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Upcoming Events

Spring Rules Clinics (Big Teams):

Jan. 2-31, 2025

Class AAAA Meeting: Jan. 29, 2025 – 10:00 am

AA Wrestling Seeding Meeting

Jan. 30, 2025 – 10:00 am

Class A Meeting: Feb. 4, 2025 – 10:00 am



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

CONGRATULATIONS



Former SCHSL Officer Manager and Director of Special Events Jan Hogan has been selected to receive the National Federation of State High Schools (NFHS) Citation Award for NFHS Section 3.

Hogan will be honored at the 2025 NFHS Summer Meeting in Chicago, ILL., in June.

Hogan retired from the SCHSL in 2022, after more than 26 years of service. She still consults with the SCHSL on a part-time basis.

In her more than 26 years of service, Hogan was instrumental in the progress of the SCHSL. Throughout her tenure at the SCHSL, Hogan has served in various capacities. She spent time as an Administrative Assistant, Media Specialist, Office Manager, Director of Technology, and Director of Special Events.

[Read complete release here.](#)

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NFHS HOTA & SOS Nomination Deadline Extended

The deadline for the NFHS Heart of the Arts and Spirit of Sport Awards nominations has been extended to **2:00 p.m., tomorrow, Wednesday, January 29, 2025**. Please email completed nomination forms with a headshot of the nominee to Romanda@schsl.org. Please do not send forms directly to the NFHS Office, they will not be accepted. Nomination Forms were emailed to High School Principals and High School Athletics Director, Tuesday, January 14, 2025, and again on yesterday, Monday, January 27, 2025.

Include any supporting documentation you would like to have considered during the selection process (i.e., action photos).

Thank you and please feel free to contact the League Office with any questions.

Heart of the Arts Award: Deadline to SCHSL is tomorrow, Wednesday, January 29, 2025: 2 p.m.

For the Heart of the Arts Award, the nominee could be any student, adult or group associated with the school's performing arts program. This award seeks to recognize individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive heart of the art that represent the core mission of education-based activities. Complete criteria are listed on the application.

Spirit of Sport Award: Deadline to SCHSL is tomorrow, Wednesday, January 29, 2025: 2 p.m.

For the Spirit of Sport Award, the nominee can be a coach, athletic administrator, administrator, contest official, trainer, student-athlete, or any others associated with the school or the school's athletic program. This award seeks to recognize individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive spirit of the sport that represent the core mission of education-based activities. Complete criteria are listed on the application.

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Spring Sports Rules Clinic

The 2025 Spring Sports Rules Clinics close this **Friday, January 31, 2025**, on Big Teams.

ArbiterSports

The Only One That's All In One

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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Qualifiers Due Date Approaching

The due date for the Qualifiers for the upcoming Wrestling State Finals are this **Thursday, January 30, 2025**. The link for the qualifier reporting forms are below. The link can also be found on the front page of the SCHSL website at www.schsl.org. **Please Note:** In order for the timely updating of the playoff brackets, please enter the qualifiers as soon as they are available but no later than 8:00 pm Thursday.

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

[Wrestling Qualifiers Link](#)

Playoff Score Reporting

As the Wrestling playoffs approaches, please be reminded that playoff scores should be entered on the score reporting forms following the contest so we can update the brackets in a timely manner. The link is below and can also be found on the front page of the SCHSL website.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Wrestling Score Reporting: <https://schsl.org/archives/9793>

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Girls Wrestling Duals Championship

For the first-time ever, the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) will host a Girls Wrestling Duals State Final. The Girls Duals will open the 2025 Wrestling Duals Championship slated for Saturday, February 8, 2025, at Dreher High School. Complete details, for the 2025 SCHSL Wrestling State Finals will be available soon on the SCHSL Website at www.schsl.org.

For additional information on the 2025 Wrestling Duals State Finals, contact Tim Kinney, Director of Health, Safety, and Wellness at Tim@schsl.org.

Wrestling Credential Request Link

The Credential request link for the 2025 SCHSL Wrestling Duals will open **this Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025, and will close at 3 pm on Wednesday, February 5, 2025**. There will be a separate request link for the Wrestling Individuals State Finals. The Individuals credential request link will open Friday, Feb. 14, 2025 and will close at 3 pm on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025. Please make note of the request deadline.

The credential links can be found under the Communications tab on the SCHSL website, www.schsl.org.

Please Note: School media credentials request should only be submitted for school photographers, school newspaper writers, yearbook staff, etc. This link should not be used to request credentials for team personnel or local media.

Winter Sports Brackets

The 2025 Winter 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.

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The SCHSL will host its 2025 Wrestling Duals State Finals, next Saturday, February 8, 2025. All matches will be played at Dreher High School (3319 Millwood Avenue, Columbia, SC 29205). All-day admission ticket is \$15 (children 5 and under are admitted free).

Fans are encouraged to purchase tickets in advanced at GoFan.co. SCHSL League Passes will be accepted. Cash will be accepted at the gate.

For Complete Information including brackets visit: <https://schsl.org/archives/15206>.

MATCH SCHEDULE

Class AAAAA Girls	10:00 am
Class AA	12:00 pm
Class AAA	2:00 pm
Class AAAA	4:00 pm
Class AAAAA-Div 2	6:00 pm
Class AAAAA-Div 1	8:00 pm

GATES OPEN: 9:00 am. One ticket for all day, no ins-and-outs, you will have to purchase a new ticket if you leave the building. Please be reminded that Richland One has a Clear Bag Policy.

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

2025 WRESTLING DUALS STATE FINALISTS PRESS CONFERENCES:

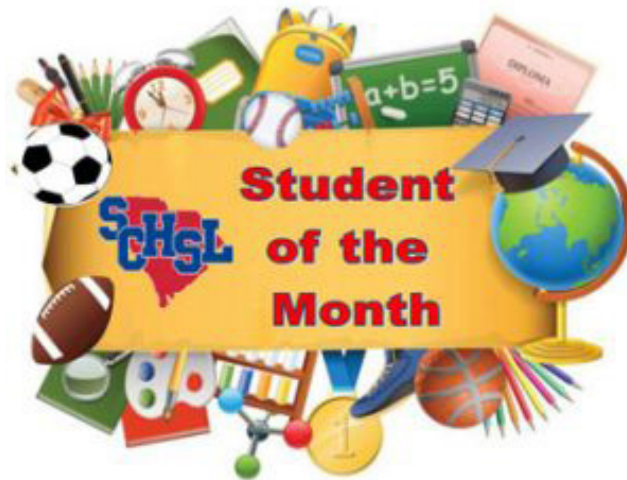
LIVE VIA THE SCHSL YOUTUBE PAGE

FRIDAY, FEB. 7, 2025: 9:30 AM-CLASSES AA & AAA

11:00 AM-CLASSES AAAA, AAAAA-D1 & AAAAA-D2; 12:30 PM-CLASS
AAAAA GIRLS

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Student-Athlete of the Month Deadline



This Student-Athlete of the Month Award (SOTM) 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 January 2025 Student-Athlete of the Month is this **Friday, January 31, 2025, 11:59 pm**. The January 2025 SOTM will be announced on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

The link to nominate the student-athlete is below. Please be sure to include a high resolution head shot and an action 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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Scholar Athlete & Multi-Sport Nominations

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Scholar Athlete and Multi-Sport award nomination links are now open.

As a reminder, the deadline to submit the student-athlete names for the SCHSL Scholar Athlete and Multi-Sport Athlete Certificates is **Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 3:30 pm.**

ALL names must be entered on below links to be valid and have a certificate generated for your student-athlete (**no email forms will be accepted**).

Please Note: It is important that nominations for both Scholar Athlete and Multi-Sport Awards be submitted to the League Office on or before the deadline so that your student-athletes names can be placed on the League Website for public recognition.

[SCHOLAR ATHLETE NOMINATION FORM](#)
[MULTI-SPORT NOMINATION FORM](#)

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) has selected 14 student-athletes to serve on the SCHSL Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC). The 14 members represent each SCHSL classification and the more than 100,000 athletic participants. The purpose of the Council is to provide a voice for student-athletes within the SCHSL governance structure. Principals and Athletic Directors selected their best and brightest leaders, and those student-athletes submitted a rigorous application to the SCHSL for consideration. Selections were made on January 6, 2025.

Below are the 2025-2027 SCHSL Student Athlete Advisory Council Members:

5A: Ryann Robbins: Lexington; Caroline Wells: River Bluff; Lillie Ivey: Sumter

4A: Elizabeth Reese: North Augusta; Marydavis Hallman: Gray Collegiate; Kennedy Miller: Southside

3A: Winthrop A. Jeter (AJ): Newberry; Katherine Gunnells: Belton-Honea Path

2A: Keatley N. Sack: Brashier Middle College; Trenton A. Budd: Buford; Addyson Davis: Andrews

1A: Markel Tilman: McCormick; Samya Daniels: Wagener-Salley; Lily Kennington: Great Falls

Returning members of SAAC include: Niyah Haywood: Spring Valley and Ella Barnett: Aynor

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HOPE begins with you.



American Red Cross High School Scholarship Program

Through the **American Red Cross High School Scholarship Program**, your high school has the opportunity to help others, while also helping establish a scholarship fund to benefit engaged students as they move on to higher education. The scholarship program is available for high schools that host at least one Red Cross blood drive during the year.

How to get involved: Schedule Red Cross blood drives each year between July 1—June 30. In return for your efforts, the Red Cross will provide a monetary award to be used for an educational scholarship at establishments of higher education for a selected recipient(s). The more pints of blood your high school collects, the more scholarship money your school is eligible to receive. Learn more by contacting Alesha.Wilson@redcross.org

Ambetter AED Challenge

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) and Ambetter Health have teamed up to provide five (5) SCHSL member-schools AEDs to improve coverage at their athletic facilities.

Schools are encouraged to apply for these complimentary units by filling out the form below.

Winning schools will be recognized during the SCHSL Basketball State Championships in March, and Ambetter will deliver the AED unit to each school while also offering AED Training from a certified instructor at the school.

[Ambetter AED Challenge Signup Link](#)

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2024-25 League Pass

The instructions on how to download the 2024-25 SCHSL League Pass were emailed to Superintendents and Principals last fall. If you have not received a link to download a pass, please see the appropriate individuals.

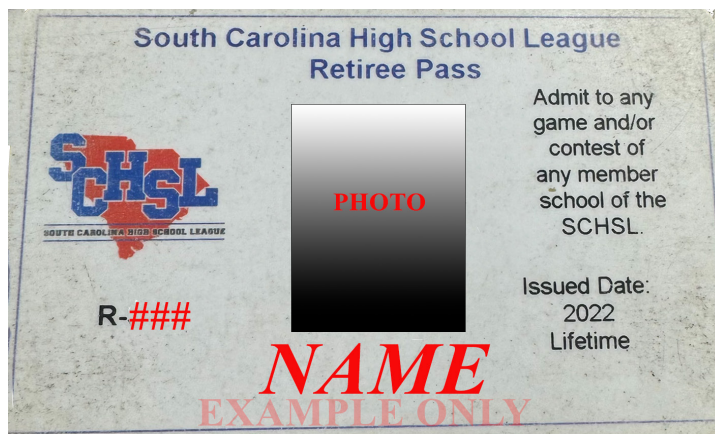
Additionally, please be reminded that in order to upload a photo, you must first download the pass. If you have any questions, contact Keith Warren, Director of Technology at keith@schsl.org.

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](#)



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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 ASAP. 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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Health Spot

Understanding the Athlete Triad: Course Available on NFHSLearn.com

The SCHSL encourages coaches, athletic trainers, parents, and athletes to explore the Female and Male Athlete Triad course available on [NFHSLearn.com](https://www.nfhslearn.com). This free course is designed to raise awareness about the Athlete Triad—a condition involving energy imbalance, menstrual health, and bone health in females, and energy deficiency, testosterone levels, and bone health in males. By addressing these issues early, we can help protect the long-term health and performance of our student-athletes.

The free course provides in-depth information, practical strategies for prevention, and resources to support athletes in maintaining a healthy balance between nutrition, training, and recovery. Understanding the Athlete Triad is vital for fostering safer, healthier environments in high school sports.

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

Officials' Whistle

Bench Bad Behavior

Below are a few tips for your school to use to Bench Bad Behavior at contests:

- 1) If you have a student section at your contests, be sure to set parameters for their behavior. Meet with student leaders to establish baselines for behavior at contests.
- 2) Be sure to handle inappropriate behavior swiftly. When you see a spectator getting out of hand, take care of it then and there. Remember, what you allow, you promote.
- 3) Be sure to have security present. You know your community, have the appropriate amount of security for your contests.
- 4) Positively cheer on your school's team. Do not make negative or degrading remarks to the officials or opposite team.

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

Tools for Success

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If your school was unable to participate in the live Leadership and Captains Courses, we encourage you to take advantage of the recorded sessions via Rewind, which can be found on the SCHSL website at www.schsl.org/rewind. These valuable resources can be utilized in various ways to reinforce key principles.

Coaching Tool: Coaches can incorporate the rewinds into their training sessions, especially on days when outdoor practice is not feasible.

Parental Engagement: Schools can distribute the recorded sessions via newsletters, allowing parents and spectators to discuss the content with their student-athletes.

Sportsmanship Contracts: If a student-athlete needs guidance in sportsmanship, the rewinds can serve as a reflective tool within a sportsmanship contract.

Our mission is to provide you with the resources necessary for success in all aspects of student-athlete development. At SCHSL, we firmly believe that student-athletes are students first, and athletes immediately after!

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