

# **TUES NEWS**

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#### **Upcoming Events**

Eligibility Appeals Committee Virtual Meeting: Feb. 19, 2025 – 10:00 am

Wrestling - Individuals - Florence Center Feb. 21, 2025 – Feb. 22, 2025

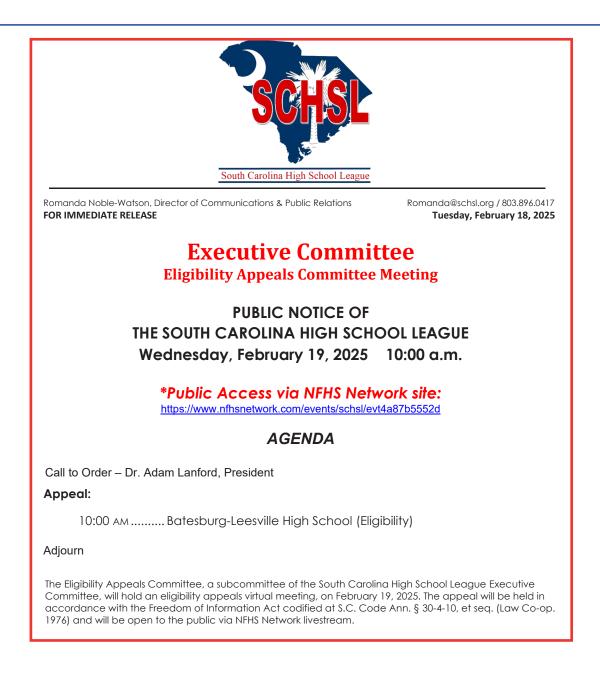
Basketball Semi-Finals - Florence Center Feb. 27, 2025 – Mar. 1, 2025



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

## **SCHSL 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 SCHSL Executive Committee, will hold a virtual meeting, Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 10:00 am. All public viewing will be done via live stream: <u>https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/events/schsl/evt4a87b5552d</u>.



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## **Officials' Spotlight**

Throughout the year, we will shine the spotlight on the unsung heroes of high school sports, our officials. We will profile officials from different sports so that you can get to know them and why they do what they do.

This month we spotlight Tamara Cooley



1) How long have you been an official in the SCHSL?

11+ years

2) What sports do you currently officiate? Volleyball and Basketball

**3) Is officiating your full-time job? If not, what is your profession?** No- I am a Kindergarten Teacher

#### 4) Why are you a high school official?

I have loved this game for a long time, and this is a way to stay around it. I stand by this motto, " Do what you love, love what you do!" This is the reason I am a High School official.

To become an official in the South Carolina High School League, click Link below. Become a High School Official



## **Spring Captains Course**

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) held a Virtual Spring Captains Course presented by Farm Bureau Insurance, last Thursday, February 13, 2025. The two dynamic speakers provided many tools for the Spring Sports Captains to carry with them throughout the season.

The SCHSL is actively creating a culture of empathy with the <u>#weseeyou</u> campaign. The topics presented during the Spring Captains Course were in alignment with the campaign. If you missed the workshop, we encourage you to watch the replay.

See the Tools for Success section on page 11 for the replay links of all the Captains Courses, the Health Summitt, and the Leadership Summit.

For additional information, contact Director of Education Services, Dr. Curtrell Rhodan at Curtrell@schsl.org.

### **NFHS Section 3 Logo Competition**

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) is looking for creative minds to design the NFHS Section 3 Meeting logo.

The competition is open to all high school students of the SCHSL membership.

The winning logo will be used on all materials related to the NFHS Section 3 Meeting, which will be held this September in Charleston, S.C.

The student who designs the winning logo will be highlighted in TuesNews and as well as on the SCHSL social media platforms.

All logos submitted **must be a high resolution (300 dpi or greater)** digital logo and ready to print.

The deadline to submit the logo is Friday, March 28, 2025.

Complete information, including criteria, was emailed to high school Principals and high school Athletic Directors.

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

### **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 the 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

### **Wrestling Individual Championships**



The 2025 SCHSL Boys and Girls Wrestling Individual State Finals are this Friday- Saturday, February 22-23, at the Florence Center in Florence, SC. Tickets are \$6 on Friday and \$8 on Saturday. No ins and outs.

Visit https://schsl.org/archives/15508 for complete details.

### **Boys and Girls Basketball Brackets**

The 2025 Boys and Girls Basketball 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: <u>https://schsl.org/brackets</u>.

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

### **Boys and Girls Credential Request Link**

The Credential request link for the 2025 SCHSL Boys and Girls Basketball Championships will open this Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025, and will close at 10:00 pm, Monday, February 24, 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.

Since there is no break between the Third Round and Semifinals, if you think you may have a team that will advance to the Semifinals, please submit your request. I will cancel your request if your team does not advance. I understand that there are games after the deadline, but to allot time for preparation of the passes, this deadline is imperative.

**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.

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## **Playoff Score Reporting**

With the opening of the basketball playoffs vastly approaching, please be reminded that playoff scores should be entered on the score reporting form following the contest so we can update the brackets in a timely manner. The links are below and can also be found on the front page of the SCHSL website.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Girls Basketball Score Reporting: <u>https://schsl.org/archives/9795</u> Boys Basketball Score Reporting: <u>https://schsl.org/archives/9797</u>

Please direct all questions to the Director of Communciations and Public Relations, Romanda Noble-Watson, Romanda@schsl.org

### **Playoff Financial Forms Due**

**Reminder:** If your school host or hosted a playoff match or 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.

## 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.



The 2025 SCHSL Basketball State Semifinals and State Finals presented by Absolute Total Care are quickly approaching.

The State Semifinals are Thursday-Saturday, February 27- March 1, and Monday-Wednesday, March 3-4, 2025, while the State Finals are Thursday - Saturday, March 6-8, 2025.

The individual class brackets can also be found under the brackets link on the SCHSL Homepage.

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

See page 8 for a complete Playoff Schedule.

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

#### 2024-25 SCHSL BASKETBALL STATE PLAYOFFS

First Round: Mon 2/17 1A Boys 2A Girls 3A Girls 4A Boys 5A Div.1 Boys 5A Div.2 Girls	<u>Tues 2/18</u> 1A Girls 2A Boys 3A Boys 4A Girls 5A Div.1 Girls 5A Div.2 Boys					
Second Round: Wed 2/19 1A Boys 3A Girls 5A Div.1 Boys	Thurs 2/20 1A Girls 2A Girls 3A Boys 4A Boys 5A Div.1 Girls 5A Div.2 Girls	<u>Fri 2/2:</u> 2A Boy 4A Girl 5A Div.	'S S			
Third Round:						
<u>Sat 2/22</u> 1A Boys	<u>Mon 2/24</u> 1A Girls			<u>Wed 2/26</u> 2A Boys		
3A Girls	3A Boys	4A Boys		4A Girls		
5A Div.1 Boys	5A Div.1 Girls	5A Div.	2 Girls	5A Div.2 Boys		
Semi Finals: <u>Thurs 2/27</u> 3:00 1A Girls (L) 4:30 1A Boys 6:00 1A Girls (U) 7:30 1A Boys	<u>Fri 2/28</u> 3:00 3A Girls (L) 4:30 3A Boys 6:00 3A Girls (U 7:30 3A Boys		2:30 5/ 4:00 5/	A Div.1 Girls (L) A Div.1 Boys A Div.1 Girls (U) A Div.1 Boys	<u>Mon 3/3</u> 3:00 4A Girls (L) 4:30 4A Boys 6:00 4A Girls (U) 7:30 4A Boys	<u>Tues 3/4</u> 3:00 2A Girls (L) 4:30 2A Boys 6:00 2A Girls (U) 7:30 2A Boys
Wed 3/5   3:00 5A Div.2 Girls (L)   4:30 5A Div.2 Boys   6:00 5A Div.2 Girls (U)   (L) – Lower State   7:30 5A Div.2 Boys   (U) – Upper State						
Finals:						
Thurs 3/6	<u>Fri 3/7</u>		<u>Sat 3/8</u>			
2:00 1A Girls	2:00 4A Girls			2A Girls		
4:00 1A Boys 6:00 3A Girls	4:00 4A Boys 6:00 5A Div.1 0	Sirle		A Boys A Div.2 Girls		
8:00 3A Boys	8:00 5A Div.1 8			A Div.2 Girls		
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\*\*Lower State Representative will be the Home Team for all State Finals.\*\*

### **2024-25 League Pass Request Deadline**

The final day to request the 2024-25 SCHSL pass is Monday, March 31, 2025.

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



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## **The Health Spot**

#### **Review Cold Weather Guidelines**

This week we are expecting abnormally low temperatures throughout the state. The SCHSL reminds all member schools to adhere to the established cold weather guidelines to ensure the safety and well-being of student-athletes.

Please remember to monitor weather conditions closely and adjust outdoor activities accordingly. Athletes should wear appropriate cold-weather gear, including layers of moisture-wicking clothing, hats, and gloves, and take frequent breaks to warm up. Coaches are encouraged to shorten practice times and watch for signs of cold-related illnesses such as hypothermia or frostbite. For detailed information on cold weather guidelines, please refer to the SCHSL website or contact the League Office with any questions.

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

### **Officials' Whistle**

#### **Spring Sports Officials Plan**

Spring sports contests are right around the corner. Do you have a plan for the spring sports officials that come to your school? Below are some tips on how to take care of the spring sports officials who come to your facilities.

1) If able, have a facility in which they can change much like other sports.

2) If unable to have a facility for your spring sports officials to change, provide a separate parking area for officials. This will help to prevent any possible interactions between spectators and officials before and after contests.

3) Many contests at your facility can occur at the same time during the spring season, be vigilant and walk around your facility. Be visible to spectators, teams, and officials to help provide a safe environment for all.

Have a great spring sports season!

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

### **Tools for Success**

#### **Education Matters**

The Captains Courses for each season, Health Summit, and Leadership Summit are now available on Rewind! Coaches can use these resources on a rainy day, film session, or study hall to engage student-athletes in leadership and sportsmanship training. These recorded events serve as valuable tools for athletes in every sport.

Check out the links below to access each session!

Educational Tools For a Rainy Day

Fall Captains Course Health Summit Winter Captains Course Leadership Summit Spring Captains Course

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