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Upcoming Events

**Last Day Open Season Winter Sports
Sept. 30, 2023**

**Schedules Due: Basketball, Wrestling
Oct. 1, 2023**

**Winter Sports Rule Clinics: Big Teams
Oct. 1, 2023 – Oct. 31, 2023**

**Open Season Spring Sports
Oct. 1, 2023**

**Officials' Appreciation Week
Oct. 1-7, 2023**

JOBS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EAP WEEK (SEPTEMBER 25-29, 2023)



The SCHSL has implemented a new initiative for practicing an Emergency Action Plan (EAP). Reminder: this week (September 25-29, 2023) is EAP practice week for fall sports. We encourage all sports teams to take a few minutes during your practice to practice your EAP in case of a medical emergency. Practice scenarios were shared via email to Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors, on Monday, September 18, 2023. Feel free to create a scenario specific to your venue and sport.

Practicing your EAP will give you confidence and help ensure all personnel know what to do if a medical emergency does occur. We would like to recognize and celebrate your efforts in keeping your student-athletes safe. We encourage you to take pictures of your EAP practice and upload them to the following link so that we can recognize them on the SCHSL website: <https://schsl.org/archives/11811>.

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.

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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.

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.

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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 are available on the SCHSL website. Brackets can be accessed under the brackets link on the SCHSL website, 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.

Sportsmanship: Begins Early!!!!



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Congratulations to Midland Valley 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.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

The second excerpt of Something to Think About focuses on **FAKE** social media pages and game networks. Recently, there have been several fake social media pages using the SCHSL Logo, especially on Instagram.

Additionally, SCHSL has only **ONE** official network that broadcast its games, www.nfhsnetwork.com. Some games are shown on local stations, but there is generally no charge for those game.

In the event an email is received or social media graphic of a network (other than NFHS) offering the opportunity to order the game, **DO NOT CLICK THE LINK**, this is a scam.

When in doubt, reach out to me at Romanda@schsl.org, for verification.

The below pages **ARE NOT** official South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Instagram pages and the SCHSL highly suggest discourages following any of the pages.

NON-OFFICIAL INSTAGRAM PAGES

https://www.instagram.com/schsl_sport/

<https://www.instagram.com/schslsports/>

<https://www.instagram.com/schsl23/>

OFFICIAL SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES OF THE SCHSL!

 @schslsports

 www.facebook.com/schsl/

 @schsl 

Please share this information with your faculty/staff, students and community.

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

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.

Officials' Whistle

Fall Sports Officials' Appreciation Week is next week, October 1-7, 2023. Participation in fall sports officials' appreciation week can be as simple or as extravagant as state associations and/or schools want it to be. Many schools will not only get their teams involved in the fun but will ask student groups on campus to get involved. It is a great community project for school student councils, spirit groups or other groups that serve as ambassadors to your school and community. Here are just a few ideas that have worked throughout the country:

- Special appreciation signage in the officials' locker room.
- Gift cards/cookies/donuts/other items presented to the crew by both the home and visiting team.
- Read a PSA at the start of the game, thanking the crew for working the contest.
- "Thank you" cards, signed by the team and coaching staff.

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

Tools for Success

The SCHSL Middle School Leadership Summit was a true success! The membership showed up and showed out. We had over 37 schools participate in the Summit. The student-athletes were engaged and interactive. Our middle schoolers had such poignant and thoughtful questions. A special shout to the following middle schools: Pleasant Knoll, Batesburg-Leesville, Riverside, American Leadership Academy, Sandhills, Indian Land, and Hillcrest for your amazing feedback and pictures. You Rock!

There were some great nuggets from the speakers. The student-athletes learned how to stay confident even when a mistake is made, how to stay motivated both extrinsically and intrinsically, and the pitfalls of using social media improperly. If you were not able to register for the summit, no worries, we got you! Subscribe to the SCHSL YouTube channel to watch all our workshops and summits. Once again, thank you to all the middle schools that participated in the summit.

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