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Upcoming Events

**SCHSL Office Closed: Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 26-28, 2025**

Middle School Winter Sports - 1st Contest:
Dec. 1, 2025

Football Virtual Press Conferences:
Dec. 2, 2025 – 9:30 am: 1A, 3A & 5A-D2
Dec. 2, 2025 – 11:00 am: 2A, 4A & 5A-D1

**Football State Finals
Dec. 5, 2025 – Dec. 6, 2025**

JOBS

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

FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Friendly Reminders SCHSL League Passes

Please be reminded, all SCHSL digital passes must include the photo of the pass holder to be considered valid. Incomplete passes (**those without a photo**) are not to be accepted for entry into regular season contests. Additionally, the incomplete passes **will not** be honored at any state playoff/state final contests.

This process ensures proper identification of pass holders and maintains the integrity of our event access procedures. We ask that you share this reminder with all staff responsible for gate entry and event management at your athletic venues.

Note: ONLY THE PASS HOLDER OR SPOUSE PLUS ONE GUEST WILL BE ADMITTED USING THE PASS.

Below are the instructions to download the photo onto the pass:

Log into your member portal using the following link: [Member Portal Link](#)

Enter the email address linked to your membership card.

Check your email for a magic link and click on it.

Once you're in the portal, go to "My Profile."

Scroll down to the profile photo section, click "Upload File," and choose your photo.

Click "Update" to save your changes.

If you don't receive the email, check your spam folder or ask your IT department to check to see if messages are being blocked. Additionally, forward the League pass email to the IT department so they can check your spam filters.

The header of the email will contain:

Received: from mail135-24.atl141.mandrillapp.com(mail135-24.atl141.mandrillapp.com

From: South Carolina High School League <memberportal@cuseum.com>

Thank you for your continued cooperation and commitment to upholding the standards of the South Carolina High School League.

If additional help is needed in completing the digital pass process, please contact the League office at (803) 798-0120.

FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Constitution/By-Laws Proposal

Any proposals for amendments to the League's Constitution and/or Bylaws must be submitted to the Commissioner prior to **January 1, 2026**. The proposal may only be submitted by a principal or superintendent. Proposal submission forms can be found on the League's website in the AD Notebook section or by clicking the following link: <https://schsl.org/archives/2393>.

If you have any questions, please contact Associate Commissioner, Amy Boozer at Amy@schsl.org.



Thanksgiving is one of the best times of the year, it gives families, friends, and even associates time to gather, tell stories, true or not, and of course, enjoy a good meal.

In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, the SCHSL Office will be closed Wednesday, November 25-Friday, November 27, 2025.

Normal business hours, 7:30 am - 4 pm, will resume Monday, December 1, 2025.

Our hope for the membership of the SCHSL is that everyone has a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving break.

CONGRATULATIONS

2025 Cheer State Finals



Last Saturday, November 22, 2025, the SCHSL held its 2025 Competitive Cheer State Finals. The Finals were held at the Colonial Life Arena on the campus of the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC. At the end of the two sessions, four champions were crowned.

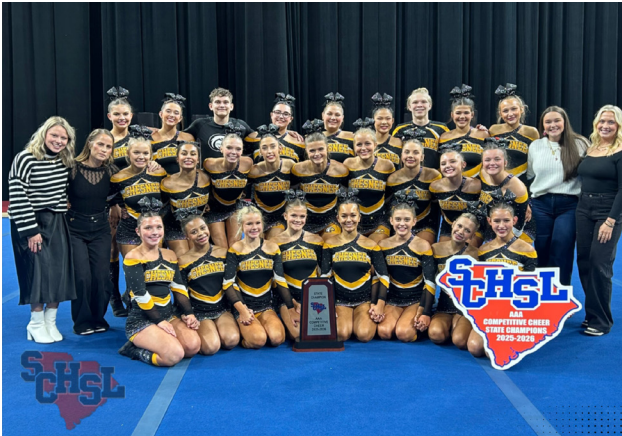
2025 COMPETITIVE CHEER STATE CHAMPIONS

Class AAA: Chesnee High School
Class AAAA: AC Flora High School
Class AAAAA-Division 1: Lexington High School
Class AAAAA-Division 2: Chapin High School

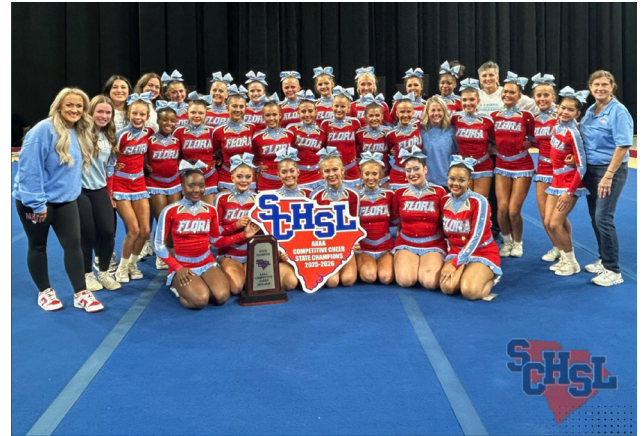
See page 5 for images of the State Champions.

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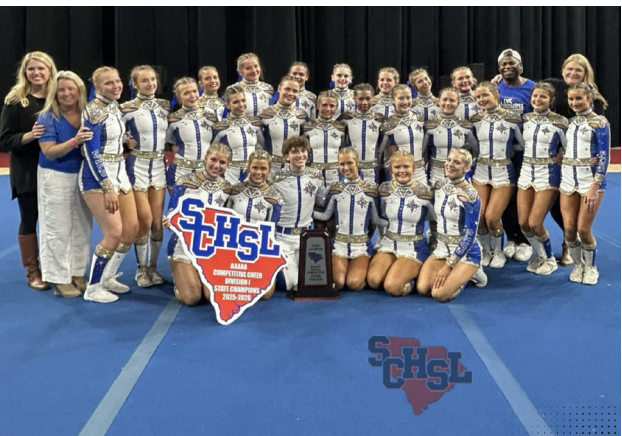
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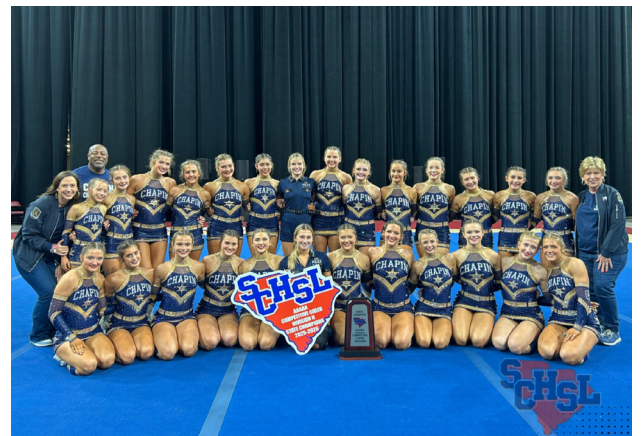
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CLASS AAAAA-DIVISION 2
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STATE CHAMPIONS
CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL

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WINTER CAPTAINS' COURSE



#BETHECHANGE

SCHSL STUDENT-ATHLETES PUT LEARNING FIRST.

The Winter Captains Course Builds Strong Leaders!

The League hosted another outstanding Captains Course for our member schools. Participation from student leaders across the state who participate in winter sports was exceptional, reflecting their commitment to growth and teamwork. These courses prepare South Carolina's student-athletes to lead with integrity—both on and off the field. Congratulations to every school that took part!

This year's focus was on equipping our captains with the knowledge and understanding of the rules and regulations that promote good sportsmanship. Our goal is for every student-athlete to continue developing not only as a competitor, but as a well-rounded individual and role model.

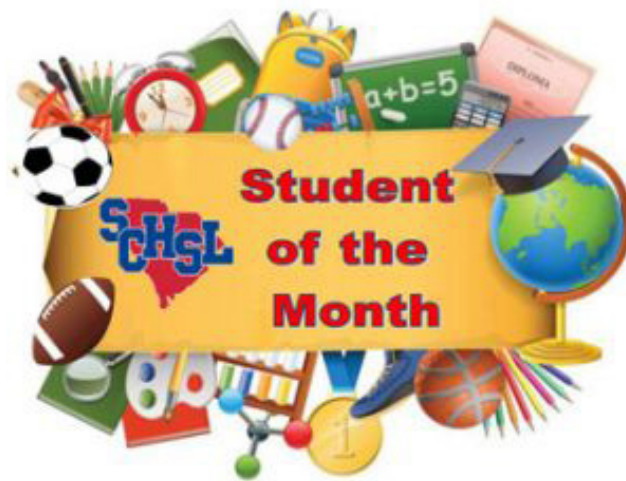
We encourage all schools to stay active and engaged in the League's educational programs. These opportunities are designed to strengthen sportsmanship, community service, and leadership among our member schools:

A sincere thank-you to all who participated in the 2025 Winter Captains Course: River Bluff High School, Nation Ford High School, Fort Dorchester High School, Gray Collegiate Academy, AC Flora High School, Lugoff-Elgin High School, Northwestern High School, Aynor High School, Rock Hill High School, Ridge Spring Monetta High School, Eau Claire High School, Hilton Head Island High School, Dreher High School, Andrew Jackson High School, Mid-Carolina High School, Horry County Schools, Columbia High School, Dorman High School, Batesburg-Leesville High School, American Leadership Academy, Greenville High School, Riverwalk Academy, Abbeville High School, Hartsville High School, Lake View High School, Sumter High School, South Florence High School, Spring Valley High School, McCormick High School,

If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Educational Services, Dr. Curtrell Rhodan at curtrell@schsl.org or (803) 798-0120.

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Student-Athlete of the Month Deadline



The Student-Athlete of the Month (SOTM) Award is presented monthly to one male and one female student-athlete who display excellence in the areas of academics, athletics, and leadership/community service. Students in grades 9-12 who attend SCHSL member schools are eligible to receive the award. Monthly award winners will receive recognition via social media, be featured on the SCHSL.org. website, and in TuesNews Weekly E-Newsletter.

The deadline to nominate for the November 2025 SOTM is next, **Wednesday, December 3, 2025**, at 11:59 pm. The November 2025 SOTM will be announced on Tuesday, December 9, 2025.

The link to nominate the student-athlete is below. Please be sure to include a high resolution head shot and an action shot of the nominee on the link.

For additional questions about the Student-Athlete of the Month, please contact the Director of Educational Services, Dr. Curtrell Rhodan, at curtrell@schsl.org.

[Student-Athlete of the Month Nomination Form](#)

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2025 Football State Finals



The SCHSL will hold its 2025 Football State Championships, Friday and Saturday, December 5-6, 2025. The Finals will be held at South Carolina State University's Oliver C. Dawson Stadium, 300 College Ave, Orangeburg, SC 29115.

Admission is \$20 per person. Tickets will be available at gofan.co, and cash will be accepted on-site. Information related to parking will be available soon.

2025 FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE
Friday 12/5: 12:00 PM – 3A; 4:00 PM – 1A; 7:30 pm – 5A-Division 2
Saturday 12/6: 12:00 pm – 4A; 4:00 PM – 2A; 7:30 pm – 5A-Division 1

Additional information can be found at <https://schsl.org/archives/14833>.

The 2025 Football State Finalist Press Conference featuring coaches and student athletes will be Tuesday, December 2, 2025. The press conference can be viewed live via the SCHSL's YouTube Page. The schedule is as follows: 9:30 am: Classes 1A, 3A & 5A-D2; 11:00 am: Classes 2A, 4A & 5A-D1.

Football State Finals Merchandise

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

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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 Educational Services, *Dr. Curtrell Rhodan*. [Click here](#) for the current 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 MaeoCeisha Jenkins, Office Coordinator, at maeoceisha@schsl.org.

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Once again this season, the SCHSL is partnering with Farm Bureau Insurance of South Carolina to celebrate postseason football. The playoff brackets, presented by Farm Bureau Insurance, will be posted on the SCHSL website following the conclusion of the regular season this weekend for all 5 classifications.

Be sure to follow @SCHSL on X, formerly known as Twitter, for the Farm Bureau Insurance Full Coverage Scoreboard. We'll be posting scores of every playoff game, from the opening round to the State Finals in Orangeburg.

We encourage schools to use the hashtag #FullCoverageScoreboard and tag @SCHSL when they post scores of games on their social media platforms. The SCHSL would like to say thanks to Farm Bureau Insurance of South Carolina for their support of SCHSL football these past six years!

CELEBRATE MOMENTS THAT MATTER

FREE SHIPPING

when you order any three mats (any size or style)

PROMO CODE: MATFRSH

OFFER ENDS 11/30/2025



Super Scraper
Outside Building

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- UPSTATE: ConnOffice@jostens.com
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Playoff Score Reporting

In order for the timely updating of the playoff bracket, football playoff scores should be entered on the score reporting form following the contest. The link is below and is also listed on the Forms link on the SCHSL website.

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

Football Score Reporting: <https://schsl.org/archives/9113>

Fall Sports Playoff Brackets

The updated 2025 Fall Sports Brackets are available on the SCHSL website. 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.

Playoff Financial Forms Due

Reminder: If your school hosts a football playoff game or hosted a volleyball or football playoff game, a playoff financial statement must be completed and sent to the League Office within 15 days of the event. All financial forms are located on the SCHSL website at the following link: [Financial Forms](#). The financial forms are mid-way down on the link.

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Health Spot

National Diabetes Awareness Month

As National Diabetes Month comes to a close, we can reflect on the unique role athletes, coaches, and administrators play in addressing diabetes. Whether you're a coach guiding athletes, an athletic trainer focused on wellness, or an athlete striving for peak performance, understanding and supporting those managing diabetes is crucial.

We can utilize educational opportunities to stay proactive year-round. Empower your athletes with knowledge, prioritize health in every game plan, and foster a culture of awareness and support. Diabetes doesn't take a timeout, and neither should we.

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

SCHSL SAAC NOMINATIONS DUE

The leadership demonstrated by student-athletes is essential to the success of interscholastic athletics. They not only excel in sportsmanship, but also lead efforts in community service and exemplify the qualities of tomorrow's leaders. One of the best ways to foster and develop this leadership is through participation in a Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) at both the school and state level.

We strongly encourage each of our member schools to establish their own SAAC, which serves as an optimal platform to cultivate leadership within your athletic programs. **Principals and Athletic Directors**, if you would like to nominate a student-athlete for the 2026-28 South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) SAAC, please complete the nomination link below no later than next **Monday, Dec. 1, 2025**.

Once nominations are submitted, you will receive an email with the SAAC application link. Please have your student-athlete fill out the application fully and return it no later than **Friday, December 19, 2025**.

[SAAC Nomination Form](#)

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

Promoting Good Sportsmanship Announcement!

Promoting good sportsmanship at all of our contests is a must. As all sports during the winter season are indoors, it gives everyone greater access to coaches, athletes, and officials

Use the below PA Announcement sample to promote positive behavior at contests so that all can enjoy a great playing environment, from officials to student-athletes, and everyone in between. A great way to get everyone's attention is to have a student from your school read the announcement aloud before every game/contest.

#BenchBadBehavior

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



LIVE PA ANNOUNCEMENT

At <SCHOOL NAME>,
we hold our student-athletes
to a strict code of conduct.

We expect their best everyday—
and we ask our fans for the same.



DOWNLOAD THE
#BENCHBADBEHAVIOR
TOOLKIT



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Future Five Stars

Dedicated to Middle Schools in the SCHSL

Head Coach and Assistant Coaches Reminders

As we get closer to the start of the middle school basketball season, please be reminded of the rules as it pertains to your head and assistant coaches.

While we stress to our student athletes about always displaying good sportsmanship, our head and assistant coaches must consistently be the model of sportsmanship for our student-athletes.

Please share this information with your head basketball coaches:

NFHS Point of Emphasis: Bench Decorum & Communication

The NFHS stresses the importance of maintaining order, safety, and professionalism on the bench during all contests.

Key Expectations for 2025–26:

- **Head Coach Responsibilities:** Only the head coach may stand and give instructions during live-ball play. Staying within the coaching box is essential for safety and fairness.
- **Bench Behavior:** All other bench personnel—including assistant coaches and non-participants — must remain seated except during timeouts or brief, spontaneous reactions to exceptional plays. Assistant coaches may confer with the scorer's table under rule-allowed circumstances.
- **Communication with Officials:** Rules-based questions from the head coach are appropriate and will receive a response.
- **Assistant Coaches:** Assistant coaches should focus on team support and controlling bench personnel; they *may not* address officials.
- **Rule Enforcement:** Officials are instructed to use Rule 4-48 (Warning for Coach/Team Conduct) early and consistently to prevent escalation.
- **Player Altercations:** The head coach is responsible for helping to prevent and de-escalate conflicts. Assistant coaches should manage bench personnel during any disruption.

With your support in maintaining proper bench decorum and communication, we will have a great basketball season. Thank you everyone and have a restful, safe Thanksgiving break.

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.