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CIF/Central Coast Section Girls Golf Team & Individual Bylaws



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Section 1. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- A. Entry forms due: **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2011, 7:00 PM (No meeting will be held.)**
 B. Evaluation Meeting: **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2011, 6:00 PM, @ CCS**

Section 2. TOURNAMENT DATES

The Section Championships will be held during week of **OCTOBER 31, 2011.**

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 is 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 Leagues may determine qualifying teams and individuals according to the League by-laws that address such circumstances.

B. TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS TO SECTION TOURNAMENT:

1. Team Tournament

- a. The Champion from each League that is made up of a minimum of six (6) teams, plus At-Large teams, using the **five (5)** best scores of a six (6)-person team, qualify for the Section Championships.
- b. Non-Champion teams may enter the Section Tournament as At-Large if their average team score for **five (5)** players is equal to or better than **75%** (without rounding off) of the slope of the course at their League Tournament.
- c. All teams (Automatic Qualifiers and At-Large selections) entering the Tournament may only come from Leagues that participate in regularly-scheduled matches during the Fall sports season.

2. Individual Tournament

- a. Each League's Individual Champion qualifies to enter the Individual Tournament.
- b. Any individual player, as well as any member of a team, may enter the Individual Championship if her score is equal to or better than **75%** (without rounding off) of the slope of the course at her League Qualifying Tournament.
- c. An Individual player attending a school that does not field a Girls Golf team may enter her respective League's Qualifying Tournament, and qualify to enter the CCS Girls Individual Championship, if either:
 - (1) her score is equal to or better than **75%** (without rounding off) of the slope of the course at her League Tournament; or
 - (2) she is the Individual League Champion.
 Such player may then participate with the Boys team at her school in the Spring season. She may not, however, participate in the Boys Individual Tournament in the Spring.

C. REQUIRED ENTRY FORMS

League Representatives must submit the [Official League Entry Form - Girls Team & Girls Individual](#) for their respective Leagues on or before **OCTOBER 27, 2011**. Section Tournament entries must be submitted for all Girls from the League who qualified, under the conditions as stated in **Section 3.-B.** above, for either the Team or Individual competition.

D. TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS FROM SECTION TO CIF NOR-CAL TOURNAMENT**1. Team Section Competition:**

Using the **five (5)** best scores of six (6)-player-team stroke play, over 18 holes, the top three (3) teams will qualify for the CIF Nor-Cal Girls Team Championships. If the **5th and 6th** players have the same 18-hole score, the team coach will determine which player's score to use.
(See **Section 5.-B.** below for specific Team competition tie-breaker procedure.)

2. Individual Section Competition:

The top four (4) scores of stroke play, over 18-holes, by Individuals who are not members of a qualifying team, will qualify to the CIF Nor-Cal Girls Individual Tournament. If there is a tie for the 4th qualifier, and/or for the 1st-place medallist, there will be a sudden-victory play-off to determine who advances, and/or who is the Individual Champion, respectively.
(See **Section 5.-C.** below for specific Individual competition tie-breaker procedure.)

Section 4. PAIRING PROCEDURES

- A. Teams shall be assigned tee times reflecting the rank order submitted by the League Representatives.
- B. Individuals shall be assigned tee times such that League-mates are in different groups, whenever possible.
- C. Individual competitors will tee off prior to Team participants, whenever possible.

Section 5. RULES

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

B. TEAM COMPETITION -- TIE BREAKER

- 1. If there is a tie for 1st-Place and/or 3rd-Place at the CCS Girls Team Championship, and if time and course permit, there will be a sudden-victory play-off involving the top five (5) players on the tied teams.
- 2. If not, the **USGA Score-card Tie-Breaker** shall be used, as required: holes 10-18; then 13-18; then 16-18; then 18, of the top five (5) players on the tied teams.
- 3. All other ties will be decided using the **USGA Score-card Tie-Breaker** procedure, as stated above.

C. INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION -- TIE BREAKER

- 1. If time and course permit, there will be a sudden-victory play-off at the CCS Girls Individual Championship for 1st-Place and/or 4th-Qualifier for the CIF Nor-Cal Individual tournament ties only.
- 2. If not, the **USGA Score-card Tie-Breaker** shall be used, as required: holes 10-18; then 13-18; then 16-18; then 18, of the tied competitors.
- 3. All other ties will be decided using the **USGA Score-card Tie-Breaker** procedure, as stated above.

- D. **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 Tournament.

E. SCORING

- 1. Whenever possible, a coach will walk with each group and serve as the official referee, ensuring pace of play, and enforcing the **USGA Rules of Golf**. This assigned marshal shall also keep a scorecard for the group.
- 2. 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 her score for each hole played. At the end of the round, each player shall verify her score on each hole, and sign the official scorecard prior to it being turned in to the scorers table.

- F. **TEES** -- The CCS Girls Team and Individual Tournaments will be played from the "Forward" (red) tees.

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

- H. **PULL-CARTS** --The use of pull-carts is allowed at the CCS Girls Team and Individual Tournaments.

- I. **"RANGE-FINDERS"** -- The use of any mechanical range-finders (e.g, "Sky-Caddies), other than what is already provided by the course, is strictly prohibited.

Section 6. 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 7. AWARDS

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

- A. 4 Team Trophies: 1 awarded to each Champion, Runner-Up, Third- and Fourth-Place Team
- B. 12 Medals: 6 awarded to members of the Champion and Runner-Up Teams
- C. 1 Plaque: Awarded to the Coach of the Championship Team
- D. 6 Medals: 1 awarded to each 1st- thru 6th-Place finisher in the Individual Tournament

Section 8. 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:

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

- 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 CCS Tournament to review CCS Sportsmanship information. (See APPENDIX for [REQUIRED PRE-GAME SPORTSMANSHIP MEETING](#))
- E. **Coaches** will attend a coaches meeting the morning of the Tournament, 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.

Section 9. COACHES MUST BE PRESENT

Coaches are expected to remain at the event throughout the Championship match. All student-athletes competing in any CCS contest (scrimmages, alumni contests, pre-season, League, and CCS Playoffs) 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 a person who meets 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, a person engaged by that school on a yearly contract basis as a regular member 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 9.-A.-1.** above in the case of a public school; and **Section 9.-A.-2.** above in the case of a non-public school.

C. NO COACH PRESENT - STUDENT INELIGIBLE.

Section 10. 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 she is representing. (See **Section 9.** above)
- B. All student-athletes must be in good standing with their League, school, and the CCS in order to compete. No ineligible athletes will be allowed to compete.
- C. Any player 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 Nor-Cal and State CIF competition.

Section 11. PRACTICE AT CHAMPIONSHIP SITE

Practice at the competition site is allowed by the CCS. However, the site must be willing to allow all requesting schools the opportunity to play a practice round. The site **MUST** charge each school and/or player to play. Schools **CANNOT** practice on **SUNDAY**.

Section 12. TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

The [Participant Information Bulletin](#) will be mailed to all schools and the media approximately three (3) weeks prior to the Section Tournament.

OTHER IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS RELATED TO PLAYOFFS:**CCS PLAYOFF POLICY**

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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 considered by the league **ONLY**
 - o 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 ½ of their regularly-scheduled league contests OR
 - o 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 ½ of their regularly-scheduled league contests.
 - o if through internal team competition and ladder movement an athlete has not had the opportunity to participate in ½ the regular-scheduled league contests.