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WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
**WELCOME
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Welcome to the 2024 GHSA Gymnastics State Championships! I know you are ready for the high energy performances that these athletes have perfected throughout the year to bring to these championships.

This year's event is sure to be an exciting one! Special thanks to GHSA Associate Director Penny Mitchell for her hard work in making these championships the best ever. I want to thank the many volunteers who make this event possible and run smoothly. We extend our special appreciation to the Buford Arena for being our host. Finally, we thank our sponsors and hope you will support them and our corporate sponsors whenever possible.

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

Dr. Robin Hines
 Executive Director

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GHSA GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE	DATE	GYM OPENS FOR CHECK-IN	GENERAL STRETCH	SPECTATOR ENTRANCE OPENS: GOFAN ONLY	WARM-UP/COMPETITION BEGINS	SESSION ENDS (EST.)
Session 1 - A-5A Teams & Individuals	Wednesday, April 17	11:30 a.m.	12:10 - 12:55 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
Session 2 - 6A-7A Teams & Individuals	Wednesday, April 17	4:00 p.m.	4:40 - 5:25 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
STATE MEET SCHEDULE	DATE	GYM OPENS FOR CHECK-IN	GENERAL STRETCH/ BAR SETTINGS	SPECTATOR ENTRANCE OPENS: GOFAN ONLY	WARM-UP/COMPETITION BEGINS	SESSION ENDS (EST.)
Teams & Individuals	Friday, April 19	3:30 p.m.	4:10 - 4:55 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.

QUALIFYING TEAM RANKINGS

5A-A	RANK	7A-6A
North Oconee	1	Buford
Bremen	2	North Forsyth
Northgate	3	Carrollton
Cambridge	4	Newnan
Pace Academy	5	West Forsyth
East Forsyth	6	Forsyth Central
Villa Rica	7	East Coweta
Westminster	8	Walton

PROLIFIC GYMNASTS PREP FOR STATE PRELIMS & FINALS

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There are numerous storied teams entering the GHSA/Dr. Lucia Norwood Gymnastics Prelims and State Championships at Buford Arena Wednesday through Friday with hopes of championship glory. But for two-time defending champion and host Buford (6A-7A) and four-time defending champion North Oconee (1A-5A), the state meet provides a chance for the budding dynasties to further solidify their status.

A HISTORIC AND LASTING LEGACY

Named for legendary coach Lucia Norwood, who led Lakeside-DeKalb's girls to nine-consecutive state championships from 1971 to 1979, the championship brings together the best gymnasts in the state for two days of preliminary qualifying meets before the action-packed championships.

Ushered into existence in 1956 as a boy's event, Druid Hills won the inaugural championship before the event was put on hold until 1964. Druid Hills won in 1964 and 1965 and it wasn't until 1969 that the girls side of the event was sanctioned with Tucker winning the first two championships before Lakeside's dominant run.

GYMNASTS, TAKE THE STAGE

The event will open with the preliminaries on Wednesday with Class 1A-5A at 1 p.m. and Class 6A-7A at 5:30 p.m. where both team and individual competitors will attempt to qualify for the championships.

Eight teams will qualify from the preliminary meet from each classification but also, a gymnast may qualify for an individual event even if her team does not qualify by meeting certain standards.

The qualifying teams will each compete and be judged in five events – All-Around, Bars, Beam, Floor and Vault – and the best a competitor can do is a perfect 10.00 points. The gymnasts' All-Around score is the combination of the four other disciplines.

On championship Friday, the arena opens at 4:30 p.m., giving the packed house of spectators plenty of time to find their places before the title performances begin at 5 p.m.

TOP-RANKED TALENT AND CHAMPIONSHIP STREAKS

Since the GHSA reclassified gymnastics into two classifications in 2019 – 6A-7A and 1A-5A – North Oconee has enjoyed a state championship in each of the four seasons in Class 1A-5A while Buford has won each of the past two seasons in the state's highest class. The Wolves – who have won five titles – won three-straight from 2014-2016 before capturing each of the past two seasons.

It's no surprise that this season, both teams enter the championship as the favorites. Buford is ranked atop Class 6A-7A with 111.992 points ahead of North Forsyth (110.517), Carrollton (109.150), Newnan (108.217), West Forsyth (106.483), Forsyth Central (106.00), East Coweta (105.817) and Walton (105.183).

In the Class 1A-5A polls, North Oconee (110.902) leads Bremen (107.717), Northgate (107.158), Cambridge (106.775), Pace Academy (106.317), East Forsyth (102.808), Villa Rica (102.550) and Westminster (101.158).

The Titans had never won a championship prior to the 2019 title which began the team's streak of dominance.

A NEW LOOK FROM THE TOP

Last season, Buford amassed 114.825 team points to beat Carrollton (111.70) and Forsyth Central/North Forsyth (111.1). This year, Buford will have to weather the graduation of Marissa Ashton – who led the Wolves in last year's All-Around (39.575), Bars (9.825), Beam (9.85) and Floor (10.00).

Ushering the Wolves into the future are Vidya Bharadwaj, Aly Gorman, Ellison Gould, Abby Hamilton, Bellarae Newby, Kendall Rockwell, Johanna Sasser and Madison Sounthonethip.

North Oconee returns talent from last year's championship team but will also rely on emerging stars for its championship defense.

Sienna Zuccaro won the bars competition last year and returns alongside Kate Stetter, who finished second in the floor routine in 2023. Emory Shepherd brings experience after her third-place finish in the bars last season alongside Chloe McDonald, who was fourth in the floor routine in 2023.



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7A-6A

BUFORD

Vidya Bharadwaj
Aly Gorman
Ellison Gould
Abby Hamilton
Bellarae Newby
Kendall Rockwell
Johanna Sasser
Madison Sounthonethip

CARROLLTON

Elizabeth Albertus
Reagan Bearden
Miracle Cox
Addison Crook
Sophia Eisterhold
Erin Entrekin
Sara Frances Lane
Kaydance McKenzie
Anna Claire McKinney
Kendall New
Kara Oakes
Kayden Patterson
Abigail Pike
Mallory Pittman
Caitlyn Strickland
Sariyah Suluki
Presley Willis
Jordyn Wyatt
Annabelle Zea

EAST COWETA

Rose Bolden
Lucy Johnson
Abigail Key
Brianna Moore
Cassidy Stapleton
Mackenzie Young
Aliza Zwilling

FORSYTH CENTRAL

Katie Andrews
Kaitlin Dempsey
Natalie Flanagan
Katie Knight
Natalie Knight
Kandace Mcpherson
Anna Schiffer
Georgia Smith
Ava Stowe
Addison Stowe
Brooke Sweet
Katie Veltman
Lily Wright

NEWNAN

Molly English
Ava Jongeneel
Paige Krauth

NORTH FORSYTH

Alina Alemany
Bella Canion

Brenna Kudlas
Carsyn Kudlas
Logan Ottenson
Kelsey Putalavage
Gaby Souffrant
Makena Stephens
Kathryn Templeton
Charley Walker

WALTON

Ally Caron
Dana Garcia-Ortiz
Cameron Hiker
Maddie Irvine
Jaye Johnson
Alena Katz
Juhee Kong
Brooke Leslie
Mari Medley
Shanthy Ramprasad
Sophia Saboura
Giada Tenebruso
Lauren Williams

WEST FORSYTH

Julianne Armbrust
Savannah Cockrell
Kristen Cribb
Mani Fofana
Hallie Green
Hannah Harrell
Taariqa Natarajan

Emerson Peach
Tatum Petty
Emma Sanchez
Alexis Stonebraker
Cara Vargas
Maddie Watson

5A-A

BREMEN

Mary Kate Costley
Alexa Howle
Maegan Hunt
Makenna Karr
Alexa Price
Hailey Schultz
Hannah Schultz
Sophie Shows
Raegan Spivey
Emori Summer
Maya Underwood
AJ Walker

CAMBRIDGE

Emily Eigman
Ellie Beinhower
Sarah Dewey
Peyton Zawodzinski
Ashley Maradiaga
Armas

Taylor Carrizal
Anna Draper
Rachel Gregory
Victoria Lancaster
Anjali Roy
Emily Sanders

EAST FORSYTH

Hannah Kempf
Morgan Payne
Olivia Preston
Katelynne Tatum

NORTHGATE

Emma Castleberry
Cassidy Ginn
Kember Lackey
Maggie Monk
Mollie Monk
Bella Brostrom

NORTH OCONEE

Caleigh Connors
Grace Ann Cain
Emma Haygood
Sienna Zuccaro
Ella Hawkins
Emma Howells
Caroline McDonald
Chloe McDonald
Gabby Nguyen

Emory Shepherd
Kate Stetter

PACE ACADEMY

Reigan Sherrell
Leena Phoenix
Gabby Mautner

VILLA RICA

Alexis Arrowood
Alana Barker
Posh Daniell
Riley Fisher
Georgia Johnson
Addison Miller
Gracie Jay Sauls
Skylar Shumake
Kerbrianah Senesca
Carsyn Baird

WESTMINSTER

Audrey Anderson
Ella Anthony
Charlotte Blankenbelcer
Caroline Dolan
Marjorie Gituku
Margaret Monin
Gaby Latz
Katie Hendrix
Elizabeth Stone
Mary Margaret Stone

2024 GHSA GYMNASTICS INDIVIDUAL ROSTERS

7A-6A

ALLATOONA

Alyssa Strain

ALPHARETTA

Mollie Bunarek

CHEROKEE

Abby Diaz
Natalie McBride

DENMARK

Annie Salley
Jessica Blevins

ETOWAH

McConaughy Matheson
Aubrie Jones

HARRISON

Zeva Duvall
Audrey Intagliata

JOHNS CREEK

Camryn Gillespie
Olivia Richards

LAMBERT

Jayla King

LASSITER

Alie McMillan
Jolee McCauley

NORTH ATLANTA

Vivian Weiss

Leighton Snider
Samantha Salzman

RIVER RIDGE

Peyton Hamrick
Sydney Betteridge
Sadira Dobbs

SOUTH FORSYTH

Katherine Lash

THOMAS CO. CENT.

Gina Morabito

5A-A

BAINBRIDGE

Anniston Brown

BARROW ARTS

Ansley Fields

CENTRAL CARROLL

Mia Smith

CHAMBLEE

Sarah Wolf

DUTCHTOWN

London Coe

KING'S RIDGE

Joy Montague

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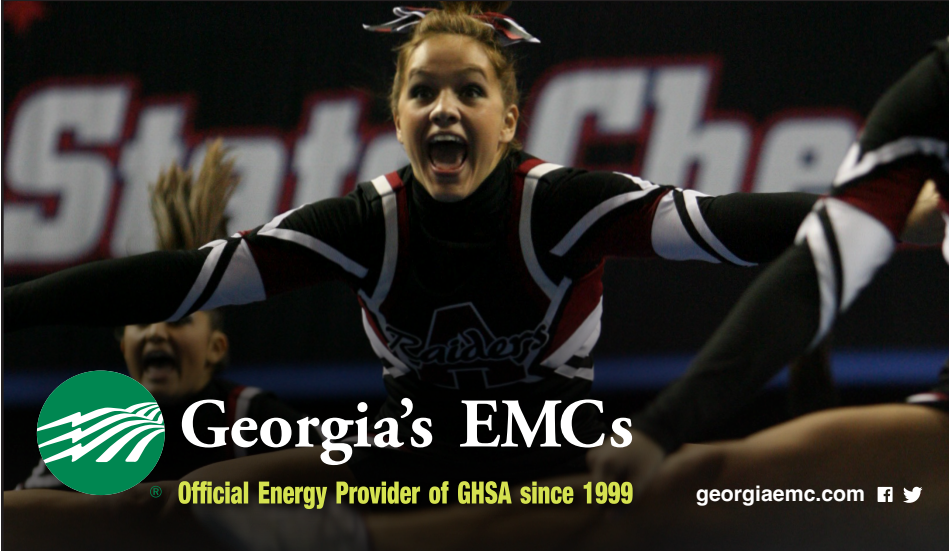
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
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