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## Upcoming Events

**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)**

**Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Week**

**Sept. 25-29, 2023**

**JOBS**

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

# FROM THE COMMISSIONER



Greetings,

I hope this message finds your school year progressing well. As the Commissioner of the South Carolina High School League, I am writing to emphasize the critical importance of ensuring the safety of our student-athletes and spectators during athletic contests. To achieve this, we must prioritize preparedness for medical emergencies. In this regard, I urge all member schools to actively participate in a new initiative called Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Week, by conducting emergency drills.

EAP Week is a dedicated initiative aimed at enhancing our collective ability to respond swiftly and effectively to unforeseen medical issues that may arise during or at athletic contests. It is not just about winning games but ensuring the well-being of everyone involved.

Here are some key points to consider:

1. **Timely Response Saves Lives:** Every second counts during a medical emergency. Properly trained staff and well-rehearsed emergency plans can make the difference between life and death.
2. **EAP Customization:** Each school should tailor its EAP to its specific circumstances, considering factors such as the location of athletic events, available resources, and the unique needs of their athletes.
3. **Scenario-Based Drills:** It's crucial to conduct scenario-based drills that simulate potential medical emergencies, including but not limited to cardiac events, heat-related illnesses, and injuries. This practice will help your staff and medical personnel stay composed under pressure.
4. **Regular Training:** Emergency preparedness is an ongoing effort. Regular training and refresher courses for coaches, medical personnel, and volunteers will always keep your school well-prepared.
5. **Communication:** Establish clear lines of communication during emergencies. Ensure that everyone knows how to call for help, provide first aid, and assist in the evacuation of injured individuals.
6. **Community Involvement:** Engage with your local community, including first responders and medical professionals, to build a network of support and resources.

# FROM THE COMMISSIONER

An EAP Week will be scheduled for each sports season (Fall, Winter, and Spring). The EAP WEEK for the Fall sports season will be held the week of September 25-29, 2023. In the coming days, you will receive additional information about this new initiative from the SCHSL Director of Health, Wellness & Safety, Tim Kinney.

By actively participating in EAP Week, you not only fulfill your responsibility to safeguard the well-being of your students but also set an example for sportsmanship and sports safety that others will follow.

Let's work together to create a safe and secure environment for our student-athletes and spectators. Your commitment to emergency preparedness can make a profound difference in the lives of those we serve. If you have any questions or require assistance in developing your Emergency Action Plan, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your dedication to the safety and welfare of our student-athletes.

**~Dr. Jerome Singleton  
SCHSL- Commissioner**

# 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).

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## 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).



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## LIVING CLEAN WEEK

### FOCUS ON SPORTSMANSHIP

This week (September 18-22, 2023) is Living Clean Week in the South Carolina High School League. 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. Some examples of sportsmanship and activities are listed in the graphic below. The graphic is not an exhaustive list just a few examples of activities you may want to try.

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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MONDAY

WHAT DOES SPORTSMANSHIP LOOK LIKE TO YOU?

COACHES TALK WITH STUDENT ATHLETES ABOUT SPORTSMANSHIP

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TUESDAY

STUDENT ATHLETES ACTION STEP:

ENCOURAGE A KID WHO DOES NOT GET THE PLAYING TIME. TALK TO THE "NEW KID" ON THE TEAM.

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WEDNESDAY

PLEDGE TO HAVE A COMMUNITY OF SPORTSMANSHIP

PLEDGE TO USE THE PA SPORTSMANSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT DURING YOUR GAMES

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THURSDAY

STUDENT ATHLETE ACTION STEP:

CREATE A THEME FOR THE GAMES CENTERED AROUND SPORTSMANSHIP AND KINDNESS

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FRIDAY

THANK YOUR OFFICIALS.

BE INTENTIONAL ABOUT SHOWING A SMALL TOKEN OF APPRECIATION FOR YOUR OFFICIALS/REFS.

**SEPTEMBER 18 - 22, 2023**  
**#SCHSL**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.

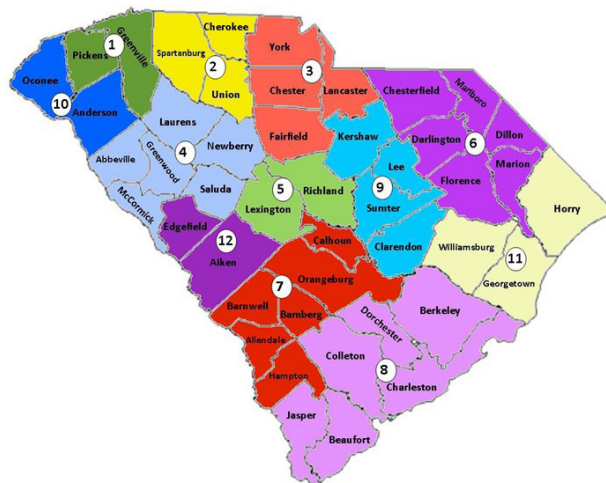
The following sites have been confirmed, and additional sites may be added to accommodate the number of schools interested in participating in the invitational.

**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**





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Congratulations



Congratulations to Boiling Springs 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 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).



# 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.

## Fall Sports Brackets

The 2023-24 Fall Sports Brackets are available on the SCHSL website. 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



# UPCOMING

## EAP WEEK (SEPTEMBER 25-29, 2023)



## FALL SPORTS OFFICIALS' APPRECIATION WEEK (OCTOBER 1-7, 2023)

Fall Sports Officials' Appreciation Week is October 1-7, 2023. Show your appreciation to our officials throughout the state of South Carolina. Officials work to maintain the integrity of the sports they officiate and ensure student-athletes have a safe environment to play in. Without our officials, our student-athletes would not be able to enjoy the sports they love. So show your appreciation to the unsung heroes of interscholastic contests.

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## The Health Spot

### Revisiting Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

The American Heart Association recommends that effective AED programs deliver a shock within 3-5 minutes after the collapse of the individual. Given this recommendation, South Carolina high school and middle school athletic programs should reflect on a few questions in case one of these events should happen:

- Do you have a written, reviewed, and practiced Emergency Action Plan (EAP)?
- Do you have an AED on-site, where is it located, and is it easily and readily accessible?
- Are all of your coaches, both paid and volunteer, CPR/AED trained and ready to deliver high-quality CPR?

Keeping your student-athletes safe during activities should be the highest priority for all athletic programs, and coaches should always be prepared with the proper knowledge and equipment to respond to a medical emergency immediately.

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

## Officials' Whistle

Reminder: 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 this **Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** Schools can register at until 8:00 am on Thursday at: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/SouthCarolinaHighSchoolLeague/MiddleSchoolLeadershipSummitRegistration>

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