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Upcoming Events

Legislative Assembly Meeting

Mar. 13, 2024 – 10:00 am

Living Clean Week

Mar. 18, 2024 – Mar 22, 2024

Deadline - Hardship App for April Meeting

Mar 29, 2024

SCHSL Office Closed - Spring Break

Mar. 29, 2024 – Apr 5, 2024



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

CONGRATULATIONS

Paula Kirkland: NFHS Hall of Fame Inductee



Dorman High School's longtime girls volleyball head coach, Paula Kirkland, has been selected to the 2024 National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) National High School Hall of Fame, as announced by the NFHS Monday, March 11, 2024. Kirkland is one of 11 inductees in the 2024 NFHS Hall of Fame Class. Included in this year's class are four former athletes, four highly successful high school coaches, two former state association administrators and one contest official.

The 11 honorees will be inducted July 1, 2024 during the 41st induction ceremony of the National High School Hall of Fame, which will be held at the 105th NFHS Summer Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.

"I was shocked when I learned of my selection and I had no idea I was even on their ballot," said Kirkland, who recently completed her 43rd season at Dorman High School in Roebuck, SC. "I had to read the email twice and then I got the phone call from the NFHS." Kirkland continued, "All of the wins and titles are the direct result of their [the girls] contributions. In addition, our program has had the opportunity to flourish because of the unwavering support from Dorman High School and School District Six. I am blessed beyond belief and honored to my core. I am pleased to represent Dorman and the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL)."

"Coach Kirkland is definitely deserving of this honor," said Dr. Jerome Singleton, Commissioner of the SCHSL. "We are extremely proud of Coach Kirkland and all she's done as a coach in the SCHSL."

[Click Here](#) for complete story.

For a complete list and bios of the 2024 NFHS Hall of Fame Class [click here](#).



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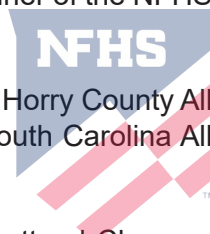
NFHS HEART OF THE ARTS STATE AWARD WINNER



Loris High School student, Carrie Jordan, is the 2024 State Winner of the NFHS Heart of the Arts Award for the State of South Carolina.

Carrie, a senior at Loris, has been selected by audition into the Horry County All County Chorus for four years and has been selected to the South Carolina All State Chorus three times.

She is currently ranked third in her senior class and plans to attend Clemson University's Honors College in the fall of 2024.



SCHSL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The 2023-24 SCHSL Sportsmanship Awards were presented by Dr. Jerome Singleton, Commissioner of the SCHSL, during the 2024 South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association (SCAAA) Spring Conference held in Charleston, S.C., March 11-13, 2024.

There were two levels of Sportsmanship Awards handed out: Banner and Certificate. This year, there were two Banner Recipients (Eau Claire High and Riverwalk Academy) and four Certificate Recipients (Great Falls High School, Irmo High School, Rock Hill High School, and Westwood High School).

Criteria for both awards can be found on page 17 of the SCHSL Handbook, accessible here: <https://schsl.org/archives/11391>.

Banner Recipients

Eau Claire High School



Riverwalk Academy



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SCHSL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD Certificate Recipients

Great Falls High School



Irmo High School



Rock Hill High School



West Wood High School



Carvers Bay High School: Not Pictured

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Scholar-Athlete Award

Each year the SCHSL will recognize student-athletes who excel academically. The deadline to submit selections for the Scholar-Athlete Award is **this Friday, March 15, 2024**. The following criteria will be used for selection:

NOMINEES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS: MUST BE A SENIOR. Must have lettered in two sports for at least one season or in one sport for at least two seasons. Must have maintained at least a 3.5 GPA for SEVEN semesters. Must have exhibited outstanding citizenship and sportsmanship. Non-Competitive Cheerleaders DO NOT qualify. It is recommended that the student letter as a Senior. The committee considers these standards to be rather stringent. It is very possible that a school given year will not have anyone to qualify and, in another year, may have several students qualifying.

[Scholar Athlete Nomination Form](#)

Multi-Sport Award Certification

The “Double Threat” award was launched to recognize those students in our member schools who letter in at least two varsity SCHSL sanctioned sports. The deadline to submit selections for the Multi-Sport Award is **this Friday, March 15, 2024**. The following criteria will be used for selection:

NOMINEES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING STANDARD(S): Students must have lettered in TWO varsity sports during 2023-24 school year. The two sports must be in separate seasons during the school year. Please list all athletes at the same time instead of having multiple list.

[Multi-Sport Certification Form](#)

Leadership Summit Approaching

The SCHSL will have its first Leadership Summit for the 2024-2025 summit series on March 21, 2024. Schools can pre-register for the free virtual conference by clicking the link below.

[Virtual Leadership Summit](#)

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Save the Dates

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) will host the Athletic Administrative Assistants Appreciation Day (A4 Day), **Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 10:00 AM** at the SCHSL Office (121 Westpark Blvd, Columbia, SC 29210).

The A4 Day is for the high school Athletic Administrative Assistants.

Invitations, including RSVP, and complete details will be e-mailed to high school Athletic Directors and high school Administrative Assistants on or before Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

All RSVP's must include a head shot of attendees and will be due no later than April 12, 2024 at 3 pm.



Mark your calendars. The SCHSL office will be closed, **March 29-April 6, 2024** for Spring Break.

Normal business hours, 7:30-4 pm, will resume Monday, April 8, 2024.

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Middle School Track and Field Invitational

The South Carolina High School League will offer a middle school track and field individual regional invitational, Saturday, April 20, 2024, at Lugoff-Elgin High School. The event is open to middle school students who are participating on a track and field team, whether for their middle school or at the high school.

Athletes will be representing their middle school at the event and must have a coach in attendance with them. The invitational does not count as a meet for the student-athlete. This is considered a postseason event for middle school students. They are still eligible to participate in meets that occur after this event.

If you are interested in your middle school athletes participating in this event please use the link below to respond to the track and field interest form that is due on or before **this Friday, March 15, 2024**.

[Track Invitational Interest Form](#)

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 second installment of the Commissioner's Chat.

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, Maeoceaisha Jenkins-Suber at Maeoceaisha@schsl.org

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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



Examples of Poor Sportsmanship

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

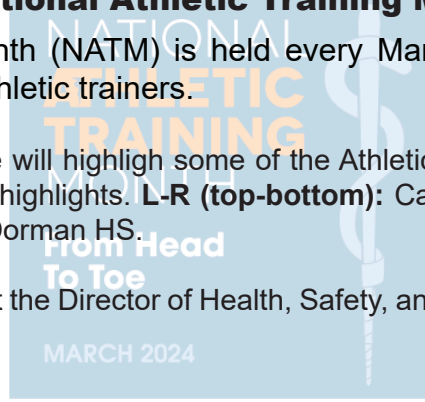
The Health Spot

National Athletic Training Month

National Athletic Training Month (NATM) is held every March in order to spread awareness about the important work of athletic trainers.

For the next couple of weeks we will highlight some of the Athletic Training Staffs and students around the State. See page 10 for this highlights. **L-R (top-bottom):** Camden HS, Clover HS, Lexington HS, Westwood HS, Dutch Fork HS, Dorman HS.

For additional information contact the Director of Health, Safety, and Wellness, Tim Kinney at Tim@schsl.org.



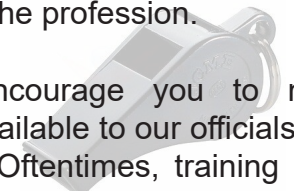
Officials' Whistle

The training of our officials is paramount to ensure our student-athletes play in a safe environment. Below you will find ways to aid in the training of our officials:

1) Don't hesitate to send video of contests. In-game video sent to us and our district officials assignors make our officials better. We are able to use it and review plays to ensure veteran and newer officials continue to grow in the profession.

2) We encourage you to make your facilities available to our officials for training purposes. Oftentimes, training spaces are hard to come by. Making your facilities available can give our officials field space, gym space, and classroom space to train and improve for our teams.

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



Tools for Success

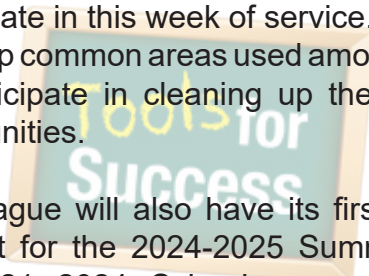
Spring into the start of a new Sportsmanship Award season

The Sportsmanship Award requirements for 2024-2025 starts now. The SCHSL will host a Spring Living Clean Week, March 18-22, 2024. We invite all of our member schools to participate in this week of service. Schools can clean up common areas used amongst students or participate in cleaning up the surrounding communities.

The league will also have its first Leadership Summit for the 2024-2025 Summit series on March 21, 2024. Schools can pre-register for the free virtual conference by clicking the link below.

[Virtual Leadership Summit](#)

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



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National Athletic Training Month

Thank you Athletic Trainers and Student Trainers

