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## Upcoming Events

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

Soccer Championships: **May 22-24, 2025**

Baseball Press Conferences: **May 23, 2025**

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

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

Baseball Championships: **May 24-31, 2025**

**SCHSL Office Closed - Memorial Day**  
**May 26, 2025**

Softball Press Conference: **May 26, 2025**

**8:30 AM:** Classes 5A-Division 1 & 2

Softball Championships: **May 26-30, 2025**

Softball Press Conferences: **May 27, 2025**

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

**11:30 am:** Classes 3A, 4A

## Upcoming Deadline

SCHSL 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)**

# CONGRATULATIONS

## 2025 SCHSL Boys Track and Field Champions



CLASS A  
2025 BOYS TRACK AND FIELD STATE  
CHAMPIONS

**CALHOUN COUNTY  
HIGH SCHOOL**



CLASS AA  
2025 BOYS TRACK AND FIELD STATE  
CHAMPIONS

**FAIRFIELD CENTRAL  
HIGH SCHOOL**



CLASS AAA  
2025 BOYS TRACK AND FIELD STATE  
CHAMPIONS

**WACCAMAW HIGH SCHOOL**



CLASS AAAA  
2025 BOYS TRACK AND FIELD STATE  
CHAMPIONS

**SENECA HIGH SCHOOL**



CLASS AAAAA-DIVISION 1  
2025 BOYS TRACK AND FIELD STATE  
CHAMPIONS

**RIDGE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL**



CLASS AAAAA-DIVISION 2  
2025 BOYS TRACK AND FIELD STATE  
CHAMPIONS

**WEST FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL**

# CONGRATULATIONS

## 2025 SCHSL Girls Track & Field Champions



CLASS A  
2025 GIRLS TRACK & FIELD STATE  
CHAMPIONS

**BAMBERG-EHRHARDT  
HIGH SCHOOL**



CLASS AA  
2025 GIRLS TRACK & FIELD STATE  
CHAMPIONS

**PHILIP SIMMONS HIGH SCHOOL**



CLASS AAA  
2025 GIRLS TRACK & FIELD STATE  
CHAMPIONS

**MOUNTAIN VIEW PREP**



CLASS AAAA  
2025 GIRLS TRACK & FIELD STATE  
CHAMPIONS

**GRAY COLLEGIATE ACADEMY**



CLASS AAAAA-DIVISION 1  
2025 GIRLS TRACK & FIELD STATE  
CHAMPIONS

**BLYTHEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**



CLASS AAAAA-DIVISION 2  
2025 GIRLS TRACK & FIELD STATE  
CHAMPIONS

**FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL**

# CONGRATULATIONS

## 2024 SCHSL Boys Tennis Champions



CLASS AAA  
2025 BOYS TENNIS STATE CHAMPIONS

**OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE  
ACADEMY**



CLASS AAAA  
2025 BOYS TENNIS STATE CHAMPIONS

**AC FLORA HIGH SCHOOL**



CLASS AAAAA-DIVISION 1  
2025 BOYS TENNIS STATE CHAMPIONS

**JL MANN HIGH SCHOOL**



CLASS AAAAA-DIVISION 2  
2025 BOYS TENNIS STATE CHAMPIONS

**MYRTLE BEACH HIGH SCHOOL**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 2025 Boys and Girls Soccer State Finals



The SCHSL will hold its 2025 Boys and Girls Soccer State Finals, this Thursday-Saturday, May 22-24, 2025. The Finals will be held at Memorial Stadium in Columbia, SC. Please be reminded, Richland One has a clear bag policy. Admission is \$15 per person (5 and under are admitted free). Tickets are available at [gofan.co](http://gofan.co) and cash will be accepted at the gate. See below for date, and times.

### 2025 BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER SCHEDULE:

**Note: Girls kickoff each class first...**

**Boys will follow 25 minutes after the girls awards ceremony**

<u>Thursday 5/22</u>	<u>Friday 5/23</u>	<u>Saturday 5/24</u>
2:00 pm – 1A Boys	11:00 am – 3A	1:30 pm – 5A Div. 2
4:30 pm – 2A	4:00 pm – 5A Div. 1	6:00 pm – 4A

There will be two press conferences, Wednesday, May 21, 2025: 9:30 am (Girls: 4A, 5A-Division 1 & 2), and 11:30 am (Boys: 4A, 5A-Division 1 & 2).

In case you missed it: The Tuesday, May 20, 2025, press conferences featuring coaches and players from girls and boys Classes A, 2A, and 3A, can be seen on the rewind link on the SCHSL website later this week.

Additional information can be found at: <https://schsl.org/archives/16244>.

## SOCCER State Finals Merchandise

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## From The NFHS

Dr. Karissa Niehoff, Chief Executive Officer of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), recently emphasized the importance of reinforcing the educational value of high school sports and other activity programs.

Her article, *Reinforcing the Educational Value of High School Sports, Other Activity Programs*, underscores the critical role these programs play in promoting students' academic success, mental health, and overall development.

Within the article, Dr. Niehoff's insights highlight the multifaceted benefits of high school sports and activities, advocating for their continued support and expansion to meet the evolving needs of students.

[Click here](#) to read the complete article.



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## SCAHOF Recognition

As part of its Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Monday, May 19, 2025, the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame (SCAHOF) awarded the Bobby Richardson Sportsmanship Award to all South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) high school sports officials.

The award is presented annually to an individual or organization that exemplifies the values demonstrated by Bobby Richardson—a Sumter native and former New York Yankees star—including athletic excellence, outstanding leadership, and exemplary sportsmanship.

Steven Sawyer, the Officials Representative on the SCHSL Executive Committee, accepted the award on behalf of the more than 3,000+ high school sports officials in the State.

Members of the SCHSL staff, including Commissioner, Dr. Jerome Singleton, were on-hand during the presentation.



**Pictured (L-R):** SCHSL Commissioner, Dr. Jerome Singleton; Steven Sawyer; Associate Commissioner, Sarah Hayes; and Jill White, SCHSL Arbiter Booking Coordinator.

# 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.cognitofrms.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).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## South Carolina High School League Office Closing!!!



In observance of Memorial Day, the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Office will be closed, Monday, May 26, 2025.

Normal business hours, 7:30-4:00 pm, will resume Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

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## 2024 Baseball, and Softball Score Reporting

Please be reminded that playoff scores for baseball and softball must be submitted electronically via the score reporting form.

The score reporting forms can be found mid-way down on the front page of the SCHSL website.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Commissioner's Chat & Beyond



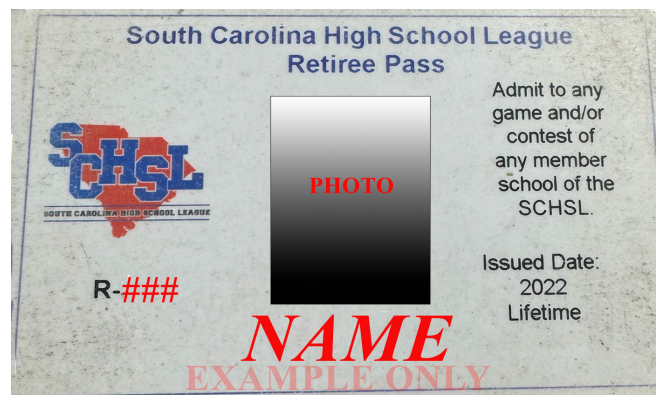
Periodically, the South Carolina High School League's (SCHSL) Commissioner Dr. Jerome Singleton and members of the staff will sit down for a Commissioner's Chat and Beyond to highlight the happenings in the SCHSL. This installment of Commissioner's Chat and Beyond features SCHSL Associate Commissioner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

## Retiree Pass Information

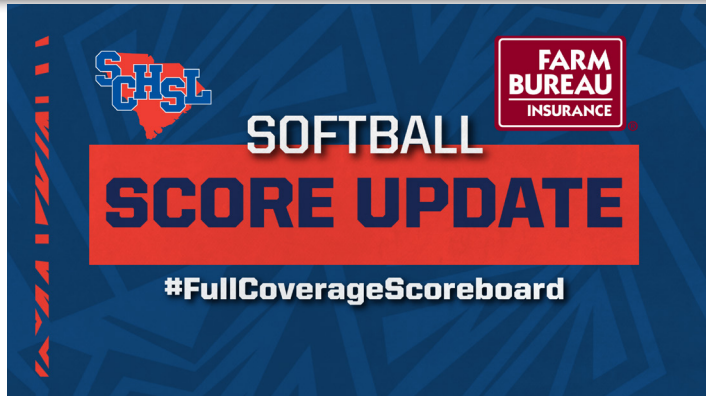
**Retiree Passes:** New retirees and those with retiree passes that contain an expiration date should fill out the form at the link below to obtain a pass.

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](#)



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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.

## 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](http://RedCrossBlood.org), or contact [Alesha.Wilson@redcross.org](mailto:Alesha.Wilson@redcross.org).

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## The Health Spot

As we continue to highlight mental health awareness month, please see the below resources for you to share with your student-athletes.

1. **The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) – Athletes:** [nami.org](http://nami.org). NAMI provides resources aimed at athletes, promoting mental health awareness through education and advocacy, and helping athletes to manage the unique pressures they face.
2. **Mental Health America:** Website: [mhanational.org](http://mhanational.org). Mental Health America provides resources that are helpful for athletes, including tools for early identification of mental health issues and educational materials aimed at promoting mental wellness.

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

#### Attitude of Gratitude

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. As we focus on mental health and the hashtag, #weseeyou, I ask that we all take in a big breath of thankfulness.

Research has shown that being thankful can reduce feelings of stress. It may be a good practice to just take a moment with your team, coaches, and athletic staff and think of all the things that you are grateful for. Taking small moments to connect can have a huge impact on your community's well being.

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