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Upcoming Events

Middle School Football - First Contest:
Sept. 10, 2025

Eligibility Appeals Committee Virtual Meeting
Sept. 11, 2025 – 10:00 am

Living Clean Week: Sept. 15-19, 2025



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025-26 League Pass

Each principal or superintendent should have receive a link to a Cognito Form to enter all League pass recipients. While this task may be delegated to a staff member, please remember that submitting the form serves as final approval. For accountability purposes, only one person should be assigned to complete the form. Do not share the link with others or forward it to additional staff.

The form has two parts:

1. School or District Information – completed once.
2. Pass Recipient Entries – completed for each individual receiving a pass.

When you click the school dropdown, select your school or district from the list. If your school or district is not listed, it may be due to outstanding fees. Please contact Cindi Drakeford, Director of Finance, at cindi@schsl.org.

Once your school is selected, the system will autofill the School ID and indicate how many passes your school receives at no cost.

Please double-check that email addresses and cell phone numbers are entered correctly:

- Copy and paste addresses from your email client to avoid typos.
- Incorrect email addresses or cell phone numbers will cause pass delivery and validation issues.

Additional 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.

2025-26 League Pass Corrections

To avoid having to make corrections to pass requests, please double-check that email addresses and cell phone numbers are entered correctly.

To avoid typos, copy and paste addresses from your email client. Incorrect email addresses or cell phone numbers will cause pass delivery and validation issues.

Please note: errors will continue corrected; however, priority will be to help people who have technical issues receiving the email or issues installing the pass.

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

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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.

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.

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

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 on September 24 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.

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

For more information on US Center for Mental Health and Sport: www.mentalhealthandsport.org.

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 Approaching!

Living Clean Week is next week, September 15-19, 2025.

The focus for this week is sportsmanship. Interscholastic sports is a prime environment to teach student-athletes the proper way to show respect to opponents and officials during competition. It is our job to clearly explain and demonstrate what is and isn't appropriate behavior. By encouraging member schools to model and teach sportsmanship, Living Clean Week can have a lasting impact on student-athletes' development both on and off the field.

Dos and Don'ts for Living Clean Week

Do: Respect Your Opponents; Show Respect to Officials; Be Humble in Victory and Gracious in Defeat; Model Good Behavior for Fans and Teammates; Engage the Community.

Don't: Take Cheap Shots or show Unsportsmanlike Conduct; Don't Blame or Yell at Officials; No Negative Social Media Posts; Don't Lose Control in Tough Moments; Avoid Taunting or Gloating.

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

Communication with Officials

Officials play a vital part in contests as it is their duty to ensure the safety and integrity of the contests that our student-athletes compete in. Communication before and during con-tests are important. Before a contest, place notes into Arbiter that inform officials of where they need to go once on campus, who they are going to meet before the contest, where their meeting is located, and any other pertinent information. This will help decrease confusion that may arise.

During a contest, officials can respond to rules-based and genuine questions when communicating with coaches. This brings understanding and clarification to all parties. Coaches should refrain from rhetorical questions or emotional comments and stick to constructive questions. Much like how student-athletes receive training on x's and o's, our officials receive training on game management, and how to make sure a game does not get out of control.

Communication can and should happen between Athletic Directors, Coaches and Officials to ensure an enjoyable environment, safety for all, and set expectations for what is to occur.

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

Clarification of Sixth Grade Student Manager Roles

Participation Restrictions

Sixth grade students may serve as team managers only. By rule, sixth grade students are not allowed to participate in interscholastic sports. This restriction exists because catastrophic insurance coverage does not extend to sixth grade students engaging in athletic participation. Allowing them to participate in drills, practices, or competitions creates liability concerns and is a violation of SCHSL policy.

Appropriate Responsibilities of Sixth Grade Managers

Acceptable tasks may include: Helping keep equipment organized; Filling water bottles and assisting with hydration; Managing practice/game supplies (towels, balls, cones, etc.); Keeping basic statistics or records as directed by the coach; Assisting with communication of schedules and team needs

Policy Reference

The SCHSL Middle School Rules and Regulations can be found in the AD Notebook tab at the top of the League's website. Additionally, please consult the Middle School Rules and Regulations Presentation available under the Rewind tab on the League's website for further clarification.

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.