



The Georgia High School Cycling League  
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**New Georgia High School Cycling League Doubles Growth in Second Season;  
Getting More Middle and High School Kids on Bikes**

*The Georgia High School Cycling League Second Season Kicks Off Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Georgia Int'l Horse Park*

**Atlanta, GA - For Release August 11, 2015** – The new Georgia High School Cycling League (GHSC), a competitive Mountain Biking program for middle and high school students, is projecting to double its participation in its second year with over 200 student-athletes expected to hit the trails for the 2015 season. Teams are already on the practice course preparing for the first race of the upcoming season to be held on Sunday, September 13th at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers, GA. The remaining races will be being held throughout the state of Georgia in October, with Championships being held in November at the University of North Georgia College Gainesville Campus. Click [HERE](#) for more information on the 2015 season schedule.

With a successful inaugural season behind them, the GHSC is looking to double its participation in terms of teams, student-athletes, and coaches. Interest in the league is so great from parents and students; the league has added a middle school program for the 2015 season for grades 6 - 8. The GHSC is comprised of 28 teams from all areas of the state including Habersham County in the Northeast, to Athens in the East, Columbus in the South, and multiple teams in between. New to the league in 2015 are teams from Milledgeville, Cherokee High School, and composite teams representing the Allatoona Creek area, and White and Coweta Counties. A team from South Carolina will be allowed to race in the Georgia League since South Carolina does not have a League under the NICA umbrella. More teams are expected to be added prior to the start of the season in September. Click [HERE](#) for a list of current GHSC teams.

Molly Hayes, 2014 Girls Varsity State Champion, likes the spirit of comradery among individual athletes and teams in the league:

*The best thing about being involved with the Georgia Cycling league is the friendly environment. Before and after races we will warm up with our teams and then while on the start line we'll talk to riders from other teams, and the same happens, after the races. Knowing that the people I'm riding with aren't going to do anything to sabotage my racing and will cheer for me even though I'm on another team, calms my nerves and helps me have a better race/ride.*

The Georgia League is open to all Georgia students, regardless of ability, believing that cycling is about lifelong health, not just today's win. The League is driven by strong values -Strong Body, Strong Mind, Strong Character, Inclusivity, and Equality. The GHSC offers [scholarships](#) and [loaner](#) bikes to students in need.

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The GHSCCL is a 501c3 nonprofit organization currently operating under the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) umbrella, providing exclusive mountain biking programs for high school students (grades 9-12), and beginning in 2015 (grades 6 – 8). The Georgia League is one of sixteen leagues overseen by NICA which was established in 2009. NICA has over 6000 student-athletes and 3,000 licensed coaches across the nation, reflecting over a 1000% growth increase in just 6 years. For more information about starting a team in your area, League Sponsorship information, or for more information on the GHSCCL and the 2015 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 [@gamtleague](https://twitter.com/gamtleague), or on Instagram at [georgiamtleague](https://www.instagram.com/georgiamtleague).

**2015 Race Schedule**

September 13 – Georgia International Horse Park, Conyers GA

October 4 – Evans Private Farm, White, GA

October 11 – Heritage Park, Watkinsville, GA

November 1 – University of North Georgia College- Gainesville Campus, Oakwood GA

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