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Upcoming Events (Jan. 21-27, 2026)

Girls Wrestling Individual Qualifier:
Jan. 24, 2026

SCTCCCA Winter Meeting:
Jan. 24, 2026 – 9:00 am

Upcoming Deadlines

NFHS

Spirit of Sport & Heart of the Arts Awards:
Jan. 23, 2026

JOBS

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

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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, this Friday, January 23, 2026**. Please email completed nomination forms to Romanda Noble-Watson, Director of Communications and Public Relations at, 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 this 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 this 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 should be directed to Romanda Noble-Watson, at Romanda@schsl.org.

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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 the links below 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](#)

Deadline to Order High School League Passes

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

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



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Last Week, (January 12-17, 2026). was Winter Sports Officials' Appreciation Week in the SCHSL. Thank you to all the schools who showed appreciation to our Officials.

Our schools showed thanks to our officials who make our games possible. From pictures taken with officials to gifts and thank you cards, this week was a celebration of our officials.

Be on the lookout in TuesNews and on the SCHSL for our Spring Sports Officials' Appreciation Week coming this spring!

A list of participating schools can be found in the Officials' Whistle Column on page 13.

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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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.

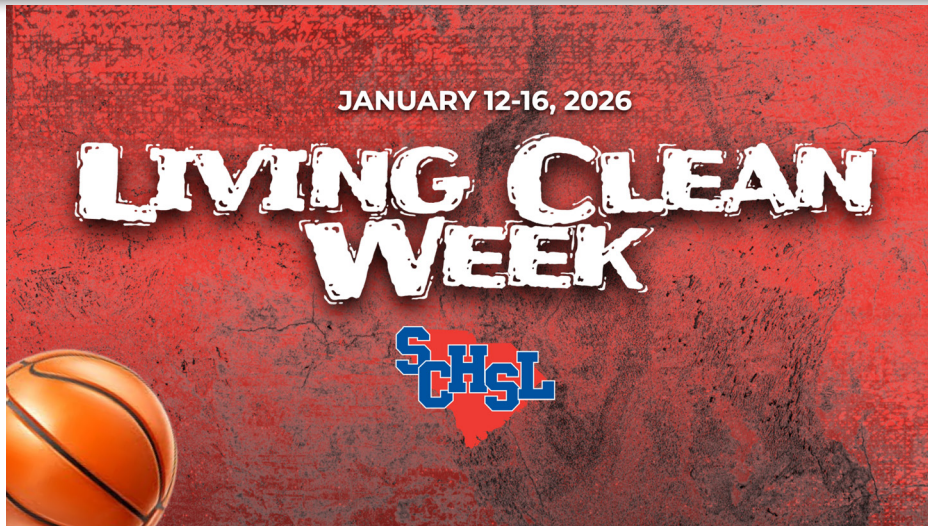
This month we spotlight Carlus Mansel – Wrestling.



- 1) **How long have you been an official in the SCHSL?** 21
- 2) **What sports do you currently officiate?** Wrestling
- 3) **Is officiating your full-time job? If not, what is your profession?** I am a mortgage banker by profession.
- 4) **Why are you a high school official?** It is a great way to still be part of a sport that I love. I believe in giving back to young people to help them achieve their dreams.



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Last week, January 12-16, 2026, was Living Clean Week in the SCHSL! Thank you to all the schools who participated.

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.

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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VIRTUAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

JANUARY 15, 2026 @ 10AM

REGISTER NOW!



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The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) held a Virtual Leadership Summit, last Thursday, January 15, 2026.

We were fortunate to hear from three incredible speakers who shared powerful messages about leadership and growth.

Shaquill Leonard, recently retired NFL player, spoke about how leadership prepares you for the future and emphasized the importance of mentorship and building a strong foundation.

Our very own Student-Athlete Advisory Council President encouraged student-athletes to get involved in leadership early—reminding everyone that you don't have to be a captain to lead; you just have to start somewhere.

Lastly, Mrs. LaQuanna Jackson spoke about living vape-free, sharing valuable insight into the damaging effects vaping has on student-athletes and providing resources to help those who want to quit.

Thank you to all the schools that attended! The summit was highly interactive, meaningful, and filled with leadership lessons that will carry our student-athletes forward.

The South Carolina High School League would like to thank all the schools that participated in last week's Leadership Summit. Your involvement made this event a true success!

Visit the Tools for Success section on page 12 for a list of participating schools.

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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. Mcalwany: 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; Carolina Pettway: Westwood 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.

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://sch-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.

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The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) is once again partnering with Dick's Sporting Goods on a special Sales Weekend for all member schools.

With spring sports practices set to get underway in a couple of weeks, this represents a great opportunity for all of our students and families to save on athletic equipment, apparel, and other merchandise. Please help spread the word by sharing this information and the link to the E-flyer below.

The sale takes place this weekend, January 23-26, 2026, at all Dick's Sporting Goods locations across the state of South Carolina. Please share the link below with your students, coaches and families to take advantage of this great offer.

[Dick Sporting Goods E-flyer](#)

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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?

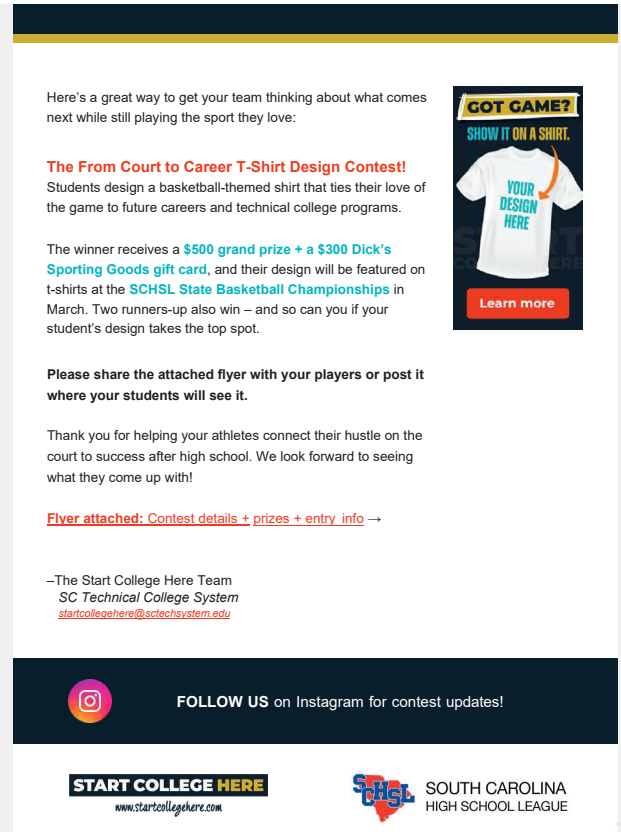
- First Place:** \$500 Grand Prize + \$300 Dick's Sporting Goods gift card + design featured on sponsorship shirts
- Second Place:** \$200 Dick's Sporting Goods gift card
- Third Place:** \$100 Dick's Sporting Goods gift card

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 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.

Tools for Success

Leadership Summit Participating Schools

Thank you to all the schools that participated in last week's Leadership Summit Webinar.

High Schools: Batesburg-Leesville, Bluffton, Branchville, Brookland-Cayce, Dreher, Eau Claire, Fort Dorchester, Gray Collegiate, Great Falls, Indian Land, Irmo, Lake View, Latta, Marion, McCormick, Midland Valley, Northwestern, Orangeburg-Wilkinson, Ridge Spring-Monetta Middle High School, River Bluff, Rock Hill, Spring Valley, Sumter, Wade Hampton, Ware Shoals, and Westwood.

Middle Schools; Banks Trail, Bluffton, Darlington, Fairfield, Lady's Island, North Middle, Riverside Middle School-Pendleton, and St. Andrews.

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

Winter Sports Officials' Appreciation

We want to give a special shout out to the schools who participated in the Winter Sports Officials' Appreciation Week, January 12-17, 2026. Below is a list of schools who participated and shared their photos with us:

American Leadership Academy, Gray Collegiate Academy, Irmo High School, Northwestern High School, South Aiken High School, and Westwood High School.

We are proud to see you honoring the vital role our officials play in interscholastic athletics. No matter how large or small, thank you for showing your appreciation to our Winter Sports Officials.

[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.

Future Five Stars

Dedicated to Middle Schools in the SCHSL

Sportsmanship: A Cornerstone of SCHSL Middle School Athletics

As we continue through the winter sports season, the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) would like to reaffirm the critical importance of sportsmanship during all middle school athletic contests.

Sportsmanship is a shared responsibility that reflects the values of education-based athletics—respect for opponents, officials, teammates, and the game itself. The conduct displayed by coaches and student-athletes during competition sets the tone for the environment in which our contests are played and serves as a powerful example for spectators and peers alike.

The SCHSL would also like to commend the many middle school coaches and student-athletes who have consistently demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship throughout the winter season. Your commitment to respectful behavior, emotional control, and positive leadership has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated. These actions strengthen the integrity of interscholastic athletics and reinforce the mission of the SCHSL to promote character development alongside competitive excellence. We encourage all programs to continue upholding these standards as the season progresses.

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.