



The Georgia Interscholastic Cycling League

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Blankets Creek East Comp MTB Team Races to 1st Place Finish in Watkinsville at GA League's Third Race of the 2016 High School Mountain Biking Race Season

Georgia Interscholastic Cycling League Recognized as One of NICA's Fastest Growing Leagues in Southeast

Atlanta, GA - For Release – October 10, 2016 – The Georgia Interscholastic Cycling League (GA League), a mountain biking league for middle and high school students, hosted their 3rd race of the 2016 season – The Heritage Classic, at Heritage Park in Watkinsville, GA, Sunday, October 9th. The **Blankets Creek East team** continues to be the team to beat with another 1st place overall team finish for the 3rd race in a row. **Johnson High School took 2nd**, and **Hall-Prima Tappa** took 3rd in an intense day out in Oconee County,

Individual Varsity Podium Winners include the following: VARSITY BOYS – Gabriel Mendez (Independent), Jacob Smith (Blankets Creek) 2nd and Marco Newman (Athens Area MTB Team) 3rd. VARSITY GIRLS – Molly Hayes (Johnson High School) 1st, Kate Holbrook (Habersham) 2nd, and Minor Farrokhi (The Galloway School) 3rd. For Middle School times, other individual leaders, and team information, please view the full race results [HERE](#).

The Georgia League 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. Interest in the GA League in the Cobb/Cherokee County areas has exploded with a new team forming in the Sope Creek area, and several of the existing teams in the area doubling their participation numbers.



"We've had amazing positive new growth in terms of adding new teams and creating new programs to continue to get #morekidsonbikes in GA," said League Director, Kenny Griffin. "I'm most proud to say that we continue to put quality at the forefront of our programs to help create confident and responsible young adults with an opportunity to learn about and participate in healthy and active lifestyles."

There are 35 teams in the Georgia League ([complete team list](#)), which include 9 new teams that hit the trails for the 2016 season: Apalachee High School, Anderson, SC, Columbus Composite, Issaqueena Composite, Rabun County, Rome Composite, Johnson High School, Mill Creek High School and Wrenched Bicycles Composite.

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 7,600 student-athletes and 3,100 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 and the 2016 season schedule, visit 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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