

TUES-NEWS

SCHSL WEEKLY NEWS AND UPDATES

September 27, 2022

Jan Hogan retires!

After 26+ years, we celebrate a League Marvel!



**Celebrate your Fall
Female Athletes**



**FALL SEASON UPDATE
BY COMMISSIONER SINGLETON**



**Associate Commissioner
Opening**





Please join us in welcoming our new **Director of Communications and Public Relations, Mr. Dennis Switzer**. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism.

His most recent position, Sports Information Director for Benedict College, kept him busy for over 11 years. Prior to his stint with the Tigers, he was employed with the South Atlantic Conference -Division II in Rock Hill, SC as the Director of Sports Administration and Information for 11 years. Switzer first sharpened his skills at “The Herald” covering high school, college, and professional sports for over 15 years.

“I’m extremely excited to join the South Carolina High School League as I have been a strong supporter since my own high school years. I look forward to being a part of this winning team and promoting the unique athletes and devoted coaches among many other aspects of the membership. I feel as though I have come full circle with my skills and background in athletics coverage. The SCHSL has a strong communications blueprint in place- one I plan to enhance even further,” states Switzer.

He remains in Rock Hill with his lovely wife Nancy and their two daughters, Lauren and Krista.

“We are confident Dennis will bring an enormous amount of knowledge and experience to the league office and we join in his excitement for this new chapter. He has been charged with not only up-keeping the initiatives in place, but to also add to that communication toolbox. He is a true professional with wheels in motion for the 2022-23 athletic seasons,” states Commissioner Dr. Jerome Singleton.

Mr. Switzer replaces the inaugural SCHSL Director of Communications and Public Relations, Tammie Newman, and he will start his SCHSL post on October 17, 2022.



Mark Calendar:
Drop-In for Jan!

Retirement Celebration
@ South Carolina High School
League office
October 13, 2022
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

SWIM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday October 7, 2022
6:30 pm Class AAAA

Saturday October 8, 2022
3:30 pm Class AAAAA
7:30 pm Class AAA



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Greetings,

As we enter into the mid-point part of the Fall Sports Season, the weather has been cooperative and few to no contests have had to be canceled/postponed/rescheduled. We can all hope that the rest of the season is met with such grace. Threats of tropical storms/depressions will be among us for the next few weeks, and we should all plan ahead to address any needed adjustments to contest schedules. (A great time to review your emergency action plan).

In many of our sports, the upcoming contests will play a bigger role in teams qualifying for post-season playoffs. In short, the stakes are a little higher as it relates to wins and losses. With this heightened sense of urgency, focus may shift more to strategy as opposed to sportsmanship. I encourage you to continue making good sportsmanship a priority of your athletic programs. Once again, Unsportsmanlike Behavior Is a Choice," but one that can be tempered with intentional reminders of your expectations of those representing your school/community.

Last week during one of the member schools' contests, there was another first this sports season in unsportsmanlike behavior. During a contest, a spectator came onto the field of play and made contact with one of the competing athletes on the opposing team. While enthusiasm and support for your local team are encouraged, actions such as this are never warranted or acceptable. Luckily the school's administration addressed the situation promptly. We must continue to communicate and stress the expectation of good sportsmanlike behavior by all in attendance at the contest – the athletes, the coaches and staff, the game officials, and the spectators.

As an update, last week 15 schools had players ejected for unsportsmanlike behavior and 2 schools had a spectator removed from the facility for unsportsmanlike behavior.

Congratulations to the many schools that competed last week with no ejections due to unsportsmanlike behavior. For the few schools that did not meet the goal, let's continue to work toward this goal.

Have a great week of athletic competition!

Dr. Jerome Singleton, Commissioner

Greetings,

I take this opportunity to recognize and share the League's and my personal appreciation for two employees that will be leaving the League office staff at the end of the month. Jan Hogan and Tammie Newman are two of the reasons that the League office and the League has experienced its great success over the years. Both can leave knowing that they have created a legacy in their contribution of service to the League. Jan Hogan has been a part of the staff for more than 26 years. During that time, she served in many roles (those that can be titled and untitled). Her efforts in the office and at state championship events have allowed all the member schools to experience some of the best services available by the association. Her retirement comes as a reward for a job well done. Jan, you will truly be missed.

Tammie Newman has been a part of the staff for over 8 years. She was hired to transform the image of the South Carolina High school League. She has helped this association to, in addition to being recognized as a membership driven Regulatory agency, be known as a service organization through her efforts in publicizing and promoting the positives offered by the League. She took a job at the League office that had no blueprint of how and what needed to be done and transformed it into national recognition. Through her efforts, the member schools and general public are continually informed about all of the League's involvements. While we hate to see her leave, we are equally excited for her and the new opportunities and challenges she seeks. Additionally, we would like to think that her time with the League in some way allowed her to expand her craft and help in her professional development. Tammie, you will truly be missed.

While neither came to this office with any state association experience, both leave a blueprint for success for all that follow in their positions. We wish you both well as you go and create new legacies.

Dr. Jerome Singleton

