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## Upcoming Events

**Leadership Summit: Dec. 14, 2023: 10 am**

**Deadline - Hardship App for  
January Meeting: Dec. 19, 2023**

**SCHSL Office Closed - Holiday Break  
Dec. 20, 2023 – Jan. 3, 2024**

**Open Season Spring Sports: Jan .1, 2024**

**Living Clean Week: Jan. 8, – Jan. 12, 2024**

**Lacrosse, Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Track**

**Rules Clinics: Jan. 9, 2024**

**JOBS**

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

# FROM THE COMMISSIONER



Greetings,

I trust that this correspondence meets you with great health physically, mentally, and emotionally. As we reflect on the culmination of the fall sports season and eagerly embrace the start of winter competitions, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to each member school for your unwavering commitment, passion, and resilience.

The fall sports season was a testament to the dedication and spirit of our student-athletes, coaches, and administrators. Your collective efforts elevated the standard of competition, fostering an environment of leadership, sportsmanship, and camaraderie that truly embodies the best of high school athletics. From the hard-fought victories to the valuable lessons learned in defeat, the fall season was a showcase of character, perseverance, and excellence.

To our athletes, your commitment to discipline, teamwork, and personal growth has left a lasting mark on the South Carolina High School League. Your performances, both on and off the field, have not only entertained us but have also inspired us, reminding us of the strong impact that interscholastic sports can have on the lives of our youth.

To our coaches, your tireless dedication to mentorship, skill development, and instilling core values is the foundation upon which our student-athletes thrive. Your role extends far beyond the sidelines; you are mentors, educators, and role models shaping the future leaders of our communities.

To our administrators, your diligence in organizing and facilitating these events, ensuring a safe and fair playing field, is commendable. Your behind-the-scenes efforts contribute greatly to the seamless execution of our programs, and I am deeply grateful for your commitment to the success of the South Carolina High School League.

As we transition into the winter sports season, I am confident that the same spirit of sportsmanship and excellence will continue to thrive. The enthusiasm displayed during the fall season serves as a light of anticipation for the action-packed contests and achievements that lie ahead. I encourage you all to embrace the winter season with the same vigor, fostering an environment where our student-athletes can thrive, learn, and create lasting memories.

As we approach the upcoming holiday break, I extend my warmest wishes to each of the member schools. May this time of celebration bring you joy, peace, and an opportunity to recharge for the challenges that await in the new year. Take this moment to cherish the company of loved ones, reflect on the accomplishments of the fall season, celebrate the bonds formed, and express gratitude for the shared journey we undertake as members of the South Carolina High School League.

In closing, thank you for your collective contributions to the success and spirit of our League. Your dedication is the driving force behind the transformative impact of high school sports. Wishing you all a restful, joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year filled with continued success.

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Student Leadership Summit



The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) will hold a Virtual Student Leadership Summit sponsored by the Carolina Panthers, this Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 10:00 am. This is an event that you don't want to miss.

It is our hope the information shared during the upcoming Summit will change the lives and influence positive mindsets and actions in our student-athletes and coaches.

Registration is open now until Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

[Leadership Summit Registration Link](#)

For additional information contact Director of Educational Services, Dr. Curtrell Rhodan at [Curtrell@schsl.org](mailto:Curtrell@schsl.org).

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## Hardship Waiver Deadline

The South Carolina High School League's Executive Committee will meet on January 10, 2024, to hear appeals from member schools. This is an opportunity to seek eligibility for students. If your school wishes to submit an "Application for Hardship Exceptions," please submit the request to the Commissioner by **Tuesday, December 19, 2023**, so that you will have an opportunity to appeal the Commissioner's decision to the League's Executive Committee, if necessary.

Additional deadline information can be found on the League's website at [www.schsl.org](http://www.schsl.org). If you have any questions, please contact the League office at (803) 798-0120.

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## Constitution/By-Laws Proposal

Any proposals for amendments to the League's Constitution and /or Bylaws must be submitted to the Commissioner prior to **January 1, 2024**. The proposal may only be submitted by a principal or superintendent. Proposal submission forms can be found on the League's website in the AD Notebook section or by clicking the following link: <https://schsl.org/archives/2393>

If you have any questions, please contact Associate Commissioner, Amy Boozer at [Amy@schsl.org](mailto:Amy@schsl.org).



The Spring Sports Rules Clinic dates are set. It is mandatory that all head coaches attend one of these clinics. All coaches must attend one of these clinics if they did not attend it at the SCACA Summer Conference.

Dates and locations are available at the following link: <https://schsl.org/archives/12535>.

## Arbiter Reminders

Below, are some important reminders related to wrestling and basketball scheduling in Arbiter. Please review the bullet points below and address any issues ASAP. Please double check to make sure your basketball schedules are correct in Arbiter.

[Click here](#) to access the Arbiter Help site. Once on the site, enter a couple of keywords in the search bar.

- Varsity games should be set to SCHSL 101800 for officials.
- Contact your local assigner to verify your Sub-Varsity games.
- When entering girls and boys games linked on the same day, please make sure the sites are the exact same.
- Contact your wrestling assigner to verify your matches.

Contact Jill White, SCHSL Arbiter Booking Coordinator, at [Jill@schsl.org](mailto:Jill@schsl.org) with any additional questions regarding scheduling.

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## Middle School Wrestling Regional Invitational

To help us prepare for the upcoming wrestling invitational we are asking middle schools to submit their application earlier this year to allow us time to add additional sites if needed.

To be considered for the tournament your school will need to submit an application, due no later than **Monday, December 18, 2023**. Schools whose students participate on a high school sub-varsity team can create a team using those students enrolled in their school to represent the middle school. Teams must consist of a minimum of seven (7) athletes in different weight classes.

[Application Link](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Associate Commissioner, Amy Boozer at [Amy@schsl.org](mailto:Amy@schsl.org).

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## Out-of-Attendance-Area Students and 3.0 Multiplier

The SC High School League's Executive Committee approved the use of a 3.0 multiplier for out-of-attendance-area students to be applied in the 2024-2026 Reclassification/Realignment process.

The link below share details on how out-of-attendance-area students are determined and how the 3.0 multiplier is applied.

[Reclassification and Realignment PowerPoint](#)

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## Retiree Passes/Book Order Links

The links to order SCHSL Retiree Passes and Rules Books, Case Books, and Umpire Manuals are now available on the home page of the SCHSL website, [www.schsl.org](http://www.schsl.org). The links can be found on the right side of the page under Quick Links. You can also access the pages by clicking below.

[Retiree Pass Application Link](#)

[SCHSL Rules Books, Case Books, and Umpire Manuals](#)

For additional information, contact the Office Coordinator, MaeoCeisha Jenkins-Suber at [MaeoCeisha@schsl.org](mailto:MaeoCeisha@schsl.org)



The Holidays are a time to reflect and rejuvenate, as well as prepare for a fresh start. The Commissioner, Dr. Jerome Singleton, and the staff of the SCHSL, wish you a safe and holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

**In Observance of the Holiday Season, the SCHSL Office will be closed:**

**Wednesday, December 20, 2023-Wednesday, January 3, 2024.**

**Normal business hours (7:30 am-4:00 pm) will resume on Thursday, January 4, 2024.**

## SCHSL/Special Olympics Interscholastic Unified Sports Partnership

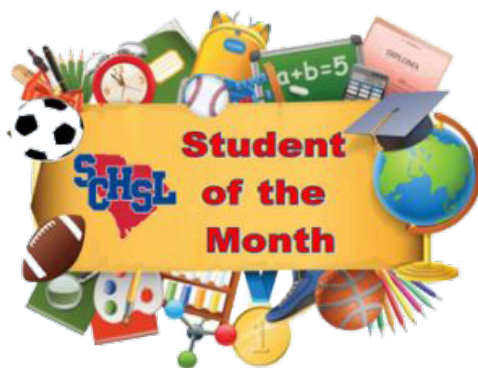
The SCHSL Executive Committee unanimously voted to partner with the Special Olympics Interscholastic Unified Sports. Dr. Jerome Singleton, Commissioner of the SCHSL, will serve on the Advisory Council.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Student-Athlete of the Month



**Alexis Jeppson**  
Hartsville High School



**Jay Harrison**  
TL Hanna High School

The SCHSL is pleased to announce the 2023 November Student-Athletes of the Month. Alexis Jeppson of Hartsville High School has been named the Girl's Student-Athlete of the Month and Jay Harrison of TL Hanna High School has been named the Boy's Student-Athlete of the Month.

Jeppson is a senior who is a varsity swimmer for Hartsville. She carries a 5.048 grade point average. The well-rounded student is a member of four academic clubs (National Beta Club, National Honors Society, Future Business Leaders of America and the Robotics Club). As a member of the clubs and organizations Jeppson has participated in a substantial amount of community services and hold leadership positions in the National Beta Club (1-year captain and 1-year co-captain) and the Robotics Club (1-year as secretary). Jeppson also participates in Coding Classes, and she has a Microburts Employability Soft Skills Certificate.

Harrison, a senior member of the TL Hanna High School football team carries a 4.24 point average. He has been a member of the school's Honor Roll every semester. Athletically, he was named the 2022 Anderson Area Touchdown Club Defensive Player of the Year and earned 2023 Anderson Area Touchdown Club Defensive Player of the Week in Week 0 and Week 1. On his school's campus, he is the first male student to serve as a mentor in the adaptive Physical Education class. He has been instrumental in getting more participation from quadriplegic student to participate in class activities as well. Harrison's extracurricular activities also include: Junior Leadership of Anderson, Boys State Participant and serving as a USO Volunteer.

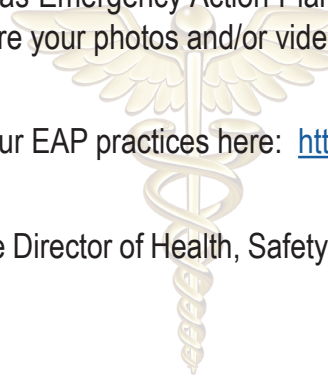
# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## The Health Spot

Last week, December 4-8, 2023, was Emergency Action Plan (EAP) practice week for winter sports. The SCHSL encourages all schools share your photos and/or videos from your EAP Practice Week.

Upload pictures and/or videos of your EAP practices here: <https://schsl.org/archives/12550>

For additional information contact the Director of Health, Safety, and Wellness, Tim Kinney at [Tim@schsl.org](mailto:Tim@schsl.org).



## Officials' Whistle

Promoting good sportsmanship at all of our contests is a must. As all sports during the winter season are indoors, it gives everyone greater access to coaches, athletes, and officials.

Click on the link below and use the sample PA announcement to promote positive behavior at contests so that all can enjoy a great playing environment, from officials to student-athletes, and everyone in between. A great way to get everyone's attention, is to have a student from your school read the announcement aloud before every game.

#BenchBadBehavior

[Announcement Link](#)

Direct all questions for this section to Associate Commissioner Sarah Hayes at [Sarah@schsl.org](mailto:Sarah@schsl.org).



## Tools for Success

Are you trying to find ways to incorporate parents of student athletes? We have resources for that. Or how to encourage your coaches to be the best that they can be? We have a resource for that too!

The holiday season is a great time to reflect and grow your program. The NFHS learning center is a great resource for Athletic Directors, Principals, coaches, and parents. Please take a look at the NFHS holiday newsletter at the link below.

[Rockin'Around the NFHS Learning Center  
Newsletter](#)

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

