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Upcoming Events

Principals/AD Meeting (Virtual)

Oct. 9, 2024 – 9:00 am

Swim Championships: USC Natatorium

Oct. 15, 17, & 19, 2024

Health Summit

Oct. 24, 2024 – 10:00 am

JOBS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Schedule Changes

Please make note, due to the impacts from Hurricane Helene, the SCHSL Executive Committee has voted to make the below changes to the 2024 Fall State Final Schedule:

Boys Volleyball: Moved to November 9
Girls Volleyball: Moved to November 14 and 16
Girls Tennis (Team): Moved to November 16
Girls Tennis (Individuals): Moved to November 18-19
Football: Moved to December 12, 13, and 14.

All other Fall State Final dates will remain the same. Please note dates subject to change.

Winter Sports Rules Clinic

The 2024-25 Winter sports rules clinic is now available on Big Teams. The rules clinic will be available through Thursday, October 31, 2024.

Principals & Athletic Directors Webinar

The SCHSL will hold a Principals and Athletic Directors webinar, tomorrow, Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 9:00 am. The link to attend the webinar is below.

The items that will be discussed include: Play-offs, Winter Sports Rules Clinics, Eligibility, Preseason Tournaments, Sportsmanship, Official's Appreciation Week, and Social Media.

For additional information, please contact Associate Commissioner, Amy Boozer at amy@schsl.org.

[Principals and Athletic Director Webinar Link](#)

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FALL SPORTS OFFICIALS' APPRECIATION WEEK (OCTOBER 7-12, 2024)



Reminder: This week is Fall Sports Officials' Appreciation Week (October 7-12, 2024). Show your appreciation to our officials throughout the state of South Carolina. Officials work to maintain the integrity of the sports they officiate and ensure student-athletes have a safe environment to play in. Without our officials, our student-athletes would not be able to enjoy the sports they love. So show your appreciation to the unsung heroes of interscholastic contests.

Participation in fall sports officials' appreciation week can be as simple or as extravagant as you want it to be. You can get your teams and student groups on campus to get involved. It is a great community project for school student councils, spirit groups or other groups that serve as ambassadors to your school and community. Some ideas that you can use for Fall Sports Officials' Appreciation Week are below.

Officials' appreciation week banners and signage on the fence, wall, etc., surrounding the contest playing area; Gift cards/cookies/donuts/other items presented to the crew by both the home and visiting team; Photos of the officiating crew with both teams and coaches prior to the start of the game (or at the end, depending on timing); Read a PSA at the start of the game, thanking the crew for working the contest; Student escorts of the crew onto the field/court/pitch; "Thank you" cards, signed by the team and coaching staff; Special appreciation signage in the officials' locker room; Recorded "thank you" messages from student-athletes and coaches to officials, posted on social media.

We encourage you to submit pictures of your school and athletes showing appreciation to our officials by clicking: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/SouthCarolinaHighSchoolLeague/FallSportsOfficialsAppreciationWeek>

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2024 Swim State Finals Credential Link

Below is the link to request credentials for the 2024 SCHSL Swim State Finals. The finals will be held at the University of South Carolina Natatorium, in Columbia, SC on Tuesday, October 15, Thursday, October 17, and Saturday, October 19.

The link will be available through, Saturday, October 12 at 11:59 p.m. Please remember, that participating schools are allotted two (2) credentials for working individuals only (i.e., yearbook staff, school photographer, etc.) **The credential is not for team managers, team personnel, or local media.**

Please keep in mind, the request must come from the Principal or Athletics Director (or their designee).

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. 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.

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](#).

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Book Orders

The 2024-25 Fall sports rule books and scorebooks are now available for purchase. The Winter & Spring sports rule books will be available later this month.

Please allow 5-7 business days from the order date to receive your item. You may still place orders even 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.

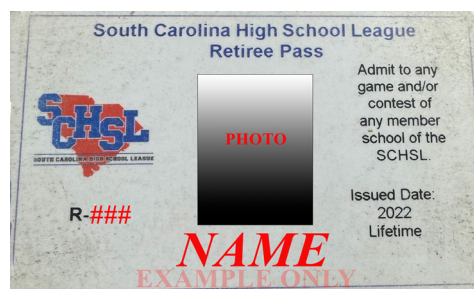
Additionally, please be reminded that in order to upload a photo, you must first download the pass. If you have any questions, contact Keith Warren, Director of Technology at keith@schsl.org.

Retiree Pass Information

Retiree Passes: The conversion of the new digital system is complete. New retirees 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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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. 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.

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Car Care Maintenance and Repair

AAA Car Care offers car maintenance and repair locally in your neighborhood. We are also open to both members and nonmembers. See our exclusive SCHSL School employee special as a thank you for everything you do:

SCHSL School Employee Exclusive

\$20 off Any Oil Change (Every Oil Change comes with a free tire rotation, up to 6 qts of motor oil and a digital vehicle inspection)

*See link for further details. Proof of employment required (ie school badge can work)

Link: https://carolinas.aaa.com/automotive/carcare/coupons/20-off-oil-change-package-teachers/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=cc_football_sponsorship_school_comm

SCHSL and Wilson Partnership Extended

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) has extended its partnership with Wilson as the official ball of the SCHSL.

The relationship applies to the sports of Baseball, Softball, Boy's & Girls' Basketball, Boy's & Girls' Soccer, Boy's & Girls' Volleyball and Boy's & Girls' Tennis.

As part of the agreement, the SCHSL will continue to exclusively use Wilson balls in all postseason playoff games and the State Finals level in those sports.

This extension takes the partnership through the conclusion of the 2028-29 season.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Student-Athlete of the Month



Kinsley Price of Great Falls High School has been named the SCHSL September 2024 Girls Student-Athletes of the Month. **Price** is currently in number one in her senior class, carrying an impressive 5.12 GPA. She is a dedicated three-sport athlete, competing in volleyball, softball, and cross-country. Kinsley is a four-year letter winner in both varsity volleyball and softball, as well as a three-year letter winner in cross-country. She has earned all-region honors in cross-country and currently serves as the captain of the volleyball team, where her leadership has been instrumental in the team breaking multiple school records. In recognition of her efforts, Kinsley has been named her school's student-athlete of the week on multiple occasions.

Kinsley's academic achievements are equally noteworthy. She has been selected to the athletic department's all-academic team every quarter of high school and has earned a place on the Superintendent's Honor Roll every quarter. In her junior year, she was named a junior honor marshal and junior scholar, marking her one of the top academic performers in her school.

In addition to her achievements in sports and academics, Kinsley is a respected leader in various student organizations. She serves as the JROTC Battalion Commander, Youth Advisory Board President, Beta Club Vice President, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes President. She is also an active member of the student council and student ambassadors. Her leadership extends to the state level, where she is one of only 15 student-athletes selected to serve on the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Student Athlete Advisory Council.

Kinsley's passion for service is evident through her volunteer work. She regularly volunteers at the Lord's Lunchbox, a local food pantry, and has dedicated her time to the VA Hospital and multiple Red Cross Blood Drives, making a positive impact on her community.

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Student-Athlete of the Month



Matthew Sullivan of Gray Collegiate Academy has been named the September 2024 Boy's Student-Athlete of the Month.

Matthew (Joey) Sullivan is a dedicated student-athlete at Gray Collegiate Academy, where he excels in both cross country and soccer while maintaining an impressive GPA of 5.27. His academic accomplishments include membership in the National Honor Society and BETA Club, as well as recognition as a Junior Marshal. Matthew has participated in the SCHSL Captains Seminar for both cross country and soccer twice, and he has completed the NFHS Captains Course. He is on track to graduate with over 40 hours of college credit.

In athletics, Matthew's leadership and skill are evident. He has served as captain of the soccer team for three consecutive years and as the cross country team captain. His soccer achievements include earning All-Region honors twice, as well as being named to the Nike Palmetto Cup, Capital City Cup, and Smoky Mountain Cup All-Tournament Teams. His consistent excellence has also earned him All-Area recognition.

Outside of school, Matthew is deeply involved in the Boy Scouts of America and is currently completing his Eagle Scout project. He has served as a staff member for both the Congaree Rapid FC Soccer Camp and the Gray Collegiate Academy Soccer Camp for three years. Additionally, Matthew is a youth group leader at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, where he continues to demonstrate his commitment to leadership and service.

Matthew's passion for sports, academics, and community service exemplifies his well-rounded character, making him a role model among his peers. He is driven to succeed in all areas of his life, and his contributions to his school and community will leave a lasting impact.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the **Lexington High School Chain Crew** (Sam King, Andy Shobert, Shawn Olsen, and Chip Rast), 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>.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Carolina Panthers Charities Offering High School Athletics Disaster Relief Grants

In the wake of Hurricane Helene, Carolina Panthers Charities is offering a grant application process to assist high school athletic programs in North and South Carolina. Grant funding will be considered for qualifying applications for the replacement or repair of athletic equipment and athletic infrastructure which was lost/damaged due to Hurricane Helene and subsequent flooding.

High school athletic programs have the opportunity to apply for project grant funding ranging from \$5,000 - \$25,000. Funding decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis with a focus on serving the greatest needs.

Please see the below application should your school have an interest in applying. Applications are due November 1, 2024.

The Carolina Panthers know recovery will be a long-term process for many, but that high school athletics will play a key role in the return to normalcy for communities in our region. Thank you for all that you do to serve your community through high school athletics.

[Carolina Panthers Grant](#)

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The Health Spot

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This is a time dedicated to raising awareness about breast cancer, promoting early detection, and supporting those affected. The SCHSL encourages all schools, teams, and communities to participate in this vital cause. Together, we can make a difference through education, prevention, and support.

- Promote breast cancer awareness at games and events.
- Encourage student-athletes, coaches, and fans to wear pink.
- Share information on early detection and the importance of regular screenings.
- Wear Pink to honor survivors, in honor of those who lost their battle, and support individuals currently battling breast cancer.

Direct all additional questions to Tim Kinney, Director of Health, Safety, and Wellness, at tim@schsl.org.

Officials' Whistle

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Refer to page 3 for complete details on Fall Sports Officials' Appreciation Week.

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



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Tools for Success

Community Service Across The State

We are proud to see our member schools actively engaging in community service and giving back. The SCHSL believes that our student-athletes are some of the most well-rounded in the nation, thanks to the commitment and hard work of our member schools. Below is a list of schools that have shared their photos and details about their community service initiatives. Keep up the outstanding work!

Carvers Bay Early College and Career High School, Great Falls High School, Dreher High School, Fort Mill High School, Gray Collegiate Academy, Lake View High School, Lake City, Ninety Six High School, Fort Dorchester High School, AC Flora High School, Irmo High School, Westwood High School, Blacksburg High School, Columbia High School, Hartsville High School, Emerald High School, Sumter High School, Riverwalk Academy, American Leadership Academy (Lexington), Rock Hill High School, Spring Valley High School, and Ashley Ridge High School.

Direct all questions for this section to Dr. Curtrell Rhodan, Director of Educational Services at curtrell@schsl.org.

