



South Carolina High School League

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Score error changes Class A Track and Field Runner Up

Final Girls 2nd place tally favors St. John's High over Southside Christian School

Columbia, SC- The Class A Track and Field State Championships kicked off at Lower Richland High School on Thursday, May 19, 2022. The evening did not conclude without error, unfortunately. The finals scores reported for the Girls teams showed Southside Christian School as the second highest scorer when in fact, after review of the event score sheets, St. John's High School won the runner up spot.

Per National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) Rule 2 Scoring-

Section 3 Correction of Errors

ART I Clerical of team scoring errors may be corrected up to 48 hours after the conclusion of the meet

"It is very unfortunate to have a mistake of this magnitude occur during one of our most popular sporting events. A miscalculation occurred at the tabulation table and a key score was overlooked which placed the two schools in opposite spots on the final score list. We are truly sorry for this and appreciate the grace and humility shown by both schools as we correct the error," states Commissioner Dr. Jerome Singleton.

Commissioner Singleton adds, "A state championship is to be celebrated as a keystone moment for our student-athletes. This scenario affords us the opportunity to re-evaluate and adjust to a more scrutinized scoring method to accommodate the competing schools."

The SCHSL staff will coordinate transfer of the runner up trophy and presentation of silver medals to St. John's High School.

Each classification (A-AAAAA) event awards a state runner up and a state champion for girls and boys teams. The SC Track and Field Association also uses this as an opportunity to award individual ribbons for 4th - 8th place rankings.