



2008-2009

South Carolina High School League

AA

Handbook

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Governing Activities
Directory



Class AA Conference

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

LYNN CARY

Principal, Mid-Carolina High School, lcary@newberry.k12.sc.us

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Principal, Cheraw High School, hcobb@chesterfield.k12.sc.us

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SHERRY HAITHCOCK

Athletic Director, Liberty High School, haithcsd@pickens.k12.sc.us

REGION COORDINATORS

REGION I DEVON SMITH, Crescent smithd@anderson3.k12.sc.us
REGION II THOMAS EZELL, Chesnee tom.ezell@spartanburg2.k12.sc.us
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REGION VI PAUL RONEY, Bishop England proney@behs.com
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

REGION I STEVE GLENN, Abbeville
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REGION II ROBBIE BLANTON, Blacksburg
TOM EZELL, Chesnee
REGION III CHUCK BARTON, Ninety-Six
MIKE CLOWNEY, Emerald
REGION IV BEN FREEMAN, Pelion
BARRY HARLEY, Gilbert
REGION V AL LOWN, Silver Bluff
JAMES PETERSON, Woodland
REGION VI RODNEY THOMPSON, Hanahan
JEFF CRUCE, Hanahan
REGION VII SUSAN CHANDLER, Aynor
JOAN CRIBB, Waccamaw
REGION VIII DAVID BYRD, Cheraw
J R GREEN, Central

Past Presidents

1984-86	Bob James, Swansea
1986-87	Bobby Nalley, Loris
1987-88	Reed Swann, Barnwell
1988-89	Harriet Blanton, North Myrtle Beach
1989-90	Everette Dean, Lamar
1990-91	Bobby Whitehead, Gilbert
1991-92	
1992-93	George Kinard, Mid-Carolina
1993-94	James Atkins, Palmetto
1994-95	
1995-96	
1996-99	Randy Gilstrap, Liberty
1999-00	Marvin Byers, C A Johnson
2000-01	Marty Tiller, Andrew Jackson
2001-02	Pat Padgett, Batesburg-Leesville
2002-03	Jim Arrowood, Central
2003-04	Paul Shealy, Gilbert
2004-06	Jean Haggard, Pelion
2006-08	Evie Hughes, Walhalla
2008-09	Lynn Carry, Mid-Carolina

AA Region Alignment for 2008-2009 2009-2010

I	II	III	IV
Abbeville	Broome	Batesburg-Leesville	Andrew Jackson
Crescent	Carolina	Gilbert	Central
Emerald	Chesnee	Mid-Carolina	Columbia
Liberty	Palmetto	Newberry	Eau Claire
Pendleton	Southside	Saluda	Keenan
Walhalla	Woodruff	Strom Thurmond	Lee Central
V	VI	VII	VIII
Barnwell	Ashley Ridge	Andrews	Aynor
Edisto	Bishop England	Hanahan	Cheraw
Pelion	Burke	Kingstree	Dillon
Ridgeland	Cane Bay	Manning	Loris
Silver Bluff	Garrett	Timberland	Marion
Wade Hampton	Woodland	Waccamaw	Mullins

Bracket Rotation

Year	3 rd Round Home Team	4 th Round Home Team
06-07	Regions 1, 3, 5, 7	Regions 1, 5
07-08	Regions 2, 4, 6, 8	Regions 2, 6
08-09	Regions 1, 3, 5, 7	Regions 3, 7
09-10	Regions 2, 4, 6, 8	Regions 4, 8

To determine the host or home team in the third and fourth rounds of play in football, basketball and volleyball the team with the highest region finish will host. If the two teams have the same region finish, the brackets will determine the host. The chart details the four-year rotation for the brackets

**AA CONFERENCE
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

Revised March 2004
Constitution for 2004-2006
Amended March 2005

ARTICLE I-NAME

SECTION 1: The name of this organization shall be the AA Conference of the South Carolina High School League.

ARTICLE II-PURPOSE

SECTION 1: The purpose of this conference is to strengthen the educational aims and programs of activities which are held in common by members of the conference, to formulate and maintain policies that will safeguard the educational values of interscholastic competition, to cultivate high ideals of sportsmanship, to develop and direct a program which will promote, protect, and preserve the health and physical welfare of all participants, and to promote uniformity of standards in all interscholastic competition.

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: Only the members of the South Carolina High School League may become members of the conference.

SECTION 2: Application for membership in this conference by a non-member school shall be made in writing to the executive committee of the conference.

SECTION 3: Application for withdrawal from this conference by a member school shall be made in writing to the executive committee of the conference.

ARTICLE IV-OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The officers of this conference shall be a president, a vice-president (president elect), and a secretary-treasurer. The president and vice-president shall be a school administrator of member schools. The secretary-treasurer shall be an athletic director of a member school.

SECTION 2: Should a vacancy occur in the office of the president in the interim between March meetings, the president-elect shall succeed him. Shall a vacancy occur in other offices, the president shall appoint a successor.

SECTION 3: Officers of the conference shall be elected for a two-year term at the March meeting conference. The conference year shall run from July 1 to June 30.

SECTION 4: The past-president will serve as an ex-officio member of the conference's Executive Committee for two-year term.

ARTICLE V-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- SECTION 1: The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the AA Conference and region coordinators. In even numbered school years, II, IV, VI, and VIII must have school administrators as region coordinators. In odd numbered years, Region I, III, V, and VII must have school administrators as coordinators. The region coordinator cannot be an officer in the conference. A school will have only one voting member on the executive committee.
- SECTION 2: The executive committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the conference, deciding all questions and performing all duties not provided for in the constitution.
- SECTION 3: The committee will decide all appeals, and the ruling of this committee will be final.
- SECTION 4: The calling of the meetings of the executive committee shall be left to the discretion of the president of a simple majority of the executive committee.
- SECTION 5: The executive committee may grant reconsideration to an appeal of its decision only if new evidence is shown that could not reasonably have been known at the time the AA Executive Committee rendered its decision.

ARTICLE VI-DIVISION OF CONFERENCE

- SECTION 1: The conference will be divided into regions.
- SECTION 2: Any school that fails to follow the schedule prepared by the AA Conference will forfeit all rights to conference championships in all sports. The executive committee will hear all appeals and make decisions that are in the best interests of the total conference.

ARTICLE VII-DELEGATES

- SECTION 1: Delegates to the legislative assembly of the High School League will be: (1) the region coordinators from each region, or (2) an alternate, selected by each region.
- SECTION 2: In the event that the region coordinator is unable to attend, he shall notify the president of the classification in writing, giving the name of the alternate prior to the legislative assembly meeting.

ARTICLE VIII-MEETINGS

- SECTION 1: The conference shall hold two (2) regular meetings each year-one in the fall and one in the spring-to be determined by a majority vote of the executive committee.
- SECTION 2: Special meetings for specific purposes may be called by the president.

SECTION 3: Meeting sites will be selected by the executive committee.

SECTION 4: Special conference meetings shall require seven (7) days notice.

SECTION 5: Member schools not present during the fall and spring sessions will be assessed a \$100 fine (if both sessions are missed).

ARTICLE IX-CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SECTION 1: The championships will be decided in accordance with the rules of the South Carolina High School League, unless another method is approved by a two-third's (2/3) vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the conference.

SECTION 2: The president of the conference shall appoint committees to supervise the activities sponsored by the conference.

SECTION 3: The committee supervising the activity will be responsible for promulgating rules and regulations governing the activity. Contacting the activity committee will be the initial step in all appeals relating to the activity.

NOTE: Each region will determine the method by which its region champion and other play-off teams are chosen.

ARTICLE X-ELIGIBILITY RULES

SECTION 1: Any student participating in activities of this conference must be eligible under the eligibility rules of the South Carolina High School League.

ARTICLE XI-DUES AND FEES

SECTION 1: The conference shall require dues from each member school as set by the executive committee.

ARTICLE XII-BALLOTING

SECTION 1: Each member school shall have one (1) vote for all balloting at meeting of the conference.

SECTION 2: The principal of a member school, or his designee, shall cast a vote.

ARTICLE XIII-QUORUM

SECTION 1: Fifty one percent (51%) of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE XIV-PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 1: Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority for this conference.

ARTICLE XV-AMENDMENTS

Shall be acted upon at regular scheduled meetings a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the representatives of member schools present and voting shall be required for adoption.

SECTION 1: Proposed amendments

SECTION 2: Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the president at least thirty (30) days prior to the meetings.

SECTION 3: Proposed amendments must be submitted to member schools not less than ten (10) days prior to the meetings by the proposing school or region.

ARTICLE XVI-RATIFICATION

SECTION 1: The constitution will be ratified by a two-third's (2/3) vote of the membership present and voting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I-AMENDMENTS

- SECTION 1: By-laws for this conference may be adopted, amended, or repealed at any regular meeting by a majority vote.
- SECTION 2: Proposed amendments to the by-laws must be submitted in writing to the president at least thirty (30) days prior to regular scheduled meetings. The proposed amendment is to be sent to member schools no later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE II-DIVISION OF CONFERENCE

- SECTION 1: The AA Conference shall be divided into regions for all athletic conferences.
- SECTION 2: Each region shall elect a region coordinator who shall serve as the presiding officer of region meetings and will represent the region on the executive committee of the conference.
- SECTION 3: Schools will be assigned to regions in accordance with directives and timetable as established by the executive committee of the South Carolina High School League. Regions will be divided into upper and lower state classifications for the duration of the realignment period. The executive committee of the conference is empowered to establish procedures for the division for the member schools into regions, subject to the approval of the executive committee of the South Carolina High School League.
- SECTION 4: To protect the interests of member schools of the conference, the executive committee shall pair schools from regions or inter-regional football contests, as necessary. Pairings of schools of the conference for a football contest will be based solely on equitable traveling distance between paired schools. Such contests will not count in the regional stands.
- SECTION 5: Any school that fails to adhere to the football schedule for inter-regional games shall be placed on probation by the conference president and may be subject to a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500). While on probation, a team may compete in regularly scheduled contests, but may not play in any jamboree or invitational event or for a region or state championship.
- SECTION 6: Schools placed on probation by the conference will be notified in writing of that status and will have ten (10) days to file an appeal with the conference president. A hearing on the appeal will be scheduled within ten (10) days at a site to be determined by the president. The conference secretary-treasurer will notify the principal of the school of the decision of the executive committee as soon as practical, not to exceed ten (10) calendar days. Any school not requesting a hearing within the specified time shall forfeit the right to a hearing before the Conference AA Executive Committee.

SECTION 7: At the spring region meeting each year, the members of each region will elect their region coordinator for the next year and will submit the name, position, and school to the conference president for inclusion in the High School League Handbook by April 15.

ARTICLE III-COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: Standing committees of the conference shall be composed of three (3) or more principals or athletic directors. The president shall appoint a chairman. Each region shall elect a representative member for each standing committee.

SECTION 2: The standing committees shall be as follows:

Finance	Football	Golf
Nominating	Soccer	Track/Cross Country
Tennis	Wrestling	Softball
Volleyball	Basketball	Baseball
Constitution	Realignment	Eligibility
Cheerleading	Swimming	

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1: Nothing contained in these amendments or by-laws shall supersede the Constitution and By-Laws of the South Carolina High School League.

ARTICLE V

SECTION 1: Expenses approved by the executive committee shall be paid by the secretary-treasurer.

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 1: The secretary-treasurer shall appoint a recorder from his school to record and distribute the minutes of each meeting.

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 1: Should the conference be dissolved, all monies in the treasury shall be divided equally among the member schools, and upon realignment of the conference, schools leaving shall receive a pro rata share of all monies in the treasury, and those entering the conference will be billed for a similar amount.

REGION I

COORDINATOR: Devon Smith, Crescent High School

ABBEVILLE

701 Washington Street
Abbeville 29620
(864-366-5916) Fax (864-366-4939)
"Panthers"
"Garnet/Gold"
Steve Glenn, Principal
Tad Dubose, ad (864-366-5917)

EMERALD

150 By-Pass 225
Greenwood 29646
(864-941-5730) Fax (864-941-3487)
"Vikings"
" Purple/Gold/White"
Les Gamble, Principal
Mike Clowney, ad (864-229-4349)

PENDLETON

P. O. Box 869
Pendleton 29670
(864-403-2100) Fax (864-646-8066)
"Bulldogs"
"Black/Vegas Gold"
Dr. Danny Merck, Principal
Paul Sutherland, ad (864-403-2184)

CRESCENT

9104 Highway 81 South
Iva 29655
(864-352-6175) Fax (864-352-2308)
"Tigers"
"Black/Gold"
Devon Smith, Principal
Richard Brady, ad (ext. 2212)

LIBERTY

319 Summit Drive
Liberty 29657
(864-843-5800) Fax (864-843-5828)
"Red Devils"
"Red/White/Black"
Randy Gilstrap, Principal
Sherry Haithcock, ad (ext. 20)

WALHALLA

151 Razorback Lane
Walhalla 29691
(864-886-4490) Fax (864-866-4488)
"Razorbacks"
"Purple/White/Black"
Evie Hughes, Principal
Hal Dunlap, ad (864-886-4494)

REGION II

COORDINATOR: Thomas Ezell, Chesnee High School

BROOME

381 Cherry Hill Road
Spartanburg 29307
(864-279-6700) Fax (864-279-6710)
"Centurions"
"Royal Blue/Gold/White"
Dr. Vernon Prosser, Principal
Hal McManus, ad (864-279-6732)

CHESNEE

795 South Alabama Avenue
Chesnee 29323
(864-461-7318) Fax (864-461-4137)
"Eagles"
"Black/Gold"
Tom Ezell, Principal
Bill Parris, ad (864-461-8924)

SOUTHSIDE

6630 Frontage Rd at White Horse Rd
Greenville 29605
(864-355-8701) Fax (864-355-8798)
"Tigers"
"Orange/White"
Paulette Payne, Principal
Louie Golden, ad, bbt (864-355-8717)

CAROLINA

2725 Anderson Road
Greenville 29644
(864-355-2300) Fax (864-355-9694)
"Trojans"
"Orange/Navy/White"
Anthony Holland, Principal
Thomas E. Fair, ad (864-355-2318)

PALMETTO

804 North Hamilton Street
Williamston 29697
(864-847-7311) Fax (864-847-3532)
"Mustangs"
"Red/Gray"
Dr. Mason Gary, Principal
Jody LeCroy, ad, fb (ext. 126)

WOODRUFF

710 Cross Anchor Hwy.
Woodruff 29388
(864-476-7045) Fax (864-476-7224)
"Wolverines"
"Maroon/Gold"
Karen Neal, Principal
Scott Lawson, ad (864-476-2114)

REGION III

COORDINATOR: Ann O'Cain, Gilbert High School

BATESBURG-LEESVILLE

600 Summerland Avenue
Batesburg 29006
(803-532-9251) Fax (803-532-3232)

"Panthers"

"Purple/Gold/Blue/White"

Pat Padgett, Principal

Gary Phillips, ad

GILBERT

840 Main Street
Gilbert 29054
(803-892-1100) Fax (803-892-1113)

"Indians"

"Scarlet/Black/White"

Ann O'Cain, Principal

Barry Harley, ad

MID-CAROLINA

6794 US Highway 76
Prosperity 29127
(803-364-2134) Fax (803-364-4395)

"Rebels"

"Cardinal/Black"

Lynn Cary, Principal

Louie Alexander, ad, (803-364-2399)

NEWBERRY

3113 Main Street
Newberry 29108
(803-321-2621) Fax (803-321-2633)

"Bulldogs"

"Navy/Columbia/White"

Barry Rosenberg, Principal

Arlo Hill, ad (803-321-2628)

SALUDA

160 Ivory Key Road
Saluda 29138
(864-445-3011) Fax (864-445-3542)

"Tigers"

"Purple/White"

Jimmy Crawford, Principal

Harvey Livingston, ad

STROM THURMOND

1131 Columbia Road
Johnston 29832
(803-275-1768) Fax (803-275-1764)

"Rebels"

"Red/White/Navy Blue"

Greg Thompson, Principal

Doug Painter, ad (ext. 505)

REGION IV

COORDINATOR: Steve Wilson, Keenan High School

ANDREW JACKSON

6925 Kershaw-Camden Highway
Kershaw 29067
(803-475-2381) Fax (803-475-7317)
"Volunteers"
"Orange/White"
Mary Barry, Principal
Dale Reeves, ad (803-475-2869)

COLUMBIA

1701 Westchester Drive
Columbia 29210
(803-731-8950) Fax (803-731-8953)
"Capitals"
"Maroon/Gold"
Sean Alford, Principal
Larry Kearse, ad (803-731-8955)

KEENAN

361 Pisgah Church Road
Columbia 29203
(803-714-2500) Fax (803-714-2591)
"Raiders"
"Navy/Gold"
Dr. Steve Wilson, Principal
David Mesimore, ad (803-738-7588)

CENTRAL

200 Zion Church Road
Pageland 29728
(843-672-6115) Fax (843-672-2694)
"Eagles"
"Red/Columbia Blue/White"
Judd Starling, Principal
Joey Mangum, ad (843-672-9177)

EAU CLAIRE

4800 Monticello Road
Columbia 29203
(803-735-7600) Fax (803-735-7629)
"Shamrocks"
"Green/Orange/White"
Rodney Zimmerman, Principal
Derwin Farr, ad

LEE CENTRAL

1800 Wisacky Highway
Bishopville 29010
(803-428-4020) Fax (803-428-4057)
"Stallions"
"Black/White/Vegas Gold"
Dr. Nathaniel Nelson, Principal
Dorothy Fortune, ad, (803-428-4010 ext 544)

REGION V

COORDINATOR: Andy Palmer, Edisto High School

BARNWELL

474 Jackson Street
Barnwell 29812
(803-541-1390) Fax (803-541-0726)
"Warhorses"
"Red/White"
Linda Zionkowski, Principal
Joey Still, ad, fb, (803-541-1394)

EDISTO

500 R M Foster Drive
Cordova 29039
(803-536-1553) Fax (803-531-5615)
"Cougars"
"Royal Blue/Gold"
Merriell Smith, Principal
Andy Palmer, ad

PELION

600 Lydia Drive
Pelion 29123
(803-894-2100) Fax (803-894-2101)
"Panthers"
"Maroon/Vegas Gold"
Jean Haggard, Principal
Ben Freeman, ad (803-894-2120)

RIDGELAND

250 Jaguar Trail
Ridgeland 29936
(843-717-1503) Fax (843-717-1529)
"Jaguars"
"Black/Red/White"
Brian Simon, Principal
Jeremiah Faber, Sr. ad (843-717-1557)

SILVER BLUFF

64 DeSoto Drive
Aiken 29803
(803-652-8100) Fax (803-652-8104)
"Bulldogs"
"Royal Blue/Silver"
Todd Bornscheuer, Principal
Al Lown, ad

WADE HAMPTON

PO Box 338
Hampton 29924
(803-943-3568) Fax (803-943-5036)
"Red Devils"
"Red/White"
Greg Ackerman, Principal
Steve Kemmerlin, ad (803-943-4688)

REGION VI

COORDINATOR: David Held, Bishop England High School

ASHLEY RIDGE

9800 Delmar Highway
Summerville 29485
(843-695-4900) Fax (
"Swamp Foxs"
"Cardinal Red & Vegas Gold"
Karen Radcliffe, Principal
Bobby Behr, ad

BURKE

244 President Street
Charleston 29403
(843-579-4815) Fax (843-579-4856)
"Bulldogs"
"Royal Blue/White"
Charles Benton, Prinicipal
Earl Brown, ad (864-579-4345)

GARRETT

2731 Gordon Street
North Charleston 29405
(843-745-7126) Fax (843-529-3914)
"Falcons"
"Red/White/Blue"
David Parsons, Principal
Bill Kerr, ad (843-529-4902)

BISHOP ENGLAND

363 Seven Farms Drive
Charleston 29492-7534
(843-849-9599) Fax (843-849-8342)
"Battling Bishops"
"Kelly Green/White"
David F. Held, Principal
Paul Runey, ad

CANE BAY

1624 State Road
Summerville 29483
(843-899-8787) Fax (843-899-8789)
"Cobras"
"Blue/Black/White"
Cassandra Jennings, Principal
Jeff Cruce, ad (843-899-8767)

WOODLAND

4128 Highway 78
Dorchester 29437
(843-563-5956) Fax (843-563-5997)
"Wolverines"
"Hunter Green/Silver/White"
James Peterson, Principal
Jake Newton, ad

REGION VII

COORDINATOR: Joan Cribb, Waccamaw High School

ANDREWS

12890 Country Line Road
Andrews 29510
(843-264-3414) Fax (843-264-3326)
"Yellow Jackets"
"Gold/Black"
Michelle Staggers, Principal
Adrian Smith, ad

HANAHAN

6015 Murray Avenue
Hanahan 29406
(843-820-3710) Fax (843-820-3716)
"Hawks"
"Royal Blue/Burnt Orange"
Linda Levine, Principal
Charlie Patterson, ad (843-820-3712)

KINGSTREE

615 Martin L. King Avenue
Kingstree 29556
(843-355-6525) Fax (843-355-7730)
"Jaguars"
"Black/Gold/White"
Roberta Cumbee, Principal
Will Lampkin, ad (ext. 2428)

MANNING

2155 Paxville Highway
Manning 29102
(803-435-4417) Fax (803-435-4404)
"Monarchs"
"Black/Gold"
Micahel Shorter, Principal
Robert Briggs, ad

TIMBERLAND

1418 Gravel Hill Road
St. Stephen 29470
(843-567-8110) Fax (843-567-8116)
"Wolves"
"Forest Green/Burnt Orange"
Dave Barrow, Principal
Art Craig, ad, (843-567-8118)

WACCAMAW

2412 King's River Road
Pawley's Island 29585
(843-237-9899) Fax (843-237-9883)
"Warriors"
"Scarlet/Black/White"
David Hammel, Principal
Joan Cribb, ad (ext. 3501)

REGION VIII

COORDINATOR: Ted Greene, Mullins High School

AYNOR

P. O. Box 128
Aynor 29511
(843-488-7100) Fax (843-488-7101)
"Blue Jackets"
"Blue/White"
Marion Shaw, Principal
Ken Fox, ad (843-488-7117)

CHERAW

649 Chesterfield Highway
Cheraw 29520
(843-921-1000) Fax (843-921-1006)
"Braves"
"Navy Blue/Scarlett/White"
Dr. Henry Cobb, Principal
David Byrd, ad (ext. 26)

DILLON

1730 Highway 301 North
Dillon 29536
(843-774-1230) Fax (843-774-1234)
"Wildcats"
"Black/Gold"
Linda Cottingham Principal
Jackie Hayes, ad (Ext. 30)

LORIS

301 Loris Lion Road
Loris 29569
(843-756-4041) Fax (843-756-5331)
"Lions"
"Blue/Gold"
Trevor Strawderman, Principal
Barry Brooks, ad

MARION

1205 South Main Street
Marion 29571
(843-423-2571) Fax (843-423-8330)
"Swamp Foxes"
"Maroon/Gold"
Alfred McFadden, Principal
Tim Perkins, ad (843-423-8356)

MULLINS

747 Millers Road
Mullins 29574
(843-464-3710) Fax (843-464-3717)
"Auctioneers"
"Red/Blue/White"
Ted Greene, Principal
Ron Lanham, ad

PLAY-OFF SITES & STATE FINALS

Swimming

State	Oct. 11	TBA
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Golf

Upper Qualifier (G)	Oct. 17	Pebble Creek Golf Course (Wade Hampton-G)
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Lower Qualifier (G)	Oct. 20	Charwood Golf Club (Brookland-Cayce)
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State (Girls)	Oct 27	Northwoods Golf Club (A C Flora)
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Upper Qualifier (B)	TBA	TBA
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Lower Qualifier (B)	TBA	TBA
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State (Boys)	TBA	TBA
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Cross Country

Upper State	Nov. 1	Heritage Park, Simpsonville (Eastside)
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Lower State	Nov. 1	Sandhills Research Center
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State G - 9:30; B - 10:00	Nov. 8	Sandhills Research Center
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Tennis

Girls- AA	Nov. 7-8	Lexington County Tennis Center
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Boys- AA,A	May 15-16	Lexington County Tennis Center
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Competitive Cheer

Upper Qualifier	Nov. 12	Dorman HS (Woodruff)	6:00 PM
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Lower Qualifier	Nov. 15	Lexington HS	1:00 PM
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State	Nov. 22	Bi-Lo Center	11:00 AM
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Volleyball

State	Nov. 8	White Knoll HS	1:30 PM
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Basketball

Upper State (Girls & Boys)	February 28	Bi-Lo Center
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Lower State (Girls & Boys)	March 6	At neutral site - 1500 capacity
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Wrestling

Upper State (Ind)	Feb. 20-21	Broome HS
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Lower State (Ind)	Feb. 20-21	Aynor HS
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State (Ind)	Feb. 27-28	Lexington HS
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State (Duals)	Feb. 14	Ridge View HS	1:00 PM
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Track

Upper	May 9	Broome HS
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Lower	May 9	Bishop England HS
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State	May 16	Spring Valley HS
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Soccer

State (Girls)	May 22	TBA	3:00 PM
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State (Boys)	May 23	TBA	2:00 PM
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GIRLS GOLF

1. The Rules of Golf, as approved by the United States Golf Association, shall govern golf competition. Regular season matches shall be limited to nine holes of play.

2. **IMPORTANT DATES:**

First Practice.....	August 1
First Scrimmage	August 8
Schedule Due	September 1
Eligibility Due	Seven days prior to first regular season match
First Contest	September 1

3. Golf teams are limited to 16 varsity and 12 JV playing dates, including tournaments. One invitational may be pre-season and start on August 15.

NOTE - If a school is participating in a preseason tournament more than seven days prior to its first regular season game, the certificate of eligibility must be submitted before participation in this tournament.

4. The AAA Upper State Qualifier will be held at Pebble Creek Golf Club (Wade Hampton) on October 17. The AAA Lower State Qualifier will be held at Charwood Golf Club (Brookland-Cayce) on October 20. Entries for the qualifiers must be submitted to the League Office by October 10. (Form is in the AD Notebook) The qualifying tournaments will be one day, 18 holes. The top 6 teams from upper and top 6 teams from lower will advance to the state finals. Any individual, not in the top 6 teams, that shoots **90 or lower** will advance to the state finals.
5. The AAA State Championship will be held on October 27, 2008 at Northwoods Golf Club (host school: A. C. Flora). The AAA State Tournament will be medal play for eighteen holes. **Team entry fee - \$50, Individual entry fee - \$10. Please make checks payable to A. C. Flora High School.**

VOLLEYBALL

1. The official rules published by the National Federation will be used along with the following adoptions:
 - a. A 3 out of 5 match may be played when only two schools are involved in a single match.
 - b. A team is limited to five matches a day during post-season play only.
 - c. If a team has not arrived at the tournament site and ready to play at the scheduled time, it will forfeit its initial game in the tournament. If the team has not arrived within fifteen minutes of the scheduled time, the match will be forfeited. For 3 out of 5 matches, wait an additional 15 minutes.
 - d. If a match is suspended due to power failure or other unforeseen circumstances, it will be resumed from the point of suspension. The score and lineup will be the same when it is resumed as it was at the moment of suspension.
 - e. Rally scoring and the option of libero will be used in all levels.

2. The head coach must attend a league sponsored rules clinic.

3. **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Schedule Due.....	May 1
First Practice	August 1
First Scrimmage	August 8
Eligibility Due.....	7 days prior to first regular season match
First Contest.....	September 1

If a school is participating in a preseason tournament more than seven days prior to its first regular season game, the certificate of eligibility must be submitted before participation in this tournament.

4. Certified officials are required for all varsity contests.
5. Volleyball teams will be limited to 18 varsity and 16 JV playing dates during the regular season. Each invitational entered will count as one of these 18 dates. One invitational may be pre-season and start on August 22
6. Clean and secure dressing facilities must be provided for opponents. A school is responsible, within reason, for the clothing of opponents, but not rings, money, watches, etc.
7. The Executive Committee recommends that spectators not kick or beat bleachers. Signs with the exception of welcome signs will not be permitted beyond region play.
8. Any squad member who leaves the bench area and approaches or engages in a fracas shall be disqualified for the match. For flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct, disqualifications will be for the day. Disqualifications will be reported to the League Office.

Trophies may be awarded to region representatives. Such trophies must not exceed 21 inches in height.

9. Class AA will report their representatives to the League Office no later than October 22.
10. Class AA Play-off admission will be \$5.00.
11. The State Finals will be played on November 8, 2008 at White Knoll High School. Each match will be a 3/5 contest. Admission will be \$8.00.
12. The League will furnish trophies and medals for the State Champion and Runner-up in each of the four classifications.
13. To determine the host or home team in the third and fourth rounds of play the team with the highest region finish will host. If the two teams have the same region finish, the brackets will determine the host. See Bracket Rotation Chart on Page 4.

2008 CLASS AA VOLLEYBALL

October 27
6:00 pm

October 29
6: 00 pm

November 4
6: 00 pm

November 6
6: 00 pm

November 8
1:30 pm

UPPER STATE

White Knoll High School



The team with the highest region finish will host. If two teams have the same region finish, the brackets will determine the host.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

1. The head coach must attend a League sponsored rules clinic.
2. **IMPORTANT DATES:**
 - First Date for PracticeAugust 1
 - First Date for CompetitionSeptember 1
 - Number of Contests PermittedEight (8) per school (6 Subvarsity)
 - Deadline for Notification of EntryOctober 24
 - Required minimum number of contestsTwo
 - QualifyingUpper StateNovember 12
(Dorman HS- hosted by Woodruff HS)
 - Lower StateNovember 15 (Lexington HS)
 - State CompetitionNovember 22 (Bi-Lo Center)
 - Eligibility Due.....7 days before first competition
 - Spring Practice and/or team selection15 days permitted (April 5 - May 31)
3. Competitive season ends when a team is eliminated from region or state competition. The High School League Executive Committee must approve any exceptions.
4. The National Federation Spirit Rule Book and the South Carolina High School League Competitive Cheerleading Manual will be used for all South Carolina High School League competitions.
5. The South Carolina High School League strongly recommends that all competitive cheer coaches take the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Advisors safety certification course.
6. Each school may enter one team. Members of the competitive team must have been a member of a support cheerleading squad during the school year. All participants must be submitted on an eligibility report to the High School League. Substitutions may be made at any time. Spotters that help within the confines of the routine must be team members. Safety spotters will be provided.
7. Any team having more than one male will be considered a coed team. A state championship for coed cheer will be provided if 16 or more schools enter state competition.
8. **QUALIFYING REGULATIONS**
 - a. Twelve schools will qualify for the state championship competition. The number of schools that qualify from the upper and the lower state competition will be proportional to the number of schools who compete in the upper and lower state competition.

NOTE: For example, if 15 schools enter the upper state qualifier and 5 schools enter the lower state qualifier, the 15/20 or 9 slots will be given to the upper state and 3 slots to the lower state.
 - b. The High School League will adjust the number of qualifiers from the upper and lower state if the proportional relationships do not clearly determine the number of qualifiers. This will be done with the best interest of the student athletes in mind.

NOTE: For example, if 10 schools enter from the upper state qualifier and 12 schools enter from the lower state qualifier, the 10/22 or 5.5 slots will have been earned by the upper state and 12/22 or 6.5 slots will have been earned by the lower state. In this situation the High School League will be empowered to award 6 to the upper state and 7 to the lower state.

9. STATE COMPETITION REGULATIONS

a. Competitive Area:

A matted surface with a 38' x 38' minimum will serve as the competitive area. The routine must be performed within the boundaries of the competitive area. Only coaches (who hold a High School League pass), competitors, and officials are permitted in the competitive area.

b. Order of Competition:

The order of competition for the state finals will be determined by the South Carolina High School League.

Upon the judge's signal, the routine must begin within thirty seconds. There will be a five-point deduction for delay of the meet.

c. Procedures:

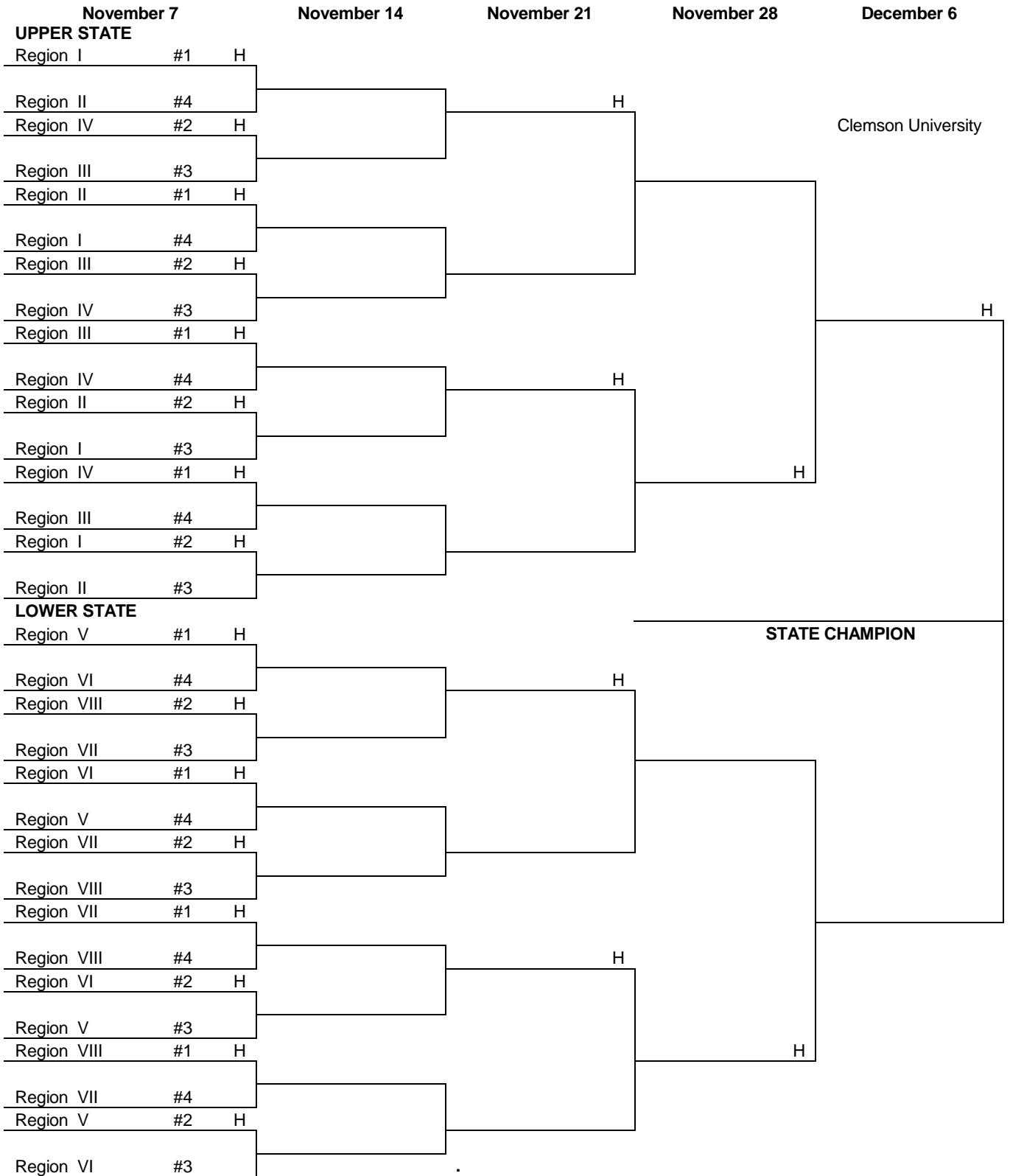
The announcer prior to their performance will call teams to the competitive area. Three teams will be announced each time - "Performing", "On-Deck", and "In the Hole".

10. Ticket Prices:

\$5.00	Qualifiers
\$8.00	State Finals

- f. If the host team chooses not to host the game, it will be offered to the visitors. If neither team chooses to host the game, the League will set it and the teams will share the expenses equally.
 - g. Within 15 days following the play-off, the host school will send copies of the financial statement to the League and the visiting school.
 - h. The home team will wear dark jerseys unless other satisfactory arrangements are made in writing with the visiting team.
 - i. Broadcast fees are a part of the gross gate receipts. Information on broadcast fees is on page A-27 of the League Handbook.
 - j. The Ten Yard Line Overtime Procedure as printed in the Football Rules Book (page 90-91) shall be used to break a tie in all elimination games.
6. The League will furnish trophies and medals for the State Champion and State Runner-up in each of the four classifications.
7. Ten days of spring practice with limited contact will be permitted between the last 30 days of school and the first ten days after the closing of school. These days do not have to be consecutive but they must be documented. Shoulder pads and sleds may be used all 10 days. There is to be no player to player contact during this spring practice period unless the head coach has attended a clinic or has reviewed a tape indicating what type contact may take place.
8. Schools may use a 25-second clock and should train the operator. The League instructs the officials to provide instructions at the game. If a problem is noted at the game, the coach should notify the officials.
9. To determine the host or home team in the third and fourth rounds of play the team with the highest region finish will host. If the two teams have the same region finish, the brackets will determine the host. See Bracket Rotation Chart on Page 3.

2008 CLASS AA FOOTBALL



The team with the highest region finish will host. If two teams have the same region finish, the brackets will determine the host.

SWIMMING

1. The League will sponsor a championship in each classification that has at least twelve of its schools participating. If this requirement is not met, schools may enter the tournament of the next higher classification.
2. National Federation Rules shall govern all contests and may be obtained from the League Office.
3. **IMPORTANT DATES:**
 - Schedule Due..... August 18
 - First Practice August 1
 - First Scrimmage..... August 8
 - Eligibility Due..... 7 days prior to first regular season meet
 - First Contest..... August 18
 - Certified Swim Times to be placed on www.goeasyware.com Within 3 days after a regular season meet or 24 hours prior to the State Meet entry deadline, whichever comes first
 - State Championship Entries Due..... Sunday, October 5 by midnight, 1 week prior to State Meet
 - State Championship Meet October 11
4. **COMPETITIVE SEASON**
 - a) All regular season meets and invitationals must be concluded before the State Championship Meet.
 - b) Only swimmers who have qualified for the State Championship Meet will be allowed to continue practice after State Meet qualifiers have been posted on the SCHSL website.
 - c) Swimmers must compete in at least two SCHSL-sanctioned regular season meets prior to the State Championship Meet.
 - d) Swimmers qualify for the State Championship Meet according to qualifying times and procedures outlined in Sections 9 and 10 of these rules.
 - e) Qualifying times may be achieved in any SCHSL-sanctioned regular season meet completed in the current high school swim season. Qualifying times will be determined and certified according to procedures outlined in Section 13 of these rules.
 - f) Qualifying times achieved after the State Championship Meet entry deadline will not be accepted.
5. In the State Championship Meet, points are awarded for 20 places in all events. For relays, points awarded are double the individual points for that place.
6. Teams are limited to four preseason scrimmages and eight meets; the Region Championship Meet is included in the eight-meet limit. All meets must be swum prior to the State Championship Meet. Scoring, as outlined in the NFHS Rules Book, will be used throughout the state for all meets. Only NFHS and SCHSL rules will apply at all meets. In each Region each team will swim every other team in their Region at least once and each meet shall be scored as a dual, double-dual (three teams) or triple-dual (four teams) meet.

7. Teams may swim other teams outside their Region provided the limitations of Section 6 are met.
8. Teams in Regions not having a Region Championship Meet may swim in another Region Championship meet by permission of the host team.
9. **ACCEPTANCE INTO THE STATE MEET**

Swimmers or relay teams that meet the automatic qualifying time (AQT) specified in Section 10 (and are entered) will be accepted in the State Meet.

If there are fewer than 30 swimmers or 20 relays with automatic qualifying times in any event, then swimmers or relays with the fastest consideration times (CT) specified in Section 10 will be accepted up to a maximum of 30 swimmers or 20 relays per event.

10. 2008-2009 STATE MEET QUALIFYING TIMES

Girl's Events	Classes AAA, AA & A	
	Automatic	Consideration
200-yd Medley Relay	2:08.00	2:18.24
200-yd Freestyle	2:16.03	2:26.91
200-yd Individual Medley	2:33.90	2:46.22
50-yd Freestyle	0:28.06	0:30.30
100-yd Butterfly	1:09.44	1:15.00
100-yd Freestyle	1:01.27	1:06.17
500-yd Freestyle	6:07.78	6:15.00
200-yd Freestyle Relay	1:55.00	2:04.21
100-yd Backstroke	1:11.55	1:17.28
100-yd Breaststroke	1:20.53	1:26.97
400-yd Freestyle Relay	4:14.39	4:34.74

Boy's Events	Classes AAA, AA & A	
	Automatic	Consideration
200-yd Medley Relay	1:56.58	2:05.91
200-yd Freestyle	2:09.78	2:20.17
200-yd Individual Medley	2:27.18	2:38.95
50-yd Freestyle	0:24.88	0:26.87
100-yd Butterfly	1:05.13	1:10.34
100-yd Freestyle	0:55.54	0:59.98
500-yd Freestyle	5:55.07	6:00.00
200-yd Freestyle Relay	1:43.23	1:51.49
100-yd Backstroke	1:06.47	1:11.79
100-yd Breaststroke	1:14.94	1:20.90
400-yd Freestyle Relay	3:51.89	4:10.44

New Individual Automatic Qualifying time (AQT) = [(AQT x 5) + (20th place time – 0.1sec)] / 6

New Relay Automatic Qualifying time (AQT) = [(AQT x 5) + (10th place time – 0.1 sec)] / 6

Consideration time (CT) = AQT x 1.08

If there are not 20 swimmers or 10 relays in an event, then the AQT remains the same for the next year.

In the State Championship Meet, each team shall be permitted a maximum of four entries in an individual event and one team in a relay event. Each swimmer may enter a maximum of four events, no more than two of which may be individual events. All teams are required to submit the names of relay swimmers with their entries for the State Championship meet (as many as 8 swimmers per relay may be submitted). All entries must be done in EasyTeam Manager II or on the spreadsheet provided by EasyTeam. The spreadsheet may be downloaded at <http://www.goeasyware.com> Use the spreadsheet titled "High School/College Meet Entry Spread Sheet (Entering by TIME) NO DIVING".

11. ORDER AND NUMBERING OF EVENTS

The following order and numbering of events shall be used in all SCHSL-sanctioned meets:

Girls Event No.	Boys Event No.	Event
1	2	200-yd Medley Relay
3	4	200-yd Freestyle
5	6	200-yd Individual Medley
7	8	50-yd Freestyle
9	10	100-yd Butterfly
11	12	100-yd Freestyle
13	14	500-yd Freestyle
15	16	200-yd Free Relay
17	18	100-yd Backstroke
19	20	100-yd Breaststroke
21	22	400-yd Free Relay

12. STANDARD OF ABBREVIATIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Standard abbreviations for high schools must be used for all entries and times submission. These abbreviations can be found in the "Ad Notebook" link on the High School League website.

13. CERTIFICATION OF OFFICIAL TIMES FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET ENTRY

- a. **Manual timing.** Official manual times for entry into the SCHSL State Championship Meet must be determined by using three stopwatches per lane. Backup stopwatches may be used in case of watch or timer malfunction. When three watches record different times, the official time is the middle time. When two watches record the same time, that time is the official time. The digits representing thousandths of a second shall be dropped with no rounding.
- b. **Automatic (Electronic) timing.** Official time is the pad time computed to the hundredth of a second. If there is a malfunction of the automatic system, backup times shall be integrated according to NFHS Rules 6-2-3 and 6-2-4.
- c. **Meter times.** Meter times must be converted for each event per the current NFHS Rules as listed below. Meter to yard time conversion must be done before Automatic to Manual time conversion (see Section 13.d.2 below).

NFHS Yard/Meter Conversion Factors

GIRL'S Event	Yards to Meters	Meters to Yards
200 Medley Relay	1.1160	0.8961
200 Freestyle	1.1080	0.9025
200 Individual Medley	1.1100	0.9009
50 Freestyle	1.1150	0.8969
100 Butterfly	1.1110	0.9001
100 Freestyle	1.1120	0.8993
500-yd/400-meter Freestyle	0.8749	1.1430
200 Freestyle Relay	1.1170	0.8953
100 Backstroke	1.1110	0.9001
100 Breaststroke	1.1120	0.8993
400 Freestyle Relay	1.1140	0.8977

BOY'S Event	Yards to Meters	Meters to Yards
200 Medley Relay	1.1150	0.8969
200 Freestyle	1.1080	0.9025
200 Individual Medley	1.1110	0.9001
50 Freestyle	1.1190	0.8937
100 Butterfly	1.1140	0.8977
100 Freestyle	1.1110	0.9001
500-yd/400-meter Freestyle	0.8749	1.1430
200 Freestyle Relay	1.1160	0.8961
100 Backstroke	1.1110	0.9001
100 Breaststroke	1.1100	0.9009
400 Freestyle Relay	1.1140	0.8977

- d. **Certified times for State Championship Meet.** Official qualification times for entry into the State Championship Meet are certified manual times from regular season meets. If electronic times are available, they may be converted as specified below. Meet results must be verified and signed by the meet referee and a coach from each participating school. Each team must keep copies of certified meet results in case validation of entry times is required. AQT and CT must be submitted to the website <http://www.goeasyware.com> within 3 days following a regular season meet or before the entry deadline for the State Championship meet, whichever comes first. All AQT and CT for each event will be posted on the above website for review. State Meet entry times **MUST** appear on the above website to be considered valid entries. For purposes of acceptance into the State Championship meet, the following time conversions should be applied by the coach to the times listed on the Certified Swim Times form :

1. Entry time, Manually timed = Manual yard time (no conversion)
2. Entry time, Automatically timed = Automatic yard time – 0.10 seconds

14. **STATE MEET INFORMATION**

State Championship Meets will be held on October 11. Admission is \$6.00

	Site	<u>Host School</u>
	McHugh Natatorium at Fike Recreation Center Clemson University	
AAA State Championship Meet	2:00-2:40 pm..... Session 1 Warm-ups 2:45-3:25 pm..... Session 2 Warm-ups 3:30-4:00 pm Coaches Meeting 4:05 pm..... Start Time	Daniel High School

15. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET ENTRY FEE**

A one-time entry fee (per team) of \$20.00 for one swimmer and \$40.00 for two or more swimmers will be charged. Make check payable to SCHSL and remit to the League by September 24, 2008. (If you have a boy's and a girl's team made up of 2 or more swimmers on each team, the entry fee is \$80.00).

16. The League will furnish team trophies and medals to the State Champion and Runner-up. Individual medals will be given to the first, second and third-place finishers in each event.

17. **REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET**

- a. Responsibility for local arrangements for the State Championship meet will be left to each participating school.
- b. The meet director will receive an honorarium of \$150.00.
- c. Proceeds from concessions and heat sheets go to the host school.
- d. To be eligible to compete for a Team State Championship, a school must have six participants compete in the State Championship meet. The SCHSL will continue to recognize individual champions.

18. Ten days of spring practice may be conducted between the last 30 days of school and the first two weeks after the closing of school.

CROSS COUNTRY

1. IMPORTANT DATES:

Schedule Due.....	September 1
First Practice	August 1
First Scrimmage.....	August 8
Eligibility Due.....	7 days prior to first regular season meet
First Contest.....	September 1
Deadline to report intentions to compete in the site meet to League Office ...	October 17
Qualifying Meets	November 1
State Meets	November 8

2. Cross Country teams are limited to 16 varsity meets and 12 junior varsity meets, including invitationals. One invitational may be pre-season to begin August 22, 2008.

3. Entries with the names of each runner will be made to the Meet Director on the official entry form. All runners must have completed a minimum of two cross country races prior to entering state competition.

4. ALL TEAMS MUST QUALIFY FOR THE STATE MEET.

a. Qualifying for AA and A (boys and girls) will be held on November 1. All schools will participate in an upper or lower state-qualifying meet. The top twelve teams competing in each meet will qualify for the State Meet. Also, the top 45 finishers will qualify, even if his or her team does not. Sites for the qualifying meets are: Upper State – Dorman High School, Lower State – Sandhills Research Center (Dreher High School).

b. All State Meets will be held on Saturday, November 8 at Sandhills Research Center.

The schedule will be:

11:30 am.....	Class A Boys
12:00 noon.....	Class AA and A Girls
12:30 pm.....	Class AA Boys
1:00 pm.....	Presentation of Awards

The course will be closed at 8:45 A.M. on the day of the meet.

5. Regulations for Qualifying and State Meets.

- a. Individuals or a full team may represent a school.
- b. A team will consist of not less than five or more than seven members.
- c. Starting positions will be determined by draw.
- d. Team scores will be determined by totaling the numerical position of the first five finishers from each team. The low aggregate scores will determine team winners.
- e. A non-team runner's place will be omitted when determining team scores and each team runner will advance in the order of their finish.
- f. If teams tie, the tie shall be resolved in accordance with the rules book.
- g. The course will be approximately three miles for boys and girls. Flats are the recommended footwear.

WRESTLING

1. National Federation Wrestling Rules shall govern all wrestling in South Carolina except as modified by League Regulations.

NOTE: Schools are reminded of the uniform requirements specified in the rules.

NOTE: The rules strongly recommend that protective headgear be used in all practices.

The headgear will be required in all competition.

2. The head coach must attend a League sponsored rules clinic.

3. **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Schedule Due.....October 2

First PracticeNovember 3

First Scrimmage November 10

First Contest..... December 1

Eligibility Due.....7 days prior to first regular season match

If a school is participating in a preseason tournament more than seven days prior to its first regular season match, the certificate of eligibility must be submitted before participation in this tournament.

NOTE: Second semester eligibility begins when first semester classes are dismissed and grades are final and when the student is added to the certificate of eligibility form signed by the principal.

4. Officials certified by the League must be used in all varsity matches.

5. Weight Classes will be as listed in the rules book. A two-pound weight allowance shall be given on January 1.

NOTE: A student may not wrestle more than one class above his actual weight.

NOTE: A school may enter only one contestant in each weight division.

6. Wrestling teams will be limited to 16 varsity and 12 JV playing dates during the regular season. Each invitational entered will count as one of these 16 dates. One invitational may be pre-season, as early as November 21.

- a. Class AA seeding meeting will be February 2, 2009 at 10:00 am at the League office. Seeding Committee: Paul Spence, Chris Strickland, Daniel Westmoreland, Tracy Goodring, Andy Palmer & John Morello. The Class AA **Dual** Championship will be held at Ridge View High School on February 14. Upper and Lower State Individual Qualifying: All AA schools will be permitted to enter one competitor in each weight class at the Upper and Lower State Qualifying Tournament. These tournaments will be held on February 20-21. (Upper State at Broome High School and Lower State at Aynor High School) A 16-man double elimination bracket will be used and 4 wrestlers will advance to the State Tournament.

- b. **State Championship** - The State **Individual** Tournament will be held on February 27-28 at Lexington HS. The top qualifier in each weight division from the Upper State will be paired against the fourth qualifier from the Lower State and others will be paired accordingly.

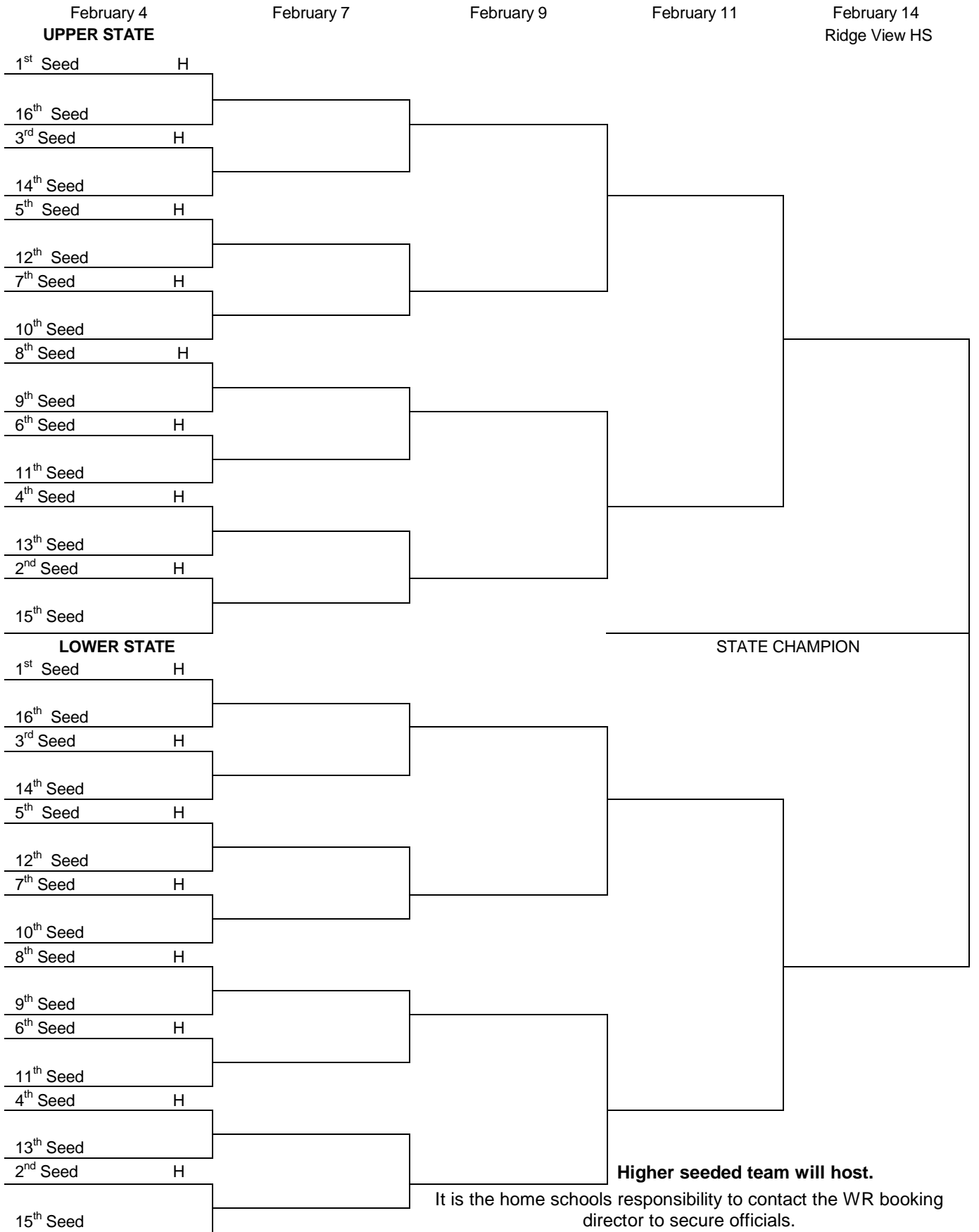
7. Regulations Governing State Tournaments:

- a. Responsibility for local arrangements for the State Wrestling Tournament will be left to each participating school. An admission of \$8.00 on Saturday will be charged.
- b. The tournament director for state individuals will receive \$150.00. The head official and High School League Director will decide any questions not answered in the official wrestling rules or in these regulations.
- c. At the upper and lower individual wrestling tournament the director will be paid \$200.00 and the profits from the meet will be split 50/50 between the host school and the conference. The school should use the High School League reporting form and a copy sent to the AA treasurer.
- d. An entry fee of \$50.00 per school will be charged for each qualifying tournament. Fee will be paid to the host school (Upper State - Crescent, Lower State - Aynor). The State Tournament will have an entry fee of \$25.00 payable to SCHSL by February 23.
- e. Proceeds from concessions go to the host school. Proceeds from program sales and advertising will be part of the tournament receipts.

8. Admissions:

Regular Season Duals: Set by school
Play-offs (Duals): \$5.00
Semi-finals and Finals (Duals) at the same site: \$6.00
Upper & Lower State Individuals: \$6.00 / per day
State Individual Finals: \$6.00 / Friday
 \$8.00 / Saturday

2009 CLASS AA WRESTLING DUALS



Higher seeded team will host.

It is the home schools responsibility to contact the WR booking director to secure officials.

BASKETBALL

1. Official rules published by the National Federation may be obtained from the League.
2. The head coach must attend a League sponsored rules clinic.
3. **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Schedule Due.....October 1
First PracticeNovember 3
First Scrimmage.....November 10
First Contest.....December 1
Eligibility Due.....7 days prior to the first regular season game.

If a school is participating in a preseason tournament more than seven days prior to its first regular season game, the certificate of eligibility must be submitted before participation in this tournament.

4. Home Team Responsibilities:
 - a. The principal of the host school will prohibit the use of loud noisemakers, i.e. cowbell, air horns, radios and musical instruments. The tournament director will forbid noisemakers during tournament play.
 - b. Cheerleaders must be in the bleachers except during full time-outs, end of quarters and half time. Mascots are considered cheerleaders. Megaphones for cheering purposes will be used only by cheerleaders. Jewelry will not be worn at any time. **Each school is responsible for enforcement of these regulations.**
 - c. Pep bands or musical entertainment may be permitted prior to the game, during halftime or following the game. Under no circumstances will any musical instruments be used at any other time.
 - d. Clean and secure dressing facilities must be provided for opponents and officials. A school is responsible, within reason, for the clothing of opponents, but not rings, money, watches, etc.
 - e. A uniformed policeman shall meet the officials at the scorer's table after the game and escort them to their dressing room or car and see them safely on their way.
5. Contest Restrictions:
 - a. Each school is permitted to participate in one approved pre-season basketball jamboree. A school may elect to participate in a second jamboree instead of a scrimmage. If a school does not participate in a Christmas Invitational Tournament, one of the four (or three) scrimmages may be held during the Christmas Holidays.
 - b. All classes are allowed 18 regular season games and two tournaments or 20 regular season games and one tournament. Varsity teams are allowed two tournaments, four scrimmages and one jamboree. JV teams are allowed 16 games, two tournaments, two scrimmages and one jamboree. One of the tournaments may be played preseason beginning November 21 for each level of participation
 - c. A team may not participate in games on more than three school days (Monday through Friday) except in tournament play leading to the State Championship. One of these days must be a Friday. A student has the same limitation on playing, as does a team.

- d. Students will be restricted to one game per day except they may play in two games in one day in an invitational tournament. There must be a minimum of one hour's rest between games.
 - e. All games must start at their scheduled times. If two varsity games are being played, the first game must start no later than 7:00 P.M. The second game will begin within 20 minutes after the conclusion of the first game.
 - f. Overtime periods for all games played in quarters of less than eight minutes will be three minutes each.
 - g. All JV, "B", junior high school or middle school games will be played in four quarters of six minutes each with intermissions of one minute after first and third quarters and eight minutes between halves.
 - h. The High School League strongly recommends the use of contracts for non-region games.
 - i. The home team must wear white jerseys for all contests.
6. All teams must be accompanied by an adult who must be present at all times that dressing rooms are in use.
 7. Any team member who leaves the bench and approaches/engages in a fracas shall be disqualified from the game.
 8. Officials, certified by the League, must be used in all varsity games. The League Office will not book sub-varsity games. Instructions for postponing or canceling games for which certified officials are booked are on page B-44 of the League Handbook.
 9. The region will select the site for any play leading toward the region championship. Region trophies must not exceed 21 inches in height.
 10. Classes AA will qualify four boys' teams and four girls' teams from each region for the state play-offs.
 11. By Feb. 9, region coordinators or tournament directors must report qualifying teams to the League Office.
 12. The League Office will set sites for the fourth round games in Classes AA.

STATE PLAY-OFF REGULATIONS

- a. Twenty-five school personnel and varsity cheerleaders in uniform will be admitted without charge. All other persons must have tickets.
- b. No school may practice at the site of a state play-off game unless the site is on its campus.
- c. Bands, musical instruments, radios, tape players, cowbells, air horns, megaphones (other than those used by cheerleaders) or other offensive noisemakers will not be permitted. Signs, banners or flags will not be permitted.
- d. A request to broadcast must be submitted to the League at least six hours prior to the game. The League reserves the right to accept or reject the application. Advertising tobacco, alcoholic beverages and related products will not be authorized. Fees and information on broadcasting events are on pages A-27. If uniforms do not contrast, the home team will change unless their uniform is white. Teams must bring two sets of jerseys.
- e. An admission of \$10.00 will be charged for the State Finals in Classes AA. All other sessions will be \$5.00. A seat tax required by state or county law will be added but will not be included in the gross receipts as mentioned in item one below.
- f. Gate receipts will be distributed according to the financial statements in the Athletics Director's notebook.

First, Second & Third Rounds

1. 20 % (gross gate) after \$200.00 deduction will be sent to the League.
2. Officials' fees will be deducted. The remainder will be divided between the two schools.

Semi-Final Round

1. 20% of the gross receipts will be sent to the League.
2. Official's fees.
3. Scorers and timers--\$10.00 per game; ticket sellers and takers - \$5.00 per hour.
4. Janitorial service and security.
5. Team travel--\$.40 per mile, one-way. The remainder will be divided on a per game played basis.

MINIMUM SEATING REQUIREMENTS FOR PLAY-OFFS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Third Round</u>	<u>Semifinals</u>
AA.....	1,500	(1,500) Neutral Site

- g. To determine the host or home team in the third and fourth rounds of play the team with the highest region finish will host. If the two teams have the same region finish, the brackets will determine the host. See Bracket Rotation Chart on Page 3.

13. A tournament is a series of contests in competition for a championship in which at least 1st & 2nd place is decided by a final contest between the two teams. Schools must now submit tournament format i.e., brackets for approval as part of the sanctioning process in basketball, baseball, softball, tennis and soccer. (Maximum 10 consecutive days for a tournament)

Varsity Basketball

- Maximum of eight games can be played in a combination of the two tournaments
- If you choose to play more than four games in any one tournament this will constitute having played a second tournament.

JV Basketball

- Maximum of eight games can be played in a combination of the two tournaments
- If you choose to play more than four games in any one tournament this will constitute having played a second tournament
- JV level does not have the option to trade in one tournament for additional regular season contests

2009 CLASS AA BASKETBALL

7:00 pm Feb. 17 (girls)
7:00 pm Feb. 18 (boys)

7:00 pm Feb. 20 (girls)
7:00 pm Feb. 21 (boys)

7:00 pm Feb. 24 (girls)
7:00 pm Feb. 25 (boys)

Feb. 27 (girls)
Feb. 27 (boys)

3:30 pm March 7 (girls)
5:00 pm March 7 (boys)

Colonial Center
Columbia

UPPER STATE

Region I #1 H

Region II #4

Region IV #2 H

Region III #3

Region II #1 H

Region I #4

Region III #2 H

Region IV #3

Region III #1 H

Region IV #4

Region II #2 H

Region I #3

Region IV #1 H

Region III #4

Region I #2 H

Region II #3

LOWER STATE

Region V #1 H

Region VI #4

Region VIII #2 H

Region VII #3

Region VI #1 H

Region V #4

Region VII #2 H

Region VIII #3

Region VII #1 H

Region VIII #4

Region VI #2 H

Region V #3

Region VIII #1 H

Region VII #4

Region V #2 H

Region VI #3

Bi-Lo Center

STATE CHAMPION

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The team with the highest region finish will host. If two teams have the same region finish, the brackets will determine the host.

TENNIS

1. The girls' teams will play in the fall of the year and the boys' teams will play in the spring. Should a school not have a girls' team, a girl can play on the boys' team in the spring. No student may participate in both seasons in the same school year.
2. The head coach must attend a League sponsored rules clinic.
3. The rules of the United States Tennis Association will apply when not covered by High School League rules.
4. Each match will be two no-ad sets with a 10 point tie-breaker played to decide the match if the sets are split. A set tie-breaker will be a 7-point tie-breaker. Pro-Set scoring (8 games, 7 point tie-breaker at 7-7) is permitted once the match has been decided. This includes the regular season and play-offs. (Any exception will result in a team forfeit, 7-0)
5. Team competition will consist of 5 singles and 2 doubles teams. Only two players may play both singles and doubles during the same dual match. (Any exception will result in a team forfeit, 7-0)
6. All players will be required to compete in a school issued shirt. Appropriate tennis apparel is expected (cut-offs and jeans are not considered appropriate tennis apparel). Bandanas are not permitted.

IMPORTANT DATES:

	Girls Tennis	Boys Tennis
First Practice.....	August 1.....	February 2
First Scrimmage	August 8.....	February 9
Schedule Due	September 1	March 1
Eligibility Due	7 days prior to first regular season match	
First Contest	September 1	March 9
Deadline to Report Qualifying Teams	October 28.....	May 5
Play-Offs.....	Oct. 30, Nov. 4, 7, 8.....	May 7, 12, 15, 16
Deadline to Report Open Singles Entries...	October 31	May 8
State Singles Tournaments	November 7-8.....	May 22-23

7. Tennis teams allowed 16 varsity regular season matches and two tournaments or 18 regular season matches and one tournament. Varsity teams are allowed two tournaments, four scrimmages and one jamboree. JV teams are allowed 14 matches, two tournaments, two scrimmages and one jamboree. One tournament may be pre-season and start on August 22 (girls) and February 27 (boys).
8. **(Boys)** Two teams will qualify from each Class AA region. Pairings are found on page 35. Class A teams will compete in the AA State Tournament since they do not have twelve schools participating. Qualifying of Class A teams will be through the eight AA regions.
9. **(Girls and Boys). A dated challenge ladder must be submitted to the League Office by noon of the first playoff date. Failure to submit the ladder by the deadline will result in a \$25.00 fine. This form is located in the AD Notebook.**

10. **GIRLS TENNIS ONLY** - Ten days of spring practice may be conducted between the last 30 days of school and the first two weeks after the closing of school.
11. The first and second rounds of all play-offs will be played at the site of a host school. The semi-finals and finals will be played at the Lexington County Tennis Complex.
11. All regions will qualify their best singles player for the Singles Tournaments. Regions that have both AA and A teams are reminded that they will have two automatic qualifiers for the singles tournament (One representing AA and one representing A). Regions will also have the opportunity to submit in order of ability additional players for at large consideration. Tournament and a 16-player draw for the AA-A Tournament. The League Staff will use the following criteria for the at large selection process:
 - a. Recommendations from regions submitted in writing. Information on season records and opponents should be included.
 - b. USTA rankings in South Carolina.
12. A letter of entry from the region coordinator for the singles tournament must be received in the League office by October 31 (girls) and May 8 (boys). If this deadline is missed, a \$25.00 late entry fee will be assessed.
13. A tournament is a series of contests in competition for a championship in which at least 1st & 2nd place is decided by a final contest between the two teams. Schools must now submit tournament format i.e., brackets for approval as part of the sanctioning process in basketball, baseball, softball, tennis and soccer. (Maximum 10 consecutive days for a tournament)
 - Varsity
 - Maximum of 10 games can be played in a combination of the two tournaments
 - If you choose to play more than five games in any one tournament this will constitute having played a second tournament
 - JV
 - Maximum of 10 games can be played in a combination of the two tournaments
 - If you choose to play more than five games in any one tournament this will constitute having played a second tournament
 - JV level does not have the option to trade in one tournament for additional regular season contests

2008-2009 CLASS AA TENNIS

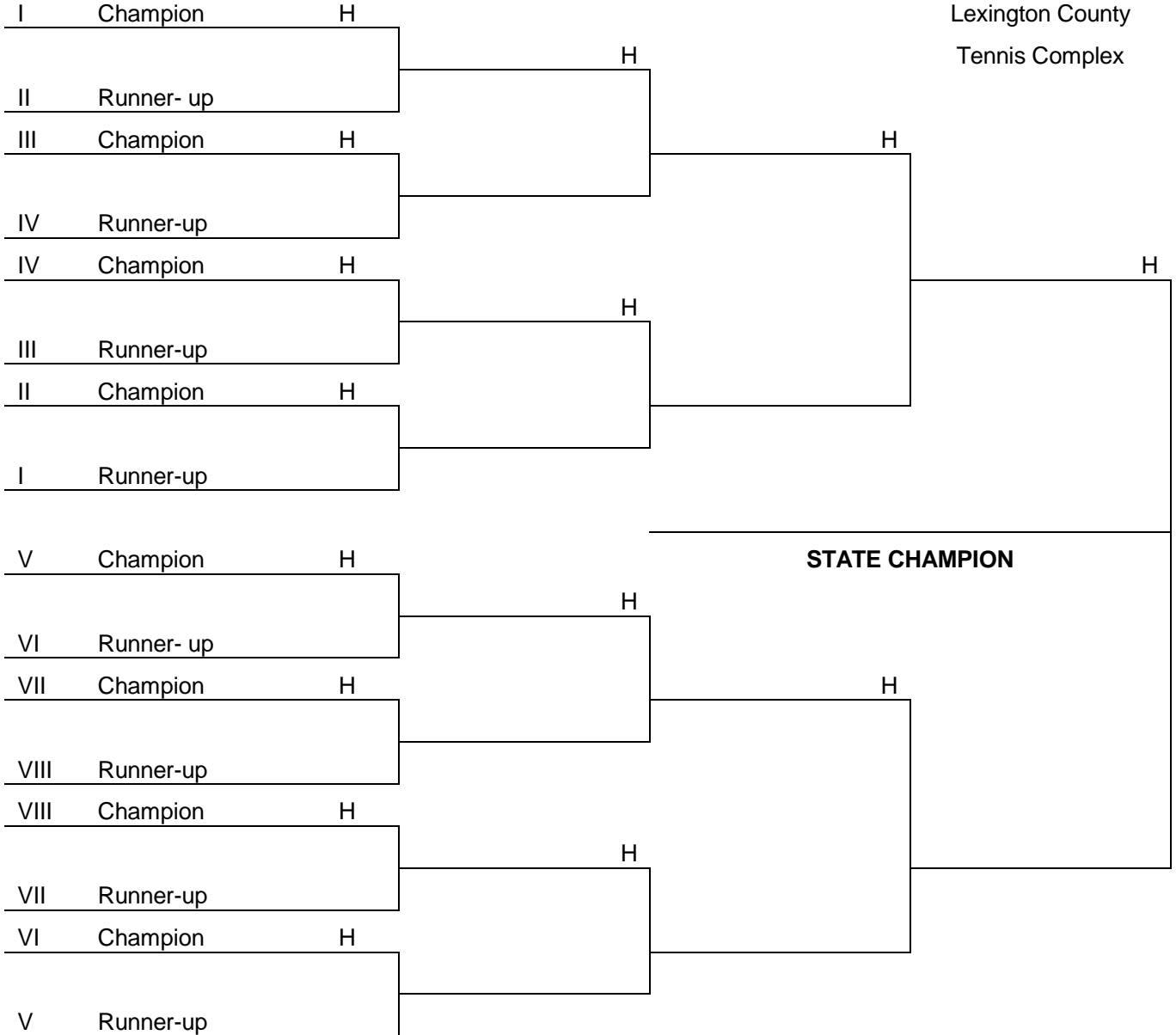
Oct. 30 (Girls)
May 7 (Boys)

Nov. 4 (Girls)
May 12 (Boys)

Nov. 7 (Girls)
May 15 (Boys)

Nov. 8 (Girls)
May 16 (Boys)

Lexington County
Tennis Complex



BOYS GOLF

1. The Rules of Golf, as approved by the United States Golf Association, shall govern golf competition. Regular season matches shall be limited to nine holes of play.

2. **IMPORTANT DATES:**

First Practice February 2
First Scrimmage February 9
Schedule Due March 1
Eligibility Due Seven days prior to first regular season match
First Contest March 9

3. Upper State Qualifier will be held at White Plains CC (Central HS) on May 4 . Lower State Qualifier will be held Black Bear (Aynor HS) on May 4.

4. The Boys AA State Tournament will be held at True Blue (Waccamaw HS) on May 11-12.

5. Regulations for Boys State Tournament:

- a. A team is five players (score the lowest four).
- b. The State Tournaments will be medal play for 36 holes. Eighteen holes will be played on consecutive days. (AAA Girls will be medal play for 18 holes.)
- c. The Tournament Director will schedule contestants in groups. Copies of the pairings and starting times will be sent to each school.
- d. Teammates may not play in the same group.
- e. Caddies are not permitted.
- f. Coaches will be permitted to confer with their golfers between the green and the next tee provided there is no delay in play.
- g. Golfers will exchange individual score cards within their groups.
- h. Each golfer will verify and sign his/her own scorecard at the end of each 18 holes.
- i. Any golfer found guilty of signing a scorecard with less strokes than were actually taken will be disqualified for that round.
- j. Contestants must abide by the local club's rules and regulations.
- k. The team having the lowest score will be declared the champion.
- l. In case there is a tie for the championship or medallist, sudden death play will begin on the first hole.
- m. Three teams from each region will advance to the Upper/Lower State tournaments. Two individuals from a non-qualifying team in each region will advance to the Upper/Lower State Tournament.
- n. The Boys AA State Qualifier is \$50 per team and \$10 per individual entry fee. Fee must be paid to host school. The fee is due to the host school.

- o. At the Boy AA State Tournament the \$100 per team and \$25 per individual entry fee should be paid directly to the host school. The host school will return any profits to the AA conference.
- p. Six teams from the Upper State Qualifier and six teams from the Lower State Qualifier will advance to the State Tournament. Four non-qualifying individuals from the Upper State Qualifier and four non-qualifying from the Lower State Qualifier will advance to the State Tournament.

TRACK AND FIELD

1. National Federation Rules shall govern all track and field meets.
2. The League will sponsor a girls' and boys' championship in each class.

3. **IMPORTANT DATES:**

First Practice	February 2
First Scrimmage.....	February 9
Schedule Due	March 1
Eligibility Due	Seven days prior to first meet
First Contest.....	March 9
Region Track Directors Meeting	April 15

4. Track teams are limited to 16 Varsity and 12 JV meets, including invitationals. One invitational may be pre-season and start on February 27.
5. The head coach must attend a League sponsored rules clinic.

6. **REGION MEET REGULATIONS:**

- a. A student must have participated in at least two regular season track meets prior to entering region qualifying leading to the State Meet. The High School League Executive Committee must make any exceptions.
- b. Be sure that everyone clearly understands Rule 5-9-2. Being listed as one of the six members of a relay team does not count as an event unless the competitor actually participates. Remind them that an athlete may not participate in more than **four** events. He or she may be listed in **two** individual events and as a member of **three** relay teams. However, once **this** athlete participates in **two** of these relays he/she is not eligible for the other relay.
- c. The rules for the pole vault must be enforced. Specifically, the vaulter's weight shall be at or below the manufacturer's pole rating. The manufacturer's pole rating shall be visible in a one-inch contrasting color, as well as a one-inch circular band indicating the maximum top hand-hold position. Pole rating markings are to be located above the hand-hold band. The coach of a vaulter must verify that the athlete is utilizing the appropriate pole and must be able to certify the vaulter's actual weight to the event judge. The weight of each vaulter must be supplied to the event judge and entered on the event sheet.
- d. Schools must register their contestants (using both first and last names) with the region track chairperson by a date set by the chairperson. The region chairperson in turn will report all contestants to the Upper or Lower State Meet Directors. The best performances of each event in region meets must be sent to the director of the Upper or Lower State Meet. This information is requested in order that contestants may be placed in heats. A form will be sent to all track chairpersons for making this report. First and last names will be used in reporting all qualifiers.
- e. The deadline to report region qualifiers to the Upper and Lower State Meet Directors is May 4 for all classes. A region may qualify four contestants in each event for the Upper or Lower State Meet, and four contestants in each event will be qualified from these meets for the State Finals. No more than four contestants from any school may be entered in any event in the region meet. A school may enter one team in each relay.

- f. In the event there are regions involved in the preliminaries having only one high school entered, the list of entries must be sent to the meet director at the time entries are sent by regions. No changes will be allowed for any school after the list has been finalized.
- g. All throwing implements will be chosen/designated by the Meet Director and/or event judge for competition.

7. UPPER AND LOWER STATE MEET REGULATIONS:

- a. These meets will be held on May 9.
- b. Qualifiers for the Upper and Lower State Meets will be reported to the directors of these meets. The Upper and Lower State Meet Directors will report their qualifiers directly to the League Office. FIRST AND LAST NAMES AND GRADE LEVELS will be used in reporting all qualifiers.
- c. The Upper and Lower State Meet Directors will secure competent officials. Meets must have a referee, exchange zone judges and turn judges. The decision of the judges will be final. No protest will be allowed unless violation of track or eligibility rules occurs.
- d. In all meets that qualify contestants for the State Track Meet, these rules will be followed in the shot put, discus, triple jump and long jump. Each competitor shall be allowed three preliminary trials. The six competitors credited with the best performances will be given three final trials. The four competitors with the best performances will qualify for the State Meet. All throwing implements will be chosen/designated by the Meet Director and/or event judge for competition.
- e. Contestants must be ready at the scheduled time of their events. If not, the Meet Director will scratch them. A contestant will not be allowed to compete unless he/she is in a legal track uniform.
- f. An admission of \$5.00 will be charged for Upper and Lower State Meets. The meet director must submit a financial statement to the League Office.
- g. Sites for upper and lower state qualifying will be determined by each classification.
- h. **SITES FOR UPPER AND LOWER STATE QUALIFYING:**

AA - UPPER Broome High School

AA - LOWER Bishop England High School

i. **RECOMMENDED TIME SCHEDULE FOR UPPER AND LOWER STATE QUALIFYING:**

11:00 AM	Field Events	12:40 PM	400 Meter Relay
	Boys Long Jump followed by Triple Jump	12:55 PM	3200 Meter Relay
	Girls Long Jump followed by Triple Jump	1:45 PM	100 Meter Hurdle Finals
	Boys Shot followed by Girls Shot	1:55 PM	110 Meter Hurdle Finals
	Girls Pole Vault followed by Boys Pole Vault	2:05 PM	100 Meter Dash Finals
	Boys High Jump followed by Girls High Jump	2:15 PM	1600 Meter Run
	Girls Discus followed by Boys Discus	2:30 PM	400 Meter Run
11:15 AM	100 Meter Hurdle Trials	2:50 PM	400 Meter Hurdle
11:25 AM	110 Meter Hurdle Trials	3:10 PM	800 Meter Run
11:35 AM	100 Meter Dash Trials	3:20 PM	200 Meter Run Finals
12:20 PM	200 Meter Dash Trials	3:30 PM	3200 Meter Run
		4:00 PM	1600 Meter Relay

- j. In the **400 meter hurdles**, the distance from the starting line to the first hurdle is 45 meters. The distance between hurdles is 35 meters and the distance from the last hurdle to the finish line is 40 meters. The number of hurdles is 10. The height for boys is 36 inches and for girls it is 30 inches.

8. **STATE TRACK MEET REGULATIONS:**

- a. The State Meet will be held on May 15-16.
 b. Eight places will score in the State Meet as follows:

First place	10 points	Fifth Place	4 points
Second place	8 points	Sixth Place	3 points
Third place	6 points	Seventh Place	2 points
Fourth place	5 points	Eighth Place	1 point

NOTE: The high jump will begin at the lowest qualifying height of the contestants entered in the event.

NOTE: The bar for the high jump will be raised 2 inches until 3 contestants remain and one inch following the succeeding jumps.

NOTE: The minimum qualifying height in the pole vault event for girls is 7' 0" and for boys 9' 0".

NOTE: The maximum starting height in the pole vault event for girls is 9' 6" and for boys 12' 6".

NOTE: The bar for the pole vault will be raised 6 inches until 3 contestants remain and 4 inches following the succeeding jumps.

- c. Only rubber-soled shoes may be used for the shot put and discus. Track flats or spikes that do not exceed ¼" spikes may be used for the pole vault, high jump, long jump and all running events.
 d. **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE TRACK AREA EXCEPT CONTESTANTS IN UNIFORM AND OFFICIALS.**
 e. An admission of \$5.00 on Friday and \$8.00 on Saturday will be charged to everyone except those participating in the State Finals.

- f. In the shot put, discus, triple jump and long jump, each competitor will be allowed six trials.
- g. During the week of the state meet no school may practice at the site of this meet unless the site is on its campus.

NOTE: All throwing implements & relay batons will be chosen/designated by the Meet Director and/or event judge for competition.

- 9. Because of differences in starting procedures, jumping pits, throwing circles, tracks, watches, etc. the following regulations govern State Track Records:
 - a. Records may be broken only in the State Meet.
 - b. Metal or fiberglass tapes will be used and all records will be measured and certified by the meet director or referee, the head field judge and the person running the event.
 - c. A record must meet the requirements of National Federation Edition of the Track and Field Rules.

BASEBALL

1. National Federation Baseball Rules will be used in all games. The following speed-up rules may be used.
 - a. The pitcher and/or catcher may have a courtesy runner if indicated at the pre-game conference. This change can be made any time after they reach base. Refer to the National Federation Baseball Rules book or regulations.
2. The head coach must attend a League sponsored rules clinic.
3. Certified umpires must be used in all varsity games. Games will be played even though only one umpire is present.

4. **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Schedule Due	February 1
First Practice	February 2
First Scrimmage.....	February 9
Eligibility Due	7 days prior to first regular season game
First Contest.....	March 9

If a school is participating in a preseason tournament, the certificate of eligibility must be submitted before participation in this tournament.

5. Class AA schools are allowed 16 regular season games and two tournaments or 18 regular season games and one tournament. Varsity teams are allowed two tournaments, four scrimmages and one jamboree. JV teams are allowed 14 games, two tournaments, two scrimmages and one jamboree. One tournament may be pre-season and start on February 27.
6. Pitchers are limited to 10 innings pitched during any 3 consecutive day period. If this rule is violated, the pitcher is considered an ineligible player and the game will be forfeited. One pitch beyond the 10 innings constitutes a violation of this rule.
7. Varsity games must be scheduled for 7 innings. If a double header is played, the games may be scheduled for 5 innings.
8. The game will end any time after 5 innings, or after 4 ½ innings when a team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its term at bat.
9. Suspended games will be resumed from the point of interruption.
10. April 28 is the deadline for declaring region champions and runners-up.
11. Region schedules will be arranged so that the last region game will be played one week before the deadline for declaring champions and runners-up. This way, postponed games may be played without hardship on any team.
12. Postponed games during the regular season will be made up on the next available playing date.
13. Each region will qualify four teams for the play-offs. The winner in each district tournament will then advance to an upper and lower state tournament.
 - a. Gate receipts will be distributed according to the financial statement in the A. D. Notebook.

- b. Admission is \$5.00
- c. The host school is responsible for securing umpires through the local booking secretary. Three officials will be used if available.
- d. Three umpires will be assigned by the League from a neutral district for the finals in Class AA.

14. A tournament is a series of contests in competition for a championship in which at least 1st & 2nd place is decided by a final contest between the two teams. Schools must now submit tournament format i.e., brackets for approval as part of the sanctioning process in basketball, baseball, softball, tennis and soccer. (Maximum 10 consecutive days for a tournament)

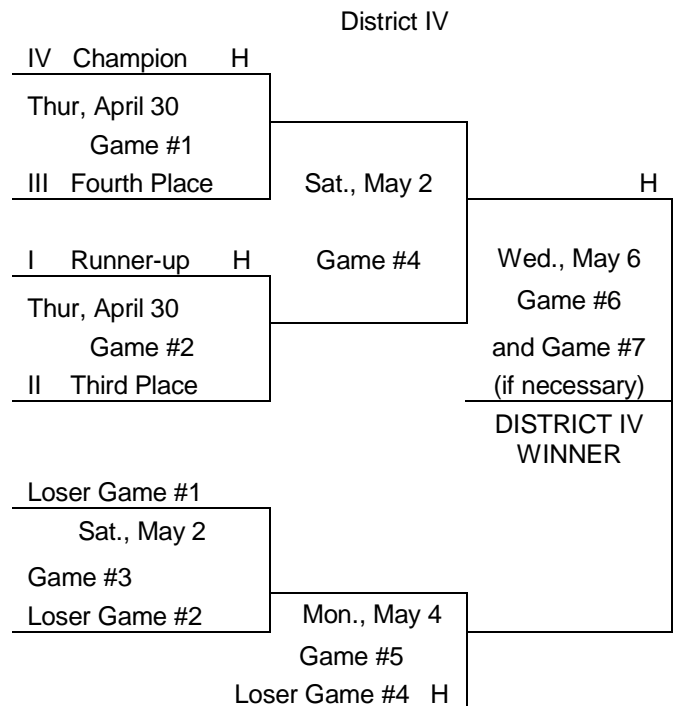
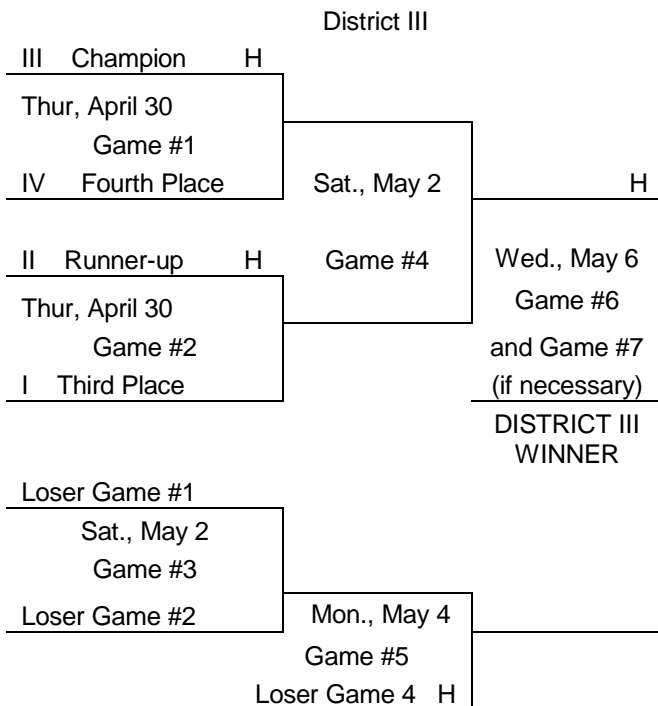
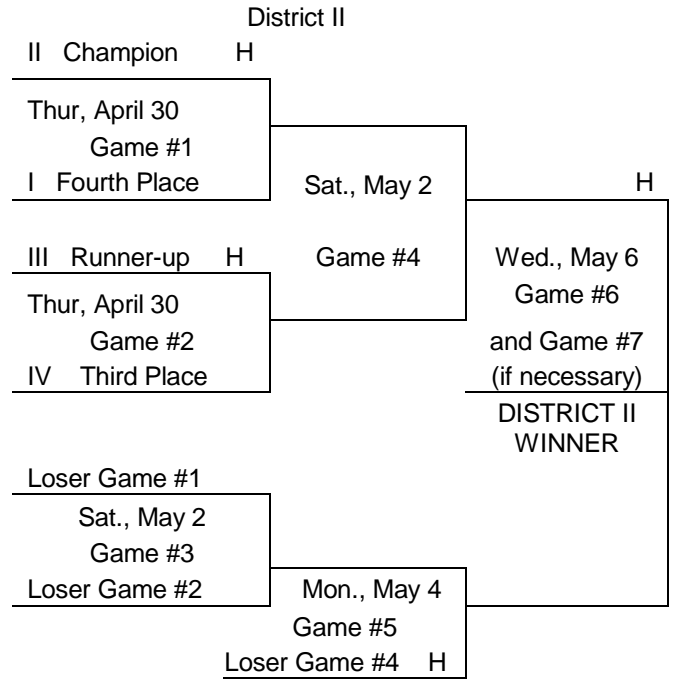
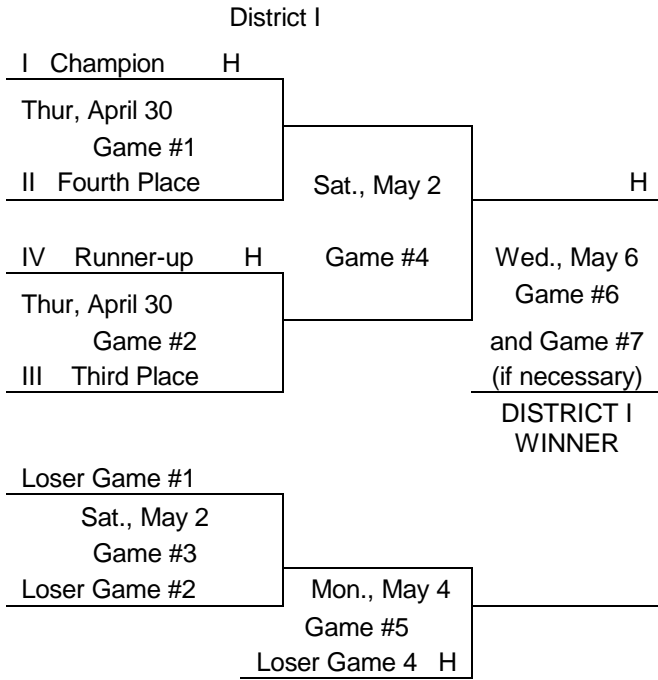
Varsity

- Maximum of 10 games can be played in a combination of the two tournaments
- If you choose to play more than five games in any one tournament this will constitute having played a second tournament

JV

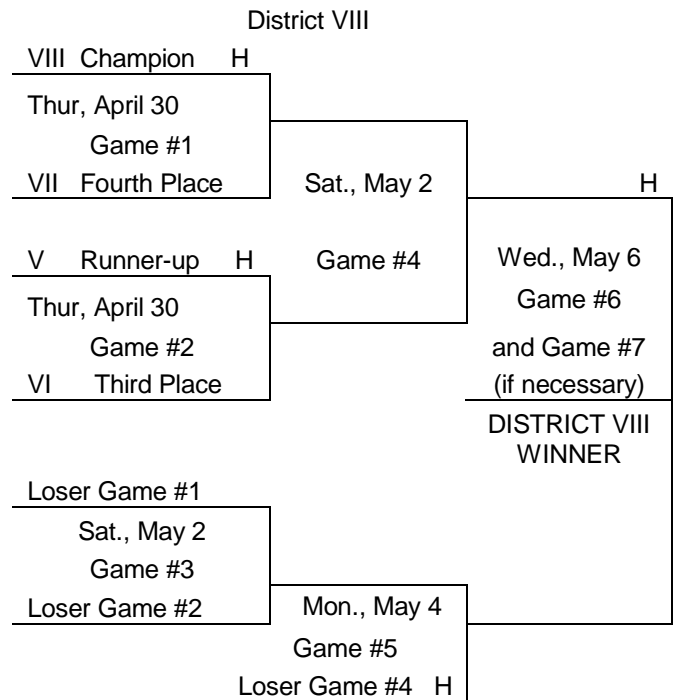
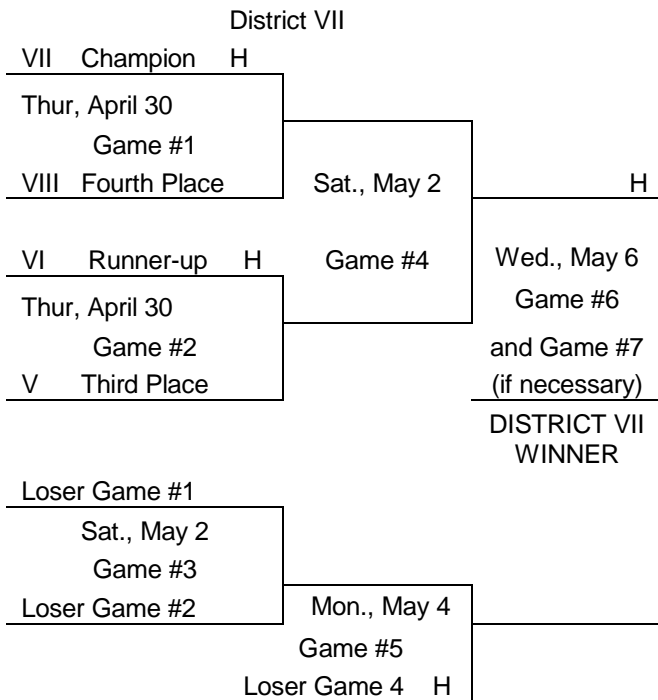
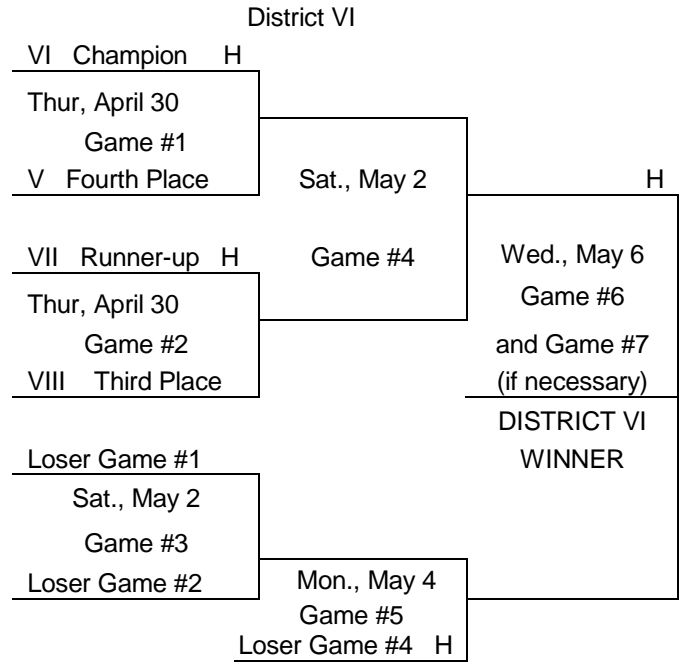
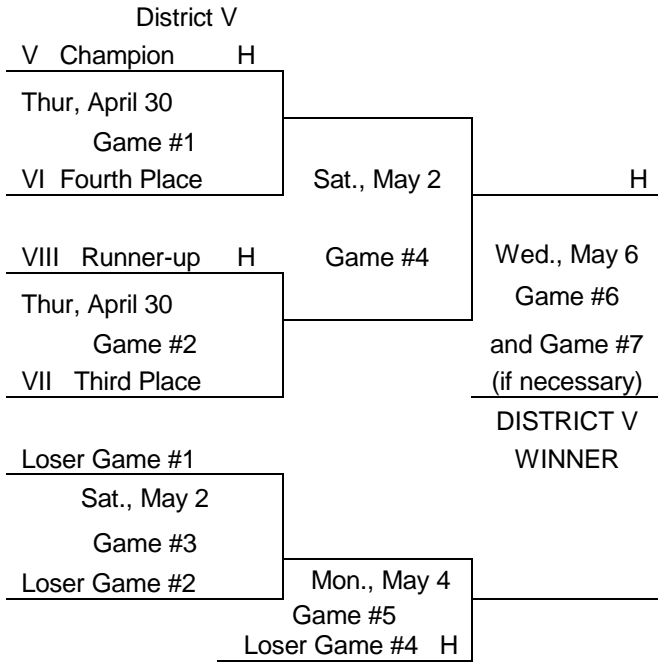
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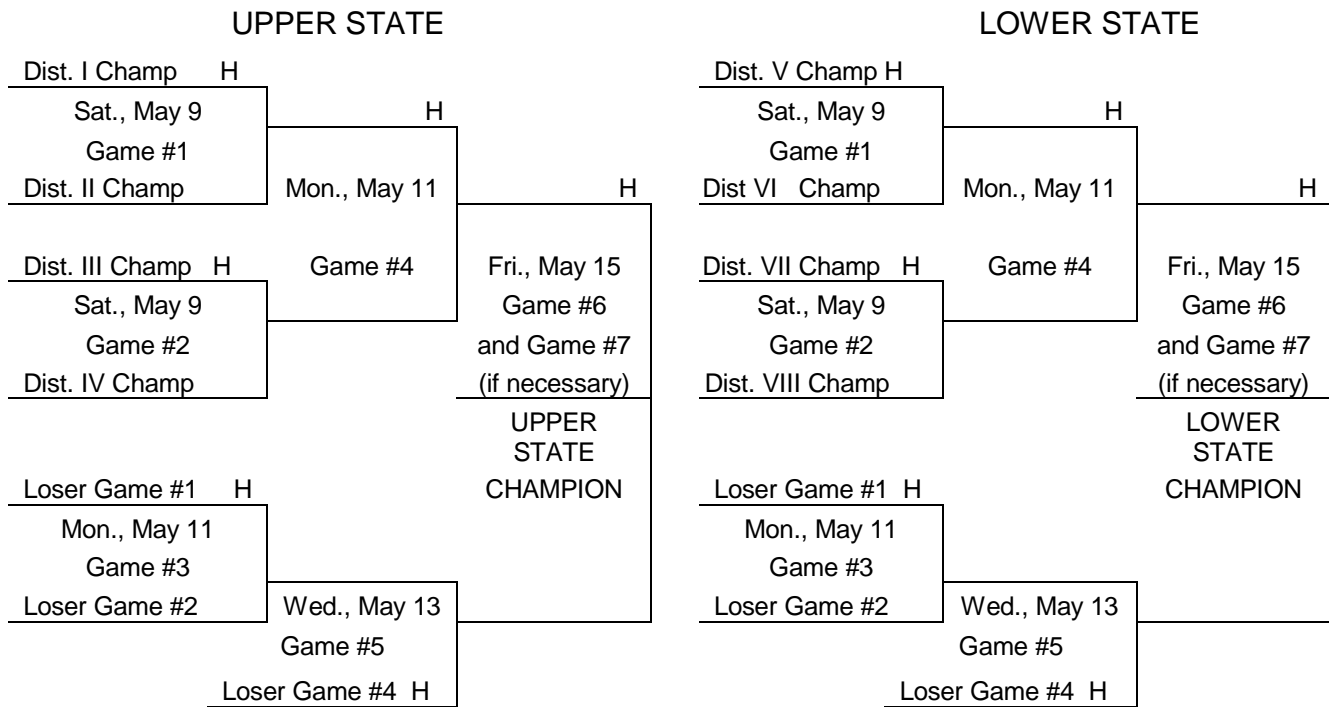
NOTE: The higher placed team will host in games #3 and #4. In game #6 the undefeated team will host and if game #7 is played, the site will be the same as game #6 but the home team will be determined by a coin toss. In game #5, the loser of the game #4 will host, even if it is the lower seed.

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NOTE: The higher placed team will host in games #3 and #4. In game #6 the undefeated team will host and if game #7 is played, the site will be the same as game #6 but the home team will be determined by a coin toss. In game #5, the loser of the game #4 will host, even if it is the lower seed.

**2009 UPPER AND LOWER STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS –
CLASS AA**



Note: If game # 7 is played, the site will be the same as game # 6 but the home team will be determined by a coin toss.

14. When games are played on neutral fields, game security is the responsibility of both schools and each school must control its own fans.

15. CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES:

- a. During the week of May 18-22 the winners of the upper and lower state play-offs will meet in a best two out of three game series for the State Championship. The first game of the series will be played at the school representing the upper state and the second game will be played at the school representing the lower state. A third game, if necessary, may be played at the site of either school or at a neutral site. The League Office will assign three officials from a neutral district for all games in this series. If a neutral site is used a coin toss will determine the home team.
- b. Admission is \$6.00.
- c. Gate receipts will be disbursed according to the financial statement in the Athletic Director's Handbook. Each team will keep proceeds from its home game. Gate receipts and expenses will be shared equally if the game is played on a neutral field.
- d. If schools cannot agree, games will be played on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Home schools will secure three umpires.

SOFTBALL

1. National Federation Fast Pitch Rules will be used in all games.
2. The head coach must attend a League sponsored rules clinic.
3. Certified umpires must be used in all varsity games. Games will be played even though only one umpire is present. Instructions for postponing or canceling games for which certified officials are booked are printed on page B-57.

4. **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Schedule Due	February 1
First Practice	February 2
First Scrimmage	February 9
Eligibility Due	7 days prior to first regular season game
First Contest	March 9

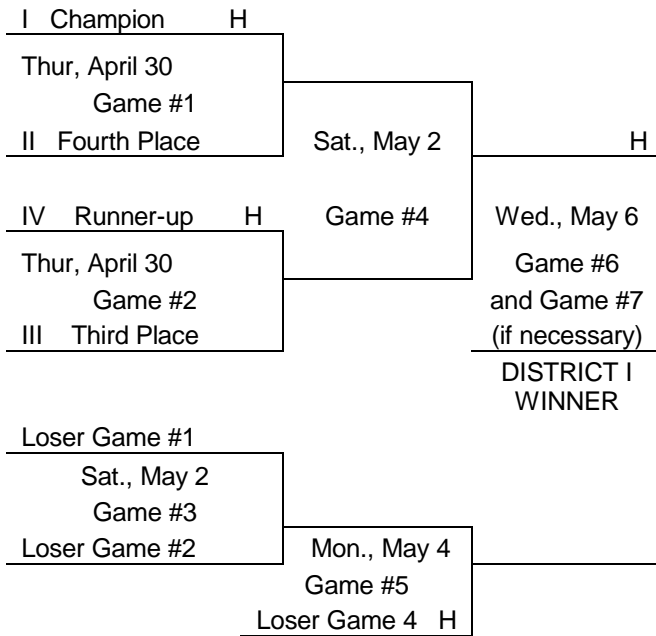
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5. Class AA schools are allowed 16 regular season games and two tournaments or 18 regular season games and one tournament. Varsity teams are allowed two tournaments, four scrimmages and one jamboree. JV teams are allowed 14 games, two tournaments, two scrimmages and one jamboree. One tournament may be pre-season and start on February 27.
6. Individual players who are 7th through 10th grades will be allowed to play in 20 regular season contests and two tournaments.
7. Varsity games must be scheduled for 7 innings. If a double header is played, the games may be scheduled for 5 innings.
8. The game will end any time after 5 innings, or after 4 ½ innings when a team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its term at bat. The game may also be terminated earlier by mutual consent if a greater than 10 run differential exists.
9. If a tie exists after 8 innings, the International tiebreaker will be used beginning in the 9th inning.
10. Games that are called prior to completion will be considered suspended games under the following circumstances:
 - a. It is not a regulation game.
 - b. It is a regulation game with a tied score.
 - c. It is a regulation game and the visiting team has scored one or more runs to tie the score or take the lead.
10. Suspended games will be resumed from the point of interruption.
11. An optic yellow ball must be used. A red or black stitched ball may be used. A double first base is permitted. The maximum core is .47. The maximum compression shall not exceed 375 pounds. **A Dudley ball must be used in all state finals games.**

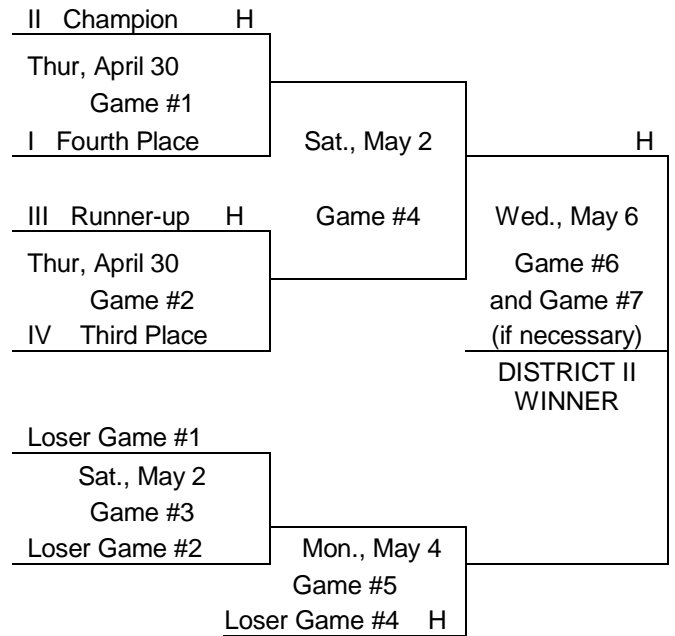
12. When a protest is filed, the offended team must enter it at the time of the play and before the next pitch. The umpire-in-chief shall report the protest to the League Office along with all related conditions at the time of the protested play. If a protest is upheld the game will be replayed from the time of the protest.
13. April 28 is the deadline for declaring region champions and runners-up.
14. Region schedules will be arranged so that the last region game will be played one week before the deadline for declaring champions and runners-up. This way, postponed games may be played without hardship on any team.
15. Postponed games during the regular season will be made up on the next available playing date.

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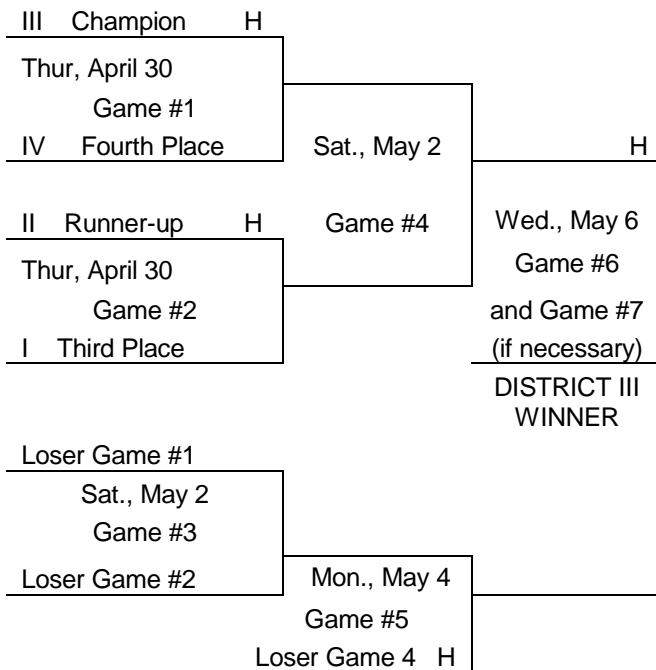
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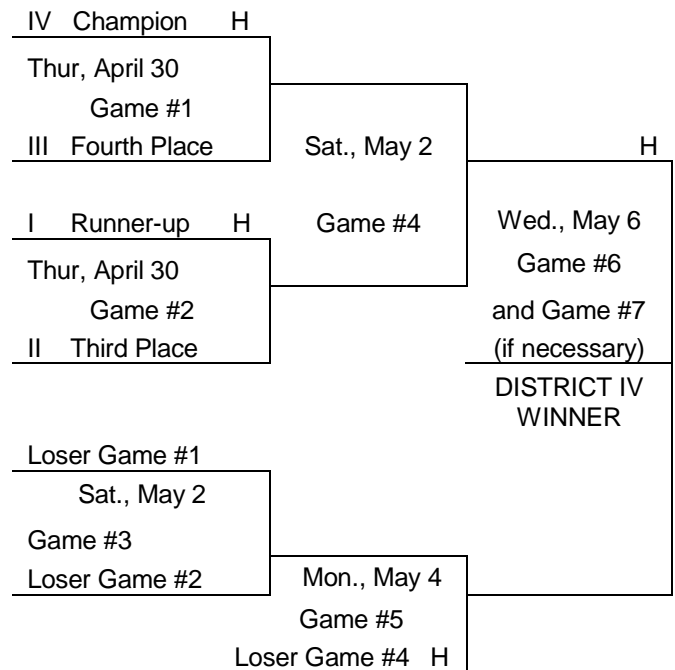
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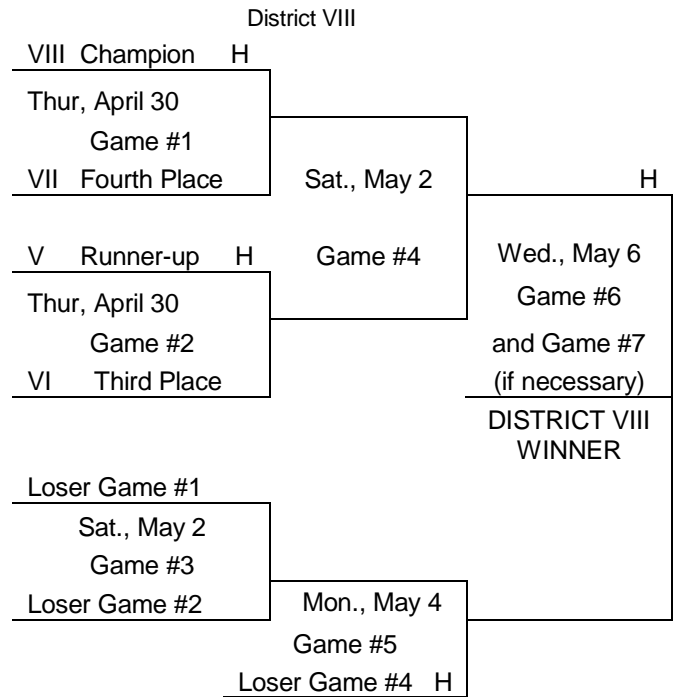
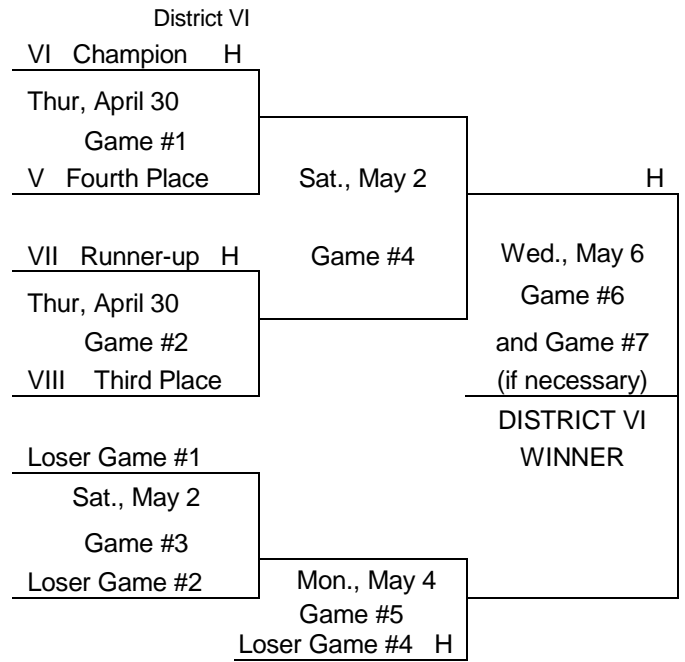
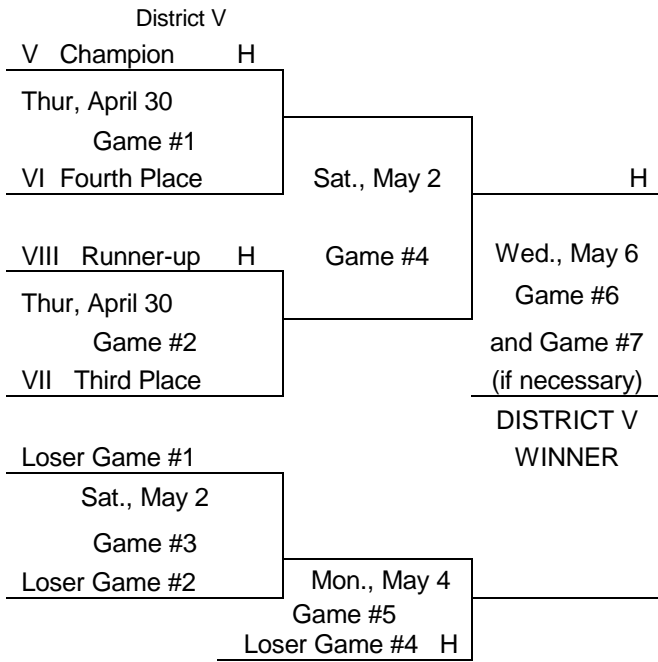


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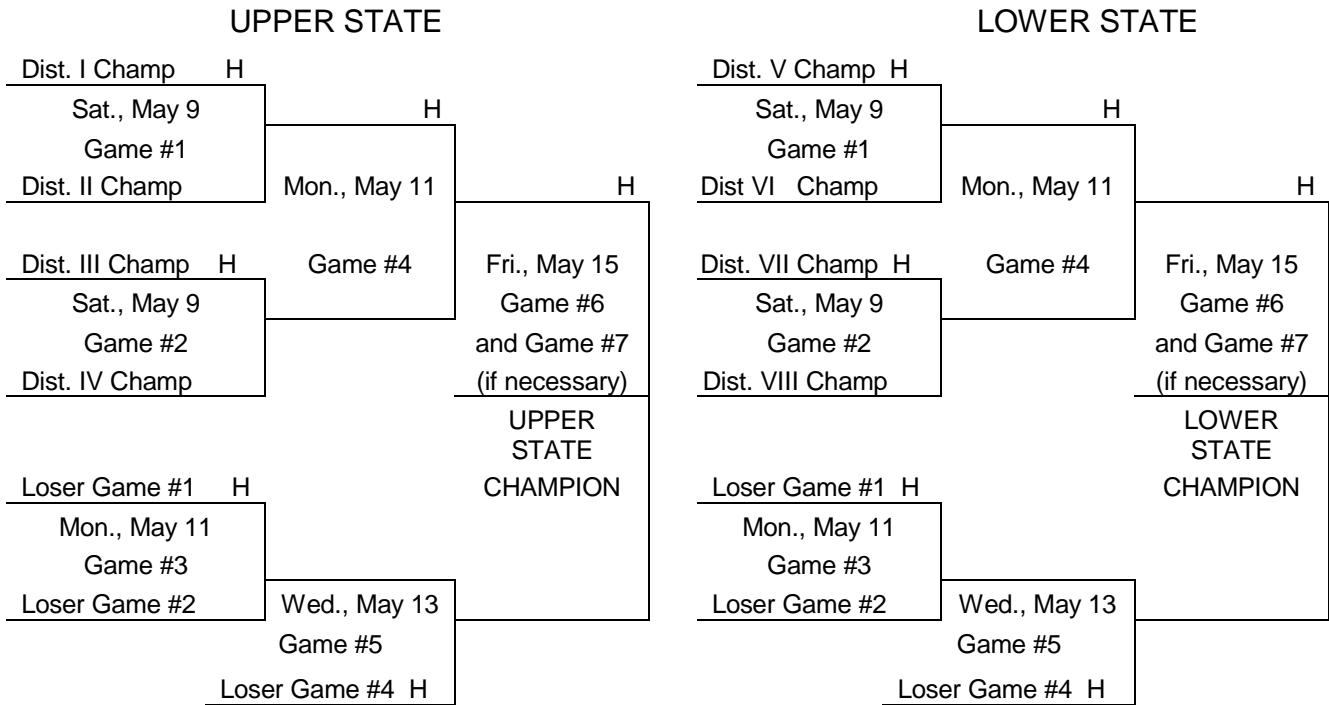
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Note: If game # 7 is played, the site will be the same as game # 6 but the home team will be determined by a coin toss.

16. CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES:

- a. During the week of May 18-22 the winners of the upper and lower state play-offs will meet in a best two out of three game series for the State Championship. The first game of the series will be played at the school representing the upper state and the second game will be played at the school representing the lower state. A third game, if necessary, may be played at the site of either school or at a neutral site. The League Office will assign three officials from a neutral district for all games in this series. If a neutral site is used a coin toss will determine the home team.
- b. Admission is \$6.00.
- c. Gate receipts will be disbursed according to the financial statement in the Athletic Director's Handbook. Each team will keep proceeds from its home game. Gate receipts and expenses will be shared equally if the game is played on a neutral field.
- d. If schools cannot agree, games will be played on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER

1. National Federation rules will be used in all games.
2. The head coach must attend a League sponsored rules clinic.
3. **IMPORTANT DATES:**
 - Schedule Due February 1
 - First Practice..... February 2
 - First Scrimmage February 9
 - Eligibility Due 7 days prior to first regular season game
 - First Contest March 9

If a school is participating in a preseason tournament more than seven days prior to its first regular season game the certificate of eligibility must be submitted before participation in this tournament.
4. No match may end in a tie. During the regular season there will be two full five minute overtime periods. If a tie still exists, penalty kicks by anyone on/off the field will determine the winner.
5. The girls and boys will use two full ten minute overtime periods during the play-offs. If a tie still exists, two five-minute sudden victory overtime periods will be used. If still tied, penalty kicks will determine the winner. (National Federation Soccer Rules Book.)
6. In the event a soccer game is called prior to completion of one half because of conditions, which makes it impossible to continue play, the game will be resumed from the point of interruption.
7. Schools must use officials that are certified by the League Office.
8. Soccer teams are allowed 16 regular season games and two tournaments or 18 regular season games and one tournament. Varsity teams are allowed two tournaments, four scrimmages and one jamboree. JV teams are allowed 14 games, two tournaments, two scrimmages and one jamboree. One tournament may be pre-season and start on February 27.
9. A letter of entry for State Play-offs must be mailed to the League Office by May 8 by 9:00 am for Boys and Girls. This form is found in the Athletic Director's Notebook. If this deadline is missed, a \$100.00 late entry fee will be assessed before entry into the play-offs.
10. The Boys Championship series will be played on May 12, 14, 16, 19 & 23. The state finals will be held at TBA. Play-off admission will be \$5.00. State Finals admission will be \$8.00.
11. The Girls Championship series will be played on May 11, 13, 15, 18 & 22. The state finals will be held at TBA. Play-off admission will be \$5.00. State Finals admission will be \$8.00.
12. State Finals Time Frames - Upper State will be the host for all State Final games.

Division	Date	Time	Division	Date	Time
AA Girls	May 22	3:00 pm	AA Boys	May 23	2:00 pm

13. Gate receipts will be disbursed according to the financial statement in the Athletic Directors Notebook.
14. Beginning March 25, a coach may coach an outside team and use school facilities.
15. Students will be restricted to one game per day except they may play in two games in one day in an invitational tournament. There must be a minimum of one hour rest between games.
16. The seeding committee will be one coach per region (one male & one female). The top seed team will always be the home team. The seeding criteria is:
 - a. Over-all record
 - b. Head-to head regular season
 - c. Strength of schedule
17. Seeding Committee will meet at the League office May 8, 2009 at 10:00 am.
18. A tournament is a series of contests in competition for a championship in which at least 1st & 2nd place is decided by a final contest between the two teams. Schools must now submit tournament format i.e., brackets for approval as part of the sanctioning process in basketball, baseball, softball, tennis and soccer. (Maximum 10 consecutive days for a tournament)
 - Varsity
 - Maximum of 10 games can be played in a combination of the two tournaments
 - If you choose to play more than five games in any one tournament this will constitute having played a second tournament
 - JV
 - Maximum of 10 games can be played in a combination of the two tournaments
 - If you choose to play more than five games in any one tournament this will constitute having played a second tournament
 - JV level does not have the option to trade in one tournament for additional regular season contests

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May 11 (Girls)
May 12 (Boys)

May 13 (Girls)
May 14 (Boys)

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May 16 (Boys)

May 18 (Girls)
May 19 (Boys)

May 22 (Girls)
May 23 (Boys)

UPPER STATE

