

The South Carolina High School League ruled that **Fort Dorchester** must forfeit its Lower State **wrestling** championship and will not be allowed to compete in the state finals.

The SCHSL released a statement Friday morning that said after a comprehensive investigation, the league determined that **Fort Dorchester** allowed an ineligible wrestler to compete in the Lower State finals. As a result, **Fort Dorchester** will not be allowed to compete in the Class AAAAA state **wrestling** duals championship that was scheduled for Saturday but has now been postponed.

Fort Dorchester is appealing the forfeiture and will meet with the SCHSL Executive Committee on Monday. Once the appeal process is complete, a new date for the Class AAAAA championship will be set.

"Accusations presented to the SCHSL must provide probable cause for an investigation to occur and be found valid after a detailed inquiry. The SCHSL regrets the schedule change for all student athletes and coaches involved," SCHSL commissioner Jerome Singleton said in the statement.

Attempts to reach **Fort Dorchester wrestling** coach Andrew Young and athletic director Steve Laprad were unsuccessful.

Fort Dorchester defeated River Bluff in the Lower State finals on Wednesday to advance to the state championship. If **Fort Dorchester** loses its appeal, River Bluff will advance to the championship against **Rock Hill**.