




SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

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TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

FROM: Dr. Jerome Singleton, Commissioner 
SC High School League

SUBJECT: Student Transfer Bylaws Review Committee

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Greetings,

I hope this message finds you well. I write this memo to inform you about a significant development within the South Carolina High School League - the establishment of a Student Transfer Bylaws Review Committee. The creation of this committee addresses one of the SCHSL executive committee's priorities for the 2024-2025 school year, and will play a pivotal role in examining and enhancing competitive balance among high school athletics teams within the membership.

The primary objective of this subcommittee is to ensure that the athletic competitions within our member high schools are characterized by fairness and equity, providing all student-athletes with an equal opportunity to participate and excel. We recognize the importance of maintaining competitive parity as it not only promotes a level playing field but also fosters a strong sense of sportsmanship and camaraderie among our member schools.

The Student Transfer Bylaws Review Committee will comprise of representatives from the SCHSL executive committee, including superintendents, principles, athletics directors, and coaches representatives. Additionally, representatives from the membership in like positions will also be on this committee. This diverse group of individuals will collaborate to assess the current state of high school athletics within the membership, identify areas where improvements may be needed, and formulate strategies to address any discovered disparities in competitiveness.

Key responsibilities of the Student Transfer Bylaws Review Committee will include:

- Reviewing and evaluating the existing policies, guidelines, and procedures governing student transfer eligibility within the association.
- Analyzing historical data from the past to identify trends or disparities in application of the transfer rule.
- Seeking input from member school representatives to gain a comprehensive understanding of their perspectives on transfer student eligibility.
- Engaging with other states' associations in the field of high school athletics to gain insights and access best practices from other states.
- Proposing actionable recommendations and potential bylaws changes to ensure competitive balance across our member schools.

Any proposal(s) created will be presented to the full Executive Committee for review and possible action(s).

The SCHSL executive committee believes that the establishment of this committee reflects the SCHSL's commitment to providing a high-quality, equitable, and enriching athletic experience for all students within our state. It is our collective responsibility to create an environment where every student-athlete can thrive and contribute to the legacy of high school sports.

The first meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2024. In the forthcoming days, members from the subcommittee will be reaching out to the groups that they represent for input. During this meeting, the subcommittee members will outline the initial steps of the process. We strongly encourage all member high schools to actively engage their representative(s), as your input and involvement are essential in shaping the future of high school athletics in our state.

We eagerly anticipate working closely with you to ensure that our state's high school sports continue to be a source of pride, achievement, and fairness for all.

If you have any inquiries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact your subcommittee representative(s). Their information is listed below.

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Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the advancement of high school athletics within our state.