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## Upcoming Events

Class AAAA Meeting:  
Feb. 19, 2026 – 10:00 am

**Wrestling Individual State Finals**  
**Feb. 20, 2026 – Feb. 21, 2026**

Middle School Pre-Season: Feb. 20, 2026  
Track & Field & Soccer

High School 1st Contests: Feb. 20, 2026  
Lacrosse, Track & Field, Soccer,  
Boys Tennis

JOBS

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

# CONGRATULATIONS

## 2026 SCHSL BOYS WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONS



On Wednesday, February 11, 2026, the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) hosted the 2026 Boys Wrestling Duals State Finals presented by the South Carolina Army National Guard.

At the end of the Duals, five teams were crowned 2026 State Champions:

Class 2A: Chesnee

Class 3A: West-Oak

Class 4A: May River

Class 5A-Division 1: Clover

Class 5A-Division 2: Fort Mill

See page 2 for images of the State Champions.

# CONGRATULATIONS

## 2026 SCHSL BOYS WRESTLING CHAMPIONS



CLASS AA 2026  
BOYS WRESTLING CHAMPIONS

**CHESNEE HIGH SCHOOL**



CLASS AAA 2026  
BOYS WRESTLING CHAMPIONS

**WEST-OAK HIGH SCHOOL**



CLASS AAAA 2026  
BOYS WRESTLING CHAMPIONS

**MAY RIVER HIGH SCHOOL**



CLASS AAAAA-DIVISION 1  
2026 BOYS WRESTLING CHAMPIONS

**CLOVER HIGH SCHOOL**



CLASS AAAAA-DIVISION 2  
2026 BOYS WRESTLING CHAMPIONS

**FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Wrestling Individual Championships



The 2026 SCHSL Boys and Girls Wrestling Individual State Finals are this Friday-Saturday, February 20-21, at the Florence Center in Florence, SC. Tickets are \$10 on Friday and \$15 on Saturday. No ins and outs.

Visit <https://schsl.org/archives/15508> for complete details.

**Championship Merchandise:** NW Designs will be selling official championship merchandise on-site at the Individual Wrestling State Finals. Fans can also purchase via their online store, which is accessible at:

**Girls:** <https://online-apparel.com/s/schsl-store/girls-wrestling-state-championships/>.

**Boys:** <https://online-apparel.com/s/schsl-store/boys-wrestling-state-championships/>.

## 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).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Playoff Score Reporting

As the basketball playoffs continues, 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>

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## 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).

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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).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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](#)

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## Captain's Course Rewind

The 2026 SCHSL Spring Captains' Course was held last Thursday, February 12, 2026. This session was tailored to directly address the needs of SCHSL student-athletes.

If your school was unable to attend the Webinar live, it can be viewed on the SCHSL Rewind and YouTube Channel at [Spring Captains' Course](#).

Below is a list of schools who were in attendance on the webinar.

Please direct all questions to Dr. Curtrell Rhodan, Director of Educational Services, at [curtrell@schsl.org](mailto:curtrell@schsl.org).

**School Shoutouts:** Sumter HS, Northwestern HS, Wade Hampton HS, Columbia HS, Aynor HS, Gray Collegiate Academy, Eau Claire HS, Daniel HS, River Bluff HS, American Leadership Academy Lexington, Brookland-Cayce HS, Dreher HS, Westwood HS, Irmo HS, Batesburg-Leesville HS, Riverwalk Academy, Horry County Schools, Rock Hill HS, Thornwell Charter School.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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 Steve Elias –Boys Lacrosse.



**1) How long have you been an official in the SCHSL?** I have been a SCHSL official since 2010.

**2) What sports do you currently officiate?** For the SCHSL, I officiate boys' lacrosse. I also referee ice hockey, baseball and softball.

**3) Is officiating your full-time job? If not, what is your profession?** No. My full-time position is a municipal bond broker for American Veteran's Group. I also work part time as a TSA officer.

**4) Why are you a high school official?** I continue to be a HS sports official because I am still competitive and enjoy athletics. The competition isn't the opponent, it's me. I enjoy working as a team with my partners and the friendly banter that goes with it. After the game being able to have the feeling that I have done my best and the training was worth the effort. It's a feeling of accomplishment and pride.

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To become an official in the South Carolina High School League, click Link below.

[Become a High School Official](#)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Final Realignment

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) has finalized the classification/regional placements of all schools beginning with the 2026-27 school year. This regional placement will be in effect for two years (2026-2028).

Below is the link for the final region placements.

[Final Classification/Regional Placements](#)

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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).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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



## 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

As we continue Heart Health Awareness Month, here are some tips to promote a healthy heart lifestyle in your athletics program.

1. **Educate & Spread Awareness:** Share facts about heart disease and prevention with athletes, coaches, and parents; 2. **Encourage Physical Activity:** Encourage daily exercise and active recovery days to avoid overexertion; 3. **Promote Heart-Healthy Nutrition:** Highlight the benefits of heart-friendly foods like fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, and whole grains; Educate athletes on the risks of excessive caffeine, sugary drinks, and processed foods; 4. **Recognize Warning Signs:** Teach athletes and staff to recognize symptoms of potential heart issues, such as dizziness, chest pain, shortness of breath, or fainting; 5. **Promote CPR & AED Training:** Conduct emergency drills to prepare for potential cardiac incidents; Encourage students to learn basic CPR—it could save a life!

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

### Rainy Day Rewind – Educational Tools for Every Team

The National Federation of State High School Associations has launched the initiative *Protect the Purpose: Prioritizing Education in Education-Based Athletics*. In support of that vision, the Captains Courses for each season, along with the Health Summit and Leadership Summit, are now available on SCHSL Rewind.

These resources can be used by your coaches on a rainy day, film day, or during study hall as powerful tools for teaching leadership, sportsmanship, and personal growth.

Please share this information with all appropriate staff and student-athletes.

Educational Tools for a Rainy Day:

[Fall Captains Course](#)

[Health Summit](#)

[Winter Captains Course \(previous year\)](#)

[Leadership Summit](#)

[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).

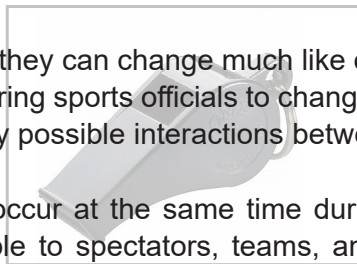
# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## 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).