2017-18 In Full Bloom

The Spring ’18 South Carolina High School League E-Bulletin has arrived. Our basketball champions are highlighted as well as info for upcoming spring championship details. We are enjoying an awesome season of soccer, softball, track & field, lacrosse, baseball, boy’s tennis and boy’s golf. Spring into action and join us outdoors this season as we cheer on our SCHSL athletes, coaches and the communities they call home. Your support of high school athletics is much appreciated all year long.
Spring into action as we close out 2017-18

Ask the SCHSL Commissioner...

As your NFHS Board of Directors Presidential term comes to a close, what will you take away from the experience?

Let me begin by saying that this experience has been the best and most rewarding ‘professional development’ I have ever received. My takeaways are too numerous to list them all. Some that I would like to highlight are:

• While we may be different geographically, our mission remains the same (doing what’s in the best interest of students)
• There’s more than one way to make great decisions
• We are not in the product business (sports and activities)....we are in the people business (students)

Looking ahead, what are topics you hope to explore with the SCHSL this season?

As we look ahead, I forward to exploring any and all opportunities to collaborate and coordinate unified services to all students as it relates to athletics and activities. Some topics that warrant in-depth discussion are:

• Student Health
  - physical (overuse, specialization, etc.)
  - emotional (stress, depression, etc.)
• Student Services
  - community service opportunities
  - sportsmanship opportunities
  - leadership opportunities

Do you foresee SC adding other opportunities for athletes in the future? New sports? Activities such as eSports?

The SCHSL is truly a membership association. Organized by the membership and governed by the membership. That’s what makes it so great. As such, any new opportunities for students must and should be embraced first by the membership. With that in mind, the SCHSL office staff stands ready and willing to facilitate the process in any way necessary.

Have a SCHSL E-Bulletin question for Mr. Singleton? Send to tnewman@schsl.org for consideration in the next edition. All questions will receive a response; a select few will be published in the E-Bulletin.

#OnThatNote...

“With every season comes a change in middle and high school athletics. We capped the spring season off with some amazing championships and ended the year in stellar fashion. Our student athletes perform their very best while our coaches continue to provide leadership and instruction with professionalism and care. I couldn’t be prouder of our schools, fans and SCHSL staff for making the 2017-18 year one to remember!”

Jerome Singleton, Commissioner
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS — CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Bylaw: Article III Student Eligibility Section: 4 B. 8
Submitted by: SC High School League Commissioner

Currently reads as approved by Executive Committee:
A maximum of two credit recovery units may be used toward eligibility, to include the two units presently allowed in summer school. A credit recovery course must be accepted by the State Department of Education for graduation. To be eligible for recovery credits, the students must have received a minimum grade of 50. Credit recovery/incompletes must be completed by the second Monday in August for first semester eligibility and by the second Monday in March for second semester eligibility.

Change to Read:
A maximum of two credit recovery units may be used toward eligibility, to include the two units presently allowed in summer school. A credit recovery course must be accepted by the State Department of Education for graduation. To be eligible for recovery credits, the students must have a minimum grade of 50. For eligibility purposes a grade of passing equals 60. Credit recovery/incompletes must be completed by the second Monday in August for first semester eligibility and by the second Monday in March for second semester eligibility.

Rationale:
This was approved by the Executive Committee last year, but not changed by the membership. Therefore, the membership must vote on it to avoid having the Executive Committee to approve it each year.

PASSED

Bylaw: Article III Student Eligibility, Section: 10 Transfers
Submitted by: SC High School League Commissioner

Currently Reads:
A transfer student will be ineligible for a period of one calendar year at the new school unless he/she transfers under one of the circumstances set forth in subsection (A) through (N) below and only if he/she meets the following two criteria irrespective of whether he/she moves under one of the circumstances set forth in subsections (A) through (N).

Change to Read:
A transfer student will be ineligible in all sports he/she participated in (representing a school) the previous 365 days for a period of one calendar year at the new school unless he/she transfers under one of the circumstances set forth in subsection (A) through (N) below and only if he/she meets the following two criteria irrespective of whether he/she moves under one of the circumstances set forth in subsections (A) through (N).

Rationale:
As opposed to being ineligible in all sports for one calendar year, this allows the student to be eligible in any sport that he/she did not participate in the previous school year.

FAILED
Bylaw: Article III Student Eligibility, Section: 7 B
Submitted by: Principal Penelope S. Atkinson, Boiling Springs Middle School

Currently reads:
To be eligible for interscholastic athletic competition, including practice, a student must be enrolled in
the seventh grade or above.

Add:
Students in the sixth grade (rising seventh graders) may participate in conditioning/practice for fall
middle school sports beginning May 1, 2018.

Rationale:
The Middle School Task Force believes by allowing rising seventh graders to participate in spring
practice/conditioning for fall middle school sports the student-athlete will be better prepared for the
fall seasons. By allowing rising seventh graders to practice/condition starting May 1, the coaches and
student-athletes will understand the expectations of the middle school sports program. The Middle
School Task Force has been researching this issue for two years. The Task Force feels this addition
will allow rising seventh graders to understand the expectations of playing/participating on an orga-
nized sports team.

FAILED

Bylaw: Article VII League Passes, B
Submitted by: Superintendent Thomas A. Wilson, Anderson School District 5

Currently Reads:
Each superintendent, assistant and/or area superintendent, district level directors, principal and as-
Assistant principal will be issued a pass, as submitted by the district superintendent.

Change to Read:
Each superintendent, school board member, assistant and/or area superintendent, district level direc-
tors, principal and assistant principal will be issued a pass, as submitted by the district superinten-
dent.

Rationale:
A primary goal of the SCHSL is to encourage support of high school athletic programs. At the end of
the day, the state must have support from local school boards if our athletic programs are to be suc-
successful. Local boards set the vision for their district, and just as importantly, allocate the resources
needed to fund successful programs. Not allowing them the opportunity to be exposed to as many
events as possible does not encourage their active participation in athletics, which is detrimental to
the SCHSL.

FAILED
Constitution: Article V Membership, Section: 3 B
Submitted by: Principal Amanda O’Nan, Hilton Head Island High School

Currently Reads:
The number of classifications will be determined by the Executive Committee. In making this decision the Executive Committee will consider the number of schools to be in each of the resulting classifications and the number of regions into which these will be further divided. The schools will be divided among classifications, numerically, as evenly as possible, based on school enrollment count.

Add:
When creating regions during the realignment process, a requirement for the committee to follow is that there must be at least five teams to make up a region.

If there is a school that appeals to move from one region or another or one classification or another that they can only do so if the region they are leaving has a minimum of six teams or has a replacement school so the region they are leaving has a minimum of five teams. If during the appeals process a team is granted permission to move and there is not a replacement team, the realignment committee will have to adjust the realignment to make sure there is a minimum number of five teams per region.

Rationale:
There is no minimum number of teams to make up a region currently. This will help with elimination process for playoffs. It will also assist in the scheduling for basketball and football where it is hard to find games during region play weeks when there are less than five teams in a region.

FAILED

Bylaw: Article II State Conferences and Regions, Section: 2 D
Submitted by: Principal Christopher Black, York High School

Currently reads:
Two or more high schools under the same superintendent and governing board may combine for any activity sponsored by the League, provided the combination is approved by a majority vote of all schools in the region in which they desire to compete and by the Executive Committee of the appropriate State Conference as well as the Commissioner of the League. Such a combination of schools may not exceed the student population of the largest school in the classification unless otherwise approved by the State Conference.

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Two or more high schools may combine for any activity sponsored by the League, provided the combination is approved by a majority vote of all schools in the region in which they desire to compete and by the Executive Committee of the appropriate State Conference as well as the Commissioner of the League. Such a combination of schools may not exceed the student population of the largest school in the classification unless otherwise approved by the State Conference.

Rationale:
This change would allow a student the ability to play a sport their school does not offer.

FAILED
Constitution: Article VI Administration, Section: 1 B. 10
Submitted by: (Superintendents) Dr. Steve Wilson-Calhoun County Schools; Dr. Quincie Moore-Cherokee County Schools; Dr. Harrison Goodwin-Chesterfield County Schools; Mr. John Tindel-Clarendon School District 2; Dr. Burke Royster-Greenville County Schools; Dr. Rick Maxey-Horry County Schools; Dr. Bill James-Lexington School District 2; Dr. Mike Thorsland-School District of Oconee County

Currently Reads:
Up to five members at large, representing superintendents, assistant superintendents, and principals may be appointed by the Executive Committee to insure gender, geographical, ethnic, private schools and charter schools representation. Geographical areas for representation are as defined in the Bylaws.

Change to Read:
Up to five members serving at large, representing superintendents, appointed by the Superintendents Division of the South Carolina Association of School Administrators to the Executive Committee. Appointees may be superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals or district athletic directors. Consideration shall be given to appointees that ensure representation on the committee that reflects geographic, gender and ethnic diversity as well as other diverse views which may include charter, private school or other underrepresented perspectives as may be determined.

Rationale:
Amendment places on the Superintendents Association the responsibility of selecting the at-large members of the Executive Committee at a level most closely affecting the member body. Amendment assures that superintendents have a balanced voice with principals.

FAILED

Constitution: Article V Membership, Section: 3 A-F
Submitted by: (Superintendents) Dr. Steve Wilson-Calhoun County Schools; Dr. Quincie Moore-Cherokee County Schools; Dr. Harrison Goodwin-Chesterfield County Schools; Mr. John Tindel-Clarendon School District 2; Dr. Burke Royster-Greenville County Schools; Dr. Rick Maxey-Horry County Schools; Dr. Bill James-Lexington School District 2; Dr. Mike Thorsland-School District of Oconee County

Currently Reads:
The membership will be divided into a minimum of three classifications determined by enrollments in grades 9-12. The reclassification process will use the 135 ADM from each school during the spring semester of the odd numbered years. The realignment will become effective the fall semester of the following even-numbered year, for a period of two years. The number of classifications will be determined by the Executive Committee. In making this decision the Executive Committee will consider the number of schools to be in each of the resulting classifications and the number of regions into which these will be further divided. The schools will be divided among classifications, numerically, as evenly as possible, based on school enrollment count.
A. Representatives of the schools in each class will meet and determine the divisions that are necessary. By vote of the Legislative Assembly, this may be delegated to a single committee representing all classifications or to a separate committee for each classification.

B. Any appeals from the classification placements will be determined by the Executive Committee of the South Carolina High School League, or its designee. The Executive Committee of the South Carolina High School League may delegate region appeal duties to Classifications Appeals Committees selected to represent the member schools of the class, which will determine the appeal as to region assignment. Member schools may appeal decisions made by the Classification Appeals Committee to the SCHSL Executive Committee.

C. Conference and region organization must be perfected and reported to the Commissioner by May 1 of each year. This organization will be determined by the executive committee of the classification. If a member school is an at-large member, and not assigned to a class or region, then that at-large member may participate against other member schools. The at-large member school may participate for a state championship if it does not require qualifying through the region.

Change to Read:

A. The membership will be divided into a minimum of three classifications and a maximum of six determined by enrollments in grades 9-12. The reclassification process will use the 45 ADM from each school during the fall semester of the realignment year. The realignment will become effective the fall semester of the following even-numbered year, for a period of two or four years, with an option to amend four year realignment in two years.

B. The SCHSL Executive Committee will determine the initial number of classifications with a minimum of three and initially place schools in classifications. The initial assignment of schools by the Executive Committee will be divided among classifications, as evenly as possible, based on school enrollment. This assignment will be done to the extent possible that culminates in an even number of regions. The Classification Committee(s) shall be responsible for determining final school placement and making any adjustments to the classifications to the extent necessary in their judgment to best ensure equity.

C. Representatives of the schools in each class will meet and determine the regions and/or divisions that are necessary. By vote of the Legislative Assembly, this determination may be delegated to a single committee comprised of representatives of the Executive Committees of each classification, or to the Executive Committee for each classification. If there is a change in the number of classifications the reclassification shall be determined by the single committee method. A completed reclassification draft will be presented to all member schools for a period of not less than two weeks for study, and following receipt of comment and possible adjustment, will be considered for final approval by the body to which the task was delegated.

D. Any appeals from the classification placements will be determined by the Executive Committee of the South Carolina High School League, or its designee. The Executive Committee of the South Carolina High School League may delegate region appeal duties to Classifications Appeals Committees selected to represent the member schools of the class, which will determine the appeal as to region assignment. Member schools may appeal decisions made by the Classification Appeals Committee to the SCHSL Executive Committee.

E. Conference and region organization must be completed and reported to the Commissioner by May 1 of each year. This organization will be determined by the executive committee of the classification. If a member school is an at-large member, and not assigned to a class or region, then that at-large member may participate against other member schools. The at-large member school may participate for a state championship if it does not require qualifying through the region.
**ADD:** No matter the method by which realignment is determined, SCHSL League staff may be asked to provide information and assistance as needed. The Committee(s) will gather all necessary information and make a realignment proposal to the proposed Classification. The proposed classification members shall have a two week time frame to review and discuss. Classification Executive Committee(s) will make the process transparent and open for comments. After the two week review period, Classification Executive Committee(s) will review feedback and finalize the realignment. The realignment will become effective the fall semester of the following year, for a period of two or four years. If a four year alignment is approved, it is to include an option to amend after two years if a change in enrollment such as new school opening or a school closing or other factors, which may cause a school to be out of variance with the original enrollment maximums or minimums associated with the initial classification bands. The SCHSL Executive Committee shall make any necessary mid-term [two year] adjustments prior to May of the second year. A two week window for comment/suggestion will be provided as part of this adjustment process prior to the final decision.

**Rationale:**
Proposed amendment places the responsibility of realignment directly on those most affected by the realignment process, the member schools. Proposal also provides a period of comment prior to the acceptance of realignment currently absent from the realignment process. Proposal allows for greater flexibility in extending to a four year realignment while maintaining appeal process.

**WITHDRAWN**
The following items were passed by both the Activities Committee and the Executive Committee on April 26, 2018. These items will be included in the SCHSL Rules and Regulations for the 2018-19 school year. All changes will take effect July 1, 2018 unless otherwise noted below:

1. **Girls Golf** start date for contests: Girls Golf will have an additional week at the beginning of their season to begin playing. Their start date will now mirror the same start date as swim.

2. **All Tennis** matches (girls and boys) must be played on hard courts. If a school uses clay courts, the opposing school must be notified in advance and agree to play the match on the alternate surface. A school cannot use two different surfaces for a match unless previously agreed by both schools.

3. **All Middle School** teams are limited to 2 hours of practice time each day in season for all sports.

4. Eligible **Football** players who dress but do not participate in the varsity game may play in the sub-varsity game the immediate Monday following the original scheduled varsity game. **Note:** The rule currently allows for the player who dresses but does not participate to play in the sub-varsity game the next day. This adds Monday as an option to that rule. **Note:** Should the player play in the sub-varsity game Monday, the player would not be eligible for another sub-varsity game in the same week, but could dress and play the following Friday.

5. Schools will be required to use a **wet bulb globe thermometer** to determine safe conditions for practice or competition during times of high heat and humidity.

6. **Middle School Wrestling** will have the following 14 weight classes:
   These weight classes will be for Middle School teams only. Middle school students (7th and 8th graders) who wrestle at the JV level will follow the same weight classes as the varsity.

7. Schools will have the option to shorten time periods from two minutes to ninety seconds in **sub-varsity and middle school wrestling**. This choice would result in the reduction of the officials’ fee from $71.00 to $53.00.

8. The proposal that was approved to move the **Cross Country Qualifiers and Championships** back one week will not take effect until the 2019-20 school year due to contractual obligations for the 2018-19 school year.

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9. Approved Sports Season Review Proposals:

A) Lacrosse will start their first practice the same day as all other spring sports. The rest of their season will remain unchanged.

B) Number of Regular Season Contests: These limits can now be any combination of tournaments (to include pre-season) and regular season games:

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C) Open -Closed Season Schedule:

The week of July 4th will be closed for all activities to include conditioning and weight training. For the 2018-19 school year this week will be July 1, 2018– July 7, 2018

Open Season schedule outside of In-Season:

All Sports: Schools will have 20 days of open season during the designated time period set forth by the league staff prior to the four day dead period of each season. Specific open season dates for the 2018-19 school year will be the following:

- All Sports: June 1, 2018 – July 21, 2018
- Fall Sports: May 1, 2019 – May 31, 2019
- Winter Sports: September 10, 2018 – October 24, 2018
- Spring Sports: December 3, 2018 – January 23, 2019

Penalties for violating the open season schedule:

1 day in violation/ 1st occurrence per sport - $500 fine and team loses 1 day of practice and limited to 1 pre-season scrimmage.

2 days in violation/ 2nd occurrence per sport - $500 fine and team loses two days of practice, limited to one scrimmage, cannot host any tournaments and cannot be the home team during the playoffs.

3 days in violation/ 3rd occurrence per sport- $500 fine and team loses three days of practice, limited to one scrimmage, cannot host any tournaments and cannot participate in the post season.

Please direct ACTIVITIES questions to Skip Lax at 803.798.0120 or skip@schsl.org
2018 Spring State Finals

LACROSSE @ Irmo High
Saturday, April 28 @ 11:00 am - AAAAAA Girls
1:30 pm - AAAAA Boys
4:00 pm - AAAA Girls
6:30 pm - AAAAA Boys

BOYS GOLF
A / AA May 14 - 15 @ Mt. Vintage Golf Course
AAA May 14 - 15 @ Cross Creek Plantation
AAAA May 14- 15 @ Hackler Golf Club
AAAAA May 14 - 15 @ Country Club of SC

BOYS TENNIS @ Cayce Tennis Center
Saturday, May 12
AAAAA @ 10am
AAAA @ 10am
AAA @ Noon
A / AA @ Noon

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
All Classes : May 12-19
Venues TBA

TRACK & FIELD @ Spring Valley High
Friday, May 11 - AAA, AAAA & AAAAA
- Field Events @ 5 pm
- Running Events @ 5:30 pm

Saturday, May 12 - AAA, AAAA & AAAAA
- Field Events @ 9 am
- Running Events @ 9 am
-A & AA
- Field Events @ 2 pm
- Running Events @ 3:15 pm

SOCCER @ Irmo High
Friday, May 11 @ 2:00 pm - AA Girls
@ 4:00 pm - AA Boys
@ 6:30 pm - AAAA Girls
@ 8:30 pm - AAAAA Boys

Saturday, May 12 @ 10:00 am - A Boys
@ 12:00 pm - AAA Girls
@ 2:30 pm - AAA Boys
@ 4:30 pm - AAAAAA Girls
@ 7:00 pm - AAAAAA Boys

*Information for each Spring Sport will be made available at www.schsl.org (State Finals) as date nears.
INTRODUCING THE 2017-18 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS!

Class A Girls — East Clarendon High School

Class A Boys— Hemingway High School
CONGRATS TO OUR 2017-18 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS!

Class AA Girls – Keenan High School

Class AA Boys – Gray Collegiate Academy
Newberry High School

Class AAA 2017-18 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS!

Southside High School
Spring Valley High School

Class AAAAA 2017-18 State Basketball Champions!

Dorman High School
“THANK YOU” to our generous sponsors spanning across the southeast and beyond. We cherish our longstanding partnerships and welcome our newest SCHSL supporters.

We are glad you are part the SCHSL TEAM.
SCASA—Onward & Upward

1 Fernandina Drive, Columbia SC 29212.
The SCASA Foundation has worked tirelessly on the relocation process and successful raised funds to make it a reality. We have enjoyed our friends/neighbors sharing the facility over the years and will miss their cheery faces and almost daily presence of academic leaders from across the state.

Farewell to our outgoing Executive Committee members:
Charles Burry, Penny Atkinson, Dr. Akil Ross, Mickey Pringle, Dr. Tiniece Javis and Bob Hayes
Thank you for your service and support of South Carolina’s talented athletes, coaches and member schools. Your input has been invaluable and your active participation in all SCHSL matters is immeasurable.

Newly elected SCHSL representatives:
Ozzie Ahl - President
Sam Tuten - Vice-President
Michael Stone - AA Representative
Ray Cooper - AAA Representative
Mike Beasley - Coaches Association
Anna Miller - Associate Member
Dr. Rechel Anderson - At-Large
John Tindal - At-Large
Josh Trayhan - At-Large

Welcome to a position you will not only enjoy but also learn a tremendous amount of information pertaining to our student athletes, statewide athletic programs while attaining a renewed sense of why you decided to become part of South Carolina’s education system. We appreciate your devotion to the children of our state.

Congratulations to the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA) on their exciting relocation to

The hearings will be held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act codified at S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-10, et seq. (Law Co-op. 1976) and will be open to the public.

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