



SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

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SUBJECT: Contests and Contracts for 2026-2028 School Years

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Greetings,

As member schools are winding down the fall season and beginning winter sports, it's beginning to reach the time of the year where fall coaches and administrators begin preparing schedules for next year. I wanted to share some information with all member schools that will hopefully help you during this process.

First, the South Carolina High School League will not recognize any contract that is signed or agreed upon prior to re-alignment being final. I do not anticipate this happening until, at the earliest, late January 2026. Therefore, any contract between two schools will not be binding that is signed or agreed up prior to re-alignment being final. The League will communicate with all member schools the timeline for re-alignment in greater detail in the next few weeks.

Second, there is a committee that is currently reviewing the sports season schedule that will not be finalized until January 2026 at the earliest. This review may result in the changing of dates for competitions for sports beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. Please keep this in mind when trying to get a head start on your 2026-2027 schedules that there is a possibility that some of our current start and end dates may change through this process.

Finally, there is a committee that is currently reviewing the state playoff brackets. This review process includes how schools are to qualify for the playoffs. One of the options this committee is considering is using some type of RPI formula for all classifications. There is nothing final in this decision and please understand the RPI formula is just one option that they have discussed.

I share this information with you to remind all member schools that while you try to prepare in advance for next year and begin making schedules that there are currently many moving parts that will potentially impact you through this process. As always, I will provide you with more information as we move through this process.