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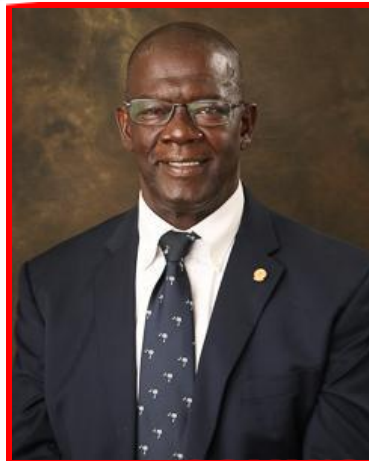
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COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

Greetings,

I hope last week's athletics were progressive and productive. We are now closing in on the playoff season for the winter sports (basketball and wrestling). While all of the contests are important as the positioning for playoff seedings becomes more prevalent, emotions get higher. In light of that, I ask that you intentionally double down on efforts to promote good sportsmanship by coaches, student-athletes, and spectators at your school. History has shown that high school basketball and wrestling contests can be highly charged. Consequently, we have a great opportunity to pre-empt "teachable moments" with "proactive conversations" about acceptable behavior.

Last week and for the next couple of weeks, classification meetings will take place to discuss and prepare for changes proposed to the SCHSL's Constitution and Bylaws. Please take the opportunity to familiarize yourself with the submitted proposals and their intended effects on the governance/policies of the SCHSL. Your input is valued, and your participation is needed.

In closing, I share with you an update on last week's Winter sports ejections of student-athletes, coaches, and/or spectators for unsportsmanlike behaviors. 16-member high schools had ejections, and one member middle school had an ejection. All the result of unsportsmanlike behavior. All were in the sport of basketball. Three of the 16 member schools had multiple ejections during a single contest. Thankfully, no coach or spectator was ejected last week. We must continue to teach our student-athletes to compete within the rules of the contest and resist the temptation to become unsportsmanlike in their actions.

As always, I'm honored to congratulate and recognize the many member schools that participated with no ejections. Additionally, I ask the member schools to stay steadfast in promoting good sportsmanship by those who represent the school athletically.

Have a great week of athletic practices and competitions.

~Dr. Jerome Singleton
SCHSL- Commissioner

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WELCOME ABOARD



Sarah Hayes joins the staff at the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) as an Associate Commissioner.

She joins the League after serving as the Athletics Director at Battery Creek High School for three and a half years (2019-2023). During the 2021-22 school year, she was named the Class AAA Athletic Director of the Year and Region 8-Class AAA Athletics Director of the Year by the South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association (SCAAA).

During her time as the Athletics Director at Battery Creek, Hayes was instrumental in the renovations of the athletics facilities, including upgrading to a state-of-the-art weight room and installing a video scoreboard the football stadium.

Before being named the Athletics Director, Hayes was the Head Girls' Varsity Basketball coach for five years (**2014-2019**). She finished her coaching career with a 72-51 record, and in 2016 she led her team to the Regional Championship and a trip to the Lower State

Semi-Finals.

Hayes received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Psychology from Brown University in 2006. A member of the Brown Women's Basketball Team, she was named Ivy League Rookie of the Year, Ivy League Player of the Year, and an Academic All-American. Hayes was the second player in Ivy League history and first at Brown to amass 1,000 points, 600 rebounds, 250 steals, and 250 assists in a collegiate career.

Upon completing her undergraduate studies, Hayes played professional basketball in Germany with the USC Freiburg Eisvogel Women's Basketball Club from 2006-2011. While in Freiburg, she led basketball camps sponsored by the German American Institute of Freiburg and was a guest lecturer at the Freiburg Institute for Sports and Sports Science.

After playing, Hayes served as an Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at Carnegie Mellon University (2011-2013). In addition to her coaching duties, she was the event manager for men's and women's soccer and an undergraduate fitness instructor.

In 2018 she received her Master of Science in Athletic Administration with a focus on Interscholastic Athletics from Ohio University.

Hayes is a member of Battery Creek High School Athletic Hall of Fame and is a former member of the SCAAA Executive Board as the AAA Lower State Representative from (2021-2023). As a member of the Board, she served on the Awards Committee, Scholarship Committee, and Mentoring Committee. She is a Certified Athletic Administrator (CAA).

She is the mother to a handsome young boy named John.



Maeocheisha Suber-Jenkins joins the staff at the SCHSL as the Administrative Assistant.

Suber-Jenkins brings over five years of administrative and front desk experience to the SCHSL. Prior to coming to the League, she spent one year with the Richland County School District 1 (2021-22) as an Office Support Assistant/Dispatcher. From 2018-2020 she served as the Customer Service Advocate for the City of Columbia.

A native of Eastover, S.C., Jenkins-Suber received her Esthetics Certification from Southeastern Esthetics Institute in June 2021.

As the mother of a teenage daughter (Za'Nhyriah (DJ)), Jenkins-Suber saw a need during the Pandemic for a virtual safe space for girls and created the non-profit, Guiding Steps for girls ages 8-17 in the Eastover, SC community.

Suber-Jenkins is a proud member of the Lower Richland High School Class of 2011.

Upcoming Events

New Principal & AD
Meeting: Jan 25: 9:00am

Classification Meeting - 3A:
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1st Practice Spring Sports:
Jan 30

Wrestling Qualifiers: Feb 1

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HEART OF THE ARTS NOMINATION DEADLINE TOMORROW

The NFHS Heart of the Arts Nomination Form is due to the SCHSL is **tomorrow, Wednesday, January 25, 2023 by 12 noon**. Please send completed nomination to Romanda@schsl.org. [Click here](#) for Official Nomination Form.

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 South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) will host the first ever Middle School Wrestling Regional Invitational, Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023. The Invitational will take place at three sites: Chesnee High School, North Myrtle Beach High School and North Central High School. Additional information can be found at the following link:

<https://schsl.org/archives/9758>

2023 SCHSL PLAYOFF BRACKETS

The 2023 SCHSL Wrestling (Duals) and Basketball Playoff Brackets are now available on the SCHSL Website. You may also access the brackets by [clicking here](#).



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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.



Dick's Sporting Goods Shop Weekend is back for the SCHSL!! Shop any South Carolina Dick's Sporting Goods location, Friday, January 27-Monday, January 30, 2023, and receive the exclusive SCHSL 20% off discount. Coupon can be found at the following link:

<https://schsl.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/DSG-23coupon.pdf>

SCHSL EDUCATIONAL WEBINARS

Due to the abrupt resignation of former Associate Commissioner Mr. Daniel Brooks, who also served as the Director of Educational Services for the SCHSL, the monthly leadership webinars are on pause until further notice. This will allow us time to ensure we can provide meaningful programs for our member schools.

Mr. Brooks has taken a position as the Head Track and Field Coach at Benedict College. We thank him for his service to the League and wish him much success.

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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 (www.schsl.org) 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.).**



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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

Wed 2/15

Thurs. 2/16

1A Girls	1A Boys
2A Girls	2A Boys
3A Boys	3A Girls
4A Boys	4A Girls
5A Girls	5A Boys

Second Round

Friday 2/17

Sat. 2/18

1A Girls	1A Boys
2A Girls	2A Boys
3A Boys	3A Girls
4A Boys	4A Girls
5A Girls	5A Boys

Third Round

Mon. 2/20

Tues. 2/21

Wed. 2/22

3A Boys	1A Boys	1A Girls
4A Boys	2A Girls	2A Boys
	3A Girls	5A Girls
	4A Girls	5A Boys

Semi's

Fri. 2/24

Sat. 2/25

Mon. 2/27

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	

Finals

Thurs 3/2

Fri 3/3

Sat 3/4

5:00 4A Girls	12:00 3A Girls	12:00 1A Girls
7:00 4A Boys	2:00 3A Boys	2:00 1A Boys
	5:30 2A Girls	5:30 5A Girls
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