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Upcoming Events

Middle School Leadership Summit
Sept. 19, 2024 – 10:00 am

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

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

Swim Championships:
Oct. 15, 17, & 19, 2024



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

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LIVING CLEAN WEEK SEPTEMBER 16 - 20

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MONDAY

WHAT DOES SPORTSMANSHIP LOOK LIKE TO YOU?

COACHES TALK WITH STUDENT-ATHLETES ABOUT SPORTSMANSHIP.

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TUESDAY

STUDENT-ATHLETES ACTION STEP:

TALK TO THE "NEW KID" ON THE TEAM.

ENCOURAGE A KID WHO DOES NOT GET THE PLAYING TIME.

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WEDNESDAY

PLEDGE TO HAVE A COMMUNITY OF SPORTSMANSHIP

PLEDGE TO USE THE PA SPORTSMANSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT DURING YOUR GAMES.

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THURSDAY

STUDENT-ATHLETE ACTION STEP:

HAVE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETES GO TO A JV or MIDDLE SCHOOL GAME.

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FRIDAY

THANK YOUR OFFICIALS.

BE INTENTIONAL ABOUT SHOWING A SMALL TOKEN OF APPRECIATION FOR YOUR OFFICIALS/REFS.

SPORTSMANSHIP

#INITTOGETHER

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Middle School Leadership Summit



The graphic features the SCHSL logo (a red outline of South Carolina with 'SCHSL' in blue) at the top left. Below it, the date and time 'SEPTEMBER 19, 2024: 10:00 AM' are displayed. The main title 'VIRTUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT' is in large, bold, white letters. Below the title, it says 'FEATURING SCHSL STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COUNCIL OFFICERS'. On the right side, there are four portrait photos of the officers, 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 this Thursday, 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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Middle School Invitational

The South Carolina High School League will offer the annual middle school volleyball regional invitational on Saturday, October 26, 2024. In preparation for this event, we are requesting a response from your program regarding your interest in participating or not participating.

If your school offers middle school volleyball, please use the link below to respond to the volleyball invitational interest form. The response is due on or before Wednesday, September 25, 2024.

[Volleyball Invitational Interest Form](#)

The following sites have been confirmed, and additional sites may be added to accommodate other areas of the state.

Spartanburg High School
Ninety-Six High School
Airport High School
Battery Creek High School
Lugoff-Elgin High School



There will be an application sent out in October toward the end of your season for teams who are interested. The application will need to be completed by October 20, 2024 and selection for the invitational will be October 21, 2024.

Winter Sports Rules Clinic

The 2024-25 Winter sports rules clinic will be available on Big Teams beginning Tuesday, October 1, 2024, and will be available through Thursday, October 31, 2024.

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Book Orders

The 2024-25 Fall sports rulebook and scorebook are now available for purchase. The Winter & Spring sports rule books will be available in October 2024.

Please allow 5-7 business days from the order date to receive your item. You may still place orders if an item is unavailable, and the item will be sent immediately upon availability.

The links to order all books, including the SCHSL Rule Books, Case Books, and Umpire Manuals, are available on the home page of the SCHSL website, www.schsl.org. The links are located on the right side of the page under Quick Links. You can also access the page by clicking below.

[SCHSL Rules Books, Case Books, and Umpire Manuals](#)

For questions or issues with the system, contact Office Coordinator Maeoceaisha Jenkins-Suber at Maeoceaisha@schsl.org or 803-896-5573.

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.

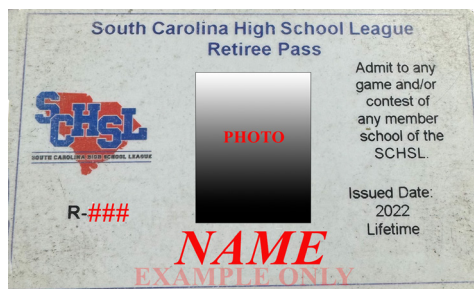
Additionally, please be reminded that in order to upload a photo, you must first download the pass. If you have any questions, contact Keith Warren, Director of Technology at keith@schsl.org.

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](#)



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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.

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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.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the **Emerald High School Chain Crew** (Danny Polatty, Lee Polatty, Tommy Holland, Andrew Holland, Corry Holland, and Patrick Griswald), 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 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>.



CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations, Mr. Lewis Henderson. Mr. Henderson has proudly served on the Chapman High School Friday night chain crew for an incredible 61 years. At 86 years old, Mr. Henderson is a true Panther at heart, having attended Chapman High School himself and later dedicating his time to the community as both a U.S. Navy veteran and a Little League football coach in Inman. The Chapman chain crew (see below) was recently named the SCHSL Chain Crew of the Week sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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 this Thursday, Sept. 19 at 10:00 a.m. Schools can register at: [Middle School Leadership Summit Link](#).

IT'S Living Clean Week

Living Clean Week is this 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>.

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.

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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.

Officials' Whistle

The training of our officials is paramount to ensure our student-athletes play in a safe environment. Below you will find ways to aid in the training of our officials:

1) Don't hesitate to send video of contests. In-game video sent to us and our district officials directors make our officials better. We are able to use it and review plays to ensure veteran and new officials alike continue to grow in the profession.

2) We encourage you to make your facilities available to our officials for training purposes. Oftentimes, training spaces are limited. Making your facilities available can give our officials field space, gym space, and classroom space to train and improve for our teams.

For additional questions concerning the Officials' Whistle contact Associate Commissioner Sarah Hayes at sarah@schsl.org.