

TO: GHS A MEMBER SCHOOLS
FROM: RALPH SWEARNGIN
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RE: REPORTING OF GAME RESULTS

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THIS LETTER TO YOUR HEAD COACHES FOR SOFTBALL, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, AND BASEBALL.

As most of you know, the GHSA Executive Committee approved a system whereby Class A public and private schools will pursue separate championships in Softball, Football, Basketball, and Baseball based on a power ranking system. **This will require all Class A schools and all other Class AA-AAAAAA who play Class A schools to submit game results to MaxPreps**, the official statistician and media partner of the GHSA.

MaxPreps will manage the power ranking system that will be used for qualifying for GHSA Class A playoffs. The week-to-week results of the power rankings will be sent from Max Preps to the GHSA web site (www.ghsa.net). This is a free service available to all GHSA schools from MaxPreps.

If you are not a Class A school, you could be affected by this situation since the power ranking system has special rules for cross-classification competitions. The system pays attention to the season records of the teams involved, and not just to the particular game score. Therefore, **if you are competing against a Class A school in one of these sports, it will be required that you submit your results to MaxPreps** and we strongly encourage all GHSA member schools to submit complete box score information to MaxPreps.

By submitting your complete box scores, all schools will have the opportunity to utilize MaxPrep's free communication, stat management utilities, and all the ways the GHSA will leverage MaxPrep's data. **Specific directions for submitting the required information to MaxPreps can be found on the GHSA web site.**

When a Class A school plays an out-of-state school, that GHSA school is responsible for gathering the enrollment numbers from the non-Georgia school, and then forwarding the information to MaxPreps.

In addition to power rankings, the GHSA official statewide stat leaderboard will be powered by MaxPreps. The only way to be certain your athletes are featured is to submit your complete box score information to MaxPreps. The GHSA will also have the ability to leverage MaxPreps data for media publication, additional website data, and strongly encourages all schools to avail themselves of the services of MaxPreps.

Many schedules for the 2012-13 seasons have been posted to MaxPreps – please login to check your schedule for accuracy and completeness. You can enter your roster yourself -- email it to rosters@maxpreps.com or fax it to 530-676-2814 to have it added to your team page. If you have any questions at all about MaxPreps or how to get started, please call MaxPreps at 800-329-7324 (Ext 1) – or email coachsupport@maxpreps.com. Their friendly and knowledgeable staff is there to help.