

SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE
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January 9, 2025

The Executive Committee of the South Carolina High School League met on January 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the SCHSL Office, 121 Westpark Blvd, Columbia, South Carolina. The following members were present: Nicholas Pearson, Dr. Adam Lanford, Jimmy Armstrong, Coby Brandyburg, Cheryl Burgess, David Byrd, Robert Etheredge, Dr. Shawn Foster, Dr. Harrison Goodwin, Matthew Hiers, Joe Monmonier, David Padilla, Andy Rogers, and Steven Sawyer.

Nicholas Pearson called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Nicholas Pearson

Prayer led by Dr. Adam Lanford

A motion made by Joe Monmonier, seconded by Matthew Hiers, to approve the minutes from November 13, 2024, meeting passed 14-0 (14 members present).

Appeals:

- Airport High School (Sanction Relief) – **MODIFIED DECISION – Uphold the SC High School League sanction relief with the modification of decreasing the fine from \$2,500 to \$500.**

- Brookland-Cayce High School (Sanction Relief) – **MODIFIED DECISION – Uphold the SC High School League sanction relief with the modification of decreasing the fine from \$2,500 to \$2.**

- High Point Academy Charter School (Student Eligibility) – **APPROVED**

- Daniel High School (Sanction Relief) – **MODIFIED DECISION – Uphold the SC High School League sanction relief with the modifications of:**
 - 1. One (1) varsity scrimmage during the pre-season**
 - 2. Loss of first three (3) days of regular season practice**
 - 3. Host no tournaments or invitationals**
 - 4. Suspension of head coach for the playoffs**

Sub-Committee Reports

Legislative (Robert Etheredge, Chair)

2025-26 Proposed Changes

Constitution

Article V - Membership

Section 1 Who May Join

Submitted by: Nicholas Pearson, White Knoll High School

Currently Reads:

A. Public high schools, including public charter high schools with athletic programs, but excluding virtual schools, accredited by the South Carolina Department of Education whose principal or superintendent, with the approval of the governing board, agrees to conform to the rules and regulations of the South Carolina High School League shall be eligible for membership. Before being considered as a member of the South Carolina High School League, the public charter high schools must clearly define its attendance area for athletic eligibility, as the attendance area of the traditional public school in which the school is located.

B. South Carolina private high schools, excluding virtual schools with athletic programs, accredited by an organization recognized by the United States Department of Education or the South Carolina Department of Education whose principal or superintendent, with the approval of the governing board, agrees to conform to the rules and regulations of the South Carolina High School League shall be eligible for membership. Before being considered as a member of the South Carolina High School League, the private school must clearly define its attendance area for athletic eligibility, as the attendance area of the traditional public school in which the school is located.

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Public high schools, including public charter high schools with athletic programs joining the League, shall be on probationary status and ineligible for the state playoffs during its first year of membership.

B. South Carolina private high schools, excluding virtual schools with athletic programs, accredited by an organization recognized by the United States Department of Education or the South Carolina Department of Education whose principal or superintendent, with the approval of the governing board, agrees to conform to the rules and regulations of the South Carolina High School League shall be eligible for membership. Before being considered as a member of the South Carolina High School League, the private school must clearly define its attendance area for athletic eligibility, as the attendance area of the traditional public school in

which the school is located. ***Private high schools with athletic programs joining the League, shall be on probationary status and ineligible for the state playoffs during its first year of membership.***

Rationale: Allows new member schools to become familiar with athletics and compete as a part of a state association without the pressure of having to make the playoffs in the first year.

RECOMMENDED

Constitution

Article V - Membership

Section 1 Who May Join

Submitted by: Jimmy Armstrong, Greer Middle College

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B. South Carolina private high schools, excluding virtual schools with athletic programs, accredited by an organization recognized by the United States Department of Education or the South Carolina Department of Education whose principal or superintendent, with the approval of the governing board, agrees to conform to the rules and regulations of the South Carolina High School League shall be eligible for membership. Before being considered as a member of the South Carolina High School League, the private school must clearly define its attendance area for athletic eligibility, as the attendance area of the traditional public school in which the school is located. Private high schools, with athletic programs joining the League, shall be on probationary status and ineligible for the state playoffs during its first year of membership. **Individuals may compete in post regular season events that do not require qualifying through region play or seeding committee.**

Rationale: Allows new member schools to become familiar with athletics and compete as a part of a state association without the pressure of having to make the playoffs in the first year. Additionally, it permits individuals to compete in post regular season events.

RECOMMENDED

By-Laws

ARTICLE I – Appeals

Section 2 B Subsequent Appeals of Adverse Decisions

Submitted by: SCHSL Commissioner

Currently Reads:

The executive committee will hear appeals from the decision of the Commissioner, Eligibility Hardship Appeals Committee, and any of the region or classification decisions which are appealable.

Change to Read:

The executive committee will hear appeals from the decisions of the Commissioner **and/or his/her designee**, Eligibility Hardship Appeals Committee, and any of the region or classification decisions which are appealable.

Rationale: Allows staff members to send out League decisions on behalf of the Commissioner.

RECOMMENDED

By-Laws

ARTICLE II – CLASSIFICATIONS AND REGIONS

Section 4 D State Championships

Submitted by: Paul Prescott, Dixie High School

Currently Reads:

The League will sponsor a championship in each classification that has a minimum of twelve of its schools with teams participating. If this requirement is not met, but a minimum fourteen schools with teams in adjoining classifications participate in a sport with a majority of the number coming from the higher classification, the League will sponsor a state championship for the combined classification.

Change to Read:

The League will sponsor a championship in each classification that has a minimum of **ten** of its schools with teams participating. If this requirement is not met, but a minimum of **twelve** schools with teams in adjoining classifications participate in a sport with a majority of the number coming from the higher classification, the League will sponsor a state championship for the combined classification.

Rationale: Currently, South Carolina High School League by-laws require a minimum of 12 teams for a classification to sponsor a state championship. This threshold has been especially detrimental to schools in Class A. During the 23-24 school year Class A schools combined with higher classifications to compete in Competitive Cheer, Girls Golf, Lacrosse (boys and girls), Girls Soccer, Swimming (boys and girls), Boys Volleyball, and Wrestling. Reclassification for 2024-2026 will make it more difficult for Class A to meet the current minimum requirement to qualify for a championship. As of now, Girls Tennis will also be added to the previous list of sports that will have to combine with 2A.

Lowering the championship threshold from twelve to ten would be another positive step toward competitive equity. This by-law change would allow member schools in rural and economically disadvantaged areas to have meaningful postseason experiences.

NOT RECOMMENDED

By-Laws

ARTICLE III – STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Section 9 - Original Eligibility

**Submitted by: Dr. Harrison Goodwin
Kershaw County School District**

Currently Reads:

A student establishes his/her eligibility when he/she is academically promoted to and first attends school in the seventh grade. He/she is eligible at this school and the school that it feeds, unless alternately approved by the school district; until he/she attends another school. Should the feeder school supply students to more than one high school, each student's eligibility on a high school team will be determined by the attendance area of the high school in which he/she lives, unless alternately approved by the school district. The residence must be in the school district of the middle school that the student is attending. If the residence is not in the school district of the middle school, which feeds multiple high schools, that the student is attending, that student shall be eligible at the district's public high school in whose attendance area the

middle school's physical plant is located, unless alternately approved by the school district. All alternate assignments are in effect the affected school year.

Change to Read:

A student establishes his/her eligibility when he/she is academically promoted to and first attends school in the seventh grade. He/she is eligible at this school and the school that it feeds, until he/she attends another school. Should the feeder school supply students to more than one high school, each student's eligibility on a high school team will be determined by the attendance area of the high school in which he/she lives. The residence must be in the school district of the middle school that the student is attending. If the residence is not in the school district of the middle school, which feeds multiple high schools, that the student is attending, that student shall be eligible at the district's public high school in whose attendance area the middle school's physical plant is located.

Rationale: Clarifies when, how, and where middle school students are eligible.

RECOMMENDED

By-Laws

ARTICLE III – STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Section 10 Transfers

Submitted by: Dr. Harrison Goodwin, Kershaw County School District & Dr. Shawn Johnson, Clarendon County School District

Currently Reads:

A transfer student will be ineligible for a period of one calendar year at the new school unless he/she transfers under one of the circumstances set forth in subsections (A) through (N) below and only if he/she meets the following two criteria irrespective of whether he/she moves under one of the circumstances set forth in subsections (A) through (N).

1. The student must be eligible to represent the school from which he/she transferred.
2. The student would be ineligible in the sport for one calendar year if the student has participated on an outside team in which a coach or volunteer coach from the school to which the student is transferring coached or had input into the selection of the outside team. This second criteria does not apply if the student is transferring from a non-member school and had attended the non-member school the previous two semesters.

1 This provision has been superseded by Section 1.58 of the S.C. Department of Education Budget Proviso, which states "Eligibility requirements for new students to participate in interscholastic athletics shall be no more restrictive in language or application than the rules or policies of the association, body, or entity that were in effect on January 1, 2020." Pursuant to this Proviso and while the Proviso is in effect, the following is the applicable language of this provision:

A transfer student will be ineligible for a period of one calendar year at the new school unless he/she transfers under one of the circumstances set forth in subsections (A) through (N) below and only if he/she meets the following two criteria irrespective of whether he/she moves under one of the circumstances set forth in subsections (A) through (N). An ineligible transfer student meeting the two criteria, but not any of the circumstances of subsection (A) through (N) may compete with LIMITED ELIGIBILITY only and must have a letter of support from the principal of the school from which the athlete is eligible. The student cannot have participated in the sport in which he/she wishes to be certified during the current school year. This type of transfer of eligibility is only allowed once every (365 days) calendar year and only applicable to inter-district transfer.

1. The student must be eligible to represent the school from which he/she transferred.

2. The student would be ineligible in the sport for one calendar year if the student has participated on an outside team in which a coach or volunteer coach from the school to which the student is transferring coached or had input into the selection of the outside team. This second criteria does not apply if the student is transferring from a non-member school and had attended the non-member school the previous two semesters.

In addition to the two requirements set forth above, a student must also transfer under one of the following circumstances to be immediately eligible:

A. The student and his/her parents must have a bona fide change of residence into the attendance area of the new school. The transfer of school following a "bona fide change of residence" must take place prior to the beginning of the following school year. If a student transfers at any other time, he/she will be ineligible for one calendar year. If because of changes in attendance area lines by the governing board a student's residence is placed in another attendance area, this will be considered the same as a bona fide change of address.

B. If a student established residence with a person other than a parent prior to enrollment in the seventh grade and this residence is not broken, it will be considered the same as residing with a parent. The student, after entering the seventh grade, will have a one-time move to a biological parent(s) and be given immediate eligibility. The transfer eligibility will be recognized when the transferred student participates in an athletic competition representing the school. The student cannot have participated in the sport in which he/she wishes to be certified during the current school year.

C. Emancipated students that transfer will be ineligible for one calendar year.

D. A student transfers to a school in the same district where he/she is currently eligible, or to a school in the district where the student and his/her family lives. The transfer must occur at the beginning of the student's 9th grade year.

2 This provision has been superseded by Section 1.58 of the S.C. Department of Education Budget Proviso, which states "Eligibility requirements for new students to participate in interscholastic athletics shall be no more restrictive in language or application than the rules or policies of the association, body, or entity that were in effect on January 1, 2020." Pursuant to this Proviso and while the Proviso is in effect, the following is the applicable language of this provision:

A student transfers to a school in the same district where he/she is currently eligible; to a school in the district where he/she is currently ineligible (as it relates to residency), or to a school in the district where the student and his/her family lives. The transfer must occur at the beginning of the student's 9th grade year.

E. A student transfers from a nonmember school to a member school.

1. The student's parents must live in the attendance area of the member school.
2. The student cannot have participated in the sport in which he/she wishes to be certified during the current school year at the school from which he/she is transferring. If a student transfers from out-of-state to in-state with a bona fide change of residence, this rule is not in effect.
3. The student must have been enrolled in the nonmember school for at least 45 school days prior to transferring.

F. A student who enters a middle or high school IB Program or High School Magnet School program offered by the school district in which the student lives and is attending school will have a one-time move to that program and a one-time move back to his/her home school without loss of eligibility. Students entering the magnet program must do so as 9th graders only. The move to or from these programs must be made the first day of school. A move at any other time will require a waiting period until the first day of the next academic year for the student to be eligible. The student cannot have participated in the sport in which he/she wishes to be certified during the current school year.

G. A student whose parents separate by court action or divorce and establish residency in different areas, has the option of establishing eligibility with either parent.

1. The separation must be by court action, signed by a judge or stamped by the clerk of court.
2. A transfer of schools must take place prior to the beginning of the following school year.
3. If an in-state student later transfers to the other parent, he/she will have a one year's waiting period unless the change of residence is necessary because of the death of the other parent.
4. If the separation by court action and/or divorce occurred prior to the student entering the 9th grade and has been for a period longer than one calendar year, the student may move to the other parent one time and be given immediate eligibility. The student cannot have participated in the sport in which he/she wishes to be certified during the current school year.

H. A student is placed by the courts in an orphanage or foster home.

1. Written notice of the assignment must be filed in the League Office.
2. Transfer must be to the school in whose attendance area the orphanage or foster home is located.

I. A student has parents who are citizens of the United States but reside outside the contiguous United States. Eligibility will be at the school in whose attendance area his/her temporary guardian resides. He/she may not transfer from this school unless there is a bona fide change of residence on the part of the temporary guardian.

J. If both parents are deceased, the student will become eligible on the day the legal guardianship papers are recorded in the office of the clerk of court.

K. If a student diagnosed with a disability is assigned to another school (within the district) to take a special program associated with the disability condition that is not offered in his/her home school, he/she will have immediate eligibility at the new school.

L. When the option of attending a diploma granting vocational school exists and the transfer is made at the end of the eighth grade, the student is eligible at the diploma granting vocational school immediately. Students entering a vocational school at any other time will be required to wait a calendar year before being eligible.

M. A student transfers to another school in the same district other than ninth grade, provided the affected superintendent and schools' principals approve the transfer. This type of transfer is allowed once every (365 days) calendar year and only applicable to member schools located within the district. The student cannot have participated in the sport in which he/she wishes to be certified during the current school year.

3 This provision has been superseded by Section 1.58 of the S.C. Department of Education Budget Proviso, which states "Eligibility requirements for new students to participate in interscholastic athletics shall be no more restrictive in language or application than the rules or policies of the association, body, or entity that were in effect on January 1, 2020." Pursuant to this Proviso and while the Proviso is in effect, the following is the applicable language of this provision:

A student transfers to another school in the same district, to include member charter and private schools located in the district; other than ninth grade, provided the affected superintendents and schools' principals approve the transfer. This type of transfer is allowed once every (365 days) calendar year and only applicable to member schools located within the district. The student cannot have participated in the sport in which he/she wishes to be certified during the current school year.

N. A student transfers to another school under the McKinney-Vento Act.

Change to Read:

(1) Purpose.

The South Carolina High School League's mission is to administer education-based interscholastic athletics, which supports academic achievement, good citizenship, and fair and equitable opportunities. Transfers for athletic reasons undermine the stability of sports programs, elevate athletics over academics, lead to disparities in competitiveness, and erode the level playing field that the League seeks to foster. Multiple transfers within a high school career disrupt a student's education. Transfers after a sports season has started not only disrupts the team but also the competitive balance among schools.

This rule is designed to discourage transfers for athletic reasons, multiple transfers, and transfers after a sports season has begun, by imposing short but predictable periods of ineligibility for those transfers while providing one penalty-free transfer under certain conditions.

Because the periods of ineligibility set forth in this rule are among the shortest in the nation, and the purpose of the rule is designed to deter inappropriate transfers, there shall be no waivers of this rule.

(2) Definitions.

Transfer: A “transfer” occurs when a student who has previously enrolled in a secondary school leaves that school and enrolls in a new one. The date of transfer shall be the earlier of the first day of class or the first day of sports participation at the new school.

Senior Transfer: A “Senior Transfer” is a student-athlete whose first transfer occurs during or after their third season of eligibility in a particular sport in which they participated in during the 12 months preceding the transfer.

Start of Practice Date: “The Start of Practice Date” is the first day of practice for each sport as set forth annually in the Rules and Regulations Section of the SCHSL Handbook.

Competition Start Date: The “Competition Start Date” is the first day of competition for each sport as set forth annually in the Rules and Regulations Section of the SCHSL Handbook.

Participation: Sports related practice and/or competition.

Ineligibility Period: Period begins with competition start date or percentage of maximum number of contests, whichever is less.

Maximum Number of Contests: The “Maximum Number of Contests” for each sport are set forth in the Rules and Regulations Section of the SCHSL Handbook. For football, the Maximum Number of Contests is ten. The period of ineligibility shall be the number of days specified in each section below.

(3) A transfer student will be ineligible for a period of one calendar year at the new school unless he/she transfers under one of the below circumstances and only if he/she meets the following three criteria irrespective of whether he/she transfers under one of the below circumstances.

- i. The student must be eligible to represent the school from which he/she transferred.**
- ii. The student would be ineligible in the sport for one calendar year if the student moves in with a coach of the coaching staff, has participated on an outside team in which a coach or volunteer coach from the school to which the student is transferring coached or had input into the selection of the outside team.**
- iii. The student must be a United States citizen or has attended school in the United States the previous calendar year and is not part of an approved foreign exchange program.**

A student’s first transfer.

Students are entitled to one penalty-free transfer during the first six semesters after their initial high school enrollment, provided that the transfer occurs on or before the Start of Practice Date of the sports season in which the transfer occurs.

(4) Transfers occurring after the Start of Practice.

Students who transfer after the Start of Practice Date will be subject to a 30 calendar days period of ineligibility or $\frac{1}{2}$ the Maximum Number of Contests in that sport, whichever is less.

(5) Transfers occurring after the Competition Start Date.

In addition to the period of ineligibility set forth in Section 4 above, any student who transfers after the Competition Start Date will not be eligible for the South Carolina High School League postseason competition in that sport.

(6) A student's second or subsequent transfer.

Students who transfer a second or subsequent time will be subject to a 30 calendar days period of ineligibility or $\frac{1}{2}$ the Maximum Number of Contests, whichever is less and will not be eligible for postseason competition in all South Carolina High School League's sanctioned sports in which the student participated during the 12 months preceding the transfer.

(7) Senior transfers.

Senior transfers, as defined above, are subject to a 22 calendar days period of ineligibility or $\frac{1}{3}$ the Maximum Number of Contests, whichever is less in each sport in which they participated during or after their third season of eligibility, during the 12 months preceding the transfer.

(8) General application.

a. This Transfer Rule applies to all athletes at all levels of participation (not just varsity athletes) and is applicable to all SCHSL-sanctioned sports in which the student participated during the 12 months preceding the transfer. Transferring students may participate in a new sport without penalty.

b. The period of ineligibility will begin on the Practice Start Date of each sport. For students who transfer after the Competition Start Date, the period of ineligibility will begin on the date of enrollment.

c. When calculating the period of ineligibility using the Maximum Number of Contests, the South Carolina High School League will round down to the nearest whole number if the number of contests is not divided evenly. For example, if the Maximum Number of Contests were 14, then the calculation for a Senior Transfer (14 divided by 3) would be 4.67 and rounded down to a 4 contest sit.

d. Emancipated students that transfer will be ineligible for one calendar year.

(9) Exceptions.

Immediate eligibility, without penalty, will be granted for transfers resulting from McKinney-Vento placement, DSS court-ordered placement, verified bullying and military transfers.

(10) Enforcement.

The South Carolina High School League monitors transfers with the cooperation of the member schools. To that end, the League maintains an online Transfer System. For each transferring student, the receiving school must enter the required information into the Transfer System.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TRANSFER

Middle school students are entitled to one penalty-free transfer during the eighth grade after their initial middle school (seventh grade) enrollment, provided that the transfer occurs on or before the Start of Practice Date of the sports season in which the transfer occurs. All other parts of the above sections are applicable for middle school transfers.

Rationale: Creates a more statewide balanced transfer rule that allows flexibility for eligibility to align with School Choice at middle and/or high school level.

RECOMMENDED

By-Laws

ARTICLE III - STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

Section 14 B - Amateur Status

Submitted by: SCHSL Commissioner

Currently Reads:

B. A student may not have competed for money or valuable consideration other than prizes with symbolic value. No participants may accept material awards in excess of actual expenses, including hotel bills and transportation.

Change to Read:

B. A student may not have competed for money or valuable consideration other than prizes with symbolic value. No participants may accept material awards in excess of actual expenses, including hotel bills and transportation.

A student may earn compensation from the use of their name, image, and likeness (NIL) in compliance with Article III, Section 14 (Amateur Status) of the SCHSL bylaws provided:

- ***The compensation is not contingent on specific athletic performance or achievement.***
- ***The compensation is not provided as an incentive to enroll or remain enrolled at a specific school.***
- ***The compensation is not provided by the school or any person acting as an agent for the school.***

- ***In seeking compensation for name, image, and likeness:***
 - ***No “marks” may be used, including but not limited to school logos, school name, school mascot, or any SCHSL logo or acronyms.***
 - ***No school apparel or equipment shall be worn which includes school name, school logo, school mascot, or any apparel displaying SCHSL logos or acronyms.***
 - ***No member school facility may be used for the purpose of name, image, and likeness compensation.***
 - ***No activities in conflict with a member school’s local school district policy may be endorsed. Examples include but are not limited to tobacco or alcohol products.***
 - ***A student who violates any portion of the Amateur Rule shall be penalized according to the sanctions below:***

■ ***First Violation: The student shall receive a formal warning and return any award(s) or money received in violation of this rule. The SCHSL shall direct the student in violation to immediately remove any endorsement, advertisement, sponsorship, or other promotional activity that is in violation of the Amateur Status Rule.***

■ ***Second Violation: The student shall be ineligible to participate in SCHSL interscholastic athletics at any level of competition for a period of one (1) year from the date of SCHSL’s determination of the second violation.***

■ ***Third Violation: The penalty and any additional period of ineligibility will be determined based on a consideration of the nature of the violation(s) and the extent to which the violation(s) may have been knowing, deliberate, or in reckless disregard of the provisions of this rule.***

Rationale: Clarifies the use of students Name, Images and Likeness (NIL) as it relates to the SCHSL Amateur Status bylaw.

RECOMMENDED

By-Laws

ARTICLE IV - SCHOOL REGULATIONS

Section 7 - All-Star Games

Submitted by: SCHSL Commissioner

Currently Reads:

A school may permit its coaches, its facilities, and its student-athletes who are seniors, to be a part of any all-star game in which high school students participate that does not conflict with the North Carolina-South

Carolina Shrine Bowl Football Game or the annual all-star games sponsored by the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association and the South Carolina Coaches Association of Women's Sports. Further, football, basketball, volleyball, softball, baseball, wrestling, golf, tennis and soccer all-star games held by the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association are approved.

Change to Read:

A school may permit its coaches, its facilities, **equipment**, and its student-athletes who are seniors, to be a part of any all-star game in which high school students participate that does not conflict with the North Carolina-South Carolina Shrine Bowl Football Game or the annual all-star games sponsored by the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association and the South Carolina Coaches Association of Women's Sports. Further, football, basketball, volleyball, softball, baseball, wrestling, golf, tennis and soccer all-star games held by the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association are approved.

Rationale: Allows athletes to use school issued equipment for All-Star contest not approved by the South Carolina Athletics Coaches Association.

RECOMMENDED

By-Laws

ARTICLE IV - SCHOOL REGULATIONS

Section 8 – Contracts for Contests

Submitted by: SCHSL Commissioner

Currently Reads:

- A. Failure to fulfill a contract properly signed by the superintendent, principal or athletic director may subject the school to disciplinary action. A contract shall be the agreement of the parties concerned, reduced to writing and signed by each school.
 1. Schools will not make contracts for more than two years. Any contract made for more than two years will not be valid.
 2. Official contract forms may be obtained from the South Carolina High School League Office website.
- B. So that opponents will know the grade level of the various teams sponsored by a member school, the member school will issue contracts and designate the top grade level permitted on the non-varsity teams for football, wrestling, and soccer. (Example: Junior Varsity—tenth grade and under.)
- C. The Commissioner will not enforce oral contracts or oral agreements to changes in written contracts.
- D. The South Carolina High School League considers it a breach of contract when a school official removes a team from the playing area before a game is complete.

Add E:

Based on Section 1.49 of the S.C. Department of Education Budget proviso, member schools should establish contracts for all scheduled contests. Forfeiture clauses for scheduled varsity contests must include a monetary consideration not to exceed \$10,000. Competing schools, with agreement may choose to waive the forfeiture clause. In absence of a contract, and schools not agreeing to waive the forfeiture clause, the League will determine the monetary consideration for cancellation of a scheduled varsity contest (not to exceed \$5000 for varsity football, \$2000 for varsity basketball, \$1000 for all other varsity sports). Sub Varsity contract shall not exceed one-half of varsity contest monetary consideration for cancellation of scheduled contest.

RECOMMENDED

By-Laws

ARTICLE VII E - LEAGUE PASSES

Submitted by: SCHSL Commissioner

Currently Reads:

Four passes shall be issued to four-year in-state colleges and/or universities with football programs. All other four year in-state colleges shall be issued two passes. Additional passes may be purchased for university/college coaches.

Change to Read:

All in-state universities and/or colleges shall be issued one pass for each collegiate sport offered that is also offered by the SCHSL. Additional passes may be purchased for university/college coaches at fifty dollars (\$50) per pass.

Rationale: Allows in-state colleges and universities to receive more SCHSL passes.

RECOMMENDED

Personnel & Finance (Dr. Harrison Goodwin, Chair)

- The financial statement for the SC High School League (as of December 31, 2024) was presented and discussed.
- A motion was made to increase the officials fee for the Individual Wrestling State Finals.
- The hiring of an employee for member middle schools sports administration was discussed.

- A motion was made to accept the recommendation of the Personnel & Finance Committee regarding Commissioner Singleton's evaluation.

Other Business:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely,

Jerome Singleton, D.D.

Dr. Jerome Singleton, Commissioner

Note: In all votes, the President only votes in the event of a deciding vote.