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GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
VOLLEYBALL



VOLLEYBALL HANDBOOK

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2020 GHSAA Volleyball Dates and Deadlines

Tuesday, July 21, 2020	Online Volleyball Rules Clinic Opens (learn.ghsa.net)
Saturday, August 1, 2020.....	Earliest Date for Volleyball Practice
Monday, August 10, 2020.....	Deadline for completion of Online Volleyball Rules Clinic for ALL coaches
Monday, August 10, 2020.....	Earliest Date for Volleyball Match
Saturday, October 17, 2020	Deadline to complete Region/Area Match
Monday, October 19, 2020	9:00 am Deadline for electronic submission of Region/Area RESULTS on GHSAA MIS site (https://app.ghsa.net/node)
Tuesday, October 20, 2020	12:00 noon Deadline for Official Roster to be entered in the GHSAA MIS System (http://app.ghsa.net/)
Tuesday, October 20, 2020.....	First Round of Volleyball State Playoffs for 3A, 5A and 7A. Higher seed will host match.
Wednesday, October 21, 2020	First Round of Volleyball State Playoffs for 1A/2A Public, 1A Private, 4A and 6A.
Friday, October 23, 2020	12:00 noon Deadline for Official Roster to be updated in the GHSAA MIS System (http://app.ghsa.net/).
Saturday, October 24, 2020	Second Round of Volleyball State Playoffs. Higher seed will host match.
Tuesday, October 27, 2020	12:00 noon Deadline for Official Roster to be updated in the GHSAA MIS System (http://app.ghsa.net/).
Tuesday, October 27, 2020.....	Quarterfinal Round of Volleyball State Playoffs for 3A, 5A and 7A. Higher seed will host match. (NOTE: A GHSAA “universal” coin flip will be held in the event same-seeded teams meet.)
Wednesday, October 28, 2020.....	Quarterfinal Round of Volleyball State Playoffs for 1A/2A Public, 1A Private, 4A and 6A. Higher seed will host match. (NOTE: A GHSAA “universal” coin flip will be held in the event same-seeded teams meet.)
Thursday, October 29, 2020.....	12:00 noon Deadline for Official Roster to be updated in the GHSAA MIS System (http://app.ghsa.net/).
Saturday, October 31, 2020	Semifinal Round of Volleyball State Playoffs. Higher seed will host match. (NOTE: A GHSAA “universal” coin flip will be held in the event same-seeded teams meet.)
Wednesday, November 4, 2020	12:00 noon Deadline for Official Roster to be updated in the GHSAA MIS System (http://app.ghsa.net/).
Saturday, November 7, 2020	Volleyball State Championship presented by Mizuno



2020 GHSAA Volleyball Protocol and Procedures

*Excerpts from 2020-21 GHSAA Constitution (Pgs. 85-86)
(<http://www.ghsa.net/constitution>)*

REGULAR SEASON:

- A. Volleyball is organized on an Region or Area basis with seven (7) state championships. Beginning and ending dates for practice and competition can be found at the front of this publication.
- B. The National Federation Volleyball rules committee has given each state its option about the number of games that determine a match.
1. Region/Area matches shall be best-of-three unless ALL teams in the Region/Area agree (prior to the start of the season) to play best-of-five. A team may only play one best-of-five match per day. Championship matches in the Region/Area Tournament **may** be best-of-five, and all post-season play after Region/Area Tournaments **shall** be best-of-five.
 2. Non-Region/Area dual matches may use the best-of-five format on nights before a school day.
 3. *In all competitions*, the third set shall be played to fifteen (15) points.
- C. Notification of entry in Volleyball must be filed in writing with the GHSAA State Office no later than March 1, for the next school year. Schools will be assigned by the GHSAA Executive Director to a region or geographic area for competition, and then will be notified of that assignment.
- D. Playing dates:
1. Schools have a maximum of 18 playing dates regardless of whether or not it is a tournament format or head-to-head competition (each day of a tournament equals one playing date). Region/Area and State playoffs are not counted as part of the allotted playing dates.
 2. An invitational tournament is defined as *four (4)* or more schools competing in a single or double elimination format that leads to a champion being declared. The use of pool play is acceptable.
 3. The maximum number of days for an invitational tournament is two (2) days.
 4. No school shall enter any tournament unless it has been approved by the GHSAA Executive Director.
- E. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:
1. In accordance with National Federation rules, the use of artificial noisemakers shall be prohibited.
 2. Display of signs (larger than 8 ½ X 11 piece of paper) in the stands is not allowed during regular season or post season competition.
 3. Competitors must stay in uniform while in the competitive area.
 4. All varsity Region/Area Volleyball matches shall be officiated by at least one (1) officially-dressed volleyball official who is registered under the GHSAA plan for the registration of officials
 5. Each school will have a contract with an officials association for regular season matches, play days and invitational tournaments. The host school will be billed by the official's association for all of the officiating fees for these games, including travel.
 6. In accordance with National Federation rules, teams may use multi-colored balls in the regular season and post-season competitions.
 7. Schools may have **tryouts** that are limited to a maximum of five consecutive school days between May 1 and the last day students are in school. Students participating must be academically eligible and enrolled at that school or an 8th grader at a feeder school for that school.

REGION/AREA INFORMATION:

Each Region/Area may determine its procedure for selecting and ranking its top four (4) teams for the state playoffs. The Region/Area may use regular season records and not have a Region/Area Tournament. The Region/Area may choose to have either a single-elimination (best 3 of 5) or a double-elimination (best 2 of 3) tournament with schools seeded on the basis of their Region/Area records - or may allow schools to play a non-Region/Area schedule and then be seeded into the Region/Area Tournament. That choice must be submitted to the Region or GHSAA Volleyball Area Coordinators before the first competition date of the regular season.

1. All finances (including officials' game fees and travel) will be the responsibility of the Region/Area.
2. *Region ticket prices are set by the Region.* Area ticket prices are to be set at \$6.00.
3. The GHSAA will receive 5% of the gross gate receipts.
4. *Results of each Region/Area Tournament must be entered in the GHSAA MIS system within 24 hours of the completion of the event, but no later than 9:00 a.m., Monday immediately following the Region/Area Tournament.*



STATE PLAYOFFS:

The **State** Volleyball playoffs will consist of five (5) rounds of dual matches. *The first round will be held at the site of the higher-seeded team*, with the championship round will be held at central sites. (NOTE: A GHSA “universal” coin flip will be held in the event same-seeded teams meet in any round. Played with the GHSA Official Ball.

1. All playoff matches will be a best-of-five, single-elimination format.
2. The seeding for the playoffs will be determined by a team’s finish in region/area competition or tournament.
3. Finances for all classes **through the Semifinal Round** will be handled as follows:
 - (a) Ticket prices will be \$6.00 per day except for first-round doubleheaders, which are \$8.00.
 - (b) The GHSA will receive 12% of the gross gate receipts.
 - (c) Officials’ fees will be taken from the gross gate receipts and paid by the host school.
 - (d) The visiting team will be paid mileage at the GHSA-approved rate.
 - (e) Any residual funds will be split between the teams.
 - (f) The host school will be entitled to all concession funds.
4. Finances for the **Championship matches** shall be handled as follows:
 - (a) Ticket prices are TBD and will be published on the GHSA web site.
 - (b) The gate receipts will be sent to the GHSA office.
 1. GHSA will retain 12% of the gross receipts.
 2. GHSA will pay the officials.
 3. Any funds remaining will be disbursed to the competing teams.
5. The number of **free admissions** for “traveling parties” of participating teams at playoff contests shall be a maximum of 20 players and team essential personnel. Coaches will be admitted with GHSA coaching passes.
6. Line Judges will be supplied by the various officials’ associations for all post-season matches.



GHSAA SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR VOLLEYBALL RULES MODIFICATIONS

The considerations outlined in this document are meant to decrease potential exposure to respiratory droplets by encouraging social distancing, limiting participation in administrative tasks to essential personnel and allowing for appropriate protective equipment during practice and competition.

1. Host School Responsibility

- Schools shall provide hand sanitizer for both schools and officials.
- Schools shall enforce social distancing requirements in spectator areas.
- Schools shall provide enough sanitized game balls and they must be sanitized between matches.
- Schools shall sanitize court, Officials table, Referee Stand and top and bottom ban of the net between matches.

2. Player Equipment

- Volleyball players are to arrive at the venue in uniform. Use of locker rooms are not allowed.
- Face mask/coverings are recommended, but not mandatory. If worn it may have a school logo and all masks shall match. If a school logo is not used the mask must be a single color, without logos or lettering.
- Players shall use their own water/beverage bottles (sharing these items is prohibited).
- Player/team equipment shall be sanitized before and after each match.

3. Pre-Match Conference

- Limit attendees to one coach from each team and official(s).
- Pre-match conference should take place at center court with all participants maintaining social distancing.
- Establish social distancing match protocols including the elimination of handshakes before and after the match.
- Rosters shall be submitted directly to Official's table before the 10-minute mark.

4. Bench and Court Precautions

- Team bench areas are to be clearly marked with tape. Chairs are not allowed in the marked bench area.
- The entire team will proceed counterclockwise outside the standards when switching between sets.
- Players shall not exit the bench area to celebrate with teammates and/or fans.
- Team huddles without social distancing are prohibited.
- Limit bench personnel to observe social distancing.
- Social distancing requirements shall be maintained in the bench area and may extend the bench area into a clearly marked "out of play" area.
- Players are prohibited from licking, touching any part of their hands to the mouth, or blowing into their hands. **NOTE:** Any violation of this policy shall be called an "unnecessary delay" immediately, the ball and any equipment shall be sanitized before play resumes.
- Each school is required to provide towels to wipe up wet floor.

5. Substitution Procedures and Officials Table

- Substitutions shall be made with social distancing to official(s), scoring table and other players.
- Limit the Official's Table to essential personnel which includes home team scorer, libero tracker and timer with social distancing between individuals.
- Visiting team personnel are not deemed essential personnel and will work from an alternate location.

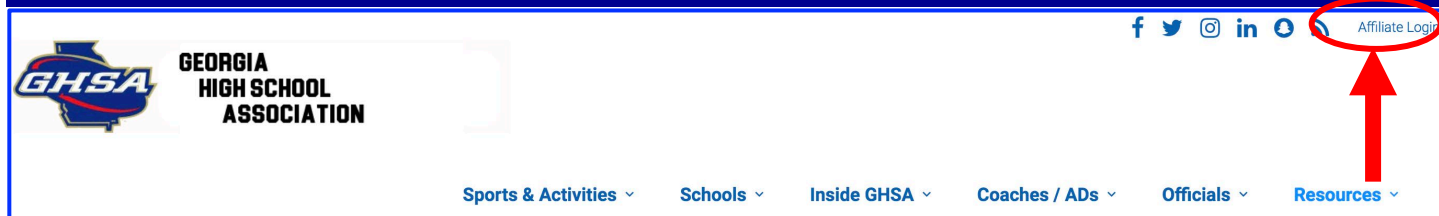
6. Coaches & Officials

- Officials should arrive in uniform to officiate.
- Officials are encouraged to wear face mask/covering and gloves.
- Coaches who request a timeout to discuss a rule, shall maintain social distancing from the official(s).
- Coaches shall always maintain social distancing to own players and opponents.
- Electronic whistles are permissible.
- Line judges will use hand signals – no flags.



2020 GHSA Volleyball Use of GHSA MIS site

The GHSA Volleyball MIS site is accessed through the “Affiliate Login” at the top of the GHSA website.



The GHSA MIS site (<http://app.ghsa.net/>) **MUST** be used for:

- **Electronic submission of Area/Region Results**
 - Each Area Coordinator / Region Secretary will be issued login credentials for submission of Area/Region Meet Results. **Deadline is 9am on Monday, October 19, 2020.**
 - Area/Region Coordinators / Region Secretaries must not only submit results on the MIS site but ALSO must enter the Head Coaches name, email address and cell phone number.
- **Electronic submission of Team Roster**



2020 GHSA VOLLEYBALL STATE PLAYOFFS INSTRUCTIONS

Please read and follow the “General Instructions” very carefully.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- The GHSA Constitution and By Laws govern the GHSA Volleyball State Playoffs. This handbook will assist you in the step by step process as you move through the State Tournament.

1st Round:

- The #1 and #2 seeds in the bracket will host and be home team.
- The Highest Seed (Host) will contact the visiting teams as soon as the teams are determined to make arrangements for the round.
- Both schools shall agree on the date and times of the match.
- The Host shall schedule officials through their local association.
- The Host shall inform the GHSA Office of the match schedule and official's association calling the match.
- The Host shall provide a game manager, scorekeepers, and Libero Tracker for the match.
- The Host shall provide the Official GHSA Volleyballs (Molten Super Touch) for the matches and warmup.
- The Officials shall report all match results to the GHSA Office immediately after the match.
- The Host shall provide tickets and collect admission as per GHSA Constitution and By Laws.
- The Host shall pay Officials for the match.
- The Host shall submit all financial forms along with payment as per GHSA Constitution and By Laws.

2nd Round:

- The Highest Seed will Host and be home team.
- The Highest Seed will contact the visiting team as soon as the teams are determined to make arrangements for the round.
- Both schools must agree on the date and time of the match.
- The Highest Seed shall schedule officials through their local association.
- The Highest Seed shall inform the GHSA Office of the match schedule and official's association calling the match.
- The Host shall provide a game manager, scorekeepers, and Libero Tracker for the match.
- The Host shall provide the Official GHSA Volleyballs (Molten Super Touch) for match and warmup.
- The Officials shall report all match results to the GHSA Office immediately after the match.
- The Host shall provide tickets and collect admission as per GHSA Constitution and By Laws.
- The Host shall pay Officials for the match.
- The Host shall submit all financial forms along with payment as per GHSA Constitution and By Laws.



Quarterfinals:

- The Highest Seed will Host and be home team.
- The Universal Coin Flip will be utilized where equal-seeded teams are meeting.
 - The GHSA office will conduct one “universal” coin flip prior to the Quarterfinal round and again prior to the Semifinal round in all sports to determine the designated home team in all classifications where equal-seeded teams are meeting in that round. This flip will determine whether the top or bottom of the bracket in all such cases would be the host team (subject to other hosting requirements as specified by the GHSA by-laws for each respective sport).
- The Highest Seed will contact the visiting team as soon as the teams are determined to make arrangements for the round. Both schools must agree on the date and time of the match.
- The Host shall schedule officials through their local association.
- The Highest Seed/Host shall inform the GHSA Office of the match schedule and official's association calling the matches.
- The Host shall provide a game manager, scorekeepers, and Libero Tracker for the match.
- The Host shall schedule officials through their local association.
- The Host shall provide warmup balls.
- The Host shall provide the Official GHSA Volleyballs (Molten Super Touch) for match and warmup.
- The Officials shall report all match results to the GHSA Office immediately after match.
- Presale digital tickets will be available at GoFan: <https://gofan.co/app/school/GHSA>
- The Host shall provide tickets and collect admission as per GHSA Constitution and By Laws.
- The Host shall pay Officials for the match.
- The Host shall submit all financial forms along with payment as per GHSA Constitution and By Laws.

Semifinals:

- The Highest Seed will Host and be home team.
- The Universal Coin Flip will be utilized where equal-seeded teams are meeting.
 - The GHSA office will conduct one “universal” coin flip prior to the Quarterfinal round and again prior to the Semifinal round in all sports to determine the designated home team in all classifications where equal-seeded teams are meeting in that round. This flip will determine whether the top or bottom of the bracket in all such cases would be the host team (subject to other hosting requirements as specified by the GHSA by-laws for each respective sport).
- The Highest Seed will contact the visiting team as soon as the teams are determined to make arrangements for the round. Both schools must agree on the date and time of the match.
- The Highest Seed/Host shall inform the GHSA Office of the match schedule and official's association calling the matches.
- The Host shall provide a game manager, scorekeepers, and Libero Tracker for the match.
- The Host shall schedule officials through their local association.
- The Host shall provide the Official GHSA Volleyballs (Molten Super Touch) for match and warmup.
- The Officials shall report all match results to the GHSA Office immediately after match.
- Presale digital tickets will be available at GoFan: <https://gofan.co/app/school/GHSA>
- The Host shall provide tickets and collect admission as per GHSA Constitution and By Laws.
- The Host shall pay Officials for the match.
- The Host shall submit all financial forms along with payment as per GHSA Constitution and By Laws.



Finals:

- **OFFICIAL TEAM TRAVEL FORM:** Please fill out the “Team Travel” completely in the GHSAA MIS system enter the “Team Entry Gate” when you arrive at the site.
- **EXCESS TEAM ENTRY FORM:** List names of “Team Essential Personnel” who may not traveling with nor checking in with the team.
- **MATCH PERSONNEL:** ONLY team members and Team Essential Personnel are allowed on the floor and on the court. Photographers and videographers are not allowed on the floor nor on the court.
- **GAME ADMINISTRATOR:** Each school is required to have an Administrator on site during the match. Provide the name and cell # on the enclosed form and submit it to the “Game Manager” upon arrival at the venue. If not traveling with the team, they must check in at the “Team Entry Gate” and show valid photo ID.
- **UNACCOMPANIED MINORS/NON-PARTICIPANTS:** Must purchase a ticket and enter through the spectator entrance and are not allowed in the team areas (floor, court, etc.).
- **ROSTER FOR OFFICIAL PROGRAM:** Each team advancing to the semifinals is responsible for submitting your roster (player, uniform #, and year), team record, coaching staff, etc. to Adam Schindler at Score Atlanta (adam@scoreatl.com) no later than Monday, October 28. Programs are free to fans at venue.
- **LIVE BROADCASTS:** All matches will be exclusively video streamed live on NFHS Network. Monthly subscription is \$10.99 for unlimited viewing to all volleyball matches and other sports for 30 days. (<https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/associations/ghsa>). Local radio broadcasting must be cleared through GHSAA Media Director Steve Figueroa at 770-633-3200 or stevefig@ghsa.net.
- **LODGING:** For information concerning lodging contact the respective Championship site rep for a list of establishments.
- **PRE GAME WARMUP:** Serving team will be allowed five (5) minutes and receiving team will be allowed 5 minutes of warmup.
- **LINE-UP/ROSTER:** Your official line-up/roster information must be turned in to the official scorer no later than (20) minutes prior to your scheduled match time.
- **GAME BALLS:** Game and warmup balls will be provided by Molten.
- **MERCHANDISE:** Championship merchandise by TeamIP will be available on site.
- **TICKETS:** Tickets for the finals will be available digitally at GoFan: <https://gofan.co/app/school/GHSA>
- **PARKING / CONCESSIONS:** The host school is entitled to any parking fees and/or concessions.
- **TRAINERS:** Athletic trainers shall be provided by the host school but individual schools may bring their own trainer, if desired. Please advise whether your regular trainer/training staff will be assigned to cover the day as part of their responsibilities.
- **TIMES:** Game Times: 11:00am, 12:00noon, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 5:00pm and 6:30pm
- **LOCKER ROOMS:** Each team shall be provided a warm up court and locker room 1 1/2 hours before scheduled match time. Please provide a school representative to show teams to their locker room and lock & unlock the area as requested.
- **WARM-UP:** A separate warm-up gym will be provided and made available one hour prior to each match.
- **NATIONAL ANTHEM AND INTRODUCTIONS:** At the beginning of each match all members of the team will line up on the end line (starters on the end closest to the bench) for the National Anthem and introductions.
- **HOSPITALITY:** A coach hospitality room will be provided.
- **PUBLIC ADDRESS:** PA Announcer will be provided by the host site. GHSAA will provide the PA script.
- **HANDICAPPED PARKING:** Handicapped parking shall be provided and a viewing area will be established on both sides of the championship court.
- **POST MATCH:** Fans will be restricted from the Championship court when the match is completed. After team awards are given, all fans will be allowed to enter the designated court for post-game conversations, media interviews and photos.



- **SPONSORS:** Corporate Partners have rights to display at the event. Typically, Mizuno will display. Alan Sharp, GHSA Marketing, will coordinate.
- **SIGNAGE:** GHSA signage will be set-up at each site by Alan Sharp.
- **PHOTOGRAPHY:** GHSA official photographers (1-2) with credentials will be on-site. Teams may reach coordinate specific orders by contacting: Chrystal Moore (Court #17) chrystalmoorephotography@gmail.com; Cecile Copeland (Court #8) cecil@theathleticimage.com .
- **OFFICIALS:** GHSA will assign & pay the officials (line judges, score keeper, timer & libero tracker) for the event.
- **GATORADE:** GHSA will provide Gatorade supplies for each team bench area.
- **PROGRAMS:** Event programs, produced by GHSA / ScoreAtlanta, will be delivered to each site.
- **AWARDS:** GHSA will provide the tournament Runner-Up with fifteen (15) medals and a team trophy. The Champion will receive fifteen (15) medals, a team trophy and t-shirts. Additional championship t-shirts can be ordered by contacting Brittany Kirby, TeamIP: bkirby@teamip.com ; (772) 398-4664. Use GHSA “Additional Medal Form” for more medals - <https://www.ghsa.net/forms> .
- **GHSA Mandates**
 - Artificial noisemakers shall not be used
 - Fans may not display signs (larger than 8 ½ X 11 piece of paper) in the seating areas
 - All spectators must wear shirts
 - Only one team camera on a tripod is allowed. All team cameras have to be on the upper level. Hand-held cameras are allowed in the stands as long as they do not interfere with other fans.

NOTE: Please remind your student body and spectators that shirts and shoes must be worn at all times in the gymnasium, outside food or drink, drones, and bags over 10” X 12” are not allowed. Ticket takers have been instructed to confiscate these item(s) prior to entering the arena and they can be retrieved when leaving the arena. Also, remind them of the GHSA “No Re-Entry” policy at GHSA sanctioned events. Additional information about each venue is attached to this email.

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GHSA State Championship Schedule

LakePoint Sports Complex

Champions Center

<u>Court # 8</u>		<u>Court # 17</u>	
11:00 am	1A Private	12:00 noon	1APublic/2A
1:30 pm	3A	2:30 pm	4A
4:00 pm	5A	5:00 pm	6A
6:30 pm	7A		



GHSA FORMS

- Volleyball Official Team Roster Form (Due to the GHSA Office by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, November 4, 2020)
 - <http://app.ghsa.net/>
- GoFan Mobile Ticket Mobile Instructions
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RV7QK3T-unw&feature=youtu.be>
- GoFan Digital Tickets – GHSA Policy Memo (Attached)
- GHSA Pass Gate Form
 - https://www.ghsa.net/sites/default/files/documents/forms/PassGateForm_2018.pdf
- State Volleyball Playoffs Financial Report – First Round – Double Header
 - https://www.ghsa.net/sites/default/files/documents/forms/FinancialReport-VolleyballPlayoffs_FirstRound-DH.pdf
- State Volleyball Playoffs Financial Report – Second to Fourth Round
 - https://www.ghsa.net/sites/default/files/documents/forms/FinancialReport-VolleyballPlayoffs_SecondtoFourthRound_rev20190213.pdf
- State Volleyball Championship Financial Report
 - <https://www.ghsa.net/sites/default/files/documents/forms/FinancialReport-VolleyballFinals.pdf>