



# TuesNews

Weekly E-Newsletter of the South Carolina High School League  
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## Upcoming Events

Officials' Appreciation Week: Apr. 7-12, 2025

Executive Committee: Apr. 9, 2025

**SCHSL Office Closed - Spring Break  
Apr. 14-18, 2025**

## Upcoming Deadlines

NFHS Section 3 logo Competition

Friday, Mar. 28, 2025

March 2025 Student-Athlete of the Month

Friday, Mar. 28, 2025

Final day to request the 2024-25 SCHSL Pass

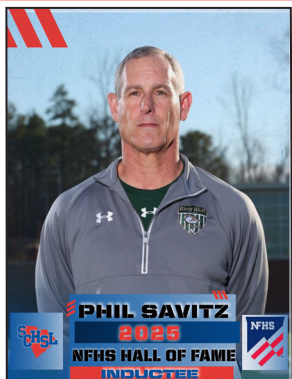
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**For job openings around the  
SCHSL, visit [www.schsl.org/jobs](http://www.schsl.org/jobs)**

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Phil Savitz: NFHS Hall of Fame Inductee



Former South Carolina High School boys' soccer coach Paul Savitz has been selected to the 2025 National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) National High School Hall of Fame, announced by the NFHS Thursday, March 13, 2025. Savitz is one of 11 honorees in the 2025 NFHS Hall of Fame Class. This year's class includes four former athletes, four highly successful high school coaches, two former state association administrators, and one contest official.

The 11 honorees will be inducted June 30, 2025, during the 42nd induction ceremony of the National High School Hall of Fame, held at the 106th NFHS Summer Meeting in Chicago, ILL.

"This induction into the NFHS Hall of Fame is so appreciated by me and my family," said Savitz. "We are so humbled and honored by it! My career has been a family affair, and I want to thank my family and the Irmo and River Bluff Soccer families for their support in making this possible!"

Savitz retired in 2023 after 45 years as the winningest high school soccer coach in South Carolina history and fifth-best all-time nationally.

"Coach Savitz is more than worthy of this honor," said Dr. Jerome Singleton, Commissioner of the SCHSL. "We are extremely proud of Coach Savitz and all he did for the advancement of boys' soccer in the SCHSL."

Combined at the two schools over 45 years, Savitz posted an 824-118-7 record – the most wins in South Carolina history and fifth-most all-time nationally, according to the NFHS National High School Sports Record Book.

Other honors include NFHS National Boys Soccer Coach of the Year in 2016 and the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) National Coach of the Year in 2016. He was listed among the Top 100 Greatest High School Sports Coaches of All Time by MaxPreps and was named Coach of the Decade (1980-1990) by High School Sports Report.

Fourteen of Savitz's players earned State Player of the Year honors, and his teams regularly received the NSCAA Team Academic Award, which highlighted their exemplary performance in the classroom as well as on the field of play.

[Click here](#) for a complete list and bios of the 2024 NFHS Hall of Fame Class.

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Ambetter Health AED Challenge Winners

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

Congratulations to the five winning schools of the AED Challenge. The winning schools were recognized during the SCHSL Basketball State Finals, March 6-8, 2025.

Ambetter will deliver the AED unit to each school while also offering AED Training from a certified instructor at the school.

The five winning schools are: Brashier Middle Collge High School (Top Left), Eau Claire High School (Top Middle), North Middle High School (Top Right), Stratford High School (Bottom Left), and Whale Branch Middle School (Bottom Right).



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**SCHSL** **LIVING CLEAN WEEK**  
GO GREEN AND KEEP IT CLEAN  
MARCH 17-21

MONDAY 17	TUESDAY 18	WEDNESDAY 19	THURSDAY 20	FRIDAY 21
<b>FIELD CLEAN UP</b> TAKE YOUR CLEANING OUTDOORS AND HAVE YOUR STUDENT-ATHLETES CLEAN A STADIUM OR TRACK AND FIELD AREA	<b>CLEAN UP YOUR WORDS</b> PRACTICE USING POSITIVE LANGUAGE ESPECIALLY WHEN COMPETITION GETS HEAT. FOCUS ON MAKING YOUR TEAM BETTER. WHAT YOU FOCUS ON GROWS	<b>CLEAN UP YOUR ATTITUDE</b> MAKE IT IMPORTANT THAT YOUR STUDENT-ATHLETES AND COACHES KEEP A POSITIVE ATTITUDE. THEY REPRESENT THE SCHOOL AND THAT IS AN HONOR.	<b>SCHOOL CLEAN UP</b> TAKE TIME OUT TO CLEAN UP. GET A TRASH BAG AND GLOVES. WALK AROUND THE SCHOOL AND PICK UP LITTER.	<b>CLEAN UP YOUR COMMUNITY</b> REACH OUT TO FEEDER SCHOOLS AND INVITE THEM TO CLEAN UP A COMMUNITY AREA. THIS GIVES YOUNGER ATHLETES A CHANCE TO INTERACT WITH THEIR FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETES.

**WEEK OF MARCH 17-21**  
#INITTOGETHER

## LIVING CLEAN WEEK

Living Clean Weeks are weeks during the school year geared toward community service. It is a chance for student-athletes to show leadership and establish healthy practices around their school. We have had three highly successful Living Clean Weeks so far this year.

Member schools around the state have participated in stadium, gymnasium, and highway clean ups. Some schools used this time to appreciate officials, SROs, and facility staff members.

The above graphic outline the daily themes for this week. See the Tools for Success on page 11 for additional information.

For any questions, please contact the Director of Educational Services, Dr. Curtrell Rhodan, at [curtrell@schsl.org](mailto:curtrell@schsl.org) or (803) 798-0120.

We look forward to you watching!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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](mailto:Romanda@schsl.org)

## 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 March 2025 Student-Athlete of the Month is **Friday, March 28, 2025**. The March 2024 SOTM will be announced on Tuesday, Apr. 8, 2025.

We encourage all member high schools to submit a Student-Athlete of the Month.

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](mailto:Curtrell@schsl.org).

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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](#)

For additional information please contact Office Coordinator, Maeoceaisha Jenkins-Suber, at Maeoceaisha@schsl.org.

## Middle School Track & Field Invitational

The South Carolina High School League will hold a middle school track and field individual regional invitational, Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Lugoff-Elgin High School. The event is open to middle school students who are participating on a track and field team, whether for their middle school or at the high school.

Athletes will be representing their middle school at the event and must have a coach in attendance with them. The invitational does not count as a meet for the student-athlete. This is considered a postseason event for middle school students. They are still eligible to participate in meets that occur after this event.

For additional information on this event, please contact Associate Commissioner, Amy Boozer, at Amy@schsl.org

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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 Jerryd Curry. Curry is a multisport official and in 2024 he was an official for the SCHSL Girls Lacrosse State Finals.



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

***I have been a part of the SCHSL since 2016 (basketball).***

2. What sports do you currently officiate?

***I currently officiate football, basketball and girls lacrosse.***

3. Is officiating your full-time job? If not, what is your profession?

***When the stripes come off, I am a pharmaceutical consultant for Pharma Solutions. We work with different drug manufacturers, wholesalers and pharmacies to keep in compliance with federal and state regulations.***

4. Why are you a high school official?

***I love what I do and want kids to have the best experience possible while playing the sport they are passionate about.***

To become an official in the South Carolina High School League. Click Link below.

[Become a High School Official](#)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Playoff Financial Forms Due

**Reminder:** If your school will 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 mid-way down on the front page of the SCHSL website at the following link: [Financial Forms](#).

Please direct all questions/concerns to Cindi C. Drakeford, Director of Finance at [cindi@schsl.org](mailto:cindi@schsl.org).

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## 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](mailto:cindi@schsl.org).

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## Commissioner's Chat

Periodically, the South Carolina High School League's (SCHSL) Commissioner Dr. Jerome Singleton and members of the staff, will sit down for a Commissioner's Chat and Beyond to highlight the happenings in the SCHSL. This installment of Commissioner's Chat and Beyond features SCHSL Commissioner Dr. Jerome Singleton. [Click here](#) for this installment of the Commissioner's Chat.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.

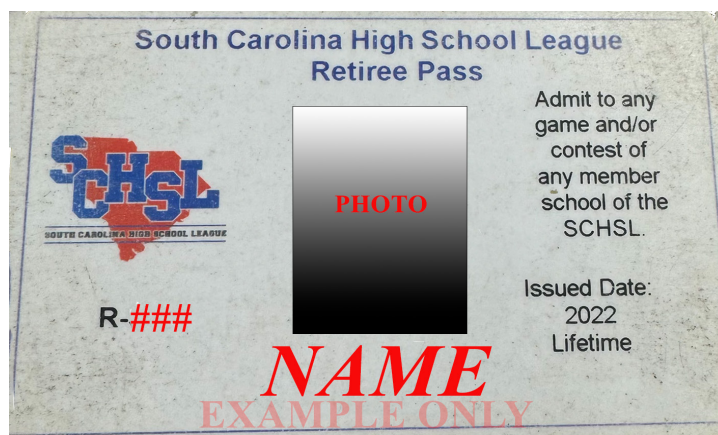
Additionally, please be reminded that in order to upload a photo, you must first download the pass. If you have any questions, contact Keith Warren, Director of Technology at [keith@schsl.org](mailto:keith@schsl.org).

## 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](#)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL  
**ATHLETIC  
TRAINING**  
MONTH

Champions in  
Health Care

MARCH 2025



National Athletic Training Month (NATM) is held every March in order to spread awareness about the important work of athletic trainers.

A Proclamation was signed on March 1, 2024 recognizing Athletic Trainers in the state for their commitment to helping people prevent injuries, stay healthy and active. As Health Care Professionals, they are highly educated and dedicated to the job at hand. Athletic Trainers are found in high schools and colleges, corporations, professional sports, the military, performing arts, clinics, hospitals, and physician offices.

[Click here](#) to read the wording of the below Proclamation, which declared March 1, 2024 as the "South Carolina Athletic Training Day."

## State of South Carolina Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association was founded in 1984 as an organization committed to the education of its members and the enhancement of the profession of athletic training, creating better health care for the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers from professional, collegiate, and high school athletics; occupational health; performing arts; public safety; physician practice; rehabilitation clinics; and every branch of the United States military work together to promote and practice the profession of athletic training within South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers have a long history of providing quality health care for athletes and persons engaged in regular physical activity; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers are highly skilled healthcare professionals who specialize in immediate, acute, and emergency care; examination, assessment, and diagnosis; injury prevention; risk management; therapeutic intervention; and rehabilitation of injury and illness; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association represents and supports more than 700 members of the athletic training profession in the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, leading organizations concerned with athletic training and health care have united in a common commitment to raise public awareness of the importance of the profession and the role of athletic trainers in the provision of quality healthcare services; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of South Carolina to promote improved health care for all of those who engage in physical activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 1, 2024, as

### SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC TRAINING DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in recognizing athletic trainers for their important work in keeping the community healthy.



HENRY McMASTER  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## The Health Spot

### Spring EAP Practice Week Thank You

Last week, March 10-14, 2025, was Emergency Action Plan (EAP) practice week for spring sports.

Thank you to all the athletic programs who participated in the EAP Practice Week! Your dedication to preparedness, safety, and the safety of your athletes is truly commendable. By taking the time to practice emergency action plans, you have demonstrated a commitment to protecting athletes, coaches, and staff. Your efforts ensure a safer environment for everyone, and we appreciate your hard work and collaboration. Keep up the great work!

For additional information contact the Director of Health, Safety, and Wellness, Tim Kinney, at [Tim@schsl.org](mailto:Tim@schsl.org).

## Officials' Whistle

The training of our officials is paramount to ensure our student-athletes play in a safe environment. Below you will find ways to aid in the training of our officials:

1) Don't hesitate to send video of contests. In-game video sent to us and our district officials assignors make our officials better. We are able to use it and review plays to ensure veteran and newer officials continue to grow in the profession.

2) We encourage you to make your facilities available to our officials for training purposes. Oftentimes, training spaces are hard to come by. Making your facilities available can give our officials field space, gym space, and classroom space to train and improve for our teams.

For additional questions concerning the Officials' Whistle contact Associate Commissioner Sarah Hayes at [Sarah@schsl.org](mailto:Sarah@schsl.org).

## Tools for Success

### Living Clean Week Go Green...Keep it Clean

This week, March 17-21, 2025, is Spring Living Clean Week. The theme for this week is Go Green...Keep it Clean.

We encourage all of our member schools to use this week to do some spring cleaning! See page 4 for a complete list of activities for the week.

Be sure to submit your Living Clean photos and videos on the following Link:

[Living Clean Reporting Form](#)

Direct all questions for this section to Director of Educational Services to Dr. Curtrell Rhodan at [Curtrell@schsl.org](mailto:Curtrell@schsl.org).