



League Update

January 2009

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

The Executive Committee met on January 29, 2009 to address actions or recommendations proposed by its sub-committees (Legislative, Activities and Personnel & Finance). Please review the information and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the League office.

I will be meeting with the Legislative Delegates of each classification to give further clarification of the "proposed constitutional amendments". I trust that the delegates will meet with their respective regions, explain the proposed amendments, and get directions as to how to vote (yes/no) on each amendment prior to the Legislative Assembly meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me.

One final note. The League office has received several calls from some member schools requesting waivers from the constitution. Please be mindful that any waivers granted must be submitted on the proper form(s) and approved in writing. Verbal approvals by telephone or in person are not binding.

Hope your second semester is going well and the spring sport season has gotten off to a great start.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments 2009

Article V, Section 2. Annual Meeting

(Submitted by Hillcrest HS)

Change to read:

- B. The purpose of this meeting shall be to consider legislative proposals and resolutions.
 - 1. Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be submitted by the principal or superintendent of a member school to the Commissioner and its classification Conference by July 1. After it has been approved by a majority vote of the Conference members at its fall meeting, it is to be submitted to the Commissioner prior to November 1.
 - 2. The Commissioner shall work with the submitting member school to edit the amendment so that it meets the purpose for which it was intended. The League's legal counsel shall be consulted by the Commissioner, if need be, on any proposed amendment in the editing process.
 - 3. The Executive Committee may submit proposed amendments to the Constitution prior to January 1.
 - 4. A proposed Amendment shall have a purpose statement and an impact statement attached to it that explains the purpose for which it is intended and its impact upon all League members.
 - 5. Proposed amendments along with purpose and impact statements from member schools shall be publicized in the August Bulletin of the League. All proposed amendments shall be publicized in the January Bulletin of the League.

Not recommended by Executive Committee

Article VII, Section 3, B.1. Academic Requirements

(Submitted by Beaufort Co. School Dist.)

Change to read:

To be eligible in the first semester a student must pass a minimum of six Carnegie units applicable toward a high school diploma during the previous year. At least three units must have been passed during the second semester or summer school.

Not recommended by Executive Committee

Article VII, Section 6, E. Participation and Practice Limitations

(Submitted by Stratford HS)

Change to read:

No eleventh (11th) or twelfth (12th) grader shall be allowed to participate in Sub-Varsity games in any Contact Sport. Currently, the contact sports are football, wrestling, soccer and lacrosse.

Recommended by Executive Committee

Article VII, Section 9. Transfers

(Submitted by Dutch Fork HS)

Change to read:

A transfer student will be ineligible for all varsity sports for a period of one calendar year at the new school unless he transfers under one of the circumstances set forth in subsections (A) through (J) below and only if he meets the following two criteria irrespective of whether he moves under one of the circumstances set forth in subsections (A) through (J).

Add note:

NOTE: Students that do not meet requirements (A) through (J) may play sub-varsity sports.

Not recommended by Executive Committee

Article VII, Section 9, A. 4. Transfers

(Submitted by Dutch Fork HS)

Change to read:

The entire household must be moved into a new residence.

Recommended by Executive Committee

Article VII, Section 9, 2. Transfers

(Submitted by Colleton County HS)

Add Exception statement after last sentence:

The student must not have participated on an outside team in which a coach or volunteer coach from the school the student is transferring to coached or had input into the selection of the outside team. The student would be ineligible in that sport only for one calendar year.

Exception: Criteria #2 does not apply if the student is transferring from a non-member school and has been residing in the attendance area of the school he or she is transferring to for the previous calendar year and has attended the non-member school the previous two semesters.

Recommended by Executive Committee

Article VII, Section 9, D. Transfers

(Submitted by Greenville Co. School Dist.)

Change to read:

A student who enters a high school IB, Magnet School program, charter school, or another school by freedom-of-choice offered by the school district in which the student lives will have a one time move to that program, or school, and a one time move back to his/her home school without loss of eligibility. This rule shall also apply in a move to a private member school. Students entering the magnet program, charter, freedom-of-choice school, or private member school must be made on the first day of school as a 9th grade student. A move at any other time will require a one calendar year waiting period for the student to be eligible.

Not recommended by Executive Committee

Change to read:

If the separation by court action and/or divorce occurred prior to the student entering the **9th** grade and has been for a period longer than one calendar year, the student may move to the other parent one time and be given immediate eligibility.

Recommended by Executive Committee

Change to read:

If a student is ineligible according to SCHSL rules but is permitted to participate in interscholastic competition contrary to such SCHSL rules but in accordance with the terms of a court restraining order or injunction against his/her school and/or SCHSL, and that injunction is subsequently voluntarily vacated, stayed, reversed or finally determined by the courts that injunctive relief is not or was not justified or expires without further judicial determinations, those actions stipulated in Article VII, Section 15.B shall be taken, to include reimbursement, by the school, the League's legal fees and cost."

Recommended by Executive Committee

Change to read:

The League will receive 20% of the gross gate receipts of specified post-season events with the exception of first round play-off contests. (Post-season payment to the League will begin with second round play-off contests.)

Not recommended by Executive Committee

IMPORTANT

Any superintendent or principal who has submitted a proposed amendment may speak to the amendment if they make the request in writing at least one week prior to the annual meeting of the Legislative Assembly. The above presentation to the Legislative Assembly is limited to five minutes by one person for each proposed amendment. Please submit your request to the Commissioner.

TIME SAVER

It is no longer necessary to write and request to trade one tournament for two additional regular season contests. Simply make out your schedules and submit to the League office.

The League will conduct rules clinics. It is mandatory that all head coaches attend one of the clinics. Dates and sites of the clinics are as follows:

SOFTBALL

ThursdayFebruary 5, 2009 6:00 p.m. High School League Office

BASEBALL

WednesdayFebruary 4, 2009 6:00 p.m. Stratford High School

ThursdayFebruary 5, 2009 6:00 p.m. Florence-Darlington
Tech College, Florence

MondayFebruary 9, 2009 6:00 p.m. Mauldin High School

TuesdayFebruary 10, 2009..... 6:00 p.m. Rock Hill High School

WednesdayFebruary 11, 2009..... 6:00 p.m. High School League Office

ThursdayFebruary 12, 2009..... 6:00 p.m. Dorman High School

Report from the Activities Committee

The following activities committee items **were** approved by the Executive Committee:

- The first three days of Football Spring Practice and the first three days of Football Pre-Season Practice (Fall) will be in helmets only.
- During the first three days of helmets only practices, field equipment may be used to include sleds and ground dummies.
- **NO** hand shields, arm shields, and/or stand up dummies of any kind may be used for the first three days of Spring or Pre-Season Practice.
- During the last seven days of Spring Practice, a coach can go out in any combination of pads that he prefers for his team. (They are not required to be in helmets only or in full pads only, but in any combination the coach prefers.) During this period, the use of all football equipment is permitted.

The following activities committee items **were not** approved by the Executive Committee:

- A request from the SCTCCCA that track season be extended by one week.
- A request from SCTCCCA to participate in at least two indoor track meets per year as long as the school submits eligibility and it count against the sixteen regular season meets.
- A request from the SCTCCCA to allow track and field to practice eleven students in pre-season skill sessions rather than the current number of three.
- A request from Dutch Fork High School - School facilities may not be used after school hours during closed season by students of a school except if they are members of an outside team clearly sponsored by an outside agency. Coaching an outside team during closed season is permissible provided the 75% rule is not violated. (This proposal would allow coaches to use school facilities, year-round, while coaching an outside team.)

Cancellation or Postponement of Wrestling Matches and Basketball Games

It is the school's responsibility to contact all officials of cancellations or postponements. **For wrestling matches**, contact your wrestling booking director. **For basketball games**, if you have an official that cannot work a rescheduled game, please contact Wynne Dee and she will find a replacement. If all officials can work a game that has been rescheduled and you would like to have your postponed game date and time posted on the web site, please contact Jan. Just in case you cannot log into the Arbiter website due to power outages or no access to the school, always keep a copy of your game officials information and phone numbers with you.

2009 Spring Conference for Athletics

Friday, March 13 - Wednesday, March 18

CHARLESTON MARRIOTT HOTEL

(Formerly the Charleston Riverview Hotel)

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PRINCIPAL/SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR
NOMINATION FORM

Please go to the above website to get this information!

The Conference Registration Information is on the web.

Questions: Call Margaret Carlisle at 864-288-2857



Eligibility Reminders

Second Semester Eligibility

Please refer to page A-12 Article VII Section 3B for requirements for second semester eligibility. Second semester eligibility begins when first semester ends and the student is added to the COE form signed by the principal. If you have any questions, please call before you add a student to the COE form.

Eligibility

Here's a refresher for filling out a second semester eligibility form.

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE APPROVED BY SCHOOL OFFICIALS	DATE OF BIRTH AS APPROVED BY SCHOOL OFFICIALS			GRADE	DATE STUDENT ENTERED 9TH GRADE		TOTAL UNITS EARNED PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR 1	TOTAL UNITS EARNED SECOND SEMESTER PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR 2	PREVIOUS YEAR OVERALL PASSING AVERAGE YES/NO 3	HALF UNIT EQUIVALENTS EARNED FIRST SEMESTER CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR 4	FIRST SEMESTER OVERALL PASSING AVERAGE YES/NO 5	DID NON-DIPLOMA STUDENT MEET IEP? YES/NO	TRANSFER STUDENT YES/NO *
	MONTH	DAY	YEAR		MONTH	YEAR							
<i>List Alphabetically</i>													
Smith, John	9	8	90	12	8	05	8	4	Yes	4	Yes		no
Young, Steve	10	15	91	9	8	08				5	Yes		no
Zwerling, Shaun	11	6	94	8						PA	Yes		no

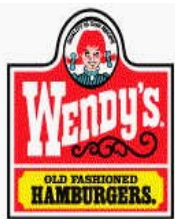
Please refer to the eligibility form above for the correct way to fill out this form.

- * List alphabetically by last name.
- * For 7 & 8 grades – second semester, **type PA in Column 4 and yes or no in Column 5.** Do not leave blank or put NA.
- * For 9, 10, 11, & 12 grades – second semester, **if column 4 is five or more, fill in columns 4 & 5 only. If column 4 is less than five fill in Column 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5.**
- * Don't forget the **transfer column** for everyone!
- * The **Special Form A** must be submitted and **approved before** submitting the student on the Certificate of Eligibility.

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PLAYOFF SITES

WRESTLING

February 14 Duals State Finals All Classifications Ridge View HS

February 20-21 Upper & Lower State Individual Qualifying Tournaments

AAAA Upper Hillcrest HS
AAAA Lower Fort Dorchester HS
AAA Upper Wade Hampton HS
AAA Lower Bluffton HS
AA Upper Broome HS
AA Lower Aynor HS
A Upper Broome HS
A Lower Aynor HS

February 27-28 Individual Finals

All Classes
Lexington High School

**BASKETBALL
UPPER STATE**

February 27

AAAA Girls 7:00 pm
AAAA Boys 8:30 pm

February 28

A Girls 11:00 am
A Boys 12:45 pm
AA Girls 2:30 pm
AA Boys 4:15 pm
AAA Girls 6:00 pm
AAA Boys 7:30 pm

Bi-Lo Center, Greenville

**BASKETBALL
STATE FINALS**

March 6

AAAA Girls 7:00 pm
AAAA Boys 8:30 pm

March 7

A Girls 11:00 am
A Boys 1:30 pm
AA Girls 3:00 pm
AA Boys 5:00 pm
AAA Girls 6:30 pm
AAA Boys 8:30 pm

Colonial Center, Columbia