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AHSAA Sports Hall of Fame Welcomes Class of 2011

The Hall of Fame Class of 2011 includes:

Front row: Waldon Tucker, Lester Smith, Bill Murrell, Wanda Gilliland, Tony Baggiano, Johnny Patrick.

Back row: Doug Barfield, Jerry Weems, Lyle Underwood, Jim Tate, Joe Belyeu, George Hatchett.

Hall Of Fame Inducts 12 Who Are Making A Difference

Congratulations to the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame's Class of 2011. The 21st class inducted last month is an outstanding group of 12 major contributors to high school sports in Alabama.

A total of 261 coaches, officials, administrators and other contributors have been inducted into the Hall since its inception in 1991. These men and women have all made a positive difference in the world as we know it.

The class includes football and basketball official Tony Baggiano, former football coach and major contributor Doug Barfield, basketball coaches Joe Belyeu, George Hatchett, Johnny Patrick, Jerry Weems and the AHSAA's own Wanda Gilliland, football coaches Lester Smith, Waldon Tucker and Lyle Underwood, baseball coach Bill Murrell and track coach Jim Tate.

The influence of this class, like those before them, will be long lasting.

Consider Jim Tate of St. Paul's, for instance. Coach Tate, a U.S. Army (Airborne) pilot who received the Air Medal and Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster for his service to our nation in the Vietnam War, has guided his St. Paul's teams to 90 state championships in boys and girls cross country, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field. He was selected the National High School Coaches Association Track Coach of the



Steve Savarese
Executive Director

Year. His girls' cross country team still holds the national record for consecutive state championships with 16 from 1983-1998.

More importantly, he has mentored hundreds of young people in the lessons of life. When he started the track program at St. Paul's in 1978, the school didn't even have a track. Now the school has a track field house that bears his name.

St. Paul's school headmaster F. Martin Lester, Jr., said this of his track coach. "The real story of Jim Tate is that of a gentle leader, who, in turn, makes leaders of young men and women. He does so not through a harsh win-at-all-costs approach, but through positive encouragement, a sense of humor, a sense of duty and humbling personification of the Golden Rule." This kind of im-

pact is representative of all our inductees past and present.

I want to personally thank them all for what they have meant to those placed in their trust. I also want to thank the many who came to Montgomery for the Hall of Fame banquet to honor these outstanding individuals and to make their day such a special memory and the many former inductees who attended the event once again.

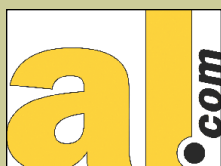
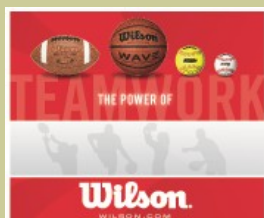
A lot of work and preparation goes into the event each year. AHSADCA Director Steve Bailey oversees the nomination and selection process through the selection committee. For the entire AHSAA staff, this is a labor of love. Alan Mitchell, Charlotte Davies and Sandy Logan have been key leaders in this special banquet each year. Alan and Charlotte also have spent countless hours developing the Hall of Fame housed at the AHSAA office. Sandy and her daughters worked all day Sunday preparing the food for the Open House/Reception.

If you haven't had a chance to tour the Hall of Fame exhibits, please take the time to do so.

PRINCIPALS AND ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CONFERENCE

The AHSADCA has put together an outstanding agenda for the fourth annual Principals and Athletic Directors Conference scheduled for April 5-6 at the Renaissance Center. The topics of discussion and list of speakers are outstanding and will address topics pertinent to our school administrators.

The AHSAA staff will discuss eligibility issues by using specific case study examples that we have actually dealt with in recent years. These kinds of issues are the types our school administrators are facing currently.



AHSAA Corporate Partner Spotlight



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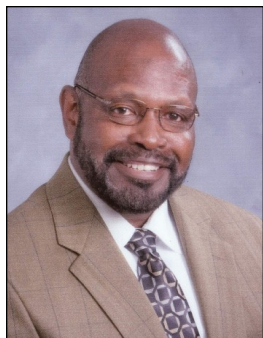
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Outside Participation, College Tryouts Have Restrictions

The AHSAA receives a number of inquiries most weeks concerning two very important items that could have a profound effect on a student-athlete's eligibility: outside participation and college tryouts.

The AHSAA rules governing these times can be found in the AHSAA 2010-11 Handbook on pages 23-24. Coaches need to understand the limitations clearly so they can advise the student-athletes and parents of the AHSAA rules and regulations governing these matters.

RULE 1: ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 6. 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. A student who is a member of any high school athletic team may not participate in an outside sport activity in the same sport during the school season of that sport.

Note: Olympic Development programs are exempted from the Outside Participation Rule. One evaluation per month has been approved by the AHSAA.

Note: Private individual instruction is not considered an outside sports activity.

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



Joe Evans
Associate Executive
Director

team after the school sport season begins is ineligible to join that school team for the remainder of that season. A team's season begins the day of that team's first contest and ends when that team's season has been completed. An ineligible student cannot participate with an outside team after the school team's season starts and then join the school team upon becoming eligible. **(A) INDEPENDENT RULE:** A student who is a member of any school track and field, cross country or wrestling team may participate as an independent in two outside activities during the season of a sport with the permission of the school principal. The schedule of the school team, including its championship play, takes precedent over any outside participation of an individual. (Members of tennis, golf and swimming teams are not limited to the number of outside events.)

Note: An outside event is one that is not sanctioned by the AHSAA.

(B) FIFTY PERCENT RULE: Participation (includes practice) during the school year on a non-school team outside the school season by students that will play the following season on the same high school varsity or junior varsity/B-team (grades 7-12) is limited to 50 percent of the number of players required to play the game (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. A freshman team at a high school is considered a junior high team just like a 9th grade team at a junior high school.

This rule does not apply to seniors who have completed their high school eligibility in that sport or to middle and junior high school students who will not play on a high school team the following season. This rule applies to students attending individual camps during the summer.

SECTION 7. HIGHER LEVEL PARTICIPATION. A high school student who enrolls or registers in an institution of higher rank than high school or plays on an athletic team of such an institution shall not be eligible to represent any high school in the state in athletics until reinstated by the Central Board of Control.

With the approval of a student's principal, enrollment in special classes for an accelerated or enrichment program is not a violation of the rules. However, a student who enrolls at another school in order to take special courses is not eligible at the new high school until the student has been enrolled for one full year.

Note: College tryouts are only permitted outside the high school sport season.

Principals/Athletic Directors Conference Set For April 5-6

The fourth annual Principals and Athletic Directors Conference April 5-6 at the Renaissance Montgomery Convention Center will be a little different from previous conferences hosted by the AHSADCA and the AHSAA. This year's conference will be more discussion and less lecture. The guest speakers are outstanding – from the inspirational presentation of John Croyle to the down-to-earth insights of several outstanding attorneys concerning bullying, sexting, texting and the law. This special panel discussion scheduled for the 1 to 2:15 p.m. time slot after lunch on Wednesday, April 6, will include a special testimony from Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ellis, parents who have experienced the results of the type of behavior having such a profound effect on the students in our schools and across the nation.

Renowned education lawyer Donald Sweeney, an attorney from Birmingham who specializes in representing school systems, will also be on hand along with Montgomery attorneys James Robert Seale, Elizabeth Carter and Jayne Williams to discuss these important topics.

Among the other key topics to be discussed in the afternoon session are: Athletic Issues Facing the 21st Century Principal and/or Athletic Director, Emerging Sports Trends, Moral/Ethical Issues for coaching staffs and NCAA/NAIA Clearinghouse and Recruiting Rules.

Special panel members include



Steve Bailey
Director, AHSAD&CA

Ed Lathan, principal at UMS-Wright Prep and the current AHSAA Central Board president, principals John Richey of Guntersville and Kyle Ferguson of Thomasville, Hoover athletic director Myra Miles and Hoover counselor Cindy Bond.

The morning session will include Mr. Croyle's presentation as well as actual eligibility case studies that have been handled by the AHSAA staff involving member schools. A special panel of school athletic directors will discuss how to develop a school or school system Athlete/Coach Handbook. Leading this panel are St. Paul's athletic director Gerry Strang and Mountain Brook athletic director Terry Cooper, who is also a member of the AHSAA

Central Board of Control.

This year's conference kicks off Tuesday night (April 5) with special Leadership Training Course 619 taught by Saint James School AD Jerry Browning. The course is scheduled from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Renaissance Center.

The CAA Exam will also be administered from 6 to 8 p.m., and special reception for attendees will be hosted by the AHSAA staff from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. To register for the CAA Exam, go to www.niaaa.org for requirements, certification process and application.

Deadline for pre-registration was Friday, April 1. However, attendees can still register on site. The registration fee includes a conference gift.

Anyone needing information can call the AHSAA office at 334-263-6994.

ALL-STAR SPORTS WEEK SCHEDULE IS SET

The 15th annual Alabama All-Star Sports Week returns to Montgomery this summer, July 11-15. Montgomery hosted All-Star Sports Week from 1997-2004. When renovation of the Montgomery Civic Center and the construction of the Renaissance Center in Montgomery required the event to relocate temporarily, Huntsville stepped in and did an outstanding job from 2005 through last year.

There are several changes on tap for this summer's week-long event including moving the **See All-Star Sports Week, Page 8**

UPCOMING AHSAA Events/Deadlines

- Apr. 5-6**
Principals/AD Conference,
Montgomery
- Apr. 11**
26th Bryant-Jordan Awards
Banquet, Birmingham
- Apr. 20**
Central Board Meeting,
AHSAA Office
- Apr. 20**
Legislative Council
Meeting, AHSAA Office

UPCOMING DISTRICT Meetings

- Apr. 6**
District 2, Enterprise
Service Center
- Apr. 27**
District 7, Hamilton HS

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- Apr. 18-21**
Tennis Section
Tournaments
- Apr. 26-29**
Tennis State
Tournaments
- Apr. 22-23, 29-30**
Baseball Playoffs
- Apr. 25-28**
Golf Section Tournaments
- Apr. 29-30**
Track Section Meets
- Apr. 29-May 7**
Softball Section
Tournaments
- Apr. 30**
Soccer Sub-State Playoffs

NFHS To Offer Free SAT/ACT Prep Courses To Schools In AHSAA

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and eKnowledge™ – a leading provider of interactive learning products and services – are continuing their partnership to help high school students prepare for college.

eKnowledge is offering SAT and ACT test prep programs – valued at \$200 each – free to students in NFHS member state associations. The SAT and ACT PowerPrep software is provided in a single DVD and includes more than 11 hours of video instruction and 40 hours of student participation time, 3,000 files of supplemental test prep material, thousands of interactive diagnostic tools, sample questions, practice tests and graphic teaching illustrations. Students select the training they need and can study at their own pace.

“I have met and worked with the folks at eKnowledge who started the Sponsorship Partners Alliance to assist high school students, and we are pleased to associate with them and encourage our member associations and high schools around the country to use this opportunity to assist the families and students in their states, districts and schools,” said B. Elliot Hopkins, NFHS director of educational services.

The eKnowledge Sponsorship Partners Alliance includes more than 70 athletes from the National Football League and Major League Baseball, as well as individuals from corporations, foundations and not-for-profit organizations. With the support of these individuals, eKnowledge is able to offer the \$200 SAT and ACT PowerPrep software to schools in NFHS member state associations.

The SAT and ACT PowerPrep Program can be ordered online at www.eknowledge.com/NFHS or by phone at 951-256-4076 (reference NFHS). Although the \$200 retail fee is waived for NFHS members, individuals will be charged \$17.55 for shipping and handling, support, materials and registration.

Dr. Lemak Award Deadline Is April 15

Deadline to apply for the Dr. Lawrence Lemak Award, a need-based scholarship awarded annually to 10 high schools in the AHSAA, is April 15. Thirty \$2,500 scholarships have been awarded since 2008. Schools should fill out the application form found at the following link:

<http://www.ahsaa.com/Portals/0/pdf/forms/LemakAward.pdf>

Please email or fax to the AHSAA by the deadline date. Anyone with questions can call the AHSAA at 334-263-6994 or email Ron Ingram at ringram@ahsaa.com. Fax number is: 334-387-0075.

2011 Bryant-Jordan Banquet To Be April 11

The 26th annual Bryant-Jordan Student Athlete Awards Banquet will be Monday night, April 11, at the Birmingham-Sheraton Hotel. A total of 96 regional honorees will be recognized and awarded more than \$800,000 in scholarships.

The program recognizes 48 regional scholar-athlete winners, selected for their excellence in athletics and academics, and 48 achievement winners, chosen for their ability to overcome major obstacles during their high school careers. Individual class winners in each category will be selected from the regional winners. The highlight of the awards banquet is the selection of the state's overall Scholar-Athlete Award winner and Achievement Award winners.

The student athlete program is named in honor of the late coaches Paul "Bear" Bryant of Alabama and Ralph "Shug" Jordan of Auburn. The overall scholar athlete award is named for Larry D. Striplin Jr., who founded the scholarship program that annually recognizes the state's outstanding senior student-athletes.

The program is sponsored and administered by the Bryant-Jordan Foundation in conjunction with the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame and the Alabama High School Athletic Association.

Special Awards

Several other special scholarships will also be awarded including the McCullough Medical Scholarship; Auburn Football Letterman Club Scholarships; Alabama "A" Club Educational & Charitable Foundation Scholarships; and the Herman L. "Bubba" Scott Coaching Scholarship.

Testing Dates for 2011/2012

PLAN- Tuesday, November 1, 2011

PSAT- Wednesday, October 12, 2011

ASVAB- Saturday, January 21, 2012

AHSGE- September 19-23, 2011

December 5-9, 2011

March 12-16, 2012

July 9-13, 2012

ACT- Sept. 10, 2011

October 22, 2011

December 10, 2011

February 11, 2012

April 14, 2012

June 9, 2012

SAT- October 1, 2011

November 5, 2011

December 3, 2011

January 28, 2012

March 10, 2012

May 5, 2012

June 2, 2012

All-Star Sports Week -- continued from Page 6

North-South Football Game from Friday night to Thursday (at Cramton Bowl) and moving the All-Star Basketball Games from Thursday to Wednesday night (Alabama State Acadome). The annual Championship Coaches Banquet, which has been a luncheon, will conclude the week on Friday night with a coat-and-tie dinner honoring the state's championship coaches for 2010-11.

We will have some big news in the coming days about the clinicians being lined up.

I urge all schools to go ahead and make plans to attend this summer's Coaches School and All-Star Sports Week. The last of the all-star teams were selected this week and will be announced shortly once all players are confirmed.

Hall of Fame Inductees Say 'Thank You'

On behalf of the 2011 Sports Hall of Fame Inductees, thank you for a wonderful day and night of activities last month. Special thanks to our families, former players, former coaches, schools and our communities for all their hard work and support. We owe a big thank you to the AHSAA Staff and the AHSADCA and the selection committee.

I can assure you the entire day of festivities which culminated with the Hall of Fame induction banquet will be a memory each of us will always cherish.

As we approach the spring championship season, please remember sportsmanship and following the rules of the game. Let's make good memories for all the coaches, players, fans, parents and schools. It would be great to end the year



Wanda Gilliland
Assistant Director

with no ejections.

We also want to remind coaches to check their on-line rosters to make sure that all names are correct with uniform numbers (if applicable), school year, position and heights (if applicable). As the regular season concludes, make sure to create the post-season (tournament) rosters as required by the deadline dates listed in the AHSAA Spring Sports Book for each sport.

It is also very important that all scores are reported during the regular season and that play-off scores be reported immediately following contests each night.

SOFTBALL: Area softball tournament directors must fax or email area tournament brackets to the AHSAA by Monday, April 25, 10 a.m. Area tournaments can be played any time beginning April 29 through May 7.

BASEBALL: All area baseball contests should be completed prior to April 18 with area champions and runners-up determined by then. Area winner and runner-up teams must fax or email their first-round game times and sites to the AHSAA office no later than April 18 (10 a.m.).

The first round of the state playoffs will be played April 22-23. Once the playoffs begin, the winning coaches in each round should fax or email game times and sites for the next round to the AHSAA office by the following Monday, 10 a.m.

SOCCER: In Class 6A, all section soccer matches must be concluded prior to April 25 with the top four-ranked finishers reported to the AHSAA by fax or email by 10 a.m. on that date. In Classes 1A-4A and Class 5A, section matches must be played prior to April 28 with the winner and runner-up in each section reported to the AHSAA by 10 a.m. on that date.

The first round of the state playoffs for Class 6A is April 30. The first round for all other classifications is May 3.



Family members celebrate with 2011 Hall of Fame Inductee William "Bill" Murrell (wearing the tie) at the Athens Bible School baseball coach's Hall of Fame display at the Hall of Fame open house last month.

AHSAA Baseball Pitching Rule Has Been Modified

With baseball in full swing already this spring, it is important to remind our coaches that the AHSAA baseball pitching limitation rule has been modified slightly for the purpose of better protecting a pitcher's arm. It was recommended by the AHSAA Baseball Coaches Committee and the AHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to increase the number of days rest between pitching occurrences.

The number of days rest was increased from two days to three days between pitching occurrences when a pitcher pitches 7 innings over a single day



Greg Brewer
AHSAA
Director of Officials

or two-consecutive day period. A player may make two pitching appearances in one day or over two consecutive calendar days, after which three consecutive calendar days of rest are required before being eligible to pitch again. A player's eligibility to pitch is not determined by the number of hours between pitching appearances.

It is important to note that an appearance is an official participation as a pitcher. (An appearance is concluded upon the player's removal from the pitcher's position or by the conclusion of the game.)

This is the first major change we have had to the pitching limitation rule since it's inception. We feel this is a very productive change and look forward to having fewer issues with pitching arm injuries in our state.

AHSAA Officials Camp Schedule Is Set

The 2011 AHSAA State Officials Training Camps are set. These camps are used as training sessions for officials from across the state. The camps aid in establishing consistency in the way officials work games statewide. During the camps we have them actually working games and demonstrations. If your school team wishes to participate in one of these camps, please contact me at (334)263-6994 or gbrewer@ahsaa.com.

2011 AHSAA State Officials Camps

BASKETBALL:	June 23-26	Albertville	Cost: \$190
BASEBALL:	June 2-5	Hoover (Spain Park, Indian Springs)	Cost: \$175
FOOTBALL:	August 11-14	Decatur (Northwest District)	Cost: \$125
SOCCER:	July 7-9	Guntersville	Cost: \$125
VOLLEYBALL:	June 24-26	Briarwood Christian/Indian Springs	Cost: \$125
SOFTBALL:	July 15-17	Arab	Cost: \$170
WRESTLING:	June 17-18	Site to be determined	Cost: TBD

2011 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPS



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**Class 1A State
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Pickens County
Tornados**



**Class 2A State Girls
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2011 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPS



**Class 2A State
Boys Champions
Tanner Rattlers**

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**Class 3A State Girls
Champions
Madison Academy
Mustangs**

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**Class 3A State
Boys Champions
Greensboro
Raiders**

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2011 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPS



**Class 4A State Girls
Champions
Brewbaker Tech
Rams**



**Class 4A State Boys
Champions
S.R. Butler Rebels**



**Class 5A State Girls
Champions
E.B. Erwin Eagles**



2011 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPS



**Class 5A State
Boys Champions
Wenonah
Dragons**



**Class 6A State
Girls Champions
Bob Jones
Patriots**



**Class 6A State
Boys Champions
Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa
Patriots**





Hall of Fame Basketball Coaches Visit AHSAA Hall of Fame Prior To Induction

Vestavia Hills High School boys basketball coach George Hatchett enjoys a chat with Central Coosa boys basketball coach Joe Belyeu and his wife Jackie at last month's Hall of Fame reception at the AHSAA. Both men were inducted into the Hall of Fame as members of the Class of 2011.

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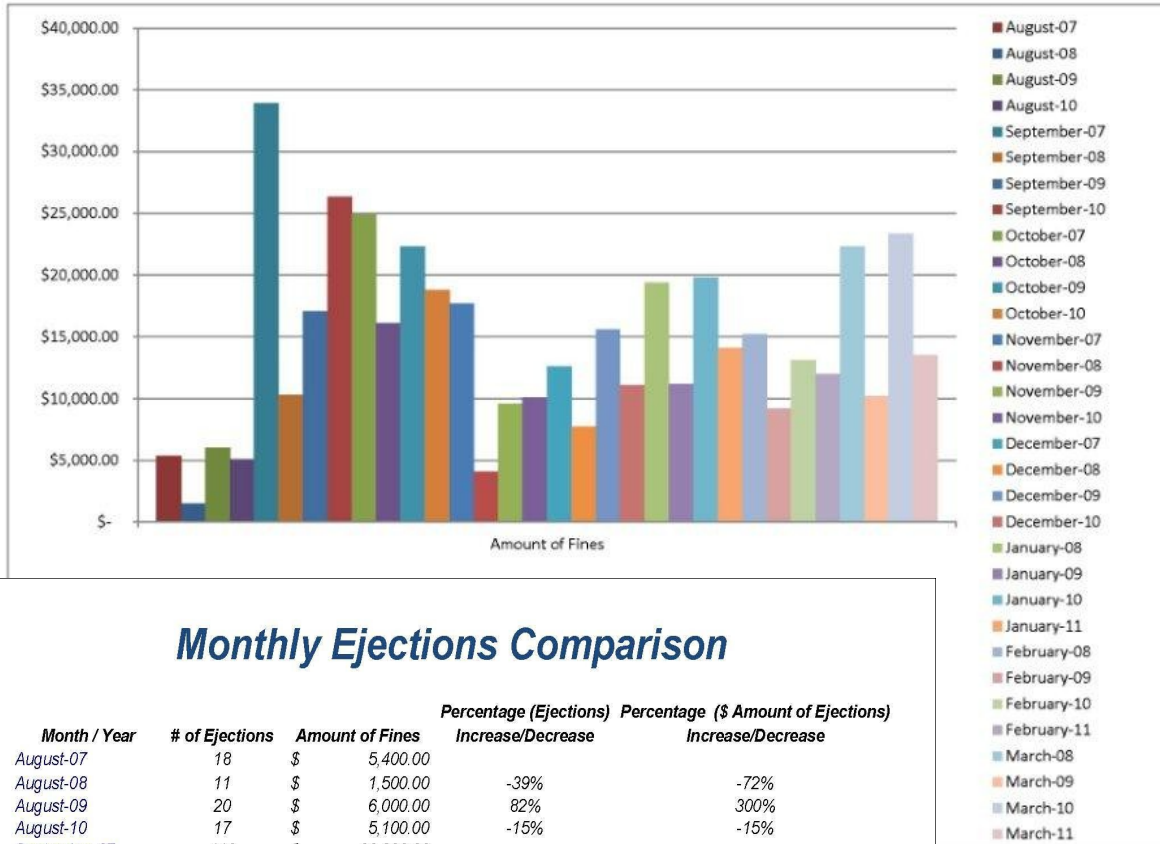
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The
AHSAA
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19th
Year



Eligibility Computer Data
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Monthly AHSAA Fines and Ejections (Through March 2011)



Monthly Ejections Comparison

Month / Year	# of Ejections	Amount of Fines	Percentage (Ejections)		Percentage (\$ Amount of Ejections)	
			Increase/Decrease	Increase/Decrease	Increase/Decrease	Increase/Decrease
August-07	18	\$ 5,400.00				
August-08	11	\$ 1,500.00	-39%		-72%	
August-09	20	\$ 6,000.00	82%		300%	
August-10	17	\$ 5,100.00	-15%		-15%	
September-07	113	\$ 33,900.00				
September-08	73	\$ 10,300.00	-35%		-70%	
September-09	57	\$ 17,100.00	-22%		66%	
September-10	88	\$ 26,350.00	54%		54%	
October-07	83	\$ 24,900.00				
October-08	113	\$ 16,100.00	36%		-35%	
October-09	74	\$ 22,300.00	-35%		39%	
October-10	63	\$ 18,800.00	-15%		-16%	
November-07	59	\$ 17,700.00				
November-08	25	\$ 4,100.00	-58%		-77%	
November-09	32	\$ 9,600.00	28%		134%	
November-10	33	\$ 10,100.00	3%		5%	
December-07	42	\$ 12,600.00				
December-08	47	\$ 7,700.00	12%		-39%	
December-09	52	\$ 15,600.00	11%		103%	
December-10	37	\$ 11,100.00	-29%		-29%	
January-08	64	\$ 19,400.00				
January-09	72	\$ 11,200.00	13%		-42%	
January-10	66	\$ 19,800.00	-8%		77%	
January-11	47	\$ 14,100.00	-29%		-29%	
February-08	50	\$ 15,200.00				
February-09	70	\$ 9,200.00	40%		-39%	
February-10	43	\$ 13,100.00	-39%		42%	
February-11	40	\$ 12,000.00	-7%		-8%	
March-08	73	\$ 22,300.00				
March-09	68	\$ 10,200.00	-7%		-54%	
March-10	78	\$ 23,350.00	15%		129%	
March-11	45	\$ 13,500.00	-42%		-42%	

March ejections in 2011 are down 42% from March, 2010, and fines have decreased by \$9,850.00 during that span.