Hall County Track & Field Championship

March 27th & 29th

Meet Preview

The Hall County Track and Field Championship will be opening Day 1 of competition on March 27th. Cherokee Bluff High School opened its doors in August and will be hosting this event. There are many different classifications that make up the schools in Hall County from 1A Private (Riverside Military Academy), AAA (Cherokee Bluff, East Hall, North Hall), AAAA (Chestatee, Flowery Branch, West Hall), AAAAA (Johnson) to AAAAAA (Gainesville High School). The field events will start at 4:00 PM with the first running event (4x800) at 5:00 PM.

<u>Girl Field Events</u>: In the High Jump, Kinsey Wilson of West Hall High School, has recently jumped 5-4 and will be the one to watch out for. Talented, Gracie McBride of North Hall High School, is a name you will hear a lot throughout the meet. She jumped 38-3.5 in the Triple Jump. In the Shot Put, it will be the battle of the Alexis'. Alexis McGruder of Flowery Branch (31-1.5) and Alexis Mize of Cherokee Bluff High School (29-9) are the top seeds.

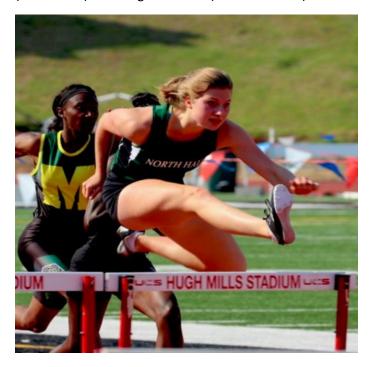
Boy Field Events: In the High Jump, only two boys have cleared over 6 feet, Jermaine Harris of Riverside and Juan Cavazos of Gainesville. In the Triple Jump, Riverside looks to go 1-2 thanks to Khalid Duke and Isaac Teasley. Riverside can also go 1-2 in the High Jump. In the Pole Vault, JD Landis of North Hall has jumped over 12 feet and will be fun to watch. In the Discus, Harry Kim of Riverside looks to defend his title from last year. Last year he threw 126-04 but has thrown his longest of 148-5. Makius Scott of Gainesville looks to battle it out with Juaquin Aguillares of Chestatee in the Shot Put.



<u>Girl Sprints</u>: Aaliyah James of West Hall will be entered to run the 100 Meters and 200 Meters and look to dominate the short sprints. Will anyone push her on the 2nd day in the 200 Meters? The 400 Meters look to be wide open. Sadie Houston of Johnson High School will walk into Cherokee Bluff as the top seed, but there are a few girls that will give her a push to make the podium.

Boy Sprints: Who will be crowned as the fastest boy in Hall County? In the 100 Meters, DeShad Dabney of Riverside Military Academy and Daniel Jackson of North Hall are the top 2 seeds. In the 200 Meters, Isaac Teasley of Riverside Military has ran 21.91, but he has not ran that since Sectionals of last year. Will he go under 22 in the finals? He is also entered in the 400 Meters. Can we see him possibly go under 49?

<u>Girl Hurdles</u>: In the 100 Meter Hurdles, Gracie McBride of North Hall should sail over the hurdles for her last Hall County Championship Meet. Skylar Abbot of Chestatee and Gracie McBride look to battle it out in the 300 Hurdles which will be ran as finals on Wednesday. You should also expect a few other girls to pick up points, Taylor Studivant (Gainesville), Daysha Mills (Cherokee Bluff), Byankha Cavazos (Gainesville) and Meghan Butler (Cherokee Bluff).



(Gracie McBride, North Hall)

<u>Boy Hurdles</u>: In the 110 Meter Hurdles, it should be a fun race to watch. There are three boys that have gone under 16 seconds, Orlando Stevens (Riverside), Tyshaun Wilson (Flowery Branch) and Justin Murphy (Cherokee Bluff). The 300 Meter Hurdles will also be a close race to watch. It should go 4 deep, but you also need to add Chesley Kinney of North Hall in the mix.

<u>Girl Distance</u>: Sierra Wainer of Cherokee Bluff High School is entered in the 1600 Meters as the top seed but will be pushed by Ashley Thompson of Gainesville High School. How will Sierra Wainer respond to her "home field advantage"? Both have raced each other this season and should be a fun one to watch. You will also be able to watch both of them battle it out on the last day in the 3200 Meters.



(Sierra Wainer, Cherokee Bluff)

Boy Distance: The 2018 AAA Cross Country State Champion, Devan Crow of North Hall High School, is entered in the 800 Meters and 1600 Meters. He comes in with a personal record of 1:56 and 4:19 and will be the favorite for the double. He recently signed at Louisburg College. His training partner, Andrew Jones of North Hall High School, is the top seed in the 3200 but will be pushed by Miguel Lopez of Gainesville.



(Devon Crow, North Hall)

<u>Girl Relays</u>: In the 4x100, Chestatee High School has looked strong this season. Not too long ago they ran 52.31 at Franklin County High School and will be the top team to watch. In the 4x400, Gainesville has been entered as the top seed and ran 4:26 at GAC. In the 4x800 Meter Relay, North Hall could have both relay teams make the podium but they will have to battle it out with Gainesville High School.

Boy Relays: The 4x100 Meter Relay looks like it could go to Riverside. In the 4x400 Meter Relay it's once again Riverside. Can they have their A and B teams go 1-2 or will Gainesville's A team break it up? The 4x800 looks like it could come down to the last leg. Gainesville looks to be the top seed but Flowery Branch and North Hall may have something to say about that.

<u>Team Scores</u>: On paper the boys of Riverside look really good. They are stacked in the sprints, hurdles, relays and field events and will be the clear favorite. According to the Team Power Rankings they are #1 in A Private. On the girl's side, Gainesville will be tough to beat and are well-rounded. Will they come out as the 2019 Hall County Team Champion?

The top-2 teams will receive a trophy, top-3 will get a medal, and the top scorers on each of the boys and girl's sides will receive a plaque.

Come out this Wednesday and Friday to Cherokee Bluff High School. There will be 9 teams entered but only one team will be crowned the 2019 Hall County Champion!