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Hello December! Words from Dr. Tim Scott, GHSA Executive Director.

On behalf of the entire GHSA community, I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the schools and athletes who have earned the title of **Georgia State Champions** in the following fall semester activities:

- Volleyball
- Softball
- One Act Play
- Cross Country
- Competition Cheer
- Game Day Cheer
- Flag Football
- Football

Your grit, determination, and perseverance have been nothing short of inspiring. Watching each of you compete with such passion and commitment has been a true testament to the strength of character and sportsmanship within our schools. Whether on the field, court, or stage, you have showcased excellence, and your hard work has paid off ultimately.

We applaud your efforts and the support from your coaches, teachers, families, and communities. These accomplishments will be remembered as an example of what it means to be a champion, both on and off the field.

Once again, congratulations to each team and individual who worked tirelessly to achieve this incredible feat. We look forward to celebrating your success and seeing even more greatness from Georgia's student-athletes in the future.

With admiration and respect,

Tim Scott

Executive Director

Georgia High School Association



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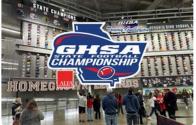
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GHSA/Tommy Guillebeau Football State Championships Presented by Alfa Insurance The 13th annual GHSA Tommy Guillebeau Football State Championships, presented by Alfa Insurance, will be December 16-18, Monday through Wednesday, at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. Tickets are \$20 + MBS Facility Fee available only on GoFan, which includes all games of that day.



All 12 finals are televised live on Georgia Public Broadcasting with streaming to any device at <u>GPB.org</u> and <u>NFHSNetwork.com</u>. Fans can listen to select radio broadcasts on 680 The Fan family of stations.

Congratulations to all the state championships teams. We look forward to welcoming players, coaches, cheerleaders, bands and fans to Mercedes-Benz Stadium for three exciting days of high school football action!

<u>When</u>

December 16-18, 2024

Where

Mercedes-Benz Stadium

1 AMB Drive, NW

Atlanta, Georgia 30313-1501

Directions

Purchase Parking

Mercedes-Benz Guide A-Z

Mercedes-Benz Contact Form

Parking Map

<u>Tickets</u>

All tickets available only on GoFan

<u>Schedule</u>

Monday, Dec. 16 Flag Div. 1, 12:00 PM Flag Div. 2, 2:00 PM Class A-Div. II, 4:00 PM Brooks County vs. Bowdon Class 4A, 7:00 PM North Oconee vs. Marist Tuesday, Dec. 17 Flag Div. 3, 11:00 AM Class A-Div. I, 1:00 PM Toombs County vs. Northeast, Macon Class 2A, 4:00 PM Carver, Columbus vs. Burke County Class 5A, 7:00 PM Milton vs. Langston Hughes Wednesday, Dec. 18 Flag Div. 4, 11:00 AM Class Private A-3A, 1:00 PM Hebron Christian vs. Prince Avenue Christian Class 3A, 4:00 PM Calhoun vs. Jefferson Class 6A, 7:00 PM Carrollton vs. Grayson Statistics State final statistics by West Georgia SID Services. ghsa.statbroadcast.com

Media, College Coaches, GHSA Passes & Credentials

(All Media reps **MUST** pre-register:). Media "will-call" window (beside Gate 1) will open one hour before the first game each day.

College Coaches, GHSA Pass Holders - Show ID at window beside Gate 1.

Radio

Live on 680 The Fan

TV

Live on Georgia Public Broadcasting & streamed on gpb.org

<u>Video</u>

All games live on <u>NFHS Network</u>. Order copies on <u>NFHS Network</u>.

Merchandise

State championship merchandise will be available on site by Team IP.

Event Fan Guide

Digital Fan Guide will be available for free download and also attached to GoFan tickets. Produced by Score Atlanta.

Photos

Order action photography at <u>GHSA Photo Gallery</u> <u>Sports Medicine</u> Sports medicine coverage coordinated by Northside Hospital. <u>Social Media</u> Follow & Tag your Instagram, Twitter, Facebook & TikTok post to @OfficialGHSA. <u>Brackets</u> <u>Championship Brackets</u>

GHSA Licensed Products

This month's featured licensees are: **Jostens**, official championship rings and jewlery (jostens.com), **CheerSounds**, official music provider of cheerleading with premade mixes, make your own mix, and fully custom music.(cheersounds.com) ; **Musco Sports Lighting**, leader in developing sports-lighting technology solutions (musco.com); **NFHS Network**, School Broadcast Program produces, distributes and monetize your school's own video streaming Web powered by PlayOn Sports. (nfhsnetwork.com/associations/ghsa); **For A Better World & Positive Athlete GA**, student character recognition partner (abw.org & georgia.positiveathlete.org); and **TeamIP**, official merchandiser and online store (teamip.com). **RefReps**, exclusive standardized officiating education partner (refreps.com) View a complete list of GHSA licensees at www.ghsa.net/licensing.

2024 Cross Country State Champion Boys and Girls

The 2024 GHSA Cross Country State Championships, presented by the Atlanta Track Club, were held November 8-9 at the Carrollton Course.

Congratulations to the state champions:

BOYS: Denmark First title), Milton (Since 2017), Cambridge (Since 2020), Oconee County (3-peat), East Jackson (First title), Bleckley County (Since 2016), Georgia Military (Since 2018) and Lovett (Since 2020). <u>View past champions here</u>.

GIRLS: Marietta (5-peat), Pope (since 2020), Marist (5-peat), North Hall (First title), Savannah Arts (Since 2022), Bleckley County (3-peat) Atlanta Classical (Back-to-Back) and Wesleyan (5-peat). <u>View past champions here</u>.

Order action photos at <u>GHSA Photo Gallery</u>. Event t-shirts can be purchased at <u>ghsa.teamip.com</u>. A special thanks to Carrollton schools staff, volunteers, medics, sponsors, Atlanta Track Club (presenting sponsor), TeamIP (merchandising), Perfect Timing Group / MileSplitGA (meet results), meet officials, GHSA staff, West Georgia Sports Information Services, and supportive XC fans, whose support contributed to the success of this championship event.

Complete results by MileSplitGA / Perfect Timing Group are available here.



Private Boys - Lovett



Private Girls - Wesleyan



Class A DII Boys- Georgia Military College Prep



Class A DII Girls - Atlanta Classical



Class A DI Girls - Bleckley County



Class A DI Girls - Bleckley County



2A Girls - Savannah Arts



2A Boys - East Jackson



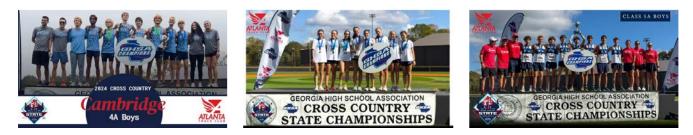
3A Girls - North Hall



3A Boys - Oconee County



4A Girls - Marist



4A Boys - Cambridge

5A Girls - Pope

5A Boys - Milton



6A Boys - Denmark

6A Girls - Marietta

2024 Cheerleading State Champions

The 2024 GHSA Competition Cheerleading State Championships presented by Rebel Athletic was held November 15-16 at the Macon Centreplex. Winning state titles were: South Forsyth (Coed, first title), North Forsyth (6A, back-to-back), McIntosh (5A, Most recent 2022), Cartersville (4A, Last won 2018), Cherokee Bluff (3A, First title), Pierce County (2A, Last won 2019), Bremen (1AD1, Last won 2006), Lake Oconee Academy (1AD2, First title), and Mt.Paran Christian (Private, Thirteenth consecutive title). <u>View past state champions</u>.

GPB TV broadcasted a "Cheerleading Special" on Thanksgiving Day and on Sunday, December 1. Digital downloads are available to order at NFHS Network. Order <u>Unforgettable Moments</u> official cheerleading state photos. Select pics will also be available on the <u>GHSA Photo Gallery</u>. Event tshirts can be purchased at <u>ghsa.teamip.com</u>.

Much appreciation goes to Penny Mitchell and the GHSA staff, Simone Smith (cheer officials liaison), Macon Centreplex, judges, sponsors, GoFan, TeamIP, Georgia Public Broadcasting, NFHS Network, Unforgettable Moments Photography, JH Audio Productions, cheerleaders, coaches, and supportive fans.

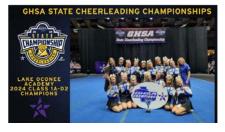
2024 State Score Sheets



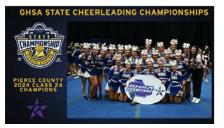
PRIVATE - Mt. Paran Christian



Class AD1 - Bremen



Class AD2 - Lake Oconee Academy



2A - Pierce County



3A - Cherokee Bluff



4A - Cartersville



5A - McIntosh

6A - North Forsyth

COED - Walton

2024 One Act State Champions

The 2024 One Act Play State Championships were held November 16 and 23 at seven different sites around the state. Troupes winning state championships on Nov. 16 were: Houston County (5A, Back-to-Back), North Hall (3A, First state title), Ringgold (2A, Last won 2022) and Stillwell Arts (1AD2, First time state win), while the Nov. 23 winners were: Forsyth Central (6A, First win since 2005), Warner Robins (4A, Last title 2021) and Vidalia (1AD2, First state championship). <u>View past state champions</u>.

Much appreciation to all host schools, actors, actresses, production crews, judges and audience for supporting these successful performances. <u>View all past champions</u>.

Results from Nov. 16 5A

- 1. Houston County "Alice by Heart"
- 2. Milton "Alice by Heart"
- 3. Sequoyah "LIttle Shop of Horrors"
- 4. Greenbrier "Once Upon a Mattress"

Best Actress: Catherine Nix - Houston County Best Actor: Elijah Grant - Tri-Cities **3A** 1. North Hall - "A Year with Frog and Toad" 2. Calhoun - "Alice by Heart" 3. Cairo - "Ranked" 4. Baldwin - "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" Best Actress: Sehlah Gaylean - Calhoun Best Actor: Tate Padgett – North Hall **2A** 1. Ringgold - "Hadestown" 2. Davidson Fine Arts - "Pippin"

- 3. Morgan County "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"
- 4. Franklin County "Matilda"

Best Actress: Jett Martin - Davidson Fine Arts

Best Actor: Luke Garverick - Ringgold

A Division 2

- 1. Stilwell Arts "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"
- 2. Metter "Alice"
- 3. Furlow Charter "Laundry and Bourbon"
- 4. Brooks County "Shut and Bar the Door"

Best Actress: Kennedy Wilson - Furlow Charter

Best Actor: Aidan Egorugwu - Stilwell Arts



AD2 - Stillwell School of the Arts



AD1 - Vidalia



2A - Ringgold

3A - North Hall

4A - Warner Robins



5A - Houston County

6A - Forsyth Central

Results from Nov. 23

6A

- 1. Forsyth Central "Red"
- 2. Grovetown "Alabama Story"
- 3. Central Gwinnett "The Penelopiad"
- 4. Carrollton "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane Competition Version"
- Best Actress: Camryn Cade Hillgrove

Best Actor: Gavin Haslett - Forsyth Central

4A

- 1. Warner Robins "Beetlejuice, Jr."
- 2. Allatoona "And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson"
- 3. Cambridge "The Spitfire Grill"
- 4. Flowery Branch "The Spitfire Grill"

Best Actress: Mia DeMartino - Allatoona

Best Actor: Tarikk Taylor - Warner Robins

A Division 1

- 1. Vidalia "Bad Axe"
- 2. Bremen "Something Rotten"
- 3. Providence Chrstian "The Drowsy Chaperone"
- 4. Bleckley County "Into the Woods, Jr."
- Best Actress: Sage Powell Vidalia
- Best Actor: Michael Paul Agey Bremen

Game Day Cheerleading State Champions

Congratulations to the 2024-25 Game Day State Championship winners: Haralson County (1A), Columbus (2A), Mary Persons (3A), Cedartown (4A), McIntosh (5A) and North Gwinnett (6A). The 7th season competition, in partnership with Varsity Brands, Inc., was held December 4-5 at the Columbus State Center.

Teams competed in areas they use to lead a crowd at a game on "Game Day" at a football or basketball game. There are three segments on which they will be judged: cheer, band chant, and fight song. The teams scoring the highest in these three segments were the finalists and then combined all of these areas in an additional three-minute routine.

Appreciation goes to Columbus Civic Center, Varsity Spirit, Unforgettable Moment Photography, NFHS Network, GoFan, GHSA staff, volunteers, sponsors, cheerleaders, coaches and fans for a successful event.

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CLASS 2A CHAMPIONS



Class A - Haralson County



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3A - Mary Persons



4A - Cedertown





Class 6A - North Gwinnett

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Peach County SUPER FAN honored for attending 600th football game!

Peach County Trojans superfan reaches massive milestone with his alma mater



GHSA - December 2024 Calendar

Hardship/Appeal Meeting

(9, 12) Quarterfinal & Semifinal Rounds Flag Football Playoffs (13) GHSA Office closes at noon until Jan. 6 for Christmas Holidays

(14) Esports Fall State Championship

(16-18) State Championship Football & Flag Football Games



The GHSA Staff Wishes You and Yours The Best of the Season!





Marvin James, GHSA Media Director

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