



The Georgia Interscholastic Cycling League

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## Blankets Creek East Team Wins 2016 High School Mountain Bike State Championship

**Atlanta, GA - For Release –November 7, 2016** – The Blankets Creek East team of Cobb County raced to their first Georgia Interscholastic Cycling League (GA League) Mountain Bike State Team Championship this past Sunday, November 6th at Dauset Trails in Jackson, GA, ahead of Johnson High School (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) and Hall County Tappa (3<sup>rd</sup> place). The Blankets Creek East team had taken the top spot on the podium for the four previous races and continued their winning ways at the final race, and series championship, on Sunday. Blankets Creek East team members, Muriel Hanback (Sophomore girls), and Hayden Dillon (JV Boys), also won individual State Championships in the respective divisions. Molly Hayes, Johnson High School, and Gabriel Mendez (Independent Rider), won the Individual State Championships in the Varsity Girls and Boys divisions. For a complete list of current individual, team, and series results from the Georgia Interscholastic Cycling League 2016 season, log on to: <http://georgiamtb.org/events/2016-results/>.

Other teams from the Cobb county area including Allatoona Creek Composite, Sope Creek Composite, Blankets Creek West, Cherokee High School, and North Cobb Christian School joined the Blankets Creek East team, and close to 400 other middle and high school students, competing in the 2016 *Georgia Peach State Championship Race*.

The Georgia League, a mountain biking league for middle and high school students, was recognized in June as one of the fastest growing leagues in the Southeast by its umbrella organization, the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA). NICA also recognized the GA League for leading the way in female student and adult recruitment through its [Crank Sisters](#) program. The GA League began its season on September 11<sup>th</sup> by doubling its participation numbers for the second season in a row. Over 400 registered student-athletes, 150 coaches, and 29 teams from across the state, and 2 in South Carolina, are participating in the 2016 season.

The Georgia League is a 501c3 nonprofit organization currently operating under the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) umbrella, providing exclusive mountain biking programs for middle and high students. The Georgia League is one of nineteen leagues in eighteen states overseen by NICA, established in 2009, with over 10,000 student-athletes and 3,700 licensed coaches participating across the nation. The Georgia League is open to all Georgia students, regardless of ability, believing that cycling is about lifelong health, not just today's win. Scholarships and loaner bikes are available to students in need. For more information about starting a team in your area, League Sponsorship or Volunteer information, or for more information on the Georgia League, visit [www.georgiamtb.org](http://www.georgiamtb.org) or connect with them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/georgiamtb>, on Twitter at [@gamtbleague](#), or on Instagram at [georgiamtbleague](#).

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