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WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WELCOME GHSA SWIMMING & DIVING FANS



Welcome to the 2024 GHSA Swimming and Diving Championships held at the Westminster School and the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center! We are excited to see all of the spectators out to support our athletes, and the entire event will be streamed live on the NFHS Network as well. This facility is the premier facility in the country and Georgia has produced some of the best swimmers and divers in the country and this year is no different.

This year's event is sure to be an exciting one! Special thanks to GHSA Swimming and Diving liaison Andy Cowart for coordinating the event as well as Franke Marsden and Matt Murphy for running the meet. I want to thank the many volunteers who make this event possible and run smoothly. We extend our special appreciation to Georgia Tech and the Westminster School for being our hosts. Finally, we thank our sponsors and hope you will support them and our corporate sponsors whenever possible.

Thank you for supporting GHSA Swimming and Diving and please join me in offering best wishes for all of our competitors.

Dr. Robin Hines
Executive Director

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ORDER OF EVENTS
(BOYS EVENTS PRECEDE GIRLS EVENTS)

- 200-Yard Medley Relay**
- 200-Yard Freestyle**
- 200-Yard Individual Medley**
- 50-Yard Freestyle**
- 1-Meter Diving**
- 100-Yard Butterfly**
- 100-Yard Freestyle**
- 500-Yard Freestyle**
- 200-Yard Freestyle Relay**
- 100-Yard Backstroke**
- 100-Yard Breaststroke**
- 400-Yard Freestyle Relay**



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2024 SWIMMING & DIVING
CHAMPIONSHIPS MEET SCHEDULE

DIVING

All diving events will be conducted at Westminster on February 6, 2024

SWIMMING

All swimming events will be conducted at Georgia Tech

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 - 1-3A and 4-5A Swimming

7:30-9:20 a.m. - 1-5A Swimming Warm-Ups

9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - 1-5A Swimming Prelims

4:30-6 p.m. - 1-3A and 4-5A Swimming Warm-Ups

6-9:30 p.m. - 1-3A and 4-5A Swimming Finals

Prelims for all 1-5A schools will be held in two 10-lane courses.

Boys will swim in the west pool,
girls will swim in the east pool.

Finals will be held in two 10-lane courses simultaneously.

4-5A will swim in the east pool,
1-3A will swim in the west pool.

Friday, February 9, 2024 - 6A Swimming

7:30-9:20 a.m. - 6A Swimming Warm-Ups

9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - 6A Swimming Prelims

4:30-6 p.m. - 6A Swimming Warm-Ups

6-9:30 p.m. - 6A Swimming Finals

Prelims will be held in two 10-lane courses.

Boys will swim in the west pool,
girls will swim in the east pool.

Finals will be in one 10-lane course in the east pool.

Saturday, February 10, 2024 - 7A Swimming

8:30-10 a.m. - 7A Swimming Warm-Ups

10 a.m.-1 p.m. - 7A Swimming Prelims

4:30-6 p.m. - 7A Swimming Warm-Ups

6-9:30 p.m. - 7A Swimming Finals

Prelims will be held in two 10-lane courses.

Boys will swim in the west pool,
girls will swim in the east pool.

Finals will be swum in one 10-lane course in the east pool.

CHAMPIONSHIP HOPEFULS HIT THE POOLS

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State records have fallen in four-consecutive years at the GHSA Swimming and Diving State Championships and entering the event this season is an extremely experienced field trying to make even more history in – and above – the pools.

“These swimmers have worked very hard all year long,” said Andy Cowart, the GHSA Swimming Coordinator. “The events should be tightly competitive with a number of schools put in position to have the opportunity to win a state championship. We look forward to the competition at the events.”

In last year’s record-breaking finals, two state records – the girls 1-meter Dive and the boys 100-yard fly – were broken during the meet. Buford’s Brenden Irwin broke the boys 100-yard fly record, posting a time of 46.96 seconds. In the girls 1-meter diving event, Ivy Buckley from North Oconee scored a 678.65, beating the previous record by 14 points.

WHEN AND WHERE?

The championships will be held at Westminster and Georgia Tech’s Aquatic Center beginning Tuesday, Feb. 6. All diving events will take place on Feb. 6 at Westminster while the swimming events will begin on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at Georgia Tech. The swimming events begin with Classes A-5A beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 6A on Friday, Feb. 9 and will conclude with 7A on Saturday, Feb. 10.

HIGH-CLASSED, HIGH-FLYING TALENT

The Bulldogs from North Gwinnett are currently in first place in the standings and have a 30-point lead in front of the next best school. The Bulldogs are led in points by junior Chase Gravitt and freshman Camden Cook, who each have over 560 points this season.

The Westminster swimming program has remained

a stalwart through their transition into a new region. Their dominance has included 56 boys and girls State Championships including the title the girls took home last season.

Last season, Westminster’s first year since moving from Class 3A to Class 4A, the Wildcats girls team won their sixth straight state championship while the boys were unable to win for the first time in five seasons.

Before the state championships last season, the boys swim clubs from Marist had won three straight state championships while Westminster had won the past five while they were in Class 3A. With Marist now in Class 6A, Chattahoochee’s boys finished atop Westminster, snapping both streaks last season while winning its first swimming state title in program history. It was the first time the Marist or Westminster boys had not won a state championship since 2017.

IT’S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING

In Class 7A, the Walton Raiders boys team was able to take home their third state championship last season. It was the Raiders first championship since 2015 where they were able to win two in a row in 2014 and 2015. The Raiders are returning juniors Liam Long, John Panessa as well as sophomore Jacob Linartas who each contributed to Walton’s state championship last season.

Since winning back-to-back state championships in 2020 and 2021, the North Gwinnett boys team has come close to becoming champions once again. Last season the Bulldogs came up just short, losing by eight points to Walton.

AT THE TIPPY TOP

While the boys are looking to get back on top, the North Gwinnett girls team became champions last season. The

team is returning key swimmers such as Ashley Morgan, Jayla Thompson and Emma Reiser who all helped the Bulldogs win the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:44.99, as well as the state championship. Reiser finished third in the 200-yard freestyle as well.

In the first season since Westminster switched over to Class 4A, the Wesleyan Wolves boys and girls team were able to take the top spot in the region and win the Class 3A state championship. This was the first state championship for Wesleyan since the boys team won back-to-back titles in 2011 and 2012. The Wolves are returning their entire 200-yard freestyle relay team, including sophomore Max Perry, juniors Henry Wasmuth and Paul Weidle and senior Ray Homan.

The Johns Creek boys have continued to dominate with three straight Class 6A state championships, and four championships in the last six seasons. The Gladiators are returning seniors Daniel Bao, Matthew Cerniglia and sophomore Alexander Lou a who all competed with Johns Creek last season, looking for their fourth straight state championship.

WELCOME BACK, THE FOUR-TIME BACK-TO-BACK-TO-BACK-TO-BACK CHAMP

Since the move from Class 7A to Class 6A in 2021, the Lassiter girls swim club has dominated the competition. Over the last four seasons, the Trojans have won four consecutive state championships and have won it all in every season that they have been in Class 6A.

The Lassiter girls are returning four key swimmers from last season’s team including, Rose Jones, Kate Bradley, Finnly Jollands, and Maggie O’Shaughnessy. O’Shaughnessy finished second in the 100 yard Breaststroke, posting a time of 1:03.97. The Trojans are looking to win five-straight state championships this season.



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Year	Boys	Girls
1975	Westminster	Dunwoody
1976	Dunwoody	Dunwoody
1977	Dunwoody	Lakeside
1978	Dunwoody	Lakeside
1979	Westminster	Peachtree
1980	Westminster	Peachtree
1981	Cedar Shoals	Lakeside
1982	Cedar Shoals	Westminster
1983	Walton	Dunwoody
1984	Dunwoody	Westminster
1985	Westminster	Dunwoody
1986	Westminster	Dunwoody
1987	Woodward Academy	Dunwoody
1988	Westminster	Walton
1989	Westminster	Marist
1990	Westminster	Westminster
1991	Westminster	Westminster
1992	Shiloh	Americus
1993	Dalton	Chattahoochee
1994	Shiloh	Westminster
1995	Parkview	Chattahoochee
1996	Chattahoochee	Chattahoochee
1997	Westminster	Parkview
1998	Parkview	Parkview
1999	Pope	Westminster

Year	Boys 4A	3A-A	Girls 4A	3A-A
2000	Parkview	Marist	Chattahoochee	Marist

Year	Boys 5A	4A-A	Girls 5A	4A-A
2001	Parkview	Marist	Brookwood	Westminster
2002	Parkview	Marist	Brookwood	Westminster
2003	Parkview	Westminster	Brookwood	Westminster
2004	Collins Hill	Westminster	Brookwood	Westminster
2005	Collins Hill	Westminster	Lassiter	Westminster
2006	Parkview	Westminster	Centennial	Westminster
2007	Parkview	Westminster	Northview	Marist
2008	Brookwood	Westminster	Lassiter	Marist
2009	Brookwood	Marist	Lassiter	Marist
2010	Brookwood	Greater Atl. Christian	Lassiter	Marist
2011	Peachtree Ridge	Wesleyan	Lassiter	Marist
2012	Parkview	Wesleyan	Brookwood	Westminster

Year	Boys 6A	5A-A	Girls 6A	5A-A
2013	Parkview	Dalton	Lambert	Westminster
2014	Walton	St. Pius	Lambert	Woodward
2015	Walton	Westminster	Lambert	Marist
2016	Brookwood	Westminster	Lambert	Marist

Year	Boys 7A-6A	5A-A	Girls 7A-6A	5A-A
2017	Brookwood	St. Pius	Walton	Marist

Year	Boys 7A	6A	5A-4A	3A-A	Girls 7A	6A	5A-4A	3A-A
2018	Brookwood	Dalton	St. Pius	Westminster	Brookwood	Pope	Blessed Trinity	Westminster
2019	Brookwood	Johns Creek	St. Pius	Westminster	Brookwood	Centennial	Chamblee	Westminster
2020	North Gwinnett	Dalton	Marist	Westminster	Lassiter	Cambridge	Blessed Trinity	Westminster
2021	North Gwinnett	Johns Creek	Marist	Westminster	Lambert	Lassiter	Marist	Westminster
2022	Parkview	Johns Creek	Marist	Westminster	Walton	Lassiter	St. Pius	Westminster
2023	Walton	Johns Creek	Chattahoochee	Wesleyan	North Gwinnett	Lassiter	Westminster	Wesleyan

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SWIM RECORDS

BOYS - EVENT	NAME/YEAR	SCHOOL/RECORD
200 Yard Medley Relay	Aidan Saunders, Justin Bender, Sebastien Sergile, Caleb Paek 2022	Centennial 1:31.71
200 Yard Freestyle	Sebastien Sergile 2022	Centennial 1:34.05
200 Yard Individual Medley	Henry Bethel 2021	Dalton 1:45.54
50 Yard Freestyle	Paul Powers 2014	North Hall 19.63
100 Yard Butterfly	Benjamin Irwin 2023	Buford *46.94
100 Yard Freestyle	Paul Powers 2014	North Hall 43.19
500 Yard Freestyle	Jake Magahey 2019	Mill Creek 4:15.63
100 Yard Backstroke	Michael Taylor 2017	Johns Creek 45.53
100 Yard Breaststroke	Henry Bethel 2021	Dalton 52.96
200 Yard Freestyle Relay	Brett Sasser, Griffin Egolf, Owen Holland, Jack Aikins 2021	West Forsyth 1:22.56
400 Yard Freestyle Relay	Brett Sasser, Griffin Egolf, Owen Holland, Jack Aikins 2021	West Forsyth 3:03.13
One Meter Diving	Carson Tyler 2021	Colquitt County 878.95
GIRLS - EVENT	NAME/YEAR	SCHOOL/RECORD
200 Yard Medley Relay	Sadie Clayton, Katie Christopherson, Gigi Johnson, Annie Jardina 2021	Westminster 1:40.65
200 Yard Freestyle	Nicole Stafford 2013	Westminster 1:45.29
200 Yard Individual Medley	Katie Christopherson 2022	Westminster 1:56.72
50 Yard Freestyle	Caitlin Cooper 2014	Woodward 22.69
100 Yard Butterfly	Kathleen Hersey 2008	Marist 52.44
100 Yard Freestyle	Amanda Weir 2004	Brookwood 49.06
500 Yard Freestyle	Elizabeth Hill 2004	Westminster 4:40.93
100 Yard Backstroke	Catie Choate 2022	Norcross 53.35
100 Yard Breaststroke	Alicia Henry 2020	Alpharetta 1:00.56
200 Yard Freestyle Relay	Gigi Johnson, Janine Horst, Katie Christopherson, Annie Jardina 2022	Westminster 1:32.56
400 Yard Freestyle Relay	Gigi Johnson, Sara Ketron, Annie Jardina, Katie Christopherson 2022	Westminster 3:24.20
One Meter Diving	Ivy Buckley 2023	North Oconee *678.65

* New State Record