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WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**WELCOME
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SOFTBALL FANS**

Welcome to the 2024 GHSA Slow Pitch Softball State Championships! The games are sure to be exciting as all of the schools represented are looking forward to their team achieving the title of 'Champion'. However, we all know that all our teams are outstanding and are definitely winners. Our congratulations are in order for all of the teams, coaches, administrators, students and parents who have supported the athletes through this year's journey to the final games. I know you will enjoy and appreciate the games and all of the work leading up to this exciting event.

To put on an event of this magnitude takes many volunteers who have worked tirelessly to provide a "first class" event. The GHSA staff has been working for weeks as well to ensure a special event for all involved. Finally, I would like to thank our corporate sponsors who make it possible to put on these championships. Their advertisements can be seen throughout this program, and I encourage you to support them whenever possible. The GHSA wants to thank these exemplary companies for their involvement, we appreciate their support.

Thank you for your attendance and I know you are going to enjoy the best high school slow pitch softball anywhere!

Dr. Robin Hines
Executive Director

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GHSA SLOW PITCH CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17****11 A.M.**

Field #1 - Franklin County vs. River Ridge
Field #2 - Creekview vs. Elbert County
Field #3 - Jefferson vs. Richmond Hill
Field #4 - Cherokee vs. West Laurens

1 P.M.

Field #1 - Second Round
Field #2 - Second Round
Field #3 - Loser First Round
Field #4 - Loser First Round

3 P.M.

Field #1 - Loser Second Round
Field #2 - Loser Second Round

5 P.M.

Field #1 - Loser Semifinals

THURSDAY, APRIL 18**10 A.M.**

Field #3 - Semifinals

NOON

Field #3 - Loser Play-In Game

2 P.M.

Field #3 - Finals

4 P.M.

Field #3 - If Necessary

FIELD IS SET FOR OFFENSIVE POWERHOUSES IN GHSA SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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The slow-pitch softball season will end with the state championships Wednesday and Thursday, April 17-18 at Twin Creeks Softball Complex in Woodstock as eight teams are left in the tournament, trying for a title.

Like last year, the bracket for the slow-pitch softball state championship is double elimination, giving teams the opportunity to win the championship even if they lose a game in the tournament. All first and second round matchups will be played on Wednesday, April 17 with the rest of the tournament being played on Thursday, April 18 before a champion is crowned.

LONG-STANDING HISTORY

Since 1981, slow-pitch softball has been a GHSA-sanctioned sport that has gone through changes in its over 40-year history.

The sport used Classes A-4A until 1998 when it was expanded to Class A, Class 2A, Class 3A/4A and Class 5A. In 2001, it then changed to Class A, Class 2A/3A and Class 4A/5A. A year later, the sport switched its classes once again, combining Classes A/2A/3A and Classes 4A/5A. In 2004, slow-pitch softball became an open event. The sport was discontinued in 2009 but came back in

2017 with Haralson County winning back-to-back state championships from 2017-2018.

LET'S PLAY BALL

West Laurens is coming off its second slow-pitch softball state championship as the Raiders are looking to become back-to-back champions for the first time since Haralson County six years ago. The Raiders are trying for the program's third title in program history, with the first coming back in 2000.

This season, the team finished undefeated in the sectional bracket and won the bracket by winning a combined 45-1 over three games on Tuesday. West Laurens will face Cherokee in the first round of the championship bracket where the Warriors will have their hands full with a Raiders team that is averaging 15 runs a game so far in the postseason.

Jefferson and Richmond Hill will face off in the first round and the winner will face the victor of West Laurens vs. Cherokee. The Dragons were catapulted to the championship bracket after hitting a combined eight home runs against Cherokee and River Ridge.

"If our hitters can keep on hitting and our defense keeps playing well, we expect to make a great run

at the championship," said Jefferson slow-pitch softball head coach Allan Bailey. "Our team has used this time together to improve our skills and create more positive team chemistry."

Jefferson's opponent, Richmond Hill, went 8-2 in the regular season (8-0 in area) and 3-1 in the sectionals. The Wildcats' Lily Welch has pitched in every game for Richmond Hill, including the postseason though she is usually behind the plate as a catcher.

Franklin County will take on River Ridge in the first round of the tournament after an 8-0 regular season before the Lions went 3-0 in sectionals, going 11-0 overall. Franklin County has scored 32 runs in its last three games while holding opponents to three runs over the three-game span.

Creekview and Elbert County will play in the first round of the championship bracket with the winner facing either Franklin County or River Ridge. Creekview is 10-2 on the season, winning both sectional games, and will face an Elbert County team that went 3-1 in sectionals and scored 20-plus runs in two of its last four matchups. The Blue Devils played just four regular season games and went 2-2 but are heating up in time for the first round of this year's state championship.



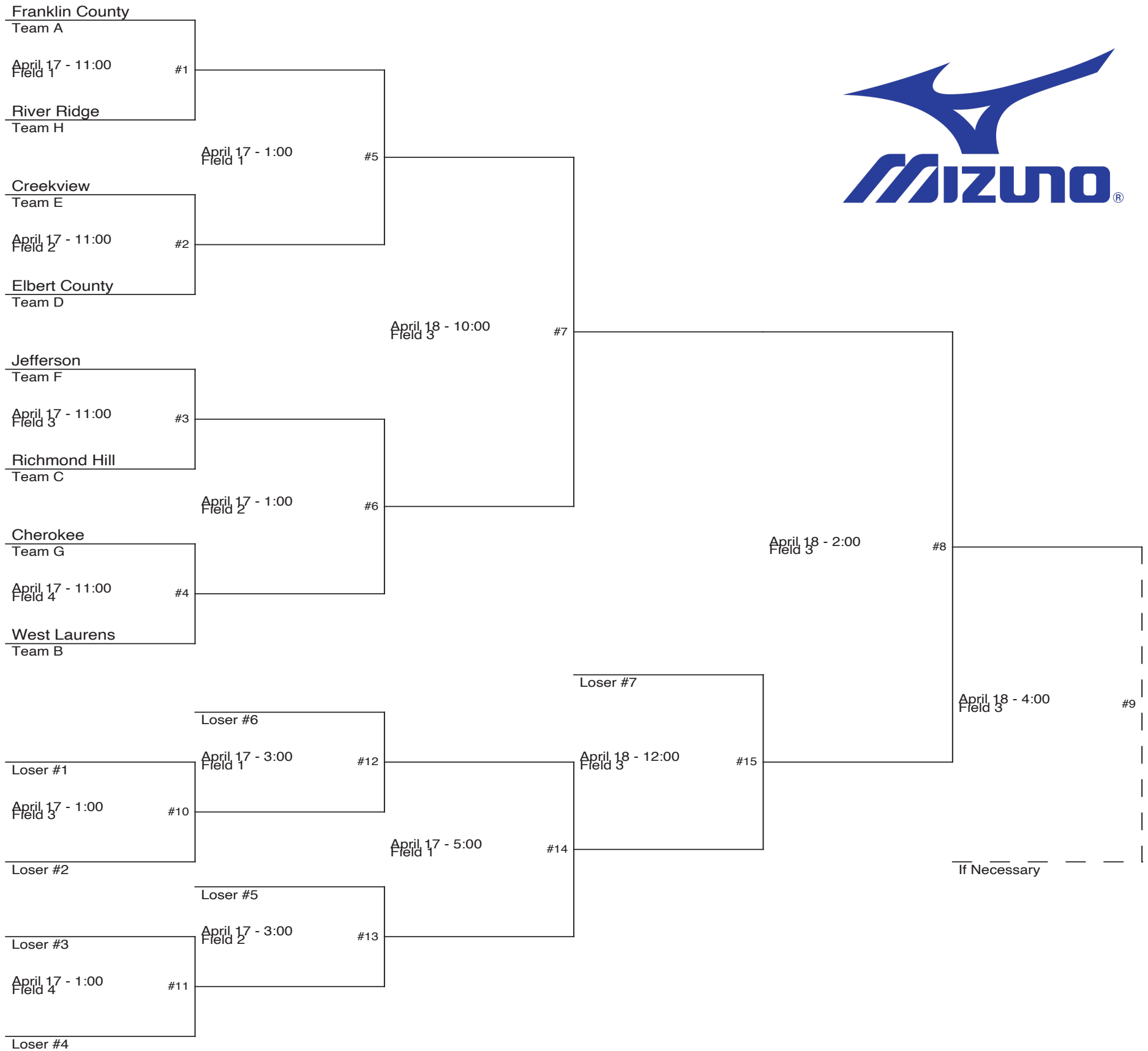
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FRANKLIN COUNTY LIONS

Head Coach: Cherokee Bell

#	NAME	POS.	GR.	#	NAME	POS.	GR.
2...	Lenox Roberts	UTL	11	12.	Keegan Bell	1B/2B	10
3...	Hannah Laverdiere	OF	11	13.	Korah Brown	1B	9
4...	Gabby Forester	OF	9	14.	Macy Moore	OF	11
6...	McCall Davis	UTL	11	15.	Hayden McGee	UTL	10
7...	Kyleigh Robertson	OF	10	18.	Ella Kinder	2B/3B	9
8...	Josie Burton	OF	11	21.	Peyton Dailey	OF	11
10.	Keely Emmons	UTL	10	26.	Cheyenne Bennett	OF	9
11.	Willow Morgan	OF	9				

CREEKVIEW GRIZZLIES

Head Coach: Jennifer Maloney

#	NAME	POS.	GR.	#	NAME	POS.	GR.
2...	Brooklynn Wells	UTL	9	19.	Adalie Crowe	IF	9
4...	Madelyn Futch	IF	9	20.	Anna Kate Turner	IF	11
8...	Emily Pettit	OF	11	21.	Liliana Beal	IF	9
9...	Kate English	IF	11	24.	Jaidyn Griffeth	IF	9
11.	Sydney Neff	OF	12	27.	Kenley Brown	IF	10
12.	Melanie Brundage	C	10	28.	Lacie Bailey	P/IF	9
14.	Jesse Roland	OF	10	29.	Mackenzie Major	OF	9
15.	Aubrey Phillis	C/IF	9	33.	Abbie Burkett	IF	12
16.	Adyson Counts	IF	9	34.	Tristan Brady	IF	12
17.	Emma Nix	IF	10	35.	Annabelle Peterson	OF	10
18.	Kaitlyn Bleisath	P/C	9				

JEFFERSON DRAGONS

Head Coach: Allan Bailey

#	NAME	POS.	GR.	#	NAME	POS.	GR.
1...	Abbie Kinlaw	OF	10	15.	Fancy Morgan	IF/OF	9
2...	Aubrey Burton	3B/OF	12	16.	Braelynn Vandiver	IF/OF	9
3...	Jenna Rapp	SS	9	20.	Gillian Price	OF	11
4...	Victoria Phagan	P	11	21.	Sariya Mattox	IF	9
5...	Addi Hester	OF	9	22.	Lexi Bishop	OF	9
6...	Stephanie Shaffer	IF	11	23.	McKenzie Cartwright	OF	11
7...	Addison Self	P	11	28.	Anslay Rainey	IF	9
9...	Avery Hayes	P/IF	12	33.	Madison Hanchey	P/OF	12
10.	Alivia Gober	3B	10	42.	Megan Coile	IF	9
11.	Ally Baldwin	OF	10	44.	Natalie Beck	C	11
13.	Sara Grace Cooper	1B	9	77.	Breelan Thomas	OF	9
14.	Reagan Hays	IF	10	91.	Ava Catledge	C	10

CHEROKEE WARRIORS

Head Coach: Tonya Carlisle

#	NAME	POS.	GR.	#	NAME	POS.	GR.
2...	Elyse Kresho	OF	12	12.	Avery Threewitt	IF	10
3...	Bree Wheeler	IF	11	13.	Rylee Griesemer	P/OF	11
5...	Gracyn Threewitt	C	10	22.	Mac Pavese	OF	11
6...	Madison Witt	OF	10	32.	Ady Kurtz	IF	11
8...	Peyton Pigott	OF	9	33.	Emerson Cox	P/IF	9
10.	Lexi Wilson	IF/C	9	72.	Emma Knight	IF	11
11.	Mia Ponce	OF/C	10				

RIVER RIDGE KNIGHTS

Head Coach: Eric Britt

#	NAME	POS.	GR.	#	NAME	POS.	GR.
3...	Alanna Garner	3B/P	11	10.	Taylor Free	OF	10
5...	Brelyn O'Hearn	SS/P	12	11.	Lindsey Controy	C	12
6...	Josie Bohannon	3B	10	13.	Amanda Fulton	RF/2B	12
7...	Evelyn Koester	LF	11	14.	Brooke Beam	1B/RF	11
8...	Jordyn Hartman	1B	11	19.	Hayley Taylor	OF/P	11
9...	Emery Butler	CF	11	20.	Lillian Mann	UTL	10

ELBERT COUNTY BLUE DEVILS

Head Coach: Josh Jones

#	NAME	POS.	GR.	#	NAME	POS.	GR.
1...	Peyton Jenkins	3B/OF	9	12.	Emily Booth	LF	11
2...	Gracie Brady	SS	12	13.	Casey Peters	RF/C	11
4...	Jayda Wood	C/RF	12	14.	Miller Drake	CF	11
5...	Bellamy Nash	P/SS	9	15.	Madison Dye	RF/C	9
8...	Erica Christian	OF	9	17.	Hannah Brady	2B	11
9...	Audrey Lunsford	3B	9	26.	Kamryn Webb	1B	10

RICHMOND HILL WILDCATS

Head Coach: Tiffany Gray

#	NAME	POS.	GR.	#	NAME	POS.	GR.
1...	Adriana Williams	1B/OF	10	12.	Ashella Matias	1B/OF	10
2...	Bria Milledge	OF	10	13.	Aubrey Vilella	3B	10
3...	Paloma Gullikson	CF	12	14.	Maggie Reynolds	2B	9
4...	Mirrah Blake	OF/C	11	15.	Lily Welch	P	10
6...	Aubrey Ragins	3B	9	16.	Kiliegh Laurens	C/OF	9
8...	Skylar Klinglesmith	CF	9	17.	Sikari Webb	OF	10
10.	Maggie Jenkins	1B/OF	10	21.	Lennon Monaco	2B/SS	9
11.	Ainsley Washington	2B/SS	9	22.	Peyton Duncan	OF	9

WEST LAURENS RAIDERS

Head Coach: Michael Thompson

#	NAME	POS.	GR.	#	NAME	POS.	GR.
0...	Maggie Marsh	OF	10	11.	Carolyn Malone	IF	9
1...	Miley Harrison	OF	10	12.	Allie Sahli	OF	9
2...	Katelynn Wilson	C/IF	10	13.	Ava Collins	IF	9
3...	Tannah Cobb	P/IF	12	15.	Cheyenne Phillips	IF/P	10
4...	Aubrey Lord	IF	11	18.	Johniah Boston	C	12
5...	Shayla Butler	OF	10	20.	Maggie Shea Lord	IF	9
6...	Jaylee Giles	IF	11	23.	Macie Hutto	C	10
7...	Kaylee Loyd	OF	11	24.	Leah Wells	OF	10
8...	Anslay Scarborough	IF	12	25.	Stephanie Perry	IF	12
9...	Halley Nobles	OF	11	33.	Peyton Crabb	P/IF	9
10.	Chandler Malone	IF	9				

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Year	AAAA	AAA	AA	A
1981	Butler	Heritage, Conyers	Pike County	East Coweta
1982	Butler	Berrien	Pike County	Calhoun County
1983	Wheeler	Ringgold	Jackson	Bryan County
1984	Wheeler	Coffee	Jackson	Greater Atlanta Christian
1985	Butler	Ringgold	North Gwinnett	Greater Atlanta Christian
1986	Warner Robins	Ringgold	Vidalia	Bryan County
1987	Tift County	Northwest Whitfield	Jackson	Greater Atlanta Christian
1988	Tift County	North Gwinnett	Rossville	Chattanooga Valley
1989	Tift County	North Gwinnett	Ridgeland	Greater Atlanta Christian
1990	Tift County	Monroe Area	Jones County	Lincoln County
1991	Brookwood	Ridgeland	Jones County	Bremen
1992	Roswell	Ringgold	Screven County	Macon County
1993	Lithia Springs	Northwest Whitfield	Berrien	Gordon Lee
1994	Campbell	Ridgeland	South Forsyth	Calvary Baptist
1995	Sprayberry	Ridgeland	Houston County	Greater Atlanta Christian
1996	Tift County	Dublin	Forsyth	Central Bremen
1997	Warner Robins	Dublin	Dodge County	North Forsyth

Year	AAAAA	AAA / AAA	AA	A
1998	N/A	Wayne County	North Forsyth	Irwin County
1999	N/A	Pope	Appling County	Telfair County
2000	Pope	West Laurens	Irwin County	Jefferson

Year	AAAAA / AAAA	AAA / AA	A
2001	Pope	Appling Co.	Bryan Co.

Year	AAAAA / AAAA	AAA / AA / A
2002	Pope	Vidalia
2003	Pope	Commerce

Year	OPEN EVENT
2004	South Cobb
2005	Pope
2006	Pope
2007	Pope
2008	Kell
2009	(Discontinued)
2017	Haralson County
2018	Haralson County
2019	Creekview
2020	(not held)
2021	Hart County
2022	Haralson County
2023	West Laurens