

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE April 9, 2018

The semiannual meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m., on April 9, 2018, at the Macon Marriott City Center in Macon, Georgia, by Glenn White, President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Lisa Moore Williams. The invocation was given by Carror Wright, Associate Director.

Roll call by Steve Figueroa, Media Director, showed the following: Present - 64 Absent - 2 (indicted by "A" below)

Greg Tillery	John Kelly	Wade Marchman	Joe Lancaster	Ruth Donahoo
Evan Horton	Steven Craft	Henry Laws	Jarrett Luke	Justin Brown
Jim Dorsey	Geep Cunningham	Darius Smiley	Mike Thompson	Steve Simpson
Bob Van Alstyne	Chris Brown	Mark Lentych	Rex Hodges	Donnie Drew
Nathan Turner	David Shields	Ben Corley	Marvin Fields	Michelle Masters
Gary Long	Shane Ratliff	Michael Dowis	David Boland	Regina Montgomery
Kirk Barton	Curt Miller	Harley Calhoun	Jasper Jewell	Pat Blenke
Jon Weyher	Bobby Brewington	J.T. Pollock	Todd Gilleland	David Colvard
Kevin Kinsler	Rendell Jackson	Ulysses Hawthorne	Tim Armstrong	Jason Miller
Earl Etheridge	Don Breedlove	Mark Daniel - A	John Pinson	Philip Brown
Garrett Black	Dexter Wood	James Jackson	Jesse Crews	Bobby McAllister
Kevin May	Jeff Battles	Brent Mashburn	Don Norton	Joe Sanfilippo
Nathan Hand - A	Jim Finch	Jeff Cooper	Glenn Tidwell	

Motion was made by Jesse Crews, seconded by Steve Simpson, and unanimously approved to adopt the agenda for the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

Miller Grove High School - Terrence Canty, Coach, presented the appeal of the school's penalties for violating the Pitch Count policy in baseball.

Motion by Earl Etheridge, second by Mike Thompson, to **Deny** the appeal.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

Note: A scheduled appeal by Berrien High School was resolved by the schools involved, and Cedar Grove High School did not show up for a scheduled appeal of penalties for a fight during a girls soccer match.

Kirk Miller and Brandon Wallace then gave the committee a presentation of the new **DragonFly** application, which is free to all GHSA schools and helps with managing pre-participation documentation for student/athletes as well as providing mobile injury care tools.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Committee reports constitute motions by the Chairman of the Committee, no seconds are required.)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Report presented by Jesse Crews

The committee **RECOMMENDED:**

1. **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."

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

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2. **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."

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

3. **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).~~ Note: Original proposal was amended by the committee to delete bonus points for playing higher classification teams.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

4. **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. Note: Original proposal was amended by the committee to delete the sport of wrestling.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

5. **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.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

6. **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.**

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

7. **Proposal** to reword By-Law 2.62-b on page 36 to delete the words "with no restrictions".

MOTION PASSED (63-1, Kirk Barton voting no)

8. **Proposal** to accept the 2018-19 GHSA budget as presented (see addendum No. 1).

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

The committee **DENIED**:

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. (**Vote: 10-0**)
2. **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. (**Vote: 10-0**)
3. **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. (**Vote: 10-0**)
4. **Proposal** to issue a "floating pass" to GHSA events to multi-school systems in the state. (**Vote: 9-1; Lisa Moore Williams voting to approve**)

BASEBALL COMMITTEE

Report presented by Curt Miller

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

Proposal to require member school to use the "Game Changer" or "Pitch Kount" programs for documenting pitch counts at all levels of play.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

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BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

Report presented by Nathan Turner

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

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.)

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

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).

MOTION PASSED (60-4, Boland, Hodges, Wood and Norton voting no)The committee **RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**:

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. (**Vote: 7-0**)

CHEERLEADING COMMITTEE

Report presented by Steven Craft

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

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.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**FOOTBALL COMMITTEE**

Report presented by Earl Etheridge

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

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.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

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.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

Note: The committee also discussed using instant replay in football playoff games, but no action was taken.

GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE

Report presented by Jim Dorsey

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

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. Note: **Effective Immediately**

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

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SOCCER COMMITTEE

Report presented by David Shields

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

1. **Proposal** to replace the current overtime structure of two five-minute "halves" with one (1) extra period of 15 minutes in length.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

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.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**SWIMMING COMMITTEE**

Report presented by Greg Tillery

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

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.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

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.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**TENNIS COMMITTEE**

Report presented by J.T. Pollock

The committee **DENIED**:

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). **(Vote: 5-0)**

VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE

Report presented by Steven Craft

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

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.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)The committee **RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**:

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. **(Vote: 7-0)**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Robin Hines thanked the committee for the opportunity to serve as Executive Director and also praised the GHSA office staff. He went over the 2018-19 budget in depth and the committee approved it unanimously. Dr. Hines then reviewed some recent legislative activity, including bills calling for the use of instant replay in football playoff games and a bill that would allow homeschoolers to participate at GHSA schools. Finally, Dr. Hines addressed the committee on the rise of unsporting acts at GHSA events and urged the members to emphasize good sportsmanship to their schools and regions.

Dr. Hines then called upon Associate Director Penny Pitts Mitchell, who addressed the committee on the addition of a Game-Day Cheerleading event next February, as well as a new Competitive Dance event next winter. She also spoke of the May 4th Student Leadership Conference in Macon and asked every school to send two student representatives.

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Dr. Hines then called on Associate Director Don Corr, who spoke to the committee about plans for the new girls state wrestling tournament next year as well as plans for the public/private split for Class A volleyball and soccer, which will go into effect in 2018-19.

Dr. Hines then called on Associate Director Tommy Whittle, who talked about the method of choosing football officials for the state playoffs and gave some new ideas about tweaking the current system.

Dr. Hines then concluded the report by asking the committee to think about whether two-year or four-year cycles were better for reclassification and he mentioned that going back to six classifications would help the problems many schools are now facing on travel, scheduling and finances. He also told the committee that he hoped to have a new Associate Director in place by sometime in June.

Motion by Miller, second by Breedlove, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

ADDENDUM No. 1

GHSA 2018-19 Budget			
	Budget	Budget	Proposed
Revenue	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Books & Publications	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$200.00
Invitational/Regional Tourneys	\$135,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$140,000.00
State Tourneys & Playoffs	\$2,600,000.00	\$3,100,000.00	\$3,111,000.00
Dues	\$108,600.00	\$108,600.00	\$109,530.00
Insurance Fees (Members)	\$200,600.00	\$200,600.00	\$202,470.00
Community Coach Registration	\$450,000.00	\$520,000.00	\$500,000.00
Trophies & Awards	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Fines	\$200,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$255,000.00
GHSA Pass Reipacement Fee	\$0.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00
Interest Income	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Rule Books	\$25,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00
Officiating Department	\$370,000.00	\$360,000.00	\$400,000.00
Corporate/Vendor Partnerships	\$980,000.00	\$915,000.00	\$915,000.00
Media Partnerships	Included	Included	Included
Licensing Partnerships	Included	Included	Included
Total Revenue	\$5,086,700.00	\$5,630,800.00	\$5,668,800.00
Expenses			
Payroll Taxes	\$138,000.00	\$158,000.00	\$75,000.00
Printing	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Professional Fees	\$82,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$75,000.00
Retirement Expense	\$105,000.00	\$119,000.00	\$105,000.00
Salaries & Wages	\$915,000.00	\$1,045,000.00	\$950,000.00
State Tourneys/Playoffs	\$1,650,000.00	\$2,100,000.00	\$2,275,000.00
State Meets (Non-Athletic)	\$35,000.00	\$37,000.00	\$38,000.00
Clinics & Exams	\$15,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$34,000.00
Evaluations	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$25,000.00
Insurance Expense	\$1,080,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,025,000.00
Occupancy Expense	\$45,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
Travel Expense/Meetings	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$150,000.00
Outside Services	\$160,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$196,400.00
Office Supplies/Equipment	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$16,000.00
Postal/Parcel Delivery	\$35,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$30,000.00
Telephone	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$14,000.00
Service Contracts	\$25,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00
Community Coach Program	\$135,200.00	\$165,000.00	\$170,000.00
Trophies & Medals	\$95,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Flowers & Honoraria	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Marketing Expenses	\$45,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00
Licensing (Payout to Schools)	\$80,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Disability Sports	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Officiating Department	\$100,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
NFHS Books/Publications	\$75,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
Sports Medicine	\$8,000.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,200.00
Total Expenses	\$5,086,700.00	\$5,630,800.00	\$5,668,800.00