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Upcoming Events

Basketball Press Conference
Mar. 4, 2026 – 9:30 am & 11:30 am

Basketball State Finals
Mar. 5, 2026 – Mar. 7, 2026
Colonial Life Arena

Middle School First Contests
Baseball, Softball, Golf: Mar. 9, 2026

Credit Recovery: Mar. 9, 2026

JOBS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BASKETBALL STATE FINALS INFORMATION



The 2026 SCHSL Basketball State Finals presented by Live Vape Free, is this week, Thursday-Saturday, March 5-7, 2026, at Colonial Life Arena in Columbia, SC.

Tickets are \$20 per person, and it is an all-day ticket. Children 5-and under are free. Tickets are available now at the following link: [Tickets](#).

The 2026 basketball brackets are available on the SCHSL website. Brackets can be accessed under the brackets link in the blue bar at the top of the SCHSL website, www.schsl.org, or by clicking the following link: <https://schsl.org/brackets>.

Full schedule below.

For additional information contact, Romanda Noble-Watson, Director of Communications and Public Relations, at Romanda@schsl.org

Finals:

Thurs 3/5

2:00 2A Girls
4:00 2A Boys
6:00 5A Div.2 Girls
8:00 5A Div.2 Boys

Fri 3/6

2:00 3A Girls
4:00 3A Boys
6:00 5A Div.1 Girls
8:00 5A Div.1 Boys

Sat 3/7

12:00 1A Girls
2:00 1A Boys
4:00 4A Girls
6:00 4A Boys

Location: Colonial Life Arena:

****Upper State Representative will be the Home Team for all State Finals.****

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

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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 next **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.

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](#)

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.

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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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

From Court to Career T-Shirt Design Contest Winner

Olivia Spinelli of Nation Ford High School is the first place winner of the SC Technical College System, From the Court to Career T-shirt Contest. The winning design (see below) was selected out of 188 submission.



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CONGRATULATIONS

Girls Student-Athlete of the Month January



Gilbert High School's **Calahan Moore** has been named the SCHSL January 2026 Girls Student-Athlete of the Month. Calahan exemplifies excellence in both athletics and academics. A standout in tennis and soccer, she has earned All-Region honors in both sports while serving as a team captain for each. Known for her sportsmanship, Calahan consistently thanks her opponents before and after every match, setting a powerful example of leadership and respect.

In the classroom, Calahan maintains a 5.217 GPA, excelling in multiple dual enrollment and honors courses. Beyond academics and athletics, her passion for inclusion and service shines brightly. She founded Soccer Super-Heros, a completely free soccer league for athletes with disabilities that has grown tremendously since its start. Additionally, she organizes the Miss Spectacular Pageant, an event celebrating children with special needs.

Calahan is also active in Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), and pageant participation, all while managing her two thriving non-profits. Her dedication to serving others, while excelling as a student-athlete, makes her a remarkable role model for her peers and community.

CONGRATULATIONS

Girls Student-Athlete of the Month February



Carolina Pettway from Westwood High School has been named the SCHSL January 2026 Girls Student-Athlete of the Month. Carolina is the secretary for South Carolina High School League's (SCHSL) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). Carolina is an exceptional student-athlete who consistently demonstrates leadership, academic excellence, and service to others.

With an impressive 5.017 GPA, Carolina has been a key member of the Westwood High School Softball Team since the 7th grade. As team captain, she is known for her strong leadership, teamwork, and sportsmanship both on and off the field. Beyond her school team, she also shines as a leader on her Thunderhawks travel softball team, which recently delivered a tractor trailer full of supplies to families impacted by Hurricane Helene—a testament to her compassion and community spirit.

Carolina's involvement extends far beyond athletics. She serves as President of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and is an active member of the Westwood Athletic Trainers Program, supporting her peers and promoting wellness across campus. Her ability to balance rigorous academics, athletic excellence, and community service reflects her maturity, dedication, and integrity.

Carolina truly embodies the core values of Westwood Athletics. Her commitment to excellence, **leadership, and compassion makes her an outstanding representative for her school.**

CONGRATULATIONS

Boys Student-Athlete of the Month January



Keller Wofford from Berkeley High School has been named the SCHSL January 2026 Boys Student-Athlete of the Month. Keller exemplifies the true definition of a student-athlete, excelling both on the field and in the classroom. With an outstanding GPA of 5.278, he ranks near the very top of his class and sets a powerful standard of excellence for all Berkeley High students to follow. His academic achievements are complemented by his exceptional leadership and character—serving as Leader of the Beta Club and the Leadership Club, where he models integrity, service, and dedication in all that he does.

A senior leader on both the football and baseball teams, Keller represents a blend of academic excellence, athletic leadership, and community service. Last year, he served as the starting pitcher in the State Championship Baseball Game, helping deliver Berkeley High its second state title in three years and only the second in the school's 112-year history. His accomplishments both on and off the field make him a model example of what it means to be a Berkeley Stag.

Keller's impact on school culture is equally profound. As the emcee for all Berkeley High pep rallies, he embodies school spirit and unity, connecting students and staff alike with his charisma, enthusiasm, and unwavering commitment to the Stag legacy. That legacy runs deep—his parents and grandparents are proud Berkeley alumni, and Keller carries that tradition forward with great pride, serving as a living bridge between past and present generations of Stags.

Beyond the walls of Berkeley High, Keller is actively engaged in community service and leadership initiatives. Through his involvement in the Athletic Department, Beta Club, and Leadership Club, he helps organize and participate in numerous local outreach efforts—ranging from youth mentorship and community cleanups to school and town events. His dedication to giving back reflects his humility, compassion, and genuine desire to make a lasting difference in the lives of others.

Keller Wofford's leadership, both on and off the field, has left an indelible mark on Berkeley High School and the Moncks Corner community. He is the embodiment of what it means to lead with purpose, serve with heart, and uphold the proud traditions of being a Berkeley Stag.

CONGRATULATIONS

Boys Student-Athlete of the Month February



Karson Wright from Emerald High School has been named the SCHSL February 2026 Boys Student-Athlete of the Month. Karson is a shining example of leadership, dedication, and excellence at Emerald High School. A member of both the Beta Club and the National Honor Society, Karson maintains a strong academic record while embodying the values of service, integrity, and perseverance that define the Emerald Viking spirit. Recognized as a Junior Scholar, he demonstrates an unwavering commitment to learning and self-improvement both in and out of the classroom.

Karson's leadership is evident through his recognition with the Leadership Award for Emerald High School and his extensive involvement in the LEAD Program, where he has devoted many hours to developing his leadership, teamwork, and communication skills. His impact extends far beyond the school walls—Karson volunteers with Next Level Fitness, a local nonprofit organization, dedicating his time to community service and youth athletic training. Through this work, he mentors and motivates young athletes, helping them build confidence, discipline, and a love for sports.

A multi-sport athlete, Karson competes in both football and track, where he exemplifies commitment, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Balancing athletics, academics, and service, he leads by example—showing that hard work and character are the foundation of success.

Karson Wright's influence on his school and community is profound. Whether on the field, in the classroom, or through volunteer service, he represents what it means to be a true student-athlete and leader. His dedication to excellence and his passion for helping others make him an outstanding representative of Emerald High School and the community it serves.

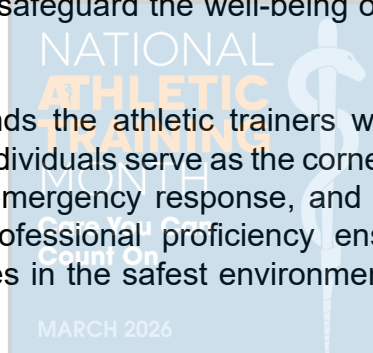
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Health Spot

National Athletic Training Month

March is National Athletic Training Month, an opportunity to formally recognize the essential healthcare professionals who safeguard the well-being of student-athletes throughout South Carolina.

The SCHSL proudly commends the athletic trainers whose clinical expertise extends far beyond the sidelines. These individuals serve as the cornerstone of sports safety, meticulously managing injury prevention, emergency response, and comprehensive rehabilitation. Their unwavering vigilance and professional proficiency ensure that every participant in our sanctioned programs competes in the safest environment possible. Thank you to all of our athletic trainers!



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

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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Officials' Whistle

Spring Sports Officials Plan

The SCHSL has partnered with RefReps, the official officiating education provider of the NFHS, to bring a proven, turnkey Sports Officiating Education Curriculum to high schools as an elective course or as part of existing programs like Advanced PE, Team Sports, or Leadership.

Join the SCHSL + RefReps Webinar: <https://calendly.com/refreps/solving-the-referee-shortage-w-refreps-schsl-feb-2026>.

There are two sessions to choose from on March 10, 2026: 10:00 am or 2:00 pm.

During this short informational session, you'll discover how schools just like yours are:

- Launching officiating classes that fit easily into existing schedules
- Getting creative with funding and local partnerships
- Building student leadership and career pathways in sports

At present, more than 1,030 schools and universities across 47 states are already offering this course — helping their students stay connected to sports while strengthening their communities.

Let's work together to make South Carolina a leader in this nationwide movement.

Reserve your spot now at <https://calendly.com/refreps/solving-the-referee-shortage-w-refreps-schsl-feb-2026>. We look forward to connecting with you at the webinar!

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

Know the Rules

With Spring Sports Preseason starting this week, now would be a great time to review the Rules and Regulations for your respective sport.

The Rules and Regulations can be found by visiting the Middle School section of the AD Notebook found at the link below.

[Rules and Regulations Link](#)

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.