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Upcoming Events

Class 1A Meeting: Aug. 27, 2024 – 10:00 am

Class AAA Meeting: Aug. 28, 2024 – 10:00 am

Class AA Meeting: Aug. 29, 2024 – 9:00 am

Sep. 2, 2024: SCHSL Office Closed - Labor Day

Class AAAAA: Sep. 4, 2024 – 9:00 am

Class AAAA Meeting: Sep. 5, 2024 – 10:00 am

NFHS Section Meeting - Cherokee, NC

Sep. 6, 2024 – Sep. 10, 2024

JOBS

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

FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMISSIONER



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FROM: Dr. Jerome Singleton, Commissioner *J.S.*
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SUBJECT: Football Equipment

DATE: August 16, 2024

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Greetings,

I have been made aware that there has been an increase in use of protective helmet coverings on football helmets in practices, scrimmages, and jamborees. Several schools have inquired about using these protective helmet coverings during contests. National Federation playing rules do not prohibit the use of protective helmet coverings in games. NFHS rules do require the use of a helmet that meets the NOCSAE standard at the time of manufacture.

While the SCHSL does not promote or discourage the use of protective helmet coverings; due to this requirement, for use in contests, schools should check with the helmet manufacturer to ensure that the use of any helmet covering devices in contests does not void the NOCSAE standard or any manufacturers warranties of the helmet. This should be done prior to allowing any athlete to use any brand of helmet covering in a contest.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Something to Think About is a periodic write-up from the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Communications & Public Relations Department. The write-up is located under the Communications Link on the SCHSL website, www.schsl.org.

As we start the new school year, there are already fake SCHSL social media pages circulating, and fake companies pretending to be the broadcast partners of the SCHSL.

The first column for the 2024-25 school year provides vital information about the **official** social media accounts and **official** broadcast partner of the SCHSL.

Below is a graphic with the **official SCHSL social media pages**. All other pages using the SCHSL logo or anything similar, are unofficial, and the South Carolina High School League highly suggests unfollowing and discourages following them.

Please note, SCHSL uses  as the profile picture on its official Facebook, and official X (formerly Twitter) page and Instagram uses  as the profile picture on the SCHSL official page.

Additionally, the SCHSL has only **ONE** official network that broadcasts its events, www.nfhsnetwork.com. In the event you receive an email or social media graphic with the opportunity to order an event from one of the fake pages offers, **DO NOT CLICK THE LINK**, it is a **fraudulent link** that aims to obtain your personal information (i.e., credit card information, debit card, etc.).

When in doubt, reach out to Romanda@schsl.org, for verification.

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2024-25 League Pass

Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

Information pertaining to the process for applying for SCHSL passes was sent via e-mail from the Director of Technology on August 9, 2024. Please refer to the email as it contains important information about the process.

The process will be with a company that specializes in digital passes. It will be very similar to the process last year, but we will have complete control of the workflow. A form will be filled out by the principals and superintendents with the name, email address, cell phone number, and position of each person who should receive a pass. An email will then be sent to the recipient of the pass with instructions to download the pass and add a photo to the pass.

The instructions containing the link to the form will be sent to the principals and superintendents only. This will ensure that the principals and superintendents have control over who is allowed to get a pass. Keep in mind that the school will be charged for any number of passes that exceed the free threshold. Invoices will be sent in the spring.

Retiree Passes: We are in the process of converting to a new digital system. Individuals needing a retiree pass should fill out the High School League pass request form. Once the system conversion is complete, the applications will be processed, and the instructions to download the Retiree Pass will be emailed.

Book Order Links

The links to order SCHSL 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.

[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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2024-25 State Finals Information

The dates and times for the 2024-25 SCHSL State Finals for the sports listed below can be found by clicking the following link: [2024-25 SCHSL State Finals Dates and Times](#)

Swimming
Volleyball
Girls Tennis
Cross Country
Football
Basketball
Wrestling Duals
Lacrosse
Boys Tennis
Track and Field
Soccer



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DON'T LET AN EMERGENCY BE THE FIRST TIME YOU IMPLEMENT YOUR EAP!!!

Thank you for your active participation in the SCHSL Fall Sports Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Week.

Your dedication to practicing and perfecting these procedures is crucial for the safety of our student-athletes, coaches, and spectators.

Regularly reviewing and rehearsing your EAP ensures that everyone is prepared to respond swiftly and effectively in the event of an emergency during athletic activities. Your commitment to this process helps create a safer environment for all.

Please see below and on the next page for some of the EAP practice week photos submitted by member schools.

Chapman High School



Swansea High School



Castle Heights Middle School



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High Point Academy



AC Flora High School



Rawlinson Road Middle School



Gray Collegiate Academy

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Sanctioning

With the kick-off for fall sports season, please be reminded that any event outside of regular season play, must be sanctioned by the League. Sanctioning requests must be submitted online using the following link: <https://schsldirectory.knack.com/sanctioning#sanctioning/>.

Reminder: If your school hosts a jamboree for any sport, a jamboree financial statement must be completed and sent to the League within 15 days of the event. All financial forms are located on the SCHSL website by sports season. A link to the jamboree financial form can be found here: <https://schsl.org/archives/3284>.

Please direct all questions/concerns to Cindi C. Drakeford, Director of Finance at Cindi@schsl.org.

Nominate Your Chain Crew



Once again this football season the SCHSL is proud to partner with South Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance to recognize the Chain Crew of the Week. We encourage you to nominate your crew for this honor by filling out this form: <https://form.jotform.com/222336706249053>.

Each week, we will choose one of the nominated crews and put them in the spotlight by sending you special vests for them to wear, along with a PA message for you to utilize during that week's game. We will also ask that their picture be taken in the Chain Crew of the Week vests and provided to the SCHSL office for use in social media and website recognition. If you have any questions about this initiative, please email Derek@schsl.org.

Thanks, as always, for supporting the Chain Crew of the Week promotion and good luck this season!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Health Spot

With fall sports competition starting up, we encourage you to take some time before each game to review your medical emergency procedures. This includes emergencies for event participants (players, coaches, officials), band members, and spectators. Please feel free to review and utilize the Pre-Event Medical Meeting form at the link below that highlights personnel and procedures that you will use in an emergency situation.

<https://schsl.org/archives/14282>

Fall sports are finally here, and with that comes South Carolina heat and humidity! Please ensure you are following the pre-season practice plans for all fall sports. These guidelines dictate practice times, contact, and equipment use to ensure the proper acclimatization for student-athletes. Also, be aware of the updated heat-acclimatization guidelines. These practice plans and guidelines can be found under our health and safety tab here: <https://schsl.org/archives/category/health-safety>.

All questions related to the information contained in this section should be directed to the Director of Health, Safety, and Wellness at Tim@schsl.org.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Officials' Whistle

Tips to Promote Positive Behavior at Contests

As regular season contests begin, here are a few tips to promote positive behavior at contests. These tips help to create a positive environment that all will enjoy and officials will enjoy coming to, time and time again.

1. Select a student to read the PA Announcement at contests. Involving students in the process will encourage everyone to pay attention to the important message and give them a leadership role in your athletic department.
2. Take care of inappropriate behavior swiftly to show others what is not tolerated at your contests. What you permit, you promote!
3. Develop and post a positive behavior/sportsmanship message at your athletic facilities that can be seen by all who attend, coach and play at the contests.

All questions related to the information contained in this section should be directed to Associate Commissioner Sarah Hayes at sarah@schsl.org.

Tools for Success

The Fall Captains' Course: A Resounding Success!

We're thrilled to share that the Fall Captains' Course was a tremendous hit! We were honored to host two outstanding speakers who left a lasting impact on our participants.

Paula Kirkland, a 15-time state championship coach and NFHS Hall of Famer, delivered an inspiring framework for leadership both on and off the court, field, and course. Her emphasis on using your voice positively and building strong connections was truly eye-opening.

Brandon Morton, Jackson State University Coach/Recruiter, shared invaluable insights on the importance of fundamental values and creating a unique process to achieve unique results. His guidance is sure to resonate with our captains as they prepare for the upcoming season.

For those who missed out, don't worry! You can still access this incredible course. Click the link below to watch the session and gain the same insights that prepared our Fall Captains for success.

[Access the Fall Captains' Course](#)

Here's to a successful season ahead!

All questions related to the information contained in this section should be directed to the Director of Educational Services Dr. Curtrell Rhodan at curtrell@schsl.org.