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Upcoming Events

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

Hardship Application for January Meeting:
Deadline: **Dec. 19, 2024**

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

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

JOBS

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

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Public Notice Posted

A Public Notice has been posted from the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL). The Eligibility Appeals Committee, a subcommittee of the South Carolina High School League Executive Committee, will hold an eligibility appeals virtual meeting, on December 4, 2024 at 10:00 am.

All public viewing will be done via live stream on the NFHS Network website: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/events/schsl/evt88ecaf766f>.

Complete details below.



South Carolina High School League

Romanda Noble-Watson, Director of Communications & Public Relations
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Executive Committee Eligibility Appeals Committee Meeting

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF
THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE
Wednesday, December 4, 2024 10:00 a.m.**

***Public Access via NFHS Network site:
<https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/events/schsl/evt88ecaf766f>**

AGENDA

Call to Order – Dr. Adam Lanford, President

Appeals:

10:00 AM River Bluff High School (Eligibility)

10:30 AM York Comprehensive High School (Eligibility)

Adjourn

The Eligibility Appeals Committee, a subcommittee of the South Carolina High School League Executive Committee, will hold an eligibility appeals virtual meeting on December 4, 2024. The appeals will be held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act codified at S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-10, et seq. (Law Co-op. 1976) and will be open to the public via NFHS Network livestream.

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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

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

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Media/School Credential Link

The 2024-25 SCHSL Media & School Credential Link for the upcoming football championship can be found under the communications tab on the SCHSL website. Below is the football credential request window. 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: <https://schsl.org/archives/9113>

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



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

A well-practiced EAP is critical to ensuring the safety of athletes, coaches, and spectators during athletic events. Take this opportunity to review and rehearse your EAP with your athletic teams, staff, and emergency personnel. Practicing now helps ensure everyone knows their roles when seconds count, and your proactive preparation will make all the difference in an emergency.

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!

For suggested activities see the Health Spot on page 13.

Upload your pictures of your practice here: [Winter EAP Practice Pictures](#)

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SAAC Member Spotlight

Throughout the year, we will shine the spotlight on the members of the South Carolina High School League's Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC). We will profile members of the Council so that you can get to know them and the schools they represent.



The first spotlight is Paris Mayes, the Secretary of SAAC. She is a senior from Blacksburg High School. Paris has been a dedicated advocate for community service and sportsmanship. At her AA school, she actively promotes the above values through various initiatives and personal actions.

She promotes community service at her school through numerous activities such as athletes opening car doors for kids and reading to children. These efforts help instill a sense of responsibility and kindness in our student body. Recently, the MINI SAAC at Blacksburg adopted two children to help for Christmas, ensuring they have a memorable holiday season.

In terms of sportsmanship, Paris states, "I stress the importance of helping others and being respectful both on and off the field. As a member of the SCHSL SAAC council, I do my best to take things I learn and apply them back at school." She continued, "I also want to give a shout-out to our school's various programs and events that foster these values. The annual community service projects and team-building activities are just a few examples of how Blacksburg High School creates a positive and inclusive environment for all students."

Additionally, Paris is an active participant in many clubs in school including the Blacksburg HOSA CLUB, where she is currently the South Carolina State Reporter for the organization. She is the Blacksburg High School Senior Class President and Student Body Secretary. She is a member of the Empowered Girls Club, the RADA club which stands for Rise Above Drugs & Alcohol, the National Technical Honor Society, the National Senior Beta Club, the National Honor Society, the National Math Honor Society, the National Science Honor Society, and a graduate of the Junior Leadership Program.



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Student-Athlete of the Month Deadline

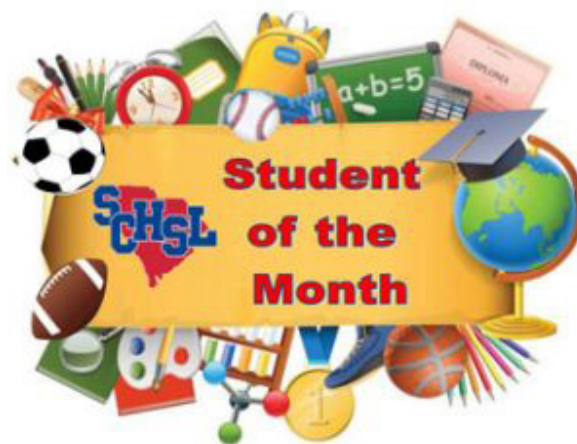
This Student-Athlete of the Month Award is presented monthly to one male and one female student-athlete who display excellence in the areas of academics, athletics, and leadership/ community service. Students in grades 9-12 who attend SCHSL member schools are eligible to receive the award. Monthly award winners will receive recognition via social media, be featured on the SCHSL.org. website, and in TuesNews Weekly E-Newsletter.

The deadline to nominate for the November 2024 Student-Athlete of the Month is **December 8, 2024**. The November 2024 SOTM will be announced on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024.

The link to nominate the student-athlete is below. Please be sure to include a high resolution head shot and an action shot of the nominee on the link.

For additional questions about the Student-Athlete of the Month, please contact the Director of Educational Services, Dr. Curtrell Rhodan at curtrell@schsl.org.

[Student-Athlete of the Month Nomination Form](#)



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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 gofan.co, 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 <https://schsl.org/archives/14833>.

Football State Finals Merchandise

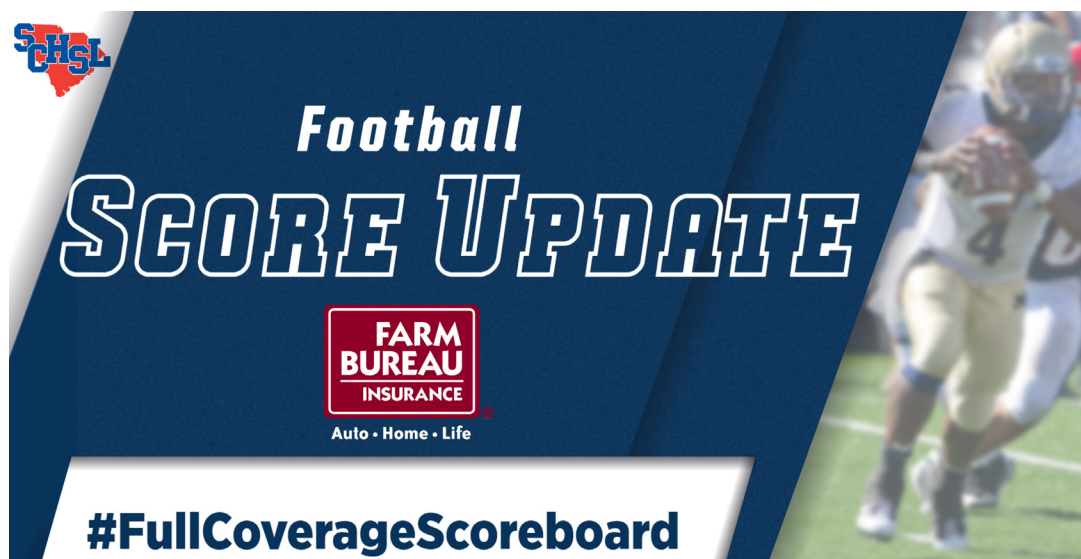
NW Designs will be selling official championship merchandise on-site at the Football State Finals. Fans can also purchase merchandise via their online store, which is accessible at <https://nwd.ink/s/schsl/football-state-championships/>.

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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: <https://schsl.org/brackets>.

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!

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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 will host 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.

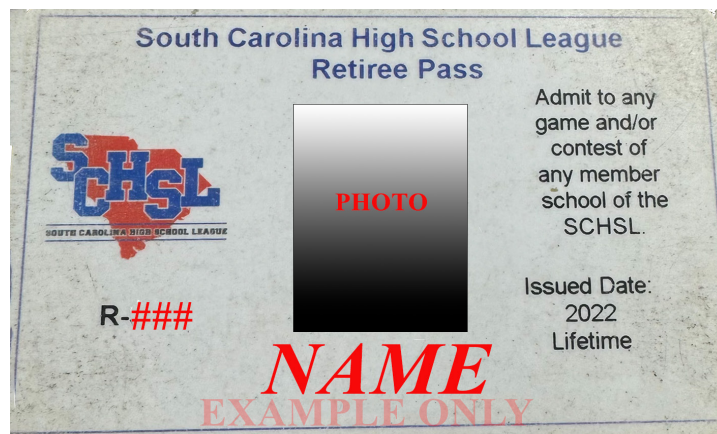
Additionally, please be reminded that in order to upload a photo, you must first download the pass. If you have any questions, contact Keith Warren, Director of Technology at keith@schsl.org.

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 SCENARIOS AND CONSIDERATIONS

December 2-6, 2024, is Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Practice week. Below are some example rehearsal scenarios and considerations that your teams can practice.

Scenarios

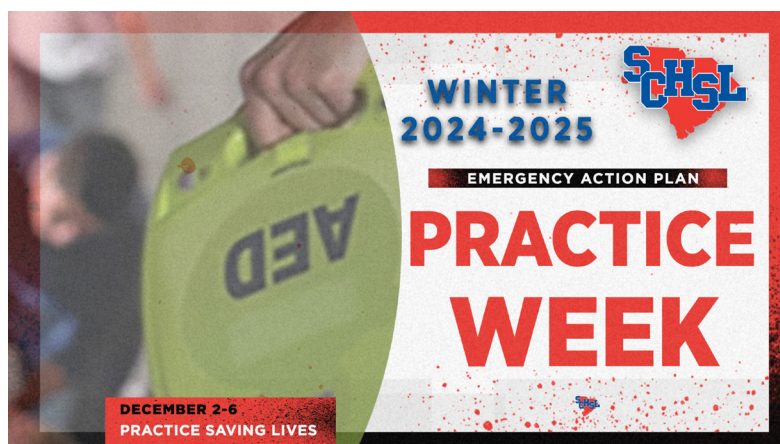
1. Response to a catastrophic injury with NO athletic trainer available: Exertional Heat Stroke
2. Response to a catastrophic injury with an athletic trainer NOT on scene: cardiac arrest
3. Response to a catastrophic injury with an athletic trainer available: Neck Injury

Considerations

Key considerations to remember as you rehearse your EAP:

1. Know your stakeholders involved in responding to the EAP
2. Know the location of key responders
3. Know the timing and location of the emergency (home/away, practice/game, morning/evening, etc)
4. Individuals with the emergency (athlete, coach, official, spectator, etc)
5. Possible scenarios (neck, cardiac arrest, unidentified collapse, etc)

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

Promoting Good Sportsmanship

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.



Tools for Success

Fall Season Reflection

As we approach the conclusion of the fall season, it is the perfect opportunity to reflect on how the season unfolded for your school. Serving as a director of interscholastic sports encompasses far more than tallying wins and losses—it's about the lasting impact your sports program has on the lives of student-athletes.

We know that many adults look back on their high school experiences with either fondness or regret, shaped by the lessons they learned during their time at school. With this in mind, take a moment to ask yourself:

- How have I, in my role, positively impacted my student-athletes?
- What areas am I excelling in?
- What areas could benefit from growth and improvement?

As you reflect on these questions, consider developing a plan for the new year. How will you grow as a leader? How will you further develop your student-athletes and elevate your sports programs as a whole?

In the coming weeks, your school will receive a personalized report on your sportsmanship progress. We encourage you to use this valuable resource as part of your reflection process and as a guide for continued growth.

Thank you for your dedication to shaping the future of interscholastic athletics and making a lasting impact on the lives of student-athletes.

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