

**SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE  
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January 11, 2023**

The Executive Committee of the South Carolina High School League met on January 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the SCHSL Office, 121 Westpark Blvd, Columbia, South Carolina. The following members were present: Jason Warren, Carlos Cave, Sonya Bryant, Hezekiah Massey, Dr. Adam Lanford, Adrian Busch, Coby Brandyburg, Dr. JR Green, David Byrd, Derek Phillips, Andy Rogers, Dr. Sam Barfell, Nicholas Pearson, Julianne Lang, Kyle Boczkowski, Tony Folk and Dr. Kandace Bethea.

Jason Warren called the meeting to order.

Prayer led by Dr. Adam Lanford.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Carlos Cave.

A motion made by Kyle Boczkowski, seconded by Nicholas Pearson, to approve the minutes from November 16, 2022 meeting passed 16-0 (17 members present).

**Appeals:**

- Hillcrest High School (Combination of Schools) – **APPROVED**
- Chapin High School (Cheer Championship) – **DENIED**
- Keenan High School (Eligibility) – **DENIED**

**Sub-Committee Reports**

**Legislative (Sonya Bryant, Chair)**

2023-24 Proposed Changes:

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**Constitution**

**ARTICLE VI – ADMINISTRATION**

**Section 1B, 9**

Submitted by: Davina Coleman, Whale Branch Early College High School

Currently Reads:

- A. The officers shall be a president, vice-president, and the commissioner. All committee members, excepting the commissioner, the State Superintendent of Education or designee, the representative of the South Carolina School Boards Association, the representative of the associate members of the League and the representative of the officials, shall be employed at a member high school during their tenure in office. During their tenure in office, each member below, who must be certified by the State Department of Education in order to hold their employment, must be employed with a member school or as an administrator over member schools.

- B. The governing body shall be the South Carolina High School League Executive Committee composed of the president, vice president and the following:

9. A representative of the South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association, elected by the said Association and currently serving as an athletic director at the high school level.

**Change to Read:**

9. A representative of the South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association elected by the said Association and currently serving as an athletic director at the high school or as an administrator (District Athletic Director) over member schools.

**Rationale:** District Athletic Directors fits the description stated currently in Article VI – Administration must be employed with a member school or as an administrator over member schools.

**RECOMMENDED**

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**By-Laws**

**ARTICLE III - STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

**Section 10M Transfers**

Submitted by: Dr. Brian Newsome, Gray Collegiate Academy

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 subsections (A) through (N) below and only if he/she meets the following two criteria irrespective of where he/she moves under one of the circumstances set forth in subsections (A) through (N).

1. The student must be eligible to represent the school from which he/she transferred.
2. The student would be ineligible in the sport for one calendar year if the student has participated on an outside team in which a coach or volunteer coach from the school to which the student is transferring coaches or had input into the selection of the outside team. This second criteria does not apply if the student is transferring from a non-member school and had attended the non-member school the previous two semesters.

A student transfers to another school in the same district, to include member charter and private schools located in the district; other than ninth grade, provided the affected superintendent and schools' principal approve the transfer. This type of transfer is allowed once every (365) calendar year and only applicable to member schools located within the district. The student cannot have participated in the sport in which he/she wishes to be certified during the current school year.

**Change to Read:**

A student transfers to another school in the same district other than ninth grade. This type transfer is allowed once every (365 days) calendar year and only applicable to member schools located within the district. The

student cannot have participated in the sport in which he/she wishes to be certified during the current school year.

**Rationale:** Deleting the requirement for paperwork as it created unnecessary work for all involved and the student should simply be able to transfer pursuant to the rules.

## **NOT RECOMMENDED**

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### **By-Laws**

### **ARTICLE III – STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

#### **Section 10 - Transfers**

Submitted by: Dr. Brian Newsome, Gray Collegiate Academy

#### **Currently Reads:**

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#### **Change to Read:**

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 subsections (A) through (N) below and only if he/she meets the following two criteria irrespective of where he/she moves under one of the circumstances set forth in subsections (A) through (N). An ineligible transfer student meeting the two criteria, but nor any of the circumstances of subsection (A) through (N) may compete with LIMITED ELIGIBILITY. The student cannot have participated in the sport in which he/she wishes to be certified during the current school year. This type of transfer of eligibility is only allowed once every (365) calendar year and only applicable to inter-district transfer.

**Rationale:** If a student is legally allowed to transfer or enroll in a school and meets all age, attendance, and academic requirements for participation at the varsity or sub varsity level there should not be a requirement for additional paperwork.

**NOT RECOMMENDED**

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**Section 10**

Submitted by: Dr. Brian Newsome, Gray Collegiate Academy

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**Add O:**

O. A student transfers to or enrolls in any grade in a member school for which the student is considered legally allowed to enroll or attend, absent a bona fide change in residence to that district or attendance zone, pursuant to state law. This provision shall include enrollment in a public charter school or other public school for which the defined attendance zone is the State of South Carolina. Students transferring pursuant to this provision shall only be deemed eligible one time and student must enroll before the beginning of the following school year. Subsequent transfers under this provision will require the student be deemed ineligible to participate for one calendar year.

**Rationale:** Students should be allowed one transfer in grades 9-12 to any member school without penalty and regardless of a bona fide change in residence. Many districts have adopted intra district open enrollment policies which in effect allow students to attend the high school of their choice in the district and the League has adopted changes to the Bylaws to accommodate these students. However, more and more frequently students are attending schools outside of their district residence and last year the Legislature considered a bill, which nearly passed, which would have created statewide open enrollment. This change will ensure that students have access to all opportunities at any school they attend.

**NOT RECOMMENDED**

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## **By-Laws**

### **ARTICLE III – STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

#### **Section 10 Transfers**

Submitted by: Chris Buchholz, Philip Simmons High School

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 following circumstances set forth below in subsections (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).

#### **Add O:**

O. In the event that a private or charter school is alternatively assigned an attendance zone by way of a school hardship by the Executive Committee or Appellate Panel, students wishing to attend the local public school they are assigned for in grades 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> will receive a one-time full athletic eligibility transfer to their public school in the attendance zone that the private or charter school is located.

**Rationale:** Students are not able to attend the local public high school that they are zoned for if the private or charter school is assigned another attendance without a hardship request, even though they live in that attendance zone of the public school. While unique, this scenario currently exists.

#### **NOT RECOMMENDED**

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## **By-Laws**

### **ARTICLE IV – SCHOOL REGULATIONS**

#### **Section 9 School's Responsibility for Safety and Conduct**

Submitted by: Dr. Brian Newsome, Gray Collegiate Academy

#### **Add:**

The South Carolina High School League shall, in a prominent place on its website, post a list of any schools, school officials and/or coaches found to be in violation of any provisions of the Leagues Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and levied fines. Publication must occur within 30 calendar days from the date of the final ruling and upon completion of any appeals process.

**Rationale:** There have been many instances of violations that the consequences have not been known or understood to have taken place. This will allow a place for the league to continue to enhance transparency and deliver information to all member schools.

#### **NOT RECOMMENDED**

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## **By-Laws**

Submitted by: Vance Jones, Spartanburg High School

### **Add:**

#### **Article XIII – Oversight**

1. All committees and committee members consulted and used by the South Carolina High School League for recommendation purposes and voting purposes must be made immediately available to the member schools, as well as be posted on the League website. Including and not limited to the activities committee, executive committee, appellate panel, SC medical advisory committee, and all others created by or partnered with the South Carolina High School League.
2. Minutes of the meetings and all recommendations stemming from meetings between the South Carolina High School League, and all said committees must be made available to the member schools within ten business days of the conclusion of the meeting.
3. All recommendations concerning rules and regulation proposals to be voted on by the activities committee must be made available to the member schools a minimum of ten business days prior to the vote or League decision.
4. Results of all votes, including the vote cast by each member, involving rules and regulations changes be made available to the member schools within three days of the vote.

**Rationale:** To ensure oversight and transparency and that member schools are informed in depth and in a timely manner.

### **NOT RECOMMENDED**

#### **Personnel & Finance (Jason Warren, Chair)**

A motion was made to allow the League to use up to \$200,000.00 for the renovation project of the office (inside and outside) passed 14-0 (15 present).

A motion was made for a closed session for the Personnel portion to discuss staff salaries and the Commissioner's evaluation passed 14-0 (15 present).

### **Other Business**

The request was made by Commissioner Singleton for the State Championship Basketball Semi-Finals and Finals sites.

- Lower State Semi-Finals will be held at the Florence Center, Florence, SC
- Upper State Semi-Finals will be held at Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC
- State Finals are under consideration to be held at Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely,

*Jerome Singleton, D.D.*

Dr. Jerome Singleton, Commissioner

**Note: In all votes, the President only votes in the event of a deciding vote.**