

The Advance

e-news for DHS Wildcats Fencing

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September 16: WILDCATS RULE the GHSFL Walton Tournament Round 1 - (L-R) DHS Fencing Sponsor, Cecilia Forbes; Women's 1st place gold medalist, Megan Murphy; Men's 3rd place bronze medalist, Sam James; Women's 3rd place bronze medalist, Sarah Gelber; Coach Kathy Vail

WINNER, WINNER, WINNER!!! DHS Brings Home 3 Medals in First Tournament

Our team had much to celebrate after competing at Walton High School yesterday. Team Captain Megan Murphy led the team with a gold medal for women's fencing at the first tournament of the 2018-19 Georgia High School Fencing League (GHSFL) season. Fellow junior and Assistant Captain Sara Gelber and freshman Sam James both captured bronze medals. Additional team points were earned by: Robbie Garber, Hannah Soderberg, Valentina Thelen, and Lily Ragals; which elevated the DHS women's team into 2nd place and improved the men's team ranking in the overall league. Out of 20 DHS fencers, 16 advanced into the Direct Elimination rounds, the Table of 16, and beyond.

[Walton Tournament Scores \(the details\)](#)
[All 3 Tournament Location Results](#)
[GHSFL Team & Individual Standings](#)
[Alpharetta Tournament Scores \(the details\)](#)
[Pope Tournament Scores \(the details\)](#)

and

Bookmark our [Results](#) page to get future results as soon as they're posted.

Great Start Wildcats!!!

Don't miss out on helping to make our home tournament on the 29th a success!

From Our Coaches

Wildcat Pride

Congratulations to all our Dunwoody High School fencers who competed in the first GHSFL tournament of the season! You represented your team and your school well!

Coach Vail and Coach Carol

Note from Sharon

More Wildcat Pride

I want to say again how proud I am of our team. Of course, the medals are wonderful but we have to recognize how much progress our returning fencers made and how quickly the new fencers jumped in and got great touches. It was a very long day so I really appreciated how many fencers were able to stay to the end. Having so many of our men and women earn points this weekend has given Dunwoody a great start towards the points total that determines placement in the team tournament in February.

As a reminder, please let us know as soon as possible if your fencer will not be able to participate in any of the tournaments. If possible, these fencers are still encouraged to attend at least part of the day as they can definitely learn from observing and can also help support their teammates.

We had several fencers whose equipment failed this weekend and that can be very frustrating. For anyone who is interested, there is an armorer clinic on Saturday, September 22, 10:00-12:30 PM that will cover basic epee maintenance and trouble-shooting. Clinic will be held at Dunwoody Fencing Club at 735 Crossville Road, Roswell and is \$15.

Also, remember to write down any questions or comments you had from the tournament, so you can hopefully get answers at practice this week.

Congratulations on a great start to the season, Wildcats.

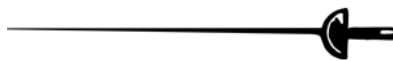
Home Tournament - 12 Days Away

Friday 9/28 and Saturday 9/29

For the tournament on September 29th, we're looking for someone to sing the National Anthem – maybe we have a sibling, neighbor or friend that would like to join us in the morning around 8am.

We will also host a team dinner on Friday, September 28th – Chick-fil-A and a few other dinner items will be provided as the fencers set up for the tournament. Please let [Christine Hilgert](#) know if your fencer has any dietary requirements.

This Week:



- **Thu 9/20, Practice 3:10-5:30**
- **Sat 9/22, Armory Clinic**
- [Sign up to help with the 9/29 home tournament](#)
- [RSVP for the team dinner \(9/28\)](#)
- [Upcoming calendar](#)

Armory 101

This Saturday, Sep. 22

Dunwoody High School parents are welcome to attend Armory 101, a clinic for parents on Saturday, September 22nd. The clinic will cover basic epee maintenance and trouble-shooting.

Venue: The Paladin Center | 735 West Crossville Road Roswell, GA 30075

Time: 10:00am-12:30pm

Fee: \$15

Please make checks payable to: John Stephens

More information: Kathy Vail, kathy.vail@ghsfl.net

Look out!

Freshman Lily Ragals' FIRST tournament proved that she is not to be messed with. She scored high marks landing 15th place with 12 points at the Walton Tournament and placed 43rd in the Individual Standings.

Way to go, Wildcat!

Walton Tournament, Sep 15



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 or 404.372.7663



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Webmaster: [Gary Sonnier](#)

Our Referees and Time Keepers - Thank You!

Walton Tournament

Thank you to these refs, time keepers, and helpers who participated

yesterday: Michele Garber, Karen Kasowski, Harry Murphy, Priti Patel, Sarah Taliaferro, and Cailin Thelen.

Here, the adage "many hands make light work" really fits, and the more we have, the less times each ref is needed to fill a slot. A referee needs special training, but only minimal instruction is needed to be a time keeper or floor judge. Refing saves our team money, and they gain a greater understanding of the sport.

Interested? Sign up [HERE](#).

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.

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Contact: Eric Kasowski - ekasowski@yahoo.com or 404-680-0890

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2018/19 Calendar

Practices are Thursdays from 3:10pm - 5:30pm at DHS unless notified.

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** team participation in lieu of 3:10-5:30 practice

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

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Team captains 2018-19

Team Captain: Megan Murphy

Men's Team Captain: Robbie Garber

Women's Team Captain: Sarah MacElroy

Assistant Captains:

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Hannah Soderberg

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