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Upcoming Events

Spring Rules Clinics (Big Teams): Jan. 2-31, 2025

Personnel & Finance Subcommittee Meeting: Jan. 8, 2025: 9:00 am

Legislative Subcommittee Meeting: Jan. 8, 2025: 10:30 am

Executive Committee Meeting: Jan. 9, 2025: 10:00 am

Living Clean Week: Jan. 13-17, 2025

Officials' Appreciation Week: Jan. 13-18, 2025

New Principal/AD Meeting (Virtual): Jan. 15, 2025: 9:00 am

Leadership Summit: Jan. 16, 2025 – 10:00 am



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

CONGRATULATIONS

Three coaches from the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) membership were among 180 Sectional Winners recognized by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

David Lee (Girls Cross Country Head Coach, James Island Charter High School), Heather Tucker (Softball Head Coach, Summerville High School), and Chris White (Girls Track and Field Head Coach, Seneca High School) have earned NFHS Section 3 Coach of the Year Honors in their respective sport.

All three winners are in the running for National Coach of the Year Honors. The national winners will be announced later this month.



David Lee



Heather Tucker



Chris White

SCHSL Public Notices Posted

Public Notices have been posted from the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL).

The Personnel & Finance Subcommittee of the SCHSL's Executive Committee will hold a virtual meeting on January 8, 2025 at 9:00 am. The meeting 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. Please note, due to the items being discussed, the entire meeting will be held in Executive Session.

Additionally, the Legislative Subcommittee of the SCHSL's Executive Committee will hold a virtual meeting on January 8, 2025. The meeting 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). Viewing of the Legislative Subcommittee meetings will be available with limited seating at the SCHSL office at 10:30 am.

<u>Click Here</u> for complete details for the Personnel & Finance Subcommittee meeting. <u>Click Here</u> for complete details for the Legislative Subcommittee meeting.

New Principals & Athletic Directors Meeting

The SCHSL will have a webinar on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 for all New Principals and Athletic Directors. The meeting is scheduled for 9:00 am.

Please use the link below to register in advanced for Webinar.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. This meeting will be recorded if you are unable to attend during this time and will be posted on the League website.

For additional information contact Associate Commissioner Amy Boozer at Amy@schsl.org

Webinar Registration Link

Upcoming Leadership Summit

The South Carolina High School League will hold a Virtual Leadership Summit, next Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 10:00 am. Below is the link to register for the upcoming Summit.

Summit Registration Link

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; Markel Tilman: McCormick; Katherine Gunnells: Belton-Honea Path

2A: Trenton A. Budd: Buford; Addyson Davis: Andrews

1A: Keatley N. Sack: Brashier Middle College; Samya Daniels: Wagener-Salley; Lily Kennington: Great Falls

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



Spring Sports Rules Clinic

The 2025 Spring Sports Rules Clinics are up and running through Friday, January 31, 2025 on Big Teams.

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.

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, <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 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: <u>Financial 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.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Something to Think About is a periodic column from the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Communications & Public Relations Department. It can be found under the Communications Link on the SCHSL website, www.schsl.org.

This week's column focuses on the New Year and revisits the **NON-OFFICIAL** SCHSL social media pages and game networks.

As we are a few days into the New Year, it is time to evaluate last year, paying close attention to those things we wanted to accomplish last year but ran out of time. It is never too late to pick up where you left off and keep pressing forward. We often say, "I wish I could have finished that project." What's stopping you from finishing? Instead of throwing it out, revamp it to fit the New Year and press on.

Something else that needs revisiting in the New Year is the multiple non-official SCHSL social media pages using the SCHSL Logo, especially on Instagram.

Additionally, please be mindful, the SCHSL has only **ONE** official network that broadcasts its games, www.nfhsnetwork.com. In the event you receive an email or social media graphic with the opportunity to order a game from one of the fake pages offers, DO NOT CLICK THE LINK, it is a scam that aims at getting your credit card information.

When in doubt, reach out to the Director of Communications and Public Relations, Romanda Noble-Watson at Romanda@schsl.org for verification.

Finally, I have listed below the official social media pages for the SCHSL. All other pages using the SCHSL logo or anything similar are unofficial, and the South Carolina High School League highly suggests unfollowing and discourages following them.

Please note, SCHSL uses and Twitter (X) page SCHSL official page.



as the profile picture on its official Facebook, official Instagram uses as the profile picture on the

Below are the ONLY OFFICIAL social media handles for the SCHSL.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Health Spot

Hypothermia

As we head into the winter months, it is important to understand how cold weather can affect our student-athletes. Hypothermia is when the body loses heat faster than it can generate it, resulting in a drop in core body temperature below the normal range of 95-98.6 degrees. Recognizing the signs and symptoms of hypothermia is crucial for coaches, student-athletes, and support staff to ensure prompt intervention. Key indicators include: shivering; numbness; confusion; fatigue; and slurred speech.

If a student-athlete exhibits these signs, move the athlete to a warm environment, remove wet clothing, and provide dry layers. Warm beverages and blankets should be used to raise the body temperature gradually, and professional medical attention should be sought if symptoms persist or worsen. For more information go to: <u>CDC Hypothermia</u>.

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

Officials' Whistle

Officials' Appreciation Week

Winter Sports Officials' Appreciation Week is next week, January 13-18, 2025. Participation in Winter Sports Officials' Appreciation Week can be as simple, or as extravagant as you want it to be. You can get your teams and student groups on campus to get involved. It is a great community project for school student councils, spirit groups, or other groups who are ambassadors of your school and community. A few ideas that you can use for Winter Sports Officials' Appreciation Week are:

- Special appreciation signage in the officials' locker room.
- Gift cards/cookies/donuts/other items presented to the crew by both the home and visiting team.
- Read a PSA at the start of the game, thanking the crew for working the contest.
- "Thank you" cards, signed by the team and coaching staff.

<u>Click here</u> to submit your Winter Sports Officials' Appreciation Week Photos.

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

Tools for Success

Living Clean Week

Living Clean Week is next week (January 13-17, 2025). We want all of our member schools to have the tools to live clean all week! The theme for that week will center around keeping the sport clean. This means, NO EJECTIONS, NO EXCUSES, CLEAN IT UP!

Please submit pictures and videos of student athletes around the state showing their commitment to living clean! Remember, these activities count toward the sportsmanship award. The SCHSL can't wait to see what sportsmanship looks like all over our great state. Submit your photos in the form below or tag us in your posts @schsl with the #livingclean #sportsmanship #itsinthecontest.

Click below to submit your images

Living Clean Images Form

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