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# **COMMISSIONER'S NOTES**

Greetings,

Welcome back, and Happy New Year!!

I trust that everyone had an enjoyable break and is re-energized to take on the ongoing and new challenges to be faced during the remainder of this school year. While your work is never done, please be reminded that it is critically needed and greatly appreciated.

Last week's tragic incident during the Cincinnati Bengals - Buffalo Bills football game remind us all of the importance of health and safetv procedures for our student-athletes. It goes without saying that properly working "AEDs" and "Emergency Action Plans" are critical to the health and safety of all involved in education-based athletics. Some of our member schools have had personal catastrophic experiences in their athletics programs/events and know all too well the value of intentional actions when crises occur. With that in mind, please take the opportunity to review and practice your emergency action plan(s) for practices and athletics events.

Additionally, I ask that sportsmanship continue to be a focus for teachable moments as athletics practices and competitions occur. During the past few weeks, multiple ejections have occurred for unsportsmanlike behaviors/actions. Since the last report, 18 schools have had ejections of athletes and/or coaches. Fortunately, most of the member schools competing without ejections are for unsportsmanlike actions/behaviors. These schools are to be Commended and Congratulated. Unfortunately, some of the member schools are experiencing athletes' and/or coaches' ejections for

unsportsmanlike actions/behaviors. Sadly, some schools experiencing ejections during the Winter sports season are also the ones that experienced ejections during the Fall sports season. Recognizing this is unacceptable, schools are asked to take deliberate actions to address these actions/behaviors.

My wish for all member schools is continued success in your athletics programs. Have a great remainder of the week and have a great week of athletics competitions.

~Dr. Jerome Singleton SCHSL- Commissioner





# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### SCHSL PUBLIC NOTICE POSTED

A Public Notice has been posted from the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL). The Executive Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. All public viewing will be done via live stream: https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/events/schsl/evt622225add1.

The full Public Notice can be viewed at: https://schsl.org/archives/9560



It's Living Clean Week in the SCHSL. Please remind all your sports teams that our goals are an ejection free week and a display of sportsmanship. Additionally, all schools are encouraged to participate in litter clean up during this week. Please be sure to make us aware of your community clean up initiatives with your student-athletes. Tag us in all your social media post about Living Clean Week.

Finally, complete the online Living Clean report form on the Monday after the Living Clean Week: <u>https://schsl.org/archives/1417</u>.



The SCHSL will offer its first-ever Middle School Wrestling Regional Invitational, Saturday, January 28, 2023. There will be three locations for the Invitational: Chesnee High School, North Central High and North Myrtle Beach High School.

Applications are due this Friday, January 13, 2023, and can be accessed here: <u>Middle School Wrestling Invitational (jotform.com)</u>

Complete information was emailed to Middle School Principals, Middle School Athletic Directors, and District Athletic Directors last Thursday, January 5, 2023.

For additional information, contact Associate Commissioner Amy Boozer at <u>amy@schsl.org</u>.

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## UPDATED CREDENTIAL PROCEDURES

Beginning with the 2023 Wrestling State Finals scheduled for February 11, 2023, credential requests must be submitted online on or before the respective deadline (see below). There is only **one** media credential allotted per school. Credential requests must be done by a school official (Principal, Vice Principal, Athletics Director, or their designee). **Deadline must be met. No email requests will be accepted.** 

Credential form will be available under the Communications tab on the SCHSL website (<u>www.schsl.org</u>) one week prior to the deadline.

#### **CREDENTIAL REQUEST DEADLINES**

#### **2023 WINTER SPORTS/EVENTS**

Feb. 11: Wrestling State Finals (Duals) -- Deadline, Friday, Feb. 3 (12 noon).
Feb. 24-25: Wrestling State Finals (Individual) – Deadline, Friday, Feb. 18 (12 noon).

Feb. 24-25, 27: Basketball State Semi-finals (all sites) -- Deadline, Saturday, Feb. 18 (12 noon).

March 2-4: Basketball State Tournament -- Deadline, Saturday, Feb. 18 (12 noon).

#### **2023 SPRING SPORTS/EVENTS**

April 29: Boys and Girls Lacrosse State Finals – Deadline Wednesday, April 21 (12 noon).

May 6: Boys Tennis State Finals – Deadline Friday, April 28 (12 noon).

May 8: Boys Golf State Finals (Class A) – Deadline Monday, May 1 (12 noon).

May 8-9: Boys Tennis State Finals (Individuals) – **Deadline Friday, April 28 (12** noon).

May 12-13: Soccer State Finals – Deadline Friday, May 5 (12 noon).

May 15-16: Boys Golf State Finals (Class AA, AAA, AAAA, AAAAA)

Deadline Monday, May 1 (12 noon).

May 18-20: Track State Finals – Deadline, Friday, May 12 (12 noon). May 20 & May 23-24: Baseball State Finals -- Deadline, Monday, May 15 (12 noon).

May 22, 24 & May 26: Softball State Finals-- Deadline, Monday, May 15 (12 noon.).

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### HEART OF THE ARTS NOMINATION FORM AVAILABLE

The NFHS <u>Heart of the Arts Nomination Form</u> is now available.

The nominee could be any student, adult or group associated with the school's performing arts program. This award seeks to recognize individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive heart the arts that represent the core mission of education-based activities. This may include:

- Educators that have gone above and beyond in making sure that students succeed
- Individuals with physical or mental disabilities that have overcome obstacles in the arts
- Students or groups that show extraordinary passion and effort in their performing arts programs

The deadline to submit the nomination form to the SCHSL is **12:00 pm**, **Wednesday**, **January 25**, **2023**. Please send completed nomination to <u>Romanda@schsl.org</u> and <u>dbrooks@schsl.org</u>. Click here for Official Nomination Form.



"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education." ~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

> In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the SCHSL Office will be closed: Monday, January 16, 2023

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### **2023 SPRING SPORTS CLINICS**

The 2023 Spring Sports Rules Clinics is available online now thru January 31, 2023 through Planeths/BigTeams.

Soccer and Baseball will also have an in-person Rules Clinic during their January Coaches Association Winter Clinic. There will be no other face-to-face option for spring sport coaches.

### 2023 SCHSL BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

The dates for the 2023 SCHSL Basketball Playoffs for each classification are below. The location for the semi-finals and finals will be announced later.

	First Round		
	<u>Wed 2/15</u>	<u>Thurs. 2/16</u>	
	1A Girls	1A Boys	
	2A Girls	2A Boys	
	3A Boys	3A Girls	
ts	4A Boys	4A Girls	
	5A Girls	5A Boys	
	Second Round		
	Friday 2/17	<u>Sat. 2/18</u>	
e	1A Girls	1A Boys	
	2A Girls	2A Boys	
g	3A Boys	3A Girls	
	4A Boys	4A Girls	
	5A Girls	5A Boys	
	Third Round		
	Mon. 2/20	<u>Tues. 2/21</u>	<u>Wed. 2/22</u>
	3A Boys	1A Boys	1A Girls
	4A Boys	2A Girls	2A Boys
		3A Girls	5A Girls
		4A Girls	5A Boys
	<u>Semi's</u>		
	<u>Fri. 2/24</u>	<u>Sat. 2/25</u>	<u>Mon. 2/27</u>
	12:00 2A Girls	12:00 1A Girls	5:30 5A Girls
	2:00 2A Boys	2:00 1A Boys	7:30 5A Boys
	5:30 4A Girls	5:30 3A Girls	
-	7:30 4A Boys	7:30 3A Boys	
	<u>Finals</u>		
	Thurs 3/2	Fri 3/3	<u>Sat 3/4</u>
	5:00 4A Girls	12:00 3A Girls	12:00 1A Girls
	7:00 4A Boys	2:00 3A Boys	2:00 1A Boys
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		7:30 2A Boys	7:30 5A Boys
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