

REPORT OF THE CCS SOFTBALL COMMITTEE

<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>
BVAL-MHAL	Clovis Mirasou	SCCAL	absent
BVAL-STAL	Robert McIntyre	SCVAL-DAL	absent
BVAL-WVAL	Kathy Kreidler	SCVAL-ECAL	Rai Teixeira
MBL	Mark Treanor	TCAL	absent
MTAL	Terry McGowan	WBAL	absent
PAL-Bay	Donna Tolero	WCAL	Alex Sanguinetti
PAL-Ocean	Scott Reynick		
# Members on Committee: 13 # Members Present at Meeting: 9		Respectfully submitted by: Howard Jensen, CCS Events Coordinator	
GUESTS & STAFF PRESENT: Nancy Lazenby-Blaser: CCS Commissioner, Duane Morgan and Steve Filios: CCS Assistant Commissioners.			

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, 1:00 pm, @ the CCS Office
- B. Evaluation: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2012, 6:00 PM, @ the CCS Office

Section 2. TOURNAMENT DATES/SITES

- A. The 2012 CCS Softball Championships will be conducted:
 - 1st Round: Wednesday, May 16, 2012
 - Quarter-finals: Saturday, May 19, 2012
 - Semi-Finals: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, May 22/23/24, 2012
 - Finals: Saturday, May 26, 2012

Section 4. QUALIFICATION OF TEAMS

- A. League Champions and other Automatic Qualifiers will qualify from leagues as follows:

BVAL - 6	MBL - 2	PAL - 4	SCCAL - 2	TCAL - 2	WCAL - 2
PSAL - 2	MTAL(M) - 2	MTAL@ - 4	SCVAL - 4	WBAL - 2 3	
	MTAL - 3				
Plus >> additional At-large teams to fill the brackets.					
(At-Large teams must have at least a .500 record in League, or overall to apply.)					

Reallocation of automatic qualifiers to reflect league changes

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

E. LEAGUE CLASSIFICATION

- 4. An out of section opponent will be classified as being in an 'A' League if that opponent finishes its season with a winning percentage of 75% or higher. All other out of section opponents will be classified as 'B' League teams.

Remove "A" classification for out of section opponents

F. BRACKET PLACEMENT & SITING: Teams will be seeded according to their point total with the following exceptions:

- 1. Teams will be seeded according to their point total, with the following exceptions:
 - 1. A team finishing lower in League play 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. If possible, League-mates will not play in the first Round.

Seeding is based only on points

F. BRACKET PLACEMENT **& SITING** (continued)

3. First round games will be sited using the following procedure:

- a. **At the home-site of a league champion: OR**
- a.b. **If both or neither team is a League Champion**, at the the home-site of the higher-seeded team; OR
- b.c. If the Home-site field is not available or playable (i.e., home games were not played at this site during the season), then at another available, playable high school field within the Home Team's School District/League; OR
- c.d. At an alternative site, offered at the Seeding Meeting, but only with a signed Site Availability Form (found in the Appendix of this Tournament Guide, bearing the signature of the higher-seed's Athletic Director; OR
- d.e. If the higher-seeded team cannot provide a playable site, under a., b., or c. above, then the lower-seeded team's Home-site shall be used (as determined by implementing the same options as above).

Gives league champions a home game in the first 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.

NEW reflects current & past policy; stated here for clarity

Section 7 OFFICIALS (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 two teams are served by the same officials association during the regular season. In such cases, the umpires shall 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

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. **Continue to hold 1st round games at home of the higher seed.**

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 Softball Champions:
Division I – San Benito HS
Division II – Archbishop Mitty HS
Division III – Capuchino HS

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.

No major format changes proposed.

<u>REVIEW / ACTION TAKEN BY OTHER CCS ENTITIES</u>	
ADAC:	RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE <u> X </u> (non-major format changes are approved by this action by the BOM)
LEAGUE COMM:	RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE <u> X </u> (non-major format changes are approved by this action by the BOM)
EXEC. COMM:	RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE <u> X </u> (non-major-format changes are approved by this action by the BOM)
CCS STAFF:	RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE <u> X </u> (non-major format changes are approved by this action by the BOM)
COMMENTS: 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.	