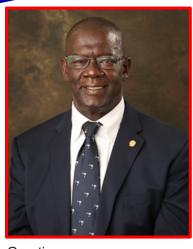
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Greetings,

Welcome to the "State Playoffs/Championship" season. This past weekend and the next four weekends will end with the crowning of multiple sports State Runners-up and Champions. Each week will mark the end of the season for some of the member school's student-athletes. I hope each student-athlete season was filled with wonderful and memorable experiences. We Are SCHSL Strong, and we all know the value that education-based interscholastic athletics brings to the many students-athletes served.

Spring sports season serves the largest population of our student-athletes. Spring sports season also marks the end of another year of opportunities to teach/coach educational values through interscholastic competitions. For many, this time is met with bittersweet emotions, especially for our seniors. While underclassmen will have another opportunity to experience and enjoy the benefits of being a part of the member schools' athletic programs, the seniors must now prepare for a new chapter of life without high school athletics.

To our seniors who have completed the final season of high school athletics and those who are still competing in the playoffs, the League and I express our sincere appreciation for your efforts. Thank you for modeling and exemplifying the mission of the SCHSL. Your service as ambassadors of education—based athletics has made an impact on those who will follow in your footsteps. As you look back, reminisce, and reflect on the experiences of being a part of your school's athletic programs, I hope you discovered some things about yourselves that you would appreciate for years to come.

The month of May is filled with all types of distractions that may challenge your ability to remain focused on the things that are important to your success. Finishing the school year academically strong should take priority over all other school matters. You have earned the right to be academically successful. For those continuing in the playoffs/championship series, I ask that you keep sportsmanship and fair play as a focused priority.

Over the past three weeks (April 6–28, 2023) of SCHSL's athletics competition, there have been many coaches/student-athlete ejections for unsportsmanlike conduct/behavior. There were 67 member schools with ejections (11 coaches and 64 student-athletes). Unsportsmanlike conduct/behavior is a major distraction to interscholastic athletic competition and the member schools must continue to resist allowing athletics program representatives (i.e., coaches and student–athletes) to become co-conspirators of this distraction.

To our member schools without coaches or student–athletes' ejections, CONGRATULATIONS! Keep up the good work. To our member schools with coaches and/or student-athletes' ejections, if still competing, there are still opportunities for improvement. Let's keep the priority of good sportsmanship the focus.

Have a great week of academic improvement and athletics competition.

~Dr. Jerome Singleton SCHSL- Commissioner

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STATE FINALS NEWS

April 29, 2023, the SCHSL held its 2023 Girls and Boys State Lacrosse Finals. At the end of the day two girl's and two boy's teams were crowned State Champions.

AAAA Girls: Oceanside Collegiate Academy; AAAA Boys: Lucy Beckham High School; **AAAAA Girls:** Wando High School; AAAAA Boys: Nation Ford High School

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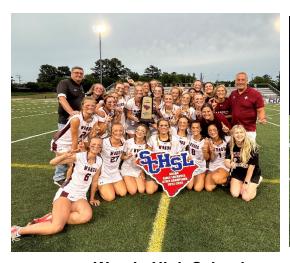




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SPRING SPORTS PLAYOFF BRACKETS

Brackets for the Spring Sports are now available on the SCHSL webpage. Brackets can be found at the following link on the page: https://schsl.org/brackets.

For questions pertaining to brackets, please reach out to Romanda Noble-Watson, Director of Public Relations and Communications at Romanda@schsl.org.

SOCCER, BASEBALL, AND SOFTBALL PLAYOFF SCORE REPORTING FORMS

Please be reminded that all playoff scores for Boys and Girls Soccer, Softball and baseball must be submitted via the SCHSL website.

The entry form can be found under the forms link on the SCHSL website, www.schsl.org/forms.



Farm Bureau Insurance and the SCHSL are pleased to once again partner during the upcoming Softball postseason by providing the Full Coverage Scoreboard.

Providing scoring updates on all playoff games, the Full Coverage Scoreboard can be found on the SCHSL Twitter account. Fans can follow along from the start of the postseason on May 3rd through the State Championships. Farm Bureau Insurance has partnered with the SCHSL since 2019 in its support of high school athletics in South Carolina. If you don't already follow the SCHSL on Twitter, be sure to do so for the most detailed account of the softball postseason.

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2023 BOYS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS



The 2023 SCHSL Boys Tennis Championships are scheduled for this Saturday, May 6, at the Dr. Eddie Floyd Florence Tennis Center in Florence, S.C.

Classes AAAA and AAAAA will begin at 10:00 am

Class AA and AAA will begin at 1:00 pm.

Gates open at 9:00 am (Use the entrance on the right side to enter the facility)

For more information, including accommodations, visit:

https://schsl.org/archives/10146



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SCHSL CONTINUES TO CELEBRATE TITLE IX

As the nation continues to celebrate the icons of female sports this year, the SCHSL wishes to highlight our present-day female sports teams in honor of the 50th Anniversary of Title IX.

We are asking each high school to submit **ONE** team photo per female sport to be showcased on the website. If you have not submitted your photos to be included, please do so by using the following link: <u>Title IX Photo</u> Submission Form (cognitoforms.com)

RECOGNITION

On April 20, 2023, the SCHSL held the Athletic Administrator Assistants Appreciation Day (A4 Day): "A Day for the Stars" at the League Office. This was the day the League staff celebrated and showed appreciation to the Athletic Administrative Assistants in the High Schools.

Those in attendees were enlightened with valuable league information and had an opportunity to learn from other Athletic Administrators across the state, all while having fun.

Aimee Kline of Rock Hill School was the winner of the Sports Movie Trivia Contest.

Be sure to follow the SCHSL on all Social Media platforms for additional photos.

