

# GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## The District Partnership Program

It is the opinion of the GHSA Office that successful efforts to recruit/retain, train, assign and evaluate officials can be greatly enhanced by combining the overall efforts of placing individual groups into larger coexisting bodies throughout the state. Using "consistency" as our number one objective, we can require a higher level of accountability in every aspect of officiating through a "District Partnership Program" format.

- A. All existing "Associations" will retain their current anonymity and board structure as they determine
- B. Determination of district alignments
  - 1. Geographic location of:
    - a. Schools (number within a given geographic area)
    - b. Associations (strength/numbers)
    - c. Assigned by the GHSA Office
- C. Registration of Officials
  - 1. Officials continue to register in their "Primary Association"
- D. Training of Officials
  - 1. Officials will have the option of training sessions within the District Partnership
  - 2. Training Directors of each association within the Partnership will work together to insure a consistent training format
- E. Assignment of Officials
  - 1. Invitational tournaments and post-season games will be assigned as "Partnership Games".
  - 2. Assigners will work together to assign games based on the strength of the game, competency level of officials, and the pool of eligible officials available to work on a given night
    - a. The "District Coordinator" will oversee the assignment process for post-season
  - 3. The "District Coordinator" shall be selected by the GHSA Office
  - 4. An equitable system shall be used for the assignment of post-season games based on the percentage of post-season eligible officials in each local association within the respective District Partnership.
- F. Payment of Officials
  - 1. The payment of game fees/booking fees will be coordinated within each Partnership, but the Primary Association is responsible to invoice schools assigned to the respective association.
    - a. At the end of the post-season the District Coordinator will disburse one check to each association within the district for games worked by members of each respective association.
    - b. There shall be no "booking fees" charged for post-season assignments.
- G. Post-Season Selections
  - 1. A committee of each District Coordinator, the respective sport Officials Liaison, and the GHSA Sport Coordinator will meet and select the officials to work the post-season games at a designated round of the play-offs to be determined in each sport.
  - 2. Each Partnership District will have the responsibility of assigning post-season games through the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the GHSA State Tournament.
  - 3. The Post-Season Selection Committee will have the responsibility of assigning games beginning in the quarterfinal round through the championship games.
  - 4. The GHSA Sport Coordinator has the authority to make changes to the assignments at any time during the post-season.