

REPORT OF THE CCS BASEBALL COMMITTEE

<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>
BVAL-MHAL	Mike Sparrer-Leland	WBAL	Craig Schoof-Menlo
BVAL-STAL	absent	SCCAL	Joseph Allegri-Harbor
BVAL-WVAL	absent	SCVAL-DAL	absent
PSAL	Jim Selway-More	SCVAL-ECAL	Jason Bumbaca-Santa Clara
MBL	Tim Gower-No Mo Cnty	TCAL	Troy Felice-Salinas
MTAL	Damien Ryan-Soledad	PAL-Bay	Rich Vallero-Carlmont
PAL-Ocean	Matt Wilson-Capuchino	WCAL	Bill Hutton-Mitty
# Members on Committee: 14 # Members Present at Meeting: 11		Respectfully submitted by: Ray Mialovich, CCS Events Coordinator	

GUESTS & STAFF PRESENT: Nancy Lazenby-Blaser: CCS Commissioner, Duane Morgan and Steve Filios: CCS Assistant Commissioners, David Kawamoto-Cupertino HS

I. TOURNAMENT GUIDE CHANGES--UPDATES FOR NEXT YEAR

This section contains non-major format changes. The CCS Board of Managers will review and, by its acceptance of this report, approve these housekeeping changes. If, at 1st-reading, the Board deems any of these as "Major" changes, it may pull them out and send them back to Leagues for further discussion and review. The item will then be returned to the CCS Board at its next meeting for a 2nd reading and final action.

Section 1. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- A. Seeding: Saturday, May 12, 2012 @ CCS office, 4:00 PM
- B. Evaluation: **Wednesday, May 30, 2012 @ CCS office, 4:30 6:00 PM**

Section 2. TOURNAMENT DATES

The 2012 CCS Baseball Championships are scheduled as follows:

	<u>Division I</u>	<u>Division II</u>	<u>Division III</u>	<u>Site</u>
1 st Round:	<u>WED., MAY 16</u>	<u>THU., MAY 17</u>	<u>WED., MAY 16</u>	Home site high seed
Qtr.-Finals:	<u>SAT., MAY 19</u>	<u>SAT., MAY 19</u>	<u>SAT., MAY 19</u>	TBA
Semi-Finals:	<u>WED., MAY 23</u>	<u>THU., MAY 24</u>	<u>TUE., MAY 22</u>	TBA
Finals:	<u>SAT., MAY 26</u>	<u>SAT., MAY 26</u>	<u>SAT., MAY 26</u>	TBA

SECTION 5. SEEDING/BRACKETING/AT-LARGE SELECTION PROCEDURES

Section 5.D.1 Bracket Placement—remove league finish as a criteria for seeding...seed by C points

D. BRACKET PLACEMENT -- Teams will be seeded according to their point total, with the following exceptions that: league-mates will not meet in the 1st Round whenever possible.

1. A team finishing lower in its League standings cannot be seeded higher than a League-mate with a higher League finish. It must wait until its League-mate is seeded, and then it will receive the next seed.
2. League-mates cannot meet in the 1st Round:...

G Sites: The CCS Commissioner and/or staff shall be responsible for all contracts for sites during the CCS Playoffs. The CCS Commissioner and/or staff have sole authority to schedule or cancel sites, as well as full discretion as to the assignment or re-assignment of teams to times and sites throughout the CCS playoffs. The CCS Commissioner and/or staff have the final authority in any disputes over sites or times of play and the decision of the CCS Commissioner is not subject to appeal due to the immediacy of running the Playoffs for the good of the whole. Neutral sites are not a policy of the CCS and should not be expected in any rounds of play. Sites will be assigned by the CCS for the good of the Playoffs.

**G. NEW: reflects current & past policy;
stated here for clarity**

Adjustment
in seeding procedures

I. TOURNAMENT GUIDE CHANGES--UPDATES FOR NEXT YEAR--continued

Section 8 Umpires—remove specific language from bylaws—assignment of games to officials' associations is done by CCS staff—management of tournament; not an issue that should be in the bylaws.

A. The CCS Commissioner will contract with local accredited officials associations for Tournament officials.

B. ~~1st-Round games will generally be officiated by the higher-seeded team's association umpires. Quarter, Semi-, and Final-Rounds will generally be officiated by neutral umpires, unless the teams are served by the same officials association during the regular season. In such case, the umpires generally come from the teams' common officials association.~~

C. The two (2)-umpire system will be used for the 1st- and Quarter-Final Rounds.

D. The three (3)-umpire system will be used for the Semi-Finals and Finals games.

Remove specific references to assignment of officials

Section 5.B Point System (Passed by a vote of 8-2-1 by the Baseball Sports Committee)—Change language to make sure that the last 22 games counted for CCS points include ALL of the league contests.

B. The above point-system will be applied to the last **22** (++) games of each team's season (**NOT INCLUDING ANY LEAGUE PLAYOFF CONTESTS**) AS FOLLOWS: This includes practice games, League games and tournament games. (++) Subject to change by the CCS office, if it is a rain-shortened season.)

1. **All of a team's regular season league games must be included in the 22 games used for calculating CCS points.**

2. **If the last 22 games of the season for any team does not include all regular season league games, the 22 games counted will be adjusted to include all of those regular season league games for that team. Then starting from the most recent, non-league games played, that team shall include those non-league games to equal a total of 22 games that includes ALL regular season league games and most recently played non-league contests totaling 22.**

3. **ALL** games must be listed CHRONOLOGICALLY on the [Season Summary Sheet](#) **EVEN THOSE THAT ARE NOT COUNTED IN THE 22 TOWARDS CCS POINTS, SO A COMPLETE RECORD OF THE SEASON IS SUBMITTED.**

4. League Play-offs are not to be included in game-count (**22**) or in point-totals.

5. The CCS Commissioner may adjust the 22 game count, if he/she finds it necessary, due to rain or some other circumstance that has shortened the season for the majority of teams.

*NEW
to include
all league games
for points*

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

This section includes general recommendations to the CCS Board of Managers or staff that are not Tournament format related. Recommendations are just that, implemented or not at the discretion of the staff or the CCS Board. Acceptance of this Sport Committee Report does no more than acknowledge these recommendations. These are not action items. If a recommendation is to be approved, and/or the Board wants to direct staff to institute a particular recommendation, the CCS Board must pull out and vote upon that specific recommendation.

1. **Look into the charge for students at first round games.**
2. **Look into the possible collection of data for determining league classification.**

III. MISCELLANEOUS

This section contains congratulations to Section winners and Honor Coaches or other items the Committee wishes to have recorded in its annual report. Acceptance by the Board of this Sport Committee Report simply acknowledges the items in this section. These are not action items.

Congratulations to the 2011 CCS Baseball Champions:
Division I – Palo Alto High School Division II – Monterey HS Division III – Menlo School

IV. PROPOSED MAJOR FORMAT CHANGES

This section contains any proposal that the staff has determined to be a major change in the core format of the CCS Play-offs in this sport. As such, any item listed below will be reviewed as a 1st-reading at the CCS Board of Managers meeting following the Sport Committee meeting. The Board will return the item(s) to the Leagues for review and discussion; the item(s) will be agendized at the next Board meeting for final discussion and action.

Proposal #1: The PAL proposed that the PAL (Bay) league be reclassified as an “A” league (Passed by the committee by a vote of 7 “yes”, 4 “no”)

Rationale: See attachment “A”

<u>REVIEW / ACTION TAKEN BY OTHER CCS ENTITIES</u>	
ADAC:	<p>RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE <u>X</u> (non-major format changes are approved by this action by the BOM) Proposal #1: Recommend: Approval <u> </u> Disapproval <u>X</u></p>
LEAGUE COMM:	<p>RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE <u>X</u> (non-major format changes are approved by this action by the BOM) Proposal #1: Recommend: Approval <u>X</u> Disapproval <u> </u></p>
EXEC. COMM:	<p>RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE <u>X</u> (non-major-format changes are approved by this action by the BOM) Proposal #1: No Recommendation Approval <u> </u> Disapproval <u>X</u></p>
CCS STAFF:	<p>RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE <u>X</u> (non-major format changes are approved by this action by the BOM) Proposal #1: No Recommendation</p>
COMMENTS:	
<p>Report accepted by the CCS Board of Managers meeting on October 19, 2011. That acceptance provided for all the Tournament Guide changes contained in this report for the 2012 season</p> <p>Proposal #1 – Reviewed by the CCS Board of Managers on October 19, 2011 and sent to the Leagues for review and recommendation. Board of Managers did not approved the proposal (30-11) on January 25, 2012 .</p>	

Attachment “A” (next page)

Baseball Evaluation Committee

The Peninsula Athletic League has traditionally been a two division league since its inception in its current alignment in 1995. In 2004, not being able to secure an A classification for its Bay division, the league divided into three divisions, limiting the Bay to six teams. Our hope was that by limiting our top tier, we would be more acceptable to receive A status for it. We asked the Baseball Evaluation Committee for A-B-C status for our three divisions and were denied. We were then the only power league in any sport in the CCS with a B-B-C classification. We then appealed to ADAC, the League Commissioners, the Executive Committee, and finally the CCS board of Managers to get our A-B-C status. We remained A-B-C until the 2009 season when a law suit brought against the CCS by Menlo School (they did wish to join the WBAL) led us into a settlement agreement which stated that Menlo School could play in the PAL for one more year. That left the fledgling WBAL with only five varsity baseball teams. The PAL then offered to take the entire league into the PAL for one season of play. We evenly divided the two top tiers, which in hindsight was probably a mistake as we were then rated B-B-C. The following year 2010, with the PAL meeting one of the settlement obligations, and all the WBAL teams back in the WBAL, our classification went to B-C for our two division alignment.

Our CCS tournament results that year, we believe, were outstanding. Burlingame, a B league team, won Division II. Hillsdale, a C league team and a 16th seed, went to the Division III finals. And Menlo-Atherton, a B league team and a #14 seed, defeated #3 St. Francis in the first round of play.

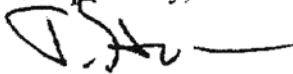
As PAL Commissioner, I was late in requesting that the baseball evaluation committee meet at the close of that season and reevaluate our classifications. That falls on me.

As I explained to our baseball coaches last night at our post season meeting, I have put them in a position of having to prove themselves, once again in this year's tournament.

We have no other way of proving our worthiness. With B-C classifications our coaches are turned down in their attempt to schedule games with teams of higher classifications. We have only a two week period to show we are worthy. We believe our 2011 seedings are a direct reflection of our CCS classification and not of the true strengths of our programs.

We therefore ask that the PAL be reclassified in baseball as an A-B league.

Respectfully,



Terry Stogner
Commissioner, Peninsula Athletic League