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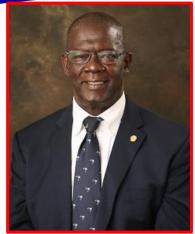


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COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

Greetings,

The end of the winter sports regular season is drawing near as we continue into the second semester of the school year. Wrestling playoffs will begin Saturday, February 4, and basketball playoffs will begin on February 15. The League Office staff hopes that the information shared through workshops, webinars, and meetings: both virtually and in-person, helps to keep you informed about the state of educational athletics in the South Carolina High School League.

As we begin to determine the eligibility of student-athletes for spring sports, please be reminded of the academic requirements for participation. Second-semester eligibility will be based on first-semester grades, as determined by the State Board of Education. All student-athletes looking to participate during the Spring sports season must meet at least the minimum standard of academic requirements. The League no longer has any authority to waive academic requirements. Any waiver requests to the academic requirements must be forwarded to the State Board of Education.

The Spring sports season may be the time that your school offers the most sports for the students in your school. Be sure to verify the eligibility status of each student-athlete before participation.

As for the Winter sports currently being played. I share an update on ejections for unsportsmanlike behaviors. week, 14 member schools Last experienced ejections of coaches and/or student-athletes for unsportsmanlike behavior. There is a continued growing concern about multiple athletes from one team getting into altercations with their opponents, and coaches confronting game officials after the contest. These actions are being addressed severely and While appropriately. onlv a percentage of the member schools are dealing with this issue, the severity gives a black eye to the entire membership.

Continued appreciation congratulations to the many member schools competing without incidents, and continued encouragement to the schools addressing these unsportsmanlike behaviors.

Have a great week of practice and competition.

> ~Dr. Jerome Singleton **SCHSL-Commissioner**

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SPIRIT OF SPORT NOMINATION DEADLINE

The NFHS Spirit of Sport Award Nomination Form is due to the SCHSL Monday, February 6, 2023 by 10 am. Please send completed nomination to Romanda@schsl.org. Click here for Official Nomination Form.

The nominee could be a coach, athletic administrator, administrator, contest official, trainer, student-athlete, or any others associated with the school or the school's athletic program. This award seeks to recognize those individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive spirit of sport that represent the core mission of education-based athletics. The award may be given in recognition of a specific act or for an activity of longer duration.

Thank you!



Dr. Jerome Singleton, Commissioner of the SCHSL, presented exiting SCHSL Executive Committee member Laura Hickson, with a plaque in appreciation for the hard work and dedication on the Committee.



NATIONAL WINTER SPORTS OFFICIALS WEEK

Have you thanked your sport officials for all they do?

January 30-February 3, 2023 is National Winter Sports Officials Week. This week is the perfect time to show your appreciation to your officials before or during your winter sport contests.



STATE FINALS NEWS

WRESTLING DUALS STATE FINALS PRESS CONFERENCE: THURSDAY, FEB. 9: 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM LIVE VIA THE SCHSL FACEBOOK PAGE

February 11, 2023, the SCHSL will host its 2023 Wrestling Duals State Finals. All games will be played at Dreher High School (3319 Millwood Avenue Columbia, SC 29205). Admission is \$12 (infants and toddlers, if held in lap, are admitted free). Tickets will be available through Go Fan at www.gofan.co beginning February 9, 2023. South Carolina High School League Passes will be accepted. Visit https://schsl.org/archives/9721, for brackets and additional information.

MATCH SCHEDULE

February 11, 2023

Class AAA 10:00 am
Class AAAA 1:00 pm
Class AAAA 4:00 pm
Class AAAAA 7:00 pm

GATES OPEN:

Class AAA 9:30 am
Class AAAA 12:30 pm
Class AAAA 3:30 pm
Class AAAAA 6:30 pm

Championship Merchandise: NW Designs will be selling official championship merchandise on-site at the Wrestling State Finals. Fans can also purchase via their online store, which is accessible at https://nwd.ink/s/schsl/.

WRESTLING DUALS CREDENTIAL DEADLINE

The deadline for schools to request a media pass for the 2023 Wrestling State Finals is this **Friday**, **Feb. 3 at 12 noon**. Please be reminded, 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.**

The Credential form is available now until 12 noon on Friday, under the Communications tab on the SCHSL website (www.schsl.org).

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On January 28, 2023 schools from around the state competed in the first-ever Middle School Wrestling Regional Invitational. The Invitational took place at three locations: Chesnee High School, North Myrtle Beach High School, and North Central High School.

Clifdale Middle School were the Regional Champion at the Chesnee site, Aynor Middle School won the North Myrtle Beach Regional and Lugoff-Elgin was victorious at the North Central Site.



Clifdale Middle School



Aynor Middle School



Lugoff-Elgin Middle School



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2023 SCHSL BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

Fi	irst	Ro	un	d

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 Bovs

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 44 Girls	5:30 3A Girls	

7:30 3A Boys

<u>Finals</u>

7:30 4A Boys

<u>Thurs 3/2</u>	<u>Fri 3/3</u>	<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 Bovs	7:30 5A Bovs

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