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## Upcoming Events

Basketball Business Meeting  
Feb. 28, 2024 – 8:30am

Basketball Press Conference  
Feb. 28, 2024 – 9:30 am & 11:00 am

Basketball Business Meeting  
Feb. 29, 2024 – 8:30am

Basketball Press Conference  
Feb. 29, 2024 – 9:30 am & 11:00 am

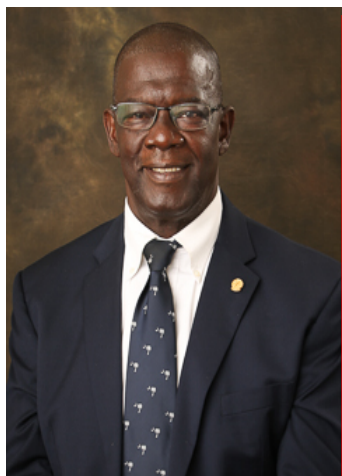
State Basketball Championships  
Mar. 1, 2024 – Mar. 2, 2024

Spring Sports First Contest: Baseball, Softball,  
Boys Golf, Boys Tennis, Track  
Mar. 4, 2024

**JOBS**

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

# FROM THE COMMISSIONER



Greetings,

In the pursuit of effective leadership from the member schools in our League, it is often valuable to draw inspiration from the timeless wisdom of those who came before us. Today, I am reminded of the stirring words delivered by President Teddy Roosevelt in his famous "Citizenship in a Republic" speech. As we navigate the complexities of guiding our schools through the realm of high school athletics, I believe his message holds relevance and significance.

In his speech, Roosevelt spoke passionately about the virtues of leadership, courage, and resilience. He famously remarked:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who actually to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat ."

These words serve as a powerful reminder that true leadership is not found on the sidelines of criticism but rather in the arena of action. As school administrators within the South Carolina High School League, you are the embodiment of Roosevelt's vision – individuals who are willing to step into the arena, face adversity head-on, and lead with courage and conviction.

In the face of challenges and uncertainties, it is essential to cultivate a spirit of resilience and determination. Roosevelt's speech speaks to the importance of perseverance in the face of adversity, reminding us that it is through our struggles and setbacks that we truly grow and evolve as leaders.

As you navigate the difficulties of guiding our schools through the ever-changing landscape of high school athletics, I urge you to observe Roosevelt's call to action. Embrace the challenges that lie ahead with a spirit of optimism, knowing that your efforts are making a tangible difference in the lives of our student-athletes and communities.

In closing, I wish to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering dedication, passion, and commitment to the principles of leadership within our League. Let us draw inspiration from the timeless wisdom of Teddy Roosevelt as we continue to lead with courage, compassion, and integrity, knowing that our collective efforts will shape the future of high school athletics for generations to come.

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

# STATE FINALS INFORMATION

## 2024 SCHSL Basketball Championship Press Conference

The SCHSL will hold it's 2024 SCHSL Basketball State Finalists Press Conferences this Wednesday and Thursday, February 28 and 29, 2024. Classes AA and AAAAA will be held on Wednesday at 9:30 am and 11 am, while Classes A, AAA, and AAAA will be on the on Thursday at 9:30 am and 11 am. All Press Conferences can be viewed live on the SCHSL YouTube Channel.

The 2024 SCHSL Basketball State Semifinals and State Finals presented by Absolute Total Care, are here.

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.

[Click here](#) 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 4 for a complete Playoff Schedule.

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

# STATE FINALS INFORMATION

## 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

### First Round

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

### Second Round

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

### Third Round

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

### Semi Finals

<u>Fri 2/23</u>	<u>Sat 2/24</u>	<u>Mon 2/26</u>	<u>Tues 2/27</u>	<u>Wed 2/28</u>
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

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

(L) - Lower State Semi Finals

(U) - Upper State Semi Finals

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Sportsmanship Awards Deadline

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

The link to submit your information for Living Clean Week and Community Service Projects at the link below.

[Sportsmanship Reporting Form](#)

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## 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. [Click here](#) for the first installment of the Commissioner's Chat.

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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 Office Coordinator, Maeocea Jenkins-Suber at [Maeocea@schsl.org](mailto:Maeocea@schsl.org)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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](http://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



#### Examples of Poor Sportsmanship

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 [www.openconversations.com](http://www.openconversations.com) 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.





# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## The Health Spot

### EAP Week

Next week, March 4-8, 2024, is Emergency Action Plan (EAP) practice week for Spring sports. The SCHSL encourages all schools to participate in the life saving endeavor. It only takes 15 minutes to review and practice your EAP in a real life scenario. We encourage you to get with your emergency response team and practice dealing with a medical emergency at your specific venue. Remember, you don't want the first time utilizing your EAP to be the emergency!

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

March 4-8  
PRACTICE SAVING LIVES

## Officials' Whistle

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](http://www.highschoolofficials.com).

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

## Tools for Success

The League has observed amazing sportsmanship throughout the 2023-2024 year. We have witnessed opponents pulling each other up, shaking each other's hand, and fist bumps to officials. We are pleased to see this positive behavior.

However, we have also witnessed some unsavory misconduct, particularly during the post game. It is important to maintain your cool whether your team wins or loses. It is in this crucial moment that we teach the most valuable lesson of all...Respect.

High School sports is an extension of the classroom and coaches are the teacher. It is imperative that we view sportsmanship as an educational practice. We encourage our members to emphasize proper pregame and postgame procedures. Below is a NFHS sportsmanship course, this course is recommended for administrators, coaches, parents as well as student athletes.

[NFHS Sportsmanship Course](#)

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