

SPRING SPORTS PROGRAMS MAKE SEVERAL CHANGES

Two new state meet sites for track & field, a revision in the baseball playoff format, and a new site for the high school Hall of Fame induction are among the "new looks" and changes in the 2005 spring programs of the Alabama High School Athletic Association.

Track & Field

The state track & field meet hosts will be Paul Bryant High School in Tuscaloosa for Classes 1A, 3A and 5A and Oak Mountain High School in Birmingham for Classes 2A, 4A and 6A. Bryant hosted the 4A-5A-6A meet last year while Oak Mountain will be a new site. Both meets are scheduled May 6-7.

The small schools (1A, 2A and 3A) have competed in state competition at Troy University for a number of years, but its new track facility has not yet been completed. The track with permanent seating, concession stands and restrooms is scheduled for completion in 2006.

"When the new track is finished, we will talk with the Troy officials about using their facility again for a state track meet," said Dan Washburn, AHSAA Executive Director. "We appreciate the outstanding job Coach Bob Lambert and his staff have done in running that meet."

In a change under National Federation rules, a participant may not compete in more than four events, including relays, in a single track & field meet. In recent years the AHSAA has allowed five events per individual, but a member state association is no longer allowed to adopt that number under National Federation rules.

Junior high/middle school competition will allow participants to compete in three events. In a meet involving all ninth graders (junior high), participants may compete in four events.

In another rule clarification, no head attire is permitted except in the pole vault event where a protective helmet may be worn.

Baseball

The double elimination baseball playoff format has been extended back to the second round, setting up a new schedule for the first two rounds. The single elimination, opening round is set for Tuesday, April 26, and the new best-of-three-games second round for Friday and Saturday, April 29-30.

The last three rounds on succeeding weekends are already double elimination, including the State

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CENTRAL BOARD

BOARD DENIES TWO APPEALS

The Central Board of the Alabama High School Athletic Association met Dec. 16 in Birmingham.

A synopsis of the meeting is as follows:

- The Board heard an appeal from Shoals Christian School concerning the eligibility of Ryne Davis. After meeting in executive session, the Board voted unanimously to uphold the original decision of Dan Washburn, AHSAA Executive Director.

- The Board considered a letter from Francis Marion High School outlining their progress of their sportsmanship education efforts and requesting relief from restrictive probation for the spring sports. Board voted to leave the probation status the same as decided upon during the previous meeting.

- Board approved Oak Mountain High School as the host for the 2005 Class 4A, 5A and 6A state Track Meet and to put the other state track meet site out for bid since the new Troy University facility has not yet been completed.

- Discussed the area/region survey for the football championship program. The survey showed that region play was favored by a 177-141 vote. Class 2A was the only group that favored area play.

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DODGE JOINS AHSAA CORPORATE TEAM AS A MAJOR SPONSOR

Dodge, expanding its high school sponsorship program in the Southeast, is a new major corporate partner of the Alabama High School Athletic Association, it was announced Jan. 28 by Dan Washburn, AHSAA Executive Director.

Dodge becomes the AHSAA's seventh major corporate partner, joining Alfa Insurance, AmSouth Bank, Coca-Cola, Alabama Power, Encore Rehabilitation and Jack's. The contract is for one year (2005), with an option to renew.

"We welcome Dodge as one of our major sponsors," said Washburn. "We're glad to have them as a part of this great corporate team. These corpo-

rate partners play a big role in our championship program, and adding Dodge should just enhance these championships."

This partnership is part of the Southeastern Dodge Dealers Advertising Program. Dodge is already a partner with high school athletic associations in Georgia and Florida.

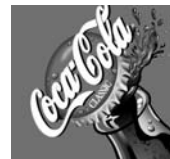
"We are excited to have Dodge on board," said Ron Swann, AHSAA Marketing Director. "We look forward to a long relationship and developing relationships with Dodge dealers in Alabama."

"We are very excited about this new relationship," said Lamar Wagner, owner of Victory

Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge in Prattville and a member of the Alabama Dodge Dealers group. "Sponsorship of high school athletics is important to the students, the fans, parents and high schools as well. We remain committed to supporting the betterment of our communities through this engaging, grass-roots partnership with the AHSAA."

The partnership was negotiated by iHigh Inc., a high school marketing company based in Lexington, Ky., that specializes in grass-roots projects involving America's high school students and their parents. PHD US of Atlanta represented the Alabama Dodge Dealers group.

CORPORATE PARTNERS





NEWS AND NOTES

MEMBER SCHOOLS MUST PLAY ONLY OTHER MEMBER SCHOOLS

Member schools of the AHSAA may not participate against any non-member schools. Accreditation, a prerequisite for high school membership, must be completed before the AHSAA Central Board of Control can approve a school's membership request.

Accreditation is not a prerequisite for junior high and middle school membership, but member schools can play only member schools.

ORGANIZED PRACTICE ALLOWED ONLY DURING A SPORT SEASON

It is not permissible for a coach of any sport to hold organized practice with his/her players outside the sport season during the school year under the guise of a physical education class.

Tryouts for any sport must be conducted only during the designated practice period for that sport.

SANCTIONING REQUIRED

Most interscholastic events involving more than two AHSAA member schools must be sanctioned. Application for the sanction events must be made (using Form 8 or 9) to the State Office.

It is not permissible for a school to participate in an interscholastic event that has not been sanctioned by the AHSAA. (Page 36, Section 2 of 2004-05 AHSAA Handbook)

RULE AFFECTS COACHES, PLAYERS

The Conduct Rule governing ejections of coaches and players from contests is in effect for all sports.

The first ejection from a contest will result in a warning or reprimand, the second ejection a one-game suspension, and the third ejection a suspension for the remainder of that season. If the second or third ejection occurs during the last game of the year, a monetary fine would be placed on the offender's school.

Spring

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Finals in Montgomery May 18-21. A double-header is played on the first day of each double elimination round.

Any bat that meets the Ball Exit Speed Ratio (BESR) performance standard is legal for the 2005 baseball season. If the BESR certification mark is on the bat, it may be used. The standards also apply to non-wood bats, which must be labeled with a silk screen or other permanent certification mark. Effective Jan. 1, 2006, no BESR label, sticker or decal will be permitted on any non-wood bat.

Tennis

The date of the Class 5A girls and boys state tennis tournament will begin a day earlier due to a conflict with a junior tournament at the Mobile Tennis Center. The new dates are Thursday and Friday, May 5-6. The other two state tournaments in Mobile remain the same, 1A-2A-3A on May 2-3 and the 4A on May 4-5.

The Class 6A state tennis tournament is May 5-7 at Lagoon Park Tennis Center in Montgomery. Girls and boys divisions compete at each of the four state tournaments.

A "super tie-breaker" may be used only in non-section matches if competing coaches agree. In lieu of playing a third set following split sets, the first player or team to score 10 points would win the match. All section tournament matches must be best-of-three sets.

Golf

The state golf tournament, continuing its rotation of the state's larger Robert Trent Jones Trail courses, moves to the Grand National in Opelika May 9-10. The boys Class 1A-2A and 3A divisions and the girls division will play the Lakes Course while the boys Class 4A, 5A and 6A divisions compete on the Links Course.

For the first time, the section qualifying directors will use the online registration to report the qualifiers to the Alabama Golf Association, which has directed the state tournament for several years.

Softball

Players will have the option of wearing face-

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DEADLINE DATES

March 1–	2005 Football Schedule Form (No. 51)
March 1–	Ordering High School Hall of Fame Banquet Tickets
March 8–	Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Basketball Games Nominations (Form 35)
March 8–	North-South All-Star Basketball Games Nominations (Form 35)
March 28–	North-South All-Star Baseball Nominations (Form 36)
March 28–	North South All-Star Softball Nominations (Form 37)
March 28–	North South All-Star Soccer Nominations (Form 38)
May 1–	2005-06 Sports Declaration Form (No. 26)

guards on their softball batting helmets this spring, but effective Jan 1, 2006, a new rule will require all high school fast pitch softball players to wear batting helmets equipped with NOCSAE-approved facemasks/guards.

This date allows all state association member schools adequate time to budget and purchase new helmets that include guards or to obtain facemasks to attach to current helmets. All masks must have the phrase "Meets NOCSAE Standards" printed directly on them. Many manufacturers are already producing these facemasks.

The state tournament at Lagoon Softball Complex in Montgomery May 19-21 will feature Classes 2A, 4A and 6A playing on Thursday and Friday, then Classes 1A, 3A and 5A on Friday and Saturday.

Soccer

No significant changes have been made in the soccer program. The state tournament returns to the Huntsville Soccer Complex May 13-14.

Ball Requirement Guideline

In all area, region and state play, the date for requiring the use of Wilson balls with the AHSAA and NFHS logos has been delayed a year until the 2006-07 school year. This will give schools a chance to use their current inventory of legal Wilson balls that do not have to have these two permanent logos.

Wilson is the official ball of the AHSAA.

High School Hall of Fame

The Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame moves its 15th annual induction banquet and ceremony March 28 to a new Montgomery venue, the Garrett Coliseum. The Montgomery Civic Center, its home since 1991, is undergoing a renovation and will be unavailable for a couple of years.

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MEETING POLICY— All District Board, Legislative Council and Central Board meetings are open to all schools, the public and media representatives. Attendance is encouraged.

ELIGIBILITY RULINGS — All AHSAA official eligibility rulings shall be in writing and shall bear the signature of the Executive Director or the president of a District Board. Other rulings are not official.

OFFICIAL COMPLAINT— Any official complaint to the AHSAA must be in writing over the signature of the school principal.



OFFICIAL NOTICES

BROOKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$250 and placed on probation for a year because of the unsportsmanlike conduct by one of its players following a football game with Central-Tuscaloosa Oct. 15. The player caused an altercation when he struck one of the Central players while shaking hands in the middle of the field.

The school disciplined the player, who was dismissed from the team, and all other players that were involved.

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

TALLADEGA COUNTY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$250 and placed on probation for a year for an unsportsmanlike act involving jersey number in a football game against Ranburne Oct. 22, 2004. Two jerseys were switched in an attempt to deceive the opposition by falsifying the identification of players by numbers.

The probation is a warning that other unsportsmanlike acts of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

GUNTERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$250 and placed on probation for a year for using an ineligible player on its football team. The student was ineligible in violation of the Eight Semester Rule. Any games in which the student participated and the school won were forfeited.

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

CHOCTAW COUNTY and ANDALUSIA high schools each has been fined \$250 and placed on probation for a year for unsportsmanlike conduct in an altercation at an Oct. 15 football game. Both teams emptied onto the field and participated.

The probation is a warning that other unsportsmanlike acts of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

Also, Choctaw County was fined an additional \$250 because the flagrant, unsportsmanlike actions of one particular player, who kicked two Andalusia players while they were on the ground.

LEEDS MIDDLE SCHOOL has been fined \$150 and placed on probation for a year for using an ineligible player on its football team. The student did not meet the requirements of the Academic Rule. (This violation was self-reported.)

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

ROBERTSDALE HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$300 because of a player's second ejection in a football game against Prattville Nov. 12. If a second or third ejection occurs during the final game of the year, the monetary fine was levied.

DALEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$250 and placed on probation for a year for using an ineligible player on its football team. The student failed to meet the requirements of the Eight Semester Rule. Any games in which the student participated and the school won were forfeited. (This violation was self-reported.)

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Eight high schools were fined \$300 each for failing to call in the score of their football playoff game to the AHSAA office before the established deadline. High schools fined were AMERICAN CHRISTIAN, SUMITON CHRISTIAN, SUSAN MOORE, MINOR, OXFORD, PINSON VALLEY, MONTGOMERY ACADEMY AND EMMA SANSOM.

CURRY HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$250 and placed on probation for a year for using an ineligible player. The student played ineligible before making a bona fide move into the Curry school zone and had to sit out the same number of games played while being ineligible. Any games in which the student participated and the school won were forfeited. (This violation was self-reported.)

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

ARITON HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$250 and placed on probation for a year for using two ineligible players. The students played while living outside the Ariton school zone. If a bona fide move is made into the Ariton zone, the students would be ineligible the same period of time that they played while ineligible. Any games in which the students participated and the school won were forfeited. (This violation was self-reported.)

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

DURAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$300 and placed on probation for a year because of the flagrant, unsportsmanlike conduct by Coach Andrew Tarver during a basketball game with Leeds Middle School Dec. 14. The coach was issued a technical foul for coming onto the floor while protesting a technical foul on one of his players. He followed the official as he reported the foul to the table and then made physical contact with the official as he started to issue a second technical foul.

The probation is a warning that other unsportsmanlike acts of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

HENAGAR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$150 and placed on probation for a year because of the flagrant, unsportsmanlike conduct by Coach Stevie Green during a basketball game

with Asbury School Dec. 9. The coach took his team off the floor, which is considered flagrant, unsportsmanlike conduct.

The probation is a warning that other unsportsmanlike acts of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

DANIEL PAYNE MIDDLE SCHOOL has been fined \$150 and placed on probation for a year for using an ineligible player on its football team. The student played ineligible in violation of the Transfer Rule. Since he transferred to the school during the first semester, he was ineligible until the second semester. Any games in which the student participated and the school won were forfeited. He will become eligible when he sits out the same period of time that they played while ineligible if he meets all other requirements. (This violation was self-reported.)

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

MEEK HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$150 and placed on probation for a year because of the flagrant, unsportsmanlike conduct by Coach Robbie Hiller during a junior high basketball game. The coach took his team off the floor before the completion of a contest. This is considered flagrant, unsportsmanlike conduct. (This violation was self-reported.)

The probation is a warning that other unsportsmanlike acts of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

FAYETTE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$250 and placed on probation for a year for using an ineligible player on its girls basketball team. The student played in violation of the Academic Rule. Any games in which the student participated and the school won were forfeited. (This violation was self-reported.)

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

TALLASSEE HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$250 and placed on probation for a year because of the unsportsmanlike conduct by one of its players in a girls basketball game with Central-Coosa Jan. 6. During the contest the player left the playing area and attacked fans with punches. The altercation spilled onto the floor with numerous other fans and Tallassee players becoming involved.

The school dismissed the player in question from the team and suspended another player for two games for leaving the playing area.

The probation is a warning that other unsportsmanlike instances of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.



CLASSIFIEDS

JOB OPENINGS

Hillcrest High School, Tuscaloosa (6A) – Assistant football coach with certification in special education. Contact O.K. Bryant at 205-758-8433 or Jeff Hyche at 205-342-2807.

Stanhope Elmore High School (5A) – Assistant football coach (JV) and two assistant junior high coaches. Certifications are available in history, mathematics, science and English. Contact Jeff Foshee at 334-285-4300.

North Broward Prep (2A, Coconut Creek, Fla.) – Assistant varsity coaches. Teaching positions are available in all fields with an immediate opening in social studies. Contact Maurice Dixon at dixonm@nbps.org or 954-247-0011, ext. 336. Fax resumes to 954-247-0122.

Benjamin Russell High School (5A) – Assistant coaches in football (quarterback/receivers and linebackers), volleyball, baseball and softball. Certifications available in mathematics, science and social studies. Contact principal Sandra Spivey at 256-234-8611 or Athletic Director Dwight Buzbee at 256-749-8611.

Elkmont High School (3A) – Head football coach. Contact Principal Mickey Glass at 256-732-4291. Deadline is March 4. Download application from www.lcsk12.org and submit, along with letter of interest and resume to: Richard W. Leath, Assistant Superintendent, Limestone Board of Education, 300 South Jefferson St., Athens, AL 35611.

DAR High School (4A) – Assistant football coaches (possible defensive coordinator). Several certifications except physical education are available. Contact Brad Waggoner at 256-728-4238 or at waggonerb@marshalk12.org. Fax a resume to 256-728-8900.

Grayson High School (Loganville, Ga.) – Ninth grade boys basketball coach and several assistant positions in other sports. Several certifications except physical education may be available. Fax resumes to Hal Wilson at 770-554-1074.

Clements High School (2A) – Head football coach. Several certifications are available. Contact Principal Donald Wilson at 256-729-6564. Deadline is March 4. Download application from www.lcsk12.org and submit, along with letter of interest and resume to: Richard W. Leath, Assistant Superintendent, Limestone Board of Education, 300 South Jefferson St., Athens, AL 35611

Ardmore High School (4A) – Head football coach. Several certifications are available. Contact Principal Mike Owens at 256-423-2685. Deadline is March 4. Download application from www.lcsk12.org and submit, along with letter of interest and resume to: Richard W. Leath, Assistant Superintendent, Limestone Board of Education, 300 South Jefferson St., Athens, AL 35611.

Central-Coosa High School (4A) – Head football coach. Several certifications are available. Applications are now being taken to fill the position that was vacated Jan. 28. Contact Principal Keith Bullard at kbullard@cooschools.k12.al.us or 256-377-4384.

Wewahitchka High School, Fla. – Head football coach with previous coaching experience required. Contact Carolyn Witten, Gulf County School Board, at 850-229-8256 or via email: cwitten@gulf.k12.fl.us. Additional information is available at www.gulf.k12.fl.us. The deadline is Feb. 28, 2005.

McGill-Toolen High School (6A) – Assistant football and/or basketball coach with certification in social science/history. Send resumes to Steve Savarese at McGill-Toolen High School, 1501 Old Shell Rd., Mobile, AL 36604. Contact him at 251-432-0784, Ext. 146, or by email: savares@mdgill.pvt.k12.al.us.

Albertville High School (5A) – Head football coach. Several certifications are available. Position will be filled as soon as possible. Contact Principal Paul McAbee at

256-878-6580. All applicants must have an application on file at the Board of Education central office at 107 West Main St., Albertville, AL 35930. Applications are available at www.albertk12.org.

McAdory High School (5A) – Assistant coach (various coaching duties) with a certification in history. The position is available now. Contact David Powell at 205-379-4721 or 205-428-6096.

Anniston High School (4A) – Three assistant football coaches (offensive line, receivers, running backs). All certifications are available. Contact Athletic Director/Head Coach Chris Mahand at 205-482-6214. Fax resumes to 256-231-5069.

Dale County High School (3A) – Head football coach. Several certifications are available. Contact Principal Leavy Boutwell at 334-983-3541.

GAMES/TEAMS NEEDED

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT: Northside High School needs one more team for its 10th annual invitational softball tournament. Entry fee is \$90 for the one-day, double elimination event. For the date and other information, contact Tommy Honeycutt at 205-342-2755 or 205-333-0040.

INVITATIONAL TRACK & FIELD MEET: The Sylacauga High School track invitational March 19 is open for more entries, both girls and boys. All AHSAA events except the pole vault will be contested and the top three finishers in each event will receive medals. Contact Brad Aman at 256-245-5700 or 256-404-4527 or via email: amanb@sylacauga.k12.al.us.

SPRING SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT: Varsity and junior varsity teams are needed for the Satsuma Spring Fling Softball Tournament March 11-12. Entry fee is \$150 per team. Contact Barclay Kercher at 251-221-3269 or at bkercher@mcps.com.

CHRISTMAS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: The 16th annual Daytona Beach Sunshine Classic is looking for boys and girls basketball basketball for a tournament Dec. 27-30, 2005. More information is available at www.cstt.com or from Matthew Frain at matt@sport-travel.com.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT: One team is needed for the Florence Invitational Softball Tournament at Florence High School March 4-5. The \$125 entry fee will guarantee three games per team. Contact Brian Shollengerger at 256-768-02456.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT: There are several openings in the Middle Tennessee Softball Coaches softball tournament March 24-26 in Murfreesboro. The entry fee is \$150 for the pool play, single elimination tournament. Teams that play on Thursday will be given six games. Contact John Condit at cobracoach@yahoo.com or 615-641-5400.

SOFTBALL ROUND ROBIN: There are three openings in the Pelham High School round robin softball tournament April 9. There is a \$115 entry fee with two and possibly three games guaranteed, depending on the number of teams entered. Varsity and junior varsity teams may participate and will be paired accordingly. Contact Amy Sullivan at asullivan@shelbyed.k12.al.us.

FOR SALE

Weight Equipment: Prattville High School is looking to sell some power racks (including benches). Eight double and eight single racks are available. Racks are black with cardinal benches (bench colors can be changed). Racks and benches are practically new and in great shape. Racks are being sold so its athletic department can purchase new racks designed for its new weight room. Sale price is \$1,000 for single racks, \$2,000 for double.

Contact Bill Clark at 334-361-3865.

Portable Trainers Table: North Sand Mountain High School has an Earthlite portable trainers/massage table (gray) that includes travel bag and travel stand with wheels. Asking price is \$450 for the item used for sideline injuries or as a taping table. Contact Chris Davis at 423-280-2163.

Pitching Machines: Dennis Paulk is refurbishing several pitching machines for softball or baseball and is making them available. Contact him via email at dpaulk@summitcontractors.com.

WANTED

USED TRACK EQUIPMENT: Northside High School is seeking some hurdles and high jump equipment with a high jump pad. Call Chris Davis at 256-597-2368.

MISCELLANEOUS

SUMMER CAMP FACILITIES: Marion Military Institute will again make its facilities available in the summer of 2005 for outside groups to hold camps, including football, band, cheerleading, etc. The daily rental cost of \$35 per person includes room, board and facilities. Contact David Ivey at 334-683-2358 or Pat Knight at 334-875-7094.

STATE LIFTING COMPETITION: Central High School of Coosa County will host the state bench, squat and deadlift championships March 12, 2005. Additional information is available from Coach Jeff Steers at 256-245-2904 (home), 256-377-4384 (work), 256-404-3265 (cell) or at jeffsteers@msn.com.

GYM FLOOR COVERS: Dunlap Industries has protective gym floor covers available free to schools for the cost of the hem on the outer edge. Protective covers are used to prevent scuffing and damage to gym floors. All shipping costs will be free. For information call Gene Stephan at 530-274-0685.

2005 FOOTBALL OPEN DATES

Class 1A

Addison – Aug. 26 Linden – Aug. 26
Coffeeville – Aug. 26 Ragland – Aug. 26
Hubbard – Oct. 28

Class 2A

Flomaton – Oct. 28 Talladega Co. Central –
Houston Academy – Oct. 28 Aug. 26, Sept. 23
Sylvania – Sept. 23 Woodland – Aug. 26

Class 4A

Demopolis – Oct. 28

Class 5A

Anniston – Oct. 28 Lee-Huntsville – Sept. 23
Charles Henderson – Oct. 28 Shaw – Oct. 28
Jackson-Olin – Oct. 28 Stanhope Elmore – Aug. 26
Jess Lanier – Oct. 28

Class 6A

Jeff Davis – Sept. 16 Vigor – Oct. 14

OUT OF STATE

Pace (1A, Fla.) Sept. 16
(Mickey Lindsey at 850-995-3611)



STATE CHEERLEADING WINNERS LISTED

Varsity squads from Marion County, Hale County, Winfield, Opp, Buckhorn, Bob Jones, Sparkman and Austin high schools were division winners in the AHSAA State Cheerleading Competition at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville.

The top finishers by divisions:

Class 1A—Marion County (1st), Florala (2nd)
 Class 2A—Hale County (1st), Ider (2nd)
 Class 3A—Winfield (1st), Rogers (2nd)
 Class 4A—Opp (1st), Chelsea (2nd)
 Class 5A—Buckhorn (1st), Benjamin Russell (2nd)
 Class 6A—Bob Jones (1st), Vestavia Hills (2nd)
 Coed—Sparkman (1st), John Carroll (2nd)
 Non-Building—Austin (1st), Mary Montgomery (2nd).

The Junior Classic pacesetters:

Small Junior High—Cullman (1st), Douglas (2nd), Cedar Bluff (3rd)

Medium Junior High—Monrovia (1st), Discovery (2nd), Meridianville and Sparkman (tie for 3rd)

Large Junior High—South Girard (1st), Hewitt-Trussville (2nd), Riverton (3rd)

Junior High Non-Building—Curry (1st)

HOOVER QB Is MR. FOOTBALL

Jarod Bryant of Hoover High School was named the 2004 Mr. Football by the Alabama Sports Writers Association at the annual Player of the Year luncheon in Birmingham Dec. 15.

The senior quarterback became the 22nd winner of the award selected by the 30-member ASWA state football rankings and all-state committee.

Bryant, a 5-11, 185-pound senior in his first season as a starter, led his team to a 15-0 record and its third straight Class 6A championship. He completed 218 of 312 passes for 3,121 yards and 29 touchdowns with only four interceptions and was also the team's second leading rusher with 378 yards in 124 carries.

In the 22-7 state finals win over Prattville he completed 12 of 23 passes for 208 yards and a touchdown.

The other individual class winners were:

Class 1A — (Lineman) Anthony Dunning, Coffeetown; (Back) Tylor Harrison, Valley Head.

Class 2A — (Lineman) Chris Burkhalter, Clay County; (Back) Timothy Hicks, Washington County.

Class 3A — (Lineman) Adam Vinson, Oneonta; (back) Drake Hall, Winfield.

Class 4A — (Lineman) Brandon Moore, Deshler; (Back) Tommy Trott, Trinity.

Class 5A — (Lineman) Antonio Coleman, Williamson; (Back) Desmond Jennings, Pinson Valley.

Freshman—Hayden (1st), Tharptown (2nd)
 Junior Varsity—Bob Jones (1st), Sparkman (2nd), Hazel Green (3rd)

Notices

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WEST END HIGH SCHOOL of Birmingham has been fined \$500 and placed on probation for a year because of the flagrant, unsportsmanlike conduct by Coach Stacy Gill during a football game at Scottsboro Nov. 12. The coach screamed very vulgar, profane language at an official, was ejected and told to leave the stadium. West End was assessed a third unsportsmanlike foul when the coach used vulgar language toward the officials again as he was leaving the field.

When the coach was discovered in the press box two plays later, another unsportsmanlike foul was assessed against West End and its head coach was again notified of a possible forfeit if the ejected coach did not leave the stadium area. He was told to leave immediately.

The probation is a warning that other unsportsmanlike acts of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

Also, Gill was suspended indefinitely until further information could be obtained about his actions.

VESTAVIA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$300 and placed on probation for a year for holding illegal baseball practice Jan. 7. Players were in groups with coaches on the infield and pitchers were throwing off the mound to a catcher after school. The starting date for baseball practice was Jan 31.

The probation is a warning that other violations of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$500 and placed on probation for a year because of the flagrant, unsportsmanlike conduct by Coach Rush Propst during the state Class 6A championship football game against Prattville. The conduct exhibited was the use of profanity during the game aired on statewide television.

The probation is a warning that other unsportsmanlike acts of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

HEWITT-TRUSSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL has been fined \$150 and placed on probation for a year because of the unsportsmanlike conduct by Coach Mark Higginbotham after a ninth grade boys basketball game. The coach entered the officials' dressing room and made negative comments.

The probation is a warning that other unsportsmanlike acts of this nature could bring further sanctions against the school.

BASEBALL RULES

BAT STICKERS ARE STILL LEGAL

Any bat that meets the Ball Exit Speed Ratio (BESR) performance standard is legal for the 2005 high school baseball competition governed by National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) rules. If the BESR certification mark is on the bat, it may be used.

The AHSAA, a member of the National Federation since 1923, follows all NFHS rules.

The standards include all non-wood bats, which must meet the BESR performance standards and be labeled with a silk screen or other permanent certification mark. Effective Jan. 1, 2006, no BESR label, sticker or decal will be permitted on any non-wood bat.

The NFHS Baseball Rules Committee instituted the BESR certification mark requirements for all non-wood bats in Jan. 1, 2003. The 2005 season will be the last one that bats with BESR labels, stickers or decals will be legal.

"When purchasing bats, individuals can now be assured that no matter what materials are used in the bat composition, it is legal if it has the BESR certification mark," said Elliot Hopkins, NFHS assistant director. "Whether the bat composition is titanium, ceramic or whatever, it can be used if it has the BESR mark."

The BESR mark ensures a maximum exit speed of 97 miles per hour and that the bat has met the moment-of-inertia requirement. The current bat rules, also a part of the BESR standard, have the following requirements: maximum of 2 5/8 inches for the diameter of the bat barrel and a minus-3 differential between the length and weight of the bat (i.e., a 33-inch-long bat cannot weigh less than 30 ounces).

All recent changes in bat requirements have been made to minimize the risk of injury to high school players, maintain the balance between offense and defense, and keep within the sound traditions of the game.

Ball Exit Speed Ratio (BESR)

Sticker Position Statement For 2005

For purposes of being able to identify non-wood baseball bats that meet the Ball Exit Speed Ratio (BESR) performance standard, bats bearing the certification mark as a sticker or decal are deemed in compliance, as long as the bat manufacturer provided the sticker or decal to the bat owner.



ELIGIBILITY TALK

PARTICIPATION RULE

No student may participate in any one sport for more than six years (seasons) after entering the seventh grade or for more than three seasons after entering the 10th grade. A student who officially participates in one contest of a sport is credited with one year of participation in that sport. A freshman team is considered a junior high team.

FIFTY PERCENT RULE

Participation during the school year by students from any high school team (varsity and B-team involving grades 10-12) on a non-school team during the off-season is limited to 50 percent of the number of players required to play the game of that sport (i.e., three in basketball, six in soccer, five in baseball, etc.).

Note: In each sport, only the specified number of students participating on a non-school team during the school year may be placed on the same high school team roster the following season. Those students cannot be interchanged on the school team roster.

The rule does not apply to seniors who have completed their high school eligibility in that sport nor to middle and junior high school students who will not play on a high school team the following season.

AMATEUR RULE

Only amateurs are eligible. An amateur is one who does not use his/her knowledge or athletics or athletic skill for gain. A student may not receive an award of any kind having a monetary value of more than 50 dollars – other than medals, trophies, plaques or championship rings.

TRANSFER RULE

A student is eligible in the school zone in which his/her parents reside (public, private or parochial schools). Any student who completes one year's attendance at a school outside his/her home school zone and fulfills all other requirements becomes eligible in that school. (This does not apply to foreign exchange students.)

A student whose parents make a bona fide move completely out of one school zone into another school zone may transfer all his/her rights and privileges to the member school that serves the area where the parents reside.

Custody or legal guardianship set up with anyone will not establish immediate athletic eligibility.

HOME RULE

A student attending a member school outside his/her school zone may return to his/her home school (where the parents reside) and be eligible at the beginning of any school year if all other requirements are met.

OVERLAPPING SCHOOL ZONES

A student whose parents reside in an area served by more than one school lives in the one of each school, thus in overlapping school zones. A student

who changes schools within these overlapping school zones is ineligible for one year at the new school.

INDEPENDENT RULE

A student who is a member of any school tennis, golf, swimming, track, cross country or wrestling team may participate as an independent in two outside activities (events) on non-school days during the season of that sport. The schedule of the school team, including the championship play, takes precedent over any outside participation by an individual.

A member of a school soccer team may participate in one Olympic Development Program evaluation period per month as long as there is no loss of school time. The evaluation must be under the guidance of ODP.

OUTSIDE PARTICIPATION RULE

A student who is a member of any school athletic team (grades 7-12) may not participate (includes practice) on a non-school team in the same sport during the school season of that sport. Also, a member of any school athletic team may not participate in an outside sport activity in that same sport during the school season of that sport.

A student who violates this rule becomes ineligible to compete on that school team or in that school sports activity for the remainder of that school season. Any student who participates on an outside team after the school sport season begins is ineligible to join that school team for the remainder of the season.

A team's season begins the day of the team's first contest and ends the day of the team's last contest. An ineligible student cannot participate on an outside team after the school team's season starts and then join the school team upon gaining eligibility.

Tryouts for an outside team (college, recreational, etc.) during the season of any sport are not permitted. These are considered outside sports activities.

Board

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- Washburn reported that new locations for the Hall of Fame induction banquet are being checked out since the Montgomery Civic Center was unavailable due to a two-year renovation project. Board instructed the AHSAA staff to make the final decision on a new site.

- Ken Blankenship's resignation as Director of the Alabama High School Athletic Directors and Coaches Association was submitted. The Board thanked him for his efforts. Board approved Steve Bailey for the part-time position as the new director. Bailey has been athletic director and football coach at Jeff Davis High School in Montgomery for a number of years.

2004-05 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

22Section Wrestling Tournaments
28-29State Wrestling Tournament (Pelham)
31Area Basketball Tournament Brackets Due

FEBRUARY

4-5State Indoor Track Meet (Priceville)
7, 10, 12Girls Area & Region Basketball Tournaments
8, 11, 14Boys Area & Region Basketball Tournaments
17Girls Sub-Regional Basketball Games
18Boys Sub-Regional Basketball Games
22-26Regional Basketball Tournaments

MARCH

1-5State Finals Basketball Tournament (Birmingham)
28Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame Banquet (Montgomery)
28-April 1AEA Spring Holidays

APRIL

9Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Basketball Games (Pelham)
11Bryant-Jordan Student Athlete Awards Banquet (Birmingham)
25-28Section Tennis Tournaments
26-30Section Track & Field Meets
27, 30, May 6-7, 13-14State Baseball Playoffs (Rounds 1-4)
25-28Section Golf Tournament

MAY

2-7State Tennis Tournaments (Montgomery, Mobile)
3-7Sub-State Soccer Games
6-7State Track & Field Meets (Birmingham, Tuscaloosa)
7Section Softball Tournaments
9-10State Golf Tournament (Opelika)
10, 14Sub-State Softball Games (Rounds 1 & 2)
13-14State Soccer Tournament (Huntsville)
16-17Heptathlon, Decathlon (Birmingham)
18-21State Baseball Finals (Montgomery)
19-21State Softball Tournament (Montgomery)

ONLINE ALERT!

Some Students Entered Still Need Final Approval

Schools that have entered any students online this school year should make sure the final step of the Form 3 procedure has been followed.

Currently the names of over 400 students have been entered into the system but have not been approved by the principal, the final step of the procedure. Therefore, those students have not reached the State Office and are not eligible for interscholastic athletics.

The online procedure for submitting students on Form 3 must have the final approval of the school principal to complete the process. The principal must approve a list and click on "Send to State Office" in order for the list to reach the State Office.