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Upcoming Events

SCHSL Office Closed - Thanksgiving Nov. 27, 2024 – Nov. 29, 2024

> Eligibility Appeals Meeting Dec. 4, 2024 – 10:00 am

Football Press Conferences: Dec. 10, 2024 9:30 AM (Class A, Class 2A, and Class 5A - Division I)

11:30 AM (Class 3A, 4A, and Class 5A - Division II)

Football Championships Dec. 12, 2024 – Dec. 14, 2024 Oliver C. Dawson Stadium Orangeburg, SC



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

2024 Cross-Country and Competitive Cheer State Championships Recap

The SCHSL held its 2024 Girls and Boys Cross-Country State Championships, last Thursday-Friday, November 21-22, 2024, at the Newberry Cross-Country Course. The League crowned six girls and six boys Champions.

Additionally, the 2024 Competitive Cheer State Championships presented by Experience Columbia were held Saturday, November 23, 2024, at the Colonial Life Arena. Four teams took home the top prize at the end of the day.

Below is a list of the Champions in all three sports.

2024 GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONS

Class A: Dixie High School Class AA: Philip Simmons High School Class AAA: Greer Middle College Charter High School Class AAAA: Bluffton High School Class AAAAA-Division 1: Wando High School Class AAAAA-Division 2: Fort Mill High School

2024 BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONS

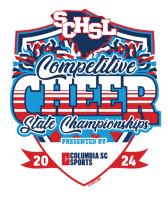
Class A: Riverwalk Academy Class AA: Philip Simmons High School Class AAA: Greer Middle College Charter High School Class AAAA: Bluffton High School Class AAAAA-Division 1: Dorman High School Class AAAAA-Division 2: Fort Mill High School

2024 COMPETITIVE STATE CHAMPIONS

Class AAA: Chesnee High School Class AAAA: Gray Collegiate Academy Class AAAAA-Division 1: Lexington High School Class AAAAA-Division 2: Chapin High School

See pages, 3-5 for images of the State Champions.





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2024 BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONS RIVERWALK ACADEMY



CLASS AAA 2024 BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONS

GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL



CLASS AAAAA-DIVISION 1 2024 BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONS

DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL



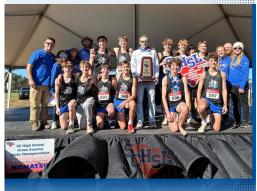


CLASS AA 2024 BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONS PHILIP SIMMONS HIGH SCHOOL



CLASS AAAA 2024 BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONS

BLUFFTON HIGH SCHOOL



CLASS AAAAA-DIVISION 2 2024 BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONS

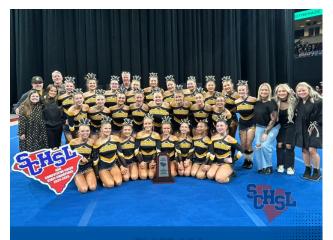
FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL

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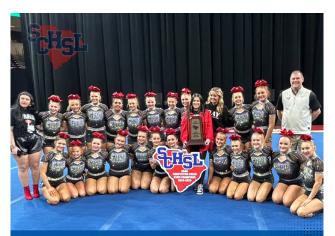
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2024 SCHSL COMPETITIVE CHEER CHAMPIONS



CLASS AAA 2024 COMPETITIVE CHEER STATE CHAMPIONS

CHESNEE HIGH SCHOOL

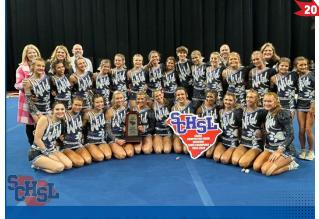


CLASS AAAA 2024 COMPETITIVE CHEER STATE CHAMPIONS

GRAY COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

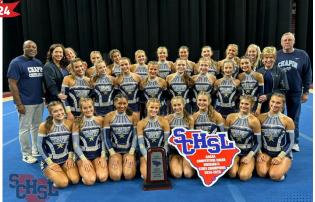


COLUMBIA SC Sports



CLASS AAAAA - DIVISION 1 2024 COMPETITIVE CHEER STATE CHAMPIONS

LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL



CLASS AAAAA - DIVISION 2 2024 COMPETITIVE CHEER STATE CHAMPIONS

CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL

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Constitution/By-Laws Proposal

Any proposals for amendments to the League's Constitution and /or Bylaws must be submitted to the Commissioner prior to **January 1, 2025**. The proposal may only be submitted by a principal or superintendent. Proposal submission forms can be found on the League's website in the AD Notebook section or by clicking the following link: <u>https://schsl.org/archives/2393</u>.

If you have any questions, please contact Associate Commissioner, Amy Boozer at Amy@ schsl.org

Media/School Credential Link

The 2024-25 SCHSL Media & School Credential Links for upcoming championships can be found under the Communications tab on the SCHSL website. Below is the credential request window for the last Fall Championship. Each school is allotted up to two (2) credentials for members of the yearbook staff, school media staff, etc. **The credential is not for team managers, team videographers, or local media.**

Dec. 12-14: Football State Finals – Thursday, Dec. 5 - Monday, Dec. 9 (3 PM)

Playoff Score Reporting

In order for the timely updating of the playoff brackets, playoff scores should be entered on the score reporting form following the contest. The link is below and is also listed on the Forms link on the SCHSL website.

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

Football Score Reporting: <u>https://schsl.org/archives/9113</u>



Thanksgiving is one of the best times of the year, it gives families, friends, and even associates time to gather, tell stories, true or not, and of course, enjoy a good meal.

In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, the SCHSL Office will be closed: Wednesday, November 27th Thursday, November 28th Friday, November 29th

Normal business hours, 7:30 am - 4 pm, will resume Monday, December 2, 2024.

Our hope for the membership of the SCHSL is that everyone has a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving break.

Arbiter Reminders

Below, are some important reminders related to basketball and wrestling scheduling in Arbiter. Contact Jill White, SCHSL Arbiter Booking Coordinator, at Jill@schsl.org with any questions regarding scheduling. Please review the bullet points below and address any issues ASAP.

- Varsity games should be set to SCHSL 101800 for officials.
- Girls and boys games are linked for officials to be assigned, please verify the times match and the sites are the exact same.
- Schools should not make any changes to schedules in Arbiter. Varsity game changes and updates should be emailed to Jill@schsl.org.
- Contact your local assigner to verify your Sub-Varsity games.
- Contact your wrestling assigner to verify your matches.

Fall Sports Playoff Brackets

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

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



Once again this season, the SCHSL is partnering with Farm Bureau Insurance of South Carolina to celebrate postseason football. The playoff brackets, presented by Farm Bureau Insurance, are posted on the SCHSL website for all 5 classifications.

Be sure to follow @SCHSL on X, formerly known as Twitter, for the Farm Bureau Insurance Full Coverage Scoreboard. We'll be posting scores of every playoff game, from the opening round to the State Finals in Orangeburg.

We encourage schools to use the hashtag #FullCoverageScoreboard and tag @SCHSL when they post scores of games on their social media platforms. The SCHSL would like to say thanks to Farm Bureau Insurance of South Carolina for their support of SCHSL football these past six years!

2024 Football State Finals



The SCHSL will hold its 2024 Football State Championships, presented by Behind the Haze, Thursday-Saturday, December 12-14, 2024. The Finals will be held at South Carolina State University's Oliver C. Dawson Stadium, 300 College Ave, Orangeburg, SC 29115.

Admission is \$15 per person. Tickets will be available at <u>gofan.co</u>, and cash will be accepted on-site. Information related to parking will be available soon.

2024 FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE Thursday 12/12: 2:00 pm – AA; 7:30 pm – A Friday 12/13: 2:00 pm – AAAAA-Division 1; 7:30 pm – AAAA Saturday 12/14: 12:00 pm – AAA; 6:00 pm – AAAAA-Division 2

Additional information can be found at <u>https://schsl.org/archives/14833</u>.

Football State Finals Merchandise

NW Designs will be selling official championship merchandise on-site at the Football State Finals. Fans can also purchase merchandise via their online store, which is accessible at <u>https://nwd.ink/s/schsl/football-state-championships/</u>.

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DON'T LET AN EMERGENCY BE THE FIRST TIME YOU IMPLEMENT YOUR EAP!!!

Next week, December 2-6, 2024, is Emergency Action Plan (EAP) practice week for winter sports. The SCHSL encourages all schools to participate in the life saving endeavor. It only takes 15 minutes to review and practice your EAP in a real life scenario.

Get with your emergency response team and practice dealing with a medical emergency at your specific venue. Remember, you don't want the first time utilizing your EAP to be the emergency!



Book Orders

The 2025 Spring Sports Rule & Case Books are now available for purchase on the SCHSL Shopify store, available at the link below. You can also access the store on the SCHSL website, <u>www.schsl.org</u>. The store link is located on the right side of the page under Quick Links.

Please allow 5-7 business days from the order date to receive your item. If an item is out of stock, you may still place the order and the item will be sent immediately upon availability.

SCHSL Rules Books and Case Books

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

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: <u>Sanctioning Information</u>.

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

Playoff Financial Forms Due

Reminder: If your school hosted a volleyball playoff match or will hosts a football playoff game, a playoff financial statement must be completed and sent to the League Office within 15 days of the event. All financial forms are located on the SCHSL website at the following link: <u>Financial</u> <u>Forms</u>. The financial forms are mid-way down on the link.

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

Commissioner's Chat & Beyond



There has been a name change in the Commissioner's Chat, it will now be known as Commissioner's Chat and Beyond. The periodic conversation will feature not only Commissioner Singleton, but members of the SCHSL Staff who will give updates and highlights from their respective department.

Below is the link for the first Commissioner's Chat and Beyond for the 2024-25 School Year. This video can also be viewed on the Rewind link found on the SCHSL website.

Commissioner's Chat and Beyond



The SCHSL is happy to announce a new partnership with BSN Sports. As with all sponsors, SCHSL looks to support those that support us. With over 40 salespeople and managers living in South Carolina, their service and support is second to none. Please take a moment to review the message below from BSN.

We here at BSN Sports are excited to announce a new partnership with SCHSL Athletics! Many of you are already loyal partners and we appreciate and value your continued support. This is the time of the year that we share our Football Specials for the 2025 season. And this season, the sales and savings are incredible! Please [check your email for our special pricing on Schutt and Vicis helmets, Gear Pro Tec and Douglas shoulder pads, and a few other important products]. We would love to set a time to meet with you, discuss your interest, and supply a quote. Simply reach out to your BSN sales pro. For those of you who do not know the sales pro in your area, feel free to reach out to Alan Johnson. He can be reached at 843-992-6022 or ajohnson@bsnsports.com. Alan will create a communication including your rep so that you will be able to quickly set up a meeting.

Good luck to those of you participating in the playoffs! We look forward to seeing you at the championship or at the all-star games!

2024-25 League Pass

The instructions on how to download the 2024-25 SCHSL League Pass was emailed to Superintendents and Principals earlier this fall. 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: 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



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Health Spot

National Diabetes Awareness Month

As National Diabetes Month comes to a close, we can reflect on the unique role athletes, coaches, and administrators play in addressing diabetes. Whether you're a coach guiding athletes, an athletic trainer focused on wellness, or an athlete striving for peak performance, understanding and supporting those managing diabetes is crucial.

We can utilize educational opportunities to stay proactive year-round. Empower your athletes with knowledge, prioritize health in every game plan, and foster a culture of awareness and support. Diabetes doesn't take a timeout, and neither should we.

Direct all questions for this section to Tim Kinney, Director of Health, Safety, and Wellness, at Tim@schsl.org.

Officials' Whistle Tools for Success

Promoting good sportsmanship at all of our contests is a must. As all sports during the winter season are indoors, it gives everyone greater access to coaches, athletes, and officials.

Use the below PA announcement sample to promote positive behavior at contests so that all can enjoy a great playing environment, from officials to student-athletes, and everyone in between. A great way to get everyone's attention is to have a student from your school read the announcement aloud before every game/contest.

#BenchBadBehavior

Announcement Link

Direct all questions for this section to Associate Commissioner Sarah Hayes at Sarah@schsl.org.

Gratitude in High School Sports

Thankfulness is a practice every sports team can benefit from. Taking time to recognize and appreciate the efforts of those who make high school sports possible not only strengthens our community but also teaches student-athletes the value of gratitude.

Today, the SCHSL would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Superintendents, Principals. Your dedication and hard work in organizing and maintaining sports programs across schools and districts do not go unnoticed. You play an essential role in creating opportunities for student-athletes to thrive both on and off the field.

We are deeply grateful for all you do to keep our programs strong, healthy, and successful. May your day be filled with the same support and appreciation you so generously give to others.

Thank you for being the foundation of our high school sports community!

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