Wow! What a year we had in high school athletics! Congratulations to each and every student athlete, coach and the fans who support high school sports. Summer has arrived - enjoy this time to relax, reflect and envision 2017-18. Set new goals while entering a new grade; a new sport perhaps. Inside find SC’s spring sport championship results, new items approved by the Executive Committee and much more. We salute our graduates and wish everyone a safe summer vacation.

~ Congratulations Class of 2017 ~
The following items will go into effect for the 2017-18 school year:

- State Finals (Cross Country, Track and Field, Individual Tennis) entry fee of $25 per athlete/ $100 per team.
- Online Coaches Education Course- Onsite (League Office) instruction will no longer be provided. Instead, the course will be offered online beginning this 2017-18 school year. The cost will be $60. This is required for all head coaches who are not district employees on at least a half time basis. Additional information will be shared in July.
- Catastrophic Insurance – no change in rates- $5.00 High School; $3.00 Middle School
- Establish/Change Director/Booking fees for the following:
  - Swim - $25 per schedule to swim director fee.
  - Sub-varsity wrestling duals- Change official fee to $53 - Tournament fee per individual to $3.80.
  - Eliminate head official/evaluator fee $200.
- Remove sanction of fine for playing football on outside and school teams during same season.
- Impose monetary fine $1000 for playoff forfeitures after accepting bracket seed (official’s expenses paid from fine).
- Add a week to the current middle school volleyball season. This would change from six to seven weeks and allow teams to schedule two matches a week instead of three to get their fourteen matches in a season. The first date for contest would be August 28, 2017.
- Allow eligible football players who dress but do not participate in the varsity game to play in a sub-varsity game the following day.
- Allow coaches to complete required courses in Concussion, Heat Acclimatization and Sudden Cardiac Arrest by attending seminar by Play Safe and receiving certificate of completion. This will allow another option to the NFHS online classes.
- Require a minimum of seven wrestling weight classes for a school to compete in the duals playoff bracket.
- Require all schools to have emergency action plans for all teams on file.
- Require all head coaches (at all levels, i.e. varsity, junior varsity, middle school, etc.) to be certified in CPR/AED training beginning with the 2017-18 school year prior to the start of their sport season and require all coaches to be certified in CPR/AED training by the start of their 2018-19 sport season.

All SCHSL member school coaches, athletic directors and school administration are encouraged to review these changes and update information by July 1, 2017.
2016-17 is in the books! What a Year!
Ask the SCHSL Commissioner ...

What was one of your most unforgettable moments of the 2016-17 school year?
The year was filled with so many fond memories of accomplishments (five classes of championships) and challenges (hurricane aftermaths), so it is difficult to determine a “most unforgettable moment” for the school year. I am proud of the way “inclusion” has been introduced to some of our sports championships with the much anticipated participation of some of our challenged student athletes in swim as well as track & field through exhibition events. That will always be an unforgettable experience for me.

How would you rate the 2016-17 sportsmanship versus years past?
“Good Sportsmanship” will always be a focus for this membership. It is one of the cornerstones for the League’s existence. Each year brings new challenges to sportsmanship. While it was proven during one of the “good sportsmanship challenges” (Living Clean Week), where 98.1% of the member schools had no ejections or sportsmanship issues, it remains a goal of the League to eliminate unsportsmanlike conduct at/during all games/contests.

As the incoming 2017-18 NFHS Board of Directors President, what is one goal you have set for your tenure?
First and foremost, I recognize this opportunity as an honor to have been granted the privilege of serving from such a position. In addition to continuing to promote student health & safety, fair play among competitors, and a level playing field in all competitions, I envision a goal of promoting and recognizing nationally, the value and efforts of the 51 state associations in this country that oversee high school interscholastic athletics and activities.

Share any advice for our rising 9th grade student athletes who are entering the high school environment for the first time?
High School is such a short period in your life. You need to enjoy the time and take advantage of the many opportunities it has to offer. With that said, here is my advice incoming freshmen: Choose your friends and/or associates wisely. Make sure your leaders are “follow worthy” (Only you can determine that). Lastly, and probably most importantly, get involved with multiple school sponsored activities (Athletics being one of them).

#Summertime...

What are your summer vacation plans?
“Blessed to have concluded another successful school year, I am looking forward to the summer months. I plan to spend time with family and close friends - away from the day to day routine of the office and RELAX!!”

Jerome Singleton,
Commissioner

Have a SCHSL E-Bulletin question for Mr. Singleton? Send to tnewman@schs1.org for consideration in the next edition. All questions will receive a response; a select few will be published in the E-Bulletin.
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BASKETBALL OFFICIALS: Stay tuned for more information in upcoming E-Bulletins, social media and the SCHSL website (www.schsl.org)

Wanna call the shots? Call us for more information on becoming a SCHSL Official in various middle / high school sports!

803.798.0120
IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS:

SCHSL Summer Office Hours
Monday - Thursday 7:30am – 4:00pm
803.798.0120

June 28 - July 4.... League Office Closed
July 1............. New SCHSL Website Launched
July 6............. Swim Directors Meeting 2:00pm
July 12.......... New Principals and AD Workshop 9:00am
July 19.......... Sport Season Review Committee 10:00am
July 24-26....... SCACA Coaches Summer ’17 Conference
July 31.......... Executive Committee Meeting
August 1......... Executive Committee Meeting
August 5......... Soccer Officials Meeting 9:00am
August 24........ Executive Committee Meeting

Kudos to Athletic Administrative Assistants!

This spring, we celebrated these talented individuals in a tropical paradise setting during the annual “Caribbean Queens & Kings of High School Sports” workshop and luncheon. Without these professionals working behind the scenes, middle and high school athletic programs would suffer immensely. They provide the needed administrative support and skillset to ensure our coaches, athletic directors and student athletes have every advantage to be their very best while representing their school during athletic competitions.

THANK YOU!
Kudos to Athletic Administrative Assistants!
Listen Up! The much anticipated bio-pic on the life of LEGENDARY South Carolina High School Coach, TAFT WATSON, is a hit across South Carolina! Select cities and venues have shared the story that captured the hearts and minds of sports fans everywhere. The retired Hall of Fame coach is the most winningest coach in South Carolina high school basketball history with more than 1500+ victories. Mr. Watson overcame great tragedy and personal loss along the way, yet remained victorious.

In 1994, Coach Watson won both the Boys & Girls High School Basketball State Championships on the same day - after coming out of a 3 year retirement. Dove Award winning comedian, Akintunde, wrote and directed this documentary, along side producing partners, Eunissa Warnock, Stacie Davis, Christine Davis and Bishop Michael Blue.

Stay tuned for the national release date and viewing information.
The South Carolina High School League’s Executive Committee will meet on August 1, 2017 to hear appeals from member schools. This is an opportunity to seek eligibility for students. If your school wishes to submit an “Application for Hardship Exceptions”, please submit the request to the Commissioner by July 10, 2017 so that you will have an opportunity to appeal the Commissioner’s decision to the League’s Executive Committee, if necessary. Please be mindful of the following dates. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (803-798-0120).

**Hardship Request Timeline**

**July 10, 2017**
Last day to submit “Application of Hardship Exceptions” for opportunity to appeal Commissioner’s decision to League’s Executive Committee.

**July 25, 2017**
Last day to request appeal to Commissioner’s decision and appear before the League’s Executive Committee.

**July 28, 2017**
Last date to supply each Executive Committee member with a copy of hardship request along with all necessary information.

**August 1, 2017**
League’s Executive Committee meets to hear scheduled appeals.
CONGRATS TO OUR 2016-17 STATE LACROSSE CHAMPIONS!
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CONGRATS TO OUR 2016-17 BOYS TENNIS STATE CHAMPIONS!

Class AA
Christ Church
High School

Class AAA
Hanahan
High School
CONGRATS TO OUR 2016-17 BOYS TENNIS STATE CHAMPIONS!

Class AAAAA
South Aiken High School

Class AAAAAA
Spartanburg High School
CONGRATS TO OUR 2016-17 STATE TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONS!
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Class AA
Woodland High School

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St. Joseph's High School
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Class AAAAA
Wando
High School

Class AAAAAA
Dorman
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CONGRATS TO OUR 2016-17 STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONS!

Class A
Palmetto Scholars High School
CONGRATS TO OUR 2016-17 STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONS!
CONGRATS TO OUR 2016-17 STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONS!

Class AAA
Indian Land High School

Class AAA
Berea High School
CONGRATS TO OUR 2016-17 STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONS!

Class AAAAA
South Aiken
High School

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Chapin
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CONGRATS TO OUR 2016-17 STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONS!
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Class A
McBee High School

Class AA
Christ Church High School
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Class AAAAA
Boiling Springs High School

NEW WEBSITE...
Coming soon!

www.schsl.org is getting a major make-over … July 1, 2017
CONGRATS TO OUR 2016-17 SC SOFTBALL/BASEBALL CHAMPIONS!

Class A
East Clarendon
High School

Class A
Lewisville
High School
CONGRATS TO OUR 2016-17 SC SOFTBALL/BASEBALL CHAMPIONS!

Class AA
Latta High School

Class AA
Fox Creek High School
CONGRATS TO OUR 2016-17 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS!

Class AAA
Hanahan High School

Class AAA
Bishop England High School
CONGRATS TO OUR 2016-17 SC SOFTBALL/BASEBALL CHAMPIONS!

Class AAAAA
Union County
High School

Class AAAAA
A. C. Flora
High School
CONGRATS TO OUR 2016-17 SC SOFTBALL/BASEBALL CHAMPIONS!

Class AAAAAA
Byrnes
High School

Class AAAAAA
Northwestern
High School
THANK YOU! The membership is fortunate to have such reputable and supportive business leaders cheering on our student athletes as well as the high schools they represent. All seasons—All sports!

Success is possible because of you!
WHAT’S YOUR REASON WHY?
SHARE WITH THE SCHSL.
SHARE WITH SOUTH CAROLINA.
SHARE WITH THE NATION.
YOUR REASON MATTERS!

Send your video or photo with reason to tnewman@schsl.org or visit http://www.nfhs.org/MyReasonWhy/MyStory
In the next edition of the SCHSL Bulletin: Highlights from the 2017 NFHS Hall Of Fame Ceremony as our very own Bobby Richardson is inducted.

NFHS Student Leadership Summer Institute is soon and we have a record setting number of athletes attending. See what they are up to this summer.

2017-18 Fall Sports State Final dates, times & venues are set. Will you be there?

Our new SCHSL website will launch this July! Let us know how what you think.

It's almost time… JULY 1, 2017

The new and improved SCHSL.ORG will be launched! Fresher! User-friendly & even more information than before. Stay Tuned!

Welcome New Member Schools

BRIDGES PREPATORY SCHOOL

EAST POINT ACADEMY

PHILIP SIMMONS HIGH SCHOOL

COASTAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

NEXT HIGH SCHOOL

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