

SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE'S

ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19



THIRD EDITION



South Carolina High School League

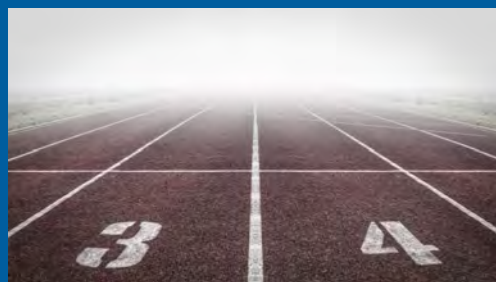
COMMISSIONER'S STATEMENT

Our 2018-19 school year could not have been better for our student-athletes and member schools. This third edition of the SCHSL Annual Report will highlight South Carolina's award winning students, coaches, member schools, and staff while sharing facts and figures to better explain our unique organization. We continued to enhance our membership offerings as well as student services during this past school year. We focused heavily on education and training for our coaches and administrators while stringently reiterating sportsmanship, academic responsibility and health awareness for our student-athletes. I am just as proud to look back over the year as I am eager to lead our membership into 2019-20. My 35+ years in the K-12 academic arena have blessed me with lifelong relationships and the ability to change lives for many. The SCHSL is family, team and a whole unit. We depend on one another for encouragement which leads to excellence. I take that responsibility to heart and hope our Annual Report provides you a compact view into South Carolina's multifaceted yet connected middle and high school athletic programs. **WE** are all **sportsmanship ambassadors** from that very first *pat on the back* to a student or coach. Stay positive and help us motivate our youth. 2019-20 is another opportunity to create change and empower student leaders in and out of the classroom. I humbly thank you for supporting each and every one. I hope to see you at the next SCHSL contest. Let's have a great 2019-20 school year!

JEROME SINGLETON

SCHSL Commissioner

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MISSION *POSSIBLE*

The **mission** of the South Carolina High School League is to provide governance and leadership for interscholastic athletic programs that promote, support, and enrich the educational experience of students.

The **purpose** of the League is to formulate and maintain policies in accordance with its mission and beliefs that will:

- ❖ *safeguard the educational values of interscholastic athletic competition;*
- ❖ *advance high ideals of sportsmanship;*
- ❖ *develop and direct a program which will promote, protect and conserve the health and physical welfare of all participants; and*
- ❖ *promote uniformity of standards in all interscholastic athletic competition*

TO BELIEVE IS TO ACHIEVE

- **We believe** the South Carolina High School League, governed by its member schools, is the recognized state authority on interscholastic athletic programs.
- **We believe** participation in interscholastic athletic programs is a privilege.
- **We believe** interscholastic athletic programs should be student centered.
- **We believe** interscholastic athletic programs should:
enrich each student's educational experience; promote student academic achievement;
promote good citizenship and a healthy lifestyle;
foster involvement with a diverse population;
promote fair play, honesty, sportsmanship and equity;
promote the participation of students in athletics and multiple sports.
- **We believe** properly trained administrators, coaches, officials, and related support staff promote the educational mission of the academic program of our schools.
- **We believe** interscholastic athletic programs promote positive school/community relationships.



YOUR LEAGUE

The 2018-19 League membership included over **412 high schools and junior high/middle schools**. The League's activities are offered to South Carolina's **338,000+** students. It is every school's goal to have their students participate in school athletics. School-aged athletes are "**students**" first as academic success is the first step in exceeding expectations outside of the classroom. **Healthy lifestyles** and **good sportsmanship** are promoted at the school level as well as statewide. **South Carolina is home to winners both inside and outside the classrooms!**

Fun Facts & Figures

Slow and steady wins the race:

- 2013-2014 School Year -- 2,601 lacrosse players (boys and girls)
- 2018-2019 School Year -- 3,566 lacrosse players (boys and girls)
- **Lacrosse** has experienced growth in boys and girls every year since PlanethS started tracking in 2013-2014.
- Growth in **13 high school sports** out of 23 boys and girls sports.
- **Girls Track/Field and Volleyball** have had an increase in participants for 4 consecutive school years.
- **Game Day Cheer** began during the 2018-19 school year with 24 schools from all five classifications participating.



Total Eligibility 2018-2019

High School- 74,298

Middle School- 16,732

Total = 91,030 athletes

Transfers 2018-2019

High Schools- 3,675

Middle Schools- 469

Total = 4,144 athletes

The South Carolina High School League provides oversight for member school's athletic programs to include both public and private educational institutions. Both middle and high schools can apply for SCHSL membership.

HIGH SCHOOLS

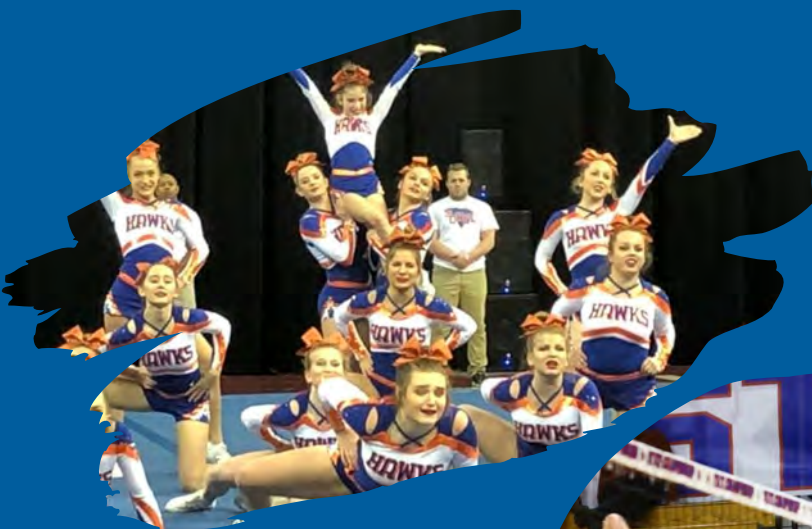
SPORT

Number of Student-Athletes

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------|------------------------------------|------|
| Baseball | 6955 | Softball | 4878 |
| Boys Basketball | 6740 | Girls Basketball | 4517 |
| Competitive Cheer | 2900 | Game Day Cheer | 409 |
| Boys Cross Country | 3581 | Girls Cross Country | 2558 |
| Boys Soccer | 6218 | Girls Soccer | 5023 |
| Boys Golf | 1551 | Girls Golf | 796 |
| Boys Swim | 1239 | Girls Swim | 1494 |
| Boys Tennis | 1544 | Girls Tennis | 1989 |
| Boys Track/Field | 8019 | Girls Track/Field | 6132 |
| Volleyball | 4974 | Wrestling | 4531 |
| Football | 17,789 | Boys Lacrosse | 2041 |
| Girls Lacrosse | 1525 | <i>(biggest growth of 2018-19)</i> | |

Sportsmanship is the most important aspect of any successful athletic program, at any level. As administrators/coaches, we feel it is essential that all athletes maintain a positive approach to handling adversity or challenging situations. Our standard shall be that all coaches and players compete with humility and respect for all involved in the contest. Criteria to determine a sportsmanship award winner will be based on **Community Service, Athlete & Coach Ejections, Sportsmanship/Leadership Summit Attendance, Sportsmanship Reports from other schools and/or officials and Sportsmanship within your student and fan sections at events.** We have now incorporated **sportsmanship pledges** for students and coaches. Your school will also have the opportunity to earn a unique **sportsmanship banner**, specific to schools with excellent athletic interactions and reputations. Visit our website (www.schsl.org) for information on these exciting new initiatives.

FALL Athletics



Swimming
Cross Country
Volleyball
Girls Tennis
Girls Golf
Competitive Cheer
Football



WINTER *Athletics*



Wrestling Basketball

**Game Day Cheer*

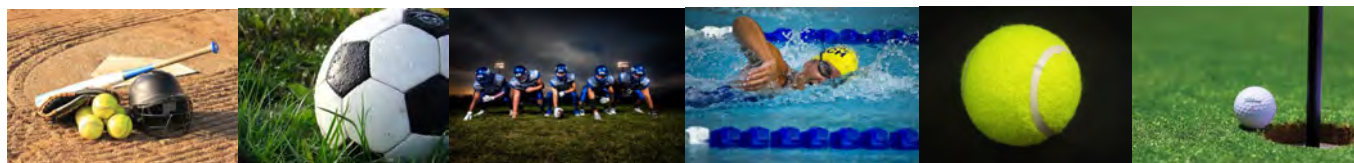
*GDC is a state-wide
tournament, not a state
championship, developed in
conjunction with Varsity
Spirit.*

SPRING *Athletics*



Boys Tennis
Baseball
Boys Golf
Softball
Soccer
Lacrosse
Track/Field





SCHSL Calendar of 2019-20 State Championship Events

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|--|-----------------------------|---|
| Swim | October 12/14, 2019 | USC Natatorium, Columbia |
| Girls Golf | October 28/29, 2019 | Various sites (www.schsl.org) |
| *Press Conference, November 6, 2019 (<i>Live on Facebook and Instagram</i>) | | |
| *Volleyball | November 9, 2019 | River Bluff High |
| *Girls Tennis | November 9, 2019 | Cayce Tennis Center |
| Girls Tennis– Singles | November 11/12, 2019 | Cayce Tennis Center |
| Cross Country | November 16, 2019 | Carolina Cup Fields, Camden |
| Competitive Cheer | November 23, 2019 | Colonial Life Arena, Columbia |
| *Press Conference, December 2, 2019 (<i>Live on Facebook and Instagram</i>) | | |
| *Football | December 6/7, 2019 | Benedict College/USC |
| Wrestling– Duals | February 15, 2020 | Dreher High |
| Wrestling– Individuals | February 28/29, 2020 | Anderson Civic Center |
| Basketball– Upper | February 28/29, 2020 | Bon Secours Arena, Greenville |
| Basketball- Lower | February 28/29, 2020 | Florence Civic Center |
| *Press Conference, March 2, 2020 (<i>Live on Facebook and Instagram</i>) | | |
| *Basketball | March 6/7, 2020 | Colonial Life Arena |
| *Press Conference, April 29, 2020 (<i>Live on Facebook and Instagram</i>) | | |
| *Lacrosse | May 2, 2020 | Irmo High |
| *Press Conference, May 13, 2020 (<i>Live on Facebook and Instagram</i>) | | |
| *Soccer | May 15/16, 2020 | TBA |
| Track | May 15/16, 2020 | TBA |
| *Boys Tennis | May 16, 2020 | Cayce Tennis Center |
| Boys Tennis– Singles | May 18/19, 2020 | Cayce Tennis Center |
| Boys Golf | May 18/19, 2020 | Various sites (www.schsl.org) |
| Softball | May 16-23, 2020 | Various sites (www.schsl.org) |
| Baseball | May 16-23, 2020 | Various sites (www.schsl.org) |

TBA sites will be listed at www.schsl.org closer to the date of event.

****Game Day Cheer** is a tournament held at the USC-Aiken Convocation Center on January 25, 2020.

CommUNITY



SCHSL student-athletes and their coaches spend a tremendous amount of time each year volunteering in their communities as well as assisting in other communities across the state. From litter pick-up projects, water and food donations to coat drives, SCHSL athletes value the opportunity to be a positive influence on others. Character building is part of the growth process within our athletic programs. Community service is also a part of our sportsmanship program.



MIDDLE SCHOOLS

SPORT

Number of Student-Athletes

Baseball - 654

Boys Basketball - 2973

Football - 7110

Boys Soccer - 682

Boys Track/Field - 1019

Volleyball - 2329

Softball - 497

Girls Basketball - 2592

Boys Golf - 26

Girls Soccer - 657

Girls Track/Field - 861

Competitive Cheer - 429

Wrestling - 798

SCHSL middle schools showed growth in 3 sports in 2018-2019:
(Competitive Cheer, Girls Track & Field, and Boys Track & Field)

Our membership includes over 200 middle schools. We have a Middle School Task Force in place to better serve our 7th-8th grade level athletes, coaches and administrators. The task force was created in 2014 with the mission of meeting the needs of our middle school members in the development and operating their athletic programs. The committee of five principals and four athletic directors from around the state address issues affecting middle school athletics and proposing changes.

****SCHSL has a total of 16,732 middle school athletes***



#BecomeAnOfficial

All officials must pass rigorous exams before being charged with a SCHSL contest. We are always in need of fair-minded individuals with a passion for athletics and community. If you are interested in officiating any of the listed sports, please [click here](#).

Baseball 450 **-28**

Basketball 730 **+14**

Boys Lacrosse 64 **+10**

Cheer 60 **+7**

Football 713 **+3**

Girls Lacrosse 73 **+16**

Soccer 492 **-2**

Softball 365 **+30**

Swim 123 **+10**

Volleyball 244 **+5**

Wrestling 126 **+6**

Highlighted numbers reflect the growth or decline in officials between the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ozzie Ahl, President

Sam Tuten, Vice President

Karen Radcliffe (Term expires 2021) AAAAA

Dr. Marty Conner (Term expires 2022) AAAA

Ray Cooper (Term expires 2023) AAA

Michael Stone (Term expires 2020) AA

Andrea Pridgen (Term expires 2021) A

Ryan Brown (Ongoing Term) State Dept of Education

Dr. Steve Wilson (Term expires 2020) Superintendents Association

Maureen Tiller (Term expires 2020) Principals Association

Tony Folk (Term expires 2023) School Boards Association

Mike Beasley (Term expires 2022) Coaches Association

Anna Miller (Term expires 2023) Associate Member

Sam Jones (Term expires 2020) Officials Association

Joe Quigley (Term expires 2020) Athletic Administrators Association

Josh Trahan (Term expires 2020) Member At Large

Dr. Kandace Bethea (Term expires 2021) Member At Large

Keith Kizer (Term expires 2021) Member At Large

Dr. Baron Davis (Term expires 2021) Member At Large

Appellate Panel

Bill McCall, III

Otis Rawl,

Andy Tweito

Bob Davis

Jackie Queen

Raleigh King

Vacant

First Congressional District

Second Congressional District

Third Congressional District

Fourth Congressional District

Fifth Congressional District

Sixth Congressional District

Seventh Congressional District

The **Appellate Panel** was established and began during the 2014-15 school year and serves as a final authority in all appeals involving member schools. The panel consists of seven members who serve four year terms.

Members are appointed in the following manner:

One person appointed by the legislative delegations of each congressional district.

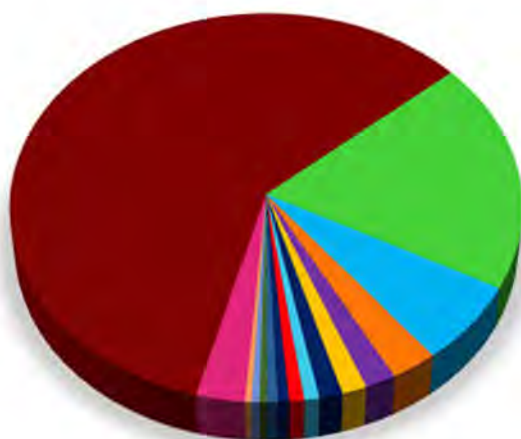
Members of the **Appellate Panel** may not concurrently serve as officers of any League subdivisions, conferences or regions and may not have served as a member of the **Executive Committee** within the last three years.

The **Appellate Panel** must provide the final ruling in any appeal brought against a decision on appeal from the **Executive Committee** of the League.

Decisions of the **Appellate Panel** are the final administrative appeal.

FINANCIAL FACTS

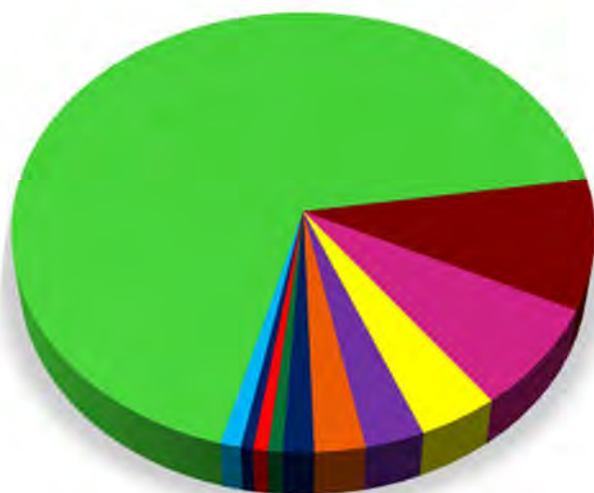
Expense Summary July 2018 through June 2019



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|----------------------------------|--------|
| ■ Sport Expenses | 59.49% |
| ■ Salary, Insurance & Retirement | 19.21 |
| ■ Cat Insurance Expense | 6.62 |
| ■ Officials Related Expenses | 2.76 |
| ■ Professional & Consulting Fees | 1.83 |
| ■ Depreciation | 1.47 |
| ■ Purchase Books & Materials | 1.39 |
| ■ Staff Travel | 1.39 |
| ■ Awards | 0.88 |
| ■ Internet & Computer Expenses | 0.88 |
| ■ Committee Expenses | 0.68 |
| ■ Insurance Expenses | 0.60 |
| ■ Student Leadership | 0.47 |
| ■ Legal Fees | 0.45 |
| ■ Other Expenses | 0.39 |

TOTAL \$4,890,236

Income Summary July 2018 through June 2019



| | |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| ■ Gate Receipts | 63.27% |
| ■ Cat Insurance Income | 9.54 |
| ■ Corporate Sponsorship | 7.59 |
| ■ Officials Registration | 4.03 |
| ■ Capital Outlay | 3.02 |
| ■ Membership Dues | 2.57 |
| ■ Fines & Late Fees | 1.76 |
| ■ Interest & Dividends | 0.74 |
| ■ Rulebooks, Medals, Materials | 0.72 |
| ■ Booking Fees | 0.72 |
| ■ Other Income | 0.63 |

TOTAL \$4,969,297

At Your Service

Member Services includes but not limited to the following benefits:

- Coaches Education
- Sports Review Committee
- High School League Passes
- Middle School Task Force
- Rules Clinics
- Officials Workshops
- New Principals and Athletic Directors Meetings
- Transfers and Eligibility
- Disciplinary Issues and Policy Enforcement
- Palmetto's Finest State Records



Student LEADERSHIP

The SCHSL Leadership Summit (*one day seminar*) is now held in a central location, Columbia, SC. This unique hands-on learning opportunity was created to assist our student-athletes in their journey to embrace their role as leaders in their respective schools. Leadership, college preparation, healthy food choices/fitness tips, social media facts and much more are just a few topics discussed at the summits each year. We appreciate our member schools, workshop facilitators, corporate partners and guest speakers for their continued support and generosity. Contact your high school's athletics director for more information on the 2019-20 SCHSL Leadership Summit.



Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC)

SAAC was created during the 2018-19 school year as a select group of students from all regions of the state applied for the honor to serve as a school and state SCHSL Ambassador. This is a two year commitment for each student which includes volunteerism, planning a student service project and promoting all SCHSL initiatives all year long.

PRESSing Matters

SCHSL **Press Conferences** have become a much anticipated aspect of earning a spot in the State Finals for various sports. Our 2018-19 guest speakers were:

- **Tom Mendoza**, *University of SC Head Volleyball Coach*
- **Tommy Spangler**, *Presbyterian College Head Football Coach*
- **Earl Grant**, *College of Charleston Men's Basketball Coach*
- **Corey Struss**, *North Greenville University Men's Lacrosse Coach*

Our press conferences are available online, free to the public, with Facebook LIVE and IGTV (*new for 2019-20*) as well. Media professionals within all borders of our state travel to Columbia, SC, for one-on-one interviews with coaches and student-athletes. This provides the opportunity to not only share their exciting journey to the state championships but also meet with their opponents. These events attribute to the **mutual respect** and **good sportsmanship** between teams during state finals. We are adding an additional press conference next spring for **Soccer** and **Boys Tennis** bringing our total to five state final media events.



Lifelong *Learning*



The SCHSL remains a leader in National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) online course downloads. We strongly encourage habitual studying and research of rules and safety concerns offered in each sport. Over 9.4 million courses have been downloaded by coaches across the nation and SC takes pride in leading the cause.

Mandatory courses for every SCHSL coach prior to the start of the school year include:

- ☐ **Heat Illness Prevention Course**
- ☐ **Concussion Course**
- ☐ **Sudden Cardiac Arrest**
- ☐ **Protecting Students from Abuse *(New for 2019-20)***



A bitter sweet start to 2019-20 school year as **Nessie Harris**, former Associate Commissioner, bid farewell to the SCHSL after over 12 years of loyal service. She moved up the ranks over the years after leaving her career as an elementary teacher. Her office family as well as the entire membership are better for knowing her and wish her well on this new path in life.



TEAM PLAYERS

JEROME SINGLETON, COMMISSIONER

SKIP LAX, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

CHARLIE WENTZKY, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

AMY BOOZER, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

JAN HOGAN, DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY

TAMMIE NEWMAN, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS

CINDI DRAKEFORD, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

BLAIR WARREN, ARBITER ADMINISTRATOR

LAVONDA TOATLEY, PT RECEPTIONIST/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

MARILYN RICHARDSON, PT RECEPTIONIST/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

RYAN BETHEA, PLANETHS ADMINISTRATOR



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National Accomplishments

LaRaine Fess, drama teacher at Beaufort High School and the **Beaufort High School Theatre Students** were selected as the 2019 national recipients of the “**National High School Heart of the Arts Award**” by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). The National High School Heart of the Arts Award was created by the NFHS to recognize those individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive heart of the arts that represent the core mission of education-based activities.



SCHSL Staff earn seats on NFHS Committees

Jerome Singleton

Hall of Fame, *Chairperson*

Charlie Wentzky

Baseball Rules, Football Rules & Education

Amy Boozer

Spirit Rules

Jan Hogan

Records

Tammie Newman

Spirit of Sport Awards



CORPORATE PARTNERS



State Champions, both team and individuals, will receive the latest in contemporary hardware as the SCHSL moves into 2019-20 with a sleek new look.



*A time to
look*

back with

Admiration;

A time to

look



forward with

Anticipation





Finish *Line*

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SC SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

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SC ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION

scaaa.org

SC ATHLETIC COACHES ASSOCIATION

sccoaches.org

SC ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

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