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Upcoming Events

Class AAAAA Meeting: 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

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



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

STAY ON THE BENCH!!

As we move deeper into the fall athletic season, it's encouraging to see a positive trend in our football games. After a challenging first week with 28 ejections, we've seen a significant drop to just 12 ejections in the following week. This progress reflects the hard work of our League in educating spectators, student-athletes, and coaches on the importance of sportsmanship.

However, we must continue to focus on the areas that need improvement. The most common types of ejections we're seeing are due to violent conduct and dissent toward officials. This is a concerning trend, and we urge all member schools to reinforce the importance of maintaining composure during games.

Another critical area that requires immediate attention is the number of student-athletes leaving the bench to join heated situations on the field. To address this, we recommend implementing specific drills that emphasize the importance of staying in place. Code phrases like "stay in place" or "take a seat" can serve as quick reminders to players about their responsibility to remain on the bench during altercations.

It is crucial to remember that coaches and officials are responsible for handling conflicts. When players leave the bench to get involved, it not only escalates the situation but also results in severe consequences, including ejection and a one-game suspension.

By consistently reinforcing these guidelines and practicing these drills, we can work together to reduce ejections and maintain the integrity of our games. Let's make it clear: staying on the bench is not just about following the rules—it's about ensuring the safety and sportsmanship of everyone involved.

STAY ON THE BENCH!!

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, Maeoisha Jenkins-Suber at Maeoisha@schsl.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024-25 League Pass

Superintendents and Principals

We have received many emails regarding the link to upload the photo to the pass. The link will only work if you already have a pass. It does not request the pass for you.

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 Magic Link is a way to verify your identity without having to create an account and password. It's a shortcut.

Below is the process for obtaining the 2024-25 passes:

1. Superintendent or Principal fills out a Cognito form containing each person who will receive a pass.
2. Data is uploaded into Cuseum's database.
3. Emails are sent to each recipient listed on Cognito form with download instructions.
4. Once you download the Pass, the Pass recipient can upload their photo using the photo upload link.

- The email with the pass download instructions will come from membership@cuseum.com.
- The email with the magic link will come from memberportal@cuseum.com.

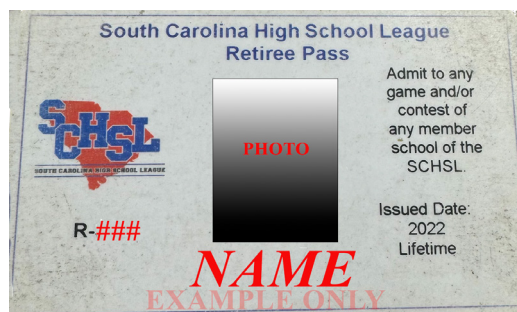
If you have any questions, please email the Director of Technology, Keith Warren at keith@schsl.org

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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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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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/>.

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!

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MaxPreps Stats Widget



The SCHSL is introducing MaxPreps stats leaderboards to the association website! An email will be sent once the stats integration is updated on the SCHSL website.

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

The Health Spot

Tragically, an Alabama high school football player passed away after sustaining a head injury during a football game. Although the exact cause of death is unknown at this time, let this incident serve as a reminder to make sure we are diligent with recognizing the signs and symptoms of a suspected concussion.

In the worst case scenario, an athlete may develop second impact syndrome where they sustain a second concussion before the original one has healed. This second impact can cause rapid and severe brain swelling, leading to catastrophic consequences such as brain damage, permanent disability, or even death.

It is imperative that an athlete who exhibits and/or reports any signs of a concussion be evaluated by an appropriate health care professional before returning to play. For more information on concussions and second impact syndrome visit the CDC website below:

<https://www.cdc.gov/heads-up/>

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.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Officials' Whistle

Spreading the Good News!

Good News! We have seen an increase in officials here in South Carolina and are 1 of 16 states nationwide that have increased the number of officials to above pre-pandemic levels.

Although our numbers have risen, we are still not where we need to be in all sports. Encourage former student-athletes, parents, and community members to jump into the officiating ranks. It is a great way to give back to the community, make extra money, and build relationships that last a lifetime.

Encourage your stakeholders to go to www.highschoolofficials.com today to take on the challenge!

#BecomeanOfficial

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

SAAC is Off to a Great Start!

On August 21, 2024, the South Carolina High School League's (SCHSL) Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) members held their first official meeting of the 2024-2025 school year. SCHSL SAAC President, Kelly Gristwood (Sumter High School), presided over the meeting.

During this meeting, the Council solidified their theme for the year: **#InItTogether**. This theme was selected to emphasize the importance of mental and physical wellness among student-athletes across the state, promoting a sense of unity and support within the community.

The Council envisions fostering an environment where no one feels alone and hope that schools statewide will adopt the hashtag to inspire collaboration among teams, parents, and coaches through sports.

In addition to selecting the theme, the council members voted on the dates and times for the next three meetings. Each member also had the opportunity to present their own ideas and initiatives for their respective schools for the year.

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.