We hope the 2017 fall sports season was all you had hoped for and you are just as excited to welcome the 2018 winter sports season. Our student athletes and coaches continue to give their time and service to our beautiful state as well as other parts of the US in need. We expect even more volunteer initiatives and good sportsmanship in 2018. You will find fall highlights inside along with important information to get your new year off to a great start. Please provide feedback on how we can better serve you, student athletes and SC communities. Thank you for the continued support for high school and middle school athletics. Happy New Year!
What is the most interesting place you have visited thus far during your tenure as NFHS President?

While I traveled to many interesting places during my tenure as NFHS President, thus far my most enjoyable has been the NIAAA Conference held in Phoenix, Arizona. The reason being I had the good fortune of witnessing and/or presenting a national award to two SCHSL athletics directors. Additionally, I was able to visit with many of the athletics directors from South Carolina that were in attendance.

Halfway through this school year, what goal has materialized most effectively under your supervision? Our main goal should always be “improving the educational athletics & activities experience for the students we serve.” As part of this quest, the NFHS and member state associations have instituted a heightened awareness of the students health and safety.

What are your plans for the remaining months of the 2017-18 school year? As it relates to national issues, as a representative of the NFHS Board of Directors, I plan to continue discussions with the member state associations as we address national concerns. As it relates to SCHSL in-state issues, the plan is to continue the staff’s accessibility to the membership to help address concerns and/or issues that may arise.

I am consumed with positive thoughts and energy as we enter into the highly anticipated winter sports season of wrestling and basketball. The student athletes, coaches and communities truly made the 2017 fall season one to remember. I don’t recall a school year with this much community and media support from every corner of the state. It’s as though all of us ‘stepped our game up’ in every facet possible for the greater good of high school sports. I’ve enjoyed my NFHS responsibilities and travels, but it goes without saying, “There’s No Place Like Home!”

Jerome Singleton,
SCHSL Commissioner
Congratulations to Greenville County District Athletic Director, Darryl Nance, the 2017-18 Frank Kovaleski Professional Development Award recipient.

The NFHS awarded Myles Wilson, CAA, district athletic administrator for athletic facilities/operations, Spartanburg, a NFHS Citation Award. The NFHS Citations Committee annually presents this award to outstanding ADs in recognition of contributions—interscholastic athletics at local, state and national level. Congratulations!

Congratulations Dr. Akil Ross
Principal of Chapin High School and
SCHSL Executive Committee member

2018 NATIONAL PRINCIPAL
OF THE YEAR

The entire SCHSL membership is proud of your accomplishments at Chapin High School and on the Executive Committee. You have made South Carolina proud and now the nation will know what a gem we have had all along. We support you on this next exciting journey in your career. Well Done, Sir!
Hear Ye! Hear Ye!  Executive Committee to convene 4-26-18

The South Carolina High School League’s Executive Committee will meet on April 26, 2018 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 April 16, 2018 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 LaVonda Toatley (803-798-0120).

Hardship Request Timeline

April 16, 2018
Last day to submit “Application of Hardship Exceptions” for opportunity to appeal Commissioner’s decision to League’s Executive Committee.

April 20, 2018
Last day to request appeal to Commissioner’s decision and appear before the League’s Executive Committee.

April 23, 2018
Last date to supply each Executive Committee member with a copy of hardship request along with all necessary information.

April 26, 2018
League’s Executive Committee meets to hear scheduled appeals.

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Reminder: The deadline to complete Spring Rules Clinics on PlanetHS.com is January 31. All varsity head coaches must complete the clinic online if he or she did not attend the SCACA conference last summer. For support questions, please e-mail Ryan Bethea at ryanbethea@planeths.com.
* SCHSL FALL SEASON STATE CHAMPIONS *

Swim ~ Cross Country ~ Girls Tennis ~ Volleyball
Competitive Cheer ~ Girls Golf ~ Football
SWIM 2017-18
Class AAA
St. Joseph’s High School

SWIM 2017-18
Class AAA
Bishop England High School

SWIM 2017-18
Class AAAAA
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GIRLS GOLF
GIRLS TENNIS
The South Carolina High School League is accepting applications for officials. Join us in promoting sportsmanship, leadership, and the love of the game.

CONTACT CHARLIE WENTZKY, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER. CHARLIE@SCHSL.ORG OR 803.798.0120 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BECOMING AN OFFICIAL FOR ANY SCHSL SANCTIONED SPORT.

Get in the game today!
WRESTLING ’18

State Duals –
  February 10
  @Airport High
  11:00 am - AA
  1:00 pm - AAA
  3:00 pm - AAAAA
  5:00 pm - AAAAA

Upper/Lower
Individual –
  February 16-17
  @Various Venues/Times

Individual State
Finals –
  February 23-24
  @Anderson Sport & Entertainment Center

TIME TO CELEBRATE!
The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) is proud to announce that Alexis Glover, head volleyball coach at Wando High School in South Carolina, was selected as one of two 2017 USMC/AVCA National High School Coaches of the Year.

Alexis Glover, Wando High School
- Head coach at Wando High School for 31 years
- Finished with a record of 48-4-1 going a perfect 14-0 in the region
- Advanced to the Class AAAAAA Championship in South Carolina
- Won her 11th Lower State Championship
- Selected the Region Coach of the Year 22 times
- Currently sits at No. 10 in the USA Today/AVCA Super 25 National Poll
- No. 2 state ranking in MaxPreps
- Mentored a pair of 2017 Under Armour High School All-America Honorable Mentions (Keeghan Andrews, Brooke Medders)
- Played volleyball at the University of South Carolina (1977-1981)

* Coached Team East in Under Armour All-America Match
2018 Basketball Championships

Upper/Lower State Finals

Friday, February 23 @ 4:00 - A Girls
5:30 - A Boys
7:00 - AAAAA Girls
8:30 - AAAAA Boys

Saturday, February 24 @ 11:00 - AA Girls
12:30 - AA Boys
2:00 - AAA Girls
3:30 - AAA Boys
5:00 - AAAAAA Girls
6:30 - AAAAAA Boys

*Upper State @ Bon Secours Arena
*Lower State @ Florence Civic Center

SCHSL State Finals

Friday, March 2 @ 3:30 - AA Girls
5:00 - AA Boys
7:00 - AAAAAA Girls
8:30 - AAAAAA Boys

Saturday, March 3 @ 10:30 - A Girls
12:00 - A Boys
2:00 - AAA Girls
3:30 - AAA Boys
5:30 - AAAAA Girls
7:00 - AAAAA Boys

State Championships @ Colonial Life Arena

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SCHSL Basketball Championships (March 2-3, 2018) will be aired in the following TV markets & coverage area:
Charleston, SC – WCIV / MyTV Charleston
Columbia, SC – WACH.2 - Stadium
Greenville, SC / Spartanburg, SC / Asheville, NC – WMYA / MyTV
Myrtle Beach, SC – WWMB CW21
ATTENTION

**2018 State Basketball Championships:**
Clear Bag Policy at Colonial Life Arena

It is imperative fans review the information provided in the following link prior to attending the upcoming State Basketball Championships.

http://www.gamecocksonline.com/genrel/071216aad.html

*Approved: 4.5 x 6.5 clutch/purse, one gallon freezer bags, 12 x 6x 12 clear bags

*If in doubt, contact SCHSL or Colonial Life Arena directly.

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**DIGITAL TICKETING – EASY OPTION**

Huddle, Inc. remains the digital ticketing provider for various 2017-18 SCHSL athletic events including the upcoming State Basketball Semi-Finals. The Huddle digital ticketing platform, GoFan, is FREE to partner high schools. For additional information on Huddle services and the many ways their options benefit the SCHSL and schools across the nation, please visit: https://gofan.co/app/school/SCHSL

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State Finals Basketball Press Conference
February 26, 2018

*Special Guest Speaker:*

*NBA Hall of Famer, Dreher High School & University of South Carolina standout...*

**MR. ALEX ENGLISH**

Be sure to tune into Facebook Live to catch every minute of this momentous event. Stay Tuned!
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 Superintendent's 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.

Not Recommended

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:
A. 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.
B. 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.
C. 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.
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 perfected and reported to the Commissioner by May 1 of each year. This organization will be determined by the executive committee of the classification.

F. 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.

F. 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.

G. 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 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.

Not Recommended

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 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 directors, principal and assistant principal will be issued a pass, as submitted by the district superintendent.

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 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.

Not Recommended

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 organized sports team.

Not Recommended

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.

Change to Read:
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Rationale:
This change would allow a student the ability to play a sport his/her school does not offer.

Not Recommended

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 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.

**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.

**Recommended**
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**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.

**Recommended**
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**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.

Not Recommended

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**WINTER CLASSIFICATION MEETINGS**

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*Meetings will be held at the SCHSL Office, 121 Westpark Blvd., Columbia, SC 29210*

*Contact your classification president if you need more information.*
LIVING CLEAN WEEK
MARCH 19-23, 2018
A SPORTSMANSHIP AND LITTER-FREE INITIATIVE

Clean up sportsmanship on and off the court through coaches, teams, student body, community, fans and pep rallies.

Clean up your community through recycling, adopting a highway or park, cleaning up a neighborhood and hosting a Litter-Free Game this spring.

Email completed Living Clean Litter Report Form to schsl@schsl.org. For more information, visit www.schsl.org or call 803.798.0120.
Student leadership is key to being a successful student athlete in and out of the classroom. The 2017-18 SCHSL Student Leadership Summits are filled with school and community leaders; ambassadors of character, sportsmanship and discipline. If you are interested in attending a leadership summit, notify your school athletic director today. Lead by example in 2018.
Bob Gardner, executive director of the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) since May 2010, has announced his retirement, effective August 1, 2018. Mr. Gardner has vigorously promoted the values of high school activity programs and expanded opportunities for participation by boys and girls nationwide. During his eight years as executive director, participation in high school sports has increased by almost 400,000, including the expanded opportunity for students with disabilities in high school sports.

Mr. Gardner has led the organization’s focus on risk minimization in high school sports, with particular emphasis on concussion awareness, and has brought a heightened national presence to the work of the NFHS and its member state associations. In addition to the continual expansion of the NFHS Learning Center during his tenure, Gardner is credited with starting the NFHS Network, the first-of-its-kind digital coverage of high school sports with more than 25,000 events covered during the 2016-17 school year.

“His astute leadership and guidance has really increased the awareness of the NFHS and state associations all while enhancing the entire experience for students, coaches, administrators and contest officials alike. Bob will be missed by his peers and his absence will not go unnoticed by those yet to meet him. Fans and supporters of high school athletics and activities can appreciate all he has brought to the arena. We have an even bigger platform to grow and it’s due to his due diligence with all tasks he was charged with. I’m going to miss working with my friend,” states Jerome Singleton, SCHSL Commissioner /NFHS President, Board of Directors.

Bob Gardner pictured with Section III Executive Directors representing the southeast: South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.
Happy Retirement

LAVONDA TOATLEY

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When Mother Nature calls the shots, everyone is at her mercy. Here are simple steps to take when there is lightning in the area at outdoor athletic contests. The appendix of the NFHS Rules -NFHS Guidelines for Handling Practices and Contests During Lightning or Thunder Disturbances. In addition to the Guidelines being in the appendix, you can also find them here: https://www.nfhs.org/media/1014153/nfhs_guidelines_for_lightning_october_2014.pdf

Along with reviewing these guidelines we would recommend that each school have a game administrator or athletic trainer who is responsible for assisting the officials in making weather related decisions. For those schools who have technology that can indicate the distance of lightning strikes, we recommend that you use this information with assisting officials in lightning related decisions. Obviously we would encourage both the schools and officials to err on the side of caution (whether that be with the information provided through technology or with what can be visibly seen) when addressing severe weather. In an effort to make these difficult decisions easier to navigate, we are also encouraging you to have your athletic trainer or game administrator meet with the officials prior to the game to discuss your evacuation plan, and any local school or district based requirements for dealing with severe weather.

Don’t risk the safety of your students and staff. Learn the precautions now so you will be prepared later. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the SCHSL Office at once. Your input is valuable to the membership and student athletes across South Carolina.