



# Tues News

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## Upcoming Events

Eligibility Appeals Committee Meeting  
Mar. 25, 2026 – 9:00 am

## Upcoming Deadlines

Middle School T&F Interest Form  
Friday, Mar. 27, 2026

“NFL Grassroots Field Grant”  
Monday, Mar. 30, 2026

Scholar Athlete and Multi-Sport Award  
Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 3:45 pm

**JOBS**

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Public Notice Posted

A Public Notice has been posted from the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL). The Eligibility Appeals Committee, a subcommittee of the South Carolina High School League Executive Committee, will hold a virtual meeting, Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 9:00 am.

All public viewing will be done via live stream on the NFHS Network website: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/events/schsl/evt6dc089e47c>.

Full details below.



South Carolina High School League

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Tuesday, March 24, 2026

### Executive Committee Eligibility Appeals Committee Meeting

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF  
THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE**  
Wednesday, March 25, 2026 9:00 a.m.

**\*Public Access via NFHS Network site:**  
<https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/events/schsl/evt6dc089e47c>

#### AGENDA

**Call to Order** – President, Dr. Coby Brandyburg

**Appeal:**

9:00 AM.....Green Upstate High School (Eligibility)

**Other Business**

**Adjourn**

The Eligibility Appeals Committee, a subcommittee of the South Carolina High School League Executive Committee, will hold an eligibility appeals virtual meeting, on March 25, 2026. The appeal will be held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act codified at S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-10, et seq. (Law Co-op. 1976) and will be open to the public via NFHS Network livestream.

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## Athletic Trainer Spotlight

March is National Athletic Training Month. During this month we celebrate those individuals who keep our student athletes healthy throughout the year.

In celebration of National Athletic Training Month, the South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) shines the spotlight on longtime League Athletic Trainer, Sheila Gordon, from White Knoll High School.



**1. What is your full title at White Knoll?** Head Athletic Trainer and Assistant Athletic Director.

**2. When and where did you start your career as an Athletic Trainer?** Started my career as a Graduate Assistant at the University of Georgia and in 1997, I then transitioned into my first job as an Athletic Trainer at Spartanburg Regional for one year.

**3. How many total years have you been an Athletic Trainer:** 30-years total (Graduate Assistant and Professional).

**4. When did you begin your career as an Athletic Trainer in the South Carolina High School League?** 1997 at Byrnes High School. In January 2005 I moved to my current school, White Knoll.

**5. Why did you become an Athletic Trainer?** I was an athlete in high school and wanted to continue being close to sports but didn't have the opportunity to play softball at the college level. I took a personality-match your skills test and matched with athletic trainers. While in graduate school, at the University of Georgia, I met the athletic trainer and the rest is history.

**6. What is your favorite sport to cover as an Athletic Trainer?** I love covering all sports but if I had to select one, I would say football is my favorite because I always wanted to play football but didn't have the opportunity and loved watching football with my dad.



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## Middle School Track & Field Invitational

The South Carolina High School League will hold a middle school track and field individual regional invitational, Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Lugoff-Elgin High School. The event is open to middle school students who are participating on a track and field team, whether for their middle school or at the high school.

Athletes will be representing their middle school at the event and must have a coach in attendance with them.

See Future Five Stars Section on page 10 for additional information and important details.

If you are interested in having your middle school athletes participate, please complete the Track and Field Interest Form using the link below no later than this **Friday, March 27, 2026**.

[Middle School Track & Field Invitational Interest Form](#)

Please direct all questions pertaining to the Track and Field Invitational to Assistant Commissioner for Middle School Athletics, Dr. Lenard Hudnal, Jr., at [Lenard@schsl.org](mailto:Lenard@schsl.org).

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## Athletic Administrators Assistants Appreciation Day

### Mark Your Calendars

The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) will host its Annual Athletic Administrators Assistants Appreciation Day (A4 Day), **Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 10:00 AM**, at the SCHSL Office (121 Westpark Blvd, Columbia, SC 29210).

The A4 Day is for all high school Athletic Administrative Assistants (i.e., Athletic Director's Administrative Assistant, Athletic Department Assistant, etc.). **Please Note: A4 Day is not for Assistant Athletics Directors.**

Additional information including the RSVP link will be sent via email to no later than Monday, March 30, 2026. The RSVP link will also be included in the March 31, 2026, TuesNews.

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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](#)

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## Arbiter Information

Below is the information for assistance with Arbiter, please see information below.

**Arbiter Customer Service:** 1-800-311-4060

**Arbiter Support Website:** <https://arbitersportshelp.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>

If you have any questions, please contact the SCHSL Arbiter Booking Coordinator Jill White, at [jill@schsl.org](mailto:jill@schsl.org).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Commissioner's Chat & Beyond



Periodically, South Carolina High School League's (SCHSL) Commissioner Dr. Jerome Singleton, and members of the staff, will provide highlight key happenings within the League.

This installment of Commissioner's Chat and Beyond features SCHSL Commissioner, *Dr. Jerome Singleton*. [Click here](#) for the current installment of the Commissioner's Chat and Beyond.

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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 MaeoCeisha Jenkins, Office Coordinator, at [maeoceisha@schsl.org](mailto:maeoceisha@schsl.org).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NFL Grassroots Program: Grant Opportunity

The NFL Foundation and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation “NFL Grassroots Field Grant” program is currently accepting applications for consideration. Grant funding is available to assist both new or renovation field projects.

- Matching grants up to \$250,000 are available through the program.

**Please Note:** Application deadline is Monday, **March 30, 2026**.

Please read the complete RFP found at the following link: <https://www.lisc.org/our-initiatives/sports-recreation/nfl-foundation-grassroots-program/>, before submitting a proposal.

For additional questions, please contact the Carolina Panthers at [communityrelations@panthers.nfl.com](mailto:communityrelations@panthers.nfl.com).

Email Submissions to: [Sportsandyouthdevelopment@lisc.org](mailto:Sportsandyouthdevelopment@lisc.org)



**GRASSROOTS**  
Field Grant Program in partnership with LISC

**LISC**  
SPORTS & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

### NFL FOUNDATION GRASSROOTS PROGRAM *A Community Football Fields Program* REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

#### Overview

The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program is a partnership of the National Football League (NFL) Foundation, which provides funding for the program, and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), which provides technical assistance and manages the program. The goal of the program is to provide nonprofit, neighborhood-based organizations with financial and technical assistance to improve the quality, safety, and accessibility of local football fields. The NFL Foundation Grassroots Program provides grants of up to \$250,000 for capital improvement projects.

To be eligible for a grant under the program, projects must be sponsored by nonprofit community-based organizations registered as exempt from Federal Income Tax under Internal Revenue Service Code Section 501(c)(3) or middle or high schools. In addition, **all organizations applying for funds must be located specifically and exclusively within NFL Target Markets, listed in Attachment A and serve low to moderate-income areas within those markets.**

Strong preference will be given to those proposals that (1) seek to upgrade existing facilities that are in poor condition or otherwise underutilized; (2) demonstrate active use of the fields; (3) **attract matching funding that exceeds the minimum required match of 1:1**; (4) involve local partnerships with nonprofit community partners (e.g., USA Football, Parks and Recreation Departments, YMCA branches, etc.) to promote youth sports safety and community programming on the fields; (5) provide for continuing maintenance and field safety; and (6) involve youth football programs that are currently registered and compliant with USA Football's Football Development Model education program. As noted above, grants are given only for capital expenditures. Applicants may request a maximum of \$250,000 from the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program to be used for capital improvements. Please see "Availability of Funding" for stipulations involved with a \$250,000 maximum grant request.

#### Proposals are due by March 30, 2026- No Exceptions

Please read the complete RFP before submitting a proposal.

EMAIL SUBMISSIONS TO  
[Sportsandyouthdevelopment@lisc.org](mailto:Sportsandyouthdevelopment@lisc.org)

PLEASE SEND THE PROPOSAL AS A PDF ATTACHMENT AND INCLUDE ALL  
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AS PER THE RFP.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## BE A ROLE MODEL WITH 100% COMPREHENSIVE TOBACCO-FREE MODEL POLICY

Children spend almost a third of their waking time in school, which puts schools in a unique position to help reduce tobacco use. Try a 100% comprehensive tobacco-free model policy to strengthen the current statewide requirements for tobacco-free schools.

### Model Policy Includes:

No Tobacco Industry Sponsorship or Funding Allowed

No Tobacco Use of Any Kind, Anytime, By Anyone on School Property

Referrals to Free Cessation Resources

Alternatives to Suspension

### Alternatives to Suspension:

Suspension should only be used as a last resort when disciplining students who use tobacco at school. Students who are suspended miss time in the classroom and are at risk for not graduating on time, repeating a grade, dropping out, or becoming involved with the criminal justice system.

Alternatives include simple **referrals to free cessation resources** that provide a certificate of completion, such as the SC Tobacco Quitline. Some schools even **partner with local Alcohol and Drug Abuse treatment centers** to provide free student education and quit support on weekends.

Whatever path your school takes, know that it is **more helpful to treat than to punish**. Nicotine creates a powerful addiction that is difficult to break.

With the right approach and science-based tools, you can keep kids in the classroom and help them towards a brighter future.

Learn more about vaping nicotine and how educators can help reduce youth nicotine addiction from the [Empower Vape-Free Youth campaign](#). For more information about SC YTS contact [MavathRR@dph.sc.gov](mailto:MavathRR@dph.sc.gov).

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## The Health Spot

### National Athletic Trainers' Association

March is **National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA)** month. While often recognized for their work with physical injuries, Athletic Trainers (ATs) are frequently the first point of contact for a student-athlete struggling with mental health.

In the high-pressure environment of South Carolina high school sports, ATs provide a unique 'Safe Space' where physical recovery and emotional well-being intersect. Their ability to recognize the subtle signs of burnout, anxiety, or depression is a critical component of our holistic approach to student safety.

This month, we recognize the empathy and psychological support our ATs provide, proving that their care extends far beyond the athletic training room walls. Thank you to our hard working ATs as they treat not just physical injuries, but the whole athlete.

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 Sports Leadership Summit Recap

The Spring Leadership Summit was held on Thursday, March 19, 2026. We sincerely appreciate the participation of our member schools, as it reflects a strong commitment to fostering sportsmanship and creating a positive athletic environment within your school communities.

We were fortunate to feature two outstanding speakers. Dr. DT Shackleford, a motivational speaker like none other, inspired and challenged student-athletes to demonstrate character, even in the face of adversity. We also had the honor of welcoming K. Renia, Assistant Athletic Director at Norfolk State University, who is dedicated to equipping student-athletes with the tools they need to succeed at the next level.

If your school was unable to attend, we encourage you to view the recording using the following link: [Spring Leadership Summit Rewind](#).

Direct all questions for this section to the Director of Educational Services, Dr. Curtrell Rhodan, at [Curtrell@schsl.org](mailto:Curtrell@schsl.org).

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## Officials' Whistle

### Spring Sports Officials' Appreciation

Spring Sports Officials' Appreciation is April 6-11, 2026. Participation 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 Spring Sports Officials' Appreciation Week are:

- Special appreciation signage
- Gifts 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 Spring 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 Track and Field Individual Regional Invitational

The South Carolina High School League will hold a Middle School Track and Field Individual Regional Invitational, Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Lugoff-Elgin High School.

**Please note the following important details:**

- Athletes will represent their middle school at this event.
- Each participating athlete must have a coach in attendance.
- This invitational does not count as a meet for the student-athlete.
- This event is considered a postseason opportunity for middle school students. Student-athletes will still be eligible to participate in meets held after this event.

If you are interested in having your middle school athletes participate, please complete the Track and Field Interest Form located on page 4.

All questions related to the information contained in this section, should be directed to Assistant Commissioner for Middle School Athletics, Dr. Lenard Hudnal, Jr., at Lenard@schsl.org.