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## Upcoming Events (Jan. 14-20, 2026)

Executive Committee Meeting

Jan. 14, 2026 – 9:00 am

Appellate Panel Meeting

(Reclassification/Realignment):

Jan. 15, 2026

Leadership Summit

Jan. 15, 2026 – 10:00 am

Appellate Panel Meeting

(Reclassification/Realignment):

Jan. 16, 2026

## Upcoming Events

NFHS

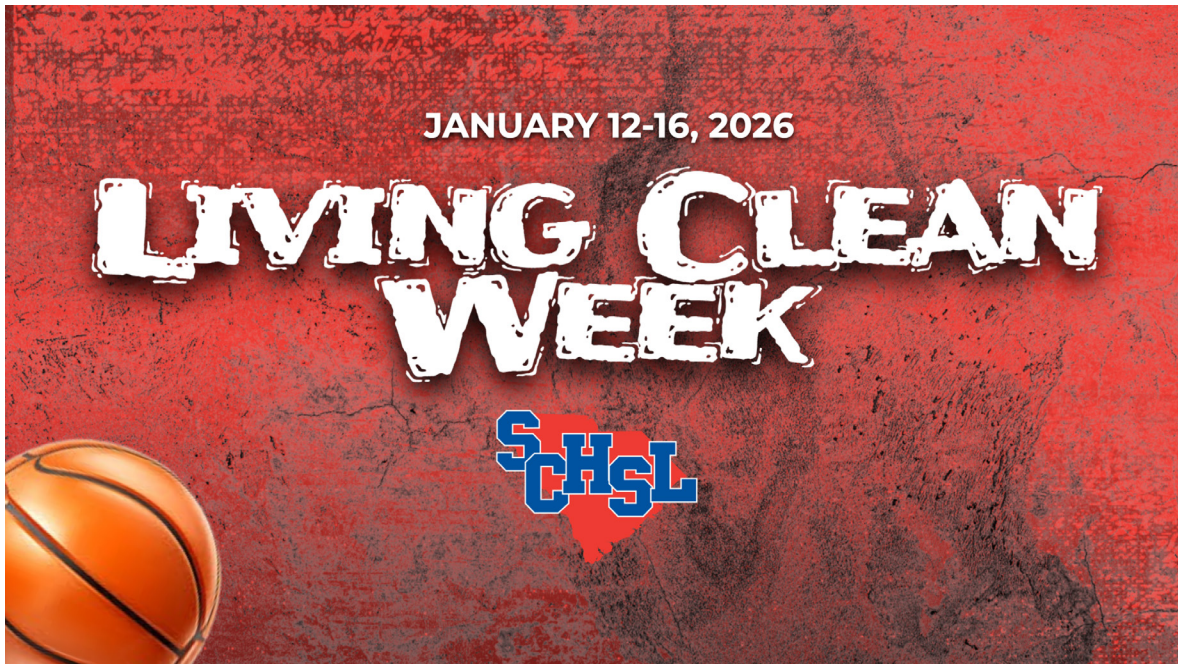
Spirit of Sport & Heart of the Arts:

Jan. 23, 2026

JOBS

For job openings around the  
SCHSL, visit [www.schsl.org/jobs](http://www.schsl.org/jobs)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



Living Clean Week is an opportunity to have your student-athletes get involved in a community service activity. Please encourage your student-athletes to get involved with this initiative.

We would also love to showcase their efforts. Refer to the Tools for Success section on page 10 for the link to submit your photos, videos and other work that your school is doing to be of service to your community.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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**WINTER SPORTS OFFICIALS'  
APPRECIATION WEEK**

**JANUARY 12-17, 2026**



It's Winter Sports Officials' Appreciation Week (January 12-17, 2026). Participation in winter sports officials' appreciation week can be as simple or as extravagant as schools 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 who are ambassadors of your school and community.

Refer to page 11 for complete ideas on Winter Sports Officials' Appreciation Week and for the link to submit your Officials' Week celebrations.

For additional questions, contact Associate Commissioner, Sarah Hayes at [sarah@schsl.org](mailto:sarah@schsl.org).



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## VIRTUAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

JANUARY 15, 2026 @ 10AM

REGISTER NOW!



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The South Carolina High School League is excited to announce the Virtual Leadership Summit, this Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 10:00 am. This is an event you don't want to miss. We encourage you to register as many student-athletes as possible to take advantage of this valuable opportunity.

This year, the SCHSL is placing a strong emphasis on leadership development. We believe there is a leader in every student-athlete, and through hearing from current and former South Carolina student-athletes and community mentors, participants will gain the tools and inspiration to demonstrate leadership in their everyday lives.

The Leadership Summit is a free virtual event. Register today using the link below:

[Leadership Summit Registration Link](#)

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## NFHS SOS & HOTA Nominations Deadline

The NFHS Spirit of the Sports (SOS) and Heart of the Arts (HOTA) Nominations are due to the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Office by **12 noon, Friday, January 23, 2026**. Please email completed nomination forms to Romanda Noble-Watson, Director of Communications and Public Relations at, [Romanda@schsl.org](mailto:Romanda@schsl.org) on or before the deadline. Please **do not** send forms directly to the NFHS Office, they will not be accepted. ***Nomination Forms were emailed to High School Principals and High School Athletics Directors on Wednesday, January 7, 2026.***

Include any supporting documentation you would like to have considered during the selection process (i.e., action photos). Additionally, please include a head shot of your nominee with the email submission.

### **Spirit of Sport Award: Deadline to SCHSL is Friday, January 23, 2026: Noon**

For the Spirit of Sport Award, the nominee can be a coach, athletic administrator, administrator, contest official, trainer, student-athlete, or any others associated with the school or the school's athletic program. This award seeks to recognize individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive spirit of the sport that represent the core mission of education-based activities. Complete criteria are listed on the application.

### **Heart of the Arts Award: Deadline to SCHSL is Friday, January 23, 2026: Noon**

For the Heart of the Arts Award, the nominee could be any student, adult or group associated with the school's performing arts program. This award seeks to recognize individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive heart of the art that represent the core mission of education-based activities. Complete criteria are listed on the application.

All questions pertaining to Spirit of the Sport Award and Heart of the Arts Award and should be directed to Romanda Noble-Watson, at [Romanda@schsl.org](mailto:Romanda@schsl.org).

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## Spring Sports Rules Clinic

The 2025-26 Spring Sports Rules Clinic will be available on Big Teams through this **Friday, January 16, 2026.**

## SCHSL Basketball Season Compliance Reminders

Below are a few important reminders for this basketball season. Please review these items carefully to ensure your school is in full compliance with NFHS and SCHSL basketball rules. Please share this information with your basketball coaches.

- Official Scorer Attire: Per NFHS Rule 2-11, the official scorer is required to wear or drape a black-and-white vertically striped garment. This requirement allows game officials to quickly and easily identify the official scorer at the scorer's table during all game situations.
- 5-Second Closely Guarded Rule: In accordance with South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) regulations, all schools and sanctioned events must use the 5-second closely guarded rule. There are no exceptions, including games that utilize a shot clock. This ensures consistency in the application of the 5-second closely guarded rule across all SCHSL contests.

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## Scholar Athlete & Multi-Sport Nominations

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Scholar Athlete and Multi-Sport Award nomination links opened **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](#)

## Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) has selected its newest group of student-athletes to serve on the SCHSL Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC). The purpose of the Council is to provide a voice for student-athletes within the SCHSL governance structure.

Principals and Athletic Directors selected their best and brightest student-athletes, and they submitted a rigorous application to the SCHSL for consideration. Congratulations to all the student-athletes selected and the schools they attend.

The New members are: Hayward M Jean: Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School; Keira A Frye: Batesburg-Leesville High School; Franklin K Richardson: Sumter High School; Aysiah D. Bonaparte: Hunter-Kinard-Tyler High School; McKella M Hansen: Mauldin High School; Cadence L. Mcalhany: Branchville High School; Eli D. Johnson: Dutch Fork High School; Jackson C. Conner: Indian Land High School; Keira A. Cook: Eastside High School; Brayden J. Price: North Central High School and Karson Smith: Spring Valley High School.

**Returning Members:** Logan Taylor: Academic Magnet High School; Ryann Robbins: Lexington High School; Carli Wells: River Bluff High School; Trenton Budd: Buford High School; Lily Grace Kennington: Great Falls High School; Phebe Reese: North Augusta High School, Lillie Ivey: Sumter High School; Makel Tillman: McCormick High School.

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## Playoff Financial Forms Due

**Reminder:** With the winter sports playoffs approaching, please be reminded 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 the page on the link.

Please direct all questions/concerns to Cindi C. Drakeford, Finance Consultant at [cindi@schsl.org](mailto:cindi@schsl.org).

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## Deadline to Order High School League Passes

Please be advised, the final day to request High School League Passes is Sunday, March 15, 2026.

If you need instructions or requesting passes or have any questions concerning High School League passes, please contact the Director of Technology, Keith Warren, at [keith@schsl.org](mailto:keith@schsl.org).

## 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](mailto:maeoceisha@schsl.org).

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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?**

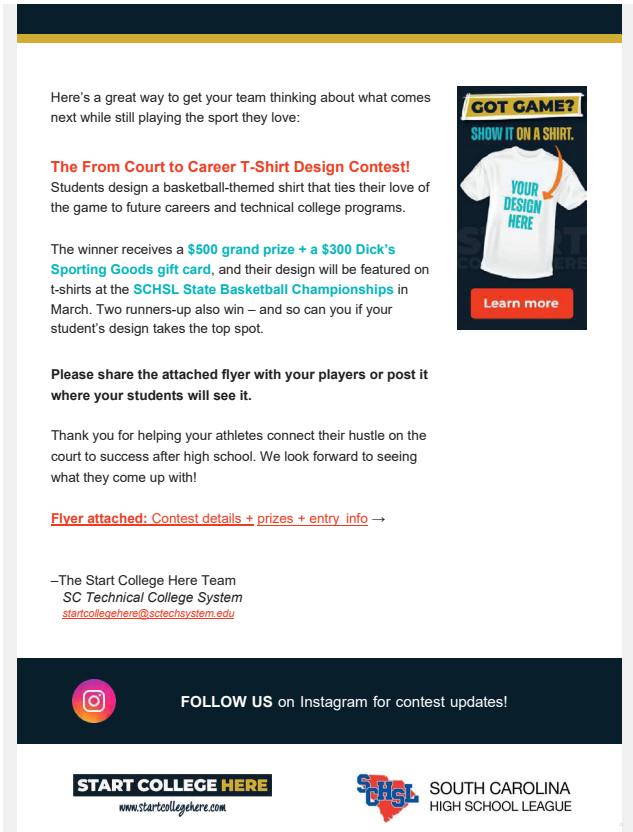
- First Place:** \$500 Grand Prize + \$300 Dick's Sporting Goods gift card + design featured on sponsorship shirts
- Second Place:** \$200 Dick's Sporting Goods gift card
- Third Place:** \$100 Dick's Sporting Goods gift card

**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](mailto:startcollegehere@sctechsystem.edu)

 FOLLOW US on Instagram for contest updates!



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## The Health Spot

### Recognizing Athlete Safety!

As temperatures drop, it's essential to prioritize the safety of our student-athletes during outdoor practices and workouts. Proper preparation and awareness can prevent cold-weather related injuries such as hypothermia and frostbite.

Coaches, athletic directors, and staff should be vigilant about monitoring conditions, ensuring athletes are appropriately dressed, and following cold weather protocols. For detailed guidance on maintaining a safe environment during colder months, please review our Cold Weather Guidelines here: [SCHSL Cold Weather Guidelines](#).

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](mailto:tim@schsl.org).

## Tools for Success

### Living Clean Week

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Living Clean Week is this week, January 12-16, 2026. We want all of our member schools to have the tools to live clean all week! The theme for that week will center around keeping the sport clean. This means, NO EJECTIONS, NO EXCUSES, CLEAN IT UP!

Please submit pictures and videos of student athletes around the state showing their commitment to living clean! Remember, these activities count toward the sportsmanship award. The SCHSL can't wait to see what sportsmanship looks like all over our great state. Submit your photos in the form below or tag us in your posts with: [#livingclean](#) [#sportsmanship](#) [#itsinthecontest](#).

Click the link below to submit your images.

[Living Clean Images 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](mailto:curtrell@schsl.org).

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## Officials' Whistle

### Winter Sports Officials' Appreciation

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- Special appreciation signage in the officials' locker room.
- Gift cards/cookies/donuts/other items presented to the crew by both the home and visiting team.
- Read a PSA at the start of the game, thanking the crew for working the contest.
- "Thank you" cards, signed by the team and coaching staff.

[Click here](#) to submit your Winter Sports Officials' Appreciation Week Photos.

Direct all questions for this section to Associate Commissioner, Sarah Hayes at [Sarah@schsl.org](mailto:Sarah@schsl.org).

## Future Five Stars

*Dedicated to Middle Schools in the SCHSL*

### All-Star Games Participation Information

Below, please find clarification regarding middle school student-athlete participation in all-star games or similar events that are not sanctioned by the SCHSL.

Student-athletes are permitted to participate in non-sanctioned all-star games; however, it is important that schools and families understand the limitations associated with such participation.

When participating in a non-sanctioned all-star event, student-athletes may not:

Wear any apparel that is affiliated with or represents their school, including school names, school colors, mascots, or logos; Wear any school-issued uniforms, whether game or practice uniforms; Use any school-issued equipment.

Participation in these events must be clearly separate from the student-athlete's school affiliation, as the event is not an SCHSL-sponsored activity.

We ask that administrators and coaches communicate these expectations to student-athletes and parents to ensure compliance and to avoid any misunderstanding or misrepresentation of school or league involvement.

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](mailto:Lenard@schsl.org).