

Hall County Track & Field Championship

April 1st & April 2nd

Meet Preview



The Hall County Track and Field Championship will be held on April 1st and 2nd. COVID cancelled last year's meet. Cherokee Bluff High School is in its 3rd year of existence and will be once again the host team. The Hall County Track and Field Championship will add a JV division adding to the Varsity division in the growing northeast Georgia county. There are many different classifications that make up the schools in Hall County from 1A Private (Lakeview Academy), AAA (Cherokee Bluff, West Hall, North Hall), AAAA (Chestatee, Flowery Branch, East Hall), AAAAA (Johnson) to AAAAAAA (Gainesville High School). The field events will start at 3:30 PM with the first running event (4x800) at 4:00 PM on Thursday. The finals will be on Friday.

Field Events: In the girl's field events, Selene Gallegos of East Hall has jumped the highest this season in the high jump with a clearance of 4-8. Ariaiah Jeffers of Gainesville could be fun to watch in the triple jump and Amber Hughes of West Hall comes in with the best mark in the long jump this season. Alexis McGruder of Flowery Branch could add two titles next to her name in the girl's shot put and discus. In the boy's discus and shot put, Clay Anderson of Flowery Branch will come in with the longest throw for both. In the long jump Malik Drinkard of Gainesville is the only boy this year to jump over 20 feet, and Clay Stover of North Hall is the only one with a mark over 40 feet in the boy's triple jump.

Sprints: Who will be the fastest girl in Hall County? Cherokee Bluff's trio made up of Olivia Owens, M'Kaylah Jackson and Lauryn Perry could be up front pushing Emma Easterwood of Chestatee in the 100 meters. Watch out for the same athletes in the girl's 200 meters but you may want to add Ariaiah Jeffers of Gainesville in it. The boy's 100 meters will be fun to watch as athletes from Gainesville and West Hall could be battling it out.



(M'Kaylah Jackson, Cherokee Bluff)

Relays: Cherokee Bluff's girls will be the team to watch in the 4x100 since they have the fastest seed time. The girl's of Cherokee Bluff, Flowery Branch and Gainesville all have very similar seed times for the 4x400. In the boy's 4x100, West Hall could be the team to get the baton around the track the fastest. The boy's 4x400 could be tight on Friday as Gainesville and Flowery Branch could be neck and neck.

Hurdles: Amber Hughes of West Hall has the fastest seed time for the girl's 100 hurdles and could add a title next to her name. The 300 hurdles looks to be wide open, but Saiyana Jones of Cherokee Bluff will come in with the fastest seed time, her time is also a top-10 time currently in AAA. The boy's 110 hurdles has a couple guys from Gainesville that could be out front, Quadrellis Johnson and Markelle Cheek, but can Nathaniel Horton of Flowery Branch break them up?

Distance: How many boys will go under 2:00 in the 800? Donangelo Marshall of Gainesville and Jonathan Torres Cruz of Chestatee both come in with seed times under the two minute mark. Hall County is also home to the University of Virginia signee, Andrew Jones, who finished state runner-up at the AAA Cross Country State Championship. He will be doubling up in the 1600

and 3200 meters, but look out for Chestatee in the boy's distance events as they will be stacked in the 3200. Yes, this same team won the AAAA Cross Country State Championship back in November. The girl's individual distance events could be led by a couple of Ashleys of Gainesville, Ashley Thompson & Ashley Sosa.