



2009-2010

South Carolina High School League

AAA

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Class AAA Conference

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

MARION WATERS

Principal, Greer High School

PRESIDENT ELECT

BILL ROACH

Principal, Berea High School

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DEB OSBORNE

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REGION COORDINATORS

REGION I CLIFF ROBERTS, Seneca
 REGION II CHARLIE CRENSHAW, Berea
 REGION III JOE WALKER, Union County
 REGION IV MIKE SISK, A C Flora
 REGION V BRYAN SKIPPER, South Aiken
 REGION VI RICK DRAWDY, Darlington
 REGION VII TREVOR STRAWDERMAN, North Myrtle Beach
 REGION VIII JOHN DRAFTS, Battery Creek

PAST PRESIDENTS

1988-89 JAMES DAWSEY, South Aiken	1998-99..... BURKE ROYSTER, Seneca
1989-90 ALLIE E. BROOKS, Wilson	1999-00..... STEVE WILSON, Keenan
1990-91 BOB JONES, Fort Mill	2000-01..... EARL GILSTRAP, Daniel
1991-92 MIKE TURNER, Stall	2001-02..... ALLIE E. BROOKS, Wilson
1992-93 JOE BROADUS, Woodmont	2002-03..... REGGIE DEAN, Camden
1993-94 MICHAEL GASKINS, Lake City	2003-04.. ALLISON BATTEN, Brookland-Cayce
1994-95 RANDY DOZIER, Travelers Rest	2004-05..... LOU LAVELY, Travelers Rest
1995-96 JIMMY JOHNSON, Wren	2005-06..... DEE CHRISTOPHER, Lugoff-Elgin
1996-97 CREIG TYLER, Lugoff-Elgin	2006-08..... MARION LAWSON, Pickens
1997-98 REGGIE DEAN, Camden	2008- MARION WATERS, Greer

2009 - 2010 AAA CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

FOOTBALL

1. Belton-Honea Path
2. Wade Hampton
3. Clinton
4. Lugoff-Elgin
5. Midland Valley
6. Camden
7. Georgetown
8. Hilton Head

BASKETBALL

1. Seneca
2. Wade Hampton
3. Union County
4. Fairfield-Central
5. Airport
6. Wilson
7. North Myrtle Beach
8. Lake Marion

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

1. Pickens
2. Travelers Rest
3. Greer
4. Chester
5. Swansea
6. Darlington
7. Lake City
8. Battery Creek

VOLLEYBALL

1. West-Oak
2. Eastside
3. Riverside
4. Lower Richland
5. South Aiken
6. Crestwood
7. St. James
8. Stall

SOCCER

1. West-Oak
2. J. L. Mann
3. Riverside
4. Chapin
5. Brookland-Cayce
6. Lakewood
7. North Myrtle Beach
8. North Charleston

WRESTLING

1. Woodmont
2. Greenville
3. Chapman
4. Chester
5. Airport
6. Darlington
7. Lake City
8. North Charleston

NOMINATION/ CONSTITUTIONAL

1. Woodmont
2. J L Mann
3. Union County
4. Lugoff-Elgin
5. South Aiken
6. Crestwood
7. Myrtle Beach
8. Stall

TENNIS/GOLF

1. Daniel
2. Berea
3. Chapman
4. A C Flora
5. Brookland-Cayce
6. Marlboro County
7. St. James
8. Hilton Head

FINANCE

1. Seneca
2. J L Mann
3. Union County
4. A C Flora
5. Midland Valley
6. Wilson
7. Socastee
8. Lake Marion

TRACK/CROSS COUNTRY

1. Seneca
2. Eastside
3. Union County
4. Chapin
5. Dreher
6. Marlboro County
7. Socastee
8. Bluffton

SWIMMING/ COMPETITIVE CHEER

1. Belton-Honea Path
2. Greenville
3. Blue Ridge
4. Lower Richland
5. Dreher
6. Camden
7. Myrtle Beach
8. Bluffton

AAA CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Article 1 - Name

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the AAA 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 the program 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 members of the South Carolina High School League may become members of the conference.

Section 2: Applications for membership in this conference by a non-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 President-elect, and a Secretary-Treasurer. The President and the President-elect shall be held by a Principal of a member school. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be a Principal or Athletic Director of a member school.

Section 2: Should a vacancy occur in the office of President-elect, a successor shall be elected at the next regularly scheduled conference meeting.

Section 3: Officers of the conference shall be elected at the Spring Meeting of the Conference. The conference year shall run from July 1 to June 30.

Section 4: The term of office shall be two years. The Secretary-Treasurer may be re-elected.

Article V - Executive Committee

Section 1: The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the AAA Conference and the region coordinators for each region. In even number school years (ex: 2008-09) even numbered regions must have principals as coordinators. In odd number school years (ex: 2009-10) odd numbered regions must have principals as coordinators. A school will have only one voting member on the Executive Committee. If the region coordinator is also an officer in the conference, the region will elect a new region coordinator.

- 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. The committee will decide all appeals, and the ruling of this committee will be final within the conference.
- Section 3: The calling of the meeting of the Executive Committee shall be left to the discretion of the President or a simple majority of the Executive Committee.

Article VI - Delegates

- Section 1: Delegates to the Legislative Assembly of the South Carolina High School League will be the Region Coordinators.
- Section 2: In the event that one of the delegates is unable to attend, he shall notify the President. The President shall appoint a substitute delegate from the same region as the delegate.

Article VII - Meetings

- Section 1: The conference shall hold two regular meetings each year. The first meeting to be held prior to the end of September and a Spring Conference at a date and location to be determined by the AAA Executive Committee.
- Section 2: A \$50.00 fine will be assessed to any school not represented at the Fall or Spring AAA Conference Meetings. In case of an emergency, the Principal of the school unable to attend should notify the President of the Conference. Fines will be the responsibility of the Principal and must be paid before the next regularly scheduled conference meeting.
- Section 3: Special meetings for special purposes may be called by the President.
- Section 4: The AAA Athletic Directors will meet on the Thursday prior to the Fall AAA meeting at the High School League office.

Article VIII - Conference Championships

- Section 1: The championships will be decided by the rules of the High School League unless another method is approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the conference.
- Section 2: The President of the conference shall appoint committees and a chairman of these 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 that activity. The activity committee will be the initial step in all appeals relating to that activity.

Article IX - 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 X - Dues and Fees

Section 1: The conference shall require dues from each member school provided a majority of the conference members' vote for the same.

Article XI - Balloting

Section 1: Each member school shall have one vote for all balloting at meetings of the conference.

Section 2: The Principal of a member school, or his duly appointed representative, shall cast a vote.

Article XII - Quorum

Section 1: Fifty-one percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article XIII - Parliamentary Authority

Section 1: Robert's Rule of Order, revised, shall be the parliamentary authority for this conference.

Article XIV - Amendments

Section 1: Proposed amendments shall be acted upon at the regular scheduled Spring meeting and a two-thirds majority of the representatives of member schools present and voting shall be required for adoption.

Section 2: Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the President at least thirty days prior to the meeting.

Section 3: Proposed amendments must be submitted to member schools not less than ten days prior to the meeting by the proposing school or regions.

Section 4: Any school granted a special meeting of the AAA Executive Committee to hear an appeal to a ruling shall pay the expenses of the meeting if the ruling is sustained.

Section 5: The AAA Executive Committee can 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 AAA Executive Committee rendered its decision.

BY-LAWS

Article I - Amendments

Section 1: By-laws for this conference may be adopted, amended, or repealed at the annual spring meeting by a majority vote. Changes made at any other meeting will require a two-thirds vote of the membership present.

Article II - Division of Conference

Section 1: The AAA Conference shall be divided into eight regions for all athletic activities.

Section 2: For the school terms 2008-2009 & 2009-2010, the regions will be:

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4
Belton Honea-Path	Berea	Blue Ridge	A.C. Flora
Daniel	Eastside	Chapman	Chapin
Pickens	Greenville	Clinton	Chester
Seneca	J. L. Mann	Greer	Fairfield-Central
West-Oak	Travelers Rest	Riverside	Lower Richland
Woodmont	Wade Hampton	Union County	Lugoff-Elgin
Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Region 8
Airport	Camden	Georgetown	Battery Creek
Brookland-Cayce	Crestwood	Lake City	Bluffton
Dreher	Darlington	Myrtle Beach	Hilton Head Island
Midland Valley	Lakewood	North Myrtle Beach	Lake Marion
South Aiken	Marlboro County	Socastee	North Charleston
Swansea	Wilson	St. James	Stall

Section 3: At the Spring Region Meeting each year the members of each region will elect their region coordinator for the next school year. (Duties will begin in July.)

Article III - Committees

Section 1: Standing Committees of the conference shall be composed of three or more Principals or Athletic Directors. The President shall appoint all committee members and designate a chairman.

Section 2: The Standing Committees shall be as follows:

Baseball/Softball	Basketball
Finance	Football
Soccer	Tennis / Golf
Track / Cross County	Volleyball
Wrestling	Swimming / Competitive Cheer
Nomination / Constitutional	

Section 3: During those years when re-alignment of the South Carolina High School League occurs, the Executive Committee of the AAA Conference shall serve as the AAA re-alignment Committee to compose the regional alignment.

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: The Secretary-Treasurer shall pay expenses approved by the executive committee.

Section 2: The conference treasury must always maintain a balance sufficient to meet the needs of the conference expenses for that year. Dues must be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer by October 1 of each year. The date for submission of dues may be changed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 3: Mileage and one meal will be paid to participants of special meetings called by the President. (Reimbursement per state rates)

Article VI

Section 1: The Secretary/Treasurer of the conference shall be paid an honorarium of \$300.00.

**SOUTH CAROLINA AAA CONFERENCE
REGION I**

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"Blue Flame"

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"Bobcats"

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"Warriors"

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**SOUTH CAROLINA AAA CONFERENCE
REGION II**

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"Patriots"

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**SOUTH CAROLINA AAA CONFERENCE
REGION III**

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"Tigers"

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"Panthers"

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"Red Devils"

GREER

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"Yellow Jackets"

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"Warriors"

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**SOUTH CAROLINA AAA CONFERENCE
REGION IV**

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"Falcons"

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"Cyclones"

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**SOUTH CAROLINA AAA CONFERENCE
REGION V**

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SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL

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**SOUTH CAROLINA AAA CONFERENCE
REGION VI**

COORDINATOR: Rick Drawdy, Darlington High School

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"Bulldogs"

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"Falcons"

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"Bulldogs"

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**SOUTH CAROLINA AAA CONFERENCE
REGION VII**

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NORTH MYRTLE BEACH

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ST JAMES

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DEFINED SPORTS SEASONS

The following terms will be used and will apply to all sports:

IN-SEASON

Begins first day of legal practice and ends with elimination from state play-off competition. Organized practice is left to the discretion of each school.

OUT-OF-SEASON

Strength and conditioning programs will not be affected by the limitation on practice seasons. Conditioning programs are not to include agility drills that enhance specific skills for a given sport, nor may equipment for any sport be used. Agility drills appropriate for all sports will be acceptable.

Practice and weight training must be open to all students. These sessions cannot be mandatory for any student.

Any student participating in an illegal practice will be declared ineligible for that sport season. Any school allowing an illegal practice will be subject to League discipline to include the placing of the sport on probation.

1. Open-Season/Open Facility (2009-2010 School Year)

- a. June 1 - July 25, 2009 for Fall sports. (July 26-29, 2009 is Closed Season)
- b. June 1 - July 31, 2009 for Winter and Spring sports.

2. Open-Season/Open Facility (2010-2011 School Year)

- a. June 1 - July 24, 2010 for Fall sports. (July 26-31, 2010 is Closed Season)
- b. June 1 - July 31, 2010 for Winter and Spring sports.

NOTE: Ten days of school against school competition are permitted during open season/open facilities. Participation at team camps and other outside organizations is included in these 10 days. No school will be permitted to attend or participate in team camps during closed season.

School facilities will be open to all students and coaches who may be involved with the planning and monitoring of activities, including organized practice, during these time periods.

Participation cannot be mandatory for any student.

CLOSED SEASON

Any time except In-Season and the Open Season/Open Facility dates listed above. During closed seasons, school facilities cannot be used for anything except conditioning and weight training.

OTHER REGULATIONS

- a. Activities that take place during the school day are local matters and are not affected by these regulations. However, any activity involving prospective athletes during the school day must be open to all students.
- b. 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. If an outside team uses school facilities during a closed season, no coach (including volunteer coaches) from that school or its feeder school may be associated with that outside team. Coaching outside teams during a closed season is permissible provided school facilities, including those of feeder schools, are not used and the 75% rule is not violated.

(Refer to A-29 for details on the 75% rule.) Beginning March 25, a coach may coach an outside team and use school facilities.

- c. Outdoor facilities normally available to the public will not be restricted by these regulations on non school days. In other words, if it is the normal practice of the school to allow the general public to use these facilities on the weekends, there will be no violation if more than three students are present, provided there is no coach present, and there is no attempt to facilitate practice.
- d. A coach may accompany prospective team members to a camp or clinic during a closed season, but may not be involved with teaching skills to his or her own players.
- e. Organized practice is defined as the gathering of a coach(es) and more than the number of student-athletes (per sport program) listed on the chart below for the purpose of teaching sport specific skills. It also includes the use of school facilities by more student-athletes (per sport program) than those listed on the chart below:

Volleyball (4)	Competitive Cheer (15)	Baseball (7)
Tennis (3)	Wrestling (11)	Softball (7)
Cross County (3)	Basketball (3)	Soccer (8)
Golf (3)	Lacrosse-Girls (9)	Track & Field (3)
Football (8)	Lacrosse-Boys (7)	
Swim (3)		

BASEBALL / SOFTBALL REGULATIONS

- I. General Rules
 - A. National Federation Baseball/Softball Rules will be used in all games. The following speed-up rules may be used.
 - 1. 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/Softball Rule book for regulations.
 - B. The head coach must attend a League sponsored rules clinic.
 - C. 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-56 of the League Handbook.
 - D. 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 26.
 - E. **Individual players who are 7th through 10th graders will be allowed to play in 20 regular season contests and two tournaments.**
 - F. All varsity games must be scheduled for 7 innings. If a double header is played, the games may be for 5 innings.
 - G. 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.
 - H. Postponed games during the regular season will be made up on the next available playing date.
- II. Declaring Region Champions, Runners-up and Other Play-Off Representatives.
 - A. Each region will use its own method to declare the teams participating in the state play-offs.
 - B. Each region shall report its representative to the state AAA chairperson no later than 9:00 am Wednesday, April 28. The 2009 chairperson to be notified is Rocky Pitman, Travelers Rest High School.
 - C. Each team must play each member of the region twice. In the event a school refuses to play another school in the same region, that school becomes ineligible for any play-off berth and forfeits to all the other teams for the purpose of declaring region champions and play-off teams.
 - D. To be eligible for state play-off berths, schools must play a minimum of twelve and up to a maximum of eighteen regular season games.
- III. Qualifiers and Brackets for Play-Offs
 - A. 32 teams will qualify for the state play-offs.

- B. Four double elimination District Tournaments of four teams each will be held both in the Upper State and the Lower State. The District Tournaments will begin on Thursday, April 29.
- IV. District Tournament
- A. The highest seeded team will host games 1, 2, 3, and 4. The undefeated team will host game 6 and 7 (if necessary). If game 7 is necessary, it will be played 30 minutes after completion of the first game and a coin toss will determine the home team.
 - B. See brackets on pages 22 and 23.
- V. Upper and Lower State Championship
- A. The four district winners will advance to the Upper and Lower State Championships.
 - B. The Champions from District 1, 4, 5, and 8 will host games 1 and 2. The winner of game 1 will host game 4. The loser of game 2 will host game 3. The loser of game 4 will host game 5. The undefeated team will host games 6 and 7. If game 7 is played the home team will be determined by a coin toss.
 - C. See brackets on page 24.
- VI. State Championship Series
- A. 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 beginning Monday, May 17 and continuing on Wednesday, May 19 and Friday, May 21 if necessary unless agreed upon otherwise by both schools. In 2009-2010, the first game of the series will be played at the school representing the lower and the second game of the series will be played at the school representing the upper state.
 - B. A third game, if necessary, will be played at a neutral site centrally located and secured by the upper state champion.
 - 1. Officials for this game will be secured by the League Office and selected from a neutral district.
 - 2. Coaches will toss a coin to determine home team.
 - 3. Security is the responsibility of both schools and each school must control fans.
- VII. Play-off Finances
- A. Upper/Lower State Tournaments
 - 1. Gate receipts will be disbursed according to the financial statement in the Athletic Directors' Notebook.
 - 2. Admission is \$5.00.
 - 3. The host school is responsible for securing umpires through the local booking secretary.

B. State Championship Series

1. Gate receipts will be disbursed according to the financial statement in the Athletic Directors' Notebook.
2. 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.
3. Admission will be \$6.00.
4. Home teams will secure umpires. Three officials will be used in this series.

VIII. IMPORTANT DATES

A. Schedule Due – February 1

B. First Practice – February 1

C. First Scrimmage – February 8

D. Eligibility Due – Seven days prior to 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.

E. First Contest – March 8

F. Play-offs begin April 29

IX. 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

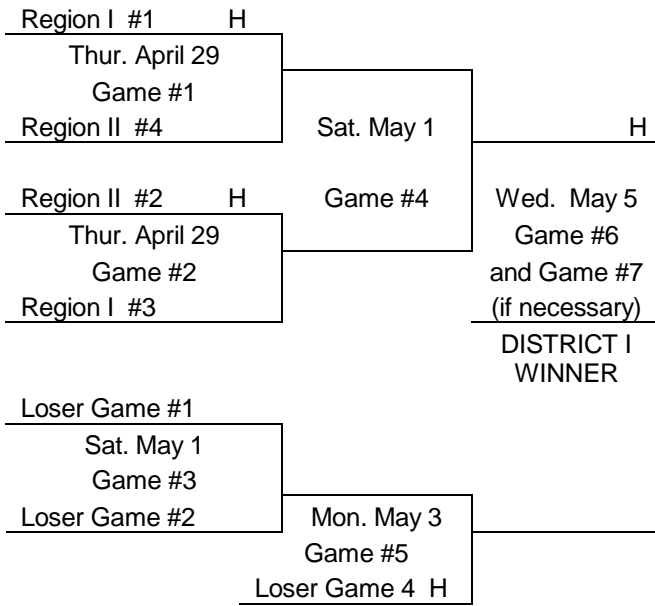
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- Maximum of 10 games can be played in a combination of the two tournaments
- If you choose to play more than five games in any one tournament this will constitute having played a second tournament
- JV level does not have the option to trade in one tournament for additional regular season contests

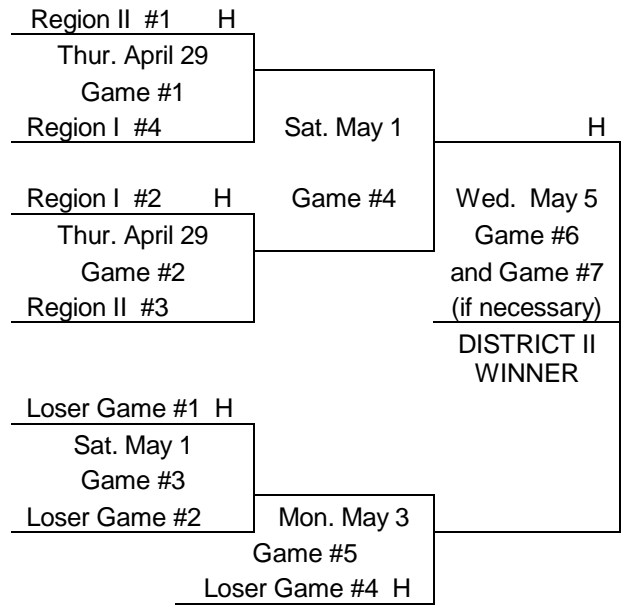
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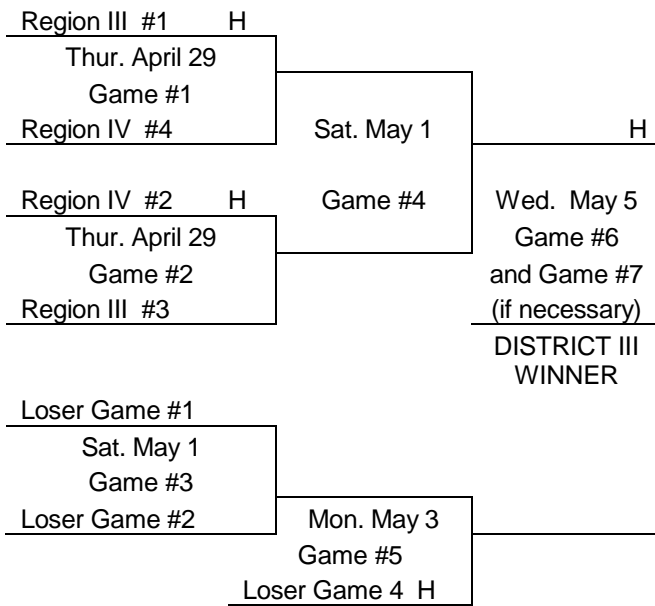
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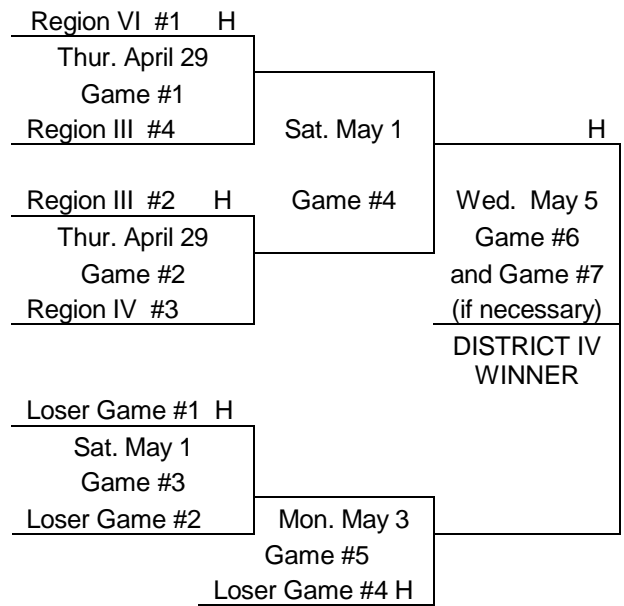
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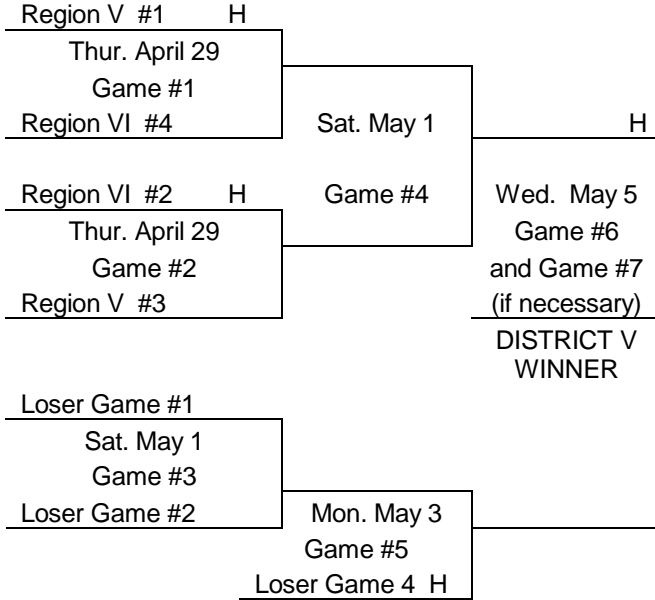


NOTE: The higher seeded team will host in games #3 and #4. In game #6 the undefeated team will host and if game #7 is played, the site will be the same as game #6 but the home team will be determined by a coin toss.

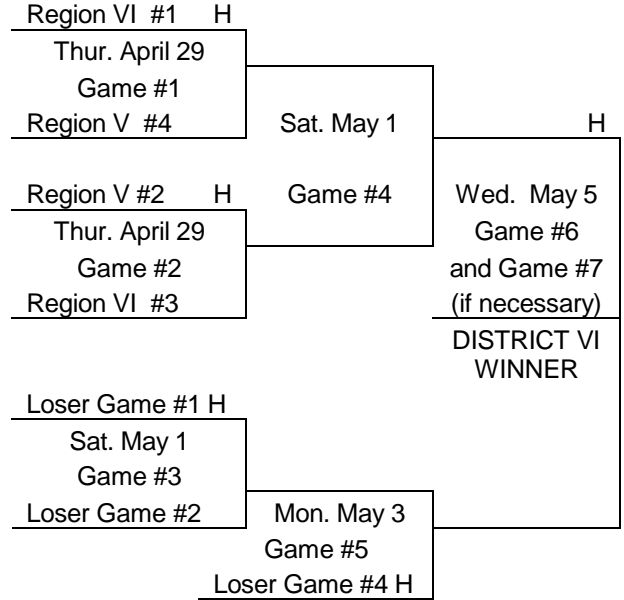
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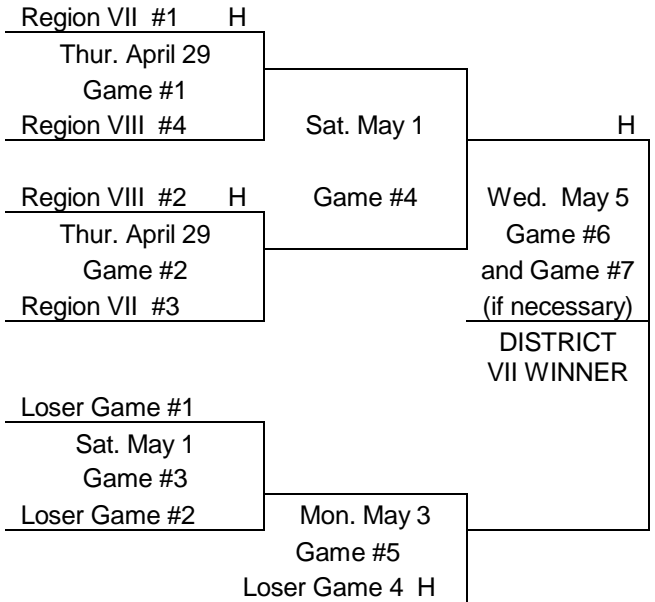
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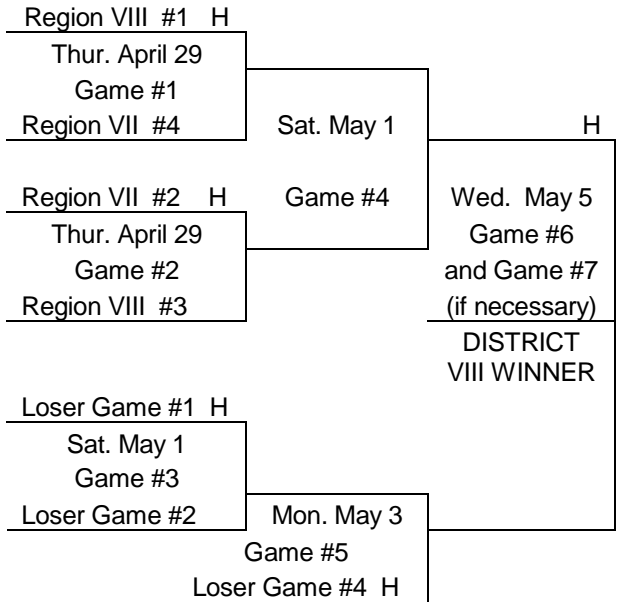
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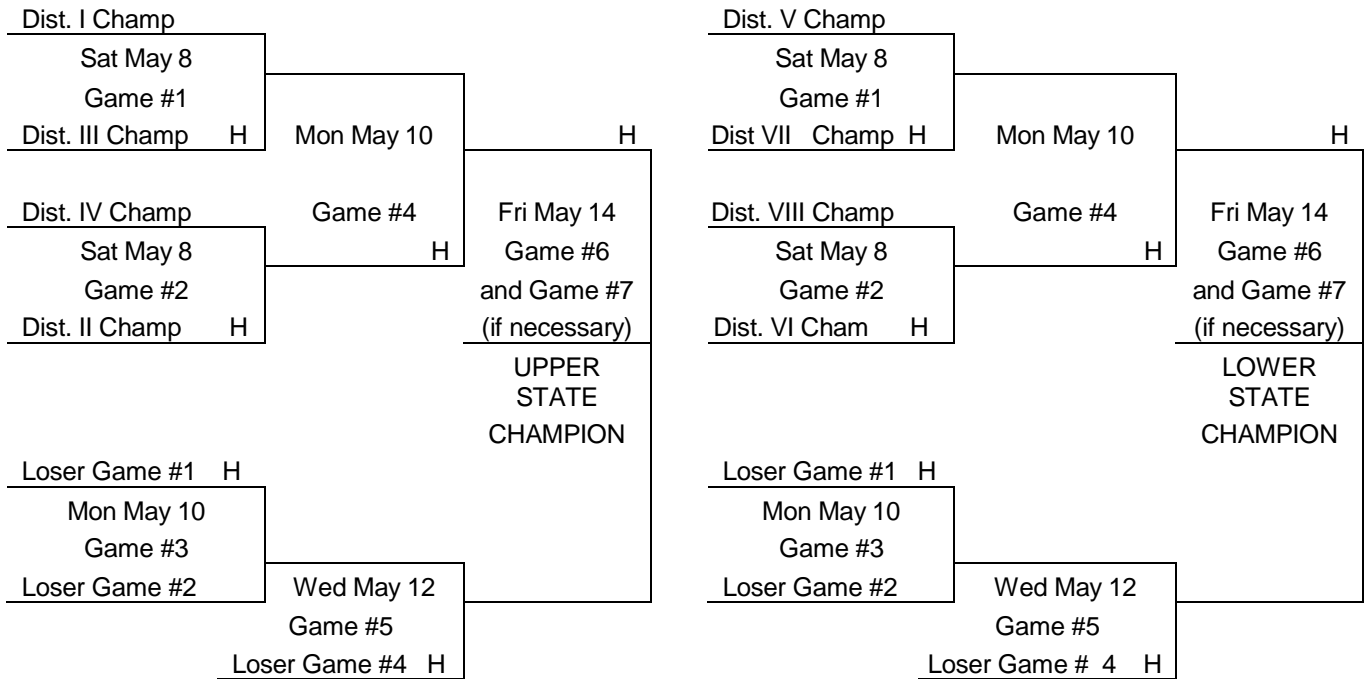


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UPPER AND LOWER STATE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS

UPPER STATE

LOWER STATE



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.

State 2009-2010

Game One

Upper State Champion	
Lower State Champion	H

Game Two

Upper State Champion	H
Lower State Champion	

Game Three (if necessary)

Upper State Champion	
Neutral Site	
Lower State Champion	

BASKETBALL REGULATIONS

- I. The League will sponsor state basketball play-offs for boys and girls in each of the four classes.
- II. Official rules published by the National Federation may be obtained from the League. By state adoption "the head coach may rise in front of his or her seat within the confines of a designated coaches' box to give instructions to his or her players and/or substitutes and return immediately to his or her seat."
- III. The head coach must attend a League sponsored rules clinic.
- IV. **IMPORTANT DATES**
 - A. Schedule Due - October 1
 - B. First Practice - November 2
 - C. First Scrimmage - November 9
 - D. Eligibility Due - Seven 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.
 - E. First contest – November 30
- V. **Home Team Responsibilities**
 - A. The Principal of the host school will prohibit the use of loud noisemakers, such as a cowbell, air horns, radios and musical instruments. Megaphones for cheering purposes will be used only by cheerleaders. The tournament director will forbid noisemakers during tournament play.
 - B. Pep bands or musical entertainment may be permitted prior to the game, during half time or following the game. Under no circumstances will any musical instruments be used at any other time.
 - C. 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.
 - D. 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.
- VI. **Contest Restrictions**
 - A. A school may play 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 23 for each level of participation.
 - B. 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.
 - C. 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 pm. The second game will begin 20 minutes after the conclusion of the first game.

- D. Overtime periods for all games played in quarters of less than eight minutes will be four minutes each.
 - E. All junior varsity, "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.
- VII. All teams must be accompanied by an adult who must be present at all times that dressing rooms are in use.
- VIII. The region will select the site for any play leading toward the region Championship. Region trophies must not exceed 21 inches in height.
- IX. Play-offs - Qualifiers and Brackets
- A. 32 teams will qualify for the state play-offs.
 - B. Each region will be responsible for determining the method for assigning play-off positions in the event that teams are tied. It is the region's responsibility (either the region coordinator or designee) to forward this information to the High School League by February 13, 2010 by 9:00 am. The play-offs for girls will begin on Monday, February 15, 2010 and for boys on Tuesday, February 16, 2010.
 - C. Brackets – See page 28. (Upper State - Bi-Lo Center, February 27, Lower State – Citadel, February 27)
 - D. State Play-Off Regulations
 1. Fifteen players, two managers, one bus driver, two statisticians, one scorekeeper, one sponsor, and varsity cheerleaders in uniform will be admitted without charge. All other persons must have tickets.
 2. No school may practice at the site of a state play-off game unless the site is on its campus.
 3. 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.
 4. The home team must insure that a responsible adult keeps the clock at all playoff games.
 5. If uniforms do not contrast, the home team will change unless their uniform is white. Teams must bring two sets of jerseys.
 6. An admission of \$10.00 will be charged for the State Finals. All other sessions will be \$5.00.
 7. For Third and Fourth round games the host school will make 1/3 of the game tickets available, if requested, to the visiting team for pre-game sale. It is the responsibility of the visiting team to make arrangements to pick up these tickets and return any unsold tickets with a financial statement to the host school at least 1½ hours before game time.
 8. Upper and Lower State championship games will be held at neutral sites. The higher seeded team (home team) will be responsible for arrangements, tickets, gate, security, etc. A minimum seating requirement of 1500 is to be maintained. Some consideration must be given to the location between the two schools involved. If the two schools cannot reach an agreement on location, they will contact the chairman of the AAA Basketball Committee for assistance. Only as a last resort will the High School League be contacted for assistance.

9. Disbursements of Proceeds:

First Round

- 1. Officials' fees will be deducted. The remainder will be divided between the two schools. (See financial statement for accounting of additional \$1.00)

Second through Semi-Final Rounds

- 1. 20 % (gross gate) will be sent to the League. (See financial statement for accounting of additional \$1.00).
- 2. Officials' fees will be deducted.

MINIMUM SEATING REQUIREMENTS	Third Round	1,500
	Semi-Finals	1,500 (Neutral Site)

*There will be no minimum seating for AAA girls or first two rounds of boys' competition. Host schools will be expected to hold the games in gymnasiums with adequate facilities and large enough to handle the crowds. Exceptions to minimum seating requirements will be left to the discretion of the Commissioner.

- X. The following regulations will govern the closed season. See other restrictions under Defined Sports Seasons (pages 17 and 18).
 - A. Coaches may supervise weight training and conditioning programs. No equipment of the sport may be used and no skills may be taught during these sessions.
 - B. School facilities may not be used by students of the school except if they are members of a clearly defined outside team or program.
 - C. No coach of the school may be involved with an outside team if the facilities of the school or feeder school are used.
 - D. A coach may coach an outside team if school facilities are not used. The outside team must be sponsored by an outside agency, and the League's 75% rule shall be enforced.
 - E. From March 25 through July 31, a coach may coach an outside team and use school facilities.
 - F. The League's 75% rule is not in effect if no coach (including volunteer coaches) from that school or feeder school is associated with the outside team.
- XI. 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
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 - 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
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CLASS AAA BASKETBALL

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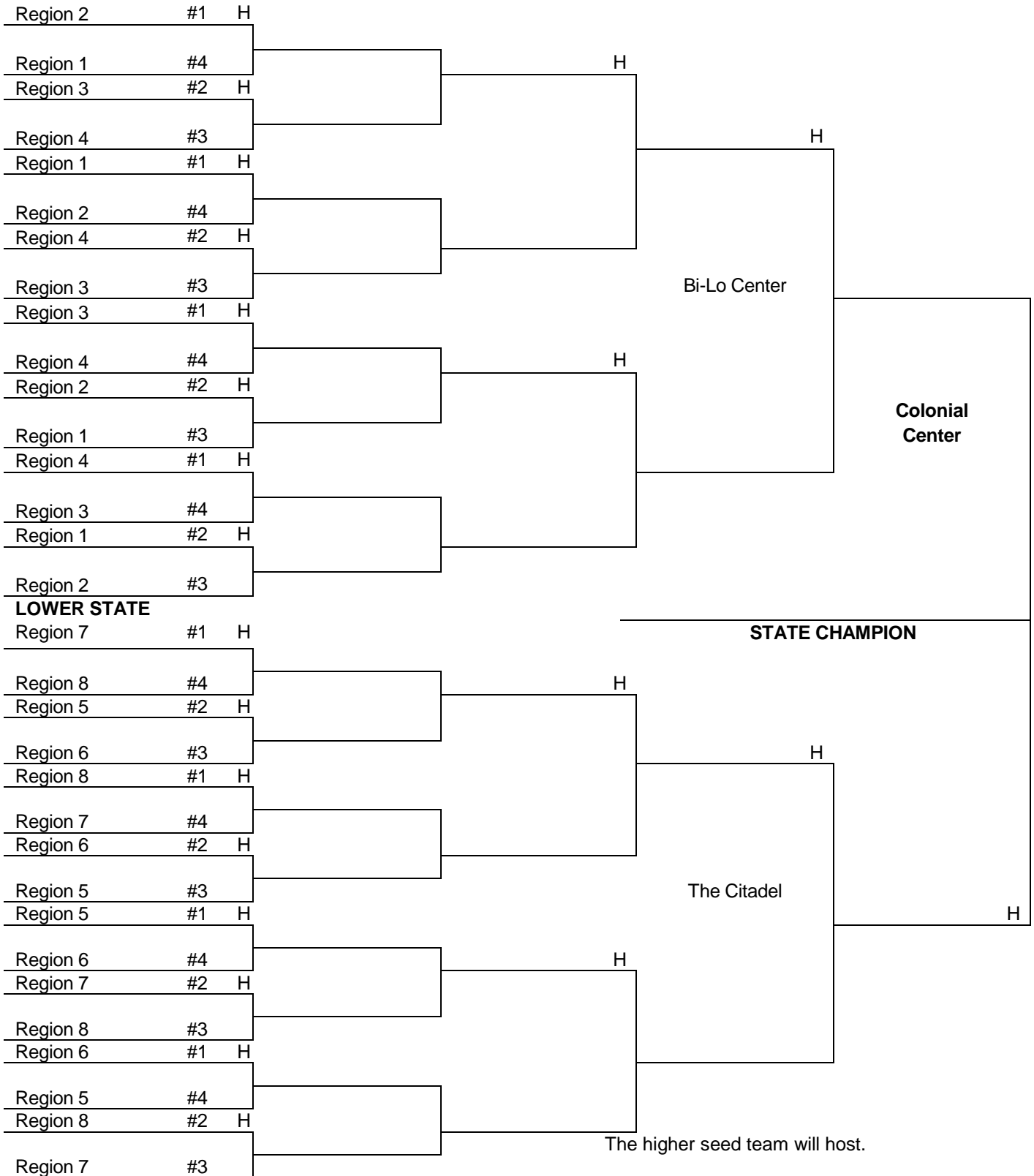
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6:30 pm Mar. 6 (G)
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UPPER STATE



COMPETITIVE CHEER REGULATIONS

- I. The League will sponsor a championship in each classification that has at least one-third of its schools participating. If this requirement is not met, schools may enter the tournament of the next higher classification.

- II. The head coach must attend a League sponsored rules clinic.

- III. **IMPORTANT DATES**
 - First Date for PracticeJuly 31
 - First Date for CompetitionSeptember 1
 - Number of Contests PermittedEight (8) per school (6 JV)
 - Deadline for Notification of EntryOctober 23
 - Required minimum number of contests.....Two
 - Qualifying UpperNovember 11(Dorman HS)
Lower November 12 (Airport HS)
 - State CompetitionNovember 21 (Carolina Coliseum)
 - Eligibility Due.....7 days before first competition
 - Spring Practice and/or team selection 15 days permitted (April 5 - May 31)

- IV. Competitive season ends when a team is eliminated from region or state competition. The High School League Executive Committee must approve any exceptions.

- V. The National Federation Spirit Rule Book and the South Carolina High School League Competitive Cheer Manual will be used for all South Carolina High School League competitions.

- VI. The South Carolina High School League strongly recommends that all competitive cheer coaches take the American Association of Cheer Coaches and Advisors safety certification course.

- VII. Each school may enter one team. Members of the competitive team must have been a member of a support cheer squad during the school year. The maximum number of participating squad members is 24. 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.

- . 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.

VIII. STATE COMPETITION REGULATIONS

A. Competitive Area

1. 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, competitors and officials are permitted in the competitive area.

B. Order of Competition

1. The South Carolina High School League will determine the order of competition for the state finals.
2. 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

1. 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".

IX. Play-Off Sites

- a. Upper State - Dorman High School on Wednesday, November 11 at 7:30 pm.
- b. Lower State - Airport High School on Thursday, November 12 at 6:00 pm.
- c. State Finals on Saturday, November 21 at the Carolina Coliseum at 1:30 pm.

X. 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 the lower state competition.

NOTE: For example, if 15 schools enter the upper state qualifier and 5 schools enter the lower state qualifier, then 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.
- c. NOTE: For example, if 10 schools enter from the upper state qualifier and 12 schools enter 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 HSL will be empowered to award 6 to the upper state and 7 to the lower state.
- d. Performance times for State Championship will be determined by point totals accrued at qualifiers. Lowest scoring teams will perform first while the highest scoring team will go last. In case of ties, the SCHSL will break the ties for performance time by a coin toss.

CROSS COUNTRY REGULATIONS

- I. General Rules
 - A. Girls and Boys teams are treated as individual teams, but the following regulations apply to both teams.
 - B. A team consists of not less than five nor more than seven runners.
 - C. Schools are limited to 16 meets, including invitationals, during the regular season. One invitational may be pre-season to begin August 21, 2009.
 - D. The length of the Cross Country Course may vary, but is recommended to be between 2.9 and 3.1 miles.

- II. Declaring Region Team Champions
 - A. It is recommended that all schools that field a Cross Country Team compete at least once with every team in their respective region during the regular season.
 - B. Each region will determine the Region Champion by its own predetermined method.
 - C. An athlete, who has not completed a minimum of two Cross Country races, will not be allowed to enter and run in the Region or State Qualifying Meets. This must be verified by the coach on the entry form for the Region Meet.

- III. State Championship and Qualifying
 - A. All schools will participate in a qualifying meet – one in the Upper State and one in the Lower State.
 - B. The High School League will assign each school that enters to a qualifying site. The numbers of schools at each site should be 50% of the teams that enter.
 - C. Twelve teams from each site will qualify for the State Championships.

NOTE: Qualifying spots not used by one qualifying site will become at-large spots for the other qualifying site by using places 13 and higher until 24 total teams are selected for the state championships.
 - D. The High School League will determine the site for each school by the closest proximity to the qualifying site. Teams can petition to go to the other site.
 - E. If for some reason the 50% cannot be established, the High School League will adjust the number of qualifying teams to the same percentage as the percentage of teams at each qualifying site.

NOTE: For example, 36 teams enter the qualifying meets. Because of location of the schools entered, the High School League decides to send 20 teams to the Upper State and the remaining 16 to the Lower State. The Upper State meet would be allowed 13 schools to qualify ($20/36 = 55.5\%$ and $55.5\% \times 24 = 13.3$) and the Lower State would be allowed 11 schools to qualify ($16/36 = 44.4\%$ and $44.4\% \times 24 = 10.6$). This ratio may be different for boys and girls teams as well as different between the two (three) conferences.
 - F. The top 45 individuals will also qualify even if his/her team does not provided the teams are divided equally. If not, then three (3) qualifying individuals are transferred from one site to the other for each team that is moved from one site to another.

G. Qualifying Meets

1. Upper State – Heritage Park, Simpsonville (Eastside HS), October 31
2. Lower State – Sandhills Research Center (Dreher HS) October 31

H. State Meet Qualification

1. Any eligible team member of a qualified team for the State Meet may be used to represent his school in the State Meet.
2. Substitutes may not be used in place of qualifying individuals.

I. The AAA Conference in cooperation with the South Carolina High School League and the South Carolina Track and Cross Country Coaches Association, will sponsor a State Championship Meet to determine the AAA State Cross Country Champions.

J. Regulations for Qualifying and State Meets

1. A school may be represented by individuals or a full team.
2. State Meet entries must qualify through their assigned Qualifying Meet.
3. Starting positions will be determined by a draw.
4. Team scores will be determined by totaling the numerical position of the first five runners from each team. The low aggregate scores will determine team positions.
5. A non-team runner's place will be omitted when determining team scores, and each runner will advance in the order of their finish. Schools must run a full team (5 Runners) to be eligible for the State Meet.
6. Ties will be broken according to the rules book. (The team with the first 6th place finisher will be the higher place team.)

IV. IMPORTANT DATES

- A. Schedule Due - September 1
- B. 1st Practice – July 31
- C. 1st Scrimmage - August 7
- D. Eligibility Due - 7 days prior to first contest
- E. 1st contest – August 31
- F. Deadline to report State Meet Entries - October 16
- G. Qualifying Meets Completed By – October 31
- H. State Meet - November 7 Sandhills Research Park, Columbia

FOOTBALL REGULATIONS

- I. General Guidelines
 - A. Each team must play each member of the region. In the event any school refuses to play another school in the same region, that school becomes ineligible for any play-off berth and forfeits to all other teams for the purpose of declaring play-off participants.
 - B. Official rules published by the National Federation shall govern all contests. The Kansas System of Elimination shall be used to break a tie in all regular season games, playoff games and the State Championship.
 - C. Each region is responsible for reporting their playoff participants to the High School League on the Saturday following the last regular season game.
 - D. It is recommended that a \$6.00 admission be charged for all regular season games.

- II. Play-Offs - Qualifiers and Brackets
 - A. 32 teams will qualify for the state play-offs.
 - B. Each region will be responsible for determining the method for assigning play-off positions in the event that teams are tied. It is the region's responsibility (either the region coordinator or designee) to forward this information to the High School League by 9:00 a.m. on October 31, 2009.
 - C. Brackets – See page 35.

- III. Regulations Governing State Play-Offs
 - A. All games will be played on Friday night at either 7:30 pm or 8:00 pm with the decision being left up to the home team. Both teams will have to agree to any other change.
 - B. The sites of the game will be left to the discretion of the host schools, but they will be expected to play in stadiums with adequate facilities and large enough to handle the crowds. Adequate facilities include a restraining fence around the field or a stadium configuration that allows for control of spectator access to the playing field.

SEATING REQUIREMENTS AAA PLAYOFFS

First and Second Round	- 3,500
Third and Fourth Round	- 4,500
Championship	- 6,000

If the above minimum seating is not available, a stadium with a smaller seating capacity may be used with the approval of the Commissioner provided the stadium has a restraining fence around the playing field.

- C. The host school will obtain pre-numbered tickets for playoff games. In Round One through Round Four the price will be \$6.00. In the State Finals, the price will be \$10.00 and the High School League will furnish the tickets.

D. DISBURSEMENT OF PROCEEDS

1. 20 % of the gross gate proceeds to the League beginning with the 2nd round games.
 2. Cost of officials.
 3. Security - \$300.00 maximum allowed. The host school will pay the difference.
 4. The remainder will be divided between the two schools. Exception will be the finals.
- E. Within 15 days following the play-off, the host school will send copies of the financial statement to the League and the visiting school.
- F. The home team will wear dark jerseys, unless other arrangements are made in writing with the home team.

IV. IMPORTANT DATES

- A. Schedule Due - May 1
- B. First Practice – July 31
- C. First Contact Practice - August 4
- D. First Scrimmage - August 6
- E. Eligibility Due - 7 Days prior to first game
- F. First Contest - August 27
 - 10 Varsity games
 - 10 Junior varsity or 9th grade games

V. Regular Season Games

- A. The home team will determine the starting time, within reason.
- B. Officials certified by the League must be used in all varsity games.
- C. A team may not schedule more than one game in any week nor participate in more than one game in any four-day period, except it may play a postponed game on Monday, and a regularly scheduled game on Thursday. A student has the same limitation on playing, as does a team.
- D. Only 11th graders or below can play JV football. Only 9th graders or below can play 9th grade football.

GOLF REGULATIONS

I. General Rules

- A. The Rules of Golf, as approved by The United States Golf Association (USGA), will govern all play except where modified by local course rules.

NOTE: "A penalty imposed by a Rule of Golf shall not be waived by a local rule."

- B. A match shall consist of no less than nine (9) holes.
- C. A team shall consist of five (5) players (score the lowest four).
- D. Golf Teams are limited to sixteen (16) varsity matches and twelve (12) junior varsity matches including invitational tournaments.
- E. Caddies, electric or motorized carts are not permitted, but "hand carts" may be used.
- NOTE: A request to waive this regulation must be approved by the AAA principals prior to the event.
- F. Practice between holes is prohibited. (Two stroke penalty).
- G. Throwing of clubs on a course is prohibited. (Two stroke penalty).
- H. A coach may converse with or advise his player as the player walks from the green to the next tee. The player must be ready to continue play at the appropriate time. Violation of the rule will result in a one-stroke penalty for slow play.

I. Scoring

1. Regular Season. - A total of the four low players' scores will comprise the team score.
2. Tournament - For each eighteen holes or part played, the total of the four low players' scores will comprise the team's score for that round. The team's score for a tournament will be the sum of all rounds or parts played.
3. Score Cards - Must be totaled, signed and attested. Each player is responsible for his hole-by-hole score. If he gives a score over what he made on the hole, the score will stand as recorded. If he gives a score lower than he made, he will be disqualified. Under no circumstances should a player keep his own card. The player (competitor) is solely responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole.

J. Breaking Ties

1. Teams tied for a position (Champion or runner-up) will be resolved by a sudden death stroke play-off by the four low players of the last eighteen holes of play. This will begin on the first tee or on a tee as designated by the Committee (person or persons responsible for the tournament), with all four players teeing-off in the same group, beginning with the number four player and progressing in order to the number one player.
2. Individuals tied for a position (1st, 2nd, 3rd) will be resolved in the same manner.

K. Postponement / Cancellation

1. Match Play - In the event a match cannot be completed (nine holes) it must be replayed in its entirety or cancelled.

2. Tournament - In the event play has to be stopped, all players will mark their ball in an appropriate manner where play is suspended. If play cannot continue the same day, the round will begin from the beginning the next day. If play cannot begin again, the score will revert to the one-half round that has been completed by all players. All tournaments will be at least eighteen holes.

L. Post - Season Play

1. After qualifying deadline, only schools that have qualified for the AAA State Golf Tournament and have not satisfied the sixteen match limit (see part D) can continue to compete against other schools in match play.
2. It is strongly suggested that players carry a USGA Rules Book in their golf bag and use it whenever a question arises. Knowing the Rules may enable a player to not only avoid penalties, but also save strokes.
3. The host school for the Girls & Boys State Championships will participate in State even if they do not qualify through the upper or lower qualifiers.

II. Declaring Region Qualifiers

- A. In boys golf, each upper state region shall qualify four teams to the upper state tournament and each lower state region shall qualify four teams to the lower state tournament. Each region will also qualify one individual from a non-qualifying team. Upper and lower state tournaments will be 18 hole events. The top 8 teams from the upper state and lower state tournaments will qualify for the state tournament. The top 3 individuals from non-qualifying teams will qualify for the state tournament. In the event of a tie for a champion or state tournament qualifying position, the tie will be broken by a sudden death playoff. The upper state will be held on May at Cobb's Glen Golf Club, Anderson (Daniel HS). The lower state will be held on May at Darlington Country Club (Darlington HS).
- B. The AAA Boys State Championship will be held on May 17-18 at Quail Creek, Coastal Carolina (Host-North Myrtle Beach High School).
- C. Qualifying Information for State Tournament.
 1. Name of school and coach.
 2. Position finished (Champion, Runner-Up, or Medallist).
 3. Phone number of school and coach (also home number).
- D. The AAA Upper Qualifier for girls will be held at Northwoods Golf Club (A. C. Flora HS) on October 19. Entries are due to the High School League by October 8. Team entry fee - \$50, Individual entry fee - \$10. **Please make checks payable to A. C. Flora High School.**
- E. The AAA Lower Qualifier will be held at Camden Country Club on October 20. Entries are due to the High School League by October 8. Team entry fee - \$50, Individual entry fee - \$10. **Please make checks payable to Brookland-Cayce High School.**
- F. 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.

- G. The AAA Girls State Championship will be held on October 26 & 27, 2009 at Quail Creek Golf Club (host school: North Myrtle Beach HS). The AAA State Tournament will be medal play for two-days, thirty-six holes. Team entry fee - \$100, Individual entry fee - \$25. **Please make checks payable to North Myrtle High School.**

III. Tournament Regulations (Region and State)

- A. All rules previously covered in Section I apply to all tournaments.
- B. Players from the same school cannot be paired together.
- C. Pairings will be determined by player positions as designated by his coach when application is submitted to the Tournament Committee. The following pairings will be based on previous round(s).

V.	IMPORTANT DATES	Girls	Boys
	A. First Practice.....	July 31	February 2
	B. First Scrimmage	August 7	February 9
	C. Schedule Due	September 1.....	March 1
	D. Eligibility Due	Seven days prior to first regular season match	
	E. First Contest	August 24	March 9

SOCCER REGULATIONS

- I. General Rules
 - A. National Federation rules will be used in all games.
 - B. Head coach must attend a League sponsored rules clinic.
 - C. No match may end in a tie. In regular season matches, there will be two full five minute overtime periods. If a tie still exists, penalty kicks will determine the winner.
 - D. In the event a soccer match is called prior to completion of one half because of conditions, which make it impossible to continue play, the game will resume at the point of interruption.
 - E. Schools must use officials that are certified by the League Office.
 - F. Instructions for postponing or canceling games for which certified officials are booked are printed on page B-56 of the League Handbook.
 - G. 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 26.
 - H. The State Finals will be played at TBA.

- II. State Playoffs – Boys and Girls
 - A. 32 teams will qualify for the state play-offs.
 - B. Each region will be responsible for determining the method for assigning play-off positions in the event that teams are tied. It is the region's responsibility (either the region coordinator or designee) to forward this information to the High School League by 9:00 a.m. on May 7, 2010. May 6 is the last play date.
 - C. Brackets – See page 42.
 - D. In the event a match ends in a tie the following procedure will be used until the tie is broken.
 - 1. Two full ten minute overtime periods.
 - 2. Two five minute sudden victory overtime periods will be used.
 - 3. Penalty kicks will determine the winner.

CLASS AAA SOCCER

May 10 - Girls
May 11 - Boys

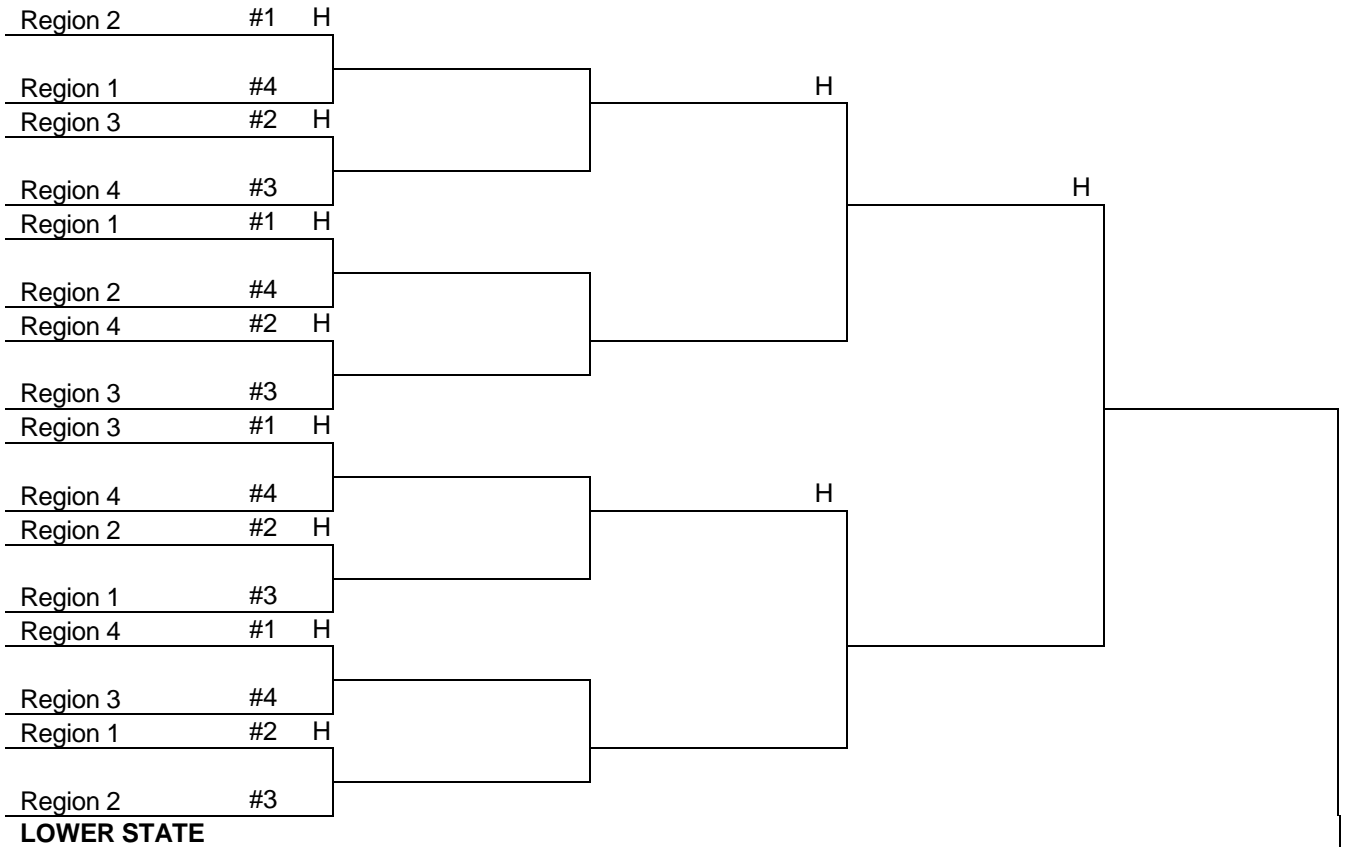
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May 14 - Girls
May 15 - Boys

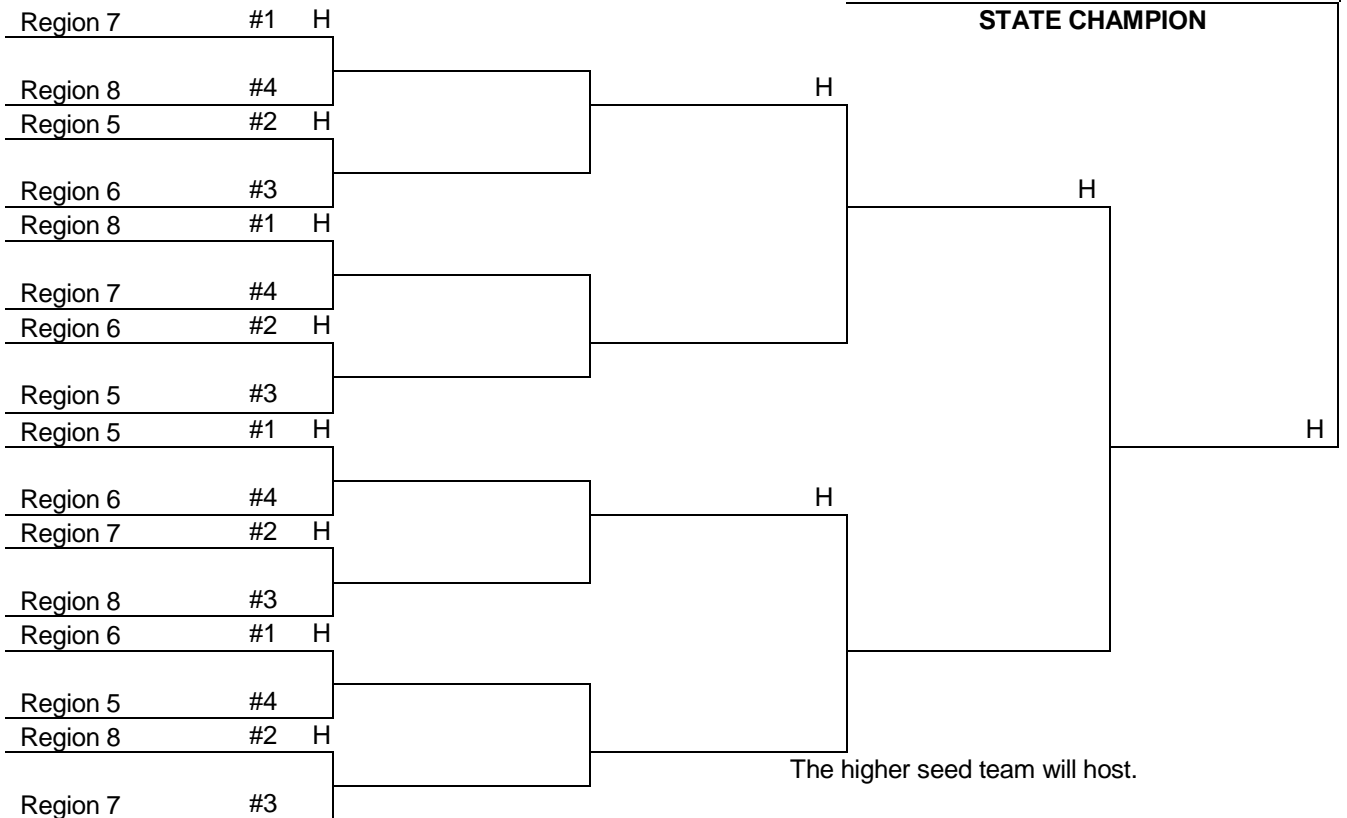
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May 21 - Girls
May 22 - Boys

UPPER STATE



LOWER STATE



STATE CHAMPION

SWIMMING REGULATIONS

- I. 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.
- II. National Federation Rules shall govern all contests and may be obtained from the League Office.

III. **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Schedule Due	August 17
First Practice	July 31
First Scrimmage	August 7
Eligibility Due	7 days prior to first regular season meet
First Contest	August 17
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	Saturday, October 3 by midnight, 1 week prior to State Meet
State Championship Meet	October 10

IV. **COMPETITIVE SEASON**

- a) All regular season meets and invitationals must be concluded before the State Championship Meet. Region Championship Meets are considered regular season meets
 - 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.
- V. 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.
- VI. 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.
- VII. Teams may swim other teams outside their Region provided the limitations of Section 6 are met.
- VIII. Teams in Regions not having a Region Championship Meet may swim in another Region Championship meet by permission of the host team.

IX. 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. Swimmers with AQT must be officially entered into the State meet to be accepted. Swimmers with CT must be officially entered into the State meet to be considered. State meet entries submitted for swimmers with Automatic Qualifying or Consideration Times are subject to individual and meet entry limits.

X. 2009-2010 STATE MEET QUALIFYING TIMES AND YEARLY UPDATE PROCEDURE

Girl's Events	Classes AAA, AA & A	
	Automatic	Consideration
200-yd Medley Relay	2:07.46	2:17.66
200-yd Freestyle	2:15.38	2:26.21
200-yd Individual Medley	2:33.05	2:45.29
50-yd Freestyle	0:27.95	0:30.19
100-yd Butterfly	1:09.39	1:14.94
100-yd Freestyle	1:00.87	1:05.74
500-yd Freestyle	6:05.09	6:15.00
200-yd Freestyle Relay	1:54.50	2:03.65
100-yd Backstroke	1:11.07	1:16.75
100-yd Breaststroke	1:20.20	1:26.61
400-yd Freestyle Relay	4:13.05	4:33.29

Boy's Events	Classes AAA, AA & A	
	Automatic	Consideration
200-yd Medley Relay	1:56.32	2:05.63
200-yd Freestyle	2:09.35	2:19.69
200-yd Individual Medley	2:26.19	2:37.88
50-yd Freestyle	0:24.75	0:26.73
100-yd Butterfly	1:04.57	1:09.74
100-yd Freestyle	0:55.30	0:59.72
500-yd Freestyle	5:54.63	6:00.00
200-yd Freestyle Relay	1:42.66	1:50.87
100-yd Backstroke	1:05.96	1:11.24
100-yd Breaststroke	1:14.69	1:20.66
400-yd Freestyle Relay	3:52.30	4:10.89

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.

XI. 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".

XII. ORDER AND NUMBERING OF EVENTS

The following order and numbering of events shall be used in all SCHSL-sanctioned meets. All Championship meets will be swum in yards; the 400-meter freestyle event should be swum instead of 500-meter freestyle in meter pools

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

XIII. CERTIFICATION OF OFFICIAL TIMES FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET ENTRY

- a. **Manual timing.** Official manual times for entry into the SCHSL State Championship Meet are 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. In the case of watch or timer malfunction, the following procedure should be followed:
 - i. All manually-timed meets must be set up with three stopwatches per lane and with the intention to record three watch times per swim. This is the primary timing system for a manually-timed meet. If three good watch times are recorded then the official time is the middle time, not the average of the three. A "good" watch time is defined as a time recorded by a timer properly positioned at the finish end of the lane.
 - ii. In case of a malfunction of one of the stopwatches (either through timer error or watch malfunction) then a backup watch from the head timer should be used to time the swim to get three good times.
 - iii. In case of a malfunction, and when the head timer with a backup watch is not able to provide a third time for a swim, the following procedure should be followed:
 - a. If only two good watch times are available, then the average (NFHS Swimming Rule 6.2.2) of the two watch times should be recorded as the official time.
 - b. The only time that two watch times should be used is in case of a malfunction. Two watch times should be the exception, not the rule.

- 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 will be converted (for posting and State Meet entries) as specified in the current NFHS Swimming and Diving and Water Polo Rules Book conversion chart
- d. **Certified times for State Championship Meet.** Official qualification times for entry into the State Championship Meet are certified yard or converted meter times from regular season meets that appear on the *Easyware* website (SCHSL SWIMMING LINK). 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. **Raw times must be submitted to the Easyware website according to the instructions in Section 13.e by the earlier of the two following deadlines:**
 - 1. **within 3 days following a regular season meet, or**
 - 2. **24 hours before the entry deadline for the State Championship meet**
- e. **Submission of Certified Times.** Host team of each meet must send a **COMPLETE MEET BACKUP** within 3 days of the completion of the meet using Easyware software, Easy Meet. Email the following information with the MEET BACKUP: POOL LENGTH, CLASSIFICATION of each team (AAAA, AAA, etc.), and any team that is a NON-MEMBER of the SCHSL, to dabineri@fuse.net

Teams must be designated using the standard 3-letter high school abbreviations listed in AD Notebook on the League website. Use the Easy Team Manager FILE, SETUP screen to enter your 3-letter abbreviation for all meets.

In the case of manually-scored meets (i.e. no software is used), EACH TEAM must send in meet results (times) to dabineri@fuse.net using the spreadsheet posted on goeasyware.com under the SCHSL SWIMMING link.

Only send in **CONSIDERATION** and / or **AUTOMATIC** times.

DO NOT CONVERT TIMES before submitting - those using the spreadsheet will have times converted by D. Abineri. Those using Easy Meet will have them converted by the software.

Times will be posted in rank order at <http://www.goeasyware.com> under SWIMMING LINKS. It is each coach's responsibility to check this site to be sure that the listing is accurate and to promptly report any errors to David Abineri at dabineri@fuse.net.

- f. **State Meet entry times.** The times posted on the *Easyware* website are the official entry times for the State Meet

XIV. STATE MEET ENTRY PROCEDURES

- a. State Meet entries must use the standard 3-letter high school abbreviation listed on League Website under AD Notebook.
- b. State Meet entry procedures will be emailed to the Athletic Director each school.
- c. **State Meet entries must be received by midnight on the Saturday preceding the State Meet.**

XV. STATE MEET INFORMATION

State Championship Meets will be held on October 10. Admission is \$6.00

	<u>Site</u>	<u>Host School</u>
AAA State Championship Meet	McHugh Natatorium at Fike Recreation Center	
	Clemson University	
	9:30-10:10 am Session 1 Warm-ups	Daniel High School
	11:00-11:25 am Coaches Meeting	
	11:30 am Start Time	

XVI. 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 29, 2009. (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).

XVII. 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.

XVIII. 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.

XIX. 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.

TENNIS REGULATIONS

- I. The AAA Conference, in cooperation with the South Carolina High School League, will sponsor a team play-off to determine the State Championship. A singles Championship will also be held in conjunction with Class AAAA.

- II. For an athlete to participate in the state tennis play-offs, the athlete must participate in at least four regular season matches.

- III. The State AAAA-AAA Singles Tournament for girls will be held TBA on November 13-14 and for boys on May 21-22. All regions will qualify one player for the State Open Tournament. Each region will determine, by its own method, the best singles player to represent that region in the State Singles Tournament.

- IV. The names of the Singles Tournament players representing each region must be submitted to the High School League by the deadline date. The League Office will seed contestants for the singles Championship. Regions will send all known results to the League Office.

- V. Qualifiers and Brackets
 - A. Each region will qualify two teams for the state play-offs: a champion and a runner-up. Each region is responsible for the method of selecting its region Winner and runner-up.
 - B. Region Champions and runner-ups will qualify to a line in the state play off bracket. The four region champions in both upper and lower state will host first round matches. Seeding positions will be drawn, under the direction of the AAA golf/tennis committee. No region may occupy the #1 position in either upper or lower state more that once before all other regions occupy the same spot in the bracket.
 - C. If a region champion is playing a runner-up in the second or third round, they will host even if in conflict with the playoff bracket.
 - D. Length of travel should be considered when assigning playoff bracket positions. The following pairings are recommended for first and second round matches.

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Region	1 vs 2	1 vs 3	1 vs 4
Region	3 vs 4	2 vs 4	2 vs 3
Region	5 vs 6	5 vs 7	5 vs 8
Region	7 vs 8	6 vs 8	6 vs 7

- E. See brackets on page 51.

- VI. The first round of the team play-offs for girls will be played on October 29 and the second round on November 3. The semifinals and finals will be played on November 6 & 7 at the Palmetto Tennis Center, Sumter. The first round of the team play-offs for boys will be played on May 6 and the second round on May 11. The semifinals and finals will be played on May 14 & 15 at Palmetto Tennis Center, Sumter.
- VII. 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.
- VIII. The rules of the United States Tennis Association will apply when a rule is not covered by High School League rules.
- IX. Each match will be two no-ad sets with a 10-point tie breaker played to decide the match if the sets are split. This includes the team play-offs and the singles tournament.
- X. 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.
- XI. 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).

XII. IMPORTANT DATES

	Girls' Tennis	Boys' Tennis
A. 1st Practice	July 31	February 1
B. 1st Scrimmage	August 7	February 8
C. Schedule Due	September 1	March 1
D. Eligibility Due.....	7 days prior to first regular season match	
E. 1st Contest.....	August 31	March 8
F. Deadline to report qualifying teams.....	October 27	May 4
G. Play-offs	October 29.....	May 6
H. Deadline to report:		
Open Singles entries	October 30.....	May 7
I. State Singles Tournaments.....	November 13-14.....	May 21-22

- XIV. Tennis teams are 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 games, two tournaments, two scrimmages and one jamboree. One tournament may be pre-season and start on August 21 (girls) and February 27 (boys).
- XV. The first and second rounds of the play-offs will be played at the site of a host school. The semi-finals and finals will be played at the Palmetto Tennis Center, Sumter.

XVI. 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

CLASS AAA TENNIS

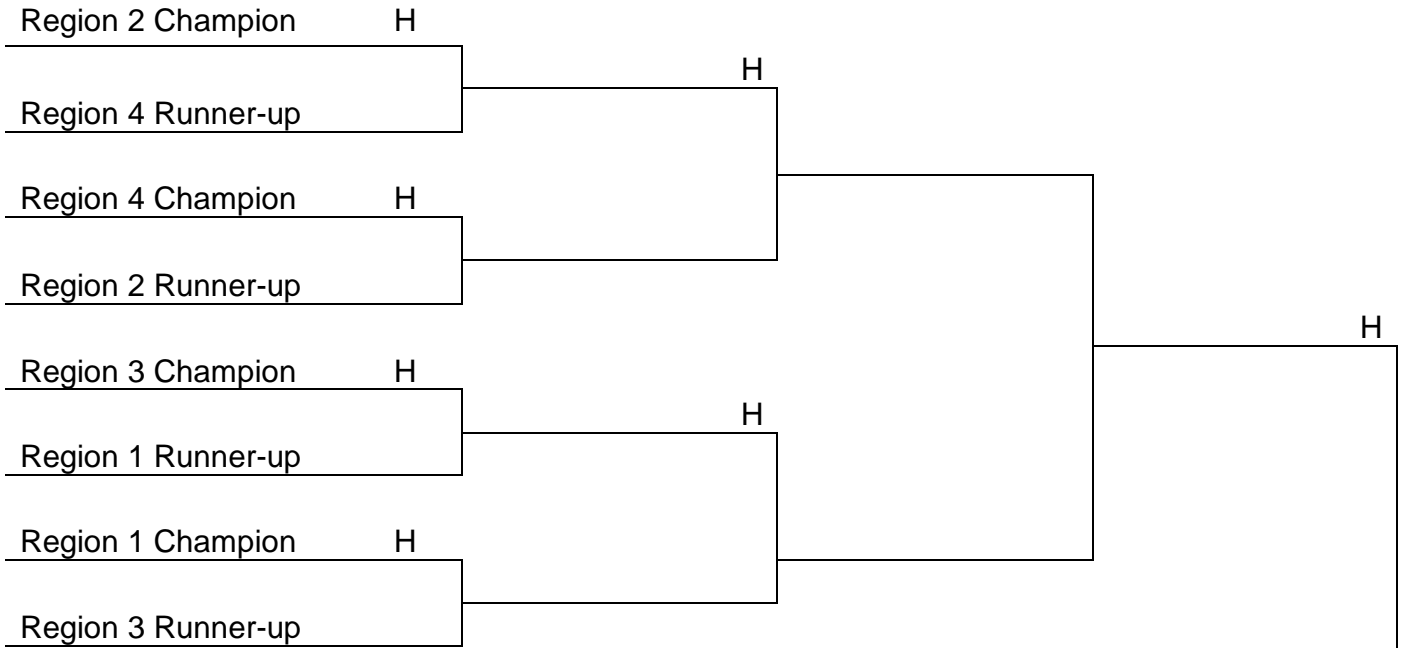
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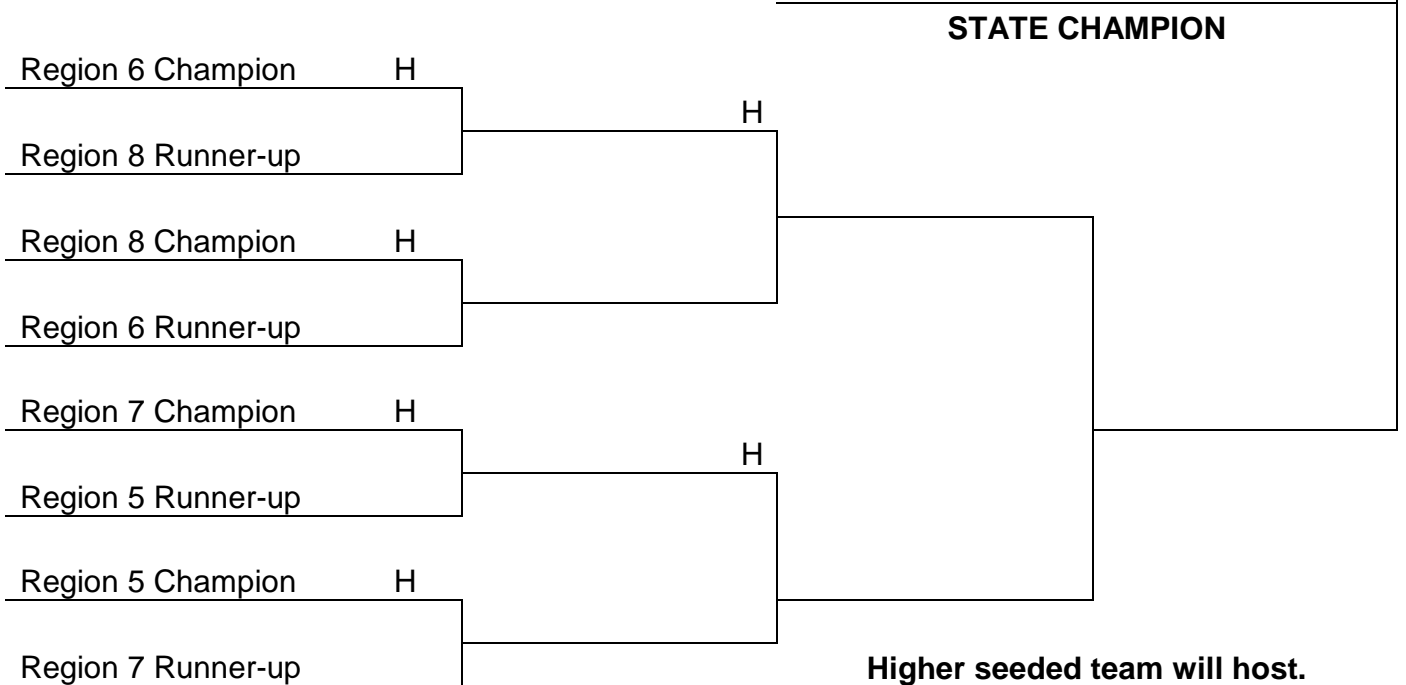
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UPPER STATE



LOWER STATE



TRACK AND FIELD REGULATIONS

I. General Rules

- A. Girls' and boys' teams are treated as individual teams, but the following regulations apply to both teams.
- B. The head coach must attend a League sponsored rules clinic.
- C. Track teams are limited to 16 varsity meets and 12 junior varsity meets, including invitationals. One invitational may be pre-season beginning February 26, 2010.
- D. All rules of the National Federation will apply except as noted in these regulations or regulations adopted by the High School League.
- E. No athlete will be permitted to wear jewelry while participating in an event.
- F. It is recommended that all schools that have a Track team compete at least once with every team in their respective region during the regular season.
- G. All track meets should follow the following order of the running events:

4 X 100 Relay	400 Meter Hurdles
4 X 800 Relay	800 Meters
100/110 Meter Hurdles	200 Meters
100 Meters	3200 Meters
1600 Meters	4 X 400 Meter Relay
400 Meters	

*The 3200 Meters may be run during the field events for the purpose of saving time, especially early in the season and on facilities without lights.

- H. The field events - long jump, pole vault, triple jump, high jump, shot put, and discus may be contested in any order.
- I. Contestants must be in school issued uniforms. Undergarments may be worn, but must be identical if worn by more than one member of a relay team.

II. Declaring Region Champions

- A. Each Region will determine the team Region Champion by its own predetermined method. This may be done at the Region Championship Meet or by team records from regular season meets.
- B. Region Meet Regulations
 1. A student must have participated in at least two regular season track meets prior to entering the Region Meet.
 2. Each school must send their entries, using both first and last names, to the Region Meet Director by a date set by the Director. Entries must also include an honest and accurate performance that can be supported by meet results.
 3. Coaches will be allowed to enter up to four athletes per event. Only one relay team per school may be entered.
 4. Lane assignments for heats and sections and throwing/jumping orders will be determined by the performances sent in on the Region Meet entry form. Directors should follow the format in the rulebook for instructions on how to determine heats, lanes, and orders.

5. The Region Meet may be held in a one or two day format. If it is a two-day meet then the field events and the preliminary races (if needed) in the 100 meters, and the 100/110-meter hurdles should be held on the first day, and all of the finals of the running events should be held on the last day. In a one day meet, preliminary heats for the 100 Meters, and the 100/110 Meter Hurdles should be held in this order and be completed at least 45 minutes before the start of the finals.
6. The order of events for the Region Meet shall be the same as for regular season meets.

III. Preparations for State Qualifying Track Meets:

- A. Each region will conduct their qualifying meets as they always have done. Each school may enter four athletes per individual event into the Region Meet.
- B. All region qualifiers will go to Lower Richland High School on Saturday, May 8, 2010 and the top eight competitors in each event will qualify for the State Meet. (See time schedule in paragraph X below.)
- C. Qualifying for the 100M, 200M, 400M, 100HH, 110HH, 400M IH, 4x100 Relay, and 4x400 Relay will be as follows:
 1. There will be four heats in each event. They will be seeded by region champions first - serpentine, then by time for all other qualifiers - serpentine.
 2. The heat winner and the fastest four non-winning electronic times will qualify for the state meet
- D. Qualifying in the 800M, 1600M, 3200 and 4x800 Relay will be as follows:
 1. There will be two heats in each event. They will be seeded by region champions first - serpentine, then by time for all other qualifiers - serpentine.
 2. The top two finishers in each heat and the fastest four electronic from both heats will qualify for the state meet.
- E. Qualifying in the Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put, and Discus will be as follows:
 1. There will be three sections in each event. They will be seeded by region champions first - serpentine, then by performance for all other qualifiers - serpentine.
 2. Each competitor will take six jumps. Each section winner and the best five distances from all the sections will qualify for the state meet.
 3. All ties for the eight qualifying positions will be broken according to the National Federation Rule Book.
- F. Qualifying in the high jump and pole vault will be as follows:
 1. There will be one section in each event and it will be seeded like the running events.
 2. All competitors will compete at the same time until eight are left. Those who qualify have the option of stopping or going to a higher height.
 3. All ties for the eight qualifying positions will be broken according to the National Federation Rule Book.

4. The starting height for the girls' high jump will be 4'8". The starting height for the boys will be 5'8".
 5. The starting height for the girls' pole vault will be 7'.
 6. The starting height for the boys' pole vault will be 11'0".
 7. The progression of the high jump will be 2" and the pole vault will be 6".
- G. There will continue to be two meet directors - one for site preparation and one for meet preparation. Meet directors at the AAAA State Qualifying Track Meet will obtain the most highly qualified officials. Directors will receive an honorarium of \$150.00 from the AAAA Conference. Reasonable expenses such as postage, copying, and a fee not to exceed \$300.00 for facility usage will be reimbursed.

The State Track Meet will be held on weekend of May 14-15, 2010 at TBA. The schedule, as published by the South Carolina High School League, will be followed. Coaches will read very carefully track rules and regulations that are printed in the League Handbook.

School are limited to 16 regular season meets including invitationals. This does not include Region, State Qualifying or State.

STATE AAA QUALIFIER

Time Schedule

11:00	3200 Meter Relay	
	Long Jump	B & G
	Shot Put	B & G
	Discus	B & G
	Pole Vault	G
2:00	High Jump	B & G
2:30	400 Meter Relay	
3:10	100 Meter High Hurdles	
3:55	100 Meter Dash	
4:00	Pole Vault	B
4:20	1600 Meter Run	
4:50	400 Meter Dash	
5:00	Triple Jump	B & G
5:15	400 Meter Low Hurdles	
5:50	800 Meter Run	
6:05	200 Meter Dash	
6:20	3200 Meter Run	
7:15	1600 Meter Relay	

IV. General Rules for Qualifying Meet and State Meet

- A. A Meet Referee will be secured by the host school. The Referee should be a person that is not associated with any school and is familiar with the rules of Track and Field.
- B. The Referee and other meet officials will conduct preventive officiating, but the ultimate responsibility to follow the rules belongs to the coaches and athletes.
- C. Body paint of any type is not allowed.
- D. Protests must be made in writing and directed to the referee. The referee may consult with the Jury of Appeals, but the referee will make the final decision.
- E. Coaches have no right to view the video finish of a race under appeal. This is the authority and responsibility of the Head Finish Line Judge and/or the Referee.
- F. The use or nonuse of video at the finish line will be clearly defined prior to the meet.

V. State Championships

- A. The League will sponsor a girls' and boys' Championship in each class.
- B. The high jump will begin at the lowest qualifying height of the contestants entered in the event.
- C. The bar for the high jump will be raised 2 inches until 3 contestants remain and one inch following the succeeding jumps.
- D. The minimum qualifying height in the pole vault event for girls is 7' 0" and for boys 9' 0".
- E. The maximum starting height in the pole vault event for boys is 9' 6" and for boys 12' 6".
- F. The bar for the pole vault will be raised 6 inches until 3 contestants remain and 4 inches following the succeeding jumps.
- G. The bar for the pole vault will be raised 6 inches until 3 contestants remain and 4 inches following the succeeding jumps.
- H. The State Track Meet will score eight places: 1st - 10 points, 2nd - 8 points, 3rd - 6 points, 4th - 5 points, 5th - 4 points, 6th - 3 points, 7th - 2 points, and 8th - 1 point
- I. State records can only be broken at the State Meet.
- J. An admission of \$5.00 on Friday, May 14 and \$8.00 on Saturday, May 15 will be charged to everyone except those participating in the State Finals.

VI. IMPORTANT DATES

- A. Schedule Due – March 1
- B. 1st Practice – February 1
- C. 1st Scrimmage – February 8
- D. Eligibility Due - 7 days before 1st contest
- E. 1st contest – March 8
- F. Region Track Directors Meeting – April 14 (9:00 am League Office)
- G. Qualifying Meet - May 8 Lower Richland
- H. State Finals - May 14 & 15 TBA

VOLLEYBALL REGULATIONS

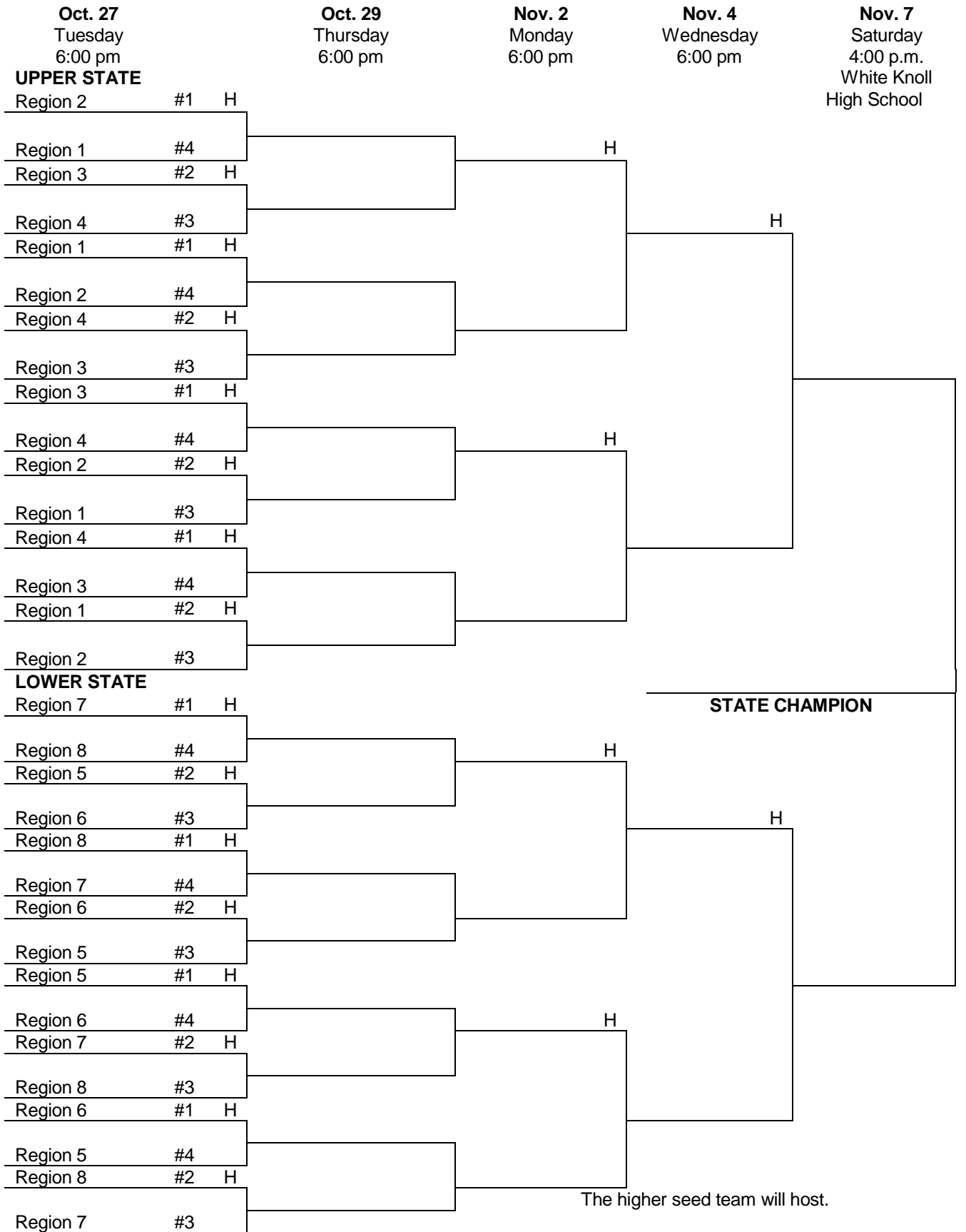
- I. General Rules
 - A. The official rules published by the National Federation will be used along with the following adoptions:
 - 1. A 3 out of 5 match may be played when only two schools are involved in a single match.
 - 2. If a match is suspended due to power failure or other unforeseen circumstances, it will be resumed as it was at the moment of suspension.
 - 3. In invitational tournaments (when pool play is used) the number of games to be played may be set at 2 instead of 3. Rally scoring must be used.
 - B. The head coach must attend a league sponsored rules clinic.
 - C. Certified officials are required for all varsity contests.
 - D. Volleyball teams are limited to 18 play dates including invitationals. Junior varsity teams are limited to 16 play dates. A student has the same limitation on playing, as does a team.
 - E. 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.
 - F. 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.
 - G. 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.

- II. Declaring Region Champions and Runners-Up
 - A. Each team must play each member of the region. In the event a school refuses to play another school in the same region, that school becomes ineligible for any play-off berth and forfeits to all other teams for the purpose of declaring region champions and runners-up.
 - B. To be eligible for state play-off berths, schools must play a minimum of twelve matches.
 - C. Each region shall declare a champion, runner-up, a third place team and a fourth place team.
 - D. Trophies may be awarded to region representatives. Such trophies must not exceed 21 inches in height.

- III. Play-offs - Rules and Regulations
 - A. Schools hosting play-off matches must have facilities and net equipment, which meet rule specifications.

- B. Qualifiers and Brackets
 - 1. 32 teams will qualify for the state play-offs.
 - 2. Each region will be responsible for determining the method for assigning play-off positions in the event that teams are tied. It is the region's responsibility (either the region coordinator or designee) to forward this information to the High School League by noon on or before October 23. The AD (Bob Polewski) of South Aiken High School will be the chairperson for 2009-2010.
 - 3. Brackets - See page 58.
 - C. All play-off matches will begin at 6:00 p.m.
 - D. Each play-off match will be a 3 out of 5.
 - E. If a team has not arrived at the host site and ready to play at the scheduled time, it will forfeit its initial game. If the team has not arrived within fifteen minutes of the scheduled time, the match will be forfeited.
 - F. The League will furnish trophies for the State Champion and State Runner-up. Members of the state Championship and runner-up teams will be awarded medals.
- IV. Play-off Finances
- A. Admission will be \$5.00 for all playoff matches except the State Championship Finals will be \$8.00.
 - B. Twenty percent of the gross receipts will be forwarded to the High School League.
- V. Closed Season
- A. The following regulations govern the closed season. Refer to the section of defined sports seasons for additional regulations (pages 17 and 18).
- VI. IMPORTANT DATES
- A. Schedule Due - May 1
 - B. First Practice – July 31
 - C. First Scrimmage - August 7
 - D. Eligibility Due - Seven days prior to first regular season match. If a school is participating in a preseason tourney more than seven days prior to its first regular season game, the certificate of eligibility must be submitted before participation in this event.
 - E. First Contest – August 31

CLASS AAA VOLLEYBALL



The higher seed team will host.

WRESTLING REGULATIONS

- I. General Rules
 - A. National Federation Wrestling Rules shall govern all wrestling in South Carolina except as modified by League Regulations.
 - B. The head coach must attend a League sponsored rules clinic each year.
 - C. Schools are limited to sixteen varsity-play dates. Each invitational entered will count as one of these sixteen dates. One invitational may be pre-season. Schools may have twelve junior varsity play dates during the regular season.
 - D. Headgears are required in all competition. Note: It is strongly recommended that headgears be used in all practices.
 - E. A student may not wrestle more than one class above his actual weight.
 - F. A school may enter only one competitor in each weight division.
 - G. Two-pound allowance shall be given on January 1, 2010.

- II. Upper & Lower State Individual Qualifying Tournaments
 - A. The AAA Conference shall sponsor Upper and Lower State Individual Qualifying Tournaments. These tournaments will qualify the entrants for the State Individual Championship Tournament. Each region will qualify four competitors in each weight class and will determine their method of selecting qualifiers for the upper and lower state tournament held on Friday and Saturday, February 19 & 20. Upper State at Eastside High School and Lower State at North Myrtle Beach High School. Two rounds will be held on Friday evening and the qualifying completed on Saturday. An admission of \$6.00 each day will be charged. A 16-man double elimination bracket will be used and 4 wrestlers will advance to the State Tournament on February 26-27 at Rock Hill High School. 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.
 - B. The top four (4) wrestlers in each weight class at the qualifying tournaments will advance to the State Tournament.
 - C. As stated in the rulebook, only two (2) coaches will be allowed in the corner of the mat during an individual tournament.
 - D. Entry fees for the tournament.
 - 1. Regions will determine their own entry fee.
 - 2. Entry fee for the Upper and Lower State Individual Tournaments will be \$100.00 per team. Checks payable to North Myrtle Beach HS (lower) and Eastside HS (upper).
 - 3. Entry fee for the State Tournament will be \$25.00. Payable to SCHSL by February 22.
 - 4. The host school will receive half of all entry fees.
 - E. The cost for admission to the tournaments is as follows:
 - 1. Upper and Lower State Individual Tournaments - \$6.00 per day.
 - 2. State Individual Finals - \$6.00 on Friday & \$8.00 Saturday
 - F. Tournament Regulations
 - 1. Uniform security is required at all qualifying and Championship tournaments.
 - 2. A minimum of 4 mats should be used for the Upper/Lower State Tournaments.
 - 3. A minimum of 3 mats should be used for the State Tournament.

4. The tournament director will set weigh-in time.
5. The Championship Finals should start no later than 6:00 pm.
6. The High School League will assign officials.
7. The Tournament host schools will be awarded by application.

III. AAA Dual State Championship Series

The dates for play-offs are February 3 – February 13. The semi-finals will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 and the finals will be held on Saturday, February 13 at Ridge View High School. Region coordinators must send their qualifiers to League Office by 10 by February 1, 2010 by 9:00 am.

IV. Qualifiers and Brackets (Duals)

A. Each region is responsible for selecting its region champion and runner-up.

1. Each team must wrestle each member of the region. If a team refuses to wrestle a region member, then that school will become ineligible for a play-off berth.
2. If two or more teams tie at the end of the season, then the teams will use the AAA Tie-Breaking System for breaking the tie or ties (see IV-C-1, 2, 3, 4, and 5).

B. Teams competing in the play-offs will be seeded by predetermined brackets on page 62.

C. In the event of a tie in the seeding teams in brackets, the tie will be broken for selection purposes as follows:

1. If the two teams played each other during the regular season, the winner of the match or matches will be the higher seed.
2. The team with the most regular season victories.
3. The team whose opponents have the most regular season victories. (If you play an opponent more than once, you should count their victories as many times as you played them.)
4. The team whose opponents have the least regular season defeats. (If you play an opponent more than once, you should count their defeats as many times as you played them.)
5. If not resolved, a coin toss will be the determining factor.

D. Upper State

1. The four region champions will be seeded in bracket positions 1, 2, 3 and 4.
2. The four region runner-ups will be seeded in bracket positions 5, 6, 7 and 8.
3. See brackets on page 62.

E. Lower State

1. The four region champions will be seeded in bracket positions 1, 2, 3 and 4.
2. The four region runner-ups will be seeded in bracket positions 5, 6, 7 and 8.
3. See brackets on page 62.

F. Regulations

1. The entire team is eligible to compete in dual competition, however only those wrestlers who have officially weighed-in may compete in the match that night or day.
2. Contestants must weigh-in during the allotted time period in the NFHS Wrestling Rule Book.

3. Weight class participation will be restricted by the guidelines of the National Federation rules.
 4. Admission will be \$6.00 for semi-final and finals.
- G. The tie-breaking method stated in the National Federation Rule Book will be used to determine the advancement of a team in the State Dual Match competitions.
- H. Teams from the same region will not be paired in the 1st round of the state duals.
- V. Disbursement of Proceeds
- A. Individual Upper/Lower State Tournament
1. Twenty percent of gross ticket sales proceeds will go the High School League.
 2. Expense of officials. The following expenses may be taken but not to exceed the amounts listed below:
 3. Tournament Director - \$100.00
 4. Security (not to exceed \$200.00)
 5. Certified Athletic Trainer - \$100.00
 6. Ticket personnel @ \$5.00 per hour
 7. Clean-up (not to exceed \$200.00)
 8. Head table workers (not to exceed \$150.00)
 9. Excess monies will be forwarded to the AAA Conference.
- NOTE: Proceeds from concessions will go to the host school.
- B. State Dual Wrestling Matches
1. The State Dual Finals will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at Ridge View High School.
 2. Twenty percent of gross ticket receipts will be forwarded to the High School League.
 3. Expenses of officials.
 4. The involved teams will share any excess or deficits of receipts over disbursements equally.
 5. Admission will be \$6.00 for semi-finals and finals.
- VI. IMPORTANT DATES
- A. Schedule Due - October 1
 - B. First Practice – November 2
 - C. First Scrimmage - November 9
 - D. Eligibility Due - Seven days prior to the 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.
 - E. First Playing Date – November 30
 - F. Deadline for reporting Dual Wrestling Qualifiers – February 1, 2010 by 9:00 am to the League office.
 - G. Deadline for reporting Individual Qualifiers - February 15 at 3:00 pm to Upper State-Eastside High School & Lower State-North Myrtle Beach High School

