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"ITEMS OF INTEREST"

February 2017

More Exciting Things To Come During Spring Seasons

As January of 2017 comes to a close, the winter sports trimester in the Georgia High School Association's 2016-2017 school year begins to close out as well. Within the next few weeks, we will see champions proclaimed in wrestling and swimming. In early March, 17 basketball champions will be crowned. Already we have celebrated champions in fastpitch softball, cross country, one-act play, team dual wrestling, cheerleading, volleyball and, of course, football.

On December 10, 2016, the last high school football game ended the Georgia High School Association run in the Georgia Dome with the Class 7A championship – our newest classification. Other levels of football – college and professional – kept the games going in the Dome until the Atlanta Falcons “closed the football doors” on Sunday, January 22, 2017, by winning the NFC Championship.

The Georgia High School Association experienced record crowds at our football finals and we celebrated the past champions with special football presentations at halftimes and between games.

In the end, we were saddened to be leaving such a fine site for our championships. We commend the Georgia Dome leadership and their entire staff. They have been great hosts over the many years the Georgia High School Association has played there. Many fond memories for thousands of high school athletes and fans were created in the Dome. What a great job by everyone there!

The finals in Swimming and Diving return to the pool on the Georgia Tech campus for another thrilling three days of championship competitions (Feb. 2-4). Again many, many students will compete in this top rated facility. Several changes in the events protocols should make the competition even more exciting, while shortening the overall hours of competition. We look forward to the opportunity to experience this increased excitement and one-of-a-kind experiences for our athletes.

Wrestling will crown its end-of-season Traditional Tournament champions on February 11 at the Centreplex in Macon. The Team Dual championships earlier in January saw the return of several programs to the top of their classification tournaments. New champions were celebrated just as were repeat champions, as well as schools appearing in the championship brackets for the very first time. We anticipate continued excitement as more than 1,500 athletes compete for individual and team honors in Macon.

The beginning of the Spring seasons (Trimester) will feature brand new site locations for track, baseball, soccer, gymnastics and lacrosse. All GHSA fans should stay tuned – the fun, the enthusiasm and the thrills will continue.

– Gary Phillips, Executive Director



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Attention Basketball Coaches

All teams advancing to the State Tournament should go to the GHSA website for important information. Look for the headline that reads "State Tournament Team Information Packet." This information will be available on Monday, February 13.

STATE CHAMPIONS**FOOTBALL**

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

7A	Grayson High School
6A	Valdosta High School
5A	Rome High School
4A	Cartersville High School
3A	Cedar Grove High School
2A	Benedictine School
A (public)	Macon County High School
A (private)	Eagles Landing Christian School

TEAM DUAL WRESTLING

Congratulations to the following State Champions:

7A	Camden County High School
6A	Alexander High School
5A	Buford High School
4A	Jefferson High School
3A	Bremen High School
2A	Social Circle School
A	Commerce 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.

Lacrosse Finals to be Held at Lakewood

Atlanta's Lakewood Stadium will be the site for all the 2017 Lacrosse state championships. The Class A-5A boys and girls title games will take place on Saturday, May 13, while the finals for boys and girls in Class 6A-7A will be played on Saturday, May 20.

Jasper Jewell, Athletic Director for the Atlanta Public School System, was instrumental in helping bring the Lacrosse championships to Lakewood Stadium, which underwent a \$17 million renovation in 2012.

Lakewood, the largest stadium in the APS, now features new locker rooms, spectator seating, lights and artificial turf (lined for both boys and girls lacrosse), and the GHSA is excited about using this fine facility to showcase high school lacrosse.



'Gold Week' is April 10-15, 2017

April 10-15 will be the GHSA "Gold Week" to help raise the awareness of Childhood Cancer. The GHSA is proud to partner with Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research to encourage Georgia high schools to "Go Gold" during this week for all spring sports.

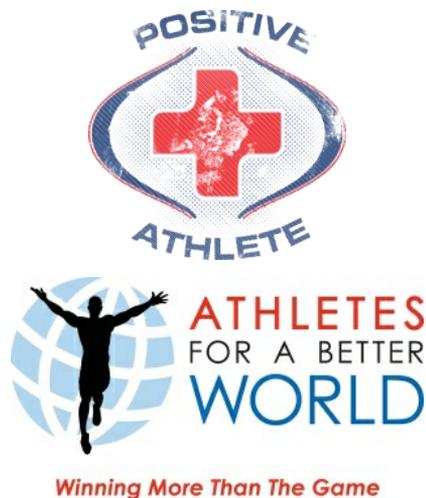
Nominations Still Open For Dooley Awards & Positive Athlete Georgia!

Nominations are still open for the 2016-17 Vince Dooley Awards and Positive Athlete Georgia. These programs recognize the character building benefits of GHSA sports and activities participation.

Athletes for a Better World nominations for the 10th Annual Vincent J. Dooley Awards are open until February 28, 2017. The athletic director of each school may designate the Senior Class male and female recipient of the Awards for their school. For more information visit www.abw.org.

Positive Athlete Georgia will be accepting nominations for high school athletes in any grade, in any sport, from any public or private school in the state of Georgia until March 31, 2017.

For more details go to www.georgia.positiveathlete.org.



Stay Connected to the GHSA!

For all coaches, athletic directors, schools and teams, join the conversation on social media @OfficialGHSA on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram for all the latest association news and information.



Swimming and Wrestling Live Streamed

State Championship action of the Swimming and Diving, and the Traditional Wrestling State Championships will be video streamed live on the NFHS Network (nfhsnetwork.com/associations/ghsa).

The cost is one low price of \$9.95 to watch unlimited events for 30 days, which also could include select basketball playoff games.

The Swimming & Diving State Finals will be live from Georgia Tech Aquatic Center. Schedule: Thursday, Feb. 2 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (6A-7A Diving) and 3:00 - 7:00 pm (1A-5A Diving); Saturday, Feb. 4 from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. (6A-7A Swimming)) and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., (1A-5A Swimming).

A week later, the Traditional Wrestling State Finals, presented by the Georgia Army National Guard, will be broadcast from the Macon Coliseum with live action from all seven championship mats on Saturday, Feb. 11 beginning at 3:00 p.m. Schedules for both events can be found on the GHSA.net web and on Page 6 of this newsletter.

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 10, 2017. The spring State Executive Committee meeting will be held April 10, 2017 at the Marriott Macon City Center.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULES: Coaches and/or Athletic Directors are reminded that 2017 varsity Football Schedules are due in the GHSA office no later than March 1, 2017. If your school has hired a new coach for the 2017 season, please make sure he is made aware of this deadline.

OPEN MEET DEADLINE: Member schools are reminded of the deadline to notify the GHSA of entry in Open Meet State Events such as Volleyball, Lacrosse, Class A Soccer, Wrestling, Riflery and Gymnastics for the school year 2017-2018. The deadline for notification is April 1, 2017.

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, July 2, 2017 through Saturday, July 8, 2017.

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 2017-18 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.

Football State Champions - 2016



7A: Grayson



6A: Valdosta



5A: Rome



4A: Cartersville



3A: Cedar Grove



2A: Benedictine



A (public): Macon County



A (private): Eagles Landing Christian

Team Dual Wrestling State Champions - 2017



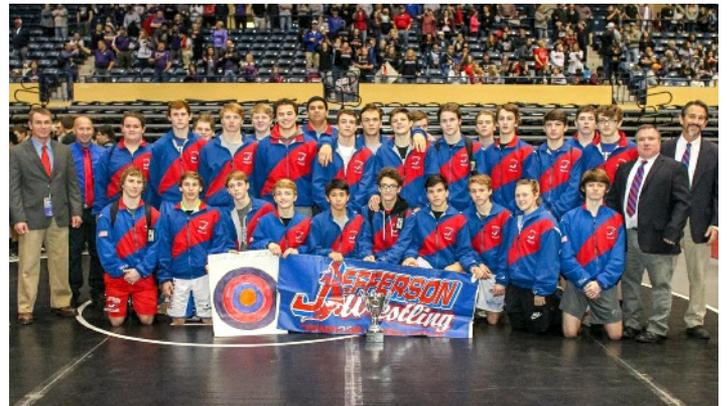
7A: Camden County



6A: Alexander



5A: Buford



4A: Jefferson



3A: Bremen



2A: Social Circle



A: Commerce

Photographs in this newsletter of the state championship Dual Wrestling teams were provided by Cecil Copeland. Photos of the winning Football teams were provided by The Athletic Image. Action photos can be ordered at www.theathleticimage.com.

State Swimming and Diving Meets

The 2017 **State Swimming and Diving Championships** will be held on February 2-4 at the Georgia Tech Campus Recreation Center in Atlanta. Admission is \$12 per day.

Free admission will be allowed for the following: 1. Swimmers and divers qualified and entered in the State Meet; 2. Coaches that are listed on the Swimming and Diving Coaches list; 3. Four girls and four boys designated as substitutes by the coach on the team list; 4. Two team attendants or trainers as listed on the team roster; 5. Those normally allowed free admission, such as GHSA passes, will continue to be admitted by signing the pass list.

Schedule of Events:

Thursday:

Feb. 2 9:00 am Diving Finals for 6A-7A (warmup at 7:00 am)
Feb. 2 3:00 pm Diving Finals for A-5A (warmup at 1:00 pm)

Friday:

Feb. 3 9:00 am Swim Prelims for 6A-7A (warmup at 7:00 am)
Feb. 3 6:00 pm Swim Prelims for A-5A (warmup at 4:25 pm)

Saturday:

Feb. 4 1:00 pm Swim Finals for 6A-7A (warmup at 11:00 am)
Feb. 4 6:00 pm Swim Finals for A-5A (warmup at 4:30 pm)

Order of Swim Events: (boys events precede girls events)

200-yard Medley Relay
200-yard Freestyle
200-yard Individual Medley
50-yard Freestyle
100-yard Butterfly
100-yard Freestyle
500-yard Freestyle
200-yard Freestyle Relay
100-yard Backstroke
100-yard Breaststroke
400-yard Freestyle Relay

Qualifying Standards - Swimming

BOYS	EVENTS	GIRLS
1:51.00	200-yard Medley Relay	2:07.00
1:55.00	200-yard Freestyle	2:07.00
2:12.00	200-yard Individual Medley	2:24.00
:23.50	50-yard Freestyle	:26.50
:58.00	100-yard Butterfly	1:05.00
:52.00	100-yard Freestyle	:58.50
5:20.00	500-yard Freestyle	5:40.00
1:40.00	200-yard Freestyle Relay	1:53.00
1:00.00	100-yard Backstroke	1:06.00
1:07.00	100-yard Breaststroke	1:15.00
3:44.00	400-yard Freestyle Relay	4:12.00

Qualifying Standards - Diving

A diver may become eligible for the State Meet using a 6-dive sheet or an 11-dive sheet.

1) 6-DIVE: The degree of difficulty of dives 2-6 when totaled shall be equal to or more than 10.4 for both boys and girls. The score to be achieved must be 200 points or more.

2) 11-DIVE: The minimum degree of difficulty for optional dives shall be 11.5 for girls and 12.0 for boys. The score to be achieved for both boys and girls is 270 points or more.

Sectional, State Wrestling Tournaments

Sectional Traditional Wrestling Tournaments will be held on Friday and/or Saturday, February 3-4, 2017.

The Traditional Wrestling Finals, presented by the Georgia Army National Guard, will be held on Thursday through Saturday, February 9-11, 2017 at the Macon Centreplex. Tickets for the State Finals are \$7 Thursday and \$10 on Friday and Saturday (all day), or a total tournament ticket will be sold for \$24.

Sectional Tournaments will be held at the following sites:

7A (Top 8 Qualify for State Finals): Sec. A (Areas 1, 2, 7, 8) Sec. B (Areas 3, 4, 5, 6)	Lowndes Mill Creek
6A (Top 8 Qualify for State Finals): Sec. A (Areas 1, 2, 4, 5) Sec. B (Areas 3, 6, 7, 8)	Alexander Lanier
5A (Top 8 Qualify for State Finals): Sec. A (Areas 1, 2, 3, 4) Sec. B (Areas 5, 6, 7, 8)	Veterans Buford
4A (Top 8 Qualify for State Finals): Sec. A (Areas 1, 4, 5, 6) Sec. B (Areas 2, 3, 7, 8)	Woodward Jefferson
3A (Top 4 Qualify for State Finals): Sec. A (Areas 1, 4) Sec. B (Areas 2, 3)	Morgan County Bremen
2A (Top 4 Qualify for State Finals): Sec. A (Areas 1, 2) Sec. B (Areas 3, 4)	Toombs County Rockmart
A (Top 4 Qualify for State Finals): Sec. A (Areas 1, 3) Sec. B (Areas 2, 4)	Darlington Holy Innocents'

The Schedule for the **State Finals** is as follows:

Date/Time	Event	Classes
Thursday, Feb. 9		
11:00 am	Weigh-Ins	4A & 5A
12:15 pm	Coaches' Meeting	4A & 5A
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Round of 16	4A & 5A
1:00 pm	Weigh-Ins	6A & 7A
2:15 pm	Coaches' Meeting	6A & 7A
3:00 - 5:00 pm	Round of 16	6A & 7A
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Quarters, Round 1 WBs	4A & 5A
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Quarters, Round 1 WBs	6A & 7A
Friday, Feb. 10		
8:00 am	Weigh-Ins	A, 2A & 3A
9:15 pm	Coaches' Meeting	A, 2A & 3A
10:00 am - noon	Quarterfinals	A, 2A & 3A
10:00 am	Weigh-Ins	4A & 5A
12:00 - 1:00 pm	2nd Round WBs	4A & 5A
11:00 am	Weigh-Ins	6A & 7A
1:00 - 2:00 pm	2nd Round WBs	6A & 7A
2:00 - 4:00 pm	Semis & Conso. Quarters	A, 2A & 3A
4:00 - 5:30 pm	Semis & Conso. Quarters	4A & 5A
5:30 - 7:00 pm	Semis & Conso. Quarters	6A & 7A
7:00 - 8:00 pm	Consolation Semifinals	A, 2A & 3A
8:00 - 9:30 pm	Consolation Semifinals	4A, 5A, 6A & 7A
Saturday, Feb. 11		
7:30 am	Weigh-Ins	All Classes
10:00 - 11:30 am	5th & 6th place Conso Finals	All Classes
11:30 a.m. - 1 pm	3rd & 4th place Conso Finals	All Classes
2:30 pm	Opening Ceremonies	All Classes
3:00 pm	FINALS Begin	All Classes
(Awards ceremony immediately after finals)		

LIMITED TIME TEAM OFFER



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GHSA - February Calendar - 2017

February

- 2-4 State Swimming & Diving Meets
- 3, 4 Traditional Wrestling Sectional Tournaments
- 6 Earliest contest date for Soccer and Track
- 7 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 9-11 Traditional Wrestling State Tournaments
- 11 Complete Region Basketball
- 13 File reports of Region Basketball winners by 9 a.m.
- 13 Earliest contest date for Baseball and Lacrosse
- 13 Earliest date for Golf practice
- 17, 18 First Round State Basketball Tournaments
- 18 First contest date for Golf
- 20 First practice date for Slow Pitch Softball
- 21 Hardship/Appeal Committee Meeting
- 22, 23 Second Round State Basketball Tournaments
- 25 First contest date for Slow Pitch Softball
- 28 Quarterfinal Round State Basketball Tournament

March

- 1 Quarterfinal Round State Basketball Tournament
- 1 Football Schedules due into GHSA Office
- 4 Semifinal Round State Basketball Tournament
- 8-11 Final Round State Basketball Tournament

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