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## Upcoming Events

Wrestling Duals State Finals: Feb. 11, 2026

Spring Captains' Course  
Feb. 12, 2026 10:00 am

Last Basketball Contest (HS): Feb. 13, 2026

Last Basketball Contest (MS): Feb. 13, 2026

Wrestling Individual Qualifiers  
Feb. 13, 2026 – Feb. 14, 2026

**SCHSL Office Closed - President's Day  
Feb. 16, 2026**

Class AAAAA Meeting  
Feb. 17, 2026 9:00 am

JOBS

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

# CONGRATULATIONS

## 2026 SCHSL GIRLS WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONS

On Saturday, February 7, 2026, the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) hosted the 2026 Girls Wrestling Duals State Finals. The League crowned its Inaugural 4A State Champion along with the 5A Champion.

Chester High School and Chesnee High School were the 4A participants while Rock Hill High School and Greenwood High School were the 5A participants.

At the end of the Duals, Chester was crowned the Inaugural Class 4A Champions and Rock Hill High School repeated as the Class AAAAA State Champion. Rock Hill was the first-ever SCHSL Girls Wrestling Champion (2025).



CLASS AAAA INAUGURAL  
GIRLS WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONS  
2026

**CHESTER HIGH SCHOOL**



2026 CLASS AAAAA  
GIRLS WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONS

**ROCK HILL HIGH SCHOOL**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Boys Wrestling Duals Championship



The SCHSL will host its 2026 Boys Wrestling Duals State Finals, tomorrow, Wednesday, February 11, 2026. The matches will be played at three locations (see below). All-day admission ticket is \$15 (3 and under if held in lap are admitted free).

Fans are encouraged to purchase tickets in advanced at GoFan.co. SCHSL League Passes will be accepted. Cash will be accepted at the gate.

Gates open one hour prior to the start of the first match. No ins-and-outs, you will have to purchase a new ticket if you leave the building.

For Complete Information visit: <https://schsl.org/archives/17577>.

### MATCH SCHEDULE

#### **Lexington High School (2463 Augusta Highway, Lexington, SC, 29072)**

Class AAA (West-Oak vs Hanahan) 6:00 pm

Class AAAAA-Div 1 (Clover vs. James Island Charter) 7:30 pm

#### **White Knoll High School (5643 Platt Springs Rd, Lexington, SC, 29073)**

Class AA (Chesnee vs Edisto) 6:00 pm

Class AAAAA-Div 2 (Fort Mill vs Lugoff-Elgin) 7:30 pm

#### **Gilbert High School (840 Main Street, Gilbert, SC, 29054)**

Class AAAA (Travelers Rest vs May River) 6:00 pm

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

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## SCHSL Office Closed



The South Carolina High School League office will be closed, Monday, February, 16, 2026, in observance of Presidents Day.

The office will return to normal business hours, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm, on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Qualifiers Due Date Approaching

The due date for the qualifiers for the upcoming basketball playoffs is this **Friday, February 13, 2026**. The links for the qualifier reporting forms are below. **Please Note:** In order for the timely updating of the playoff brackets, please enter the qualifiers as soon as they are available but no later than 8 pm on Friday. If you still have games to play after the deadline and are unable to submit the qualifiers by the 13th, please submit them as soon as they become available but no later than **12 pm**, Sunday, February 15.

For additional information or questions please contact Romanda Noble-Watson, Director of Communications and Public Relations, at [Romanda@schsl.org](mailto:Romanda@schsl.org).

Boys Qualifiers Link: <https://schsl.org/archives/9786>

Girls Qualifiers Link: <https://schsl.org/archives/9788>

## Playoff Score Reporting

As the basketball playoffs begins, please be reminded that playoff scores should be entered on the score reporting forms link following the contest so we can update the brackets in a timely manner. The links are below and can also be found on the front page of the SCHSL website.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Boys Basketball Score Reporting: <https://schsl.org/archives/9797>

Girls Basketball Score Reporting: <https://schsl.org/archives/9798>

## Playoff Financial Forms Due

**Reminder:** 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).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Spring Captains Course

A blue-tinted graphic featuring a group of student-athletes standing in a hallway. The SCHSL logo is centered at the top. Below it, the text "VIRTUAL SPRING CAPTAINS' COURSE" is displayed in large, white, bold letters. Underneath, a white bar contains the date and time: "February 12, 2026 @ 10AM". Below that, the text "REGISTER NOW!" is centered with a white underline. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for "FARM BUREAU INSURANCE" with the tagline "Auto • Home • Life" and the text "SPONSORED BY" to its left.

**VIRTUAL SPRING CAPTAINS' COURSE**

February 12, 2026 @ 10AM

**REGISTER NOW!**

SPONSORED BY 

The Spring Captains' Course will be held this Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. This session will be tailored to directly address the needs of SCHSL student-athletes.

If you haven't registered for the Captains Course yet, be sure to sign up!

We are excited to announce that NFHS Hall of Fame Coach Phil Savitz will be our featured speaker. Coach Savitz has built a truly remarkable legacy in South Carolina soccer.

### **Here's a brief look at Coach Savitz' incredible career:**

After playing soccer at A.C. Flora High School in Columbia and graduating from the University of South Carolina in 1978, Coach Savitz began his coaching journey two years later at Irmo High School. Over 33 years at the 4A school, his teams reached the state finals 23 times and claimed 14 state championships.

Registration Link: [Spring Captains' Course](#)

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).

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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](#)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Winter Sports Brackets

The 2026 Winter Sports Brackets are available on the SCHSL website. Brackets can be accessed under the brackets link on the SCHSL website, [www.schsl.org](http://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](mailto:Romanda@schsl.org).

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

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## Baseball Reminder

Please be reminded, the use of a double first base will not start until the 2027 season. No baseball games will be played this year with a double first base.

Please do not put a double first base on the field as the game should not start with a double first base on the field.

Please direct all questions/concerns to Charlie Wentzky, Deputy Commissioner, at [charlie@schsl.org](mailto:charlie@schsl.org).

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## Arbiter Reminders

### Varsity Basketball Playoffs

All varsity basketball playoff games will be entered by the SCHSL according to the brackets posted on the League website. Please make note of the information below.

- Standard game start time: 7:00 PM
  - If both girls and boys teams are playing:
    - \* Girls: 6:00 PM
    - \* Boys: 7:30 PM

If both teams agree to a different start time, please email this information to Jill at [jill@schsl.org](mailto:jill@schsl.org), as soon as that information is available.

If you have any questions, please contact Jill, at [jill@schsl.org](mailto:jill@schsl.org).

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## 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 Maeoisha Jenkins, Office Coordinator, at [maeoisha@schsl.org](mailto:maeoisha@schsl.org).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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. This **Friday, February 13, 2026**, is the deadline to submit your entries.

[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:

**The From Court to Career T-Shirt Design Contest!**  
Students 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 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!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## NO SMOKE, NO PROBLEM?

### NICOTINE HURTS YOUR BODY NO MATTER HOW YOU USE IT

Nicotine products like e-cigarettes/vapes and oral pouches (like Zyn) are *highly addictive*. Nicotine actually primes adolescent brains for addiction, increasing the likelihood of other substance use.

It's basic science, but it can have lasting consequences. In the short-term, nicotine increases feelings of pleasure and concentration, but in the long-term nicotine addiction can cause physical and emotional stress.

Nicotine *in any form* is not safe, especially for youth. **Here are just a few ways in which nicotine harms the body:**



#### BRAIN

Nicotine can change brain chemistry and is linked with an increased risk of psychiatric disorders such as major depressive disorder and bipolar disorder.



#### SKIN

Nicotine constricts the blood vessels, which prevents nutrients from getting to the skin. This may cause premature aging and wrinkles.



#### HEART

In addition to increasing heart rate and blood pressure, nicotine also narrows the arteries, which increases the risk of a heart attack. Recent data show that people who vape experience cardiovascular damage similar to people who smoke.



#### LUNGS

Smoking cigarettes and/or vaping limits lung capacity over time, which can also cause illnesses like chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

Learn more about vaping nicotine and how educators can help reduce youth nicotine addiction from the [Empower Vape-Free Youth campaign](#). Need ideas for your school? Let the SC Department of Public Health help. From free quit support options to model tobacco-free policies and technical assistance for schools, find resources at [Tobacco-Free Schools | South Carolina Department of Public Health](#).

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## The Health Spot

### Heart Health Awareness Month

February is Heart Health Awareness Month, a time to prioritize cardiovascular well-being and promote healthy habits for student-athletes and coaches alike.

Heart disease remains a leading health concern, and maintaining a strong heart is essential for peak performance and overall wellness.

The SCHSL encourages all schools to use this month as an opportunity to educate student-athletes on the importance of heart health. Coaches and athletic staff play a vital role in promoting heart health by encouraging proper warm-ups, staying hydrated, getting enough rest, and recognizing early warning signs like dizziness, chest pain, or shortness of breath.

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

### Spring Captains' Course

The Spring Captains' Course will be held this Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. This session will be tailored to directly address the needs of SCHSL student-athletes. Highlights include:

- A mini rules clinic covering expectations for sportsmanship and conduct.
- Discussion of consequences for violations and ways to promote positive attitudes and community engagement.
- A leadership presentation from our very own NFHS Hall of Fame Coach, Phil Savitz

These courses and summits are free for all SCHSL member schools. The deadline to register for the summit is tomorrow, **Wednesday, February 11, 2026**.

Registration Link: [Spring Captains' Course](#)

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).

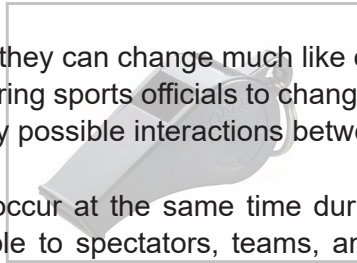
# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## Officials' Whistle

### Spring Sports Officials Plan

Spring sports contests are beginning. Do you have a plan for the spring sports officials that come to your school? Below are some tips on how to take care of the spring sports officials who come to your facilities.

- 1) If able, have a clean facility in which they can change much like other sports.
- 2) If unable to have a facility for your spring sports officials to change, provide a separate parking area for officials. This will help to prevent any possible interactions between spectators and officials before and after contests.
- 3) Many contests at your facility can occur at the same time during the spring season, be vigilant and walk around your facility. Be visible to spectators, teams, and officials to help provide a safe environment for all.



Have a great spring sports season!

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*

### Updating SCHSL School Directory

It is imperative that all schools update their directory in the Knack system which flows directly into the SCHSL online directory. Updating your directory ensures that all important emails and other pertinent information from the League office is received by the appropriate individual.

Each school should have a Directory Administrator (**this person should be a member of the Administrative team: i.e., Principal, Vice Principal, Athletic Director**), who will be responsible for updating the directory when changes occur. Please check your entry on the website at <https://schsl.org/schsl-directory>, for your current administrator and to ensure your directory is up-to-date.

If the Knack Administrator is no longer at your school, you may request a new administrator by emailing Keith Warren at [keith@schsl.org](mailto:keith@schsl.org). **Please DO NOT submit another entry as it will cause duplicate school entries in the system.**

Complete instructions can be found on the following link: <https://schsl.org/archives/7823>.

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).