

February 13, 2024

Weekly E-Newsletter of the South Carolina High School League Romanda Noble-Watson, Editor

Staff Directory

Dr. Jerome Singleton, Commissioner

Jsingle@schsl.org 803-798-0120

Charlie Wentzky, Deputy Commissioner

Charlie@schsl.org 803-896-5251

Amy Boozer, Associate Commissioner

Amy@schsl.org 803-896-4009

Sarah Hayes, Associate Commissioner

Sarah@schsl.org 803-896-6955

Dr. Curtrell Rhodan

Director of Educational Services

Curtrell@schsl.org 803-896-4271

Tim Kinney

Director of Health, Safety, and Wellness

Tim@schsl.org 803-896-3891

Romanda Noble-Watson

Director of Communications & Public Relations

Romanda@schsl.org 803-896-0417

Cindi Drakeford, Director of Finance

Cindi@schsl.org 803-798-0120

Deanna Lott, Director of Executive Affairs

Deanna@schsl.org 803-896-4377

Keith Warren, Director of Technology

Keith@schsl.org 803-798-0120

Jill White, Arbiter Booking Coordinator

Jill@schsl.org 803-896-9560

Brooke Baker, Coordinator of Events/Office Manager

Brooke@schsl.org 803-798-0120

Maeoceisha Jenkins-Suber, Office Coordinator

Maeoceisha@schsl.org 803-798-0120

Inside This Issue

Staff Directory	1
Upcoming Events	1
Congratulations	2-3
State Finals Information	4-5
SCHSL Announcements	5-10
For Your Information	11

Upcoming Events

Captains Course: Feb. 15, 2024

Soccer Preseason: Feb. 16, 2024

Wrestling Individual Qualifiers Feb. 16-17, 2024

Lacrosse First Contest Feb. 19, 2024

SCHSL Office Closed

President's Day: Feb. 19, 2024



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

CONGRATULATIONS

2024 SCHSL Wrestling Championships



The 2024 SCHSL Wrestling State Finals were held February 10, 2024, at Dreher High School in Columbia, SC In the end four teams were crowned State Champions.

Class AA: Chesnee High School Class AAA: West-Oak High School Class AAAA: Eastside High School Class AAAAA: Fort Mill High School





The 2024 SCHSL Wrestling Boys and Girls Individual State Finals are Friday-Saturday, February 23-24 at the Anderson Sports and Entertainment Center.

Visit https://schsl.org/archives/12788 for complete details.

CONGRATULATIONS

2024 SCHSL Wrestling State Champions





STATE FINALS INFORMATION



The 2024 SCHSL Basketball State Semifinals and State Finals presented by Absolute Total Care are quickly approaching.

The State Semifinals are Friday-Saturday, Feb. 23-24, and Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 26-28, while the State Finals are Friday-Saturday, March 1-2.

The Upper State, Lower State, and State Finals will be held at the Florence Center in Florence, S.C.

<u>Click here</u> for complete brackets. The individual class brackets can also be found under brackets link on the SCHSL Homepage.

Championship Merchandise: NW Designs will be selling official championship merchandise on-site at the Basketball Semifinals and State Finals. Fans can also purchase via their online store, which is accessible at https://nwd.ink/s/schsl/.

See page 5 for a complete Playoff Schedule.

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

STATE FINALS INFORMATION

2024 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

First Round

Tues 2/13	Wed 2/14
1A Girls	1A Boys
2A Boys	2A Girls
3A Boys	3A Girls
4A Girls	4A Boys
5A Girls	5A Boys

Second Round

Fri 2/16	Sat 2/17
1A Girls	1A Boys
2A Boys	2A Girls
3A Boys	3A Girls
4A Girls	4A Boys
5A Girls	5A Boys

Third Round

Mon 2/19	Tues 2/20	Wed 2/21	Thurs 2/22
2A Boys	2A Girls	1A Girls	1A Boys
5A Girls	5A Boys	3A Boys	3A Girls
		4A Girls	4A Bovs

Semi Finals

<u>Fri 2/23</u>	Sat 2/24	Mon 2/26	Tues 2/27	Wed 2/28
2:00 5A Girls (U)	2:00 2A Girls (U)	2:00 1A Girls (U)	2:00 3A Girls (U)	2:00 4A Girls (U)
4:00 5A Boys (U)	4:00 2A Boys (U)	4:00 1A Boys (U)	4:00 3A Boys (U)	4:00 4A Boys (U)
6:00 5A Girls (L)	6:00 2A Girls (L)	6:00 1A Girls (L)	6:00 3A Girls (L)	6:00 4A Girls (L)
8:00 5A Boys (L)	8:00 2A Boys (L)	8:00 1A Boys (L)	8:00 3A Boys (L)	8:00 4A Boys (L)

Finals

Fri 3/1		Sat 3/2		
2:00 2	2A Girls	10:00	1A Girls	
4:00 2	2A Boys	12:00	1A Boys	
6:00 5	5A Girls	2:00	3A Girls	
8:00 5	5A Boys	4:00	3A Boys	
		6:00	4A Girls	
		8:00	4A Boys	

- (L) Lower State Semi Finals
- (U) Upper State Semi Finals

Sportsmanship Awards Deadline

The deadline to submit your school's Community Service and Living Clean documentation (March 2023-February 2024) is Thursday, February 29, 2024.

The links for both forms are below.

Living Clean Week Reporting Form: https://schsl.org/archives/1417 Community Service Reporting Form: https://schsl.org/archives/3571

Playoff Score Reporting

With the openeing of the basketball playoffs, please be reminded that playoff scores should be entered on the score reporting form following the contest so we can update the brackets in a timely manner. The links are below and can also be found on the front page of the SCHSL website.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Girls Basketball Score Reporting: https://schsl.org/archives/9795 Boys Basketball Score Reporting: https://schsl.org/archives/9795

Please direct all questions to the Director of Communciations and Public Relations, Romanda Noble-Watson, Romanda@schsl.org

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. 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 Office Coordinator, Maeoceisha Jenkins-Suber at Maeoceisha@schsl.org



Save the Date

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) will hold a Virtual Spring Captains Workshop presented by Farm Bureau Insurance, this Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 10:00 am. This workshop is a rare treat, we will hear from three amazing speakers who are all products of SCHSL athletics.

The SCHSL is actively creating a culture of empathy with the <u>#weseeyou</u> campaign. The Spring Captains Workshop is in alignment with this campaign. We encourage our members to take advantage of this opportunity and register for this awesome event.

Registration is open now until Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 9 am.

Spring Captains Workshop Registration

For additional inforamtion contact Director of Education Services, Dr. Curtrell Rhodan at Curtrell@schsl.org.

SCHSL SAAC



The 2024-2026 South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) held its first meeting, last Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024 at the SCHSL Office. SAAC will meet monthly to discuss the topics concerning the student-athletes of the SCHSL

Commissioner's Chat



Periodically, the South Carolina High School League's (SCHSL) Commissioner Dr. Jerome Singleton will sit down for a Commissioner's Chat to highlight the happenings in the SCHSL. <u>Click here</u> for the first installment of the Commissioner's Chat.

Media/School Credential Link

The 2023-24 SCHSL Media & School Credential Links for upcoming championships can be found under the Communications tab on the SCHSL website, www.schsl.org. Please make note of the deadline for the upcoming Basketball State Semifinals and Finals. Please note, there will only be one request window for both.

Feb. 23-Mar. 2: Basketball State Semi-Finals & Finals -- Friday, Feb. 16- Wednesday, Feb. 20 (2 PM).



The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) is partnering with the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) to build awareness among parents/caregivers on the importance of talking to their youth about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Research shows that children as young as nine (9) are starting to form opinions of alcohol and drug use and parents/caregivers can make a difference. It is never too early or too late to have conversations with your children. If you are not talking to your kids about drugs and alcohol, someone else is. More than 80% of kids ages 10 to 18 say their parents are the leading influence in their decisions and attitudes towards alcohol and other drugs. Starting open conversations early and having them often will create a good foundation for future behaviors and decision making.

An email was sent to Principals and Athletics Directors with information pertaining to the partnership.

Visit <u>www.openconversations.com</u> to learn more and to download resources from the website that will help you educate the parents and caregivers to encourage them to have open conversations with their kids early and often.

Promote Positive Behavior

Positive behavior is important at contests to ensure student-athletes, coaches, and spectators all have a good experience at games.

The Bench Bad Behavior toolkit produced by the NFHS is a great resource for promoting positive behavior at contests throughout your athletic department, school, and community.

A few tips for your school to use to Bench Bad Behavior at contests can be found in the Officials' Whistle Column on page 10. Be sure to download the Bench Bad Behavior toolkit from www. benchbadbehavior.com.

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



- Pouting
- Discouraging words
- Giving up
- Purposely disobeying rules

Examples of Poor

- Using violence
- Talking back to coach/official

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Health Spot

Cold Weather Guidelines

Last week, the SCHSL sent out Cold Weather Guidelines for athletic participation. Even though our weather in South Carolina rarely will drop to these low levels, it is important to understand how to keep our studentathletes safe in the event they do. Recognition of cold injuries such as hypothermia and frostbite are also necessary for immediate intervention. Please see the link below to view the new SCHSL guidelines.

https://schsl.org/archives/12857

Direct all questions for this section to Director of Health, Safety, and Wellness, Tim Kinney at Tim@schsl.org.

Are you looking for a way to give back to the SCHSL and the sports you played and watched. Hear from a SCHSL Official on his reasoning for officiating.

"I am a High School swimming official because I want to give back to the swimming community that blessed my family so much in the years that they were growing up."

~Chris Broome

For more information on becoming an official, visit www.highschoolofficials.com.

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

Officials' Whistle Tools for Success

The late Mahatma Gandhi once said "Be the change you wish to see in the world." This quote is essential for the state of high school athletics in South Carolina. Currently, we are seeing an uptick in ejections and unsportsmanlike conduct from spectators, coaches, and athletes. It's time to clean it up. Creating a positive environment starts with you. We, at the SCHSL, are here to help. Please invest your time by taking this free course on Sportsmanship. This course can arm you with the tools to create a culture of care while still maintaining a competitive edge. Please click the link below for access.

NFHS Sportsmanship Course

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