



# TuesNews

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## Upcoming Events

Officials' Appreciation Week

Oct. 7, 2024 – Oct. 12, 2024

Principals/AD Meeting (Virtual)

Oct. 9, 2024 – 9:00 am

**Swim Championships: USC Natatorium**

**Oct. 15, 17, & 19, 2024**

JOBS

For job openings around the  
SCHSL, visit [www.schsl.org/jobs](http://www.schsl.org/jobs)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Public Notice Posted

A Public Notice has been posted from the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL). The SCHSL Executive Committee will hold a virtual Special Called Meeting, Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 1:00 pm.

All public viewing will be done via live stream on the NFHS Network website: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/events/schsl/evt2620032015>.

## Middle School Leadership Summit



SCHSL

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024: 10:00 AM

**VIRTUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

FEATURING SCHSL STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COUNCIL OFFICERS

Ako Taylor (Historian)  
WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Paris Mayes (Secretary)  
BLACKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Matthew Blocker (Vice President)  
IRMO HIGH SCHOOL

Kelly Gristwood (President)  
SUMTER HIGH SCHOOL

The SCHSL held its Virtual Middle School Leadership Summit last Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 10 a.m. This year's Middle School Summit featured the Officers of the SCHSL Student-Athlete Advisory Council. For additional information on the Middle School Summit, see the Tools for Success section on page 10.

You may access the rewind of the Summit by clicking the following link:

<https://youtu.be/Z3ryuW4-Fo0>

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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 this **Wednesday, September 25, 2024**.

[Middle School Volleyball Invitational Interest Form](#)

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

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

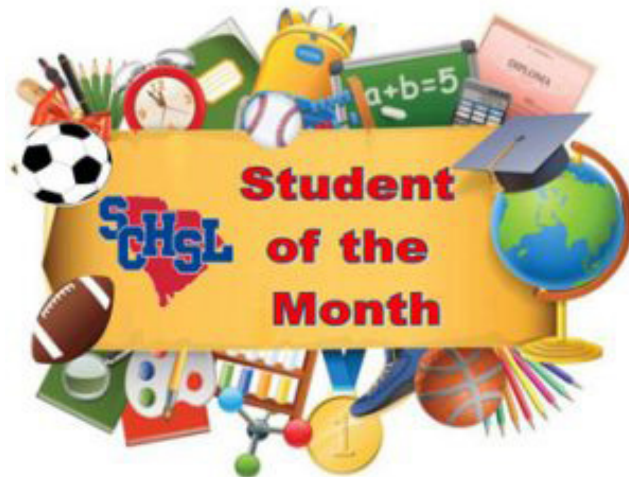
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## Winter Sports Rules Clinic

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

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## Student-Athlete of the Month Deadline



This Student-Athlete of the Month Award is presented monthly to one male and one female student-athlete who display excellence in the areas of academics, athletics, and leadership/community service. Students in grades 9-12 who attend SCHSL member schools are eligible to receive the award. Monthly award winners will receive recognition via social media, be featured on the SCHSL.org website, and in TuesNews Weekly E-Newsletter.

The deadline to nominate for the September 2024 Student-Athlete of the Month is this **Monday, September 30, 2024**. The September 2024 SOTM will be announced on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024.

The link to nominate the student-athlete is below. Please be sure to include a high resolution head shot and an action of the nominee on the link.

For additional questions about the Student-Athlete of the Month, please contact the Director of Educational Services, Dr. Curtrell Rhodan at [curtrell@schsl.org](mailto:curtrell@schsl.org).

[Student-Athlete of the Month Nomination Form](#)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.

Check out the September Issue page 42 which features an article co-written by the SCHSL Director of Communications and Public Relations and page 66 which features excerpts from the President and Vice President of the SCHSL SAAC. The September issue can be found at the following link: [High School Today Magazine](#).

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/#>.

## MaxPreps Stats Widget



The SCHSL is introducing MaxPreps stats leaderboards to the association website! The widgets are available on the respective sports page on the SCHSL website at [www.schsl.org](http://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](mailto:ahendricks@maxpreps.com).

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

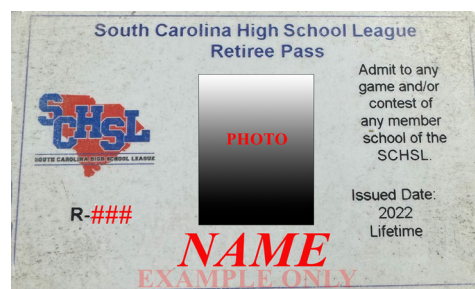
Additionally, please be reminded that in order to upload a photo, you must first download the pass. If you have any questions, contact Keith Warren, Director of Technology at [keith@schsl.org](mailto:keith@schsl.org).

## 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](#)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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](http://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](mailto:Romanda@schsl.org).

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## Sanctioning

Please be reminded that any event outside of regular season play, must be sanctioned by the SCHSL. Sanctioning requests must be submitted online. Additional information, including the sanctioning form can be found at the following link: [Sanctioning Information](#).

Please direct all questions/concerns to Cindi C. Drakeford, Director of Finance at [cindi@schsl.org](mailto:cindi@schsl.org).

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## 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: [Jamboree Information](#).

Please direct all questions/concerns to Cindi C. Drakeford, Director of Finance at [cindi@schsl.org](mailto:cindi@schsl.org).

# CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the **Chesnee High School Chain Crew** (Jack Johnson, Drew Foy, Lawrence Cooper and Noah Cooper), 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](mailto:Derek@schsl.org).

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





# 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 schools.

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.

## Living Clean Week

Living Clean Week was last week, September 16-20, 2024. The theme for the week was centered around sportsmanship. During the week, schools from around the state emphasized kindness on and off the field. If you have not done so, please submit pictures and videos of student-athletes showing their commitment to sportsmanship.

Examples of sportsmanship and activities included, 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.

Images from Living Clean Week will be shared on the SCHSL social media platforms and in next week’s TuesNews Weekly E-Newsletter.

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](mailto:curtrell@schsl.org).

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## The Health Spot

### Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

The American Heart Association recommends that effective AED programs deliver a shock within 3-5 minutes after the collapse of the individual. Given this recommendation, South Carolina high school and middle school athletic programs should reflect on a few questions in case one of these events should happen:

- Do you have a written, reviewed, and practiced Emergency Action Plan (EAP)?
- Do you have an AED on-site, where is it located, and is it easily and readily accessible?
- Are all of your coaches, both paid and volunteer, CPR/AED trained and ready to deliver high-quality CPR?

Keeping your student-athletes safe during activities should be the highest priority for all athletic programs, and coaches should always be prepared with the proper knowledge and equipment to respond to a medical emergency immediately.

Direct all additional questions to Tim Kinney, Director of Health, Safety, and Wellness, at [tim@schsl.org](mailto: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](mailto:sarah@schsl.org).

## Tools for Success

The SCHSL Middle School Leadership Summit was an incredible success! An overwhelming number of schools participated, and the energy and engagement from everyone was amazing. Our middle school student-athletes were not only interactive but asked some truly thoughtful and insightful questions.

One of the highlights was hearing from high school student-athletes who once stood in their shoes. Their advice and experiences resonated with the middle schoolers and left a lasting impact. If you're a Middle School Athletic Director or Principal considering starting a Student-Athlete Advisory Council, I highly recommend having your student-athletes watch the summit rewind at the link found on page 2. It's also a great resource for coaches during postponed practice days or rainy afternoons.

A huge thank you to all the schools and students who participated and made this summit one to remember!

Direct all questions for this section to Dr. Curtrell Rhodan, Director of Educational Services at [curtrell@schsl.org](mailto:curtrell@schsl.org).