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Upcoming Events Basketball Semifinals - Florence Center Mar. 5, 2025 Basketball Press Conferences - Mar. 6, 2025 9:30 am: Girls (Class 2A, 4A, 5A-Division II) 11:30 am: Boys (Class 2A, 4A, 5A-Division II) Basketball State Finals - Florence Center Mar. 6 - 8, 2025 Mar. 13, 2025 – 10:00am: Leadership Summit (Virtual) Mar. 10-14: EAP Week Mar. 15-19, 2025: SCAAA Conference Mar. 17-21, 2025: Living Clean Week



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



The 2025 SCHSL Basketball State Semifinals and State Finals presented by Absolute Total Care will conclude this Saturday.

The State Semifinals will run through tomorrow, Wednesday, March 5, 2025, while the State Finals are Thursday - Saturday, March 6-8, 2025.

The 2025 basketball brackets are available on the SCHSL website. Brackets can be accessed under the brackets link in the blue bar at the top of the SCHSL website, <u>www.schsl.org</u>, or by clicking the following link: <u>https://schsl.org/brackets</u>.

See page 3 for a complete Playoff Schedule.

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

2025 SCHSL Basketball Championship State Finalist Press Conferences

The SCHSL will hold Virtual Basketball State Finalists Press Conferences for its upcoming Girls and Boys 2025 Basketball State Finals. The schedule for the Press Conferences are below.

March 6, 2025: 9:30 am: Girls (Class 2A, 4A, 5A-Division II); 11:30 am: Boys (Class 2A, 4A, 5A-Division II)

Championship Merchandise: NW Designs will be selling official championship merchandise onsite 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>.

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	Tues 2/18 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: Sat 2/22 1A Boys 3A Girls 5A Div.1 Boys	<u>Mon 2/24</u> 1A Girls 3A Boys 5A Div.1 Girls	<u>Tues 2/</u> 2A Girls 4A Boy 5A Div.	s	<u>Wed 2/26</u> 2A Boys 4A 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 5A 4:00 5A	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 4:30 5A Div.2 Boys 6:00 5A Div.2 Girls 7:30 5A Div.2 Boys	(U)			(L) – Lower Stat (U) – Upper Sta		
Finals: <u>Thurs 3/6</u> 2:00 1A Girls 4:00 1A Boys 6:00 3A Girls 8:00 3A Boys	Fri 3/7 2:00 4A Girls 4:00 4A Boys 6:00 5A Div.1 G 8:00 5A Div.1 B			A Girls		

Lower State Representative will be the Home Team for all State Finals.

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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: <u>Financial</u> <u>Forms</u>.

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.

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 Deputy Commissioner Charlie Wentzky. <u>Click here</u> for this installment of the Commissioner's Chat.



SCHSL Virtual Leadership Summit

The South Carolina High School League is thrilled to host the Virtual Leadership Summit on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 10 am. This is an incredible opportunity for student-athletes to grow as leaders, and we encourage you to register as many as possible.

This year, SCHSL is dedicated to leadership development, recognizing that every studentathlete has the potential to lead. By hearing from former South Carolina student-athletes, athletic professionals, and a community mentor, participants will gain valuable insights and resources to strengthen their leadership skills both on and off the field.

The Leadership Summit is completely free—just click the Leadership Summit Link to register.

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

We look forward to you watching!

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

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





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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Health Spot

Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Practice Week

Next week, March 10-14, 2025, is Emergency Action Plan (EAP) Practice Week for spring sports.

The SCHSL encourages all schools to participate in this life-saving initiative. It takes just 15 minutes to review and practice your EAP in a real-life scenario. We strongly encourage you to coordinate with your emergency response team and rehearse handling a medical emergency at your specific venue. Remember, the first time you use your EAP shouldn't be during a real emergency!

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

Spring into Service: A Community Clean-Up Initiative

Spring season is in full swing, and what better time for a little "spring cleaning"? You may remember the song, "Clean up, clean up, everybody do your share!"— Let's bring that spirit to life by organizing a community service project that unites our spring sports athletes, parents, and the surrounding community.

As we approach the final season of the year, consider leading a team-wide effort to give back. Captains from each spring sport can take charge, rallying their teams to clean an area different from where they typically train. By working together, we can make a meaningful impact and strengthen our community.

Let's step up, support one another, and show that teamwork extends beyond the game!

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