

# GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## Beginning and Ending Dates for 2025-2026

Revised  
2/16/2025

| ACTIVITY                | DATE FOR FIRST PRACTICE | FIRST CONTEST | MAXIMUM GAMES/DATES                   | LAST PLAY DATE | PLAYOFF QUALIFIERS DETERMINED        | First Round/ Sectionals | Second Round | Quarterfinals | Semifinals | Finals                             |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Football                | Jul 28                  | Aug 15        | 10 (7 JV)                             | Oct 31         | Nov 1                                | Nov 14-15               | Nov 21       | Nov 28        | Dec 5      | Dec 15-17                          |
| Cheerleading            | Jul 28                  | Aug 9         | 6 (4JV)                               | Nov 1          |                                      | Nov 8                   |              |               |            | Nov 14-15                          |
| Game Day                | Jul 28                  | Sep 20        |                                       | Nov 29         |                                      |                         |              |               |            | Dec 2-4                            |
| Softball (FP)           | Jul 28                  | Aug 1         | 30 V/21 JV                            | Oct 9          | Oct 9                                | Oct 14-16               | Oct 21-23    |               |            | Oct 29-Nov 1                       |
| Volleyball              | Jul 28                  | Aug 4         | 18 (13 JV) Dates                      | Oct 9-11       | Oct 9-11                             | Oct 14-15               | Oct 18       | Oct 21-22     | Oct 25     | Oct 29<br>Oct 30                   |
| Cross Country           | Jul 28                  | Aug 11        | 10 (7 JV)                             | Nov 1          | Nov 1                                | Nov 1                   |              |               |            | Nov 7-8                            |
| Flag Football           | Sep 9                   | Sep 30        | 20 V/14 JV                            | Nov 29         | Nov 29                               | Dec 4                   | Dec 4        | Dec 8         | Dec 8      | Dec 15-17                          |
| One Act Play            | Jul 28                  |               |                                       | Nov 1<br>Nov 8 | Nov 1<br>Nov 8                       |                         |              |               |            | Nov 15<br>Nov 22                   |
| Literary                | Jul 28                  |               |                                       | Mar 7          | Mar 7                                |                         |              |               |            | Mar 14<br>Mar 21                   |
| Riflery                 | Jul 28                  | Oct 20        |                                       | Feb 11         | Feb 11                               | Feb 24                  |              |               | Mar 3      | Mar 14                             |
| Swimming/Diving         | Oct 6                   | Oct 20        | 10 (7 JV)                             | Jan 27         |                                      |                         |              |               |            | Feb 3-7                            |
| Dance                   | Oct 20                  | Nov 8         | 6 (4JV)                               | Jan 24         |                                      | Jan 31                  |              |               |            | Feb 7                              |
| Basketball              | Oct 20                  | Nov 7         | 25 (18 JV)                            | Feb 20         | Feb 21                               | Feb 24-25               | Feb 27-28    | Mar 3-4       | Mar 6-7    | Mar 11-14                          |
| Wrestling (Duals)       | Oct 20                  | Nov 7         | 20 (14 JV) Dates Total Duals and Trad | Jan 31         | Jan 9-10<br>Jan 9 G, 10 B            |                         |              |               |            | Jan 16-17 Boys<br>Jan 23-24, Girls |
| Wrestling (Traditional) | Oct 20                  | Nov 7         | 20 (14 JV) Dates Total Duals and Trad | Jan 31         | Jan 30-31<br>Jan 30 G, Jan 31 B      | Feb 6-7                 |              |               |            | Feb 12-14                          |
| Gymnastics              | Jan 26                  | Feb 9         | 10 (7 JV)                             | Apr 15         |                                      | Apr 21-22               |              |               |            | Apr 23                             |
| Tennis                  | Jan 26                  | Feb 2         | 18 (13 JV) Dates                      | Apr 17         | Apr 17                               | Apr 23                  | Apr 29       | May 4         | May 8      | May 9                              |
| Soccer                  | Jan 19                  | Feb 9         | 18 (13 JV)                            | Apr 16         | Apr 16                               | Apr 21-24               | Apr 28-May 1 | May 4-5       | May 7-8    | May 12-15                          |
| Track & Field           | Jan 19                  | Feb 9         | 10 (7 JV)                             | Apr 25         | Apr 25                               | May 2                   |              |               |            | May 8-9                            |
| Lacrosse                | Jan 26                  | Feb 9         | 18 V/ 13 JV                           | Apr 22         | Apr 22                               | Apr 28-29               | May 1-2      | May 5-6       | May 8-9    | May 15-16                          |
| Baseball                | Jan 19                  | Feb 9         | 30 (21 JV)                            | Apr 18         | Apr 18                               | Apr 22-25               | Apr 29-May 1 | May 6-8       | May 14-15  | May 22-23<br>May 25                |
| Golf                    | Jan 26                  | Feb 9         | 12 (8JV) Dates                        | May 5          | Apr 28 (4-6A)<br>May 5, (1-3A, Priv) | May 4-5<br>(4-6A)       |              |               |            | May 18-19                          |
| Softball (SP)           | Feb 9                   | Feb 14        | 16                                    | Apr 11         | Apr 11                               |                         |              |               |            | Apr 17-18                          |

NOTES: Dates and more information for Bass Fishing and Esports may be found on the GHSA website ([www.ghsa.net](http://www.ghsa.net))

The "Dead Weeks" for the 2026-2027 school year are Monday, May 25 through Sunday, May 31, 2026 and Monday, June 29 through Sunday, July 5, 2026. The GHSA Office will be closed both weeks.