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Upcoming Events

Living Clean Week
Sep. 16, 2024 – Sep. 20, 2024

Officials' Appreciation Week
Oct. 7, 2024 – Oct. 12, 2024

Principals/AD Meeting
Oct. 9, 2024 – 9:00am



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

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Middle School Leadership Summit



The graphic features a blue background with a white outline. At the top left is the SCHSL logo. Below it, the text reads: "SEPTEMBER 19, 2024: 10:00 AM", "VIRTUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT", and "FEATURING SCHSL STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COUNCIL OFFICERS". On the right side, there are four portrait photos of students, each with a caption: Ako Taylor (Historian) from Westwood High School, Paris Mayes (Secretary) from Blacksburg High School, Matthew Blocker (Vice President) from Irmo High School, and Kelly Gristwood (President) from Sumter High School.

The Virtual Middle School Leadership Summit is September 19, 2024, at 10 a.m. This year's Middle School Summit will feature the Officers of the SCHSL Student-Athlete Advisory Council.

Online registration for the virtual Middle School Leadership Summit is available now through Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at the following link: [Middle School Leadership Summit Link](#).

All students must be registered through their school. Complete Information can be found in the Tools for Success Section on page 9.



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2024-25 League Pass

The instructions on how to download the 2024-25 SCHSL League Pass has been emailed to Superintendents and Principals. If you have not received a link to download a pass, please see the appropriate individuals.

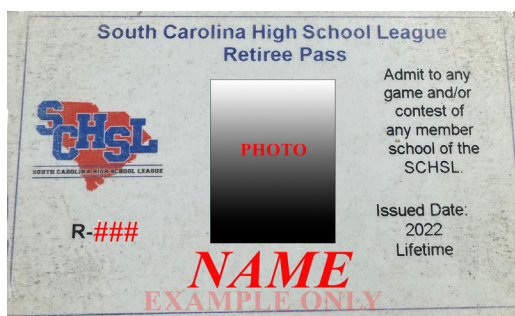
Additionally, please be reminded that in order to upload a photo, you must first download the pass. If you have any questions, contact Keith Warren, Director of Technology at keith@schsl.org.

Retiree Pass Information

Retiree Passes: The conversion of the new digital system is complete. New retiree's and those with Retiree Passes that contain an expiration date should fill out the form at the link below to obtain a pass.

Individuals with a Retiree Pass denoting **Lifetime** under the issued date (see image below) do not need to request a new pass. Schools are to accept these passes for all League sponsored contests.

[Retiree Pass Link](#)



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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Fall Sports Brackets Available

The 2024 Fall Sports Brackets are available. Brackets can be accessed under the brackets link on the SCHSL website, www.schsl.org, or by clicking the following link: <https://schsl.org/brackets>

For additional information on brackets, please contact Romanda Noble-Watson, Director of Communications and Public Relations at Romanda@schsl.org.

Sanctioning

Please be reminded that any event outside of regular season play, must be sanctioned by the SCHSL. Sanctioning requests must be submitted online using the following link: <https://schsldirectory.knack.com/sanctioning#sanctioning/>.

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

Jamboree Financial Forms Due

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.

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Congratulations



Congratulations to the **Chapman High School Chain Crew** (Lewis Henderson, Doug Waldrop, Mason Shearer, Bo Cantrell, and Rick Moon), this week's SCHSL Chain Crew of the Week sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

Each week, one of the nominated crews will be chosen and spotlighted with a 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 the E-Weekly Newsletter, social media, and website recognition. If you have any questions about this initiative, please email Derek@schsl.org.

We encourage you to nominate your crew for this honor by filling out this form: <https://form.jotform.com/222336706249053>.



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MaxPreps Stats Widget



The SCHSL is introducing MaxPreps stats leaderboards to the association website! The widgets are available on the SCHSL website at www.schsl.org. An email was sent to the High School Principals on September 6, 2024.

We are encouraging all coaches to enter stats information on the MaxPreps website after each game to highlight your team's and athletes accomplishments throughout the season. This stats leaderboard also will be a great resource to our high school community.

If you need access to your team account, please contact MaxPreps SCHSL rep Aaron Hendricks at ahendricks@maxpreps.com.

You can also download the MaxPreps app to help keep your information updated.

High School Today Magazine is Digital

After 17 years, High School Today (HST) magazine, produced by the NFHS, has gone to a digital format. May 2024 was the last printed issue of the Magazine.

Don't worry! HST will continue to be the "national voice of education-based athletic and fine arts activities" and provide current and relevant information to athletic directors, coaches, principals, superintendents and officials.

To continue to get HST delivered to your email fill out the form at this link: <https://www.nfhs.org/articles/high-school-today-information-request-form/#>.

Note: The May 2024 printed issue contains an e-mail signup QR Code on the cover.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Officials' Whistle

Throughout the year, we will shine the spotlight on the unsung heroes of high school sports, our officials. We will profile officials from different sports so that you can get to know them and why they do what they do. Our first official is Mr. Steven Sawyer, he is the Officials Representative on the Executive Committee.



1) How long have you been an official in the SCHSL?

I have officiated for 20+ years. SCHSL Baseball for 20 seasons, SCHSL Football for 15 seasons, and SCHSL Basketball for 15 seasons.

2) What sports do you currently officiate?

I currently officiate Football (15 years), Basketball (15 years), and Baseball (20 years). I'm seriously considering adding Softball and/or Volleyball in the future.

3) Is officiating your full-time job? If not, what is your profession?

No, officiating is not my full-time job, but I think along with many other life improvements, officiating is a great way to substantially supplement your income. I am a Truck Driver. I've spent most of my life as a Carpenter, but I have recently obtained my CDL and became a Truck Driver.

4) Why are you a high school official?

There are many reasons why I officiate High School Sports. I have always loved sports. Being able to be a part of something that you love is amazing. As a lot of us have, I grew up playing sports and just simply being competitive.

I love the friendships and camaraderie that has come with being a High School Sports official. I have great relationships and friendships with people across the State of South Carolina and in other States, because of officiating. The feeling of doing something valuable and positive is a great feeling.

The fact that I'm able to significantly supplement my income doing something that I enjoy doing and brings great value into my life is invaluable. No matter what I do in life I want to be the very best I can be. But I believe we need to let prospects know that there is monetary value in officiating High School Sports.

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Tools for Success

Courses and Summits

The League is excited about the educational opportunities that we provide for our members. We believe that interscholastic sports create opportunities for educational development through athletics.

Our objective is to proactively address the needs of our student-athletes and provide the resources for their ultimate success.

We currently provide different courses for developing leadership and sportsmanship. These courses include but are not limited to: Captains workshops for each season, and leadership summits for both middle and high school.

When our members participate in these workshops, they will have the opportunity to receive the sportsmanship award. Our hope is to reward all our members for their commitment to education in sports. Please be reminded that registration is now open for the Middle School Leadership Summit scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 19 at 10:00 a.m. Schools can register at: [Middle School Leadership Summit Link](#).

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.

Living Clean Week Approaching

Living Clean Week is next week, September 16-20, 2024. The theme for the week is centered around sportsmanship. During the week, we encourage you to emphasize kindness on and off the field. Please submit pictures and videos of student-athletes showing their commitment to sportsmanship.

Examples of sportsmanship and activities include, but are not limited to: Sportsmanship Pledge Signing Day; helping an opponent up during a game; shaking hands before or after a contest; accepting calls and not arguing with officials; supporting teammates by saying “good job” or “good try”; never criticize a teammate for trying; treat the other team with respect, and never tease or bully; promoting sportsmanship and posting positive social media.

Be sure to submit your Living Clean information by 2 p.m., Monday, September 23, 2024, at the following link: <https://schsl.org/archives/1417>.

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The Health Spot

It's storm season in South Carolina and severe weather during athletic events is a high concern. As outdoor sports and activities expose athletes and spectators to the unpredictable and potentially deadly threats of lightning strikes, having a well-defined Emergency Action Plan (EAP) is crucial. One of the most widely accepted safety protocols dictates that when lightning is detected within 10 miles of a sporting event or practice, all participants should immediately seek shelter indoors. This distance allows for adequate time to clear the field or venue before lightning strikes become an imminent danger.

Things to think about:

- Have an EAP that clearly defines where athletes, officials, and spectators go indoors when lightning is close.
- Have a reliable way to detect lightning. There are many commercial lightning detectors (Perry Weather, Earth Networks), as well as mobile phone apps available to assist in detecting lightning. If you see or hear lightning, immediately go to the nearest shelter. Always use the 30-minute rule: Wait at least 30 minutes after the last lightning strike within 10 miles before returning to play.
- Designate an athletic trainer, or if unavailable a qualified individual, to watch for lightning strikes and determine when to seek shelter and return safely.

For more information: <https://www.weather.gov/safety/lightning>

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

