



## GMSAA FOOTBALL CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 15, 2020	GMSAA Annual Fee Due
Email request sent on July 7, 2020	Game Schedule Conflicts
Thursday, July 30, 2020	GMSAA Summer Meeting (Zoom)
*Sunday, August 2, 2020	Fall Practice – First Day
**Sunday, August 9, 2020	Fall Practice – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Practice
***Sunday, August 16, 2020	Fall Practice – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Practice
Sunday, August 30, 2020	Member School's Team Certification
Friday, September 4, 2020	Official Fees Payment – Full Balance Due
Saturday, September 5, 2020	Regular Season – First Game Day
Wednesday, September 16, 2020	Final Team Certification
Saturday, October 24, 2020 (Week 7)	Regular Season – Final Game Day
Sunday, October 25, 2020	GMSAA Fall Meeting
Saturday, October 31, 2020	State Playoff – First Round
Saturday, November 14 and/or 21, 2020	State Championship – All Star Games

The above calendar is subject to change.

\*First week of practice is helmet only (minimum of 3 days for heat/weather acclimation – maximum of 4 days for the first week)

\*\*Second week of practice – Teams can do a max of 2 practices in Shorts in Helmets and a max of 2 practices in full pads. The earliest start date for full pads is Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

\*\*\*Maximum of 3 practice days in FULL PADS ONLY for a max of 2 hours starting Sunday, August 16, 2020 each week for the 2020 GMSAA Season.

2020 Kickoff Classic is canceled for the 2020 season and should resume for the 2021 season. The host school locations for 2020 will host the 2021 season.

**REVIEW GMSAA BY-LAWS - FOOTBALL PRACTICE - Pg. 32:**

Any student may practice in full pads and practice may not last longer than two (2) hours in full pads.

Full contact should be limited during games and practices as well as during activity outside of the traditional fall practice. (Note: No limitation is placed on activities defined below as "AIR, BAGS or CONTROL" contact.)

(a) For purposes of this by-law, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) AIR - Players run a drill unopposed without contact;

(2) BAGS - Players run a drill against a bag or another soft-contact surface;

(3) CONTROL - Players run a drill at assigned speed until the moment of contact and one player is pre-determined the "winner" by the coach. Contact remains above the waist and players stay on their feet;

(4) THUD – Players run a drill at competitive speed through the moment of contact with no pre-determined "winner." Contact remains above the waist; players stay on their feet and a quick whistle ends the drill;

(5) LIVE ACTION - Players run a drill in game-like conditions and is the only time that players are taken to the ground;

(6) FULL CONTACT - Contact which meets the definition of Live Action or Thud.

(c) Regular & Post Season Practice:

1) Full contact during practice shall be allowed in no more than three (3) practice days per week;

2) Full contact during practice shall not be allowed on more than two (2) consecutive days;

3) Full contact during practice shall be limited to not more than 30 minutes per day;

4) Full contact during practice shall be limited to not more than 90 minutes per week.

**BYE WEEK DATES BELOW:**

Cherokee County Sept. BYE 9/26 - 1st Day of School Aug. 3

Cobb County Sept. BYE 10/03 - 1st Day of School Aug. 17

Marietta City Schools - Sept. BYE 10/03 - 1st Day of School Aug. 4

Paulding County Sept. BYE 9/26 - 1st Day of School Aug. 3

Fulton County - BYE 10/10 1st Day of School Aug. 17

Rome City Schools - BYE TBD - 1st Day of School Aug. 3

Forsyth County Schools - BYE 09/26 - 1st Day of School Aug. 6

Dekalb (Dunwoody) School District - Fall Break BYE 10/10 - 1st Day of School Aug. 17

Gainesville City Schools - BYE 10/10

Polk County Schools - BYE 10/03

Thanksgiving Day is on Thursday, November 26, 2020