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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 - 11, 2025

Swimming State Finals
Oct. 9, 2025 – Oct. 11, 2025



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

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2025 Swimming State Finals



The SCHSL 2025 Boy's and Girls' Swimming State Finals, are approaching. The finals are next Thursday-Saturday, October 9-11, 2025, at the Carolina Natatorium on the campus of the University of South Carolina: 1440 Wheat St., Columbia, SC 29208. Admission is \$10 per person and tickets will be available at gofan.co.

2025 SWIM SCHEDULE:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

2:00 PM GIRLS AAAAA D2
6:00 PM BOYS AAAAA D1

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

10:00 AM BOYS AAAA
2:00 PM GIRLS AAAAA D1
6:00 PM BOYS AAA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

10:00 AM GIRLS AAAA
2:00 PM BOYS AAAAA D2
6:00 PM GIRLS AAA

Additional information, can be found at <https://schsl.org/archives/16848>.

State Finals Merchandise

NW Designs will be selling official championship merchandise on-site at the Swimming State Finals. Fans can also purchase merchandise via their online store, which is accessible at <https://online-apparel.com/s/schsl-store/>.

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Living Clean Week in Review

LIVING CLEAN WEEK IN REVIEW



**THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE.
WHERE WE'RE NOT JUST GREAT STUDENT-ATHLETES,
WE'RE GREAT PEOPLE TOO!**

#BETHECHANGE

Living Clean Week was a success!

We love seeing schools from around the state take time to engage in community service.

From appreciating our officials to cleaning up stadiums and gyms, your efforts do not go unnoticed. Instilling community service is a vital part of our student-athletes' high school experience.

Your commitment to developing not only great student-athletes, but also great people, is a bright spot in high school athletics. Keep up the great work.

For a list of schools, visit the Tools for Success Section on page 9.

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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. The following sites have been confirmed, and additional sites may be added to accommodate other areas of the state.

Spartanburg High School
Ninety-Six High School
Airport High School
Battery Creek High School
Lugoff-Elgin High School

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.

Absolute Total Care AED Challenge



The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) and its corporate partner, Absolute Total Care, are teaming up to provide five (5) SCHSL member-schools AEDs to improve coverage at their athletic facilities. This is the second year for the Challenge.

Schools are encouraged to apply for these complimentary units by filling out the form below.

Winning schools will once again be recognized during the SCHSL Basketball State Championships in March.

[Absolute Total Care AED Challenge Signup Link](#)

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2025 Fall Officials' Appreciation Week



Fall Sports Officials' Appreciation Week is next week, October 6-11, 2025. Be sure to 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 fall 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 school student councils, spirit groups or other groups that serve as ambassadors to your school and community. Some ideas that you can use for Fall Sports Officials' Appreciation Week are below.

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

We encourage you to submit pictures of your school and athletes showing appreciation to our officials by clicking on the link here: [Fall Officials Appreciation Week](#).

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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

Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

The American Heart Association recommends that effective AED programs deliver a shock within 3-5 minutes after the collapse of the individual. Given this recommendation, South Carolina high school and middle school athletic programs should reflect on a few questions in case one of these events should happen:

- Do you have a written, reviewed, and practiced Emergency Action Plan (EAP)?
- Do you have an AED on-site, where is it located, and is it easily and readily accessible?
- Are all of your coaches, both paid and volunteer, CPR/AED trained and ready to deliver high-quality CPR?

Keeping your student-athletes safe during activities should be the highest priority for all athletic programs, and coaches should always be prepared with the proper knowledge and equipment to respond to a medical emergency immediately.

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

Living Clean Week was a success!

Shout out to all the schools who participated in Living Clean Week, we appreciate all your efforts.

Abbeville High School / Abbeville County School District; Irmo High School; Columbia High School; AC Flora High School; Lake View High School; Westwood High School; McCormick High School; Hopkins Middle School; Carvers Bay Early College and Career High School; Emerald High School; Eau Claire High School; American Leadership Academy Lexington; Gray Collegiate Academy

The next Living Clean Week is scheduled for January 12-16, 2026.

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.

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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, tomorrow, 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).

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](#)

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.