

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA
MARRIOTT / Macon City Center - MACON, GEORGIA
Magnolia Ballroom
April 9, 2018 - 9:00 a.m.

Call To OrderGlenn White, President
Pledge of AllegianceLisa Moore Williams, Vice President
InvocationCarror Wright, Associate Director
Roll CallSteve Figueroa, Media Director
Adoption of AgendaExecutive Committee

APPOINTMENTS: Monday - 9:00 am: Matthew Priester, Principal, Miller Grove High School
Appeal of penalties for violating Pitch Count policy in baseball
Monday - 9:15 am: Patrick Prioleau, Coach, Cedar Grove High School
Appeal of fine levied for fight during girls soccer match
Monday - 9:30 am: Danny Hayes, Superintendent, Berrien County School System
Appeal of restitution amount for breaking football contract

COMMITTEE PROPOSALS:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. **Proposal** to require an automatic video review by the head of the appropriate officials association to make sure that the ejection was warranted whenever any player is ejected from a football game. (Region 6-AAAA)
2. **Proposal:** In By-Law 2.66 on page 38, delete wording "Only one day and/or night preceding a school day per week may be used for a contest or activity with a starting time of 6:00 PM or later." And delete items a. & b. Renumber remaining items c. & d. as new "a" and "b" under the heading "Weekday Contests." (GHSA office)
3. **Proposal** to change wording in By-Law 4.57 on page 56 by eliminating the following: "Current year members of the GAOA (Georgia Athletic Officials Association) are entitled to free admission to all GHSA sanctioned events, only if they are currently registered with the GHSA Office." Replace with the wording below:
 1. The GHSA Office will offer GHSA Contest Officials ID Cards with the following conditions.
 - a. Must be registered with the GHSA Office in the current year and previous year. (Exception: Current year first-year GHSA registered officials.
 - b. The cards will be optional to registered contest officials.
 - c. These cards will be clearly distinguishable in design and marking.
 - d. Card Fee: \$15.00 in addition to regular season GHSA registration fee." (GHSA office)
4. **Proposal** to allow rising eighth graders (current seventh graders) to try out for sub-varsity cheerleading, softball or volleyball teams at a high school in the spring providing they attend a feeder school of that high school and meet all eligibility requirements. (Region 3-AAAAA)
5. **Proposal** that all Class A power-ranked sports (baseball, basketball, football and softball) allow games with out-of-state teams to count (as they currently do in football only) and for teams to receive "bonus" points for playing teams from higher classifications (as they currently do in football only). (Towns County HS)
6. **Proposal** to delay counting games towards power ratings for Class A teams in the sports of basketball and baseball until two weeks after the regular-season's first play date for that sport as listed by the GHSA Beginning and Ending dates OR until after the previous season's state championships are all completed. Note: games could be played prior to this, but would not count towards power ratings. (Athens Academy)
7. **Proposal** to split the sports of soccer, wrestling and volleyball into public and private state championship divisions in Class A beginning with the 2018-19 school year. The GHSA office would determine the Area or Region alignments in each sport necessary to accomplish this. (GHSA office)

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8. **Proposal** to return to bi-annual meetings of the full State Executive Committee (spring and fall) beginning with the 2018-19 school year. Note: This return to two meetings per year would negate the necessity of increasing the size of the Board of Trustees, which would remain with its current makeup. (GHSA office)
9. **Proposal** to reword By-Law 1.94 on page 23 to increase the amount of “Symbolic awards” (i.e. non-cash) paid by the local school from the current limit of \$250 per year, per student to \$400 per year, per student. Note: **Effective Immediately**. (GHSA office)

BASEBALL COMMITTEE

Proposal to require member school to use the “Game Changer” or “Pitch Kount” programs for documenting pitch counts at all levels of play. (GHSA office)

BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

1. Proposal to eliminate item A-1 under “STATE TOURNAMENT” on page 61 (including items a. b. and c.) Replace with new item A- 1 as follows (items 2-8 remain as is):
 1. In each of the first three rounds, there are two dates on which games may be scheduled. The host school shall determine the playing date for single games.
 - a. In the event that both the boys and girls team from the same competing schools meet in the first three rounds of the State Tournament, the home school may schedule a doubleheader on either date of the respective round.
 - b. In the event that both the boys and girls team from one school are designated as the home school, but the opponents are from two different schools, a doubleheader may be scheduled on either day of the respective round with the approval of all schools involved. (NOTE: In this case a revised three-school financial report shall be submitted.) (GHSA office)
2. **Proposal** to move the beginning of basketball practice one week earlier in October (to start practice Oct. 22 instead of Oct. 29 in 2018). (Region 3, Class 7A)
3. **Proposal** to give both schools of the same seed meeting in the quarterfinal round of the state playoffs until 3 p.m., the day after the second-round games are played to find and agree on a neutral site to play the game. The state office will conduct the universal coin flip roughly around 3:15 p.m., that Friday (day after the boys Elite 8) for those same-seeded teams unable to agree on and secure a neutral site. (Region 4, Class 5A)

CHEERLEADING COMMITTEE

Proposal: In order to be eligible to compete in Region/Sectionals/State, a cheerleading team must compete in three (3) sanctioned competitions during the competitive regular season. (GHSA office)

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

1. **Proposal** to use seven (7) officials on the field for all state playoff football games and to remove one member of the four-member chain crew to help offset the cost of the additional on-field official. (GHSA office)
2. **Proposal** to allow fall scrimmage games to involve three (3) different schools with each playing one half against the other two, as is already allowed in Spring games. (GHSA office)

GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE

Proposal to reword items G. and H. on page 77 under “Preliminary Meet” to read as follows: G. All **individual competitors** must qualify in the Preliminary Meet. H. Substitutions made after the Preliminary Meet for team competitors must be on the current roster submitted by the coach. (GHSA Office) Note: **Effective Immediately**

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SOCCER COMMITTEE

1. **Proposal** to replace the current overtime structure of two five-minute “halves” with one (1) extra period of 15 minutes in length. (Mill Creek HS)
2. **Proposal** to replace the current penalty kick order with an A-B-B-A format instead of the current method of having one team go first or last in each round of kicks depending on a coin toss. (Mill Creek HS)

SWIMMING COMMITTEE

1. **Proposal** to have the GHSA provide 1st and 2nd place medals for all individual finishers in the four championship divisions at the state meet. Note: Currently only team awards are approved in the two new divisions. (GHSA office)
2. **Proposal** to raise the qualification score for 11-dive meets from 270 points to 300 points. The state meet would then move to six dives. Note: All divers would be allowed to perform six dives with the top 10 scorers qualifying for the dive finals. (GHSA Office)

TENNIS COMMITTEE

Proposal to move the tennis season two weeks later (example using this year’s dates: begin practice on Jan. 22; first contest on Feb. 12, last play date on April 28 and state finals on May 19). (Region 4, Class 7A)

VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE

1. **Proposal** to reword item No. 1 under E. Miscellaneous Information on page 96 to read as follows: In accordance with National Federation rules, the use of artificial noisemakers shall be prohibited. (GHSA office)
2. **Proposal** to use MaxPreps power ratings to seed the entire bracket for the playoffs, rating the teams from 1 to 32 and placing them in the bracket accordingly. The top 16 rated teams would host first-round matches unless an Area champion were rated lower than their opponent, in which case the Area champion would host the first-round match. (Region 4, Class 7A)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Robin Hines will address the committee on several issues and introduce some guest speakers.

ADJOURNMENT

SCHEDULE OF SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS - Spring 2018

(Meetings Will Be Held at the Marriott Macon City Center Hotel)

SUNDAY, April 8

9:00 am	Board of Trustees (Private Dining Room)
11:30 am	Gymnastics Committee (Salon A)
12-1 pm	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 pm	Swimming Committee (Salon A) Basketball Committee (Salon B)
1:30 pm	Cheerleading Committee (Salon A) Baseball Committee (Salon B)

SUNDAY, April 8 (continued)

2:00 pm	Tennis Committee (Salon A) Volleyball Committee (Salon B)
2:30 pm	Soccer Committee (Salon A) Football Committee (Salon B)
3:00 pm	Special Presentations - Dragonfly & PlayVS esports (Magnolia Ballroom)
4:30 pm	Hospitality & Tribute to Gary Phillips (Magnolia Ballroom)