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Upcoming Events

Holiday Break
Dec. 22, 2025 – Jan. 2, 2026

Scholar Athlete and Multi-Sport
Award Nomination link opens: Jan. 1, 2026

Upcoming Deadlines

SCHSL SAAC Student Application:
Dec. 19, 2025

Constitution and/or Bylaws Proposal:
Jan. 1, 2026



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

FROM THE COMMISSIONER



SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

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TO: Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors

FROM: Dr. Jerome Singleton, Commissioner *J.S.*
SC High School League

SUBJECT: Thank You and Best Wishes as We Move Into Winter Sports

DATE: December 16, 2025

Greetings,

As we close out the fall sports season and turn our attention to winter sports, I want to personally thank you for the leadership, commitment, and support you provide to interscholastic athletics in South Carolina.

The work you do every day—often quietly and behind the scenes—makes a real difference for the students we serve. Because of your efforts, student-athletes across our member schools are able to compete in programs that emphasize education, character, sportsmanship, and opportunity. That commitment is what continues to make the South Carolina High School League strong.

The fall season brought many moments worth celebrating, and the winter season offers new opportunities for our students, schools, and communities. As we approach the winter break, I hope you can slow down, spend time with family and friends, get some well-deserved rest, and recharge for the second half of the school year.

Thank you for your continued partnership with the SCHSL and for all you do on behalf of our students. Please accept my best wishes for a happy, safe, and restful holiday season. I look forward to working with you in the months ahead.

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FROM: Dr. Jerome Singleton, Commissioner *J.S.*
SC High School League

SUBJECT: SCHSL Constitution and/or Bylaws

DATE: December 8, 2025

Greetings,

This memo comes as a reminder that the deadline for submitting proposals to amend the **SCHSL Constitution and/or Bylaws** is **January 1, 2026**.

All proposals received by the deadline will be placed on the agenda for consideration by the **SCHSL Legislative Assembly in March 2026**.

Member schools principals or superintendents preparing proposals may reach out prior to submission if they wish to discuss the intent, wording, or potential impacts of their proposal. If you would like to speak with me regarding your submission, **please do not hesitate to call**.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the South Carolina High School League and for your participation in the governance process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Holidays are a time to reflect and rejuvenate, as well as prepare for a fresh start. The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Commissioner, Dr. Jerome Singleton, and the staff of the SCHSL, wish you a joyous holiday season with peace & cheers in the New Year!

In Observance of the Holiday Season, the SCHSL Office will be closed:

Monday, December 22, 2025-Friday, January 2, 2026.

Normal business hours (7:30 am-4:00 pm) will resume on Monday, January 5, 2026.

Spring Sports Rules Clinic

The 2025-26 Spring sports rules clinic will be available on Big Teams beginning Monday, January 5, 2026 through Friday, January 16, 2026.

Arbiter Reminders

Below, are some important reminders related to basketball and wrestling scheduling in Arbiter. Contact Jill White, SCHSL Arbiter Booking Coordinator, at Jill@schsl.org with any questions regarding scheduling. Please review the bullet points below and address any issues ASAP.

- Varsity games should be set to SCHSL 101800 for officials.
- Girls and boys games are linked for officials to be assigned, please verify the times match and the sites are the exact same.
- Schools should not make any changes to schedules in Arbiter. Varsity game changes and updates should be emailed to Jill@schsl.org.
- Contact your local assigner to verify your Sub-Varsity games.
- Contact your wrestling assigner to verify your matches.

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Scholar Athlete & Multi-Sport Nominations

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Scholar Athlete and Multi-Sport award nomination links will open **January 1, 2026**.

As a reminder, the deadline to submit the student-athlete names for both the SCHSL Scholar Athlete and Multi-Sport Athlete Certificates is **Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 3:45 pm**.

ALL names must be entered on below links to be valid and have a certificate generated for your student-athlete (**no email forms will be accepted**).

Please Note: It is important that nominations for both Scholar Athlete and Multi-Sport Awards be submitted to the League Office on or before the deadline so that your student-athletes names can be placed on the League Website for public recognition.

[SCHOLAR ATHLETE NOMINATION FORM](#)
[MULTI-SPORT NOMINATION FORM](#)

Book Order Links

The 2025-26 NFHS Rules and Case Books for **ALL** sports seasons 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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Officials' Spotlight

Throughout the year, we will shine the spotlight on the unsung heroes of high school sports, our officials. We will profile officials from different sports so that you can get to know them and why they do what they do.

This month we spotlight Damond Tillman – Football and Basketball.



1) How long have you been an official in the SCHSL?

I've proudly served as an official in the South Carolina High School League for 23 years.

2) What sports do you currently officiate?

I currently officiate Basketball and Football.

3) Is officiating your full-time job? If not, what is your profession? I am employed by South Carolina State Transport Police and have served in Law Enforcement for approximately 24 years.

4) Why are you a high school official?

I chose to become an official because I wanted to stay connected to sports and make a positive impact on young athletes. Every time I step onto a court or field, I'm doing more than enforcing rules—I'm helping teach life lessons. Through sports, kids learn about fairness, respect, and character. Growing up in the small town of Calhoun Falls, South Carolina sports were woven into the fabric of our community. We had only one official from our town, Dondi Brown. He often talked with me about the joy of officiating and the growing need for more officials. Since I excelled in sports in high school, I decided to give officiating a try. In 2002, I began attending basketball meetings in Clinton, and I've been officiating ever since. Over the years, the whistle has taken me to countless gyms, fields, and communities, each experience reminding me why I started. I've had the privilege of watching young athletes grow—not just in skill, but in confidence and maturity. Officiating has also pushed me to grow. It has taught me patience, decisiveness, and the importance of staying calm under pressure. I've built lasting friendships with fellow officials and coaches, and I've gained a deeper appreciation for the role we play in keeping the spirit of the game alive. What began as a way to stay involved in sports has become a passion and a purpose. And as long as I'm able, I'll continue stepping onto that court and field with pride, knowing that every game is an opportunity to make a difference.

I take pride in embodying the seven qualities that define a great official:

INTEGRITY: Our role is similar to that of a judge in a courtroom—we must protect the integrity of the game. If you want to be a great official, you can never allow your integrity to be questioned.

HUSTLE: Efficient movement builds credibility with coaches; when you're consistently in the right position, they're less likely to challenge your judgment.

JUDGMENT: If no player gains an advantage and no one is put at a disadvantage; there's usually no need for a whistle. In simple terms: no harm, no foul.

COMMUNICATION: At its core, communication is the ability to deal with people—coaches, players, and sometimes even fans. Knowing what to say, when to say it, and when to say nothing at all is crucial.

CONSISTENCY: When coaches and players know they'll get the same call on the same kind of play every time, the game becomes smoother and more respectful.

COURAGE: No matter the pressure—loud crowds, intense coaches, or the magnitude of the moment—great officials put fairness first. Doing the right thing, even when it's unpopular, takes courage.

COMMON SENSE: It works hand in hand with communication, helping you decide the best way to handle tough moments, including whether a technical foul is necessary or if a calm conversation will do.

Without officials, there is no game. With officials, the game becomes a classroom—one that teaches lessons players carry for the rest of their lives.

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T-Shirt Design Contest

The From Court to Career T-Shirt Design Contest!

Here is a great opportunity for students to design a basketball-themed shirt that ties their love of the game to future careers and technical college programs.

The winner receives a \$500 grand prize + a \$300 Dick's Sporting Goods gift card, and their design will be featured on t-shirts at the SCHSL State Basketball Championships in March. Two runners-up also win – and so can you if your student's design takes the top spot.

Please share the below flyer or the links below with your students. Scan the QR code to learn more and to enter the contest.

The contest is open to all South Carolina high school students.

[T-Shirt Design Contest Flyer \(Below: L\)](#)

[From Court-to-Career T-Shirt Design Contest Flyer \(Below: R\)](#)

GOT GAME?

SHOW IT ON A SHIRT.

Whether you play, cheer, create, or just love the game – this contest is for you!

Design a t-shirt that connects **basketball** and **career skills** – and see it featured on official sponsorship shirts at the **SCHSL Basketball Championships**.

WHAT COULD YOU WIN?

- First Place:** \$500 Grand Prize + \$300 Dick's Sporting Goods gift card + design featured on sponsorship shirts
- Second Place:** \$200 Dick's Sporting Goods gift card
- Third Place:** \$100 Dick's Sporting Goods gift card

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 13, 2026

Open to: **ALL SC high school students**

Scan to enter or learn more

Win it. Wear it. Wow the crowd. This is your shot – take it!



Here's a great way to get your team thinking about what comes next while still playing the sport they love:

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Please share the attached flyer with your players or post it where your students will see it.

Thank you for helping your athletes connect their hustle on the court to success after high school. We look forward to seeing what they come up with!

Flyer attached: [Contest details + prizes + entry info](#) →

–The Start College Here Team
SC Technical College System
startcollegehere@sctechsystem.edu

FOLLOW US on Instagram for contest updates!



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Health Spot

Recognizing Athlete Safety!

As we head into the winter months, recognizing athlete safety in cold weather is critical to prevent conditions such as hypothermia, frostbite, and cold-related injuries. Coaches and athletes should monitor weather conditions, dress in layers, and limit exposure during extreme cold. Proper hydration and warm-up routines are also essential to maintain performance and safety.

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) provides detailed guidelines on cold weather safety to help schools and teams protect their athletes. For more information, visit SCHSL Cold Weather Guidelines at <https://schsl.org/archives/12857>.

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

Happy Holidays

What a fantastic fall season for education-based athletics! So far this year, we've hosted two Captains Courses and a Health Summit, where our student-athletes demonstrated exceptional engagement and gained valuable tools to become outstanding leaders. These events featured inspiring sessions led by former athletes turned professionals, athletic trainers, athletic directors, and Hall of Fame coaches. Their insights left a lasting impact on our student-athletes, equipping them with skills that go beyond the field or court.

As we take a moment to reflect on this year and prepare for the next, consider these questions: Is my school actively involved in educating our student-athletes? Can we be more intentional about fostering sportsmanship and leadership?

If the answer is yes, take pride in your efforts—you're making a difference! At the heart of it all, we know that athletics is one of the most dynamic platforms for teaching student-athletes life lessons that will serve them well beyond their playing days. Thank you for all that you do to support and elevate interscholastic sports!

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.

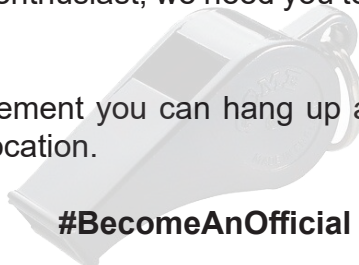
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Officials' Whistle

Becoming an Official!

We are always looking for passionate individuals who are interested in being officials. Get back in the game and make a difference by becoming a high school sports official. Whether you're a former athlete or simply a sports enthusiast, we need you to help shape the future of high school athletics.

[Click Here](#) for the flyer/announcement you can hang up at your facility or at contests to help recruit those to the officiating avocation.



#BecomeAnOfficial

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

Dedicated to Middle Schools in the SCHSL

Middle School Athletics Survey!

The League is conducting a survey of our member middle schools to gain a better understanding of the athletic programs offered at each school, district affiliations, and how programs are organized between middle schools and their feeder high schools.

We would greatly appreciate you taking a few moments to complete the survey and submit it by **Friday, January 9, 2026**. Your input is very helpful and supports our ongoing efforts to best serve our member schools.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

[SCHSL Middle School Athletics Survey](#)

All questions related to the information contained in this section, should be directed to Assistant Commissioner for Middle School Athletics, Dr. Lenard Hudnal, at Lenard@schsl.org.