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WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WELCOME GHSA TEAM DUALS
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Welcome to the 2024 GHSA Team Duals Wrestling State Championships! The best teams from all classifications throughout our state will compete in what is sure to be an exciting highlight of the wrestling season. Thank you for your support of this tournament and for your support of high school wrestling throughout this season.

The GHSA is fortunate to have many partners and volunteers that make quality events such as this possible. These championships are hosted by the Atlanta Take-down Association whose members give their time to plan and operate the tournament. Special thanks go out to Bud Hennebaul, Tournament Director, and Don Corr who is the GHSA's Associate Director for wrestling. We are excited to be at each of our seven high schools, along with the University of West Georgia, and appreciate the work of their outstanding staff that stands ready to help you in any way to make your experience the best it can be.

This event is made possible through our corporate sponsors whose ads you will see throughout this program. I encourage you to support them whenever possible. The Georgia High School Association believes that life lessons are learned through participation in athletics and hard work and discipline are especially true in wrestling. Our athletes have worked tirelessly and sacrificed much to reach this point. Thanks again for your support of these fine athletes and get ready for an exciting tournament.

Executive Director

James R. Hines, Jr.

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2024 GHSA DUALS TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE
JANUARY 19-20 & 26-27, 2024

BUFORD-JEFFERSON-JEFF DAVIS-HEARD COUNTY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

	BOYS (ALL CLASSES)	BOUTS	MATS
WEIGH-IN	12:00 PM		
COACHES MEETING	1:45 PM		
ROUND OF 16	2:00 PM	8	4 MATS
QUARTERFINALS		4	4 MATS
ROUND 1 WB		4	4 MATS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

	BOYS (ALL CLASSES)	BOUTS	MATS
WEIGH-IN	7:00 AM		
ROUND 2 WB	9:00 AM	4	4 MATS
SEMI FINALS & ROUND 3 WB		2	2 MATS
CONSO SEMIS		2	2 MATS
CONSO FINALS & FINALS		2	2 MATS

NORTH FORSYTH-CHESTATEE-LUMPKIN COUNTY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

	BOYS (ALL CLASSES)	BOUTS	MATS
WEIGH-IN	3:00 PM		
COACHES MEETING	4:30 PM		
ROUND OF 16	5:00 PM	8	4 MATS
QUARTERFINALS		4	4 MATS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

	BOYS (ALL CLASSES)	BOUTS	MATS
WEIGH-IN	7:00 AM		
ROUND 1 WB	9:00 AM	4	4 MATS
ROUND 2 WB		4	4 MATS
SEMI FINALS & ROUND 3 WB		2	2 MATS
CONSO SEMIS		2	2 MATS
CONSO FINALS & FINALS		2	2 MATS

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

	GIRLS (ALL CLASSES)	BOUTS	MATS
WEIGH-IN	12:00 PM		
COACHES MEETING	1:45 PM		
ROUND OF 16	2:00 PM	8	4 MATS
QUARTERFINALS		4	4 MATS
ROUND 1 WB		4	4 MATS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

	GIRLS (ALL CLASSES)	BOUTS	MATS
WEIGH-IN	7:00 AM		
ROUND 2 WB	9:00 AM	4	4 MATS
SEMI FINALS & ROUND 3 WB		2	2 MATS
CONSO SEMIS		2	2 MATS
CONSO FINALS & FINALS		2	2 MATS

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CHAMPIONSHIP HOPEFULS HIT THE MATS

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It's been six years since Stateboro's Kasey Baynon became the first girl to place in the GHSA traditional wrestling state championship in 2018 and that milestone helped pave the way for another with the introduction of last year's girls bracket to the GHSA Team Duals State Championships.

"I looked up to one of the girls that trained me in my first year wrestling. She was really the reason I got here and I got good. I trained with Emily Pinson for an entire season and it really helped during freestyle and it carried over into this and I looked up to her," Baynon said six years ago, before uttering a statement which would become prophetic.

"I imagine girls look up to me too," she said. "And if they keep pushing, they'll have a girls division next year."

In the inaugural girls team duals bracket last year, Carrollton won the championship, finishing ahead of Jordan, Greenbrier and Gilmer. This year, the double-elimination bracket is expanded from eight to 16 teams, matching the size of each of the boys brackets.

This year, the girls Team Duals championship will take place January 26-27 at the University of West Georgia, one week after the boys championships on January 19-20 at one of seven locations - Buford (7A), North Forsyth (6A), Jefferson (5A), Chestatee (4A), Lumpkin County (3A), Jeff Davis (2A) and Heard County (1A).

Carrollton enters the girls tournament as the defending champions alongside a talented field trying for program firsts. The Trojans will take on Meadowcreek to open the double-elimination bracket. Jordan, last year's runner-up, will face Shiloh in the opening round. Last year's third-place finisher, Greenbrier, also returns and will meet Putnam County in the opening round. Gilmer placed fourth in the inaugural tournament last season and will open with a match against Northside-Warner Robins.



On the boy's side, Camden County has won 19 overall wrestling state championships when counting traditional and team duals titles. On both sides of the high school wrestling world, the Wildcats have won a state championship every season since 2015 with another team duals title in 2012, the program's first.

Entering championships, Camden is riding a streak of nine-consecutive team duals titles which began with back-to-back Class 5A championships in 2015-16 when that classification was the state's second-highest class. The Wildcats reclassified to Class 7A in 2017 and won the next seven championships to continue the historic streak of greatness.

In the Class 6A bracket, South Effingham captured the program's first wrestling championship last season and enters the tournament looking to defend against a field with championship prowess. Pope (4 titles), Alexander (1 title) and Woodward (2 titles) have won previous titles while Rockdale County, Newnan, Dunwoody, Allatoona, Thomas County Central, North Forsyth, Creekview, Johns Creek, Jackson County, Tift County, Marist and Glynn Academy are trying for program firsts.

IT'S HARD DRAGON ALL THESE TITLES AROUND

Jefferson's undisputed reign on the team duals championships ran from its victory in the inaugural event in 2002 to 2020 when it didn't win the title for the first time. The Dragons won again in 2021 in Class 4A and captured the 5A championship last season. All told, the Dragons have 44 traditional and team duals wrestling titles. Challenging the sitting champions are former champions Cass (2 titles) and Woodland-Cartersville (5 titles). Chattahoochee, Jones County, Tucker, Coffee, Chapel Hill, Harris County, Ola, Eastside, Arabia Mountain, Cambridge, Villa Rica, Greenbrier and McIntosh are each



searching for the program's first team duals championship. Central-Carroll won the program's first state championship in Class 4A last season and enters a bracket filled with talent as it looks to defend against former champions Whitewater (1 title), Lovett (3 titles), West Laurens (3 titles), Holy Innocents' (1 title) and North Hall (2 titles). Trying for first-time team duals titles are Southwest DeKalb, Chestatee, Bainbridge, Benedictine, Northwest Whitfield, Luella, Wayne County, Troup County, Perry and Cairo.

Defending champion Columbus won the program's second team duals title and first since 2006 and will face a stout Class 3A bracket including former champions Gilmer (9 titles), LaFayette (3 titles) and Bremen (4 titles). Hart County, Harlem, Calvary Day, Upson-Lee, Franklin County, Adairsville, Long County, Coahulla Creek, Morgan County, Pike County, Dougherty and Lumpkin County are each trying for first team duals titles.

In Class 2A, Rockmart won the program's second-overall team duals title after winning the Class 3A championship in 2022. Challenging the two-time, back-to-back champions is former champion Banks County (1 title). Towers, Southwest, Putnam, Vidalia, Cook, Fellowship Christian, Toombs County, North Murray, Glenn Hills, Jordan, Landmark Christian, North Cobb Christian, Berrien and Union County enter the bracket, each trying for the program's first championship.

Mount Pisgah won the program's first team duals title in 2021 and captured the second last season. The team will try to defend against former champions Oglethorpe County (1 title), Dublin (1 title), Trion (2 titles), Commerce (6 titles) and Social Circle (5 titles). Trying for program-firsts are Charlton, McIntosh County Academy, Temple, Lamar County, St. Francis, Bryan County, Heard County, Dade County, Irwin County and East Laurens.



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YEAR	AAAAAA		AAAAA	AAAA	AAA	AA	A	
2002			McEachern	Ringgold	Lovett	Northgate	Jefferson	
2003			McEachern	Woodland	Lovett	Dawson Co	Jefferson	
2004			Parkview	LaFayette	Dublin	Dawson Co.	Jefferson	
2005			Collins Hill	Ringgold	Gilmer	West Laurens	Jefferson	
2006			Parkview	Henry County	Columbus	West Laurens	Jefferson	
2007			McEachern	Stockbridge	Gilmer	Wesleyan	Jefferson	
2008			Collins Hill	Ringgold	Cass/Henry Co. (Co-Champions)	LaFayette	Jefferson	
2009			Collins Hill	Whitewater	LaFayette	Jefferson	Bremen	
2010			Collins Hill	Loganville	Gilmer	Jefferson	Bremen	
2011			Collins Hill	Woodland, Cartersville	Gilmer	Jefferson	Bremen	
2012			Camden Co.	Pope	Gilmer	Jefferson	Holy Innocents'/ Gordon Lee (Co-Champions)	
2013	Archer		Pope	Gilmer	Banks County	Jefferson	Gordon Lee	
2014	Archer		Pope	Gilmer	Buford	Jefferson	Commerce	
2015	Archer		Camden County	Gilmer	Jefferson	Social Circle	Commerce	
2016	Archer		Camden County	Gilmer	Jefferson	Social Circle	Commerce	
YEAR	AAAAAAA	AAAAAA	AAAAA	AAAA	AAA	AA	A	
2017	Camden County	Alexander	Buford	Jefferson	Bremen	Social Circle	Commerce	
2018	Camden County	Richmond Hill	Buford	Jefferson	North Hall	Social Circle	Commerce	
2019	Camden County	Valdosta	Woodland-Bartow	Woodward	Jefferson	Social Circle	Commerce	
2020	Camden County	Pope	Woodland-Bartow	Woodward	North Hall	Chattooga	Trion	
2021	Camden County	Buford	Woodland-Bartow	Jefferson	(Vacated)	Oglethorpe County	Mt. Pisgah	
2022	Camden County	Buford	Cass	West Laurens	Rockmart	Lovett	Trion	
YEAR	AAAAAAA	AAAAAA	AAAAA	AAAA	AAA	AA	A	GIRLS
2023	Camden County	South Effingham	Jefferson	Central-Carroll	Columbus	Rockmart	Mt. Pisgah	Carrollton



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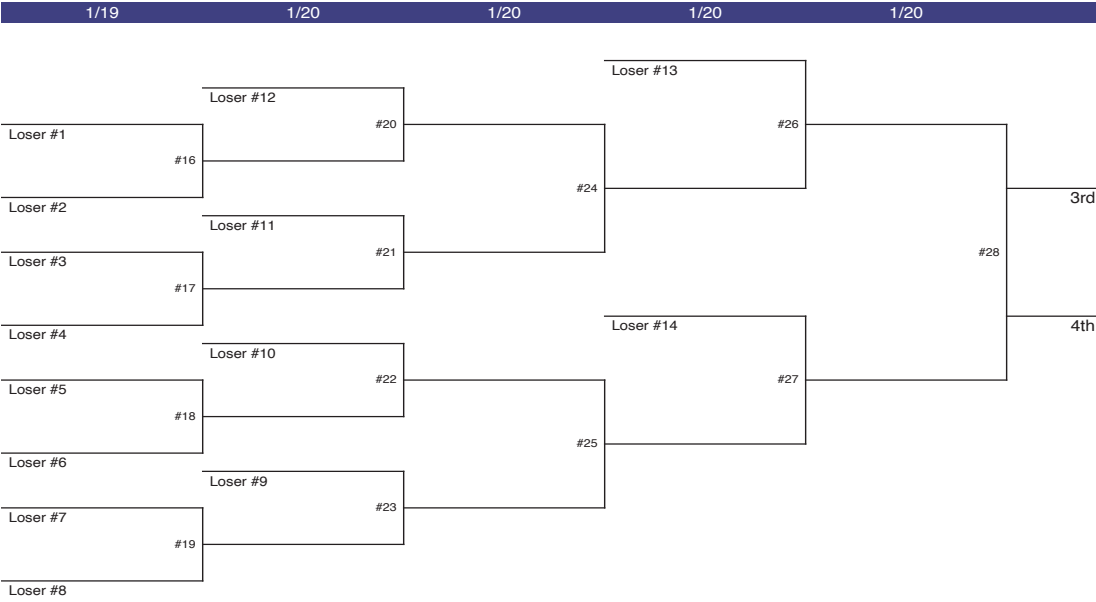
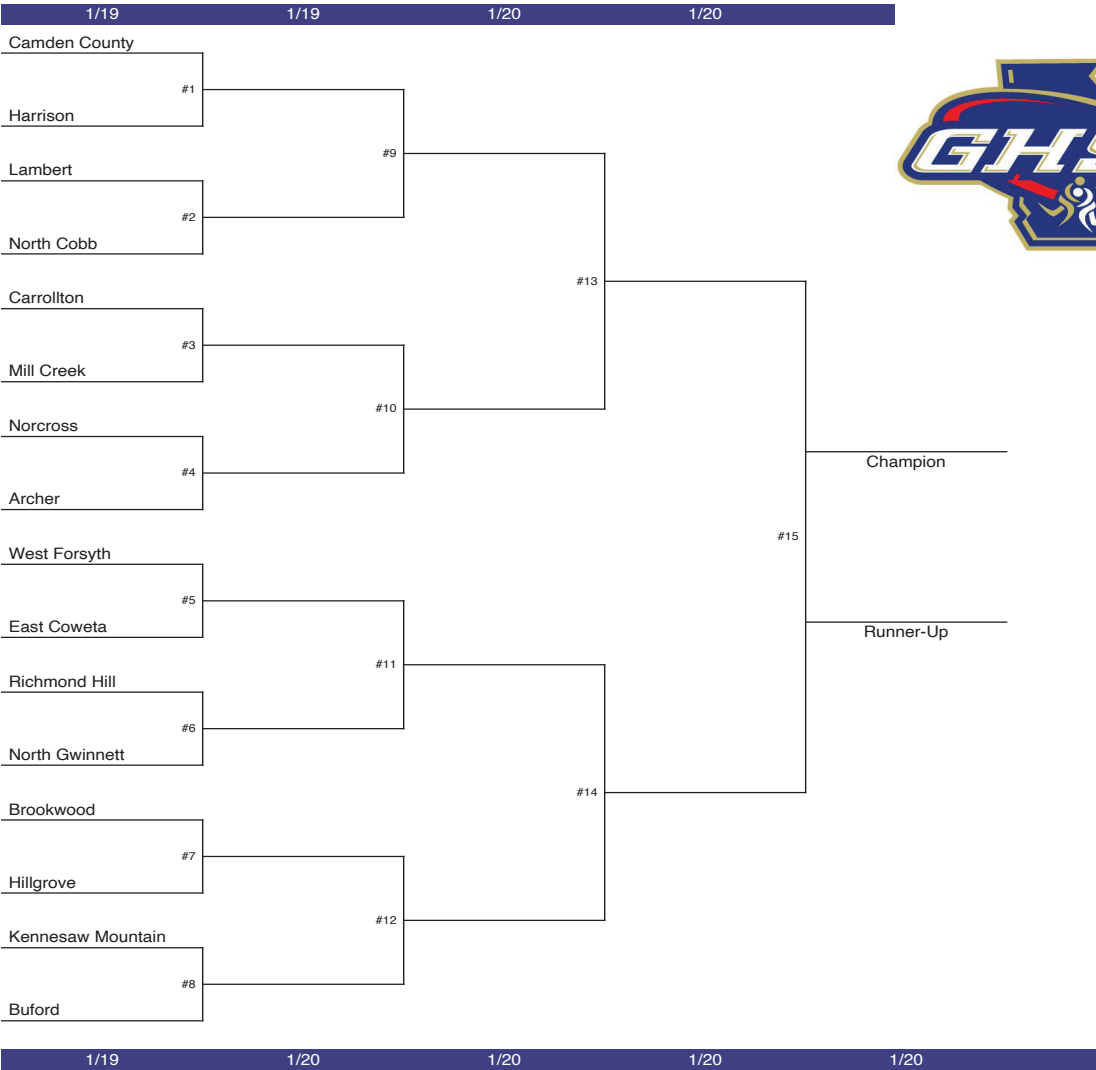


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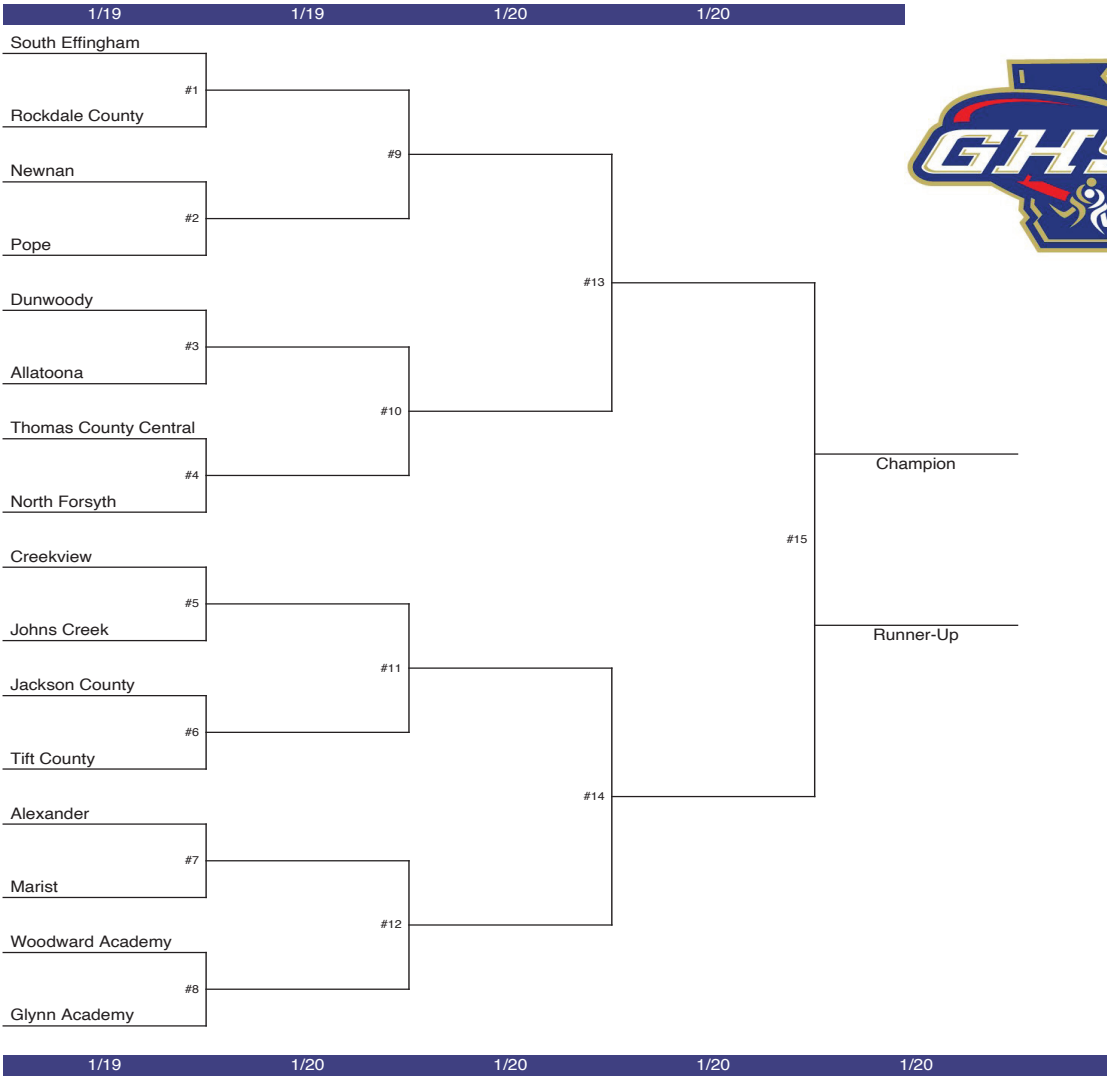
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