



## SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

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**TO:** Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

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SC High School League

**SUBJECT:** Approved Amendments

**DATE:** March 23, 2026

Greetings,

During the legislative assembly meeting on March 18, 2026, the membership made significant changes to the South Carolina High School League Constitution and Bylaws that will take effect July 1, 2026, for the following school year. As with any major change, there is already a significant amount of misinformation being shared throughout the membership.

The League Office is preparing to develop information that will help with a clearer understanding of the change(s) and will hopefully be able to guide you as it pertains to questions you may have immediately or in the coming months. Please be patient as we work to prepare this document so that we can hopefully create a clear picture and understanding of all information pertaining to the change(s) in the Constitution and Bylaws moving forward with next school year.

Please find below, the proposed amendments that were approved by the Legislative Assembly.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## **2026 - 2027 Changes**

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### **Constitution**

#### **Article V - Membership**

##### **Section 1 - Who May Join**

Section 1C:

Junior high schools and middle schools with or without athletic programs, but excluding virtual schools, accredited by the South Carolina Department of Education and 7th and 8th grades housed in the same building with a senior high school may at the schools discretion but are not required to be an associate of affiliate member, provided they fall under the governing board of a member school, and the principal with the approval of the governing board, agrees to confirm to the rules and regulations of the South Carolina High School League.

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### **Constitution**

#### **Article VI - Administration**

##### **Section 1 - South Carolina High School League Officers and Executive Committee**

Section 1B:

The governing body shall be the South Carolina High School League Executive Committee composed of:

1. Five (5) Superintendents (or designated district level administrator), selected by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators, with one representing each classification.
2. Five (5) Principals, who shall be members of the SCASA Secondary Affiliate, one representing each classification, selected by the classification.
3. Five (5) Athletic Administrators, who shall be members of the South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association, one representing each classification, selected by the classification.
4. One (1) Middle School Representative, selected by Middle School member schools.
5. Two (2) Representatives from the Private School and Charter School Community, selected by member Private and Charter Schools. Must be a Superintendent, Principal, or Athletic Director.
6. One (1) Designee from the State Superintendent of Education's Office.
7. Two (2) representatives from the South Carolina State Legislatures House of Representative Education Committee or designee who are not employees of any South Carolina High School League member school or its school district.
8. Two (2) representatives from the South Carolina State Legislatures Senate Education Committee or designee who are not employees of any South Carolina High School League member school or its school district.

The elected members shall serve staggered terms with the odd numbered classifications originally serving three-year terms and the even numbered classifications two-year terms. The other representatives shall serve two-year terms except for the State Department designee. Upon expiration of these initial terms, all subsequent terms shall be three years. A committee member shall not serve more than two consecutive terms on the Executive Committee in the same representative capacity.

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**Constitution**

**Article VI - Administration**

**Section 5 – Powers and Duties of the Executive Committee**

Section 5 B1 Hearing Officers:

The League shall establish a pool of Hearing Officers who will hear appeals prior to such appeals reaching the Executive Committee. Hearing Officers will be assigned individually and may include retired judges, retired or former administrators, or other individuals with demonstrated legal or interscholastic athletic experience. The decision of a Hearing Officer may be appealed to the Executive Committee under procedures established by the League. The League will implement and publish clear conflict-of-interest standards, as well as guidelines and examples of cases appropriate for Hearing Officer review, to ensure consistency, transparency, timeliness, and fairness.

To further ensure impartiality in the appeals process:

1. Hearing Officers shall not be assigned to cases originating from their own geographic area or region in which they have professional or personal affiliations which could compromise neutrality.
2. Decisions made by a Hearing Officer may be appealed by either party to the Executive Committee in accordance with established League procedures.

Section 5 B2 Recusal of Executive Committee Members:

If an appeal proceeds to the Executive Committee, any member of the Executive Committee who is directly involved in the appeal shall recuse themselves from both discussion and voting on that appeal.

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**Constitution**

**Article VI - Administration**

**Section 5 – Powers and Duties of the Executive Committee**

Section 5 E. Petition of Assembly:

Upon petition of a majority of member schools to the Commissioner, a delegate assembly will be scheduled to address League matters. That assembly will be held in a location geographically central to the member schools.

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**Constitution****Article VI - Administration****Section 6 – Powers and Duties of the Commissioner**

- A. The Commissioner shall be employed by the South Carolina High School League Executive Committee who shall determine the term of employment, duties, salary and expenses.

Add:

1. The contract of the Commissioner shall not exceed three (3) years in length.
2. The contract may be renewed annually for one (1) year upon action of the Executive Committee.
3. The contract may not be extended until it has less than three years remaining.
4. No contract with the Commissioner shall include an “evergreen provision” or any automatic renewal clause extending the contract beyond the term expressly approved by the Executive Committee.

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**By-Laws****ARTICLE III – Student Eligibility****Section 10 – Transfers**

ii. The student will be ineligible in the sport for one calendar year if the student moves in with a coach of the coaching staff; has participated on an outside team in which a coach or volunteer coach from the school to which the student is transferring coached or had input into the selection of the outside team; or if the athlete received paid or unpaid private sport-related or general athletic instruction, lessons, or training from any coach on staff, regardless of the coach-to-athlete ratio during such sessions. Exemptions to this would include school-based camps, collegiate based camps, and South Carolina High School League and South Carolina Athletics Coaches Association sponsored events.

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**By-Laws****ARTICLE III - Student Eligibility****Section 10 – Transfers**

Section 10.8.e:

Students who transfer during a period of academic ineligibility must restore their academic eligibility prior to the start of the transfer-ineligibility period.