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Upcoming Events

Administrative Assistants Day:

Apr. 24, 2024 – 10:00 am

Lacrosse Business Meeting

Apr. 25, 2024: 8:30 am

Lacrosse Press Conferences

Apr. 25, 2024: 9:30 am & 11:30 am

Soccer Last Play Date: Apr. 26, 2024

Soccer Seeding 1A, 2A: Apr. 26, 2024

Soccer Qualifiers Due: Apr. 26, 2024: 9:00 am

State Lacrosse Championship: Apr. 27, 2024

Last Play Date Softball, Baseball

Apr. 27, 2024

Baseball & Softball Qualifiers Due:

Apr. 27, 2024

Soccer Playoffs Begin: Apr. 29, 2024

Baseball Playoffs Begin: Apr. 30, 2024

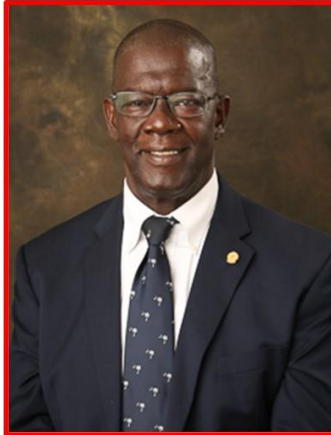
Golf Qualifiers Due: Apr. 30, 2024

Appellate Panel: Apr. 30, 2024 – 10:00 am

JOBS

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

FROM THE COMMISSIONER



Greetings,

This correspondence comes to you as an update on the approved items from the SCHSL Executive Committee meeting held on April 17, 2024, in the areas of Activities and Finance. All will go into effect beginning July 1, 2024.

ACTIVITIES

1. Proposal from the SCTCCCA that the start of the track season (competition) begins one week earlier, and the state track meet be held one week earlier. This proposal passed. The dates for the 2024-25 Track season are as follows:
 - First date for Pre-season meet – 2/21/25.
 - First date for Regular season meet – 3/3/25.
 - State Track Meets – 5/15, 5/16, 5/17.
2. Proposal SCHSSCA to extend the soccer playoffs by one week, allowing soccer to have three weeks of playoffs. The dates for the 2024-25 Soccer Playoffs are as follows:
 - State Playoffs begin - 5/5/25.
 - State Finals: 5/22/25 – 5/24/25.
3. Proposal from the SCWCA to move the wrestling dual finals one week earlier and to move the state wrestling individual championships up one week as well. This proposal also includes expanding the number of qualifiers for the individual finals from eight up to sixteen per classification. The post season dates for wrestling for the 2024-25 school year will be as follows:
 - State Dual Finals – February 8, 2025
 - State Individual Finals – February 21 and 22, 2025.
4. Proposal by the League Office to require all state championship finals between two schools (series in baseball and softball) to be played to completion of the contest, unless both schools agree to end the contest earlier.

FROM THE COMMISSIONER

5. Proposal by James F. Byrnes High School concerning the shot clock. Proposal passed as follows:

- Schools are allowed to use a shot clock in varsity basketball for tournaments, invitationals and showcases. It may also be used in non-region games (where both schools agree) for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 seasons.

FINANCE

- Officials Assigning Fee Increases
- Football Officials Game Fee for the first four weeks of the regular season.
- State Playoff Tickets
 - Football & Swim – Single contest ticket.
 - Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Lacrosse, Wrestling, Competitive Cheer – Day ticket
- Venue Site – 2024 SCHSL Football Championship – SC State University, Orangeburg, SC
- Venue Site – 2025 SCHSL Basketball Semifinals & Finals – Florence Center, Florence, SC
- Venue Site – 2025 SCHSL Individual State Wrestling Championships – Florence Center, Florence, SC
- 2024-2025 Budget

If you have any questions or would like to discuss them, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Sports Playoff Information

The brackets for the Spring Sports are now available on the SCHSL webpage. Brackets can be found at the following link: <https://schsl.org/brackets>.

For questions pertaining to brackets, please reach out to Romanda Noble-Watson, Director of Public Relations and Communications at Romanda@schsl.org



2024 Lacrosse Championships

The 2024 SCHSL Lacrosse Championships are scheduled for this Saturday, April 27, 2024, at Irmo High School, in Irmo, S.C.

Class AAAAA girls will begin at 11:00 am followed by the boys, 25 minutes after the conclusion of the girls post game award ceremony.

Class AAAA girls will begin at 3:30 pm followed by the boys, 25 minutes after the conclusion of the girls post game award ceremony.

Please note, the credential link closes tomorrow, Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 2 p.m. The link can be found under the Communications Tab on the SCHSL website.

For complete Lacrosse Championship Information visit <https://schsl.org/archives/13365>

2024 Lacrosse Press Conferences

The 2024 SCHSL Lacrosse State Finalists Press Conferences will be this Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 9:30 am and 11:00 am. The press conference can be viewed live via the SCHSL YouTube Page.

Complete details below:

Class AAAA and AAAAA Girls Press Conferences: 9:30 am: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3fes8KzMgOI>

Class AAAA and AAAAA Boys Press Conferences: 11:00 am: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zsMLrQztZxg>

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2024 Soccer Seeding Meeting

The Class AA Boys and Girls and Class A Boys Soccer seeding meetings are this Friday, April 26, 2024, at the South Carolina High School League office.

Intent to participate forms and schedules are on the League's website for schools to fill out for the seeding meeting. The forms can also be accessed here: www.schsl.org/forms.

2024 Soccer, Baseball, and Softball Qualifiers Due

Please be reminded that all qualifiers for Boys and Girls Soccer, Softball and Baseball must be submitted electronically. The links to submit the qualifiers are listed below. Please note the due date for each qualifier.

Boys Soccer Qualifier Link **(Due, Friday, April 26, 2024)**: <https://schsl.org/archives/10626>

Girls Soccer Qualifier Link **(Due, Friday, April 26, 2024)**: <https://schsl.org/archives/10628>

Baseball Qualifier Link **(Due, Saturday, April 27, 2024)**: <https://schsl.org/archives/10620>

Softball Qualifier Link **(Due, Saturday, April 27, 2024)**: <https://schsl.org/archives/10622>

Cheer Scales Review

The SCHSL will offer a scales review meeting with judges for high school coaches at the League Office, this Saturday, April 27, 2024. Times are listed on the registration. Sessions are divided into classifications. Due to the space availability of the conference room, sessions are limited to **2** coaches per high school. Contact Associate Commissioner Amy Boozer, Amy@schsl.org with questions.

[Scales Review Registration](#)

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SPRING SPORTS OFFICIALS' APPRECIATION WEEK (April 14-20, 2024)



Last week, April 14-20, 2024, was Spring Sports Officials Appreciation Week. Officials are the unsung heroes of high school athletics. Thank you for showing our officials thanks for what they do to uphold the integrity of our contests and ensure the safety of our student-athletes.

Please check out the Officials' Whistle section on page 11 to see some of the SCHSL schools that participated the 2023-24 school year.



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Scholar Athlete and Multi-Sport Certificates

This year the disbursement of both the Scholar Athlete and Multi-Sport Certificates will be done differently. An email containing the Certificates for Scholar Athlete and Multi-Sport will be emailed to the Athletic Directors and the Athletic Administrative Assistants/Athletic Secretaries for you to print at your convenience.

The Certificates for the Scholar Athlete will be emailed no later than 1 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2024. You will receive a cover via mail for the Scholar Athlete Certificates.

The Multi-Sport Certificates will be emailed no later than 1 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2024. These certificates will not have a cover. Please note, the deadline to submit names has passed.

Open Conversation Social Media Campaign

As part of the SCHSL's partnership with the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (SC DAODAS), we are making available to the membership social media content that we encourage you to use on your school accounts as you see fit.

The messaging is geared around the Open Conversation SC campaign that encourages parents to talk with their children about subjects such as alcohol and tobacco. The two posts below are worded specifically for Facebook but can be adjusted for other platforms as well.

Post 1: @OpenConversationSC, a @South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services initiatives is all about teaching parents how to have intentional, honest conversations with their kids. Give them a follow and check out their resources at [OpenConversationSC.com](https://www.openconversation.com).

Video: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/nlv0zar6necuabw/AACOA9A2CvQB6m5FQd_KxvSfa?dl=0&preview=daodas_12564_3+Conversation+Starters+16x9.mp4.

Post 2:

As a parent, you are your child's biggest influence. Having open and honest conversations helps create a welcoming environment where they are comfortable talking about the hard subjects, like tobacco and alcohol use. Follow @OpenConversationSC for tips on how to start an open conversation with your children.

Video: https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/11rw5lxnibgkfcbbtx96/h?dl=0&preview=daodas_12564_3+Conversations+Web+Vape.mp4&rlkey=izbnh43y6qvkrqrq6qkv9gcfm.

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Important Upcoming Date



Note: Football and Volleyball schedules for the upcoming season are due in Arbiter by **Wednesday, May 1, 2024.**

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. On occasion, the Commissioner's Chat will have special segments.

[Click here](#) for a special segment of the Commissioner's Chat featuring Dr. Curtrell Rhodan, Director of Educational Services.

THANK YOU

EXITING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

During its final 2023-24 Executive Committee meeting, April 17, 2024, Dr. Jerome Singleton, Commissioner of the SCHSL, presented exiting members Kyle Boczkowski, Carlos Cave, Julianne Lang, and Jason Warren Certificates of Appreciation for their service to the committee.

Kyle Boczkowski



Carlos Cave



Julianne Lang



Jason Warren

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Health Spot

With the Fall open season right around the corner, below are a few health and safety reminders to consider before the student-athletes return:

- Check equipment for safety and functionality and make sure it is up to date with NOCSAE standards
- Ensure locker rooms, weight rooms, and showers are thoroughly cleaned and sanitized to avoid MRSA and related bacterial, viral, and skin infections
- For football, follow the spring practice acclimatization guidelines found in the rules and regulations: <https://schsl.org/archives/11391>
- Review, update, and practice your Emergency Action Plan
- Utilize a wet bulb globe thermometer to determine safe conditions
- Have a cold immersion tub readily available
- Make sure all athletes have a current physical on file

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

Retiree Passes/Book Order Links

The links to order SCHSL Retiree Passes, Rule Books, Case Books, and Umpire Manuals are 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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Officials' Whistle

Last week, April 14-20, 2024, was Spring Sports Officials Appreciation Week. As we wrap up the Official's Appreciation Weeks for this year, we would like to thank the schools that participated during the 2023-24 school year:

American Leadership Academy
Charleston Math & Science
Gray Collegiate Academy
Military Magnet Academy
Palmetto Scholars Academy
Riverwalk Academy
Stratford High School
Wando High School
Westwood Academy

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Tools for Success

Teachable Moment!!

Here at the South Carolina High School League Office we want to encourage you to utilize every aspect of interscholastic athletics as a teachable moment.

Being a student of the sport and knowing the rules can better prepare our student-athletes for their future in athletics.

This week, we released a "Commissioner's Chat" to clarify some FAQs concerning ejections.

Our hope is to provide our membership with tools for your ultimate success. Please take a moment to watch.

Commissioner's Chat
<https://schsl.org/archives/13458>

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

