

TO: GHSA MEMBER SCHOOLS
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RE: GEORGIA GAMES SCHOLASTIC SPORTS OLYMPIAD

The Georgia Games have been an important part of the sports scene in this state for a number of years. I am pleased to express my support for the Scholastic Sports Olympiad that will be held this summer. This event is designed to promote physical fitness among the young people in Georgia and to celebrate a diverse array of athletic interests. Many of the events are individual in nature and not a traditional team sport.

As is apparent with the publicity materials, only a small number of the competitions that will be offered are sports played under the authority of the GHSA. Most schools have a full schedule of practices, camps, and leagues during the summer months for "GHSA sports", so this should not be a radical change. All GHSA rules pertaining to the summer will be in effect. All participation shall be voluntary on the part of the student, and the "dead week" must be observed.

I encourage you to spread the word among your students and coaches about this exciting opportunity.