

# The Advance

e-news for DHS Wildcats Fencing

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## **Tournament "Round 1" Tomorrow!!!**

September 15

**Tournament location:** Walton H.S. [1590 Bill Murdock Rd., Marietta 30062](#).  
[CLICK HERE](#) for special instructions.

**Start times (be there at least 30 minutes before check-in closes)**

- 7:30 - Check-in opens
- 8:15 - Referee meeting
- 8:30 - Men's check-in closes
- 10:00 - Women's check-in closes

[Fencing Tournament 101](#)

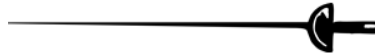
Critical to Success: [DHS Fan Flowchart](#)

**GO WILDCATS!**

## **Words from our Team Captain**

Megan Murphy

As the first month of practice draws to a close, I'm delighted to see so many new fencers joining the club. Their excitement and hard work brings a great energy to practice, and I can't wait to see them fence this year. I hope to see everyone trying their best to improve their skills and take advantage of our second coach this year! Keep up the good work everyone!



## **WELCOME COACH CAROL!**

Carol Hickey has joined the team as an assistant coach! Last spring, she jumped right in for a trial practice to get ready for a demonstration event with Peachtree Middle School. Coach Carol didn't hesitate in giving feedback right away, and has been helping the team knuckle down and improve blade work. We're getting to know her and grateful she's here!

September 9:

Sara Gelber earned the 6th place medal in the junior womens épée event at the Bruce Fusner Memorial Regional Junior/Cadet Circuit tournament. With this result, she has qualified for Junior Olympics.

Megan Murphy and Sam James also competed and earned points.



## Home Tournament #1 - Help Us Shine

Friday 9/28 and Saturday 9/29

*Just 2 weeks away and we'll need all hands on deck!* Our fearless Home Tournament Director is Christine Hilgert, and she's already clocked a lot of time in preparation and planning the logistics. To see what to bring or how to help - [SIGN UP HERE](#), and thank you. It takes everyone to make this major event run smoothly.

Friday, 9/28, all fencers are expected to remain after school to help setup. Dinner will be served to students and helping adults. For Friday night dinner: [RSVP HERE](#) to let Christine know how many and any food requirements or allergies. Saturday morning, 9/29, all fencers and volunteers need to be at Dunwoody High by 7:30am.

Contact: Christine Hilgert - [chilgert@meetingexpectations.com](mailto:chilgert@meetingexpectations.com) or 770.289.3962

## Team captains 2018-19

**Team Captain: Megan Murphy**

**Men's Team Captain: Robbie Garber**

**Women's Team Captain: Sarah MacElroy**

**Assistant Captains:**

Sara Gelber

Hannah Soderberg

## Volunteer Opportunities - Jump In

- **Fundraising Chair:** Reel in financial support for our team.
- **Team Homecoming Parade Organizer:** Someone to coordinate with or guide the team in planning for this year's parade participation. Maybe a float this year?
- **Tournament Volunteer:** Sign up for a job [HERE](#)

Contact: Sharon Murphy - [dunwoodyhsfencing@gmail.com](mailto:dunwoodyhsfencing@gmail.com) or 404.372.7663

# WILDCAT PRIDE



*June 28: The inaugural DHS Fencing Camp - Class of 2018.*  
A week of camaraderie, competition, honing skills, and smiles.

**June 28: DHS Fencing Camp Tournament Winners**  
High School - Blake Donovan (1st), Robbie Garber (2nd),  
Megan Murphy (3rd), Hannah Soderberg (3rd),  
Middle School - Gareth Payne (1st), Colleen Murphy (2nd),  
Lily Ragals (3rd), Caleb Witcher (3rd)



***Gary has outdone himself!***

Check out the  
*outstanding and brand new*  
DHS Fencing website site:

<http://www.dhsfencing.org>

**Many thanks to our webmaster,  
Gary Sonnier**

## Referee Clinic Recap

*September 13*

Thursday's referee clinic was well-attended with at least 21 attendees - 6 of those

were Dunwoody parents. Coach Vail led the 2-1/2 (or so) hour course at Dunwoody High, covering how to keep score, how to maintain order, how to test equipment, and more all guided by the Georgia High School Fencing League rules. The evening was wrapped up with a hands-on session and test.

*Thank you to the Dunwoody fencers who stayed late to demonstrate: Jonathan Kopel, Kathryn Taliaferro, and Taylor Taliaferro.*

If you're interested in becoming a tournament referee (saves our team money, builds greater understanding of the sport), contact Sharon - [dunwoodyhsfencing@gmail.com](mailto:dunwoodyhsfencing@gmail.com).

## **Growing Team Needs**

With a larger team this year, our club continues to grow and with that comes the need for additional equipment and skilled people. This past year we've purchased 2 more electronic fencing strips (\$1,100 each), hired an assistant coach, and we'll cover the cost of referees as needed during tournaments - just a few of the bigger ticket items.

Thoughtfully consider a sponsorship or donation to keep our team strong.

Donations are tax deductible.

Make checks payable to: DHS Wildcats Fencing, Inc., which is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

[Click here to learn more about sponsorship levels.](#)

**[DONATE HERE](#)**

Contact: Eric Kasowski - [ekasowski@yahoo.com](mailto:ekasowski@yahoo.com) or 404-680-0890

**Home Tournament Sign Up | Sep 29th (click here)**

**Submit News and Photos (click here)**

**VOLUNTEER for the 2018/19 Season! (click here)**

## **Helpful Links & Files**

[Absolute Fencing Gear](#)

[Tournament 101](#)

[DHS Fencing Website](#)

[DHS Fencing By-laws](#)

[Dunwoody Fencing Club](#)

[Email DHS Fencing](#)

[Pictures: Browse and Add!](#)

[Volunteer Sign-up](#)

## **2018/19 Calendar**

### **September**

13 (Thu): 6:30 | Referee Clinic | Location: Dunwoody High School

15 (Sat): Tournament - Round 1; Location: Walton HS

28 (Fri): **EVERYONE! TOURNAMENT PREPARATION after school**

29 (Sat): **HOME TOURNAMENT at DHS - Round 2**

## October

20 (Sat): Tournament - Round 3; Location: Johns Creek HS

25 (Thu): Homecoming parade

27 (Sat): Tournament - Round 4; Location: Campbell HS

## November

No tournaments are scheduled...happy Thanksgiving!

TBD: Team Pictures (last year they were on 11/29/17)

## December

1 (Sat): Tournament - Round 5; Location: Roswell HS

**14 (Fri): EVERYONE! TOURNAMENT PREPARATION after school**

**15 (Sat): HOME TOURNAMENT at DHS - Round 6**

## January

12 (Sat): Tournament - Round 7; Location: Lassiter HS

26 (Sat): Individual Championship; Location: Chattahoochee HS

## February

2 (Sat): Team Championship; Location: Alpharetta HS

7 (Thu): GHSFL Day at the Capitol (Recognition of GHSFL schools and champions)

End of February - plan to get next year's physical now and check it off your list!

## March

TBD: Last Practice Date for the 2018/19

TBD: DHS Pep Rally Demonstration

TBD: End-of-the-Year Banquet

TBD: Demonstration at Peachtree Middle School

### Head Coach

Kathy Vail

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### Assistant Coach

Carol Hickey

### DHS School Sponsor

Cecilia Forbes

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### 2018-2019 Board

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