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Upcoming Events Aug. 27- Sept. 2, 2025

Middle School Football

First Scrimmage/Jamboree: Aug. 27, 2025

Class AAA Meeting: Aug. 27, 2025 – 10:00 am

Class AA Meeting: Aug. 28, 2025 – 10:00 am

Aug. 29, 2025: Week 1 - Football

Middle School Volleyball - First Contest:
Sept. 1, 2025

Sept. 1, 2025: SCHSL Office Closed - Labor Day

Class AAAA Meeting: Sept 2, 2025 – 10:00 am



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHSL Office Closed



In observance of Labor Day, the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Office will be closed Monday, September 1, 2025.

Normal business hours, 7:30 am - 4 pm, will resume on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

Sanctioning

With the kick-off for fall sports season, please be reminded that any event outside of regular season play, must be sanctioned by the League. Sanctioning requests must be submitted online using the following link: <https://schsldirectory.knack.com/sanctioning>.

Reminder: If your school hosts a jamboree for any sport, a jamboree financial statement must be completed and sent to the League within 15 days of the event. All financial forms are located on the SCHSL website by sports season. A link to the jamboree financial form can be found here: <https://schsl.org/archives/3284>.

Please direct all questions/concerns to Cindi C. Drakeford, Director of Finance at cindi@schsl.org.

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Rescheduling, Canceling or Postponing a Contest

If it is necessary to postpone, cancel, or reschedule a varsity football or varsity basketball contest to which certified officials are booked, the home school shall:

- Notify the officials when the contest will be rescheduled and ask if they can work the contest.
- If all officials can work, email Jill White at jill@schsl.org to notify her of the date and time change so she can make those changes in Arbiter.
- If one or more cannot work, you need to email Jill White at jill@schsl.org with the following information:
 1. Names of officials who can or cannot work
 2. Rescheduled Date
 3. Rescheduled Time

It is imperative schools follow this procedure so that all contests can be updated in a timely and consistent manner.

The full instructions are included in the image on page 4, and can also be found in the SCHSL Rules and Regulations which includes rescheduled games as well.

Please direct all questions/concerns to Jill White, Aribter Booking Coordinator at, Jill@schsl.org.

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Instructions for Rescheduling, Canceling or Postponing a Contest

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANCELING OR POSTPONING A CONTEST TO WHICH CERTIFIED OFFICIALS ARE BOOKED

If it is necessary to postpone or cancel a **varsity football or varsity basketball** contest to which certified officials are booked, the home school shall:

Notify the officials when the contest will be rescheduled and ask if they can work the contest.

If all officials can work, email Jill White at jill@schsl.org to notify her of the date and time change so she can make those changes in Arbiter.

If one or more cannot work, you need to email Jill White at: jill@schsl.org with the following information:

- A) Names of officials who can or cannot work
- B) Rescheduled Date
- C) Rescheduled Time

In **all other varsity sport(s)** where it is necessary to postpone or cancel a **regular season contest** to which certified officials are booked, the home school shall:

Notify the officials when the contest will be rescheduled and ask if they can work the contest.

Notify the local assignor of the rescheduled date and any officials who cannot work the contest.

NOTE: If it is a playoff contest, schools must notify the SCHSL office in addition to the above.

If the contest is canceled within two weeks of the scheduled date, the official will receive the fee.

If a contest is postponed and it is too late to stop the officials from traveling, mileage will be paid. The same officials will be reassigned if possible.

If a contest is postponed in time to stop the officials from traveling and the school fails to do so, fees and mileage will be paid.

Baseball and softball officials shall receive one-half fee and mileage if the game is started and terminated before it is a regulation game and full fee and travel if it is regulation. In other sports, officials are expected to return and finish a suspended contest on the rescheduled date. Only mileage will be paid. An official who cannot return will receive a fee comparable to the percentage of the contest worked. The replacement will receive mileage plus the remaining fee. The home school shall make the adjustments in fees.

If an official fails to keep an assignment, the official will pay the home school the game fee.

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2025-26 League Pass

The instructions on how to download the 2025-26 SCHSL League Pass was emailed to Superintendents and Principals on July 18, 2025. Superintendents and Principals, please check your spam/junk mail if you have not received the pass instructions email.

Athletic personnel and coaches, 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. The instructions on how to upload the photo is contained in the same email.

If you have any questions, contact Keith Warren, Director of Technology, at keith@schsl.org.

Retiree Pass Update

We understand that many of our retirees may be uncomfortable switching to the digital version of the retiree pass. To ensure everyone feels accommodated, the SCHSL will continue to honor physical retiree passes, even if they display an expired date.

Our goal is to support our retirees as much as possible.

If you have any questions concerning the retiree pass - physical or digital - please contact Brooke Baker, Office Manager, at brooke@schsl.org

2025-26 State Playoffs and State Finals Information

The 2025-26 state playoffs and state finals dates and times can be found at the following link: <https://schsl.org/brackets>. Click the blue tab that says 2025-26 Playoff Dates.

Basketball information will be added once it is finalized.

If you have any questions, contact the League Office, at (803) 798-0120.

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Commissioner's Chat & Beyond



Periodically, South Carolina High School League's (SCHSL) Commissioner Dr. Jerome Singleton, and members of the staff, will provide highlight key happenings within the League.

This first installment of Commissioner's Chat and Beyond for the 2025-26 year features SCHSL Commissioner Dr. Jerome Singleton. [Click here](#) for this installment of the Commissioner's Chat and Beyond.

Book Order Links

The 2025-26 NFHS Rules and Case Books for Football and Volleyball, and the Rule Books for Cheer as well as Swimming and Diving are now available.

Additionally, scorebooks for Cross-Country, Wrestling, Basketball, Track and Field, and Soccer are available for purchase from the SCHSL Shopify store at the following link: <https://sc-high-school-league.myshopify.com/collections/all>.

If your entire order is not currently in stock, a partial shipment will be sent with available items. The remaining books will be mailed once they become available.

All questions pertaining to book orders should be directed to Maeoceaisha Jenkins, Office Coordinator, at maeoceaisha@schsl.org.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Health Spot

NFHSLearn recently released a new course, *Emergency Action Planning for Afterschool Programs*, guiding athletic administrators through developing robust, venue-specific Emergency Action Plans (EAPs). This course walks participants through the essential steps of creating, practicing, and clearly communicating EAP protocols—ensuring everyone knows exactly what to do when every second counts. Whether addressing injuries, severe weather, medical crisis, or other emergencies, being ready can mean the difference between confusion and calm—preparation saves lives.

We highly encourage you to take this free course if you are newly developing or just updating your EAPs.

All questions related to the information contained in this section, should be directed to Tim Kinney, Director of Health, Safety, and Wellness, at tim@schsl.org.

Tools for Success

What an amazing Fall Captains Course!

We had outstanding participation from our member schools and their student leaders. Attendance at the Captains Courses helps prepare all South Carolina student-athletes to embrace their role as leaders both on and off the field. Congratulations to every school that took part!

This year, we introduced a new approach—equipping our leaders with the rules and regulations for good sportsmanship. Our goal is for every student-athlete to grow not only as a competitor, but also as a well-rounded human being.

We encourage your school to stay involved and engaged in the educational services we provide. These opportunities are designed to support our membership in the areas of sportsmanship, community service, and leadership.

Up next: The Middle School Virtual Summit on September 18 at 10:00 AM. Registration coming in the next couple of weeks. We look forward to seeing your student-athletes there!

All questions related to the information contained in this section, should be directed to Dr. Curtrell Rhodan, Director of Educational Services, at curtrell@schsl.org.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Officials' Whistle

THE NFHS Officials' Code of Ethics

Officials are the unsung heroes of our high school athletic contests. They uphold the integrity of the sports they officiate and help to provide a safe environment for our student-athletes to play. Did you know they have a Code of Ethics that they use as the guide to perform their duties? Here are a few guidelines:

Officials shall master both the rules of the game and the mechanics necessary to enforce the rules, and shall exercise authority in an impartial, firm and controlled manner.

Officials shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession in all interaction with student-athletes, coaches, athletic directors, school administrators, colleagues, and the public.

Officials shall, while enforcing the rules of play, remain aware of the inherent risk of injury that competition poses to student-athletes. Where appropriate, they shall inform event management of conditions or situations that appear unreasonably hazardous.

You can find the full NFHS Code of Ethics for officials here: [NFHS Officials Code of Ethics](#).

All questions related to the information contained in this section, should be directed to Associate Commissioner, Sarah Hayes, at sarah@schsl.org.

Future Five Stars

Whispers in the Wind

Please share this friendly reminder with coaches.

Sixth-grade students are not permitted to participate in interscholastic sports. Their role is limited to serving as team managers only. Sixth graders **may not** throw, catch, or hit balls as part of drills or practice, run routes or participate in plays, throw balls against a wall or engage in any type of "training" activity, join practice drills or scrimmages in any form, or take part in a "team" of sixth-grade managers engaging in physical practice or play.

This rule applies even if the sixth-grade manager is away from the team or on the opposite end of the field or court.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring all students are participating appropriately.

All questions related to the information contained in this section, should be directed to Dr. Lenard Hudnal, Assistant Commissioner for Middle School Athletics, at Lenard@schsl.org.