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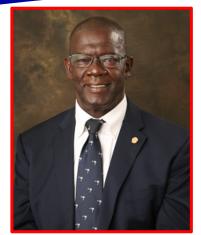
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### **COMMISSIONER'S NOTES**

Greetings,

Spring sports competition is off and running. Thousands of student-athletes are getting a chance to showcase their athletic talent and skills. With the exception of a few inclement weather days, the sports season has been progressing well. This is also time to begin planning for the next school year. Over the next few weeks, you will be asked to review the South Carolina High School League's current Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations for possible changes. Your involvement in this process is critical to its success.

As we close out the Winter sports season with basketball state finals this week, let's take this opportunity to reflect on the positives in athletics that occurred during the Winter sports season:

- Competition occurred without attendance restrictions due to COVID-19. Of course, we still adhere to the health and safety precautions established over the past few years.
- Female wrestling was introduced as a South Carolina High School League-sanctioned sport.
- An inaugural female individual wrestling state finals tournament was held in conjunction with the male individual wrestling state finals tournament.

- 45 medals were awarded to female wrestlers during the tournament.
- The level of basketball play for male and female teams has continued to improve and gain national attention.

As you can see, the League has much to celebrate.

In closing, I share an update on last week's unsportsmanlike conduct ejections of coaches and/or student-athletes. 12 member schools had a student-athlete ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct. All ejections were at the high school level. No coaches were ejected. Ten of the 12 member schools had ejections in Spring sports. Two of the 12 member schools had multiple ejections. Congratulations to the schools that competed without ejections last week. To all member schools, let us keep sportsmanship a priority during competitions and practices.

Have a great week of athletics events.

~Dr. Jerome Singleton SCHSL- Commissioner

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### SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD

Each year the SCHSL will recognize student-athletes who excel academically. The deadline to submit selections for the Scholar Athlete Award is **March 15, 2023**. The following criteria will be used for selection:

- 1. Selections must be seniors who have lettered in two sports for at least one season or in one sport for at least two seasons during their academic career. Outstanding citizenship and sportsmanship must have been exhibited.
- 2. Selections must have achieved at least a 3.5 GPA. Grades will be cumulative through the end of the first semester.

## INAUGURAL GIRLS INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP

The Inaugural SCHSL Girls Individual Wrestling Championship was held February 24-25, 2023, in Anderson, S.C. Annalise Maralit of Ashley Ridge High School was the first individual to win her weight class (106) thus making her the first-ever SCHSL Girls Individual Wrestling Champion.



Annalise Maralit, Champion 106

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### STATE FINALS NEWS



### **BASKETBALL STATE FINALS**

The 2023 Boy's and Girls' Basketball State Finals presented by Absolute Total Care are this Thursday-Saturday, March 2-4, 2023, at the USC-Aiken Convocation Center.

Tickets are \$15.00 per session. Each classification (Girls and Boys) will be one session. At the conclusion of each session, the facility will be cleared, and a new ticket will be needed to enter the next session. No Pass outs and you will need a new ticket to re-enter.

All tickets are electronic and there will be no tickets sold at the door. General Admission Tickets will go on sale Wednesday March 2nd at 2:00 pm. Screenshots of tickets will not be accepted at the door.

PLEASE NOTE: USC AIKEN HAS A CLEAR BAG POLICY

### **FINALS GAME SCHEDULE**

MARCH 02, 2023 5:00 4A GIRLS Westwood/North Augusta 7:00 4A BOYS Irmo/Lancaster

MARCH 03, 2023
12:00 3A GIRLS Camden/Wren
2:00 3A BOYS Crestwood/Wren
6:00 2A GIRLS Bishop England/Gray Collegiate
7:30 2A BOYS Oceanside/Gray Collegiate

#### MARCH 04, 2023

12:00 1A GIRLS Military Magnet/Denmark-0lar 2:00 1A BOYS Scott's Branch/Christ Church 6:00 5A GIRLS Stratford/Mauldin 7:30 5A BOYS Goose Creek/Dorman

For complete information and specifics on the clear bag policy, visit www.schsl.org

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

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