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Upcoming Events (Jan. 7-13, 2026)

Living Clean Week: Jan. 12-16, 2026

Winter Officials Appreciation Week
Jan. 12 -17, 2026

Executive Committee Meeting
(Reclassification/Realignment): Jan. 13, 2026

Upcoming Deadlines

Middle School Athletics Survey:
Jan. 9, 2026



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

CONGRATULATIONS



In May 2025 SCHSL Executive Committee member (Principals Association Representative) Robert Etheredge, Ed.D., earned his Doctorate of Education with a Specialization in Educational Leadership from National University based in San Diego, Calif.



SCHSL Executive Committee Vice President (Class A Representative) Coby Brandyburg, Ed.D., recently (December 2025) earned his Doctorate of Education from South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, SC.

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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 on 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 or (803)798-0120.

Living Clean Week Reminder

Reminder: Living Clean Week will take place January 12–16, 2026. Encourage your student-athletes to get involved in a community service activity during this week. We would love to showcase their efforts. Please see the Tools for Success section on page xx for additional details.

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NFHS SOS & HOTA Nomination Deadline

The NFHS Spirit of the Sports (SOS) and Heart of the Arts (HOTA) and 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 on or before the deadline. Please **do not** send forms directly to the NFHS Office, they will not be accepted. ***Nomination Forms will be emailed to High School Principals and High School Athletics Director tomorrow, 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.

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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](#)

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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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.

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.

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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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!



START COLLEGE HERE
www.startcollegehere.com



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!

START COLLEGE HERE
www.startcollegehere.com

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Health Spot

Recognizing Athlete Safety!

As we head into the winter months, it is important to understand how cold weather can affect our student-athletes. Hypothermia is when the body loses heat faster than it can generate it, resulting in a drop in core body temperature below the normal range of 95-98.6 degrees. Recognizing the signs and symptoms of hypothermia is crucial for coaches, student-athletes, and support staff to ensure prompt intervention. Key indicators include: shivering; numbness; confusion; fatigue; and slurred speech.

If a student-athlete exhibits these signs, move the athlete to a warm environment, remove wet clothing, and provide dry layers. Warm beverages and blankets should be used to raise the body temperature gradually, and professional medical attention should be sought if symptoms persist or worsen. For more information on how to prevent Hypothermia, visit: [CDC Hypothermia](#).

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

Living Clean Week

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Living Clean Week is next 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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Officials' Whistle

Winter Sports Officials' Appreciation

Winter Sports Officials' Appreciation Week is next week, January 12-17, 2026. Participation in Winter Sports Officials' Appreciation Week can be as simple, or as extravagant as you 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. A few ideas that you can use for Winter Sports Officials' Appreciation Week are:

- 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.

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. The deadline to submit the survey is this 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.