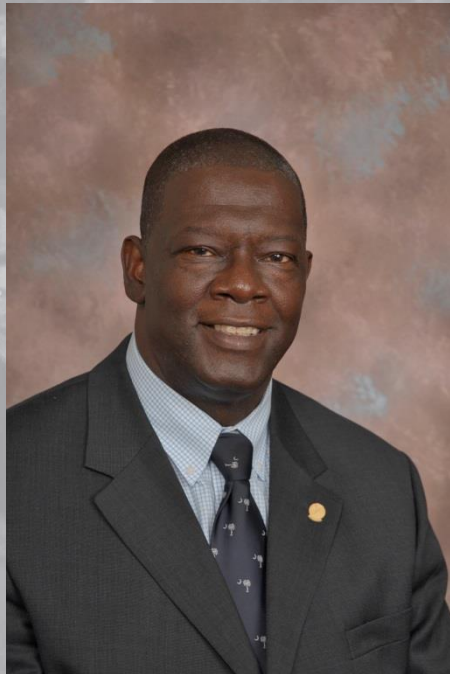


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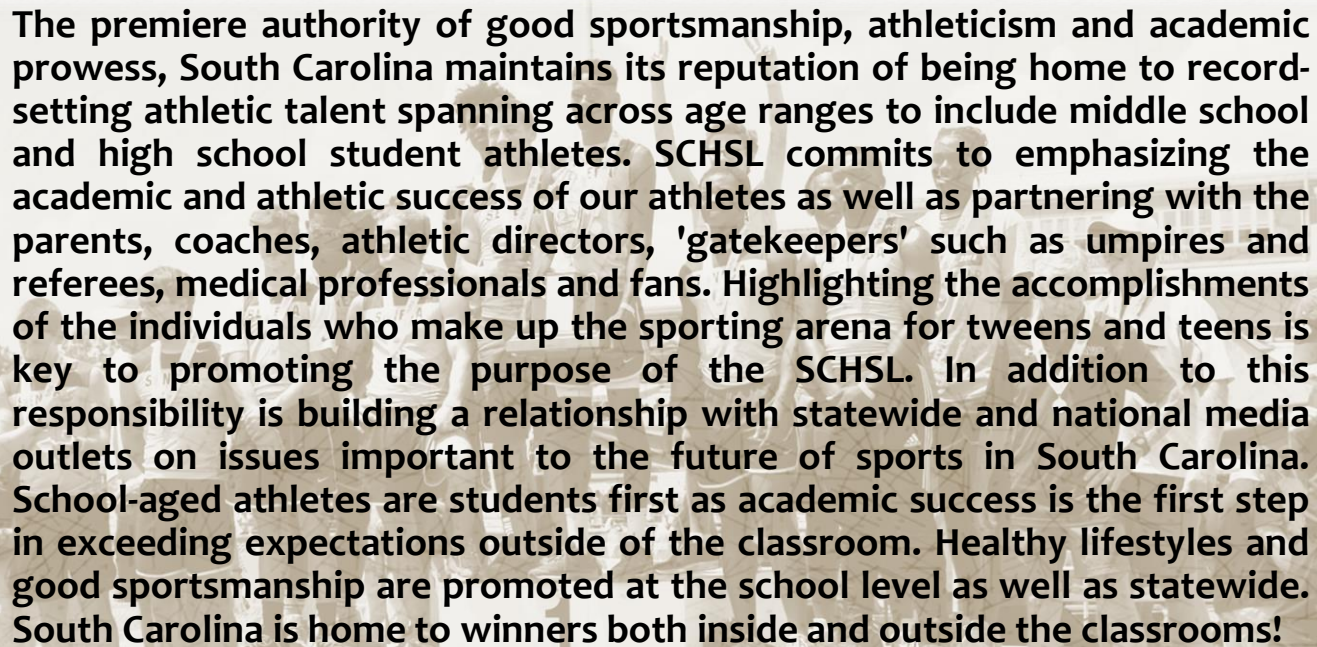
**Jerome Singleton,  
Commissioner**

*“The past school year, 2017-18, has been one of much praise, success and celebrations for our member schools as well as some unexpected challenges. The students and school personnel never cease to rise to the occasion no matter the circumstance and THAT is what makes South Carolina a premiere state for all things education. I am fortunate to have solid, ongoing relationships with our schools and communities as the support for athletics continues to grow year after year. I stand with our educators, our students as well as the parents and fans who lift up middle and high school athletic programs from our coastline to the upper regions of Carolina. Your communication with the SCHSL office via phone calls, social media, emails, and/or personal visits is always welcome and encouraged. We are here to serve YOU!*

*Review this annual culmination of information and expect more in the future from us as well as the member schools that represent you. Thank you for yet, another year of excellence in and out of the classrooms of South Carolina!”*

# **A Year to Boast About**






The premiere authority of good sportsmanship, athleticism and academic prowess, South Carolina maintains its reputation of being home to record-setting athletic talent spanning across age ranges to include middle school and high school student athletes. SCHSL commits to emphasizing the academic and athletic success of our athletes as well as partnering with the parents, coaches, athletic directors, 'gatekeepers' such as umpires and referees, medical professionals and fans. Highlighting the accomplishments of the individuals who make up the sporting arena for tweens and teens is key to promoting the purpose of the SCHSL. In addition to this responsibility is building a relationship with statewide and national media outlets on issues important to the future of sports in South Carolina. School-aged athletes are students first as academic success is the first step in exceeding expectations outside of the classroom. Healthy lifestyles and good sportsmanship are promoted at the school level as well as statewide. South Carolina is home to winners both inside and outside the classrooms!

The 2017-18 League membership included over 417 high schools and junior high/middle schools. The League's activities are now offered to over 98,500+ students. Be part of a winning team and participate in school athletics.

# Your SCHSL

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The **mission** of the South Carolina High School League is to provide governance and leadership for interscholastic athletic programs that promote, support, and enrich the educational experience of students.

The **purpose** of the League is to formulate and maintain policies in accordance with its mission and beliefs that will:

- ❖ safeguard the educational values of interscholastic athletic competition;
  - ❖ advance high ideals of sportsmanship;
  - ❖ develop and direct a program which will promote, protect and conserve the health and physical welfare of all participants; and
  - ❖ promote uniformity of standards in all interscholastic athletic competition
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**Ryan Brown** (Ongoing Term) State Department of Education

**Dr. Steve Wilson** (Term expires 2020) Superintendents Association

**Maureen Tiller** (Term expires 2020) Principals Association

**Kathy Coleman** (Term expires 2019) School Boards Association

**Bob Hayes** (Term expires 2018) Coaches Association

**Penny Atkinson** (Term expires 2019) Associate Member

**Sam Jones** (Term expires 2020) Officials Association

**Joe Quigley** (Term expires 2020) Athletic Administrators Association

**Dr. Akil Ross** (Term expires 2018) Member At Large

**Dr. Gregory McCord** (Term expires 2019) Member At Large

**Patrick Finneran** (Term expires 2019) Member At Large

**Dr. Tiniece Javis** (Term expires 2018) Member At Large

# Executive Committee 2017-18

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## Appellate Members :

<b>Bill McCall, III</b>	First Congressional District
<b>Otis Rawl, Chairman</b>	Second Congressional District
<b>Andy Tweito</b>	Third Congressional District
<b>Bob Davis</b>	Fourth Congressional District
<b>Jackie Queen</b>	Fifth Congressional District
<b>Raleigh King</b>	Sixth Congressional District
<b>Jimmy White</b>	Seventh Congressional District

The Appellate Panel was established and began during the 2014-15 school year and serves as a final authority in all appeals involving member schools. Member schools must have the ability to appeal a ruling of the subdivisions, conferences, or regions of the League. The Appellate Panel must provide the final ruling in any appeal brought against a decision on appeal from the Executive Committee of the League. Decisions of the Appellate Panel are the final administrative appeal.

The Appellate Panel consists of seven members who serve four year terms. Members are appointed in the following manner: One person appointed by the legislative delegations of each congressional district. Members of the Appellate Panel may not concurrently serve as officers of any League subdivisions, conferences or regions and may not have served as a member of the Executive Committee within the last three years.

[Appellate Panel](#)

# Appellate Panel

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The South Carolina High School League provides oversight for member school's athletic programs to include both public and private educational institutions. Both middle and high schools can apply for SCHSL membership.



[South Carolina Department of Education](#)

[SCHSL Brackets](#)

Over 114,700 middle and high school student-athletes participate in the 14 SCHSL sanctioned sports. Approximately 1800 medals to include Gold, Silver and Bronze were presented to our student athletes and coaches.

# By the #Numbers

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Our membership includes 211 middle schools. We have a Middle School Task Force in place to better serve our 7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade level athletes, coaches and administrators. The task force was created in 2014 with the mission of meeting the needs of our middle school members in the development and operating their athletic programs. The committee of five principals and four athletic directors from around the state address issues affecting middle school athletics and proposing changes. They meet four times a year to improve all aspects of the middle school experience.



## **MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETES**

**FOOTBALL -- 7492**

**BASEBALL -- 1022**

**BOYS BASKETBALL -- 3246**

**GIRLS BASKETBALL -- 2829**

**GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD -- 852**

**BOYS TRACK AND FIELD -- 930**

**COMPETITIVE CHEER -- 356**

**BOYS GOLF -- 39**

**BOYS SOCCER -- 1112**

**GIRLS SOCCER -- 1019**

**SOFTBALL -- 808**

**VOLLEYBALL -- 2672**

# **#MiddleSchools**

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## **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ATHLETES:**

BOYS SWIM -- 7,501

COMPETITIVE CHEER -- 2,820

FOOTBALL -- 18,205

BASEBALL -- 6,925

BOYS BASKETBALL -- 6,736

BOYS LACROSSE -- 1,965

BOYS SOCCER -- 6,192

GIRLS TENNIS -- 1,921

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY -- 3,540

BOYS SWIMMING -- 1,255

BOYS GOLF -- 1,644

GIRLS SWIM -- 6,064

VOLLEYBALL -- 4,927

WRESTLING -- 4,548

SOFTBALL -- 4,836

GIRLS BASKETBALL -- 4,612

GIRLS LACROSSE -- 1,446

GIRLS SOCCER -- 4,992

BOYS TENNIS -- 1,548

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY -- 2,501

GIRLS SWIMMING -- 1,539

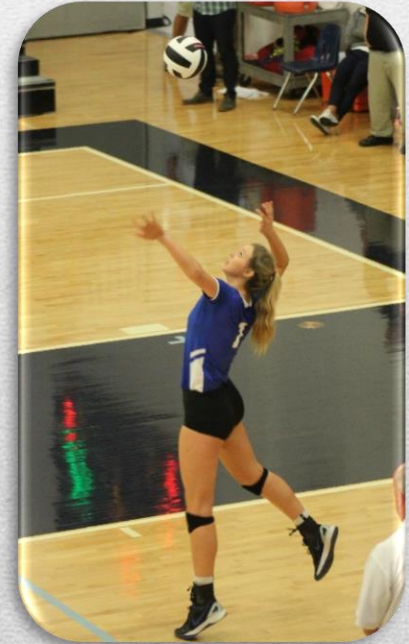
GIRLS GOLF -- 826

# **#HighSchool**

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**Swimming  
Cross Country  
Volleyball  
Girls Tennis  
Girls Golf  
Competitive Cheer  
Football**



**FALL Sports**





Boys and Girls **Basketball** Finals are held at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia, SC, one week after Lower and Upper State Finals conclude in Florence (Florence Civic Center and Greenville (Bon Secours Arena).



# Winter Sports

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**Wrestling** is becoming one of the fastest growing sports across SC as well as the nation. We host the individual (Anderson Civic Center) as well as team finals (Airport High).





## #GAMEDAYCHEER IS HERE!

SCHSL has partnered with Varsity Spirit to bring South Carolina cheer teams the first-ever Game Day Invitational, which will take place on February 16th, 2019 at the USC Aiken Convocation Center. The Game Day competition format is perfect for teams at all skill levels, with or without prior competition experience. You simply take your sideline leadership skills to the competition floor!

For more information, please contact your school cheer coach or athletic director.

Interested coaches may contact

Amy Boozer, SCHSL Assistant Commissioner,  
[amy@schsl.org](mailto:amy@schsl.org) or 803.896.4009.

# GAME ON!

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**Boys Tennis  
Baseball  
Boys Golf  
Softball  
Soccer  
Lacrosse  
Track and Field**

# Spring Sports



# PRESS CONFERENCES

During the 2017-18 school year, we were privileged to have more special guest speakers to not only share their personal experiences in and out of the classroom, but they also provided sage advice to the competitors as well as coaches headed to a state final. Our speakers were:

- **Catherine Dunagan**, Presbyterian College Women's Tennis Coach
- **Alex Hendrix**, Furman University Head Football Coach
- **Alex English**, Former USC Stand Out & NBA Hall of Famer

Our press conferences are available to the public with Facebook LIVE. Media professionals from all over the state make the trip to Columbia, SC, to meet and speak with finalists; coaches and student-athletes. This provides the opportunity to not only share their exciting journey to the state championships but also meet with their opponents. The gained mutual respect produces a positive atmosphere and good sportsmanship during state finals.

## Mic Check!


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# 2017-18 PRESS CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE







**Sportsmanship** is key to any and all successful athletic programs, at any level. As administrators/coaches, we feel it is essential that all athletes maintain a positive approach to handling adversity.

Our standard shall be that all coaches and players compete with humility and respect all involved in the contest. Criteria to determine a sportsmanship award winner will be based on

***Community Service***

***Athlete & Coach Ejections***

***NFHS Online Sportsmanship Course***

***Sportsmanship/Leadership Summit Attendance***

***Sportsmanship Reports from other school and/or officials***

***Sportsmanship within your student and fan sections at events***

# **Sportsmanship**

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The SCHSL contracts approximately 3429 male and female officials/referees to cover the fall, winter and spring seasons of 14 sports.

*\*Some officials/referees are certified at more than one sport.* Interested in becoming a SCHSL official? Contact our office at 803.798.0120 or email contact information to [schsl@schsl.org](mailto:schsl@schsl.org) for an application and details.  
**#BecomeAnOfficial**



# Make it Official

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We certify **3429** contest officials in the following sports:



716 Basketball

710 Football

478 Baseball

395 Softball

239 Volleyball

120 Wrestling

111 Lacrosse

113 Swim

53 Cheer

494 Soccer



# #WhistleBlowers

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- Officials Workshops
    - Coaches Education
  - Sports Review Committee
  - High School League Passes
  - Middle School Task Force
    - Rules Clinics
  - New Principals and Athletic Directors Meetings
    - Transfers and Eligibility
    - Disciplinary Issues and Policy Enforcement
      - Palmetto's Finest State Records

# Membership Services





## NFHS Learn

The SCHSL is a leader in National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) online course downloads. We strongly encourage habitual studying and research of rules and safety concerns offered in each sport. Over 8.4 million courses have been downloaded by coaches across the nation and SC takes pride in leading the cause. Mandatory courses for every SCHSL coach prior to the start of the school year include:

- ☐ Concussion Course
- ☐ Heat Illness Prevention Course
- ☐ Sudden Cardiac Arrest

“Anyone Can Save A Life” is an emergency action plan program for after-school practices and events. Our coaches are provided materials along with the online course in order to better prepare for potential emergencies that may require first aid or CPR assistance from first responders.

# Education Matters

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# TEAMWORK- Athletics and Academics/Students and Coaches







SCHSL student athletes and their coaches spend a tremendous amount of time each year volunteering in their communities as well as assisting in communities across the state. From litter pick-up projects, water and food donations to reading to elementary-aged children, SCHSL athletes value the opportunity to be a positive influence on others. Character building is part of the growth process within our athletic programs.



# Students Serving SC



SCHSL Leadership Summits (*one day seminars*) are held across the state for our student athletes to learn more about their role as leaders in their respective schools. Leadership, healthy food choices / fitness tips, social media facts and much more were topics discussed at the summits this year. We appreciate the host facilities, workshop facilitators and guest speakers for their continued support and generosity. Columbia College, Coker College, Newberry College and Charleston Southern University made a positive impact on our student athletes as did their personnel and college athletes. Contact your high school's athletics director for more information.



# Student Leadership

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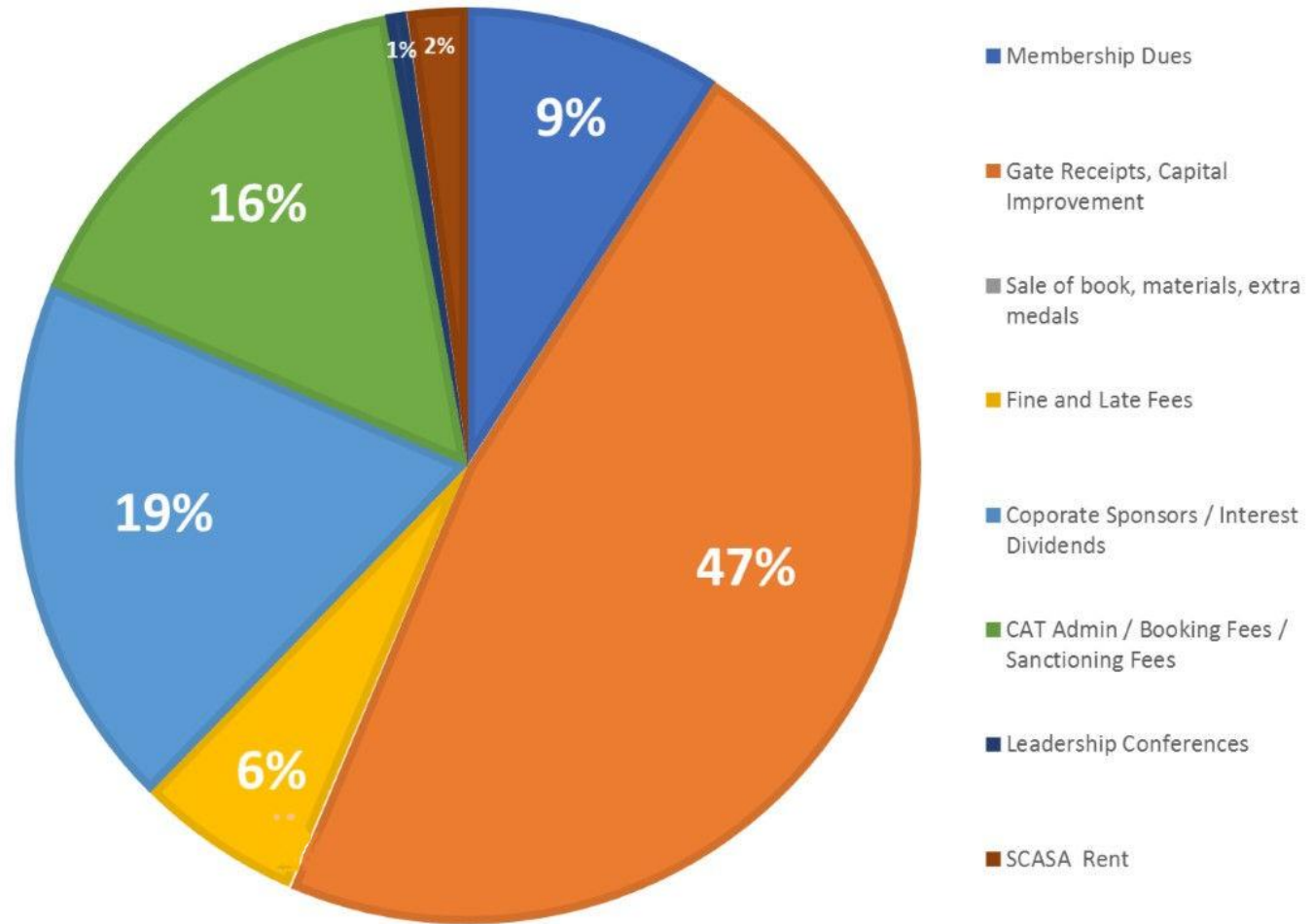


# LEADERSHIP SUMMITS 2017-18





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# Fi\$cally Fit



Business and community leaders are recognized not only as SCHSL partners but dedicated supporters of South Carolina's student athletes, coaches and member schools. With their continuous contributions, we have been able to sustain a top-notch organization with a rich history in excess of 100 years. Partners such as those listed have touched the lives of sports enthusiasts by providing financial assistance as well as products and services utilized at each SCHSL event. We are fortunate to have the support of these world class partners who uphold the belief that all student athletes are winners from the moment they participate in high school sporting events. Sincere "Thanks" to our partners who help sustain successful programs across our South Carolina which enables our students to succeed.

# Partnerships

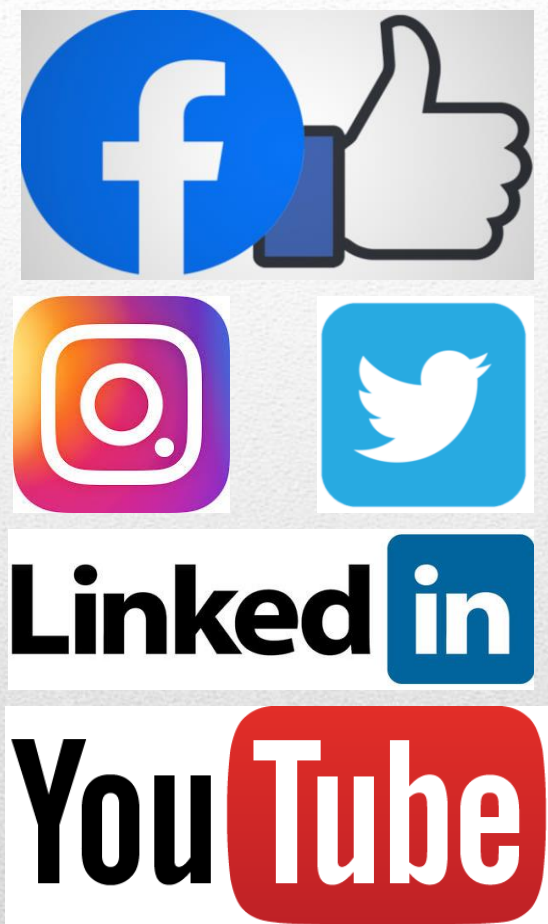
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The South Carolina High School League is easily assessable via the most widely used social media platforms to include Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube. 'Connect' and 'Follow' us for daily updates such as contest information, photos, educational web links and more. We pride ourselves in providing up to the minute data on events around the state as well as inside the SCHSL Office. It is our goal to keep fans well informed and engaged. Click the icons to the left or search for "SCHSL" or "South Carolina High School League" at the sites listed for your daily dose of athletic program highlights.

# **#Connect@SCHSL**

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# **SCHSL Staff**

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## **SCHSL Team Members**

South Carolina High School League

***Here to Serve SC & Beyond***

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