



2024 GHSA BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team Instructions

Please read these “General Instructions” very carefully. Each year problems arise because the coaches/team representatives did not follow the instructions or arrive with the required paperwork. Make sure all the required paperwork is completed prior to arrival at the team check-in point. If not, your team will not be allowed to enter until it is completed. These instructions are also on the GHSA web site.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- OFFICIAL TEAM TRAVEL FORM – Please fill out this form out completely and turn it in at the “Team Entry Gate” at the arena. You are allowed to list (20) names on this form.
- LINE-UP/ROSTER – Your official line-up/roster information must be turned in to the official scorer no later than (30) minutes prior to your scheduled game time.
- EXCESS TEAM ENTRY FORM – List names of ‘Team Essential Personnel’ (individuals who are part of your team operations) over the limit of the names on the TEAM TRAVEL FORM at the Team Entry Gate. NOTE: Late arrivals must show a valid photo ID and check in at the team gate.
- FLOOR PASSES – Each team will be allowed a total of (6) COURTSIDE PASSES. The passes are to be worn in clear view by the non-playing essential members of the team who will be allowed in the bench courtside area (coaches, managers, trainers, etc.). These passes may be picked up when the team arrives at the arena. **ONLY team members and individuals with official “courtside passes” will be allowed to sit on the team bench.** Additional team representatives listed on the “Excess Team Travel Form” will be allowed to sit behind the team bench area or in the bleachers.
- GAME ADMINISTRATOR/RESOURCE OFFICER – Each school is required to have an Administrator and Resource Office on site during the game. Please provide the name and cell # of those individuals 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.
- **TICKETING – Spectator ticket fee is \$15.00 and must be purchased through GOFAN.**
- UNACCOMPANIED MINORS/NON-PARTICIPANTS - Must purchase a ticket and enter through the spectator entrance and are not allowed in the team areas (bench, locker room, etc.)
- BRACKET – The team listed on the top of the respective bracket will be the “Home Team” and wear white jerseys. The teams listed on the bottom of the respective bracket will be the “Visiting Team” and wear dark jerseys regardless of the respective seeding.
- CHEERLEADERS – Read the attached instructions for cheer squad performance instructions. The roster is limited to (20) cheerleaders in uniform. Mascots and/or minors who do not attend the high school will not be permitted in the designated courtside area. Do NOT go onto the floor at game end.
- GPB TV & NFHS NETWORK -- All championship games will be streamed live on the NFHS Network. Streaming rights are exclusive to the GHSA and the NFHS Network.
- Halftime Intermission – The Halftime Intermission shall be 12-minutes.
- GAME BALLS – Game balls and practice balls will be provided by the GHSA. DO NOT bring your own warmup balls to the arena.

NOTE: Please remind your student body and spectators that artificial noisemakers, banners, and signs of ANY kind are NOT allowed in the arena. Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times in the arena, outside food or drink are not allowed, no drones, and all will be scanned prior to entrance into the arena and cannot be larger than 10” X 12”. Ticket takers have been instructed to confiscate these item(s) prior to entering the arena and they can be retrieved when leaving the arena.



2024 Finals Schedule

MACON CENTREPLEX – Site Contact: Jennifer McArdle (Jennifer_McArdle@spectraxp.com)

Wednesday, March 6

1:00 PM – A-D2 Girls
 3:00 PM – A-D2 Boys
 5:00 PM – 4A Girls
 7:00 PM – 4A Boys

Visitors (Dark Jerseys)

Greenforest Academy
 Greenforest Academy
 Hardaway
 Holy Innocent's

Home (White Jerseys)

Montgomery County
 Manchester
 Baldwin
 North Oconee

Thursday, March 7

1:00 PM – 2A Girls
 3:00 PM – 2A Boys
 Co-Ed 3-Point Championship following the 2A Boys Game
 5:30 PM – 5A Girls
 7:30 PM – 5A Boys

Visitors (Dark Jerseys)

Mt. Paran Christian
 Westside, Augusta
 Midtown
 Kell

Home (White Jerseys)

Josey
 Toombs County
 Jackson, Atlanta
 Eagle's Landing

Friday, March 8

1:00 PM – 3A Girls
 3:00 PM – 3A Boys
 Girls 3-Point Championship following the 3A Boys Game
 5:30 PM – 6A Girls
 7:30 PM – 6A Boys

Visitors (Dark Jerseys)

Wesleyan
 Johnson, Savannah
 Marist
 Riverwood

Home (White Jerseys)

Hebron Christian
 Sandy Creek
 North Forsyth
 Alexander

Saturday, March 9

11:00 AM – A-D1 Girls
 1:00 PM – A-D1 Boys
 3:00 PM – AAASP
 Boys Slam Jam Championship following the AAASP Game
 5:30 PM – 7A Girls
 7:30 PM – 7A Boys

Visitors (Dark Jerseys)

St. Francis
 Mt. Vernon
 Grayson
 Grayson

Home (White Jerseys)

Galloway
 Paideia
 North Paulding
 McEachern

GHSA Executive Director: Dr. Robin Hines (478) 338-6029

GHSA Coordinator of Basketball Championships: Ernie Yarbrough (770) 584-5044

GHSA Team Logistics Coordinator: Earl Etheridge (912) 667-5484

GHSA Basketball Officials Liaison: Andy Cowart (478) 457-7195

All games will be televised on GPB Knowledge and video streamed on GPB.org and NFHSNetwork.com (<http://nfhsnetwork.com>). Local radio broadcasting and media access must be cleared through GHSA Media Director Steve Figueroa at 770-633-3200 or stevefig@ghsa.net. Complete Media Registration Requirements may be found on the Basketball page of the GHSA web site (www.ghsa.net).

For lodging information contact Andrew Riner: ariner@visitmacon.org

PEP BAND INSTRUCTION FOR FINALS

These guidelines have been prepared to give band directors some ideas on how to make tournament experiences enjoyable and assist them with some of the expectations and challenges relating to basketball tournaments. Pep Bands are limited to 15 members and 1 adult conductor.

The band may play **before the contest begins**. Penny Mitchell will coordinate the schedule so that team members may be announced if desired by the host school. The visiting team's band can play a tune first, followed by the home team's band. The bands will take turns playing.

The band may play at halftime of the contest if no one is performing on the main floor. Again, taking turns with the opposing team's band.

Keep in mind:

The teams are competing. The bands are entertaining. Avoid playing the same song back-to-back with the other group. Consider playing the shorter version of the fight song.

Avoid "stepping on" the other band by initiating a tune while they are playing.

During the course of the game there will be limited opportunities to perform:

- 1) Between quarters: **Visiting team between 1st and 2nd, home team between 3rd and 4th quarters.**
- 2) 30 second timeouts - (referee touches shoulders)
- 3) 60 second (full) timeouts (referee extends arms out like a 'T' - stop playing at the first buzzer that calls the players back to the court.
- 4) Do not play during a live ball situation.
- 5). It is actually not legal to play "chasers" after a basket because play has not stopped.

After the game:

- 1) The winning team plays their fight song first.
- 2) Break down your equipment and make way for the next band as efficiently as possible.
- 3) If you are waiting for a band to leave the area, prep your students ahead of time so that they will patiently wait for the group to leave.

CHEER TEAM INSTRUCTION FOR FINALS

The GHSA would like to encourage the cheerleading and/or dance teams to be a part of the game atmosphere for these games. As such, the following is the script for each game:

1. Between the 1st & 2nd quarter of each game, the visiting team's cheerleading/dance squad will be allowed on the court to perform a short routine, and be off the court when the first horn is sounded to resume play.
2. Between the 3rd & 4th quarter of each game, the home team's cheerleading/dance squad will be allowed on the court to perform a short routine, and be off the court when the first horn is sounded to resume play.
3. During the halftime intermission, the visiting team's cheerleading/dance squad will be allowed on the court to perform a 3-4 minute routine, followed by the home team's cheerleading/dance squad who will be allowed on the court to perform a 3-4 minute routine. The court must be cleared no later than the 3-minute mark of the game clock.
4. If special music/narration is required it should be taken to the P.A. announcer prior to the start of the game.
5. These performances are NOT mandatory.
6. Cheer teams must remain off the court during the Championship awards presentations.

HALFTIME ENTERTAINMENT

To sign up, or for additional questions, please contact Penny Mitchell, GHSA Associate Director at 478-957-9775 or penny@ghsa.net.

GAME ADMINISTRATORS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Please list the individual(s), and their cell phone #'s, who will be at your school's GHSA State Tournament contest.

ADMINISTRATORS

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

CELL PHONE #: _____

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

CELL PHONE #: _____

RESOURCE OFFICERS

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

CELL PHONE #: _____

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

CELL PHONE #: _____

The head coach is responsible for turning in this form upon arrival at the venue.

SCHOOL: _____

OFFICIAL TEAM TRAVEL FORM

SCHOOL: _____ BOYS _____ GIRLS _____

Each team is allowed (20) names on the "Team Travel Form", consisting of players, managers, trainers, statisticians, etc. Coaches are admitted on their GHSA Coaches Pass. Teams wishing to admit more than the names on this form must list the names of additional "Team Essential Personnel" individuals on the "Excess Team Entry Form" at the team entry gate.

| NAME | FUNCTION (player, manager, etc.) |
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COACH: _____ DATE: _____

The head coach is responsible for turning in this form to the "Team Check-in Supervisor" upon arrival at the venue.



GHSA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION CEREMONY

1. Teams will shake hands after the game and gather at their respective bench areas.
2. Winning team's players and/or coaches are NOT to go to their student/spectator sections, and parents/spectators are NOT allowed on the court at any time.
3. PA will announce awards that will be presented by GHSA representatives at mid-court. First to runner-up team and then followed by the championship team.
4. Championship team photos will be conducted in the court area immediately following the trophy presentation.
5. Media interviews will take place in the concourse outside the locker rooms.

NOTE: The GHSA Basketball Championship Coordinator Ernie Yarbrough will coordinate this ceremony. Strict adherence to the instructions must be followed.

CHEER SQUAD TRAVEL FORM

SCHOOL: _____

Each team is allowed (20) names in uniform on this "Travel Form". Coaches are admitted on their GHSA Coaches Pass. Teams wishing to admit more than the (20) names on this form must list the names of "Team Essential Personnel" individuals on the "Excess Team Entry Form" at the team entry gate.

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COACH: _____ DATE: _____

The head coach is responsible for turning in this form to the "Team Check-in Supervisor" upon arrival at the venue. Non-high school and minor mascots are NOT permitted on the floor.

EXCESS SCHOOL ENTRY FORM

SCHOOL: _____

NOTE: Requires a photo ID and must serve a team essential function. Unaccompanied minors are not allowed to sign in on this form. They must go to the spectator ticket window and purchase a ticket.

| NAME | FUNCTION |
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COACH: _____ DATE: _____



GHSA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS
COACH'S PLUS 1 LIST

NOTE: Coaches coaching in a Championship Game must list their "Plus 1", have the "Plus 1" take a screen shot of their coaching pass, and check in at the GHSA Pass Gate upon arrival at the arena.

SCHOOL: _____ CLASSIFICATION: _____

1. Coach's Name: _____ Plus 1: _____

2. Coach's Name: _____ Plus 1: _____

3. Coach's Name: _____ Plus 1: _____

4. Coach's Name: _____ Plus 1: _____

5. Coach's Name: _____ Plus 1: _____

6. Coach's Name: _____ Plus 1: _____

Complete this form and email it to Ernie Yarbrough at ery@ghsa.net no later than
4:00 PM Tuesday, March 6.