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CIF/Central Coast Section Water Polo Bylaws



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Section 1. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

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| A. Seeding: | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 06, 2011, @ the CCS office 11:00 am
<u>Seeding Committee Only</u> |
| B. Evaluation: | TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011, noon at the CCS office |

Section 2. TOURNAMENT DATES

- A. The 2011 CCS Water Polo Tournament is scheduled as follows:

<i>1st Round:</i>	TUESDAY / WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 8 / 9, 2011
<i>Quarter-Finals:</i>	SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 12, 2011
<i>Semi-Finals:</i>	TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 15/16, 2011
<i>Finals:</i>	SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 19, 2011

Section 3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- A. Boys:** Single-elimination; 24 teams, divided into two [2] 12-team Divisions, utilizing the previous school year's [Grade 9-12 CBEDS enrollment figures](#). The 12 teams with the highest enrollment will be placed in Division I, and the remaining teams will be placed in Division II.
- B. Girls:** Single-elimination; 24 teams, divided into two [2] 12-team Divisions, utilizing the previous school year's [Grade 9-12 CBEDS enrollment figures](#). The 12 teams with the highest enrollment will be placed in Division I, and the remaining teams will be placed in Division II.
- IF TWO OR MORE SCHOOLS HAVE THE SAME CBED ENROLLMENT, THEN THE CURRENT YEAR'S CBED ENROLLMENT WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE DIVISION PLACEMENT***

Section 4. QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR ENTERING TOURNAMENT

- A.** All qualifiers, automatic or at-large, are required to submit an accurate, complete and signed CCS Water Polo Season Summary Sheet prior to the start of the Water Polo Seeding Meeting in order to be entered into the tournament. All teams who have qualified and are in compliance with this requirement and those covered in all other portions of these bylaws: League/Division Champions & other Automatic Qualifiers from Leagues, as stipulated in **Section 5.-C.** below, are eligible to enter the Tournament.
- B.** When two [2] or more basic Leagues join together to form two [2] or more supplemental Leagues, the following shall apply:
- When two (2) or more supplemental Leagues are formed by the joining of two (2) or more basic Leagues that each had one [1] or more Automatic Qualifiers to the CCS Tournament, the new supplemental Leagues shall retain the total of their previous Automatic Qualifiers (e.g., Leagues A and B each have one [1] Automatic Qualifier. When the new supplemental Leagues are formed combining A and B, they will have a total of two [2] Automatic Qualifiers).
 - 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 basic League MUST allocate an automatic berth to each of the supplemental League Champions.

C. All qualifying teams MUST submit a **Season Summary Sheet** to the CCS office BEFORE THE BEGINNING the Water Polo Seeding Meeting to be eligible to participate in the Tournament. Teams not in compliance with all aspects of this and the rest of the CCS Bylaws or who are not in good standing with their district, league, CCS or CIF shall be denied entry into the championship.
(SEASON SUMMARY SHEET)

Section 5. SEEDING, AT-LARGE SELECTION AND BRACKETING PROCEDURES

- A. The seeding committee will convene for the seeding meeting in the CCS Office. The seeding committee will consist of three coaches, two commissioners, one CCS staff member, and one water polo official appointed annually by the CCS Commissioner. The meeting will be closed to anyone except the Water Polo Seeding Committee and CCS Staff. After completing seeding and site assignments of first round games the CCS Water Polo playoff brackets will be posted on the CCS web site. These brackets, as posted, will be final. The following subjective criteria will be used for seeding and at-large selection of each Division (in no particular order):
- B. Head-to head competition, record against common opponents, league finish, strength of schedule and record against automatic qualifiers. League mates will not meet in the first round whenever possible. If by seeding, league mates are meeting in the first round, the lower seeded league mate will be moved down one seed until they are not meeting a league mate. The higher seeded league mates will not be moved to accommodate this. No lower seeded league mate may be moved more than two spots to avoid this conflict. If the lower seeded league mate is the last seed in that division, they will be moved up no more than two seeds to avoid the conflict.
- C/. Total Number of Automatic Qualifiers from Each League

1.	BOYS 24 TEAMS	WCAL - 5 TCAL - 4	PAL(Bay) - 3 ECAL (SCVAL) - 1	DAL (SCVAL) - 4 PAL (Ocean) - 1	MHAL (BVAL) - 3 STAL (BVAL) - 1	<i>Two at-large entries</i>
2.	GIRLS 24 TEAMS	WCAL - 5 TCAL - 4	PAL(Bay) - 4 ECAL (SCVAL) - 1	DAL (SCVAL) - 4 PAL (Ocean) - 1	MHAL (BVAL) - 3 STAL (BVAL) - 1	<i>One at-large entry</i>

Section 6. SEASON SUMMARY SHEET

Each coach is responsible for turning in the **Season Summary Sheet** to the CCS office prior to the Seeding Meeting. Any team whose Season Summary Sheet is not received by the CCS office or is incomplete at the time of the beginning of the seeding meeting, will be disqualified for entrance into the CCS Water Polo playoffs that year. ([SEASON SUMMARY SHEET -- WATER POLO](#))

Section 7. 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 8. RULES

The 2011-12 **National Federation** Water Polo rules will apply throughout the Tournament.

Section 9. OFFICIALS

The CCS Commissioner will contract with local accredited Officials' Associations for Tournament officials.

Section 10. TEAM BENCH, UNIFORMS, HOME TEAM SPECIFICATIONS

- A. The "HOME TEAM" in each match is the highest-seeded team (normally the team listed on the bottom of the bracket).
- B. As per **NF Rule 2-4-1**, the "VISITING TEAM" shall wear white caps, and the "HOME TEAM" shall wear a dark contrasting color.

Section 11. TOURNAMENT BALL

Kap 7 is the official CCS Water Polo Tournament ball, will be provided by CCS and will be used exclusively throughout the Tournament.

Section 12. AWARDS

Awards will be presented on the pool deck immediately following each Division Final:

- A. 8 Team Trophies: 1 awarded to each Division's Champion and Runner-Up team;
- B. 120 Medals: 15 awarded to members of each Division's Champion and Runner-Up team;
- C. 4 Plaques: 1 awarded to the Coach of each Division's Championship team.

Section 13. PRACTICE AT CHAMPIONSHIP SITE(S)

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

Section 14. 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
- negative signs
- berating your opponent's school or mascot
- obscene cheers or gestures
- complaining about officials' calls (verbally or in gestures)

- C. **Sportsmanship Contract**: 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 from his/her school participating in the Tournament to review CCS Sportsmanship Information. ([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 15. ELIGIBLE ATHLETES

- A. All athletes must be in good standing with their Leagues, schools 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 16. FACULTY SUPERVISION

- Adequate student/spectator supervision **MUST** be provided by each school participating in the Tournament. School administrators/faculty who attend the contest in this regard 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 required. It is the responsibility of the school supervisory personnel to prevent and correct any inappropriate behavior of their schools' students and spectators. (See [Section 17](#) for Pass Gate List information)
- In order that all persons may experience maximum enjoyment at CCS athletic events, and to encourage and enhance good public order, it is the policy of the CIF-Central Coast Section 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 team members should enter through the pass-gate together.
- B. CCS & CIF Passes only will be honored. League, school or faculty passes will not be honored.
- C. Principals are responsible to submit a **PASS GATE LIST FORM** of up to six (6) adults to the gate personnel attending the contest to help with supervision of students/spectators. This list, signed by the Principal, should be presented at the gate in time to allow complimentary admission to those on the form.

Section 18. TEAM ROSTERS

Team Roster information is due **on or before NOVEMBER 1ST**.

(See web site for instructions on how to submit your roster:

<http://www.cifccs.org/playoffs/tournamentforms/water%20polo%20roster%20on-line.htm>)

Section 19. 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](#)