noon - 2A/1A Public
2:30 pm - Class 4A
5:00 pm - Class 6A



Cross Country State Meet Info

The 2021 GHSA Cross Country State Championships, presented by Atlanta Track Club, will be held November 5-6 at the Carrollton Course.

Digital tickets (\$5.00) are available at [GoFan](https://gofan.co), but fans also will be able to buy tickets at the site on race day.

Live results will be available online by Perfect Timing Group (www.ptgrouponline.com).

Important Dates

- Nov. 1** 9:00 a.m., deadline for electronic submission of Region results on GHSA MIS site (<https://app.ghsa.net/node>)
- Nov. 1** 5:00 p.m., deadline for Head Coaches of State Meet qualifying teams to confirm projected seven (7) runners at state meet
- Nov. 5-6** State Meet at Carrollton High School

Schedule at Carrollton High School

Friday, Nov. 5, 2021

9:00 am Boys 2A
9:45 am Girls 2A
10:30 am Boys 3A
11:15 am Girls 3A
12 noon Boys 4A
12:45 pm Girls 4A

Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021

8:00 am Boys 6A
8:45 am Girls 6A
9:30 am Boys 5A
10:15 am Girls 5A
11:00 am Boys A Private
11:45 am Girls A Private
12:30 pm Boys 7A
1:15 pm Girls 7A
2:00 pm Boys A Public
2:45 pm Girls A Public



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."

AAASP Announces 2021 ASPIRE Award Winners

ATLANTA – The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs, Inc. (AAASP) recognized 20 key people and organizations on October 24, 2021 with an ASPIRE Award for their outstanding contributions to support student athletes with physical disabilities to get "off the sidelines and into the game."

The Adapted Sports Programs in Recreation and Education (ASPIRE) Awards, emceed by local Atlanta veteran sports anchor Sam Crenshaw (GPB, 92.9 the Game, voice of Georgia State Basketball on ESPN3), recognize the significant contributions of these individuals and organizations that have been central to the mission of making adapted sports programming available nationwide.

Through these programs, student athletes with physical disabilities across the country reap the physical, social, emotional, and academic benefits of competitive athletics resulting in personal and social empowerment.

The Third Annual ASPIRE Awards Celebration was held virtually on Adapted Sports' Facebook page in response to the ongoing COVID pandemic.

AAASP Executive Director Tommie Storms said "We were excited to have a record number of nominations for this year's awards. We are honored to recognize such an amazing group of individuals and organizations, in our 25th year, who are committed to help us elevate the conversation about opportunities for ALL athletes in sports."

Thank you to the following 2021 AAASP ASPIRE Awards Sponsors: the Georgia Department of Education, FlagHouse, the Georgia High School Association, MLT Creative and the AAASP Board of Directors.

The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP), headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, is a not-for-profit association dedicated to developing interscholastic adapted sports programs in partnership with national, state, and local educational agencies.



Congratulations to the 2021 AAASP ASPIRE Award Recipients:

Dr. Jenny Millward, Advocacy Award/Houston County Sharks

Monica White, Advocacy Award/DeKalb Silver Streaks

Will Hammock, Media "Hero" Award/Gwinnet Daily Post

Jimmy Roberts, Coach of The Year Award/Atlanta Wolfpack

Gliding Stars, Community-Based Program Award/University at Buffalo

Rene Langlois, Gail Hendrick Volunteerism Award/Houston County Sharks

Kendrick Newton, High School Senior Athlete Award/Henry County Hurricanes

Mason McCartney, High School Senior Athlete Award/West Georgia Wolverines

Willie Long, Leslie Sweatman Official of The Year Award

Abby Simmons, Outstanding Female Athlete of The Year Award/West Georgia Wolverines

Kathy Luna, Outstanding Female Athlete of The Year Award/Gwinnett Heat

Juan Nava, Outstanding Male Athlete of The Year Award/Clayton County Eagles

Seth Earley, Outstanding Male Athlete of The Year Award/Gwinnett Heat

Gwinnett HEAT, School-Based Program Award

Ron Lykins, Founder's Award/University of Missouri

Jan Seaman, Founder's Award/Retired AAPAR and AAALF Director

Jan Lauten, Founder's Award/Retired Decatur YMCA Executive Director

Onie Lawson, Founder's Award/Retired APS Teacher

Terri Grunduski, Founder's Award/Grunduski Group

Bev Vaughn, Lifetime Achievement Award/AAASP

Nominate Now for Inspiration Award

We are proud to announce the GHSA Inspiration Award presented by Wild Adventures.

Do you know a student, coach, team or individual who has demonstrated and/or promoted sportsmanship, community service, high academic standards, unity, and/or leadership? Nominate them before the **deadline of December 1, 2021** for the GHSA Inspiration Award presented by Wild Adventures! Winners will be awarded at the state championship football games on December 11 by the GHSA Executive Director and Wild Adventures.

Let's highlight and celebrate something positive that is going on with our Athletes and Coaches!

You may nominate by going to the following link: <https://forms.gle/88DxBGuxU2igtNvv9>. We will then send them an application.

This award is motivated by the Disney Wild World of Sports Spirit award presented annually to college football's most inspirational individual or team. The award is not based on statistics or other on-field records.

Award criterion:

- Awarded to the player, team, or coach that has inspired others in acts in one or more of the following areas:

- o Community service
- o Academics
- o Sportsmanship
- o Leadership
- o Inclusion of all students (special population)
- o Anti-bullying
- o Unifying the student body

- Candidates may be nominated by anyone. After they are nominated, an application will be sent to the nominated group for completion by a specific date.

- The applications will be scored by the GHSA Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) and the top 3 scoring entries will be submitted to the following to determine a winner:

- o GHSA Executive Director, Assistant Director, and event coordinator
- o Wild Adventures group

- The winners will be honored at the SAAC Leadership Conference and at the football state championship.



One Act Play Finals Nov. 13 & 20

The 2021-22 GHSA State One Act Play Championships will be held November 13 for Classes 6A, 3A, and A Public & Private, and November 20 for Classes 7A, 5A, 4A and 2A. Admission is free at all sites.

This is the second One Act Play championship event of 2021, as the finals for the 2020-21 school year were moved to February of 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

While there was limited fan attendance in February, there are no restrictions in place for the November events.

Defending state champions are Denmark, Buford, Warner Robins, Perry, Lumpkin County, Bremen, Brookstone and Lake Oconee Academy.

ONE ACT PLAY FINALS SCHEDULE



November 13

1A Public - at Warner Robins
1A Private - at Perry
Class 3A - at Veterans
Class 6A - at Denmark

November 20

Class 2A - at Monroe Co. Fine Arts
Class 4A - at Houston County
Class 5A - at Carrollton
Class 7A - at Buford



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GHSA - November Calendar - 2021

November

- 1 Deadline to file Riflery schedules with GHSA
- 1 Report Cross Country & One Act Play winners by 9 a.m.
- 5, 6 State Cross Country Meet
- 6 End Football Regular Season; Volleyball State Finals
- 6 Earliest date for Cheerleading and Dance events
- 9 Hardship/Appeal Meeting
- 12 Earliest date for Wrestling match and Basketball game
- 12, 13 First Round State Football Playoffs
- 13 State One Act Plays (Classes A Public & Private, 3A & 6A)
- 13 Region Cheerleading (A & Coed Sectionals)
- 19, 20 Second Round State Football Playoffs; Cheerleading State Championships
- 20 State One Act Plays (Classes 2A, 4A, 5A & 7A); Determine Flag Football qualifiers
- 25 **Thanksgiving Day** - GHSA Office closed 24th through 26th
- 26, 27 Quarterfinal Round State Football Playoffs
- 30 First two rounds Flag Football Playoffs



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



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