



The Georgia Interscholastic Cycling League

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## **Georgia Interscholastic Cycling League Recognized as One of NICA's Fastest Growing Leagues in Southeast 2016 Fall Season to Begin September 11th at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers**

**Atlanta, GA - For Release – August 12, 2016** - The Georgia Interscholastic Cycling League (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 continues to pedal its way to success by doubling its participation numbers for the second season in a row. Over 400 registered student-athletes, 150 coaches, and 30 teams are expected to participate when the league begins its third season on September 11, 2016 at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers. The remaining races will be being held throughout the state of Georgia in September and October, with Championships being held in November at a new venue, Dauset Trails, in Jackson, Georgia. Click [HERE](#) for more information on the 2016 season schedule.



*“We've had amazing positive new growth in terms of adding new teams and creating new programs to continue to get #morekids on bikes in GA,” said League Director, Kenny Griffin. “I'm especially proud to be recognized by NICA for all our hard work and efforts to grow the GA League. But, through all our growth and development this off-season, 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.”*

In addition to the 20+ teams already in the league ([complete team list](#)), twelve new teams are hitting the practice trails to gear up for the 2016 season including teams from: Atlanta, Anderson, SC, Chestatee High School, Columbus Composite, Gainesville Composite, Issaqueena Composite, Johnson High School, Mill Creek High School, North Fulton Composite, Rabun County, Rome Composite, and Sope Creek Composite in Marietta. Additional teams are expected to register before the season begins in September.

It takes a village to put on a quality mountain bike race. The GA League is in need of Core Race Staff Volunteers for the 2016 season. Venue and course set-up volunteer opportunities are available the Saturday before each race and many volunteer opportunities on Sunday, race day. Sign up on the GA League [Volunteer Page](#) or email Volunteer Coordinator, Lisa Hayes at: [lkhayes@hayesauto.net](mailto:lkhayes@hayesauto.net).

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](http://www.georgiamtb.org) or connect with them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/georgiamtb>, on Twitter at [@gamtbleague](https://twitter.com/gamtbleague), or on Instagram at [georgiamtbleague](https://www.instagram.com/georgiamtbleague).

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