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## Upcoming Events

Boy's Tennis Class 5A-Division I State Finals:  
May 15, 2025

Track & Field State Finals: May 15-17, 2025

Boy's Tennis (Individuals) State Finals:  
May 19-20, 2025

Boy's Golf State Finals: May 19-20, 2025

Soccer Press Conferences: May 20, 2025

**Girls: 9:30 am:** Classes 2A and 3A

**Boys: 11:30 am:** Classes A, 2A and 3A

Soccer Press Conferences: May 21, 2025

**Girls: 9:30 am:** Classes 4A, 5A-Division 1 & 2

**Boys: 11:30 am:** Classes 4A, 5A-Division 1 & 2

## Upcoming Deadlines

June Scholastic Event Registration: **May 16, 2025**

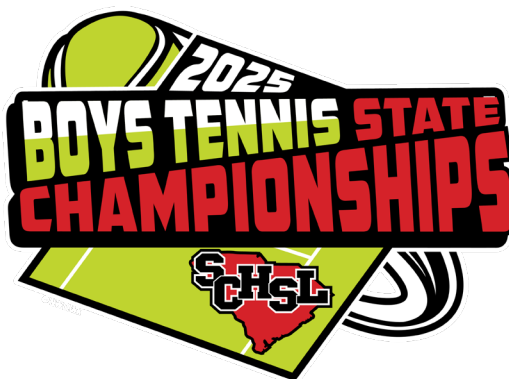
Assistant Commissioner  
for Middle School Athletics: May 23, 2025

**JOBS**

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 2025 Boys Tennis State Finals Updates



Due to inclement weather, the SCHSL Class AAAAA-Division 1 Boys Tennis State Finals and the Boys Individual State Finals will be held this Thursday, May 15, 2025, and next Monday-Tuesday, May 19-20, 2025, respectively. Below is the information for both events.

**Class AAAAA-Division 1: Thursday, May 15, 2025: 12 noon**

**Carolina Indoor Tennis Center, 523 Superior St., Columbia, SC 29205**

Admission is \$10 per person (5 and under are admitted free). Tickets will be available at [gofan.co](https://gofan.co) and cash will be accepted at the door. Doors open at 11:00 AM.

**Boys Tennis Individual State Finals: Monday-Tuesday, May 19-20, 2025: Free Admission**

**9:00 am: Classes A, AA, AAA; 10:15: Classes AAAA, AAAAA-Div. 1 and Div. 2**

**Lexington County Tennis Complex, 425 Oak Drive, Lexington, SC 29073**

Additional information can be found at:

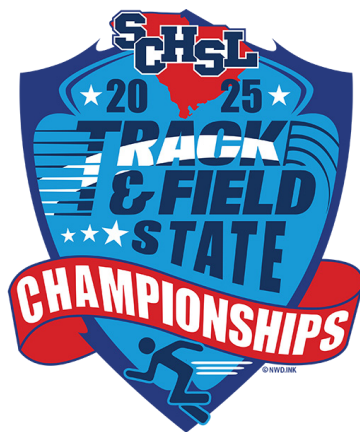
Boys Tennis Team: <https://schsl.org/archives/14855>; (Boys Tennis Individuals); <https://schsl.org/archives/14855>;

## Boys Tennis State Finals Merchandise

NW Designs will be selling official championship merchandise on-site at the Boys Tennis State Finals. Fans can also purchase merchandise via their online store, which is accessible at <https://nwd.ink/s/schsl/volleyball-state-championships/>.

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## 2025 Boys and Girls Track & Field State Finals



The SCHSL will hold its 2025 Boys and Girls Track & Field State Finals, this Thursday-Saturday, May 15-17, 2025. The Finals will be held at Richland Northeast High School and Spring Valley High School. Please be reminded, Richland Two has a clear bag policy. Admission is \$10 per person (5 and under are admitted free). Tickets will be available at [gofan.co](https://gofan.co) and cash will be accepted at the gate. See below for date, times, and location for each classification.

### 2025 BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE:

**Class A:** Thursday, May 15, 2025, 5:00 pm: Richland Northeast  
**Class AAAAA-Div. 2:** Thursday, May 15, 2025, 5:00 pm: Spring Valley  
**Class AA:** Friday, May 16, 2025, 5:00 pm: Spring Valley  
**Class AAAA:** Friday, May 16, 2025, 5:00 pm: Richland Northeast  
**Class AAA:** Saturday, May 17, 2025, 9:00 am: Richland Northeast  
**Class AAAAA-Div. 1:** Saturday, May 17, 2025, 9:00 am: Spring Valley

Additional information can be found at: <https://schsl.org/archives/14855>.

## Track & Field State Finals Merchandise

NW Designs will be selling official championship merchandise on-site at the Boys and Girls Track & Field State Finals. Fans can also purchase merchandise via their online store, which is accessible at <https://nwd.ink/s/schsl/track-field-state-championships/>.

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## 2025 Boys Golf State Finals



The SCHSL will hold its 2025 Boys Golf Finals, this Saturday, May 19-20, 2025, at various locations. Due to inclement weather, the Boys Golf Class A State Finals scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2025, was rescheduled to Monday, May 19, 2025.

See below for the location for each classification.

**2025 BOYS GOLF SCHEDULE: Monday-Tuesday, May 19-20, 2025**

**Class A Monday, May 19, 2025 (Only): Chester Country Club**

**Class AA: Cheraw State Park**

**Class AAA: Newberry Country Club**

**Class AAAA: Cross Creek**

**Class AAAAA-Div. 1: The Wildewood Club**

**Class AAAAA-Div. 2: Cliffs Mountain Course**

Additional information can be found at: <https://schsl.org/archives/15702>.

## Boys Golf State Finals Merchandise

NW Designs will be selling official championship merchandise on-site at the Boys Golf State Finals. Fans can also purchase merchandise via their online store, which is accessible at <https://nwd.ink/s/schsl/boys-golf-state-championships/>.

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## Deadline Extended



The deadline for the 2025 SCHSL June Scholastic Basketball Event Registration has been extended to **this Friday, May 16, 2025**.

The June Scholastic Basketball Events will be held in two locations in North Augusta, SC.

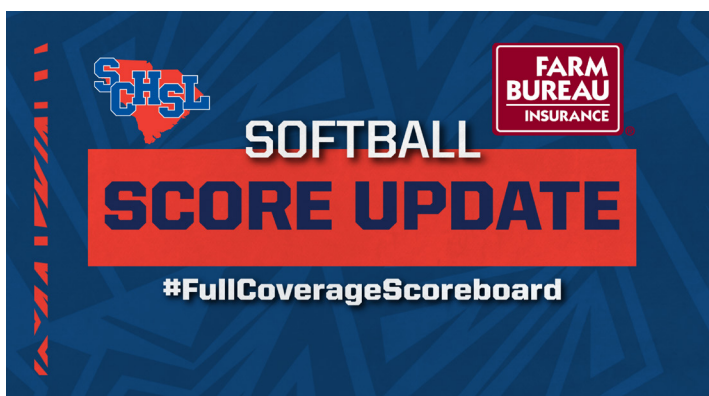
The Girls Event will be held in North Augusta at the Riverview Park Activities Center June 12-14, 2025 while the Boys Event will be held at the Riverview Park Activities Center and North Augusta High School, June 20-22, 2025.

The registration links for both events are below. The deadline to register is this **Friday, May 16, 2025**.

For additional information, please contact Associate Commissioner, Sarah Hayes, at [Sarah@schsl.org](mailto:Sarah@schsl.org).

[Girls June Scholastic Basketball Event Registration](#)

[Boys June Scholastic Basketball Event Registration](#)



Once again this season, Farm Bureau Insurance is partnering with the SCHSL to provide the Full Coverage Scoreboard for the softball playoffs and state championships. Follow along with the SCHSL account on X for scores of all playoff games. And your school can contribute to the effort by including #FullCoverageScoreboard on posts about your team's postseason games.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SCHSL Job Opening

### **South Carolina High School League Assistant Commissioner for Middle School Athletics**

**Position Overview:** The Assistant Commissioner for Middle School Athletics plays a pivotal role in overseeing and managing all aspects of middle school athletics governed by the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL). This position ensures strict adherence to SCHSL rules and regulations and adherence, where necessary, to National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) rules and regulations while fostering an enriching experience for student-athletes, coaches, and officials. The Assistant Commissioner for Middle School Athletics will also offer vital support to the Commissioners overseeing high school basketball and football programs. For additional information, please contact Director of Executive Affairs, Deanna Lott at [Deanna@schsl.org](mailto:Deanna@schsl.org).

Application Procedure: Deadline, May 23, 2025.

Please [click here](#) to submit your employment application. Or you can copy and paste the link:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/SouthCarolinaHighSchoolLeague/JobApplication2>

## 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).

## 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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## SCHSL SAAC 2025 Graduates

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) is extremely proud of the 2025 Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) graduates! The SCHSL SAAC was reinstated in the Fall of 2023, making this the first group of SAAC students to graduate since the reinstatement.

The SCHSL thanks you for your outstanding service—from volunteering at Championships to leading the way in organizing both virtual and in-person middle school leadership summits.

Your dedication and leadership have made a lasting impact. You guys rock, and we couldn't be prouder of each of you!



**Pictured: Front Row (L-R):** Destinee Tiller - Eau Claire, Alexa Tamayo - Calhoun Falls, Kelly Gristwood-Sumter (President), Paris Mayes - Blacksburg (Secretary), Kinsley Price-Great Falls. **Back Row (L-R):** Halen Moss - Dreher, Matthew Blocker - Irmo (Vice President); Wyatt Krashner - Riverwalk, Ako Taylor - Westwood (Historian), Tyler White - Midland Valley. **Not Pictured:** Ryan Conder - Mid-Carolina.



**Officers Photo: (L-R):** Matthew Blocker - Irmo (Vice President); Kelly Gristwood - Sumter (President), Ako Taylor - Westwood (Historian); Paris Mayes - Blacksburg (Secretary).

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## Commissioner's Chat & Beyond



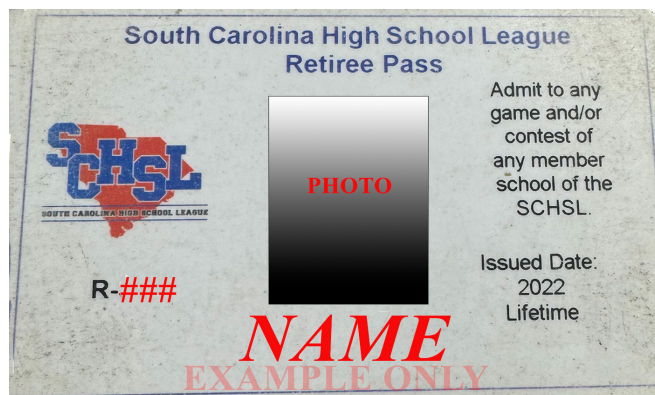
Periodically, the South Carolina High School League's (SCHSL) Commissioner Dr. Jerome Singleton and members of the staff will sit down for a Commissioner's Chat and Beyond to highlight the happenings in the SCHSL. This installment of Commissioner's Chat and Beyond features SCHSL Associate Commissioner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



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Officials' Spotlight

Throughout this year, we shined 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.

The final spotlight for the 2024-25 season is Faith Barbare. Barbare served as an official for the 2025 Class AAAA Girls Lacrosse State Final.



1. How long have you been an official in the SCHSL?  
**This was my 15<sup>th</sup> year officiating girl's lacrosse.**

2. What sports do you currently officiate?  
**I only officiate Girls Lacrosse.**

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

**Officiating is a passion of mine, so it's not my full-time job. I'm the founder of SimplyFit, a faith-based coaching company that helps women break free from dieting and teaches women to learn to trust their bodies with confidence. SimplyFit is a coaching company dedicated to helping women build a healthy lifestyle—physically, mentally, and spiritually. I support women in learning to trust their bodies, create lasting habits, and break free from the pressure of perfection.**

4. Why are you a high school official?

**After playing high school and college lacrosse, I wanted a way to stay connected with the sport. I ran into a high school official who connected me with the right person, and I've been officiating ever since.**

**I love how this has allowed me to be a part of the sport, and I've been able to help encourage the girls on the field to keep working hard despite the score. The sport has drastically grown over the past 15 years, and I'm honored to be along for the ride.**

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## Donate Blood and Become a Hero

Heroes come in all shapes and sizes. They don't all wear capes or special suits, and their badge of honor may be a bandage that shows they gave the gift of life.

Everyone is invited to become a hometown hero and answer the call of patients in need by donating blood.

Donating blood is one of the simplest things a person can do to help save a patient's life. For the hour it takes to give blood, there could be a whole community of people thankful for another birthday given to their loved one.

To make an appointment or to learn more, download the [American Red Cross Blood Donor App](#) on your mobile device, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org), or contact [Alesha.Wilson@redcross.org](mailto:Alesha.Wilson@redcross.org).

# RECOGNITION

## Teacher Appreciation Week

Last Week, May 5-9, 2025, was Teacher Appreciation Week. Teachers play a crucial role in shaping the lives of students, not just academically, and athletically, but also in terms of character development and personal growth. Their dedication and hard work are truly commendable.

The Commissioner and Staff of the SCHSL express our thanks to all teachers for all you do as you help guide and mold the students.



## SCHSL/NFHS SECTION 3 LOGO COMPETITION WINNER



**Alyssa N. Brown**, a senior at Ware Shoals High School, has been selected as the winner of the SCHSL/NFHS Section 3 Logo Competition. The competition was open to all high school students attending schools that are members of the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL).

Her design was selected from more than 20 submissions for its creativity and impact. Alyssa plans to attend the University of San Francisco following her graduation from Ware Shoals High School.

# RECOGNITION

## Athletic Administrative Assistants Appreciation Day!

On April 30, 2025, the SCHSL held the Athletic Administrative Assistants Appreciation Day (A4 Day). It was the **Boots on the Ground Show** at the League Office. On this day, the League staff celebrated and showed appreciation to the High School Athletic Administrative Assistants for all their hard work throughout the year.

Those in attendance were enlightened with valuable League information and had an opportunity to learn from other Athletic Administrative Assistants across the state, all while having fun.

The culminating event of the day was SCHSL Jeopardy, where the participants were grouped together to answer questions about the League, sport MVP's, the State of South Carolina, and other categories.

Pictured below is the Jeopardy Mini Boots winning team.



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## The Health Spot

In recognition of May being Mental Health Awareness Month, the SCHSL is excited to host the U.S. Center for Mental Health and Sport for a two-hour certification course specifically for Athletic Directors.

This free training will equip you with actionable strategies to support student-athlete mental wellness—a critical priority in our schools. The course will be this **Wednesday, May 14, 2025**, 9:00–11:00 am at the SCHSL Office (121 Westpark Boulevard, Columbia, SC, 29210).

Participants will receive a certification credential upon completion of the course. Registration link and brochure are below.

Register here: [Registration](#)

Brochure: [Academic MH Training](#)

Direct all questions for this section to the Director of Health, Safety, and Wellness, Tim Kinney at [Tim@schsl.org](mailto:Tim@schsl.org).

## Officials' Whistle

Summer is right around the corner and that means teams are gearing up for summer workouts, training, and competition.

Summer is also a time for our officials to work on their craft. We want our officials to have a growth mindset and always work to improve or polish their skills.

Our officials need safe spaces they can train in and what better place than our schools and their athletic facilities. We encourage our schools to open their facilities to officials for training. Whether it's the classroom, court, or field, we want to encourage you to give space to our officials so they can work to improve their skills.

If you are able and interested in providing a space for our officials to train, please reach out to Associate Commissioner, Sarah Hayes at [Sarah@schsl.org](mailto:Sarah@schsl.org) to help facilitate this process.

## Tools for Success

### Educational Courses Wrap-Up

As we wrap up the Captains' Courses, Leadership Courses, and Summits for the 2024-2025 school year, the SCHSL would like to share a comprehensive list of all the courses and summits offered this year.

We encourage you to use these valuable resources during "rainy day" practices or whenever you are looking for ways to continue developing leadership within your teams. These materials can be a tremendous asset as we all work together to grow stronger, more effective leaders in our athletic programs.

[2024 Fall Captains Courses](#)

[2024 Middle School Summit](#)

[2024 Fall Health Summit](#)

[Winter Captains Courses](#)

[Spring Captains Courses](#)

[Spring Leadership Summit 1](#)

[Spring Leadership Summit 2](#)

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