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Upcoming Events

Middle School Leadership Conference

Apr. 4, 2025: 9:00 AM

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

Executive Committee: Apr. 9, 2025

SCHSL Office Closed - Spring Break

Apr. 14-18, 2025

Upcoming Deadlines

Middle School Track Invitational Interest Form

Apr. 8, 2025

Scholar Athlete and Multi-Sport Nominations

Apr. 15, 2025: 3:30 PM

RSVP for 4A Day

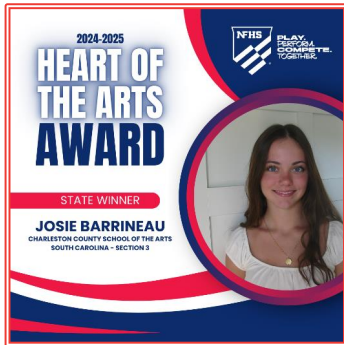
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For job openings around the SCHSL, visit www.schsl.org/jobs

CONGRATULATIONS

NFHS HEART OF THE ARTS STATE AWARD WINNER



Charleston County School of the Arts student, Josie Barrineau, is the 2025 State Winner of the NFHS Heart of the Arts Award for the State of South Carolina.

Josie, a junior at Charleston County School of the Arts, has been studying piano since the age of seven.

She is an Honor Roll Member and has received the following piano honors: National Federation of Music Clubs (NFMC): National Incentive Award Winner - Junior Composers Contest, NFMC: Southeast Winner - Junior Composers Contest, and Honorable Mention in the Piano Guild International Composition Competition.

SCHSL GAVEL PRESENTATION

Dr. Jerome Singleton, Commissioner of the SCHSL, presents outgoing SCHSL Executive Committee President Nicholas Pearson, with a gavel in appreciation of his service as the President of the Executive Committee.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

If you are interested in your middle school athletes participating in this event, please use the link below to respond to the track and field interest form no later than next **Tuesday, April 8, 2025**. Please note, This is not the registration for participants. The registration form will be sent to schools who complete the interest form.

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

[Track Invitational Interest Form](#)



Mark your calendars. The SCHSL office will be closed, **April 14-18, 2025**, for Spring Break.

Normal business hours, 7:30-4 pm, will resume Monday, April 21, 2025.

TuesNews Break

Due to the SCHSL office closure for Spring Break, there will not be an April 15, 2025 TuesNews. TuesNews will resume on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

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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 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.

Athletic Administrators Assistants Appreciation Day

[RSVP Link](#)

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) will host the Athletic Administrators Assistants Appreciation Day (A4 Day), **Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 10:00 AM**, at the SCHSL Office (121 Westpark Blvd, Columbia, SC 29210).

The A4 Day is for all high school Athletic Administrative Assistants (i.e., Athletic Director's Administrative Assistant, Athletic Department Assistant, etc.). **Please Note: A4 Day is not for Assistant Athletics Directors.**

Please RSVP at the link above no later than **12 p.m., Tuesday, April 22, 2025**, if you plan to attend.

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SPRING SPORTS OFFICIALS' APPRECIATION WEEK (April 7-12, 2025)



APRIL 7-12, 2025

**SPRING SPORTS OFFICIALS'
APPRECIATION WEEK**

#WEARESCHSL

Reminder: The Spring Sports Officials' Appreciation Week is April 7-12, 2025. Show your appreciation to our officials throughout the State of South Carolina. Officials work to maintain the integrity of the sports they officiate and ensure student-athletes have a safe environment to play in. Without our officials, our student-athletes would not be able to enjoy the sports they love. So show your appreciation to the unsung heroes of interscholastic contests.

Participation in Spring 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 student groups. Some ideas that you can use for Spring Sports Officials' Appreciation Week can be found in the Officials' Whistle Column on page 8.

We encourage you to submit pictures of your school and athletes showing appreciation to our officials by clicking: [Spring Sports Officials' Appreciation Week](#)



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Commissioner's Chat

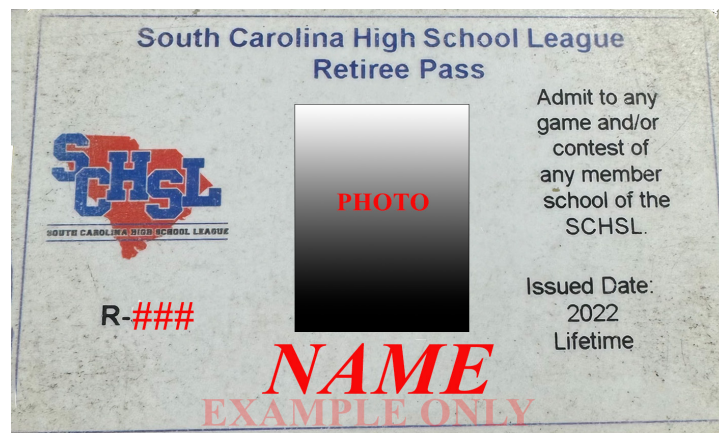
Periodically, the South Carolina High School League's (SCHSL) Commissioner Dr. Jerome Singleton and members of the staff, will sit down for a Commissioner's Chat and Beyond to highlight the happenings in the SCHSL. This installment of Commissioner's Chat and Beyond features SCHSL Commissioner Dr. Jerome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

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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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.

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.

Save the Date

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) will hold a webinar with Commissioner Singleton, Friday, April 10, 2025.

Full details will be sent via E-mail.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Health Spot

With the Fall open season right around the corner, below are a few health and safety reminders to consider before the student-athletes return:

- Check equipment for safety and functionality and make sure it is up to date with NOCSAE standards
- Ensure locker rooms, weight rooms, and showers are thoroughly cleaned and sanitized to avoid MRSA and related bacterial, viral, and skin infections
- For football, follow the spring practice acclimatization guidelines found in the rules and regulations
- Review, update, and practice your Emergency Action Plan
- Utilize a wet bulb globe thermometer to determine safe conditions
- Have a cold immersion tub readily available
- Make sure all athletes have a current physical on file

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' Appreciation Week Ideas

1. Officials' appreciation week banners and signage on the fence, wall, etc., surrounding the contest playing area.
2. Gift cards/cookies/donuts/other items presented to the crew by both the home and visiting team.
3. Photos of the officiating crew with both teams and coaches prior to the start of the game (or at the end, depending on timing).
4. Read a PSA at the start of the game, thanking the crew for working the contest.
5. Student escorts of the crew onto the field/court/pitch.
6. "Thank you" cards, signed by the team and coaching staff.
7. Special appreciation signage in the officials' locker room.
8. Recorded "thank you" messages from student-athletes and coaches to officials, posted on social media.

For additional information concerning the Officials' Whistle contact Associate Commissioner Sarah Hayes at Sarah@schsl.org

Tools for Success

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure!!

When it comes to athletics, we know that student-athletes can sometimes lose their cool. If your team is facing an opponent with a bad history, don't fuel the fire, instead, keep your motivation positive and constructive. Remind your athletes of what they could jeopardize by demonstrating unsportsmanlike behavior.

Take profanity, for example—if a student-athlete uses it, they risk losing the opportunity to play the sport they love. Don't wait until a situation arises—clearly communicate the cost of bad behavior upfront. By setting expectations early, you can help your athletes stay focused, composed, and committed to representing their team with integrity.

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