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## Upcoming Events

**Superintendent Meeting**  
Sept. 13, 2023 – 10:00 am

**Class AAAAA Meeting**  
Sept. 14, 2023 – 10:00 am

**Living Clean Week**  
Sept. 18, 2023 – Sept. 23, 2023

**Class AA Meeting**  
Sept. 19, 2023 – 10:00 am

**Class AAAA Meeting**  
Sept. 20, 2023 – 1:00 pm

**Middle School Leadership Summit**  
Sept. 21, 2023 – 10:00 am  
(Virtual)

**JOBS**

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Sanctioning

The Fall sports seasons are in full swing. 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.

Please direct all questions/concerns to Cindi C. Drakeford, Director of Finance at [Cindi@schsl.org](mailto:Cindi@schsl.org).

## Jamboree Financial Forms Due

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>

If your school hosted a **Jamboree** during the preseason for any sport, please make sure to complete the jamboree financial form and submit a copy to the League Office within 15 days of the event. A link to the financial form can be found here: <https://schsl.org/archives/5035>

Please direct all questions/concerns to Cindi C. Drakeford, Director of Finance at [Cindi@schsl.org](mailto:Cindi@schsl.org).

Living Clean Week is next week, September 18-22, 2023. The theme for the week is centered around sportsmanship. During the week, we encourage you to emphasize kindness on and off the field. Please submit pictures and videos of student-athletes showing their commitment to sportsmanship.

Examples of sportsmanship and activities include, but are not limited to:

Sportsmanship Pledge Signing Day; helping an opponent up during a game; shaking hands before or after a contest; accepting calls and not arguing with officials; supporting teammates by saying “good job” or “good try”; never criticize a teammate for trying; treat the other team with respect, and never tease or bully; promoting sportsmanship and posting positive social media.

Be sure to submit your Living Clean information by 2 p.m., Monday, September 25, 2023 at the following link: <https://schsl.org/archives/1417>.

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## Middle School Invitational

The SC High School League will offer the 2nd annual middle school volleyball regional invitational on Saturday, October 21. In preparation for this event, we are sharing the application process and requesting a response from your program of your interest to participate or not to participate.

If your school offers middle school volleyball please use the link to respond to the volleyball invitational interest form due on or before Thursday, September 21.

[Volleyball Invitational Interest Form](#)

Application process: To be considered for the tournament, at the end of your season, your school will need to submit an application, due no later than October 17th. The application will be sent to member schools in October. Schools with multiple teams will be able to submit an application for one team only.

Teams who are selected will have to pay a \$125 entry fee. A championship plaque will be presented to the winner of each regional tournament.

Teams will be selected and notified on October 18th. The selection committee will use the following:

- Overall record
  - Tournament record (if applicable)
  - Conference record (if applicable)
  - Conference tournament finish (if applicable)
- A maximum of 8 teams will be selected for each regional site.

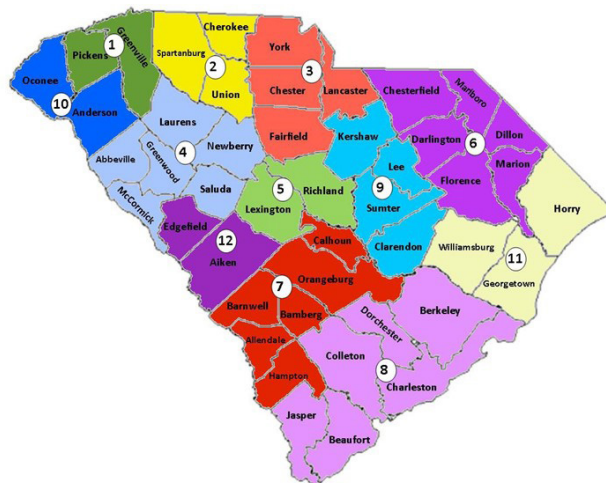
The following sites have been confirmed, and additional sites may be added to accommodate the number of schools interested in participating in the invitational.

**Spartanburg High School – Districts 1, 2, 10**

**Airport High School – Districts 4, 5, 12**

**Fort Dorchester High School – 7, 8, 11**

**Lugoff-Elgin High School – 3, 6, 9**



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## Congratulations



Congratulations to T.L. Hanna 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](mailto:Derek@schsl.org).





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## 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.

## Fall Sports Brackets

The 2023-24 Fall Sports Brackets will be available tomorrow, Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Brackets can be accessed under the brackets link on the SCHSL website, [www.schsl.org](http://www.schsl.org), or by clicking the following link: <https://schsl.org/brackets>

For additional information on brackets please contact Romanda Noble-Watson, Director of Communications and Public Relations at [Romanda@schsl.org](mailto:Romanda@schsl.org).

## Sportsmanship: Know the Difference

### Good Sportsmanship vs. Poor Sportsmanship

#### Examples of Good Sportsmanship

- Shaking hands
- High fives
- Encouraging words
- Staying **Positive**
- Give Your **Best**
- Do not argue with teammates, coaches, and officials



#### Examples of Poor Sportsmanship

- Pouting
- Discouraging words
- Giving up
- Purposely disobeying rules
- Using violence
- Talking back to coach/official

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## The Health Spot

### Medical Timeouts

It's stormy season in South Carolina and severe weather during athletic events is a high concern, as outdoor sports and activities expose athletes and spectators to the unpredictable and potentially deadly threat of lightning strikes and having a well-defined emergency action plan is crucial. One of the most widely accepted safety protocols dictates that when lightning is detected within 10 miles of a sporting event or practice, all participants should immediately seek shelter indoors. This distance allows for adequate time to clear the field or venue before lightning strikes become an imminent danger.

#### Things to think about:

Have an EAP that clearly defines where athletes, officials, and spectators go indoors when lightning is close, designate an athletic trainer or if unavailable a qualified individual, to watch for lightning strikes and determine when to seek shelter and return safely, and have a reliable way to detect lightning. There are many commercial lightning detectors (Perry Weather, Earth Networks), as well as mobile phone apps available to assist in detecting lightning. If you see or hear lightning, immediately go to the nearest shelter. Always use the 30-minute rule: Wait at least 30 minutes after the last lightning strike within 10 miles before returning to play.

For more information: <https://www.weather.gov/safety/lightning>

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

## Officials' Whistle

There has been an uptick in ejections this past week. Remember the SCHSL in conjunction with the NFHS is promoting the Bench Bad Behavior initiative to encourage positive behavior at contests.

If you have been having trouble opening the Bench Bad Behavior Toolkit that was sent via email in early August, we have found an easier way for you to get access. Go to <https://BenchBadBehavior.com> to download the toolkit. Take advantage of the resources you will find there to promote positive behavior to your spectators, coaches, and players.

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

**#BenchBadBehavior**

## Tools for Success

The League is excited about the educational opportunities that we provide for our members. We believe that interscholastic sports create opportunities for educational development through athletics. Our objective is to proactively address the needs of our student-athletes and provide the resources for their ultimate success.

We currently provide different courses for developing leadership and sportsmanship. These courses include but are not limited to: Captains workshops for each season, and leadership summits for both middle and high school. When our members participate in these workshops, they will have the opportunity to receive the sportsmanship award. Our hope is to reward all our members for their commitment to education in sports.

Please be reminded that registration is now open for the Middle School Leadership Summit scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 21 at 10:00 a.m. Schools can register at: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/SouthCarolinaHighSchoolLeague/MiddleSchoolLeadershipSummitRegistration>

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