

The Advance

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Happy New Year!



January 12 Results are in!!!

Round 7 at Lassiter (Simpson Middle School)

We wrapped up our regular season yesterday with Tournament Round 7, and Hannah earned a bronze! Additional points were earned by Megan, Sara, Samantha, and Sydney for the women's team. Dunwoody's women captured 5 of the top 10 positions at this tournament! For the men's team, Robbie, Sam, and Gareth earned additional points for our team.

Gareth reached a personal best making it to the table of 16 and finishing in 10th place, while Sergio earned his first trip to the table of 32.

The steady medal wins and point earnings have propelled the women's team into 3rd place out of 19 teams in the standings after the last regular season tournament of the 2018-19 Georgia High School Fencing League (GHSFL) season. The men's team finished in 9th place out of 22 teams.

Cheer on our fencers that made it to the Individual Championship (see below) on January 26 at Chattahoochee High School, and don't miss the Team Championships on February 2 at Alpharetta High School.

[Lassiter Tournament Scores](#)
[All 3 Tournament Location Results](#)

[GHSFL Team and Individual Standings](#)

[Northview Tournament Scores](#)

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Wildcats Still Rock!

Individual Championship Qualifiers

Congratulations to those qualifying for the Individual Championship Tournament on January 26:

Men's team: Sam James, Robbie Garber, Blake Donovan, Gareth Payne, and Logan Norris.

Women's team: Megan Murphy, Hannah Soderberg, Sara Gelber, Samantha Kasowski, Honoka Miura, Sydney Hilgert, Taylor Taliaferro, Abby Miller, Valentina Thelen, and Lily Ragals.

[Complete List of Qualifiers](#)

To qualify for the Individual Championship, fencers must have earned points and have competed in at least half of the tournaments in the current regular season (there are 7 regular season tournaments in 2018-19, so fencers must compete in at least four of them). If more than 84 men or 84 women meet that requirement, only the 84 who are highest on the points list will qualify. If there is a tie for the last qualifying place, the tied fencers all qualify.

Good luck on the 26th!

This Week & Upcoming:

- Thu, 1/17 - regular practice
- Thu, 1/24 - regular practice
- Sat, 1/26 - Individual Championship Tournament at Chattahoochee High School

See our website [calendar](#) to add events to your Google Calendar or see the remaining year-at-a-glance at the bottom of this newsletter.

Wishing Speedy Recoveries

In an unusual twist, both of our coaches are on the injured list, but our team is intact except for Sarah MacElroy, who has been recuperating from 2 knee surgeries this year (and managing to be there for the team.) Coach Carol is mending a broken leg and the surgery needed to help that along. Coach Vail is recovering from a knee injury in a fall at practice. She took one for the team as she fell on a wet floor at the edge of the practice area in the cafeteria. A nearby school cleaning machine is the leaky culprit. ***We're wishing rapid roads to full recoveries for all 3!***

Many thanks Marco's Pizza!!



Marco's donated pizzas and gave us great deals for both of our home tournaments this year.

Thank you for supporting DHS Wildcats Fencing!

Team Standings

***Women's Team: 3rd place
Men's Team: 9th place***

Mark Your Summer Calendar

Fencing Camp Dates Approved

We've been approved to hold our 2nd annual DHS Fencing Camp on Monday - Thursday, June 3rd - 6th, 2019. The cafeteria will be ours from 9 am - 1 pm. Plan on attending and helping at our club's money-making and skill-building event.



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Fencing Jacket Embroidery.

The fencer's last name is embroidered on the back of the jacket according to USA Fencing protocol and costs around \$20. [Email](#) if you're interested.

Volunteer Opportunities

It's not too late!

We're gearing up for next year right now, so here's a couple of needs - there will be more!

- **Fundraising Chair:** reel in financial support for our team
- **Summer camp volunteers**
- **Referee:** try it now at a Thursday practice

Contact: Sharon Murphy - dunwoodyhsfencing@gmail.com or 404.372.7663

Year-end Photo Show Needs Pictures

Add photos [HERE](#). (Drag and Drop - [Instructions](#))

Webmaster: [Gary Sonnier](#)

Browse Pictures



Consider a sponsorship or donation to keep our team strong.

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.

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

See our website [calendar](#) to add events to your Google calendar.

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

January

7 (Mon): First day of 2nd semester

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

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