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### **Upcoming Events**

Track & Field Championships

May 16-May 18, 2024

Baseball Press Conferences: May 17, 2024

Baseball Game 1: May 18, 2024

Softball Press Conferences: May 20, 2024

Softball Game 1: May 20, 2024 Baseball Game 2: May 21, 2024



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

## CONGRATULATIONS

# 2024 SCHSL BOYS' SOCCER STATE CHAMPS









CLASS AA 2024
BOYS' SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONS
OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY







## CONGRATULATIONS

# 2024 SCHSL GIRLS' SOCCER STATE CHAMPS





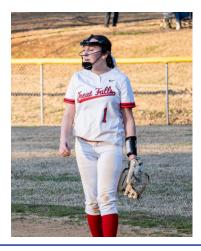
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## CONGRATULATIONS

### Student-Athlete of the Month







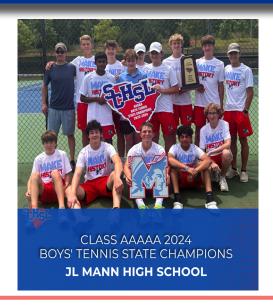
The SCHSL is pleased to announce the 2024 April Student-Athletes of the Month. Trey Craig of Gray Collegiate Academy has been named the Boys' Student-Athlete of the Month and Hailee Rape of Great Falls High School has been named the Girls' Student-Athlete of the Month.

**Craig** is a senior two-sport athlete at Gray Collegiate. He participates in football and baseball. Academically, he carries a 3.8 grade point average and is a member of the National Honor Society. Athletically, he was a member of the 2021 State AA Football Champions. As a senior member of the baseball team, his team achieved a ranking of #1 by the SC Coaches Association in Class AA. During the summer, Craig leads a youth group with Salkahatchie Summer Services. He helped lead the group to repair multiple houses.

Rape is a senior two-sport athlete at Great Falls. She is a member of the softball and volleyball. Academically, Rape carries a 5.099 GPA and is currently ranked 2nd in her class. She has been on the honor roll and the athletic department's all-academic team throughout her tenure as a high school student. Rape is part of the Spanish Honor Society as well as a member of the National Beta Club. She was also recognized as an outstanding Spanish and Pre-Calculus student during her junior year and has taken 10 dual-enrollment courses and is also enrolled in our Teacher Cadet program. She serves as the secretary of the school's Senior Beta Club and is a member of the school's yearbook state. She is also a member of the school district's Youth Advisory Board and yearbook staff. Athletically, Rape was named to the all-region team for softball last year and served as captain of the volleyball team. She also was named the student-athlete of the week for both sports.

Rape's community involvement includes getting up early to greet elementary school at the car rider line on Friday mornings and has assisted in litter cleanup projects several times through the Adopt a Highway program. She has helped with securing blankets to donate to a local nursing home and also volunteers her time several Saturdays a month preparing and serving food at a local church's food pantry and is actively involved in her youth group. Rape also spends time mentoring at the elementary schools and she has participated in several of the SCHSL's summits and captains clinics. She also has volunteered her time to participate in our school's living clean weeks.







### 2024 Track & Field Championships

The 2024 SCHSL Boys' and Girls' Track and Field State Finals are this Thursday-Saturday, May 16-18, 2024, at Spring Valley High School and Spring Valley High School.

Below are the start times for each classification. For detailed schedule, click the following link: <a href="https://schsl.org/archives/13300">https://schsl.org/archives/13300</a>

Tickets are \$10 per day (children 5 and under free). Fans are encouraged to purchase tickets electronically. Tickets will be available online soon at <a href="https://gofan.co/app/school/SCHSL">https://gofan.co/app/school/SCHSL</a>

### Girls' and Boys' Track & Field

CLASS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Α	May 16	5:00 PM	Spring Valley
AA	May 18	9:00 AM	Lower Richland
AAA	May 17	5:00 PM	Lower Richland
AAAA	May 18	9:00 AM	Spring Valley
AAAAA	May 17	5:00 PM	Spring Valley

### 2024 Baseball and Softball Press Conferences

The SCHSL will hold Press Conferences for the 2024 Baseball and Softball State Finalists. Please note, these dates and times are subject to change. All press conferences can be viewed on YouTube. The links to view the Press Conferences are below.

A, AA, AAA Baseball Press Conference: Friday, May 17, 2024: 9 AM <a href="https://www.youtube.com/live/uFY8rWrWKeQ?si=UoT06ch00flZw3kN">https://www.youtube.com/live/uFY8rWrWKeQ?si=UoT06ch00flZw3kN</a>

AAAA, AAAAA Baseball Press Conference: Friday, May 17, 2024: 10 AM <a href="https://www.youtube.com/live/FErqlOs60f4?si=1YKnKN2y8xtBUDA0">https://www.youtube.com/live/FErqlOs60f4?si=1YKnKN2y8xtBUDA0</a>

A, AA, AAA Softball Press Conference: Monday, May 20, 2024: 9 AM <a href="https://www.youtube.com/live/pGPXyilk0ws?si=ovBHUTvV6jsJeCl-">https://www.youtube.com/live/pGPXyilk0ws?si=ovBHUTvV6jsJeCl-</a>

AAAA, AAAAA Softball Press Conference: Monday, May 20, 2024: 10 AM <a href="https://www.youtube.com/live/fV91Fvy3pwc?si=C2Ilwg\_9JEdAxTib">https://www.youtube.com/live/fV91Fvy3pwc?si=C2Ilwg\_9JEdAxTib</a>

### **Spring Sports Playoff Information**

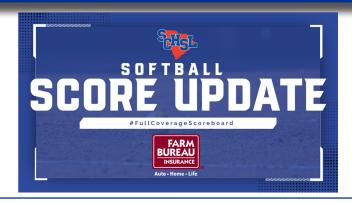
The brackets for the Spring Sports are available on the SCHSL webpage. Brackets can be found at the following link: https://schsl.org/brackets.

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

## 2024 Baseball, and Softball Score Reporting

Please be reminded that playoff scores for baseball and softball must be submitted electronically via the score reporting form.

The score reporting forms can be found mid-way down on the front page of the SCHSL website.



Farm Bureau Insurance and the SCHSL are pleased to once again partner during the Softball postseason by providing the Full Coverage Scoreboard.

Providing scoring updates on all playoff games, the Full Coverage Scoreboard can be found on the SCHSL X (formerly Twitter) account. Fans can follow along from the start of the postseason on April 30, 2024, through the State Championships. Farm Bureau Insurance has partnered with the SCHSL since 2019 in support of high school athletics in South Carolina. If you don't already follow the SCHSL on X, be sure to do so for the most detailed account of the softball postseason.

### **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 another installment of the Commissioner's Chat. In this segment, the Commissioner highlights the outcomes from the Executive Committee meeting held April 17, 2024 and the Executive Committee Special Called meeting on April 23, 2024.

Additionally, a special segment of the Commissioner's Chat featuring Dr. Curtrell Rhodan, Director of Educational Services is still available. <u>Click here</u> to view the special segment.

### 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

### **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, @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 <a href="OpenConversationSC.com">OpenConversationSC.com</a>. **Video:** <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/sh/nlv0zar6necuabw/AACOA9A2CvQB6m5FQd\_KxvSfa?dl=0&preview=daodas\_12564\_3+Conversation+Starters+16x9.mp4">Conversation+Starters+16x9.mp4</a>.

#### 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/11rw5lxnibgkfcbcbtx96/h?dl=0&preview=daodas\_12564\_3+Conversations+Web+Vape.mp4&rlkey=izbnh43y6qvkrqrq6qkv9gcfm.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### The Health Spot

### **Mental Health Awareness Month**

As we continue to highlight mental health awareness month, please see the below resources for you to share with your student-athletes.

### 1. National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) – #weseeyou Campaign

- Website: <u>nfhs.org</u>
- The NFHS launched the #weseeyou campaign to enhance mental health awareness and support among high school athletes. This initiative aims to reduce stigma and foster a supportive community for young athletes facing mental health challenges.
- Download their Mental Health toolkit: NFHS #weseeyou Toolkit

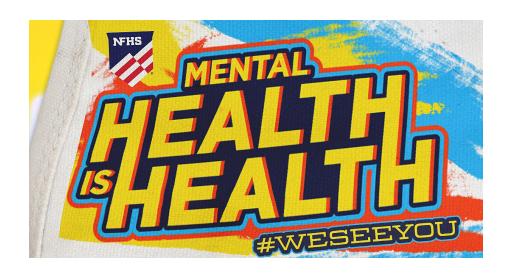
### 2. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) - Athletes

- Website: <u>nami.org</u>
- NAMI provides resources aimed at athletes, promoting mental health awareness through education and advocacy, and helping athletes to manage the unique pressures they face.
- Download their Mental Health toolkit: <u>NAMI Toolkit Download</u>

### 3. Mental Health America

- Website: <u>mhanational.org</u>
- Mental Health America provides resources that are helpful for athletes, including tools for early identification of mental health issues and educational materials aimed at promoting mental wellness.
- Download their Mental Health toolkit: <u>MHA Toolkit Download</u>

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



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### **Officials' Whistle**

Although we celebrated Spring Sports Officials' Week in April, we want you to remember that officials are the unsung heroes of high school athletics.

They deserve the cooperation and respect from the student-athletes, coaches, and spectators. Officials are charged with upholding the integrity of our contests and ensuring the safety of our student-athletes.

Whenever you can, please remember to thank your officials.

Direct all questions for this section to the Associate Commissioner Sarah Hayes at Sarah@schsl.org

### **Tools for Success**

### **Attitude of Gratitude**

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. As we focus on mental health and the hashtag, #weseeyou, I ask that we all take in a big breath of thankfulness.

Research has shown that being thankful can reduce feelings of stress. It may be a good practice to just take a moment with your team, coaches, and athletic staff and think of all the things that you are grateful for. Taking small moments to connect can have a huge impact on your community's well being.

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



