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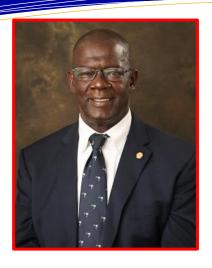
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COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

Greetings,

This week will mark the end of the Fall sports season. Congratulations to the member schools for all the Fall sports offered to your student-athletes. Championship football games will be played this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Last week, we celebrated no ejections in the Fall sport (football) competition. Your focus on good sportsmanship has served you well. To those schools still competing in football, "Let's Do It One More Time!!!"

Congratulations to the teams competing in this week's championship football games. The SCHSL is proud of you and knows that you will represent yourselves, your schools, your communities, and the League well with a gold medal effort. You are the SCHSL's sports ambassadors for the state. Enjoy the experience.

Also, we look forward to continuing with the Winter sports (Basketball and Wrestling) season for the 2022-2023 school year. Those two sports offer competition multiple times per week and are consistently emotionally charged. I ask that continued reminders by the school administrators and coaches be employed about high expectations for good sportsmanship.

This past week, in the Winter sports, three schools had athletes ejected from contests, because of unsportsmanlike behavior. I trust that these schools will address these ejections in the appropriate manner. To the schools with no ejections, congratulations! Thank you for your efforts. This week marks the end of the preseason and the beginning of the regular season competition for winter sports. Compete to win, and remember the SCHSL's motto, "An athlete is not crowned unless he/she competes according to the rules." Have a great week of competition.

Dr. Jerome Singleton

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HARDSHIP DEADLINE WAIVERS

The South Carolina High School League's Executive Committee will meet on January 11, 2023, 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 December 15, 2022, so that you will have an opportunity to appeal the Commissioner's decision to the League's Executive Committee, if necessary.

Additional information can be found in the box to the right. Please make note of the deadline dates. If you have any questions, please contact the League office at (803)-798-0120.

PRINCIPALS AND ATHLETICS DIRECTOR WEBINAR

The South Carolina High School League will host a principals and athletics directors webinar, Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 10 am. Additional information will be sent prior to the webinar.



The SCHSL is happy to announce that Lexington Orthopedics & Sports Medicine will serve as the presenting sponsor of the 2022 State Football State Finals. The Finals will run from Thursday, Dec. 1st through Saturday, Dec. 3rd at Charles W. Johnson Stadium in Columbia, SC. Lexington Orthopedics & Sports Medicine is part of the Lexington Medical Center healthcare network. The partnership between the SCHSL and Lexington Medical Center began in the 2021-22 school year, with sponsorship of State Finals that were hosted in the Midlands region of the state.

HARDSHIP WAIVER DEADLINE

December 15, 2022

Last day to submit
"Application of Hardship
Exceptions" for
opportunity to appeal
Commissioner's decision
to League's Executive
Committee.

January 5, 2023

Last day to request appeal to Commissioner's decision and appear before the League's Executive Committee.

January 8, 2023

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

January 11, 2023

League's Executive Committee meets to hear appeals to Commissioner's decision.



Jobs Around the SCHSL

<u>Click Here</u> to visit the job openings around the SCHSL

Upcoming Events & Championships

Football Press Conference Nov 29, 2022

State Finals Football - 3A Dec 1, 2022 – 7 pm

State Finals Football - 2A Dec 2, 2022 – 2 pm

State Finals Football - 1A Dec 2, 2022 – 7 pm

State Finals Football - 5A Dec 3, 2022 – 12 pm

State Finals Football - 4A Dec 3, 2022 – 7 pm

Principals & Athletic Directors Webinar Dec 6, 2022 – 10 am

Eligibility Appeals Dec 7, 2022

High School Student Leadership Summit Dec 15, 2022

SCHSL Office Closed -Holiday Break Dec 19, 2022 – Jan 2, 2023

For a complete SCHSL Calendar visit the league website at www.schsl.org



UPCOMING STATE FINALS



December 1-3, 2022, the SCHSL will hold its 2022 Football State Finals. The Finals will be held at the Benedict College's Charles W. Johnson Stadium. Admission is \$15 per person, infant and toddler, if held in lap, are free.

All tickets are digital and will be available through Go Fan at https://gofan.co/app/school/SCHSL.

There is clear bag policy for all spectators.

SCHEDULE:

Thursday, December 1: Class 3A: 7:00 pm: **Powdersville vs Beaufort**Friday, December 2: Class 2A: 2:00 pm: **Abbeville vs Oceanside**Friday, December 2: Class 1A: 7:00 pm: **Christ Church vs Johnsonville**Saturday, December 3: Class 5A: 12 pm: **Dutch Fork vs Fort Dorchester**Saturday, December 3: Class 4A: 7:00 pm: **Northwestern vs South Florence**

The official hotel partners for the SCHSL Football Finals are: The Hilton Garden Inn and Home2Suites located at 1200 Pickens Street in Columbia, just two (2) miles from Charlie W. Johnson Stadium. Special rates have been negotiated for teams that need lodging. You are encouraged to contact Valerie Shannon, sales manager for the two properties, at 803.227.3403 ext. 703 or via email at Valerie.shannon@hilton.com.

For complete bracket of all classes visit www.schsl.org.

CHAMPIONSHIP MERCHANDISE

NW Designs will be selling official state finals merchandise onsite at the Football State Finals. Fans can also purchase via their online store, which is accessible at https://nwd.ink/s/schsl/.