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## Upcoming Events

Wrestling Business Meeting

Feb. 8, 2024: 8:30 am

Wrestling Press Conference

Feb. 8, 2024: 9:30am & 11:30 am

Lacrosse Preseason

Feb. 9, 2024

Basketball Last Date

Feb. 10, 2024

**Basketball Qualifiers Due**

**Feb. 10, 2024**

Wrestling State Finals

Feb. 10, 2024

Basketball Playoffs Begin

Feb. 13, 2024

JOBS

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

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Student-Athlete of the Month



The SCHSL is pleased to announce the January 2024 Student-Athletes of the Month. Anna Grace Brown of Waccamaw High School has been named the Girl's Student-Athlete of the Month and Andre McFadden-Pressley of Lake City High School has been named the Boy's Student-Athlete of the Month.

**Brown** is a member of the Lake City Girls Golf Team. She is a five-time Regional Champion (Team) and has earned six-year varsity letters at Waccamaw. Brown is a three-year varsity captain and was selected to the All-Tournament Team at the Charleston Classic (2023). She was a member of the South Carolina Junior Golf Association, the First Tee of Coastal Carolina where she has served as Teen Board President (Coastal Carolina Chapter 11-12), the Dustin Johnson Golf School and Hurricane Junior Golf Tour.

Academically, Brown has a 4.521 GPA, is a three-year member of the National Honor Society and was selected to represent Waccamaw at the 2022 SC Youth Leadership Conference. She was a member of the Student Council in grades 9th-11th and was nominated for Queen of Hearts in her 10th and 11th grade years. She is a member of Belin United Methodist Church.

**McFadden-Pressley** is a senior three-sport athlete at Lake City. The football, wrestling, and track athlete is a 2023 Shrine Bowl Selection. In 2022, he finished third in the state in wrestling and was an All-American in the same sport. McFadden-Pressley was a 2021 State Champion in wrestling and in 2020, he was a State Runner-up in wrestling. Additionally, McFadden-Pressley is a three-time All-State in football and wrestling.

Academically, he carries a 3.76 GPA, and is a member of the National Honor Society enrolled in the dual-enrollment college curriculum program.

He has clocked 100-plus hours of community service with the Lake City High School Athletic Department and is a member of the school's Lighthouse Leadership Group and Gentlemen's Club Leadership Group.

# CONGRATULATIONS

## South Carolina Athletic Administrators Awards

The South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association (SCAAA) has announced the recipients of its 2023-2024 awards. The awards recognize individuals for their commitment and contributions to education-based interscholastic athletics.

Retired SCHSL Associate Commissioner Dru Nix and Retired SCHSL Athletic Assistant & Director of Technology Jan Hogan are among the recipients. Nix will receive the SCAAA Legacy Award while Hogan will receive the SCAAA Distinguished Service Award.

Additionally, SCHSL Executive Committee Member Carlos Cave (Beaufort County School District) is a NIAAA Frank Kovaleski Professional Development Award Nominee and SCHSL Executive Committee Member Robert Jackson was named the AAAA Principal of the Year.

The award winners will be celebrated during the SCAAA Spring Conference 2024 on Wednesday morning, March 13, 2024, at the Charleston Marriott.

[Click here](#) for complete release.



# STATE FINAL INFORMATION

**2024 WRESTLING DUALS STATE FINALISTS PRESS CONFERENCES:  
LIVE VIA THE SCHSL YOUTUBE PAGE  
THURSDAY, FEB. 8: 9:30 AM-CLASSES AA & AAA  
11:30 AM-CLASSES AAAA & AAAAA**



The SCHSL will host its 2024 Wrestling Duals State Finals, this Saturday, February 10, 2024. All matches will be played at Dreher High School (3319 Millwood Avenue, Columbia, SC 29205). All-day admission ticket is \$12 (infants and toddlers, if held in lap are admitted free).

Fans are encouraged to purchase tickets in advanced at GoFan.co. SCHSL League Passes will be accepted.

For Complete Information including brackets visit: <https://schsl.org/archives/12788>.

## **MATCH SCHEDULE**

Class AA	10:00 am
Class AAA	12:00 pm
Class AAAA	3:00 pm
Class AAAAA	5:00 pm

## **GATES OPEN:**

9:00 am. One ticket for all day, no ins-and-outs, you will have to purchase a new ticket if you leave the building.

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Qualifiers Due Date Approaching

The due date for the Qualifiers for the upcoming Basketball Championships are this **Saturday, February 10, 2024**. The link for the qualifier reporting form are below. The link can also be found on the front page of the SCHSL website at [www.schsl.org](http://www.schsl.org). **Please Note:** In order for the timely updating of the playoff brackets, please enter the qualifiers as soon as they are available but no later than 10 pm on Saturday.

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

Boys Qualifiers Link: <https://schsl.org/archives/9786>

Girls Qualifiers Link: <https://schsl.org/archives/9786>

## Wrestling and Basketball Brackets

The 2024 wrestling and basketball 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).

## Wrestling Credential Request Link

The Credential requests link for the Wrestling Duals and Individuals State Finals will close at 2 pm tomorrow, Wednesday, Feb. 7.

The credential links can be found under the Communications tab on the SCHSL website, [www.schsl.org](http://www.schsl.org).

If you think you may have a team in the State Finals, please submit your request.

**Please Note:** School media credentials should be requested for school photographers, school newspaper writers, yearbook staff, etc. It is not for your local media as they have a separate request link.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Save the Date

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) will hold a Virtual Spring Captains Workshop presented by Farm Bureau Insurance, next 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 [#weseeyou](#) 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 next Thursday, February 15, 2024.

[Spring Captains Workshop Registration](#)

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

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## Playoff Score Reporting

As the wrestling playoffs wind down, and basketball playoffs begin, please be reminded that playoff scores should be entered on the score reporting forms following the contest so we can update the brackets in a timely manner. Those links are below and can be found on the front page of the SCHSL website.

Additionally, for all wrestling semi-final teams, if you have not done so, please fill out the Press Conference Information that was sent last week by Brooke Baker.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Wrestling Score Reporting: <https://schsl.org/archives/9793>

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

Boys Basketball Score Reporting: <https://schsl.org/archives/9797>

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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.

# 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



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## 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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## 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, Maeoceaisha Jenkins-Suber at [Maeoceaisha@schsl.org](mailto:Maeoceaisha@schsl.org)

# 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 student-athletes 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](mailto:Tim@schsl.org).

## Officials' Whistle | Tools for Success

Below are a few tips for your school to use to Bench Bad Behavior at contests:

1. Official's are to ensure the integrity and safety of student-athletes on the floor or field, but it is the Administration's role at each contest to handle inappropriate behavior of spectators immediately. When you see a spectator getting out of hand, take care of it then and there. Remember, what you allow, you promote.
2. Be sure to have security present. You know your spectators, have the appropriate amount of security for your contests. (ie. rivalry games)
3. If you have a student section at your contests, be sure to set parameters for their behavior. Meet with students to establish baselines for behavior at contests.
  - Positively cheer on your school's team
  - Do not make negative or degrading remarks towards the officials or opposing team.

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

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](mailto:Curtrell@schsl.org)