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TO: CCS LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS & CCS MEMBER SCHOOLS

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TIE BREAKERS IN FOOTBALL, NON-LEAGUE CONTESTS

A situation arose last week during the football season regarding a CCS member school competing against a non-league opponent and whether or not a tie breaker should be played, what rules govern that situation and whether or not the tie-breaker results should be recorded as the official outcome of the game.

Since there is some confusion around this issue, I am issuing this interpretation for the 2011 football season since this issue is not specifically covered in the CCS Tie Breaking Policy. As Commissioner, I have the authority to make such binding interpretations under Article I, Section 4. E. & F. of the CCS Bylaws. We will be discussing this further during the school year with the appropriate governance committees and ultimately the CCS Board of Managers to clarify the CCS policy for the future.

The NFHS Rule Book allows the NFHS Tie Breaker to be used by State Association Adoption. Currently in CIF, that means that Sections have the authority to adopt, or not adopt, the use of the NFHS Policy. The CCS has implied in our language that leagues retain the authority regarding the use or non-use of the NFHS Tie Breaker in the sport of Football. The CCS Policy simply states that the NFHS Tie Breaker will be used in all CCS Playoff Games. As a result, leagues in the CCS have a wide array of rules regarding the use of tie breakers in football and so the question of whose rules apply during pre-season is causing some confusion.

I have reviewed all the tie breaking bylaws of our various CCS leagues. I have spoken with the NCS and SJS Commissioner regarding their current policies. I have also spoken with several league commissioners and football chairman in the CCS leagues and based on all the information gathered in those documents and in those discussions, please find below the interpretation and interim policy that will be in effect for the remainder of the 2011 Football Season.

2011 FOOTBALL SEASON

TIE-BREAKER RULE INTERPRETATION AND POLICY FOR CCS MEMBER SCHOOLS

The following will be in effect for the remainder of the 2011 Football Season and shall govern the contests involving all CCS football teams.

1. **CONTESTS vs CCS MEMBER SCHOOL HOSTED BY AN OUT-OF-SECTION OPPONENT**

In any non-league contest between any out-of-section opponent (other CIF section opponents, out of state opponents), **the tie breaker policy that shall be followed will be the policy of the HOST SCHOOL's governance body**

For Example:

- Respective State Association Policy for opponents from other states, OR
- CIF Section Policy for opponents from other CIF Sections, OR
- League Policy for schools whose State Association or CIF-Section have authorized leagues to adopt such policies

2. **NON-LEAGUE CONTEST HOSTED BY ANY CCS MEMBER SCHOOL**

In any non-league contests hosted by any CCS member school, the CCS member HOST school's league tie breaker policy shall be followed as outlined below:

When any CCS member school from any league is HOSTING a **non-league** football game that results in a tie at the end of regulation play, **no tie breaker will be played** with any non-league opponent and the outcome of the game will remain and be recorded as a tie.

CCS LEAGUES:

SCVAL (DAL & ECAL)

WCAL

MTAL

MBL

TCAL

PAL (Bay & Ocean)

SCCAL

BVAL (MHAL, STAL, WVAL)

3. **LEAGUE CONTESTS:** All league contests are governed by their League Tie breaking policy as established by their league Board of Managers and as written in their League Bylaws.

4. **COACHES CANNOT MUTUALLY AGREE TO SET ASIDE THIS POLICY.**

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