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Upcoming Events

RefReps Webinar - Oct. 1, 2025 9:00 am

Last Meet - Swim: Oct. 4, 2025

Fall Officials Appreciation Week
Oct. 6, 2025 – Oct. 11, 2025



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Middle School Volleyball Regional Invitational

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) will offer the Annual Middle School Volleyball Regional Invitational on Saturday, October 25, 2025. In preparation for this event, we are requesting a response from your program regarding your interest in participating or not participating.

If your school offers middle school volleyball, please use the link below to respond to the volleyball invitational interest form. The response is due on or before Monday, September 29, 2025.

[Middle School Volleyball Regional Invitational Interest Form](#)

Director all questions pertaining to the middle school volleyball regional invitational to Dr. Lenard Hudnal, Assistant Commissioner for Middle School Athletics, at Lenard@schsl.org.

Open Conversation Student Survey



Reminder: The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) is pleased to be continuing its partnership with the South Carolina Department of Public Health's Office of Substance Abuse Services.

A Substance Abuse Awareness Check-in link was emailed to Principals and Athletic Directors Tuesday, September 16, 2025. We strongly encourage you to share the link with your students.

The first 500 students who respond to the survey will receive a gift card from Dick's Sporting Goods, and the school(s) that have the highest rate of participation will receive cash awards.

Thank you for your support of the Open Conversation SC campaign!

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Middle School Leadership Summit



The Virtual Middle School Leadership Summit was held last Thursday, September 18, 2025.

The South Carolina High School League extends a huge thank you to all middle school student-athletes, coaches, and administrators who attended the Virtual Middle School Leadership Summit.

This year's event featured the Student-Athlete Advisory Council Officers who shared information on Leadership, Social Media, and Conflict Resolution.

Michelle M. Nienhaus, the Manager for the Prevention and Intervention Services at the South Carolina Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities AND Office of Substance Use Services, offered strategies to address challenges in schools and communities.

For those schools unable to logon to the Summit live, you may view it on the SCHSL rewind page at the link below.

[Middle School Virtual Summit Link](#)

Special appreciation to the schools who participated live. For a list of participating schools, please see the Future Five Stars section on page 8.

Be sure to check the Future Five Stars section each week for information dedicated to middle school athletics.

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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 installment of Commissioner's Chat and Beyond features SCHSL Director of Health, Safety, and Wellness, *Tim Kinney*. [Click here](#) for the current installment of the Commissioner's Chat and Beyond.

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, Finance Consultant, at cindi@schsl.org.

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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.

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

Fall Sports Brackets Available

The 2025 fall brackets are now available.

Brackets can be accessed under the brackets link on the SCHSL website, www.schsl.org, or by clicking the following link: <https://schsl.org/brackets>.

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

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 MaeoCeisha Jenkins, Office Coordinator, at maeoceisha@schsl.org.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Health Spot

US Center for Mental Health and Sport Certification Course

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) will once again host the US Center for Mental Health and Sport, as they provide a free two hour certification course. The course will be in person tomorrow, Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at the SCHSL office at 9:00 am.

All athletic directors, assistant athletic directors, and athletic trainers are welcome to come be a part of this valuable training. The course focuses on mental health facts, signs and symptoms of mental health disorders, and most importantly an action plan to put in place. **Registration ends today, Tuesday, September 23, 2025.**

Register here: [Mental Health Certification Registration](#)

For more information on US Center for Mental Health and Sport [click here](#).

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

Make Education in Educational Athletic a Priority

Educating our coaches and student-athletes on the importance of sportsmanship, leadership, health, and community service must remain at the forefront of our athletic programs. After all, that is what sets high school athletics apart from other sports organizations.

It is our responsibility to ensure athletes not only know the rules of play but also follow the principles of sportsmanship as outlined by NFHS guidelines. Don't just hand your coaches the NFHS rule book—require them to read, highlight, and annotate it. This practice ensures they are engaging with the material and applying it before issues arise.

Our mission is bigger than developing great athletes—we are committed to developing great people. Together, we can make that happen.

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

Solving the Sports Officiating Shortage in South Carolina

South Carolina faces a critical shortage of sports officials as veteran officials retire. The SCHSL has partnered with RefReps, the NFHS's official officiating education partner, to offer a proven solution: a Sports Officiating elective course for your students during the school day.

- Already used in 1,000+ schools across 46 states, RefReps' curriculum is engaging, turnkey, and ready for your staff to implement.
- This program builds a pipeline of new officials while benefiting students, schools, and the wider sports community.

Take Action: There are two opportunities to join our free informational webinar with RefReps, next Wednesday, October 1, 2025: 9:00 am or Thursday, October 16, 2025: 1:00 pm to learn how your school can participate.

[Register Here](#)

Together we can strengthen the future of South Carolina athletics.

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

Middle School Summit Appreciation

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) extends a huge thank you to the schools listed below for participating in the Virtual Middle School Leadership Summit.

Your participation highlights a commitment to preparing future leaders on-and-off the field of play. We encourage more member middle schools to join us at the next Middle School Summit, (Thursday, April 16, 2026 - 9:00 am: SCHSL Office), as we continue building a culture of leadership, mentorship, and teamwork across South Carolina.

Participating Middle Schools: Abner Creek · Boiling Springs · Brewer · Busbee Creative Arts Academy · Carvers Bay STEAM · Gold Hill · HKT Middle High · Hopkins · Lady's Island · Lake Marion · McCormick · Newberry · North Middle High · North Central · Palmetto · Pleasant Knoll · Ridge-Spring Monetta · Riverside · Saluda Trail · Springfield · St. Andrews · WG Sanders · Whitmire Community · Wright (Abbeville).

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