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CIF/Central Coast Section

Soccer Bylaws

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Section 1. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- A. Seeding: **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2012**, @ the CCS office; **Boys: 1:00 PM** **Girls: 3:00 PM**
 B. Evaluation: **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012**, @ 4:00 PM

Section 2. TOURNAMENT DATES

The 2011 CCS Boys/Girls Soccer Tournaments will be conducted as follows:

- 1st Round: **TUESDAY / WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21/22**
 Quarter-Finals: **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**
 Semi-Finals: **TUESDAY / WEDNESDAY / THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 29, & MARCH 1**
 Finals: **SATURDAY, MARCH 3**

Section 3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- A. **36** Boys qualifying teams will be divided into three (3) Divisions of 12 teams each;
36 Girls qualifying teams will be divided into three (3) Divisions of 12 teams each.
- B. The current year's grade 9-12 CBEDS enrollment figures (to be linked here after calculation in November, 2011) will determine the placement of teams in their respective Divisions.
- C. All schools have the option to "move up" to a higher Division if they meet BOTH of the following criteria:
1. Qualify as one of the top eight (8) teams, under the current CCS point-system; **AND**
 2. Apply on or before **DECEMBER 1st** of the current school year. (See APPENDIX - [DIVISION DECLARATION FORM](#))
- D. All matches prior to Quarter-Finals will be played at the home site of the League Champion. If both or neither team is a League Champion, then the higher-seeded team will be the host.
- E. 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 4. QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR ENTERING TOURNAMENT

- A. Teams eligible for CCS Tournament competition are League Champions, other Automatic Qualifiers and selected At-Large entries as follows:

*AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS:	BVAL: 6B/6G	MBL: 2B/2G	MTAL/CAL: 3B/3G	PAL: 4B/4G
	PSAL: 2G	SCCAL: 2B/2G	SCVAL: 4B/4G	TCAL: 2B/2G
	WBAL: 2B	WCAL: 2B/2G	WBAL (Skyline & Foothill): 3G 4G	

PLUS: AT-LARGE ENTRANTS: Boys: 9 teams Girls: ~~6~~ 7 teams

- B. All teams (including Automatic Qualifiers and At-Large applicants) **MUST** submit a **COMPLETED Season Summary Sheet** to the CCS office **BEFORE THE BEGINNING** of the Seeding meeting to be eligible for participation. ([SEASON SUMMARY SHEET - SOCCER](#))

- C. When two [2] or more basic Leagues join together to form supplemental Leagues, the following shall apply:
1. When two [2] or more supplemental Leagues are formed by the joining of two [2] or more basic Leagues, each of which has two [2] Automatic Qualifiers to CCS Play-offs, the new supplemental Leagues shall retain the total of their previous Automatic Qualifiers (e.g., Leagues A and B each have two [2] Automatic Qualifiers. When the new supplemental Leagues are formed, combining A and B, they will have a total of four [4] Automatic Qualifiers).
 2. The League Board of Managers having governance authority over the supplemental Leagues shall determine in its bylaws how those Automatic Qualifiers will be allocated from the supplemental Leagues. In the absence of a basic League tournament to determine Section qualifiers, the League MUST allocate an automatic berth to each of the supplemental League Champions.
- D. Leagues may designate teams to apply for At-Large consideration if they meet at least one [1] of the following criteria:
- **Have a League record of at least .500;**
OR
 - **Have an over-all record of at least .500.**
(Tie games are not counted as wins or losses. Games ending with PK's are counted as ties.)

****Section 5. AT-LARGE SELECTION PROCEDURES**

- A. League-mates applying for an At-Large berth will be considered in the order of League finish, as determined by League bylaws.
- B. The following objective criteria will be used for Seeding and At-Large selection:
1. The point-system below will be applied to the last **18** games of each team's season, although **ALL** games played must be listed on the **Season Summary Sheet**. This includes practice games, League games and tournament games.
 2. League Play-offs and games vs. non-Varsity teams do not count in the last 18 contests.
 3. A game ending in overtime is a win or loss -- a game ending with PK's is a tie.
 4. All contests MUST be played using 40-minutes halves, unless modified by League bylaws.
 5. **Point-System:**

LEAGUE CLASSIFICATION >>>	"A"	"B"	"C"
WIN:	3.0	2.5	2.0
TIE:	2.0	1.5	1.0
LOSS:	1.0	0.5	0
BONUS POINTS- (pro-rated in case of ties for League Championships - see <u>Section 5.-B.-6.</u> below):			
Being a League Champion:	9.0	8.0	7.0
Win over a League Champion:	4.0	3.0	2.5
Tie with a League Champion:	3.0	2.0	1.5
Loss to a League Champion:	2.0	1.0	0.5

6. **In the case of a Co- or Tri-Championship in any League:**
- Bonus points awarded for being a League Champion or playing a League Champion are divided by the number of Champions in that League.
 7. Out-of-Section opponents will be classified as "A" League teams if the opponent has a final overall winning record of 75% or better; otherwise, they will be classified as "B" League teams (in figuring this winning percentage, ties are to be counted as one-half win, and all games played are to be counted in the overall record).
 8. Bonus Points for out-of-Section opponents that are League Champions may also be included in point-totals.
 9. It is the responsibility of the team to verify and indicate the status of out-of-Section opponents, and such information must be verified by the League Representative.
 10. For the 2011-12 season, the **Boys League Classifications** will be as follows:
 "A" Leagues - BVAL(MHAL); PAL(Bay); SCCAL; SCVAL(DeAnza); WCAL
 "B" Leagues - BVAL(STAL); MBL; MTAL; PAL(Ocean); SCVAL(EI Camino); TCAL
 "C" Leagues - BVAL(WVAL); WBAL
 11. For the 2011-12 season, the **Girls League Classifications** will be as follows:
 "A" Leagues - BVAL(MHAL); PAL(Bay); SCCAL; SCVAL(DeAnza); WCAL
 "B" Leagues - BVAL(STAL); MBL; MTAL/Mission Trails; SCVAL(EI Camino); TCAL;WBAL(Foothill)
 "C" Leagues - BVAL(WVAL); MTAL/Coastal; PAL(Ocean); WBAL(Skyline)
[\(Click here for a list of schools in their respective Leagues\)](#)
- C. The process to determine the At-Large teams, as well as Seeding, will be In rank order:

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| (1) total points; | (4) performance against common opponents; |
| (2) head-to-head competition; | (5) wins vs. League Champions; |
| (3) total bonus points; | (6) blind draw. |

Section 6. SEEDING PROCEDURES

- A. At least the top nine (9) teams in each Division will be objectively seeded, using the point system in **Section 5.-A. thru C.** above.
- B. Whenever possible, the 1st- and 2nd-Place teams from the same League will not be seeded in the same half of the bracket, and whenever possible, League-mates will not meet in the 1st round.
- C. If, after completing the bracketing, at least 2/3 of the total number of League Rep.'s present agree that significant misplacement has been made in the seeding of any team, then a subjective change in seeding may occur, by agreement of at least 2/3 of the total number of those League Rep.'s present.

Section 7. RULES

The [2011-12 National Federation](#) Soccer Rules will be used, with the following California adoptions:

- A. The issuance of a "yellow card" to caution a player for misconduct will result in a mandatory and immediate substitution, with no return allowed until the next legal substitution opportunity (as per **NF Rule 12-8-1 [PENALTY]**).
- B. Two (2) equal halves of 40 minutes each will be played; the half-time interval shall be 10 minutes.
- C. Tournament progression, as outlined in the **NF** Rule Book, will be followed throughout the Tournament.
- D. If the game is terminated before the first half has been completed, the match will be replayed in its entirety.
- E. If the game is terminated after the end of the first half (including the overtime period), and the score is NOT tied, the match is an official game at the time the head referee terminates the game.
- F. If the game is terminated after the end of the first half (including the overtime period), and the game is tied, the match will be restarted from the exact point at which it was suspended, with line-up and score the same as when suspended.
- G. In any game prior to the Championship game, ties will be broken in the following manner:
 - Two (2) mandatory 10-minute overtime periods will be played until completed;
 - If still tied, the game will be decided by penalty kicks
- H. In the Championship Game, Co-champions will be declared whenever a tie exists after the completion of the two (2) 10-minute overtime periods.

Section 8. OFFICIALS

The contracting for game officials for the Tournament shall be done with accredited local Officials Associations by the CCS Commissioner.

Section 9. AWARDS

Awards will be presented on the field immediately following the conclusion of each Boys and Girls Division Championship Game, as follows:

- A. 10 Team Trophies: 1 awarded to the Champion and Runner-Up team in each Division;
- B. 180 Medals: 18 awarded to members of the Champion and Runner-Up team in each Division;
- C. 5 Plaques: 1 awarded to the coach of the Champion team in each Division.

Section 10. GAME BALL

MOLTEN is the official Soccer ball of the CCS, and will be used exclusively in every game throughout the Tournament.

Section 11. UNIFORMS

It is the responsibility of the coaches to contact their opponents to determine if there is a similarity of color in team jerseys. In the event there is a similarity, it is the home team's responsibility to make the necessary change. ***The home team (higher seed after the first round) will wear the light colored jerseys and matching socks.****

Section 12. TEAM BENCH

Teams will be seated on the same side of the field and opposite the spectators, whenever possible. The home team (higher seed after the first round) will have choice of bench.

Section 13. 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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • berating your opponent's school or mascot • complaining about officials' calls (verbally or in gestures) • berating opposing players | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • artificial noise makers • obscene cheers / gestures • negative signs |
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- 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 & community.
- D. **Each Principal** is required by the CCS Board of Managers to meet with any team from his/her school participating in the Tournament to review CCS Sportsmanship Information.
 (See APPENDIX for [REQUIRED PRE-GAME SPORTSMANSHIP MEETING INFORMATION SHEET](#))
- E. **Coaches and Captains** will meet with the Site Director 30 minutes prior to game time to remind them of the importance of good sportsmanship and to make certain their Administrator has reviewed this information with them in the past week.
- F. **Administrators** from both schools in each contest will attend a mandatory meeting with the Site Director 15 minutes prior to game-time. (The Coach cannot represent the school at this meeting.)

Section 14. ELIGIBLE ATHLETES

- A. All athletes must be in good standing with their League, school and CCS in order to compete. No ineligible athletes will be allowed to compete.
- B. Any player or coach who is disqualified from a Tournament contest for FLAGRANT MISCONDUCT or UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR will be disqualified from all remaining contests in that sport that season.

Section 15. PRACTICE AT CHAMPIONSHIP SITE(S)

No arrangements for practice at competition sites are allowed by the CCS once the sites of the Tournament has been announced by the CCS. See "[General Tournament Information](#)" Section of this Tournament Guide for specific policy. Schools found in violation of this rule may be barred from further participation in the Section Play-offs.

Section 16. GAME SUPERVISION

- Adequate student/spectator supervision MUST be provided by each school participating in the Tournament. School administrators/faculty who attend the contest should introduce themselves to the CCS Site Director, and tell him/her where they will be located throughout the contest, in case their assistance is needed. It is the responsibility of the school supervisory personnel to prevent and correct any inappropriate behavior of their students and spectators. (See **Section 17.** below for pass information for supervisory personnel.)
- In order that all persons may experience maximum enjoyment at CCS athletic events, and to enhance and encourage good public order, it is the policy of the Central Coast Section/CIF that all persons wishing to audibly cheer or support a particular team be seated in an area designated for, or most closely associated with, the team in question.
- Seating of persons audibly cheering for a particular team in the cheering section of, or areas most closely identified with, the opposing team is to be avoided whenever possible, and such persons shall be directed by staff to the appropriate seating location for their team.

Section 17. TEAM AND EVENT PASSES

- A. Coaches, managers and stats people shall enter through the pass-gate with the team.
- B. The Coach (or Assistant Coach) will remain at the gate until all players are checked in.
- C. The Principal is responsible to sign and submit to the gate personnel a **Pass Gate List Form**, with up to six (6) names of Administrators/Faculty/Adults attending the game to help with supervision of their students/spectators. This list should be at the gate in sufficient time to allow for complimentary admission for those on it.
- D. Only CCS & CIF passes will be honored. School, faculty and League passes will not be honored.

Section 18. RAIN-OUT PROCEDURES

CCS has the final responsibility for determining whether or not a match will be played. If a CCS Staff Member is not on site, the Site Director will telephone the CCS office. The decision will be based on the field conditions and the safety of the players. If the field is safe to use, the game will be played. If possible, teams will not be required to play on consecutive days.

Section 19. REPORTING RESULTS

It is the responsibility of all teams to report their results in a timely fashion to the media in their area, as well as to CCS. Contest results will be posted on the CCS website (www.cifccs.org), as soon as possible.

Section 20. PROGRAMS / ROSTERS

- A.. Official Rosters are due to CCS no later than **FEBRUARY 1st**, in order to be included in the Tournament Programs. ([TOURNAMENT ROSTER - SOCCER](#))
- B. Official CCS Tournament Programs will be on sale while supplies last.

Section 21. TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

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

OTHER IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS RELATED TO PLAYOFFS:

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