



# GHSAA

## "ITEMS OF INTEREST"

October 2019

### GHSAA Has Best Administrative Assistants Anywhere!

It's hard to believe that we are finishing two months of school. We are reaching the halfway point in football season and the postseason will arrive shortly in cheerleading, softball, cross country, volleyball, one act play, and State Champions will be decided within the next month. As I travel the state, I continue to be convinced that Georgia has the best coaches anywhere.

As we progress through the year, I would like to bring the following items to your attention:

- Eligibility: There are currently 378,705 non-transfer students in our 464 schools. We have processed over 3,000 transfer applications and approximately 300 hardship applications as well. As you fill out the Form B, please fill it out completely and follow the directions. The same for hardships, the cover sheet on the application gives instructions pertaining to everything that should be included in the application. Be sure to circle the ruling you are asking to be waived and make sure the claimed hardship is outside of the control of the student, parent and school.
- We have plans to build our system to handle all eligibility **electronically** next year. This will include Forms C, D, and MT as well as hardship applications. There will be more to come regarding this initiative as we work to make this a reality. This should help you with accuracy, speed up the turnaround, eliminate paper and postal cost.
- Financially the GHSAA is sound. The latest audit is complete with no exceptions and we finished "in the black" again this year, which is a good thing! Our investment account is approaching our goal of having one year of operating expenses in contingency.
- You have the best group of administrative assistants you will find anywhere. They have many years of experience with the GHSAA and put in many hours to ensure that our association runs smoothly.



the office manager and handles your finances. She keeps us on track, helps build the budget, makes deposits, pays the bills, organizes Executive Committee and Board of Trustees meetings, travel, evaluates contracts, manages the facilities, and takes care of Human Resources and payroll. **Pam Thompson** takes care of all things related to officials. She is responsible for processing official's registrations, posting officials camps, clinics, test scores, games worked, and maintenance of classification records for over 9,000 active officials. Pam also is responsible for the officials' years of service awards program and the ordering, printing and distribution of officials training materials to 153 GHSAA charter officials associations. She works very closely with the leadership of each association to ensure that their officials are properly registered and meet eligibility criteria prior to officiating GHSAA contests. **Tanya Anderson's** responsibilities include tracking clinic attendance for coaches and maintaining the GHSAA coaches' database. This database ties in with printing GHSAA passes for schools and updating the GHSAA Directory. She also processes applications for sanctioning events, including NFHS online sanctioning. In addition, Tanya records finances from all invitational tournaments in the state. She is responsible for ordering trophies and medals awarded at GHSAA championships and compiling the figures from all member schools in the overall Participation Survey submitted to the National Federation each year. **Julie Jones** is responsible for the Coaches Education Program (Community/Lay Coach), including the yearly setup and scheduling of classes. Julie was involved in the initial implementation of the GHSAA Community Coach database. She processes the CEP registration, testing and certification of each coach. Julie also is responsible for collecting membership dues and processing Notification of Entry information provided by each member school. **Sheri Eubanks** is the receptionist and greets visitors to the GHSAA office in Thomaston. Sheri's duties also include processing Lifetime Pass Applications, overseeing the School System Pass List, processing Ejection Reports and filling Publication Orders. Sheri works with Carror Wright in processing fines and schedules and organizes hardship and appeal board hearings. **Stacey Basilici's** responsibilities include processing of non-transfer and transfer eligibilities, interrupted eligibility, Eighth Grade eligibility (Form D), Form MT eligibility as well as processing hardships. Stacey coordinates the collection and update of school, region and committee contact information. She also serves as liaison for Riflery, Literary and One Act Play.

**This group does a great job serving the GHSAA so remember to thank them when you get a chance!**

I wish all of you the best as we progress through this school year and don't hesitate to call if I can do anything for you.

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

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**GHSA Licensed Products**

This month's featured licensees are: **RiverOak Photography** ([riverokphotography.com](http://riverokphotography.com)); **Pinion Photography** ([pinionphotography.com](http://pinionphotography.com)) & **Athletic Image** ([theathleticimage.com](http://theathleticimage.com)), official action photographers; **Athletes For A Better World & Positive Athlete GA**, student character recognition partner ([abw.org](http://abw.org) & [georgia.positiveathlete.org](http://georgia.positiveathlete.org)); **InsideOut**, A well-defined pathway to successfully reclaim the educational purpose of sports ([insideoutinitiative.org](http://insideoutinitiative.org)); and **Jolyn Clothing**, athletic swim and active wear company made for the women who inspire us. ([jolynclothing.com](http://jolynclothing.com)).

**REMINDER: GHSA Membership Dues Must Be Paid On Or Before October 15th! The Membership Dues Invoice is on the GHSA web site under "forms."**

**Please complete the form and submit it with your membership dues payment.**

**Softball Power Rating Procedures**

Below is the timetable and procedures for release of the final 2019 **Class A Softball Power Ratings**, appeals and seeding of the playoff brackets, as well as the "at large" playoff teams in Classes 3A and 7A:

**Oct. 5th** - Region winners in all classifications must be determined and results entered into MaxPreps web site.

**Oct. 6th** - MaxPreps' final Class A power ratings will be posted on the GHSA web site.

**Oct. 7th** - Region playoff qualifiers in classes 2-A through 7-A (except for the "at large" teams) must be submitted to the GHSA office by 9:00 a.m.

**Oct. 7th:**

(1) Any Class A school that believes its final power rating points are incorrect may file an appeal in writing to GHSA softball coordinator Ernie Yarbrough between 8 - 11 a.m. A fax is acceptable (706-647-2638) or you may e-mail directly to [ery@ghsa.net](mailto:ery@ghsa.net). The appeal letter must be accompanied by a complete list of results and points earned for each game!

(2) A GHSA Softball Appeals Committee will verify the results (including any appeals), break any ties and determine the Class A playoff brackets.

(3) The results of the appeals and the Class A playoff brackets will be posted by 4:00 p.m., on the GHSA web site.

(4) **The "At Large" teams in Classes 3A and 7A** also will be determined at this time and posted to the brackets by 4:00 p.m., on the GHSA web site.

**NOTE:** Teams winning a Region championship will be placed in the Class A brackets (public school or private school) first based on their power rating numbers. Then the rest of the Class A brackets will be completed based on the power rating numbers. Once the brackets are posted, no further appeals will be considered!

**Get 10% Off Purchase at Subway**

Coaches, umpires & officials use your GHSA ID card for 10% off your entire purchase at all statewide Subway restaurants.

So whether it is a meal for yourself or feeding the whole team, make sure to enjoy a healthy, delicious sandwich from Subway®! Find a Subway near you at [subway.com](http://subway.com).



## State Softball Playoff Information

Teams advancing to the GHSA State Softball Championships presented by Mizuno on October 24-26, 2019 need to follow the procedures listed below (additional **Team Instructions** may be found on the **GHSA web site**):

**TEAM ROSTER AND PHOTO** – Must be sent via e-mail to [RhondaRawls@scoreatl.com](mailto:RhondaRawls@scoreatl.com) by 9:00 a.m., on Monday, October 14. Failure to do so will result in a \$250 fine to the school.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS** – Go to [www.visitcolumbusga.org](http://www.visitcolumbusga.org) for team registration and hotel selection. The site will not be active until 8 p.m., on Saturday, October 19.

For more information regarding team lodging, call 1-800-999-1613 or 706-256-4347 and refer to "GHSA Housing" when you call, or e-mail **Carter Flynn** at [cflynn@visitcolumbusga.com](mailto:cflynn@visitcolumbusga.com).

**OPENING CEREMONIES** – Every team playing in the Championship will be required to attend **in uniform** the Opening Ceremonies at 10:00 a.m., on October 24.

**ON-LINE INFORMATION PACKETS** – The team information packets for First Round and Second Round contests as well as for the State Finals tournament are available **now** on the GHSA website.

Go to the Softball page on the web site ([www.ghsa.net](http://www.ghsa.net)) and click on the appropriate banners.

**PRESALE TOURNAMENT TICKETS** – Go to [www.columbusgasports.com](http://www.columbusgasports.com) to purchase presale tickets. Click on "Softball" then "GHSA" then "Tickets" to make the purchase. This function will be available beginning Monday, October 21.

Mobile tickets will be available on GoFan at <https://gofan.co/app/school/GHSA>.



## Share Your Story @OfficialGHSA

@OfficialGHSA wants to share your story on Instagram. Follow us with your action photos, candid moments and videos. You can also contact GHSA with original content or video theme ideas at [market@ghsa.net](mailto:market@ghsa.net). Thank you for your creativity, energy and unique expression to visually illustrate the impact of scholastic sports and activities.



## Nominees Named for the American Association of Adapted Sports Program ASPIRE Awards

The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs, Inc. (AAASP) will honor 33 key people and organizations this Fall for their outstanding contributions to support student athletes with physical disabilities to get "off the sidelines and into the game."

Adapted Sports Programs in Recreation and Education (ASPIRE) Award recognizes the significant contributions of these individuals and organizations that have been central to the mission of making adapted sports programming available nationwide.

Join us for the 2019 ASPIRE Awards Ceremony on October 27 from 4:30-7:00 p.m., at the Renaissance Concourse Atlanta Airport Hotel.

Please visit <http://bit.ly/ASPIREawardstickets/> to purchase tickets for this year's event.

Nominees for this year's program are listed below:

<b>Ben Harbin</b> , Founder's Award	<b>Keith DeBrosse</b> , Outstanding Male and Female Athletes Award, DeKalb County, GA
<b>Beth McLaughlin</b> , Advocacy Award, Houston County, GA	<b>Keonte Rankins</b> , Outstanding Male and Female Athletes Award and Outstanding Senior Athlete Award, Clayton County, GA
<b>Christy Jones</b> , Advocacy Award, Houston County, GA	<b>Leslie Sweatman</b> , Founder's Award
<b>David Roberson</b> , Outstanding Male and Female Athletes Award, DeKalb County, GA	<b>Logan Wegienka</b> , Outstanding Male and Female Athletes Award, Meriwether County, GA
<b>Delton Schoates</b> , Advocacy Award, DeKalb County, GA	<b>Monica Luna</b> , School-Based Program Award, Albuquerque, NM
<b>Demarco Pittman</b> , Advocacy Award, Clayton County, GA	<b>Najee Smothers</b> , Outstanding Male and Female Athletes Award, DeKalb County, GA
<b>Desmond Washington</b> , Outstanding Male and Female Athletes Award, Clayton County, GA	<b>O'lando Hicks</b> , Outstanding Male and Female Athletes Award, Houston County, GA
<b>Dr. Mark Scott</b> , Advocacy Award, Houston County, GA	<b>Oglebay Institute's School of Dance</b> , Community-Based Program Award, Wheeling, WV
<b>Dr. Ralph Sweargin</b> , Founder's Award	<b>Regina Gennaro</b> , School-Based Program Award, Atlanta, GA
<b>Dr. James R. Hines</b> , Founder's Award	<b>Ricardo Applewhite</b> , The Gail Hendricks Volunteerism Award, Clayton County, GA
<b>Ellen Williams</b> , Founder's Award	<b>Sail Sand Point</b> , Community-Based Program Award, Seattle, WA
<b>Encinitas Union School District</b> , School-Based Program Award, Encinitas, CA	<b>Samantha Redd</b> , Outstanding Male and Female Athletes Award, Clayton County, GA
<b>Everette Schoates</b> , Community-Based Program Award, DeKalb County, GA	<b>Samuel Milliken</b> , Outstanding Senior Athlete Award, Gwinnett County, GA
<b>Gil Tyree</b> , Media Award, Voice America	<b>Dr. Zabrina Cannady</b> , Advocacy Award, Houston County, GA
<b>Hal Simpson</b> , Community-Based Program Award, Atlanta GA	
<b>Houston County Sharks</b> , School-Based Program Award, Houston County, GA	
<b>Jeff McDaniel</b> , The Gail Hendricks Volunteerism Award, Houston County, GA	
<b>Jesse Cochran</b> , Outstanding Male and Female Athletes Award, Meriwether County, GA	
<b>Jordan Kozloski</b> , Outstanding Male and Female Athletes Award and Outstanding Senior Athlete Award, Houston County, GA	

## Volleyball State Finals to Stream Live on NFHS Network

The NFHS Network will stream live coverage of the GHSA Volleyball State Championships, presented by Mizuno, on Saturday, November 2 from Marietta and McEachern High Schools.

Mobile tickets will be available on GoFan at <https://gofan.co/app/school/GHSA>.

If you can't be there in person, family and friends can watch all the action at <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/associations/ghsa>. Subscribing to the Network is just \$10.95 for a 30-day period or \$69.99 for an annual pass.

DVDs and Digital Copies can also be ordered on [NFHS Network.com](http://NFHSNetwork.com). NFHS Network - High School Happens Here!

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



### VOLLEYBALL FINALS November 2, 2019

**At McEachern HS**  
11:00 am - 1A/2A Private  
1:30 pm - 1A/2A Public  
4:00 pm - Class 3A

**At Marietta HS**  
11:00 am - Class 4A  
1:30 pm - Class 5A  
4:00 pm - Class 6A  
6:30 pm - Class 7A



## 2019 GHSA Cross Country Dates, Deadlines and Schedule

- Oct. 18** INITIAL deadline for electronic submission of Region or Area rosters on GHSA MIS site (<https://app.ghsa.net/node>). Changes to rosters may be made until the deadline established by each Region or Area prior to the beginning of Region/Area competition.
- Oct. 26** Deadline to complete Region/Area Meets
- Oct. 28** 9:00 a.m., deadline for electronic submission of Region/Area results on GHSA MIS site (<https://app.ghsa.net/node>)
- Oct. 28** 5:00 p.m., deadline for Head Coaches of State Meet qualifying teams to confirm projected seven (7) runners at state meet (<https://app.ghsa.net/node>)
- Nov. 1-2** State Meet at Carrollton High School ([www.ghsa.net/ghsa-state-cross-country-championships](http://www.ghsa.net/ghsa-state-cross-country-championships))

### Schedule at Carrollton High School

#### Friday, Nov. 1, 2019

9:00 am Boys 4A  
9:45 am Girls 4A  
10:30 am Boys 6A  
11:15 am Girls 6A  
12 noon Boys 5A  
12:45 pm Girls 5A

#### Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019

8:00 am Boys A Private  
8:45 am Girls A Private  
9:30 am Boys 7A  
10:15 am Girls 7A  
11:00 am Boys 2A  
11:45 am Girls 2A  
12:30 pm Boys 3A  
1:15 pm Girls 3A  
2:00 pm Boys A Public  
2:45 pm Girls A Public



## Deadline to Sign Up for Fall Esports Season Is October 11

PlayVS, the company bringing varsity esports to high schools across the country, has announced the start of the Fall 2019 season. The deadline for schools to register for this upcoming Fall season is October 11th.

Last year's program saw 60 schools participate, with Lambert High School (15-1) winning the League of Legends championship and Pickens County High School (21-9) taking home the Rocket League crown. The current waitlist to build an interscholastic esports program with PlayVS is over 13,000 schools long - 68% of all high schools - and spans across all 50 US states. This puts esports on par with traditional programs like football, which is available in 14,247 schools.

While Traditional sports such as football and basketball see participation from about 30 students on average, over 100 students participated in Colquitt County's esports program last year. Esports participation gives students access to scholarship opportunities as well as strengthening their resume for potential careers in the field. This exemplifies not only the growing interest in the new sport across the state but also the large interest in the esports industry as a whole, even at the entry-level.

"We had a bunch of kids who came out that had never been a part of a sports team or club," said Kevin Sapp, Lambert High School Esports Coach. "This helped improve our school community by bringing in students who typically didn't associate with after school activities."

"This is more than a sport," said Adam Shi, League of Legends Player, Lambert High School. "It is a team sport and requires much more teamwork than my other sport [Cross Country]."

"We are excited about Esports in the state of Georgia and the growth that it has experienced," said Robin Hines, Executive Director, GHSA. "It is the GHSA's hope that all member schools offer the quality activity that Esports provides."

"It is clear the impact esports has already had on these student-athletes, from bringing up their GPA to getting



involved in school activities," said Dr. Clint Kennedy, Director of Education & Acquisition at PlayVS. "We are excited to continue to partner with teachers and schools to empower students to pursue their dreams."

During the first year of PlayVS' 'Seasons,' esports teams nationwide had an average of 15 players per program, with one in three players participating in their first-ever school activity. More than 70% of the students who participated said they found a community to connect with, and more than 40% plan on using their esports experience to apply for colleges and universities.

The cost to participate -- \$64 per player -- is paid for by a parent/guardian or, in most cases, the school. This cost provides students with a full suite of unlocked, in-game content (valued at over \$700) and access to the full games themselves (each valued at \$20-\$60). Most schools already have the required computer equipment in existing labs or libraries, making esports a simple, low-cost/high-benefit program to get off the ground. Non-association schools in Georgia are able to compete in a PlayVS regional league. Schools can still register for the fall season for free by signing up at [PlayVS.com](http://PlayVS.com).

### 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."

### Fundraising Photos from Snapphound

Now you can digitally share your school's memorable event photos with your community, while raising money at the same time! The GHSA has partnered with Snapphound to display photos from state championship events at <https://ghsa.snapphound.com/events>. Snapphound can be your online home for school photos to create new social media, marketing and fundraising opportunities!

#### Features:

- Fully customize a branded, online, community destination for your photos
- No upfront fees; FREE unlimited gallery and photo uploads
- Showcase photos from anyone you designate - hired pros, local enthusiasts, students, event participants, etc. - and choose your photo price, even free!
- Use Snapphound tools to promote galleries via all your marketing channels
- Utilize in-gallery promotional space to spread the word to your community about upcoming events, special offers, etc.
- Keep 90% of any donations or photo sales proceeds you receive through Snapphound from your community!\*

Sign up at [ghsa.snapphound.com](http://ghsa.snapphound.com) today to get started!

\*Net of standard credit card fees

## The NFHS Voice

# High School Football Is Thriving, Not Dying!

By Dr. Karissa L. Niehoff, NFHS Executive Director

When the annual High School Athletics Participation Survey was released by the National Federation of State High School Associations in August, many headlines across the country focused on the drop in the number of boys playing 11-player football. After all, the report showed 30,829 fewer participants than the year before. However, perhaps the most important number was overlooked – 14,247.

Yes, 14,247, the number of high schools with 11-player football teams. While there was a slight decline in the number of participants in many states, the number of schools sponsoring the sport was the highest in five years. In fact, the number of schools last year with 11-player teams has only been topped twice in the survey's history – 14,262 in 2013-14 and 14,279 in 2010-11.

In addition, smaller schools in some states have shifted to 6-player, 8-player and 9-player football and have had good responses. The survey indicates an additional 156 schools and 1,594 participants involved in these alternate forms of the sport; and, in the past 10 years, participation by girls in 11-player football has doubled, with more than 2,400 participants this past year.



These numbers express the desire by high schools to keep alive one of the most treasured traditions in our nation – Friday Night Football Under the Lights. Although there are many options today for the entertainment dollar, nothing surpasses supporting the local high school football team on Friday nights. The No. 1 fan base in America? The answer is that number again – 14,247.

In Week 2 of the National Football League season, just under 1.1 million fans attended the 16 games. While impressive, it doesn't come close to the number of fans who watched high school football during the corresponding week.

With approximately 7,123 games every Friday night (14,247 divided by 2), and with a conservative estimate of 1,000 fans per game, there are more than 7 million fans in high school football stadiums every week.

An unofficial attendance survey conducted by the NFHS in 2011 indicated about 165 million fans attended high school football games during that season, which included up to five weeks of playoffs and a weekly average of 11 million fans. Either way, the number of fans at high school football games dwarfs the numbers attending professional football games.

Early season crowds have been strong in many areas of the country with terrific fall weather – current and former students; parents, grandparents and friends of players on the team; longtime fans and supporters in the community. Unlike crowds at the college and professional levels where fans have little, if any, identity with the players, there is a connection between the players and fans at the high school level.

With concussion protocols and laws in place in every state, with a reduction in contact levels before the season and during practices, and with teaching of proper tackling skills at lower levels, we believe people, including parents of high school student-athletes, are seeing and believing that the sport of football at the high school level is as safe as it ever has been.

We urge you to support your local high school football team this Friday night.

## Nominations now open for 13th Annual Vince Dooley Awards

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28, 2020**

Athletes for a Better World announces the 13th Annual Vincent J. Dooley Awards and Scholarships for the 2019-2020 school year. The athletic director of each school may designate the Senior Class male and female recipient of the Awards for their school, and their recipients may also compete for a four-year, \$1,000 a year, scholarship.

For more information and the Nomination Form, please go here: <http://www.abw.org/awards/dooley-award-nomination/>

Each year, every high school in Georgia is invited to select one male and one female senior athlete to receive the Dooley Award. The award recipients are chosen for their distinguished character, teamwork, and citizenship. All award recipients are reviewed by a selection committee, who choose 10 boys and 10 girls as finalists. The Dooley Scholarship is then presented to one male and one female athlete.

All recipients are invited to attend a banquet in Spring 2020 to receive their awards. If you have questions, please contact Brad Catherman at [bcatherman@abw.org](mailto:bcatherman@abw.org).

### Adopt the Code for your team or school:

Because I am a role model and have the opportunity and responsibility to make a difference in the lives of others, I commit to this Code. I will take responsibility and appropriate actions when I fail to live up to it.

#### **As an individual:**

- I will develop my skills to the best of my ability and give my best effort in practice and competition.
- I will compete within the spirit and letter of the rules of my sport.
- I will respect the dignity of every human being, and will not be abusive or dehumanizing of another either as an athlete or as a fan.

#### **As a member of a team:**

- I will place team goals ahead of personal goals.
- I will be a positive influence on the relationships on the team.
- I will follow the team rules established by the coach.

#### **As a member of society:**

- I will display caring and honorable behavior off the field and be a positive influence in my community and world.
- I will give of my time, skills, and money as I am able for the betterment of my community and world.

# GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE September 30, 2019

The semiannual meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m., on September 30, 2019, at the Macon Marriott City Center in Macon, Georgia, by Glenn White, President. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Lisa Moore Williams. The invocation was given by Carror Wright, Associate Director. Roll call by Steve Figueroa, Media Director, showed the following: Present - 67 Absent - 1

Greg Tillery	Kevin May	Don Breedlove	Shawn Peek	David Boland	Donnie Drew
Evan Horton	Nathan Hand - sub	Dexter Wood	Ulysses Hawthorne	Jasper Jewell	Michelle Masters
Jim Dorsey	John Kelly	Jeff Battles	James Stanford	Berry Williams	Regina Montgomery
Tonya Sebring	Josh Matthews - sub	Jim Finch	James Jackson	Tim Armstrong	Dawn Odum
Nathan Turner	Geep Cunningham	Wade Marchman	Brent Mashburn	John Pinson	Kandice Mitchell
Gary Long	Chris Brown	Jose Fernandez	Jeff Cooper	Jesse Crews	Mike Tenoschok - A
Kirk Barton	David Shields	Jarred Griffis	Joe Lancaster	Chad Griffin	David Colvard
Jon Weyher	Shane Ratliff	Britt Adams	Jarrett Luke	Harley Calhoun - sub	Jason Miller
Kevin Kinsler	Curt Miller	Jimmy Lawler	Mike Thompson	Mike Emery	Philip Brown
Earl Etheridge	Bobby Brewington	Kevin Yancy - sub	Rex Hodges	Justin Brown	Bobby McAllister
Garrett Black	Rendell Jackson	Cleve Edwards	Myron Newton	Steve Simpson	Joe Sanfilippo

(Note: The following is a condensed version of the minutes. The full document may be found at [www.ghsa.net](http://www.ghsa.net))

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Report presented by Jesse Crews

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

- Proposal** to reword by-law 1.62, item "g-1" on page 20 as follows (new text in italic): There is a Superior Court Final Order changing permanent physical custody of the student from one parent to the other parent and the student moves to the residence of the parent receiving custody in a new service area and attends the member school serving that service area. Note: This proposal was modified by the BOT to add the following sentence - *All cases involving non-parental custody changes will have to be appealed through the hardship process*, and to make the proposal **Effective Immediately**.  
**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**
- Proposal** to reword by-law 2.69, item "b-4" on page 33 as follows (delete text that is struck out): It is illegal for a team to go to a competitive or instructional camp or clinic during the school year ~~other than in season events designed for that team alone~~. Note: Remainder of item "4" remains the same.  
**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**
- Proposal** to add a new item "6" under Basketball paragraph "F" on page 50 as follows: *All varsity level games shall be officiated by a 3-person crew. Sub-varsity games may be officiated by a 2-person crew.*  
**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

##### BASEBALL COMMITTEE

Report presented by Kevin May

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

**Proposal** to change the policy for determining the "home" team for the third game of a best-of-three playoff series in the state tournament. Currently, a coin flip decides the home team in the third game. The new wording would read as follows: *The designated host team, by virtue of being the higher seed, will be the "home" team for a third game of a series, if necessary. In the event the competing teams are equal seeds, a coin flip would decide the "home" team for the third game.* Note: The committee modified this proposal to be **Effective Immediately**.  
**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

##### FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Report presented by Earl Etheridge

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

**Proposal** to allow one (1) padded camp in June for two (2) days (Note: the committee modified the proposal to add the following language at this point) *in a three consecutive day period* and one (1) padded camp in July for two (2) days (Note: the committee

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modified the proposal to add the following language at this point) *in a three consecutive day period*, making a maximum of two (2) camps for four (4) total days. Note: Beginning summer of 2020.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

**OFFICIALS COMMITTEE**

Report presented by Earl Etheridge

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

**Proposal** to modify and adopt a new Officials Fee Chart (Appendix F) for the 2020-22 reclassification cycle. (See attached chart).

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

**ONE ACT PLAY COMMITTEE**

Report presented by Jim Finch

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

**Proposal** to allow site-approved "spike tape" to be used during Region and State competition. Tape can be placed during the 15-minute pre-performance time period and must be removed prior to school saying "Stop Timing." **Effective Immediately.**

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

**LACROSSE COMMITTEE**

Report presented by Joe Lancaster

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

1. **Proposal** to allow players in girls lacrosse to participate in a maximum of three (3) halves per day, and players in boys lacrosse six (6) quarters per day, similar to the soccer restriction in by-law 1.44. Effective 2020.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

2. **Proposal** to use overtime to break ties in all varsity regular-season games regardless of the classifications of the opponents. Overtime would be the same as used in the state playoffs. Effective 2020 season for boys and girls lacrosse.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

**RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Report presented by Curt Miller

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

**Proposals:**

1. The GHSA office will place schools in classes and regions to present to the entire Reclassification Committee for modification and/or approval.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

2. When schools opt to play up in class, only the exact number of schools at the bottom of the next class will be given the opportunity to come down. If any of those schools opt not to come down, the GHSA office will not look further to larger schools in that class.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

3. A true, one-number multiplier of 2.0 will be used to account for students residing outside the district-designated attendance zone for all member public schools. Member private and charter schools will use the same attendance zone as the public school in whose zone the private or charter school resides.

**MOTION PASSED 66-1 (Battles voting "no")**

4. Children of certified teachers at a high school (grades 9-12) and active duty dependent children are the only exclusions from the multiplier when calculating a school's Reclassification Student Count.

**MOTION PASSED 65-2 (Adams and Thompson voting "no")**

**(Note: the committee voted to consider the next two items separately instead of together as originally presented.)**

5. No school would be forced to move up from Class A or into Class 7A.

**MOTION PASSED 60-7 (Sebring, Long, Kinsler, Battles, Cooper, Masters & Montgomery voting "no")**

6. No school would be forced to move up more than one (1) class because of application of the multiplier.

**Substitute motion** by Finch, second by Lancaster to change wording to "*No school would be forced to move up more than two (2) classes because of the application of the multiplier.*"

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION PASSED 46-21 (Roll Call Vote - Yes: Tillery, Horton, Dorsey, Sebring, Turner, Long, Barton, Weyher, Kinsler, Etheridge, Black, May, Hand, Kelly, Cunningham, C. Brown, Shields, Ratliff, Breedlove, Finch, Marchman, Griffis, Adams, Lawler, Yancy, Edwards, Peek, Hawthorne, Stanford, Mashburn, Cooper, Lancaster, Luke, Boland, B. Williams, Armstrong, Pinson, Crews, Calhoun, J. Brown, Simpson, Masters, Montgomery, J. Miller, P. Brown & L. Williams. No: Matthews,**

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C. Miller, Brewington, R. Jackson, Wood, Battles, Fernandez, J. Jackson, Thompson, Hodges, Newton, Jewell, Griffin, Emery, Drew, Odom, Mitchell, Colvard, McAllister, Sanfilippo & White.)

7. Single-gender schools would have the multiplier applied only to the actual number of students enrolled in the school and not to their doubled enrollment figure.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

### **SOFTBALL COMMITTEE**

Report presented by Garrett Black

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

**Proposal** to change the policy for determining the "home" team for the third game of a best-of-three playoff series in the state tournament. Currently, a coin flip decides the home team in the third game. The new wording would read as follows: *The designated host team, by virtue of being the higher seed, will be the "home" team for a third game of a series, if necessary. In the event the competing teams are equal seeds, a coin flip would decide the "home" team for the third game.* **Effective Immediately.**

**MOTION PASSED 64-3** (Montgomery, Tillery & L. Williams voting "no")

### **TENNIS COMMITTEE**

Report presented by Jarrett Luke

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

1. **Proposal** to allow the option of playing a 10-point tiebreaker in lieu of a full third set during regular-season and region/area tournament matches by agreement of the two coaches during the regular season and by a majority vote of region/area coaches for the region/area tournament. Note: State playoff matches would still be three full sets. **Effective Immediately.**

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

2. **Proposal** to allow teams to play up to three (3) matches in a single day during region/area tournaments if a 10-point tiebreaker is used in lieu of a third full set for all three matches. **Effective Immediately.**

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

3. **Proposal** to reword Item B-3 on page 79 as follows (old text is struck out, new text is in italic): In regular season play and in the Region/Area tournament, the 8-game Pro Set format is allowed *if both coaches are in agreement.* ~~The host coach shall notify all opponents of the format to be used at least 24 hours before the competition.~~ **Effective Immediately.**

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Robin Hines told the committee how successful the first NCAA/NFHS boys basketball recruiting showcase had been and commended basketball coordinator Ernie Yarbrough for all his work organizing the event.

Hines then called on Associate Director Penny Pitts Mitchell who spoke about the Student Leadership Council and introduced council members Ella Newsome of West Laurens High School, Justin Harris of Peach County and Jimbo Finch of Mary Persons. Finch then addressed the committee, thanking them for supporting the leadership council.

Dr. Hines then called upon longtime GHSA counsel Alan Connell who addressed the committee and told them that there was only one legal issue still pending and that this was a welcome "quiet" time in his representation of the GHSA.

Hines then reminded the committee that the GHSA will begin publishing school fines later this year and talked about the need to do a better job with sportsmanship in all member schools.

He further spoke of plans to add Forms C, D and MT to the list of GHSA documents that can now be filled out electronically, eliminating paperwork and speeding up the approval process in those cases.

Hines then introduced representatives of DragonFly, who gave the committee a video presentation highlighting the plans to issue GHSA coaching passes, lifetime passes and officials passes via a digital platform in the near future.

Hines closed his report by going over the recent audit of the GHSA finances, highlighting what a good year it was with record attendance in several spring sports. .

**Motion** by Crews, second by Simpson, to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

## APPENDIX 'F'

Game Fee Chart

### GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

2020-22

<u>Sport/Contest</u>	<u>Varsity</u>	<u>Sub-Varsity</u>	<u>State Playoffs</u>
Baseball	Crew of two: \$70.00 Crew of three: \$60.00	\$57.00	First Three Rounds - \$115.00 Semis & Finals - \$125.00
Basketball	Crew of two: \$73.00 Crew of three: \$56.00	\$50.00 \$50.00	First Three Rounds - \$150.00 Semis & Finals - \$160.00
Cheerleading / Dance	\$10.00 Per Official (1-12 teams) (Pay for a minimum 12 Teams) \$8.00 Per Team for more than 12	Same as Varsity	\$60.00 Per Region \$185.00 Per Sectional \$160.00 Per Session
Football (crew of six) Flag Football (3)	\$112.00 Per Official Clock/Chain - 1/2 Game Fee Flag: \$30.00 Per Official	\$65.00	First Three Rounds - \$150.00 Semis & Finals - \$165.00 Flag: \$45.00
Gymnastics	\$60.00		\$75.00
Lacrosse	\$78.00	\$68.00	First Three Rounds - \$100.00 Semis & Finals - \$125.00
Soccer	Crew of two: \$78.00 Crew of three: \$60.00 Sideline judge - 1/2 Game Fee	Crew of two - \$65.00	First Three Rounds - \$440.00 (crew) Semis & Finals - \$450.00 (crew)
Softball	(FP) \$68.00 - Single Game (FP) \$60.00 - Doubleheader (SP) \$44.00 per game	\$50.00- Single Game \$46.00 JV/JV Doubleheader	First & Second Round - \$95.00 Elite Eight - \$105.00 (SP) \$60.00 Per Game
Swimming	\$52.00 - 22 Events or Less Add \$2.00 Per Heat or Diver		\$175.00/day
Volleyball (per match)	Best of 3 - \$50.00 Best of 5 - \$70.00	Best of 3: \$41.00 Best of 5 - \$63.00	First Three Rounds - \$90.00 Semis & Finals - \$105.00 (Line Judges: 1/2 game fee)
Wrestling (per match)	Dual Match - \$80.00 Tri or Quad Match - \$70.00	\$61.00	Duals: \$77.00 Traditional: \$5.50/match

**Regular Season "Travel Fees:" (1) Official - \$25.00 (2) Officials - \$34.00 (3) Officials - \$39.00**

**NOTE:** Travel fees are based on a "per crew/per competition day" basis. Add \$5.00 per official for contests that require more than three contest officials. Fees applied as "Travel Fees" must be used to compensate contest officials for travel-related expenses. Travel Fees are negotiable for Invitational Tournaments. Travel Fees do not apply to State Tournament contests.

**The fees indicated on this chart are to be applied to all GHSA sanctioned contests and are non negotiable.**

(Revised 9/29/19)

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Please complete the following information to be contacted by a member of the respective local association in the sport(s) indicated or go online to complete at: <https://www.ghsa.net/playing-another-team-your-call-officiate>



The central image features the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) logo, which consists of a blue outline of the state of Georgia with the letters "GHSA" in white and blue across it. Surrounding the logo are six yellow callout boxes with black text, each tilted at an angle. The boxes contain the following text: "Independent Contractor" (top left), "Part-time, Flexible Schedule" (middle left), "Be A Part Of The Game" (bottom left), "Give Back To The Community" (top right), "Be A Next Generation Role Model" (middle right), and "Do What You Love With Pay" (bottom right).

Mail to: Georgia High School Association, 151 South Bethel Street, Thomaston, GA 30286

First Name \*  Last Name \*

City of Residence \*

Email Address \*

Phone Number \*

Preferred Method of Contact \*


By Email

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Sports/Activities of Interest \*

Baseball,  Basketball,  Cheer/Spirit,  Dance,  Football,  Gymnastics

Lacrosse,  Soccer,  Softball,  Volleyball,  Wrestling



A black whistle with a silver ring at the top and blue sound waves emanating from it, positioned to the right of the contact information fields.

## GHSA - October Calendar - 2019

### October

- 1 Deadline to notify entry in One Act Play
- 5 Complete Region FP Softball
- 7 Report Region FP Softball winners by 9 a.m.
- 8 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 8-10 First Round FP State Softball Playoffs
- 12 Determine Area Volleyball winners
- 14 Report Area Volleyball winners by 9 a.m.
- 14 Earliest date for swimming practice
- 15 Deadline for payment of GHSA membership dues
- 15-17 Second Round State FP Softball Playoffs
- 18 Deadline for posting rosters in Cross Country
- 19 First Round State Volleyball
- 21 Earliest date for Wrestling and Basketball Practice
- 22 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 22, 23 Second Round State Volleyball
- 24-26 Softball State Tournament
- 26 State Volleyball Quarterfinals
- 26 Complete Area/Region Cross Country & Area/Region One Act Plays
- 28 Earliest date for Riflery & Swimming contests
- 29 State Volleyball Semifinals

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