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Upcoming Events

**Open Season Winter Sports:
Sept. 1, 2023**

**SCHSL Office Closed
Sept. 4, 2023**

**Class 3A Meeting
Sept. 5, 2023 – 10:00am**

**Superintendent Meeting
Sept. 13, 2023**

JOBS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTIONING

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.

SCHSL OFFICE CLOSURE



In honor of Labor Day, the South Carolina High School League Office will be closed, Monday, September 4, 2023. Normal business hours, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm, will resume on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

Have a restful and enjoyable holiday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

CHAIN CREW OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to Gaffney High School Chain Crew, this week's SCHSL Chain Crew of the Week sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

We encourage you to nominate your crew for this honor by filling out this form: <https://form.jotform.com/222336706249053>.

Each week, one of the nominated crews will be chosen and spotlighted with a 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.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

The first excerpt of Something to Think About focuses on the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and SCHSL joint Bench Bad Behavior Initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to put a spotlight on promoting positive behavior in coaches, student-athletes, and fans. As such, the League has adopted the hashtag #BenchBadBehavior.

Questions:

Are you a fan who coaches from the stands?

Do you yell at the officials throughout the contest?

Well, the effect is greater than you may think. Your actions not only have a negative effect on the flow and the integrity of the game but more importantly can have an adverse effect or even embarrass the student-athlete you are there to support.

So, as you attend SCHSL athletic events, let your focus be on promoting positive behavior towards coaches, student-athletes, officials, and other fans. Please view the three educational videos below that are geared towards helping guide parents (and fans) to Benching Bad Behavior.

Remember, in educational-based athletics, every moment is a teachable moment.

[The Parent Seat](#)

[The Parent Seat: Beyond the Scoreboard](#)

[The Parent Seat: A Lasting Relationship](#)

Something to Think About is a periodic excerpt from the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Communications & Public Relations Department. Something to Think About is found under the Communications Link on the SCHSL website, www.schsl.org.

For additional information on Something to Think About, contact Romanda Noble-Watson, Director of Communications and Public Relations at Romanda@schsl.org.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Health Spot

Medical Timeouts

Last week, a student-athlete here in South Carolina collapsed at a cross-country meet after suffering from a heat-related illness. Thankfully, medical staff was present and the EAP was implemented immediately. EMS was called and the student-athlete was placed in a cold tub to allow the athlete's internal temperature to decrease, ultimately saving that student-athlete's life.

The presence of an emergency cold tub at athletic events is of utmost significance, serving as a crucial safeguard for athletes' well-being. Intense physical exertion can lead to rapid increases in body temperature, putting athletes at risk of heat-related illnesses that range from heat exhaustion to life-threatening heat stroke. An accessible cold tub offers an immediate and effective method to rapidly lower body temperature, potentially preventing severe medical emergencies. We need to ensure we utilize all available tools to help keep our student-athletes as safe as possible as we mitigate the high temperatures here in South Carolina.

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

Officials' Whistle

Tip to Promote Positive Behavior at Contests

Promoting positive behavior is vital to recruiting new officials and retaining the officials that we have. It also creates a fun and safe environment for all.

One way to promote positive behavior is to have students read the PA announcements at your home contests. Involving students in this process will encourage everyone to pay close attention to what is said and allow them to be involved in other aspects of your athletic program. Hearing the voice of a student or student-athlete who is affected by negative behavior at contests encourages them to be leaders in your athletic department.

For additional questions concerning the Officials' Whistle to Associate Commissioner Sarah Hayes at Sarah@schsl.org.

#BenchBadBehavior

Tools for Success

The NFHS has released three 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-becoming-a-leader> and <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/student-leadership-leading-others>

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