



## 2016 GHSA BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENT Finals Team Instructions

Please read the "General Instructions" very carefully. Each year we have problems arise because the coaches/team representatives did not follow the instructions. Pay particular attention to the State Tournament bracket regarding the issue of which uniform your team should be wearing each game. The bracket, and not your seeding, determines home/visitors. These instructions are also on the GHSA web site.

Enclosed you have the following forms:

- 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 (20) 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 (20) names on the TEAM TRAVEL FORM at the Team Entry Gate. NOTE: Late arrivals must show a valid photo ID.
- FLOOR PASSES – Each team will be allowed a total of (6) FLOOR 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 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 "floor passes" will be allowed to sit on the team bench.**
- GAME ADMINISTRATOR/RESOURCE OFFICER – Each school is responsible 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.
- 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 bottom of the respective bracket will be the "Home Team" and wear white jerseys. The teams listed on the top 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 for cheerleaders is limited to (16) uniformed individuals. Mascots and/or minors who do not attend the school will not be permitted in the designated courtside area.
- LODGING – Teams advancing to the finals and planning on an overnight stay should contact the following hotels: Country Inn & Suites (478-803-8300) or Fairfield Inn & Suites (478-738-9007). Make sure to identify your group as part of the GHSA Basketball Championship Finals.
- 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, and shirts and shoes must be worn at all times in the arena. Ticket takers have been instructed to confiscate these item(s) prior to entering the arena. THE GHSA OFFICE WISHES YOU AND YOUR TEAM THE BEST OF FORTUNE THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT.



## 2016 Finals Schedule at the Macon Centreplex

### **Thursday, March 3**

3:00 PM – A-Public Girls  
 4:45 PM – A-Public Boys  
 7:00 PM – AAAA Girls  
 8:45 PM – AAAA Boys

### **Visitors**

Turner County  
 Wilkinson County  
 Veterans  
 Liberty County

### **Home**

Terrell County  
 Hancock Central  
 Americus-Sumter  
 Jonesboro

### **Friday, March 4**

12:00 PM – AAASP  
 3:00 PM – AA Girls  
 4:45 PM – AA Boys  
 7:00 PM – AAAAA Girls  
 8:45 PM – AAAAA Boys

Gwinnett County  
 Wesleyan  
 Manchester  
 Winder-Barrow  
 Allatoona

Houston County  
 Holy Innocents  
 Pace Academy  
 Southwest DeKalb  
 Miller Grove

### **Saturday, March 5**

11:00 AM – A-Private Girls  
 12:45 PM – A-Private Boys  
 3:00 PM – AAA Girls  
 4:45 PM – AAA Boys  
 7:00 PM – AAAAAA Girls  
 8:45 PM – AAAAAA Boys

St. Francis  
 Greenforest  
 Morgan County  
 Morgan County  
 Tucker  
 Westlake

Greenforest  
 St. Francis  
 Jackson, Atlanta  
 Jenkins  
 McEachern  
 Pebblebrook

Site Contact: David Higdon (478) 803-1608

GHSA Site Representative: Earl Etheridge (912) 351-3853

GHSA Team Representative: Ed Dyson (478) 733-2407

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

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All games televised on GPB-TV, online at [GPB.org/sports](http://GPB.org/sports), and [NFHSNetwork.com](http://NFHSNetwork.com).

# GAME ADMINISTRATORS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Please list the individual(s), and their cell phone #'s, who will be at your schools 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 (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.

NAME	FUNCTION (player, manager, etc.)
1 _____	_____
2 _____	_____
3 _____	_____
4 _____	_____
5 _____	_____
6 _____	_____
7 _____	_____
8 _____	_____
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19 _____	_____
20 _____	_____

COACH: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# CHEER SQUAD TRAVEL FORM

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

Each team is allowed (16) names in uniform on this "Travel Form". Coaches are admitted on their GHSA Coaches Pass. Teams wishing to admit more than the (16) names on this form must list the names of "Team Essential Personnel" individuals on the "Excess Team Entry Form" at the team entry gate.

	NAME	FUNCTION (player, manager, etc.)
1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
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COACH: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

The head coach is responsible for turning in this form prior 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

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

SCHOOL & FUNCTION

1	_____	_____
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## CHEERLEADER 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Per NFHS rules, stunting is not allowed during any of these performances.
5. If special music/narration is required it should be taken to the P.A. announcer prior to the start of the game.
6. These performances are NOT mandatory.

### HALFTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Schools participating in the basketball state championships are encouraged to bring a halftime entertainment act (3 – 4 minutes) to represent their school. Acts may include; dance teams, step teams, and other school-approved talent/acts. Please bring your own music and P/A script. The Atlanta Hawks and Atlanta Dream will also be providing entertainment during several halftimes. To sign up, or for additional questions, please contact Alan Sharp, GHSA Marketing Director at (770) 401-3129 or [market@ghsa.net](mailto:market@ghsa.net).

# GHSA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION CEREMONY

1. Following the end of each championship contest GPB will conduct a “live” awards ceremony on a platform at the end of the court, following a three-minute interval.
2. Championship and runner-up teams are to gather in their respective bench area following the traditional hand-shake.
3. Winning teams player and/or coaches are NOT to go to their student/spectator sections, and parents/spectators are NOT allowed on the court at any time.
4. The runner-up head coach and team will be presented with their trophy and medals at the respective bench area.
5. The championship team will be brought forward for the trophy presentation. They may then leave the court
6. Individual awards for both team will be handed out by State Farm representatives at the respective ends of the court following the championship team trophy presentation.
7. Media interviews and photos **MUST** be conducted in the open areas at the ends of the playing court following the trophy presentations.
8. Championship team photos will be conducted off the court at the end of the arena where their respective bench area is.

NOTE: The GPB broadcast crew will coordinate this ceremony. Strict adherence to their instruction must be followed.



