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## Upcoming Events

**Week 1 Football: Aug 25, 2023**

**First Contest:  
Competitive Cheer: Aug 28, 2023**

**Class 1A Meeting  
Aug 29, 2023 – 10:00am**

**Class 3A Meeting  
Aug 30, 2023 – 10:00am**

**Open Season Winter Sports  
Sep 1, 2023**

**SCHSL Office Closed  
Sep 4, 2023**

**JOBS**

**For job openings around the  
SCHSL, visit [www.schsl.org/jobs](http://www.schsl.org/jobs)**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SANCTIONING INFORMATION

With 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.

Reminder: 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](mailto:Cindi@schsl.org).

## ATTENTION BASEBALL COACHES

New rule change this year allows electronic communication from the dugout to the catcher. This electronic communication device cannot be used by anyone else on the field. Please do not purchase these devices with the idea that multiple players can use it on the field.

## NOMINATE YOUR CHAIN CREW



Once again this football season the SCHSL is proud to partner with South Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance to recognize the Chain Crew of the Week. We encourage you to nominate your crew for this honor by filling out this form: <https://form.jotform.com/222336706249053>

Each week, we will choose one of the nominated crews and put them in the spotlight by sending you special vests for them to wear, along with a PA message for you to utilize during that week's game. We will also ask that their picture be taken in the Chain Crew of the Week vests and provided to the SCHSL office for use in social media and website recognition. If you have any questions about this initiative, please email [Derek@schsl.org](mailto:Derek@schsl.org)

Thanks, as always, for supporting the Chain Crew of the Week promotion and good luck this season!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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. If you have not received your email by now, please check the directory on the SCHSL website to ensure your information is up-to-date.

Despite the change from DragonFly to HomeTown, 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**

### 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](mailto: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.

# SCHSL FALL SPORTS UNDERWAY



The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) slate of 2023 Fall Sports got underway last Monday (August 14) with Boys' and Girls' Swimming and Girls' Golf.

Football opened on Friday (August 18), while Girls' Tennis, Boys' and Girls' volleyball, and Boys' and Girls' Cross-Country opened their season on August 21. The final Fall Sport, Competitive Cheer, will open next Monday, August 28.

Boys' and Girls' Swim will be the first Fall Sports to contest State Finals. The State Finals are October 14 (Girls) and October 16 (Boys). Both events will be at the University of South Carolina Natatorium.

Fall Sports will culminate with the Football State Finals from November 30-December 2. The three-day Finals will be at the Oliver C. Dawson (Willie E. Jeffries Field) on the South Carolina State University (SC State) campus.

Details for all SCHSL Fall Sports State Finals will be updated on the League's website, [www.schsl.org](http://www.schsl.org).

## **Fall State Finals Dates and Locations:**

**Girl's Swim:** October 14, 2023: University of South Carolina Natatorium

**Boy's Swim:** October 16, 2023: University of South Carolina Natatorium

**Girl's Golf:** October 16-17, 2023 & October 23-24, 2023: Various Locations

**Boy's Volleyball:** November 2, 2023: Dreher High School

**Girl's Volleyball:** November 4, 2023: Dreher High School

**Girl's Tennis:** November 4, 2023: Dr. Eddie Floyd Florence Tennis Center

**Boy's and Girls' Cross-Country:** November 10-11, 2023: Newberry College Cross-Country Course

**Competitive Cheer:** November 18, 2023: Colonial Life Arena

**Football:** November 30-December 2, 2023: Oliver C. Dawson (Willie E. Jeffries Field), SC State

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## The Health Spot

### Medical Timeouts

Last week, the SCHSL released new guidelines for medical timeouts prior to games. This document is designed to prepare medical personnel, game administrators, officials, and all personnel responsible for the medical well-being of athletes for an emergency.

This pre-event dialogue provides an opportunity to clarify medical protocols, including the Emergency Action Plan, ensuring everyone is on the same page regarding the procedures and expectations in the event of a medical emergency.

Ultimately, these gatherings not only optimize medical preparedness but also reinforce a collaborative and supportive atmosphere that contributes to the overall success and safety of the competition.

With health and safety being the highest priority for our student-athletes, the SCHSL strongly urges all member schools to implement a medical timeout before all competitions, specifically before high-risk activities.

Direct additional questions to Tim Kinney, Director of Health, Safety, and Wellness at [Tim@schsl.org](mailto:Tim@schsl.org)

## Officials' Whistle

### The Official's Role at Interscholastic Contest

Officials are participants in the educational development of student-athletes. The role of the official in an interscholastic contest is to remain aware of the risk of injury that competition poses to student-athletes and to enforce the rules of play. Game management is the role of the school administration. Officials are not responsible for controlling spectator behavior. Promote positive fan behavior by taking care of inappropriate behavior swiftly so that all can enjoy participating and viewing in a safe and enjoyable environment that should be present at all interscholastic contests.

For additional questions concerning the Officials' Whistle to Associate Commissioner Sarah Hayes at [Sarah@schsl.org](mailto:Sarah@schsl.org).

**#BenchBadBehavior**

## Tools for Success

What an amazing Fall Captains Workshop. We had great participation from our member schools and their student leaders. As a reminder, attendance at the Workshop and Summits is integral to receiving the Sportsmanship Award. Congratulations to all the schools who participated.

The League would like to thank each speaker for a job well done. The student-athletes received some "life gems" to help them become fantastic leaders this season.

Steven Puckett, the Athletic Coordinator of Lexington-Richland School District 5, focused on the tools athletes can use in their leadership roles. Daryl Jarvis, Athletic Director at Dreher High School, presented the three attributes that every captain should have: Passion, Fire, and Desire, while Joey Pankake, Farm Bureau Insurance Agent and former University of South Carolina Baseball player and captain, expressed how your leadership skills can take you far. He alluded to the idea that being a great captain can take you far in athletics and in your professional life.

The student-athletes were engaging, bringing forth some great questions to the workshop. The SCHSL is intentional about providing educational opportunities for its membership, and we support each of our members in the areas of sportsmanship, community service, and leadership.

Our next virtual event is the Middle School Virtual Summit, on September 21, 2023, at 10 am. The Middle School Virtual Summit will focus on accountability, social media etiquette, and self-confidence. Additional information to follow.

Direct all questions, contact Dr. Curtrell Rhodan, Director of Educational Services, [Curtrell@schsl.org](mailto:Curtrell@schsl.org).