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Upcoming Events

Appellate Panel: Aug 16, 2023

Fall Captains Course: Aug 17, 2023: Via Zoom

> Week 0 Football Aug 18, 2023

First Contest: Volleyball, Tennis Cross Country Aug 21, 2023



For job openings around the SCHSL, visit www.schsl.org/jobs

Fall Sports Captains Workshop



The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) will host a virtual Fall Sports Captains Workshop, sponsored by South Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance, this Thursday, Aug.17, 2023, at 10:00 am. An invitation to register was sent to the Principals and Athletics Directors and is listed below. The deadline to register is tomorrow, **Wednesday**, **August 16, 2023.**

CAPTAINS WORKSHOP LINK

SCHSL Mobile App

A new partnership forged between the SCHSL and Lucas Sports, a company with roots in the Palmetto State, has resulted in an SCHSL App for smartphone users.

The SCHSL App allows users to perform tasks more easily such as accessing the League's website, purchasing tickets for championships, shopping the online store for championship merchandise, and receiving communication via Push Notifications. Additionally, it allows users to receive timely information for those events, like time changes, weather delays, and parking information.

Please share this information with your entire staff. We encourage all coaches and administrators to download the SCHSL App. The SCHSL App is available for iPhone and Android users in the respective App Stores. Schools interested in exploring the potential for its own app can contact Lucas Sports at (423) 381-7374 or email support@lucassports.net.

SANCTIONING INFORMATION

As we approach the kick-off for fall sports season, please be reminded that any event outside of regular season play, must be sanctioned by the League. Sanctioning requests must be submitted online using the following link:

https://schsldirectory.knack.com/sanctioning#sanctioning-requests/

This link can also be found on the League website.

Also remember that if your school hosts a jamboree for any sport, a jamboree financial statement must be completed and sent to the League within 15 days of the event. All financial forms are located on the SCHSL website by sports season. A link to the jamboree financial form can be found here: https://schsl.org/archives/3284

Please direct all questions/concerns to Cindi C. Drakeford, Director of Finance at cindi@schsl. org.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Notice has been posted from the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL). The SCHSL Appellate Panel will hold a meeting, Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 10 a.m. All public viewing will be done via live stream on the NFHS Network website at the following link: https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/events/schsl/evtd3c7e119fb

Full details can be found at https://schsl.org/archives/11576

2023-24 League Pass Information

The South Carolina High School League is switching from DragonFly to HomeTown for its League Passes. An email has been sent to Principals and Superintendents.

The pass must be shown to enter the pass gate. The pass will have a QR code, but it is **not required** to scan it for entry. The QR code will be scanned at SCHSL hosted events. The pass is good for the pass owner and 1 guest.

The rules will remain the same for the number of passes that are available to each school. Please see Article VII in the SCHSL By-Laws for details.

High School League passes will be issued as follows:

DISTRICT OFFICE: 2 Passes: one each for the Superintendent and/or district athletic director.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS: (4 Passes Total)

HIGH SCHOOLS: will receive one (1) each for the principal, athletic director, and each varsity sport offered.

There will be a \$25 charge for all passes requested after the allotted number.

Superintendents and Principals, an overview how the process will work is below.

- 1. HomeTown will email each superintendent and principal a link to an online form. Only the superintendent and principal will receive this link.
- 2. The superintendent/principal or the their designee will enter the name, email address, cell phone number into the form and upload a photo for each recipient. It is important that you don't distribute this link to anyone not authorized to request passes for the school or district. When this form is submitted, you are authorizing HomeTown to generate a pass.
- 3. Each pass recipient will need to download the HomeTown Fan app and create an account using the same information entered into the form.
- 4. Each recipient will receive the pass in the Tickets area under My Passes.

2023-24 League Pass Update

Principals and Athletic Directors:

Below is the progress of the distribution of the SCHSL League Pass through HomeTown.

HomeTown has fulfilled more than 3,000 passes to date, They accumulate the data that is submitted each day and bulk upload that data on Fridays. If you submit on Friday, it won't make the bulk upload.

Please make sure you do **NOT** give the link to your coaches. This is to be completed by the principal or one designee. When the form is submitted, that is the final approval for the pass. Your school will be billed for those that exceed the free pass limit.

The instructions were only sent to principals because of this approval process. If you didn't receive the instructions, it is likely your directory entry is not up to date. You can view the help menu on the SCHSL website for instructions on how to update the directory.

If you submitted the forms for your passes, and they have not appeared in the HomeTown Fan app, please email Keith Warren at Keith@schsl.org, he can check to see if your data has been received. Please **do not** email or call HomeTown. They have been swamped with emails and calls, and that slows down the process.

Thanks for your patience as we switch to a new platform.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Health Spot

In the sweltering climate of South Carolina, coaches must remain acutely attuned to the potential dangers of heat during athletic events. The Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) emerges as a crucial tool in safeguarding the well-being of athletes. This comprehensive index takes into account not only the ambient temperature but also factors like humidity, wind speed, and solar radiation, providing a more accurate representation of the heat stress experienced by athletes. With the WBGT as a guide, coaches can make informed decisions about practicing, competing, and ensuring the health and safety of their teams.

The WBGT's significance lies in its ability to help prevent heat-related illnesses, such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke, which can be life-threatening for student-athletes. Given the often extreme weather conditions in South Carolina, coaches must closely monitor the WBGT levels before and during athletic events. High WBGT readings signal the need for adjustments in training schedules, hydration strategies, and the implementation of rest breaks. By embracing the WBGT as a vital tool in their toolkit, coaches and athletic trainers demonstrate a commitment to their athletes' safety, enabling them to train and compete effectively while minimizing the risks posed by the unforgiving southern heat.

Direct all additional questions to Director of Health, Safety, and Wellness, Tim Kinney at Tim@schsl.org.

Officials' Whistle

Tip for Officials' Hospitality

Designate Officials' Ambassadors to meet officials when they arrive at your home contests and escort them to their designated area. Officials' Ambassadors can be members of your student body who participate in different clubs, the members of your student section at games, or students who are in varying programs at your school such as ROTC or Band. This can create a welcoming environment for officials and allows your students to be involved in a different aspect of your athletic program.

Direct all additional questions to Associate Commisioner Sarah Hayes at Sarah@schsl. org.

#BenchBadBehavior

Tools for Success

We have some exciting news, the NFHS has released three new courses and two in particular are for our student leaders. Dan Schuster, NFHS director of educational services stated, "We believe these courses will bring value to those who take them and will contribute to improving the interscholastic experience for young people."

The courses are called "Becoming a Leader" and "Leading Others". Each course uses real student testimonies and focuses on building stronger student leaders.

These educational tools can be a great way to introduce students to leadership in your athletic program. We encourage you to share these courses with your athletes. Watch them along with your athletes and discuss some topics presented in the courses. It may be the spark you need to make a real difference in your student athletes. Click the link below to access the courses. https://nfhslearn.com/courses/student-leadership-leading-others

Direct all additional questions to Dr. Curtrell Rhodan, Director of Educational Services at Curtrell@schsl. org.