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CIF/Central Coast Section

Boys Golf Bylaws (Team and Individual)

(Approved by CCS
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Section 1. SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

A. At-Large Selection:	THURSDAY	MAY 3, 2012	7:00 PM, @ the CCS office
B. Evaluation:	THURSDAY	JUNE 7, 2012	4:00 PM, @ the CCS office

Section 2. TOURNAMENT DATES / SITES **

A. The CCS Regional Golf Tournaments will be held	TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY, MAY 8/9, 2012.
B. The CCS Section Championships will be held	TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012

C. SITES:

The CCS Commissioner and/or staff shall be responsible for all contracts for sites used during the CCS Play-offs. 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 Play-offs. 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 Tournament 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 Tournament.

Section 3. QUALIFICATION OF TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS TO TOURNAMENTS**

A. MINIMUM COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL LEAGUE QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

1. All League qualifying tournaments must be conducted over a minimum of 18 holes (one day) on a course with a par of 70 or higher.
2. If it becomes impossible for a League to complete the 18 holes required in **Section 3.-A.1.** above, due to:
 - a. severe, inclement weather that jeopardizes the safety of the League participants; OR
 - b. the golf course canceling play, AND
 - c. it is impossible to reschedule or make up the League tournament in time for the CCS seeding meeting, AND
 - d. the CCS Commissioner in discussion with the League Commissioner determines that the circumstances meet a. through c. above; THEN
 - e. Leagues may determine qualifying teams and individuals according to the League bylaws that address such circumstances.

B. REQUIRED ENTRY FORMS - League Representatives must submit from their respective Leagues the following forms, which MUST be received in the CCS Office **NO LATER THAN 7:00 PM, THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2012.**

1. [Official League Entry Blank - Boys Team & Individual](#) - Regional Tournament Entries;
2. [Season Summary Sheet - At-Large Form](#) - Team Tournament.

C. QUALIFYING FROM LEAGUES TO REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

1. Team Tournament

- a. Using the five (5) best scores of a six(6)-player team stroke play, the top team(s) from each League will qualify for the Regional Tournaments, as follows:

BVAL; MTAL; PAL; WBAL; SCCAL; SCVAL; TCAL; WCAL >> two (2) teams each

- b. Six (6) At-Large teams will be selected subjectively by the Golf Committee, using the following unranked criteria: head-to-head matches; results against common opponents; tournament results; strength of League; courses played, and a team differential index based on the USGA scoring differential formula.

2. Individual Tournament

- a. The top male individual(s) from each League who are not members of a qualifying team, will qualify for the Regional Individual Tournament, as follows:

SCCAL >> two (2) individuals
 MTAL; WBAL; WCAL >> three (3) individuals each
 TCAL >> four (4) individuals each
 BVAL; PAL; SCVAL >> seven (7) individuals each

- b. In addition, any male on a qualifying team may compete in the Regional Individual Tournament.

D. QUALIFYING FROM REGIONALS TO SECTION TOURNAMENT

1. Team Competition

- a. Using the five (5) best scores of six (6)-player-team stroke play over 18 holes, the top four (4) teams from each Regional Tournament qualify for the Section Championship.
- b. If the 5th and 6th players have the same 18-hole score, the team coach will determine which player's score to use.
- c. If there is a tie for the 4th-place team, the **USGA** scorecard tie-breaker will be used to determine which team advances (see **Section 5.-B.-1.** below for score-card tie-breaker procedure).

2. Individual Competition

- a. Using the best scores over 18-hole stroke play, the top nine (9) Individual males from each Regional Tournament who qualified to participate, as outlined in **Section 3.-C.-2.a. & b.** above, and who are not members of a qualifying team, will qualify for the Section Individual Tournament.
- b. If there is a tie for the 9th player to advance, the **USGA** scorecard tie-breaker will be used to determine who advances (see **Section 5.-B.-2.** below for scorecard tie-breaker procedures). (Individuals eliminated in this scorecard tie-breaker will be considered as alternates, in order of their finish, if an Individual qualifier withdraws from the Tournament at least 24 hours prior to the Sectional Tournament.
- c. In addition, all males on a qualifying team will qualify for the Individual Section Tournament.

E. QUALIFYING FROM SECTION TO NOR-CAL TOURNAMENT

1. Team Section Competition

- a. Using the five (5) best scores of six (6)-player-team stroke play over 18 holes, the top three (3) teams qualify for the Nor-Cal Championship.
- b. If the 5th and 6th players have the same 18-hole score, the coach will determine which player's score to use.
- c. Time and course permitting, if there is a tie for 3rd place, there will be a sudden victory play-off between the five (5) best scoring golfers on the tied teams. If not, the **USGA** scorecard tie-breaker will be used to determine which team advances (see Section 5.-B.-1. below for scorecard tie-breaker procedure).

2. Individual Section Competition

- a. Using the best scores over 18-hole stroke play, the top four (4) Individual boys, who are not members of a qualifying team, will advance to the Nor-Cal Individual Tournament.
- b. Time and course permitting, if there is a tie for the 4th qualifier, and/or for the 1st-place medalist, there will be a sudden-victory play-off to determine who advances, and/or who is the Individual Champion, respectively. If not, the **USGA** scorecard tie-breaker will be used to determine which individual advances (see Section 5.-B.-2. below for scorecard tie-breaker procedure).
- c. All male members of teams qualifying for the Nor-Cal Team Tournament will compete in the Nor-Cal Individual Tournament

Section 4. SEEDING PROCEDURES

Teams and Individuals will be separated into two (2) fields of 84 players each for Regional play, and one (1) field of 64 players for the Section Tournament. No additional seeding will occur.

Section 5. RULES

A. Current **USGA Rules of Golf** shall apply, as modified by local course rules.

B. TIE-BREAKERS**1. Team Competition**

Time and course permitting, if a 3rd-place tie occurs at the Section Championship, there will be a sudden-victory play-off of the top five (5) players on the tied teams. If not, the **USGA Tie-Breaker** shall be used, as required: Match card totals of the tied teams' top five (5) players for holes 10-18; if still tied, then holes 13-18; if still tied, then holes 16-18; if still tied, then hole 18.

2. Individual Competition

Time and course permitting, if a 1st-place and/or 4th-place tie occurs at the Section Championship, there will be a sudden-victory play-off of the respective tied players. If not, the **USGA Tie-Breaker** shall be used, as required: Match cards for holes 10-18; if still tied, then holes 13-18; if still tied, then holes 16-18; if still tied, then hole 18.

C. **GALLERIES** - If allowed by the local course being used, galleries are permitted. However, all participants shall adhere to the "no-advice" rule for the duration of the Tournaments.

D. **SCORING** - A coach, appointed by the CCS, will accompany each group and serve as the official referee and enforce the **USGA Rules of Golf**. Players will exchange scorecards on the 1st hole and keep the official score for one of the other members of the group. Each player is responsible for the accuracy of his score for each hole played. At the end of the round, each player shall verify his score on each hole, and sign the official scorecard prior to it being turned in to the scorer's table.

E. **TEES** - "Championship" (blue) tees will be used for the Team and Individual Regional and Sectional Tournaments if the slope from the "Regular" (white) tees is less than 125. Otherwise, the "Regular" (white) tees will be used.

F. **ATTIRE** - Players' and coaches' attire must conform to the rules of the course being played.

G. ****RANGE-FINDERS**: The use of any electronic range-finders is strictly prohibited.

Section 6. AWARDS

Awards, as follows, will be presented immediately following the Championship Round:

A. 4 Team Trophies: 1 awarded to each Champion, Runner-Up, 3rd- and 4th-Place team;

B. 12 Medals: 1 awarded to each member of the Champion and Runner-Up team;

C. 1 Plaque: Awarded to the Coach of the Champion team;

D. 6 Medals: 1 awarded to each 1st- thru 6th-Place finisher in the Individual Tournament.

Section 7. SPORTSMANSHIP

A. The member schools of the CIF/Central Coast Section are committed to providing a sportsmanlike environment for students, coaches and spectators.

Our Sportsmanship Definition is:

A person who can take a loss or defeat without complaint, or victory without gloating, and who treats his/her opponents with fairness, courtesy and respect.

B. The following behavior is **unacceptable** at all CIF/CCS High School contests:

- artificial noise makers
- berating opposing players
- negative signs
- berating your opponent's school or mascot
- obscene cheers or gestures
- complaining about officials' calls (verbally or in gestures)

C. To this end, each school is required to submit one (1) signed Sportsmanship Contract on or prior to September 15 of the school year. This contract confirms that the principal has verbally and through written communication addressed the importance of sportsmanship to his/her student body, faculty and community.

D. **Each Principal** is required by the CCS Board of Managers to meet with any team or individual from his/her school participating in the Tournament to review CCS Sportsmanship Information. (See APPENDIX for **REQUIRED PRE-GAME SPORTSMANSHIP MEETING**)

E. **Coaches and players** will attend a meeting with the Site Director where they will be reminded of the importance of good sportsmanship and to make certain their Administrators have reviewed this information with their athletes in the past week.

F. Players shall not use cell phones on the course during the Tournament. Violation of this rule will be considered unsportsmanlike behavior.

G. Marshals appointed by the CCS are expected to enforce appropriate behavior during the Tournament.

H. Unsportsmanlike behavior will result in the following penalties:

1. First offense - warning;
2. Second offense - 2-stroke penalty;
3. Third offense - disqualification.

Section 8. COACHES MUST BE PRESENT

Coaches are expected to remain at the event throughout the competition. All student-athletes competing in any CCS contest (scrimmages, alumni contests, pre-season, League and CCS Play-offs) must be accompanied by a coach that meets the following criteria, as addressed in [CIF Bylaws 308 and 506](#):

- A. MUST BE THE "REGULAR COACH"** -The coach of either a public or private school team or athlete must be the coach of record for that school for the current season and must comply with all requirements of [CIF Bylaw 506](#).
- 1. PUBLIC SCHOOLS** - All public school teams must be coached by persons who meet the requirements of the California Education Code and the California Administrative Code Title V.
 - 2. NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS** - In the case of a non-public school, persons engaged by that school on a yearly contract basis as regular members of the school coaching or teaching staff and certified by the administrator for that school as competent for the position held.
- B. EMERGENCY SITUATIONS-** In the case of an emergency ONLY, the principal of the school may designate an alternate coach, as long as it is done in writing prior to the contest and submitted to the League Commissioner for all pre-season and League contests, and the CCS Commissioner for CCS Play-off contests. Any alternate coach MUST be an individual who meets all the conditions required in Section 8.A.1. above in the case of a public school; and Section 8.A.2. above in the case of a non-public school.
- C. NO COACH PRESENT - STUDENT INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE**

Section 9. ELIGIBLE ATHLETES

- A. No student-athlete will be allowed to compete who is not accompanied by a coach or faculty member of the school which he or she is representing.** Coaches are expected to remain at the course throughout the Regional and Sectional Championship competition.
- B.** All student-athletes must be in good standing with their League, school and CCS in order to compete. No ineligible athletes will be allowed to compete.
- C.** Any player or coach who is disqualified from the Tournament for FLAGRANT MISCONDUCT or UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR will be disqualified from all remaining contests in that sport that season, including the CIF Nor-Cal and State Tournaments.

Section 10. PRACTICE AT CHAMPIONSHIP SITE(S)

- A.** Practice at competition site(s) is allowed. However, the site must be willing to allow all requesting schools the opportunity to play a practice round. The site MUST charge each school/player equally to play. **SUNDAY PRACTICE IS NOT ALLOWED.**
- B.** After **APRIL 1st**, no practices or competitions may be held at the announced Nor-Cal Championship site, except for those regularly-scheduled contests by teams that have contracts to use the site as their regular-season home course.

Section 11. TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

The [Participant Information Bulletin](#) will be sent to all schools and the media approximately three (3) weeks prior to the Regional Tournaments.

OTHER IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS RELATED TO PLAYOFFS:

CCS PLAYOFF POLICY
[Click here to see entire policy](#)

SEASON LONG LEAGUE PLAY

The sole purpose of CCS Playoffs is to provide a post-season championship event for its member school teams and athletes who have been engaged in season-long league play in a given sport.

- A.** Section playoffs are to be conducted as the culminating activity for teams and/or individuals who have been engaged in season-long league play in a given sport.
- B.** Schools or leagues which do not conduct a given sport on a recognized league basis for the majority of a given sport season will not be allowed to enter playoff competition. Exceptions to this general policy may be made by the Board of Managers as a result of a unique, short-term and specific circumstance beyond a school's control that directly causes the school to be unable to participate in that sport in season-long league play,
- C.** In individual sports, (swimming, track & field, cross country, tennis, golf, gymnastics, badminton, wrestling), a student athlete must compete in at least ½ of the regularly-scheduled league meets in order to participate in the CCS playoffs in that sport. The specific qualification standards outlined in the CCS bylaws for each

of these sports must be met in addition to this general minimum participation standard. Exceptions to this rule may be determined by the league ONLY

- if there is a serious medical condition or hardship that is beyond the student's control and which clearly and solely causes their lack of participation in a minimum of $\frac{1}{2}$ of their regularly-scheduled league contests OR
- if the student has corrected a scholastic ineligibility in the most recent grading period which occurs after the first half of the league season is complete and which directly and solely causes their lack of participation in a minimum of $\frac{1}{2}$ of their regularly-scheduled league contests.
- if through internal team competition and ladder movement an athlete has not had the opportunity to participate in $\frac{1}{2}$ the regular-scheduled league contests.