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Upcoming Events

SCHSL Administrative Assistants Day
Apr. 23, 2026 – 10:00 am

Last Match - Boys and Girls Lacrosse:
Apr. 24, 2026

Last Match - Boys Tennis: Apr. 24, 2026

Upcoming Deadlines

Boys and Girls Lacrosse Qualifiers:
Apr. 24, 2026

Boys Tennis Qualifiers: Apr. 24, 2026



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

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2025-26 Executive Committee

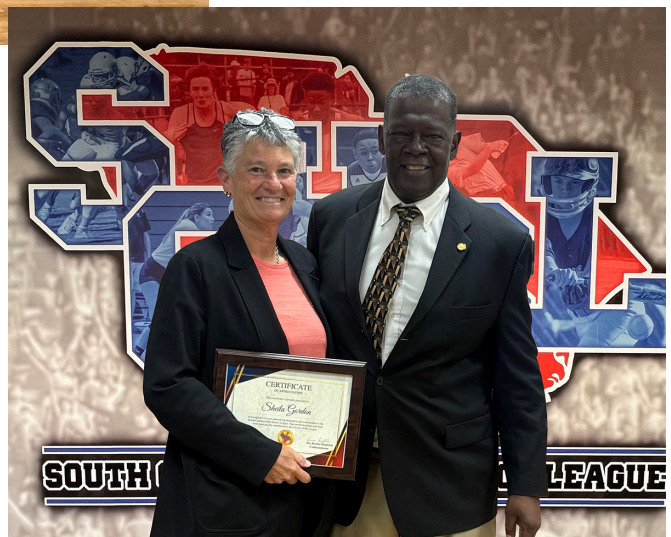
During its final Executive Committee meeting of the 2025-26 school year, April 14, 2026, the SCHSL Commissioner, Dr. Jerome Singleton, presented the outgoing Committee members with Certificates of Appreciation for their service to the Committee.

Additionally, Dr. Singleton presented longtime SCHSL Athletic Trainer, Sheila Gordon, with a Certificate of Appreciation for her 30-years of dedicated service to the League. Gordon will be retiring at the end of the school year.



**2025-26
Executive Committee
members pictured with
SCHSL Commissioner,
Dr. Jerome Singleton**

**Sheila Gordon pictured with
SCHSL Commissioner,
Dr. Jerome Singleton**



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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.



For the month of April, we spotlight Steven Faria-Soccer.

1) How long have you been an official in the SCHSL? I have been an official with the South Carolina High School League since 2018, when my family and I moved to Greenville, South Carolina.

2) What sports do you currently officiate? Soccer is currently the only sport I officiate. I work matches across multiple levels, including high school, collegiate, and professional development leagues. At the collegiate level, I've officiated in conferences such as the Southeastern Conference and the Sun Belt Conference, as well as Division II, Division III, junior college, and NAIA competitions. I have also officiated eight professional matches across leagues such as MLS Next Pro and USL League One.

3) Is officiating your full-time job? If not, what is your profession? Officiating is not my full-time job—I consider it more of a passion and hobby. Professionally, I work full-time as a home health physical therapist. Most importantly, I'm also a proud dad to my two wonderful children, Ander and Everleigh. I'm incredibly grateful for my wife, Destin, whose support allows me the freedom to continue pursuing officiating at a high level.

4) Why are you a high school official? I became a high school referee because I want to give back to the sport of soccer, which has given me so much throughout my life. I truly enjoy building relationships with fellow officials, coaches, and players. I believe that establishing rapport is key to success at this level—it builds credibility, helps manage the game effectively, and creates a positive environment for everyone involved.

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Tomorrow's 25 Nominations Open

Coaches and Administrators,

There's about one month before the start of the process of identifying candidates for the 2026–27 cohort of Tomorrow's 25.

Tomorrow's 25 - presented by the SCACA and the SCHSL - annually selects 25 high school and middle school coaches who demonstrate exceptional competence, character, and commitment in the coaching profession.

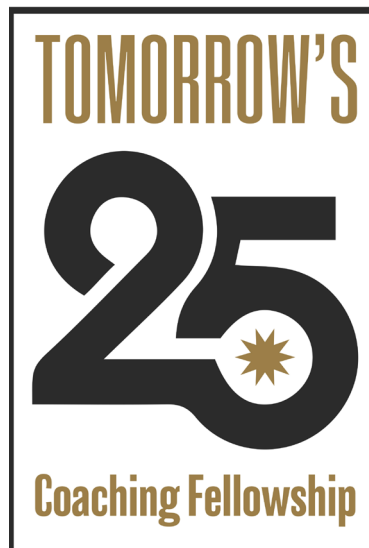
If you know a coach who:

- 1) Leads the right way
- 2) Invests deeply in their student-athletes
- 3) Has the potential to influence our profession for years to come

we invite you to submit a nomination.

Click the following link [SC Tomorrow's 25 - Nominee for 2026-27](#), to Nominate a Coach. To learn more about the program, click here: <https://linktr.ee/tomorrows25>.

Please direct all questions pertaining to SC Tomorrow's 25 to Dr. Hunter Taylor, at tomorrows25coachingfellowship@gmail.com.



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2026 Boys and Girls Lacrosse Qualifiers Due Date Approaching

Please be reminded, the boys and girls lacrosse qualifiers are due this Friday, April 24, 2026. You are welcome to send the qualifiers as soon as they are available, but please do so no later than the deadline so brackets can be updated in a timely manner.



2026 Boys Tennis Qualifiers Due Date Approaching

Please be reminded, the boys tennis qualifiers are due this Friday, April 24, 2026, at the link below (if applicable).

You are welcome to enter/send the qualifiers as soon as they are available, but please do so no later than the deadline so brackets can be updated in a timely manner.

[Boys Tennis Qualifier Link](#)

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Arbiter Information

Below is the information for assistance with Arbiter.

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.

Cheer Scales Review

The South Carolina High School League will offer a scales review meeting with judges for high school coaches on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at the League Office. Judges will go over the scales with the coaches to help teams prepare for the fall season. Due to space limitations in the conference room, the sessions are limited to only two (2) coaches per high school.

Sessions are divided as follows:

10:00 am - 1A, 2A, and 3A

1:00 pm - 4A and 5A

Please use the link below to register your school and coach for the meeting.

Direct all questions to Associate Commissioner, Amy Boozer, at Amy@schsl.org.

[Scales Review Registration](#)

Spring Sports Playoff Information

The brackets for the Spring Sports are now available on the SCHSL webpage. Brackets can be found at the following link: <https://schsl.org/brackets>.

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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.



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Book Order Links

The 2025-26 NFHS Rules and Case Books for **ALL** sports seasons are now available.

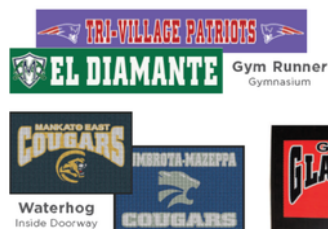
Additionally, scorebooks for Cross-Country, Wrestling, Basketball, Track and Field, and Soccer are available for purchase from the SCHSL Shopify store at the following link: <https://schsl-high-school-league.myshopify.com/collections/all>.

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 Maeoceaisha Jenkins, Office Coordinator, at maeoceaisha@schsl.org.

CELEBRATE MOMENTS THAT MATTER

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- LOWCOUNTRY: Carrol.Office@jostens.com

For additional information, or to make a purchase, contact your local area representative.

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The Health Spot

Smart Heart Act

The South Carolina General Assembly recently enacted SC Bill H.3831, known as the Smart Heart Act.

The Bill, which is effective July 1, 2026, requires all public schools to develop and implement a Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP) to ensure a timely and effective response to sudden cardiac arrest incidents.

The Bill also mandates that Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) be readily accessible on school campuses, including within close proximity to athletic venues, along with appropriate maintenance, testing, and staff training requirements.

As this legislation has now been signed into law, principals and athletic directors are strongly encouraged to review the full requirements and begin preparing for implementation within their schools and athletic programs. Proactive planning and alignment with these requirements will be critical in ensuring compliance and, more importantly, in enhancing the safety and emergency readiness of all student-athletes and school communities.

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.

Officials' Whistle

Spring Sports Officials' Appreciation

We would like to give a special shout-out to the school that participated in Spring Sports Officials' Appreciation Week and shared photos:

Gray Collegiate Academy

We are proud to see you recognizing and honoring the vital role officials play in interscholastic athletics. Whether the gesture was big or small, thank you for taking the time to show appreciation for our Spring Sports Officials.

Officials are essential to interscholastic athletics, and we encourage all schools to participate in future Officials Appreciation Weeks.

Direct all questions for this section to Associate Commissioner, Sarah Hayes, at Sarah@schsl.org.

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Tools for Success

How to Foster Emotional Intelligence in Sports

Have you ever heard the phrase, “A cool head always prevails”? That phrase captures the essence of emotional intelligence perfectly.

Emotional intelligence is the ability to manage your own emotions while also recognizing and responding to the emotions of those around you. For student-athletes, especially in high-pressure situations, mastering this skill is essential.

Emotional intelligence isn’t just something you’re born with—it is a skill that can be trained and strengthened over time. And what better place to practice it than in sports, where emotions often run high? A powerful way to build this skill is by talking through intense scenarios before they happen and creating a game plan for how to respond.

For instance, imagine your team is preparing to face a rival school, and tensions have been building all year. As a team, you can make a conscious decision to stay composed and focus on performance—not drama. Making an agreement to “keep cool” not only shows maturity but can also give your team the upper hand mentally and emotionally.

Direct all questions for this section to the Director of Educational Services, Dr. Curtrell Rhodan, at Curtrell@schsl.org.



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Future Five Stars

Dedicated to Middle Schools in the SCHSL

Middle School Leadership Summit

It was truly an outstanding and impactful day for everyone involved in the In-person Middle School Leadership Summit hosted by the SCHSL Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) on April 16, 2026.

Here is a list of schools who had participants in the Summit: Bethune-Bowman Middle/High School, Carver Middle School, Carver-Edisto Middle School, Darlington Middle School, Denmark-Olar Middle School, Edgewood Middle School, Fairfield Middle School, Irmo Middle School, Lewisville Middle School, St. Andrews Middle School, W.G. Sanders Middle School, and William J Clark Middle School.

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.



Members of the 2025-2026 SCHSL Student Athlete Advisory Council and Middle School Participants



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