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Upcoming Events

SCHSL Office Closed - Holiday Break
Dec. 23, 2024 – Jan. 3, 2025

Constitution and/or Bylaws Proposals for
Amendments deadline: **Jan. 1, 2025**

Executive Committee: Jan. 9, 2025



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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/per game (no ins-and outs; toddler or infant who can sit in a lap are free). Tickets will be available at gofan.co, and cash will be accepted on-site. Parking is \$10 per car. Vehicles with trailers, pull behind grills and RV's will cost \$50. (Restrooms and Power access available) No Alcohol allowed.

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 <https://schsl.org/archives/14833>.

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 <https://nwd.ink/s/schsl/football-state-championships/>.

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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: <https://schsl.org/archives/2393>.

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

Spring Sports Rules Clinic

The 2024-25 Winter sports rules clinic will be available on Big Teams beginning Thursday, January 2, 2025, and will be available through Friday, January 31, 2025.

Upcoming Leadership Summit

The SCHSL Leadership Summit's scheduled for December has been moved to January 16, 2025 at 10:00 am. The registration link will be available on January 7, 2025.

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Football Rules Survey

High School Principals and Athletic Directors, please share with your Head Football Coach.

You have been invited to participate in the NFHS rules-writing process by completing the annual Football Rules Questionnaire. This questionnaire allows a national sampling of coaches and registered officials to provide feedback, which will be considered by the NFHS Football Rules Committee.

Please note that the questionnaire will close on Tuesday, December 31, 2024.

To participate, please follow the link below to the NFHS Questionnaire Menu, select your sport, and complete the rules questionnaire. You are not required to log in to access or complete the questionnaire. We appreciate your time and input.

<https://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/nfhs-sport-questionnaires>

If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Commissioner, Charlie Wentzky at Charlie@schsl.org

Arbiter Reminders

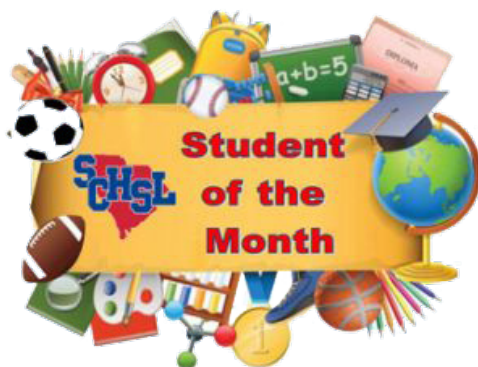
Below, are some important reminders related to basketball and wrestling scheduling in Arbiter. Contact Jill White, SCHSL Arbiter Booking Coordinator, at Jill@schsl.org with any questions regarding scheduling. Please review the bullet points below and address any issues ASAP.

- 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.

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Raegan Griggs
McBee High School



Blake Betette
Richland Northeast High School

The SCHSL is pleased to announce the 2024 November Student-Athletes of the Month. Raegan Griggs of McBee High School is the SCHSL Girl's Student-Athlete of the Month and Blake Betette of Richland Northeast High School is the SCHSL Boy's Student-Athlete of the Month.

Griggs is a junior track and field athlete. She carries a 4.5 grade point average and currently ranks in the Top 3 in her class. She is enrolled in AP and dual enrollment college courses.

Griggs recently set school records in the 1600 and 800 meter runs and was two seconds off from tying the 400- meter school record just 14 minutes after winning the 1600-meter in the same meet in Darlington. She has been a Class A State qualifier in tennis singles and track & field for three consecutive years.

Griggs is a member of the Future Farmers of America, and a Boys & Girls State poetry participant, where she recently qualifying for National competition. She is the Captain of the Tennis & Track & Field teams.

Betette, is a senior three-sport athlete at Richland Northeast High School. He is a member of the football team, baseball team and track and field team. Betette carries a 4.908 grade point average. He currently ranks in the top 10% of his graduating class and is a member of the National Honor Society and has the highest GPA on the football team.

Betette is a well-rounded student-athlete as he is a member the Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) and was selected as an all-region football player (2024). He received two varsity letters in baseball (8th and 9th Grade) and two varsity letters in track & field (9th and 10th grade).

His leadership and extracurricular activities include Participating at the High-Five Mornings at Forest Lake Elementary; Participating at the Leaders as Readers for Conder Elementary; Participating in National Honor Society Campus Clean-up, and he is a member of the Junior House (Student-Government) and is a Horizon Ambassador (school magnet program).

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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!

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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, www.schsl.org. 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 Maeoceaisha Jenkins-Suber at Maeoceaisha@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: [Sanctioning Information](#).

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 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: [Financial Forms](#). 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.

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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.

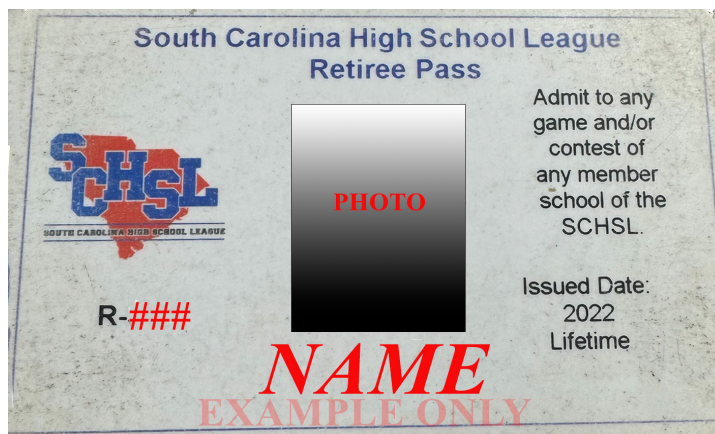
Additionally, please be reminded that in order to upload a photo, you must first download the pass. If you have any questions, contact Keith Warren, Director of Technology at keith@schsl.org.

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

EAP WEEK RECAP

Last week, December 2-6, 2024, was Emergency Action Plan (EAP) practice week for winter sports. The SCHSL encourages all schools share your photos and/or videos from your EAP Practice Week.

Upload pictures and/or videos of your EAP practices here: [EAP Week Photos](#).

For additional information contact the Director of Health, Safety, and Wellness, Tim Kinney at Tim@schsl.org.

Officials' Whistle Tools for Success

Become an Official

We are always looking for passionate individuals who are interested in being officials. Get back in the game and make a difference by becoming a high school sports official. Whether you're a former athlete or simply a sports enthusiast, we need you to help shape the future of high school athletics.

Below you will find the link to a flyer/announcement you can hang up at your facility or say at contests to help recruit those to the officiating avocation.

#BecomeAnOfficial

[Flyer/Announcement](#)

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

High School Today Magazine

The November issue of High School Today from the NFHS is a must-read for those involved in education-based athletics and performing arts. This issue dives into essential topics such as:

- Transformational Coaching: Strategies to positively impact student-athletes beyond the game.
- Parent Buy-In: Engaging parents as supportive partners in athletics.
- Officials' Perspectives on Sportsmanship: Insights into how schools and officials can collaborate to maintain a positive environment.

If you're invested in creating a better experience for student-athletes and performers, this resource is invaluable. Make sure to check it out and consider subscribing for ongoing updates and insights.

[High School today November Issue](#)

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