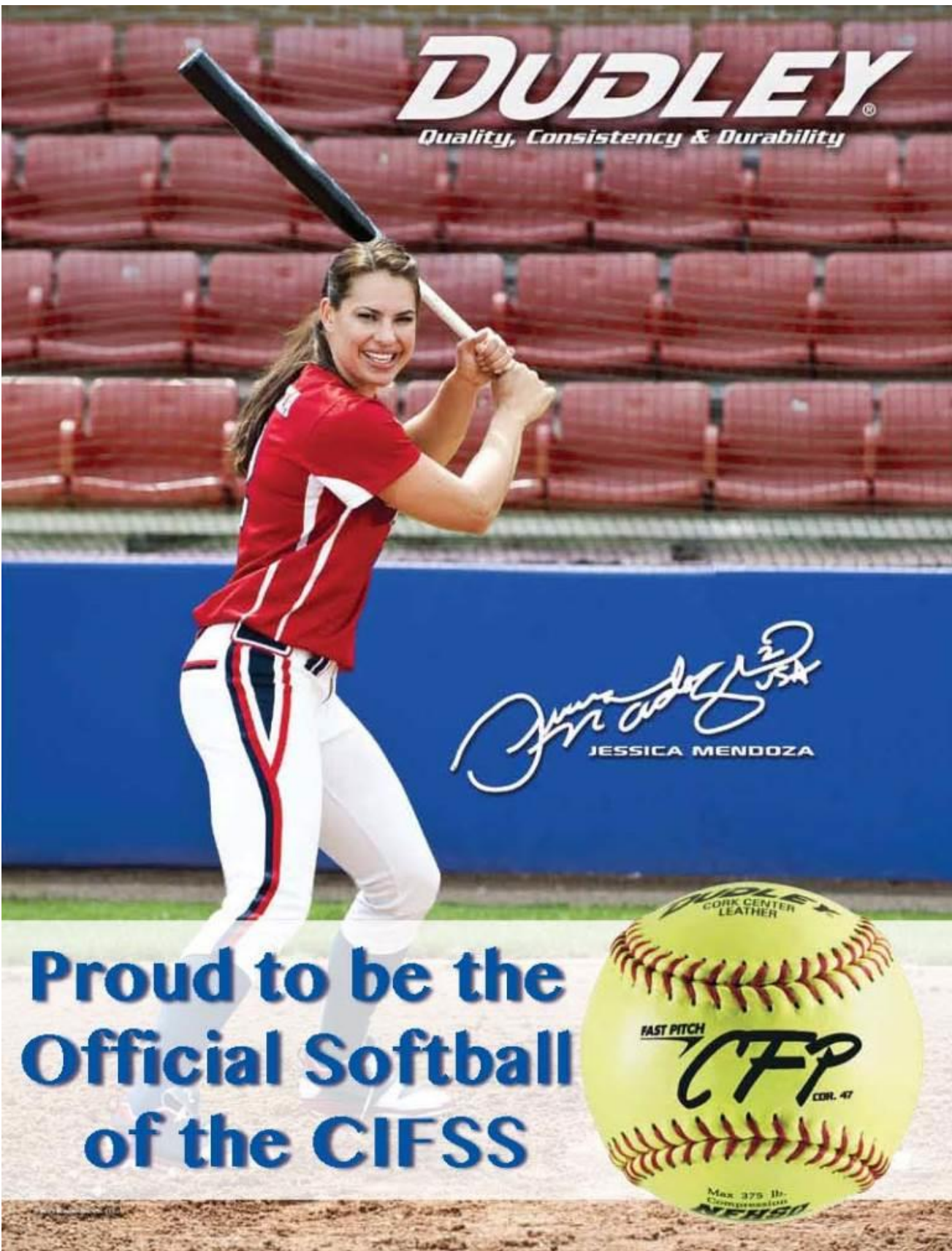




# 2019 GIRLS SOFTBALL PREVIEW



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TO: CIF-SS GIRLS' SOFTBALL COACHES  
FROM: MIKE MIDDLEBROOK, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER  
DATE: JANUARY 2019  
RE: **2019 GIRLS' SOFTBALL SEASON**

You will find included in this preview very important and vital information for the 2019 season. **REVIEW THE INFORMATION THOROUGHLY**. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me or my administrative assistant Lisa McInerney at the CIF-SS office. The following items are included:

4. Advisory Committee/Top ten poll
5. Dates for Softball 2019 Season
6. Softball Schools/League/Division List
9. "Be CIF Prepared"
11. Blue Book Rules: General
16. Blue Book Rules: Softball
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24. Legal Softball Bat Marks
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25. Special Notice/Posting Scores
26. CSOA Unit President's
27. 2019 NFHS Softball Rules Changes
35. Certified Bat Memo January 2019, Non-Approved Bat List
37. Top Ten Preview Questionnaire
38. Softball Record Up-Dates

2019 National Federation Softball Rules Book  
~ mailed to schools on December 12, 2018 ~

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**Event Manager: Laura Shinar and Sharen Caperton**

**TOP TEN POLL: \*\* Division Representative**

**It is imperative that you contact the Girls Softball Advisory Committee member in your division on a weekly basis regarding Top Ten Poll rankings if your team or a team in your league should be considered.**

# **CIF SOUTHERN SECTION GIRLS SOFTBALL 2019 CALENDAR AND PLAYOFF DATES**

## **FIRST CONTEST:**

The initial date on which a school may schedule and conduct an interscholastic contest is:  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019.**

**If a school chooses to have a scrimmage (maximum 1 scrimmage), it must be on or after February 9<sup>th</sup> and before their first official contest.**

## **LAST CONTEST:**

All league competition must end on or before **THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019**. Schools may compete until Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> for non-league contests only. See Bylaw 3008 for end of competition guidelines.

**LEAGUE ENTRIES DUE by 11:00pm on Thursday, April 25, 2019.**

## **CIF SOUTHERN SECTION FORD GIRLS' SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP DATES:**

### **PLAYOFF DATES:**

**April 30 (Wildcard), May 2, 7, 9, 14, 2019**

Mercy Rule 2600.1 will be used for Wildcard, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> rounds in the 2019 playoffs.

**CIF SS FINALS (All Divisions): May 17-18, 2019**

## **2019 GAME BALL:**

**The Official game ball for all playoff rounds and the final championship games on May 17-18, 2019 is the Dudley CFP12Y NFHS**

## **KEY REMINDER:**

All batting helmets shall be equipped with a NOCSAE APPROVED FACE PROTECTOR. The phrase, "Meets NOCSAE Standard" must be permanently affixed to the face protector.

# SOFTBALL 2018-2019 LEAGUES/SCHOOLS/DIVISIONS

updated: 1/31/2019

ENT LEAGUE	DIV	ENT LEAGUE	DIV	ENT LEAGUE	DIV	ENT LEAGUE	DIV
<b>3 605</b>		<b>3 BASELINE</b>		<b>3 COAST VALLEY</b>		<b>3 DESERT EMPIRE</b>	
Artesia	4	Chino Hills	1	Coast Union	6	La Quinta/La Quinta	3
Cerritos	2	Etiwanda	2	Coastal Christian	7	Palm Desert	2
Glenn	5	Los Osos	3	Maricopa	7	Palm Springs	4
Oxford Academy	7	Rancho Cucamonga	3	Shandon - Ineligible		Rancho Mirage	5
Pioneer	6	St. Lucys	2	Valley Christian/SM	7	Shadow Hills	4
Whitney	7	Upland	1			Xavier Prep	6
				<b>3 COASTAL</b>		<b>2 DESERT MOUNTAIN</b>	
<b>4 ACADEMY</b>		<b>3 BAY</b>		Hawthorne MSA	5	Desert Chr/Lancaster	7
Avalon	7	Leuzinger - Ineligible		Lennox Academy	7	Lone Pine	7
Brethren Christian	7	Mira Costa	3	New Roads	7	Mammoth	7
Capistrano Valley	3	Palos Verdes	4	Rolling Hills Prep	5	Mojave	7
Lutheran/La Verne	7	Peninsula	4	The Archer School for	5		
Orangewood	7	Redondo Union	5			<b>3 DESERT SKY</b>	
Samueli Academy	7			<b>3 COASTAL CANYON</b>		Adelanto	6
Webb	7	<b>3 BIG VIII</b>		Agoura	2	Barstow	4
		Centennial/Corona	2	Camarillo	1	Granite Hills	7
<b>3 AGAPE</b>		Corona	3	Moorpark	3	Silverado	4
Academy Careers/Exp	7	King, Martin Luther	1	Oak Park	5	Victor Valley	5
Hesperia Christian	7	Norco	1	Royal	2		
Lucerne Valley	7	Roosevelt, Eleanor	2	Simi Valley	2	<b>4 DESERT VALLEY</b>	
Sage Oak Charter - Probation		Santiago/Corona	1			Banning	4
Victor Valley Chr	7			<b>2 CRESTVIEW</b>		Cathedral City	6
		<b>3 CAMINO REAL</b>		Canyon/Anaheim	2	Coachella Valley	6
<b>3 ALMONT</b>		Bishop Montgomery	5	Foothill/Santa Ana	2	Desert Hot Springs	7
Alhambra	6	Mary Star of the Sea	4	Villa Park	2	Desert Mirage	7
Bell Gardens	6	Pomona Catholic	4	Yorba Linda	1	Indio	5
Mark Keppel	7	St. Genevieve	TBD			Twentynine Palms	6
Montebello	4	St. Monica Catholic	6	<b>4 CROSS VALLEY</b>		Yucca Valley	5
San Gabriel	7			Academy/Acad Excel	7		
Schurr	4	<b>3 CHANNEL</b>		Big Bear	6	<b>3 EMPIRE</b>	
		Cabrillo/Lompoc	6	Cobalt Institute	7	Crean Lutheran	5
<b>4 AMBASSADOR</b>		Dos Pueblos	4	Excelsior Charter	6	Cypress	2
Aquinas	4	Lompoc	5	Riverside Prep	7	Kennedy/La Palma	2
Arrowhead Chr Acad	7	San Marcos	3	Silver Valley	7	Pacifica/Garden	1
Desert Chr Acad	5	Santa Barbara	6	University Prep	5	Tustin	4
Linfield Christian	5	Santa Ynez	5			Valencia/Placentia	3
Loma Linda Acad	7			<b>3 DEL REY</b>			
Ontario Christian	5	<b>3 CITRUS BELT</b>		Bishop Amat	3	<b>3 FOOTHILL</b>	
Western Christian	7	Cajon	3	La Salle	5	Canyon/CC	3
Woodcrest Chr	6	Carter	4	St. Anthony	4	Golden Valley	2
		Citrus Valley	4	St. Joseph/Lakewood	2	Hart	3
<b>3 ARROWHEAD</b>		Redlands	2	St. Paul	2	Saugus	1
California Lutheran	7	Redlands East Vly	1			Valencia/Valencia	1
Calif School/Deaf	7	Yucaipa	1	<b>3 DEL RIO</b>		West Ranch	3
Hamilton	7			California	2		
La Sierra Academy	7	<b>3 CITRUS COAST</b>		El Rancho	4	<b>3 FREEWAY</b>	
Sherman Indian	6	Carpinteria	6	La Serna	1	Buena Park	5
United Christian Acad	6	Fillmore	4	Santa Fe	1	Fullerton	3
		Hueneme	5	Whittier	3	La Habra	2
		Malibu	7			Sonora	2
		Nordhoff	6			Sunny Hills	2
		Santa Paula	4			Troy	3

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ENT	LEAGUE	DIV	ENT	LEAGUE	DIV	ENT	LEAGUE	DIV	ENT	LEAGUE	DIV
3	<b>GARDEN GROVE</b>		3	<b>IVY</b>		3	<b>MONTVIEW</b>		3	<b>OCEAN</b>	
	Bolsa Grande	7		Canyon Springs	3		Azusa	6		Beverly Hills	7
	La Quinta/W	7		North, J.W.	2		Duarte	7		Culver City	4
	Loara	5		Paloma Valley	3		Gladstone	7		El Segundo	4
	Los Amigos	7		Poly/Riverside	1		Nogales	6		Hawthorne	6
	Rancho Alamitos	6		Temescal Canyon	3		Sierra Vista	6		Lawndale	7
	Santiago/GG	6		Valley View	2		Workman	7		Santa Monica	3
4	<b>GOLD COAST</b>		3	<b>MAJESTIC</b>		4	<b>MOORE</b>		3	<b>OLYMPIC</b>	
	Brentwood	7		Bethel Chr/Riv	7		Cabrillo/LB	6		Heritage Christian	4
	Campbell Hall	5		Calvary Baptist	7		Compton	6		Maranatha	4
	Crossroads	7		Crossroads Chr	7		Jordan	6		Valley Chr/Cerritos	5
	Paraclete	5		Grove	6		Lakewood	2		Village Christian	3
	Sierra Canyon	3		Lake Arrowhead Chr	7		Millikan	3		Whittier Christian	5
	Viewpoint	7					Poly/Long Beach	5			
	Windward	6		3	<b>MARMONTE</b>			Wilson/Long Beach	3	3	<b>OMEGA</b>
				Calabasas	3					Gorman Learning-probation	
4	<b>GOLDEN</b>			Newbury Park	1	3	<b>MOUNTAIN PASS</b>			Highland Hall	7
	Antelope Valley	7		Oaks Christian	1		Beaumont	2		San Fernando Vly Acad	7
	Eastside	7		Thousand Oaks	3		Citrus Hill	6		Santa Clarita Vly Intl	7
	Highland	3		Westlake	4		Hemet	5		Summit View	7
	Knight, Pete	5					San Jacinto	5			
	Lancaster	6		3	<b>MIRAMONTE</b>		Tahquitz	5		<b>ORANGE</b>	
	Littlerock	7		Bassett	7		West Valley	4		3	Anaheim
	Palmdale	6		Edgewood	5					Century	6
	Quartz Hill	5		Ganesha	7		4	<b>MOUNTAIN VALLEY</b>		Katella	5
				Garey	6		Indian Springs	7		Magnolia	7
3	<b>GOLDEN WEST</b>			La Puente	6		Miller, A.B.	4		Santa Ana Valley	7
	Garden Grove	4		Pomona	6		Moreno Valley	5		Savanna	5
	Godinez	4					Pacific	6			
	Ocean View	5		3	<b>MISSION</b>		Rubidoux	6		3	<b>ORANGE COAST</b>
	Segerstrom	4		Alemany	3		San Bernardino	7		Calvary Chapel/SA	5
	Western	6		Chaminade	2		Vista Del Lago/MV	5		Costa Mesa	6
	Westminster	6		Harvard-Westlake	4					Estancia	6
				Marlborough	5		3	<b>MT. BALDY</b>		Orange	7
				Notre Dame/SO	3		Chaffey	3		Saddleback	7
							Chino	3		Santa Ana	7
3	<b>HACIENDA</b>			4	<b>MISSION VALLEY</b>		Diamond Bar	3		4	<b>PACIFIC</b>
	Charter Oak	2		Arroyo	5		Don Lugo	2		Arcadia	4
	Diamond Ranch	3		El Monte	5		Montclair	4		Burbank	4
	Los Altos/HH	1		Gabrielino	6		Ontario	5		Burroughs/Burbank	3
	South Hills	2		Marshall	6					Crescenta Valley	3
	Walnut	5		Mountain View	5		2	<b>MULHOLLAND</b>		Glendale	5
	West Covina	4		Rosemead	7		Animo Leadership	7		Hoover	6
				South El Monte	4		Environ. Charter	7		Muir	6
3	<b>HERITAGE</b>						Summit View Westview	7		Pasadena	6
	Faith Baptist	5		3	<b>MOJAVE RIVER</b>		Wiseburn Da Vinci	7			
	Firebaugh			Apple Valley	5					3	<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>
	Oakwood	7		Burroughs/Ridgecrest	7		2	<b>NORTH HILLS</b>		Beckman, Arnold	4
	Santa Clarita Chr	7		Hesperia	6		Brea Olinda	3		Irvine	3
	Trinity Classical Acad	7		Oak Hills	3		El Dorado	2		Northwood	4
	Vasquez	7		Serrano	5		El Modena	2		Portola	TBD
				Sultana	4		Esperanza	1		University	5
3	<b>HORIZON</b>									Woodbridge	2
	Alverno Heights	6									
	Bishop Conaty-Loretto	7									
	Holy Family	7									
	Ramona Convent	6									
	Sacred Heart/LA	7									
	San Gabriel Mission	6									

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<b>3</b>	<b>PACIFIC VIEW</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>SAN GABRIEL VALLEY</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>SUBURBAN</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>VALLE VISTA</b>	
	Buena	1		Dominguez	7		Bellflower	5		Baldwin Park	6
	Channel Islands	6		Downey	2		La Mirada	2		Covina	5
	Oxnard	4		Gahr	1		Mayfair	3		Northview	5
	Pacifica/Oxnard	4		Lynwood	6		Norwalk	3		Rowland	6
	Rio Mesa	2		Paramount	4					San Dimas	3
	Ventura	6		Warren	3	<b>4</b>	<b>SUNBELT</b>			Wilson/HH	5
							Arlington	4			
							Elsinore	6	<b>3</b>	<b>VICTORY</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>PALOMARES</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>SAN JOAQUIN</b>			Heritage	4		Bloomington Chr	6
	Alta Loma	3		Calvary Chapel/D	6		Lakeside/Lk Elsinore	6		Desert Chapel	7
	Ayala, Ruben	2		Connelly, Cornelia	6		Notre Dame/Riv	6		Joshua Springs Chr	7
	Bonita	2		Eastside Christian	6		Orange Vista	6		Mesa Grande Acad	7
	Claremont	4		Saddleback Vly Chr	6		Perris	7		Public Safety Acad	6
	Colony	5		Southlands Chr	6		Rancho Verde	4		Redlands Adventist Acad	7
	Glendora	3									
<b>3</b>	<b>PIONEER</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>SANTA FE</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>SUNKIST</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>WAVE</b>	
	Inglewood-ineligible			Cantwell-Sacred Hrt	6		Bloomington	6		Corona del Mar	6
	Morningside	7		Serra	5		Colton	4		Fountain Valley	3
	North Torrance	2		St. Bernard	7		Fontana	5		Laguna Beach	7
	South Torrance	2		St. Marys Academy	7		Grand Terrace	1		Newport Harbor	5
	Torrance	5		St Pius X-St Matthias	7		Kaiser	4			
	West Torrance	1					Summit	4			
<b>4</b>	<b>PREP</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>SEA VIEW</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>SUNSHINE</b>			<b>Freelance:</b>	
	Chadwick	6		Capistrano Valley	3		Flintridge Sacred Hrt	5		Noli Indian	7
	Flintridge Prep	7		El Toro	4		Immaculate Heart	6		Riverside Cty Ed/MV	7
	Mayfield	7		San Clemente	1		Louisville	5			
	Poly/Pasadena	6		Tesoro	2		Marymount	6		<b>Does Not Field:</b>	
	Providence/Burbank	7		Trabuco Hills	4		Notre Dame Acad	6		Apple Valley Chr	
	Rio Hondo Prep	7								Aveson Global	
	Westridge	7		<b>3 SOUTH COAST</b>						*Bishop Diego	
<b>3</b>	<b>RIO HONDO</b>			Aliso Niguel	1					Villanova Prep	
	La Canada	4		Dana Hills	2	<b>2 SURF</b>					
	Monrovia	6		Laguna Hills	1		Edison	2			
	San Marino	6		Mission Viejo	1		Huntington Beach	1			
	South Pasadena	7		San Juan Hills	3		Los Alamitos	1			
	Temple City	4					Marina	2			
<b>3</b>	<b>RIVER VALLEY</b>					<b>3 TRINITY</b>					
	Hillcrest	4		<b>1 SOUTH EASTERN</b>			JSerra Catholic	3			
	Jurupa Valley	4		Rancho Christian	7		Lutheran/Orange	1			
	La Sierra	6		Santa Rosa Acad	4		Mater Dei	1			
	Norte Vista	5		Temecula Prep	6		Rosary Academy	3			
	Patriot	3					Santa Margarita	1			
	Ramona	3		<b>2 SOUTH VALLEY</b>							
<b>3</b>	<b>SAN ANDREAS</b>			California Military	7						
	Arroyo Valley	6		Calvary Murrieta	7						
	Eisenhower	5		Nuview Bridge	6						
	Jurupa Hills	4		San Jacinto Vly Acad	7						
	Rialto	4									
	Rim of the World	5		<b>3 SOUTHWESTERN</b>							
	San Geronio	6		Chaparral	3						
				Great Oak	1						
				Murrieta Mesa	1						
				Murrieta Valley	2						
				Temecula Valley	2						
				Vista Murrieta	1						

\*will compete in non-league games only

# “BE CIF PREPARED!”

## **SCHEDULES & SCORES:**

**Complete your schedule in CIFSSHome prior to your season as well as update scores following each contest**

**Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your entire season schedule into CIFSSHome ([www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org)) as well as update the scores immediately following your contests.**

Log in @ [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org) (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director). Once you are logged in:

-On the left panel, click on “Teams”, select “Softball”

-To **Add a game**, click “Add Game” at the top right and fill out all of the required fields which are marked by a red (\*) to complete your schedule.

-To **Submit your score**, click on the “Teams”, select “Softball” scroll through your schedule and click on the green “Post Result” button.

-Make sure that your overall and team records are correct on your team page.

**Check out the Help video under the Help button on the bottom left, “Be CIF Prepared!”**

## **VARSITY TEAM INFORMATION (ROSTER):**

**Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your entire Softball Varsity roster into CIFSSHome ([www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org)) no later than **Friday, April 26, 2019.****

Log in @ [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org) (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).

-On the left panel, Click on the “**Teams**” tab, select “Softball”

-Here are the instructions for using the sample file.

- Download the sample file **and** delete the “contents only”. Copy and paste or type your roster information into the file as the contents and save the file to your computer. You can only upload an excel file (xls) that is the exact same format as the sample file. Columns for information not required for your sport may be left blank, but the HEADER INFORMATION MUST REMAIN EXACTLY AS THE SAMPLE.

**Required Columns for Boys Volleyball are: First Name, Last Name, Birth date, Year, Number, Position, Height & Eligibility.**

- Next - click Choose File, find your file, then click “Import Student”.

- To confirm your roster has been uploaded, your roster will be uploaded in the roster section and all of the required columns are filled out.

**Check out the Help video under the Help tab on the bottom left, “Be CIF Prepared!”**

## **VARSITY COACHES INFORMATION:**

**Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter ALL your Softball coaches (Head & Assistants) into CIFSSHome ([www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org)) no later than **Friday, April 26, 2019.****

Log in @ [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org) (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).

-Click on the “**Teams**” tab on the left navigation bar. Click on the corresponding varsity team (Softball).

-Click on “Add/Edit Coaches”, select the information to add both your HEAD & ASSISTANT coaches

**Check out the Help video under the Help tab on the bottom left, “Be CIF Prepared!”**

## **VARSITY TEAM PHOTO:**

**Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that your Softball Varsity Team Photo is uploaded to CIFSSHome ([www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org)) no later than **Friday, April 26, 2019.****

Log in @ [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org) (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).

-On the left panel, click **Teams**” tab on the left navigation bar. Click on the corresponding varsity team (Softball).

-Under Team Picture, click Add/Edit picture, click Browse, find your file and click “Upload Picture” – Team Photo can be no larger than 672 pixels x 480 pixels (7”x5”)

**Check out the Help video under the Help tab on the bottom left, “Be CIF Prepared!”**

## **AT LARGE APPLICATION – MUST HAVE .500 RECORD OR BETTER:**

The At-Large application is to be submitted by your school no later than **Thursday, April 25, 2019.**

Once you are logged in:

-On the left side panel, click on “At-Large Petition”

-Select “Softball” then click “Add”

Your 2019 schedule must be complete and updated with all results in CIFSSHome as this is the ONLY location where the information for the At-Large Petition will be created.



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**68 MPH**  
 PITCH SPEED

### 2 KNOW YOUR COMPETITION LEVEL

BE AWARE OF THE AVERAGE PITCH SPEEDS AT YOUR LEVEL OF PLAY.  
 NOTE: These are general guidelines and pitch speeds may vary.

AGE	10 & UNDER	11-12	13-14	HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE/PRO
<b>FASTBALL SPEED</b>	50+ MPH	60+ MPH	70+ MPH	80+ MPH	90+ MPH

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# BLUE BOOK RULES 2018-2019

## 220. BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

All CIF Southern Section eligibility rules apply in all games including non-league, league, tournament and playoff games. In order to compete in interscholastic athletics, a student must:

- 220.1 Be under nineteen years of age. (See Bylaw 203)
- 220.2 Meet the attendance requirements. (See Bylaw 204)
- 220.3 Be eligible scholastically. (See Bylaw 205)
- 220.4 Have met the residence requirements. (See Bylaw 206)
- 220.5 Meet citizenship requirements. (See Bylaw 217)
- 220.6 Not participate in any tryout for a professional or collegiate team. (See Bylaws 212 and 605)
- 220.7 Not compete with outside teams. (See Bylaw 600)
- 220.8 Be an amateur. (See Bylaw 212)

Q: Will a student jeopardize his or her eligibility for high school athletics by participating in a rodeo or motorcycle race and accepting a cash prize or an award in excess of that permitted by CIF Southern Section regulations?

A: Neither a rodeo nor a motorcycle race is an approved interscholastic sport, so competing for, or the acceptance of a cash prize or an award in excess of CIF Southern Section limitations would have no bearing upon a student's eligibility for high school athletics.

Q: What is defined as an interscholastic scrimmage?

A: An interscholastic scrimmage is defined as a training session in which students from more than one school participate, any aspect of play is exercised, and no score is kept. Only students regularly enrolled in public and private CIF member schools, grades 9-12, shall be permitted to participate in a scrimmage. Alumni shall not be permitted to take part other than the one allowable contest where noted in specific sports. It should also be noted that only students enrolled in grades 9-12 at each specific school may take part in regular practice sessions.

## 503 C. GRADE LEVEL RESTRICTIONS

Only 9th through 12th grade students may practice with or compete on a high school team. Ninth grade students of a junior high school which is located on the same campus and is under the supervision of the same principal as the senior high school may practice with and compete on the high school team. For a multi-school situation, see Bylaw 303.

## 503 E. SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

No CIF team shall participate in interscholastic or approved competition with any other team unless the CIF team is under supervision as required by the California Education Code 49032. (See also Bylaw 503.F.).

## 503 G. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

As a condition of membership, schools will require that a student receive an annual physical examination conducted by a medical practitioner certifying that the student is physically fit to participate in athletics. The report of the examination will be on a school board-approved form that includes a health history. The physical examination must be completed before a student may try out, practice or participate in interscholastic athletic competition. A student will be excused from this physical examination provided there is compliance with the Education Code provisions concerning Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Caregiver's Refusal to Consent. The CIF Health and Safety Committee strongly recommends schools use the Pre-Participation Physical Examination form that is endorsed by five major medical societies; American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Medical Society for Sports Medicine, American Orthopedic Sports Medicine and the American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine. All CIF schools must have school board-approved forms.

(Revised March 2004 Executive Committee)

## 503 H. CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

A student-athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time for the remainder of the day. A student-athlete who has been removed from play may not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in education and management of concussion and receives written clearance to return to play from that health care provider. If a licensed health care provider, trained in education and management of concussion determines that the athlete sustained a concussion or a head injury, the athlete is required to complete a graduated return-to-play protocol of no less than seven (7) full days from the time of diagnosis under the supervision of a licensed health care provider. On a yearly basis, a concussion and head injury information sheet shall be signed and returned by all athletes and the athlete's parent/guardian/caregiver before the athlete's initial practice or competition. **(Approved May 2010 Federated Council/Revised May 2012 Federated Council/Revised January 2015 Federated Council)**

## 503 I. STEROID PROHIBITION

As a condition of membership, all schools shall adopt policies prohibiting the use and abuse of androgenic/anabolic steroids. All member schools shall have participating students and their parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver agree that the athlete will not use steroids without the written prescription of a fully licensed physician (as recognized by the AMA) to treat a medical condition. NOTE: Article 1-12.N. **(Revised May 2005 Federated Council)**

## 503 J. SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST PROTOCOL

A student-athlete who passes out or faints while participating in, or immediately following, an athletic activity or who is known to have passed out or fainted while participating in or immediately following an athletic activity, must be removed immediately from participating in a practice or game for the remainder of the day. A student-athlete who has been removed from play after displaying signs and symptoms associated with sudden cardiac arrest may not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider and receives written clearance to return to play from that health care provider. On a yearly basis, a Sudden Cardiac Arrest information sheet shall be signed and returned by all athletes and the athlete's parent/guardian/caregiver before the athlete's initiating practice or competition.

*Q: What is meant by "licensed health care provider?"*

A: The "scope of practice" for licensed health care providers and medical professionals is defined by California state statutes. This scope of practice will limit the evaluation to a medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO). **(January 2015 Federated Council)**

## 504 M. SUNDAY RESTRICTIONS

In order to provide at least one day of respite from involvement in interscholastic athletics each week, no interscholastic games or practices of any kind are to be held on Sunday.

Exception: Those schools founded upon religious tenets that observe the Sabbath from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown may practice or play on Sundays. Schools must register each year by August 1 for the following year with their Section office and indicate either Friday or Saturday as their alternate day of respite.

NOTE: Declaration of Alternate Day of Respite form is available through your local Section Office.

- (1) Violation of Bylaw 504. M. will result in the following sanctions:
  - a. Practice: For every practice conducted on a declared day of respite, the violating school will be prohibited from conducting twice as many regularly scheduled practices (2 for 1);
  - b. Game: A game played on a declared day of respite will result in forfeiture of the game.
- (2) In addition to the above sanctions, the Section may impose any of the following additional sanctions:
  - a. The final season record will be reduced by at least one win at the conclusion of the season;
  - b. The school will be placed on probation;
  - c. The team/individual will be ineligible to advance to or in Section, Regional or State Championships
  - d. Reduction of maximum number of contests allowed for the following year in that sport;
  - e. Repeated violation may result in suspension of membership in the CIF.

(May 2000 Federated Council/Revised May 2004 Federated Council)

## 506. PRACTICE ALLOWANCE

For the benefit of the physical and mental health of our student-athletes, all practices (as defined herein) under the auspices of the high school athletic program during the season of sport shall be conducted under the following conditions (See also Bylaw 504.M.):

- A. All teams will be allowed no more than eighteen (18) hours of practice time per week and no more than four (4) hours in any single day.
  - (1) Multiple Practice Sessions:
    - a. Double day practices shall not be held on consecutive days.
    - b. Must include a minimum of three (3) hours rest between practices.
  - (2) Golf Only
    - a. In the sport of golf only, a team is allowed a maximum of two (2) days per week of 18-hole practice rounds. [Counts as four (4) hours]
- B. Any competition day would count as three (3) hours toward the allowable weekly and daily practice hours no matter the length of the contest(s). No practice may be held following the conclusion of any contest.
- C. Definition of Practice
  - (1) Any school team or individual activity organized by the coach that is intended to maintain or improve a student-athlete's skill proficiency in a sport; AND/OR
  - (2) Any school team or individual activity that includes skill drills, game situation drills, inter-squad scrimmages or games, weight training, chalk talks, film review, meetings outside of school time (excluding parent meetings) that are implicitly/explicitly required by the coach; AND/OR
  - (3) Any other coach-directed or supervised school team or individual activity or instruction for a specific sport (private, small group or positional instruction, etc.) AND/OR
  - (4) Any other team or individual instruction for a specific sport organized or supervised by any team member, or anyone else associated with the high school athletic program, team or school; AND
  - (5) Outside organization activity (club, etc.), shall not be used to circumvent these Bylaws.
- D. Other mandatory activities (including, but not limited to study hall, tutorial sessions, team dinners), shall not be considered part of practice time. These activities must be approved by the principal. Activities that would be included herein are exclusive to any activity already covered in number C.(1)-(5) above.
- E. This Bylaw shall not supersede any School/District/Section policies that may be more restrictive.
- F. Penalties  
Following the determination of a violation of CIF Bylaw 506, a loss of practice day(s) and/or other sanctions, for each practice session infraction, shall be imposed by the Section as deemed appropriate to the level, extent, and duration of the infraction(s).

NOTE: For purposes of this Bylaw, the season of sport begins with each team's first day of practice. Below are a few sample question and answers for allowable practices. For additional questions please see Bylaw 506 in the current CIF-Southern Section Blue Book.

*Q: Our football coach conducts a one-hour (1) before school weight lifting activity in the weight room for football players. Does this count in the three-hours per school day practice limitation?*

A: Before school activities that are NOT part of the curricular day are subject to the practice limitations. If the activity is organized and/or directed and/or supervised by any of the football coaching staff and only open to football players then YES it is considered to be practice and counted in the daily limit.

*Q: Our football coach conducts a one-hour (1) before school zero period weight lifting activity in the weight room for football players. Does this count in the daily practice limitation?*

A: If Zero period IS considered part of the curricular day then it does not count against the practice duration limitations.

## **600. COMPETITION ON AN OUTSIDE TEAM**

**A student on a high school team becomes ineligible if the student competes in a contest on an “outside” team, in the same sport, during the student’s high school season of sport. (See Bylaw 511) The following exceptions apply:**

- A. If the outside team has half or more of the team members as stated in the National Federation rule book for that sport, it shall be considered the same sport. Examples: three on three basketball — outside team competition prohibited; two on two volleyball — outside team competition permitted.
- Q: May a student who competes at the freshman or junior varsity level compete on an outside team during his or her high school season of sport?
- A: No. The Outside Competition Rule pertains to all levels of competition. Thus, any individual participating at the varsity, junior varsity, sophomore and/or freshman levels may not compete on an outside team during his or her high school season of sport.  
\*See exception in above paragraph.
- Q: Does this rule apply to a student/athlete who starts the season, plays in a game and then becomes ineligible?
- A: Yes. Once the student is eligible and plays in a game, he/she may not play on an outside team and retain their eligibility for that season.

## **601. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF BYLAW 600**

- A. Individual
- (1) **First Offense in High School Career in Any Sport**  
The student becomes immediately ineligible for participation with his/her high school team for a number of contests equal to twice the number of contests of outside competition in which the student participated.
  - (2) **Any Subsequent Offense in High School Career in Any Sport**  
The student becomes immediately ineligible for one year (365 days) from the second infraction in all sports.
  - (3) **Appeals**  
Upon written appeal to the Section commissioner, the student may petition his/her Section for reinstatement of his/her eligibility status.
- B. Team
- (1) **Games Forfeited**  
Games in which a student participated on his/her high school team after violation of CIF Bylaw 600 shall be forfeited.
  - (2) **Appeals**

Sections may establish rules and procedures to consider requests for waivers of game forfeitures

(Revised May 2004 Federated Council)

# BLUE BOOK RULES 2600: SOFTBALL 2018-2019

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## 2600. LENGTH OF GAMES

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**CIF Sections are authorized to limit Junior Varsity softball games to seven innings or a maximum of 2 hours, whichever occurs first. No new inning shall begin after 2 hours have expired from the start of the game.**

#2600.1 Southern Section Leagues are allowed to adopt either or both of the following two rule modifications:

OPTION I - "VARSITY AND/OR LOWER LEVEL GAMES shall end after five innings of a seven-inning game when a team is behind by 10 runs."

OPTION II - "JUNIOR VARSITY games are limited to seven innings or a maximum of two hours. No new inning shall begin after two hours have expired from the start of the game."

NOTE: League approval is mandatory before either of the options can be used in league contests. For non-league games adoption of these rule modifications would be by prior mutual consent of the competing schools.

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## 2601. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK

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Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball and water polo (Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council.)

NOTE: All softball bats must meet the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) bat performance standard (NFHS Softball Rule 1-5-1d). Please see the National Federation Rulebook for further clarification on this rule.

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## 2602. PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

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It is required that adult base coaches wear a protective helmet. Play will not continue until compliance with this rule is met. It is recommended that the helmet meet NOCSAE standards.

NOTE: NFHS rules govern use of protective equipment by a player/student. (Approved January 2015 Federated Council)

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## 2603. RULES

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All softball games in the CIF Southern Section will be played under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided herein.

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## 2604. SCRIMMAGES

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An interscholastic scrimmage is a training session between a minimum of two and a maximum of three schools where no score is kept, free substitution and time outs are permitted, spectators are not urged to attend, and officials are not paid. (See Q & A following Bylaw 220.8 for definition.)

#2604.1 Schools are permitted one interscholastic scrimmage which may not be held prior to February 9 and must be held prior to team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament, or league).

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## 2605. TOURNAMENTS

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A team may not be entered in more than three tournaments.

2605.1 For each tournament, a team will be charged two games toward the allowable maximum number of contests.

Q:	Can a school enter two teams in the same tournament at the same level (i.e. varsity "A" and varsity "B")?
A:	If a school chooses to split a single team into two teams in the same tournament at the same level they will be charged one allotted tournament for each team entered. If a school enters a varsity "A" and a varsity "B" team, they will be charged for two (2) of the allowable three (3) tournaments for the season.

2605.2 All tournaments, regardless of the number of teams participating, are allowed a maximum of 5 games while still counting as 2 of your allowable contests. (See Bylaw #2613 for number of contests allowed per day)

2605.3 Tournament managers are responsible for notifying participating schools of the number of games and/or teams participating in the tournament.

NOTE: Two contests could be played in the SAME TOURNAMENT only, but not two games in two different tournaments (See Bylaw #2612).

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### <>2606. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

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No interscholastic contests (non-league, tournament or league) may be scheduled prior to February 9.

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### 2607. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

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A softball team will be permitted to play no more than **20** games during the season, including tournaments but excluding CIF Southern Section playoffs.

#2607.1 FACULTY: Each team will be permitted to play one game with the faculty which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

#2607.2 ALUMNI: Each team will be permitted to play one Alumni contest, which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

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### 2608. DOUBLEHEADER CONCEPT

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A school may select any two non-league games and play each as a doubleheader. Each of these doubleheaders would count as one of the 20 allowable contests.

#2508.1 Both games of the doubleheader must be between the same two schools.

#2508.2 The maximum amount of time between games shall be no more than 35 minutes. NOTE: If school plays a league doubleheader contest, it will count as 2 contests.

Q:	May a school play more than two doubleheaders during a season?
A:	Yes, with CIF-SS office approval. However, each doubleheader after the allowable two would count as single contests charged against your allowable 20 in a season.

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### <>2609. END OF COMPETITION

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All league competition for entries must end on or before Thursday, April 25. Schools may compete until April 27 for non-league contests.

Q:	Will contest(s) played after the completion of league play and/or submission of league entries impact our seeding or rankings?
A:	No, once the league entries have been submitted a school will be seeded and ranked based on a team's results as of April 25.

## **2610. SUMMERTIME RULES/SUMMER DEAD PERIOD/SPORTS CAMPS**

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2610.1 With the exception of the summer dead period, until the beginning of the first official starting date for fall sports, there shall be no restriction on high school coaches working with high school students registered and/or attending their respective high school or entering them in summer competition, provided approval is received from the school principal.

**Q:** Who may participate in high school summer athletic programs approved by the principal?

**A:** Only students registered for the upcoming school year in grades 9 through 12. Additionally, it would be a violation to allow elementary students (8th grade and below) to participate with the high school team. For students enrolled in more than one school, all summer practice and competition must be confined to one school.

2610.2 High schools may sponsor sport camps and/or allow non-school sponsored sport camps to use their facilities.

- \* High school students and individuals from the general community can attend.
- \* The high school name, nickname and identifying marks can be used in the title and/or promotion of the camp.
- \* The principal of the high school must give permission for the camp to take place; non-school sponsored camps must secure a facility permit for use of any facilities and equipment.
- \* The camp must comply with all CIF rules, including those pertaining to undue influence and dead period.
- \* Non-school sponsored camps should provide required liability insurance for the use of any school facilities.

<>2610.3 A summer dead period must be declared by the school principal for all sports. The dates of the dead period must be forwarded to the Southern Section Commissioner. The dead period must be the same for all levels and must be three (3) consecutive weeks between the end of school or last Friday in May, whichever is first, and the last Monday in August. No class could be offered which could circumvent the rule. There are no exceptions to the summer dead period.

During the dead period, weight lifting ONLY would be permitted. No running or other type of conditioning would be allowed.

Special nationally recognized programs in various sports that require a national or regional championship format, such as Bobby Sox Softball, American Legion or Mickey Mantle Baseball, etc., would be allowed to continue, until completion, during the dead period.

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**2611. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL**

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*During Individual's Season of Sport* - A member of a high school softball team may not, during his or her season of sport, compete for an outside team in the sport of softball. A season of sport (See Bylaw 504) is defined as that period which begins with a student's first interscholastic competition (non-league, tournament or league game) and ends with that student's last interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament, league or CIF Southern Section playoff).

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**2612. LEVEL OF COMPETITION**

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No student shall participate in more than one level of competition in the same sport on the same day.

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**2613. MAXIMUM ATHLETIC CONTESTS IN ONE DAY**

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All interscholastic contests are to be arranged in such a way that no student shall take part in more than two athletic contests in any one day.

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**2614. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

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Standards for school attendance are determined by local school governing boards.

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**2615. SOFTBALL-BASEBALL SLOW-PITCH DISTINCTIONS**

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The sport of softball is considered separate and distinct from the sport of baseball and competition by a school softball player on an outside baseball team during that individuals' softball season is permissible. Slow-pitch, however, is considered to be softball.

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**2616. NIGHT SOFTBALL GAME TIME LIMIT**

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In any night softball game, no inning will be permitted to start after 11:30 p.m., except for the championship finals.

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**2617. COUNTING A TIE GAME**

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A regulation *called* game with a tie score shall be counted as ½ game won and ½ game lost for each team. This rule will apply to all contests and leagues may not waive this rule.

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**2618. SUNDAY RESTRICTION**

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A school may not play a softball game nor conduct a scrimmage or softball practice of any type on Sunday during the season of sport.

Q: May a team be assembled on a Sunday "skill session" or review a game film?

A: Neither of these activities would be permitted.

Q: Does a meeting on Sunday of a single student with a coach constitute a violation of Bylaw 2618?

A: Yes, the intent of Bylaw 2618 is to allow no contact with student athletes on Sundays.

Q: What constitutes a scrimmage or practice on Sunday?

A: Any preparation of an upcoming softball game in which a player or players meet with the coach(s) on a Sunday is prohibited.

Q: If my club/travel team coach is also my high school coach can we meet on Sundays under the guidelines/parameters of the club/travel program?

A: No, the relationship of the club/travel team does not release the student and/or coach from the Sunday Contact Rule during the season of sport.

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## 2619.PLAYER CONDUCT

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Any player who is ejected for any reason shall be disqualified from participating in the remainder of the game and will be ineligible for the team's next contest and may not attend. A second ejection will constitute a two-contest suspension and a third ejection will cause suspension for the remainder of the season. A player who was ejected from the previous contest, who knowingly, or unknowingly, participates in or is in attendance at the next contest, will result in the forfeiture of that contest.

Any player whose conduct merits ejection from a game by an official for fighting or assaultive behavior shall be disqualified from participating in the remainder of the game and will be ineligible for the team's next contest. After the suspension from play, the student may only return after certification by the school principal that the student(s) has completed a conference with a school administrator. The appropriate form (post-ejection return to competition form) indicating the completion of the conference must be uploaded to the CIFSSHome misconduct manager for that specific misconduct. The School must also indicate the date(s) of the contest in which the player will not be in attendance in the "School Action" portion of the misconduct.

A second ejection from a game or contest for fighting or assaultive behavior will cause suspension for the remainder of the season.

A player who was ejected from the previous contest, who knowingly, or unknowingly, participates in or is in attendance at the next contest, will result in the forfeiture of every contest until the suspension is completely served.

Any player who leaves the confines of the bench or team area during a fight that has broken out or may break out will be ineligible for the team's next contest. After the suspension from play, the student may return only after certification by the school principal that the student(s) has completed a conference with a school administrator. The appropriate form indicating the completion of the conference must be filed with the Section office prior to rejoining the team. The School must also indicate the date(s) of the contest in which the player will not be in attendance in the "School Action" portion of the misconduct.

In the case of any suspension from play, the next contest may not be a forfeited, postponed or canceled game.

QUESTION:	What must be submitted to the Section office before a student can be cleared to rejoin his/her team?
ANSWER:	The Section office will provide a form on their website that must be uploaded to CIFSSHome or directly emailed to the CIF Office. The School must also indicate the date(s) of the contest in which the player will not be in attendance in the "School Action" portion of the misconduct.
QUESTION:	What is meant by attendance at a contest?
ANSWER:	Attendance is defined as being present at the location/site of the contest, which includes at the team bench/area, in the stands/spectator area, any location where the contest can be observed at any time, inside a gymnasium, stadium or playing area. The intent of this rule is that the ejected person is not present at the location/ site of the next contest.
QUESTION:	What happens when a student engages in Fighting/Assaultive Behavior during an athletic contest that is not observed by game officials?
ANSWER:	In cases when a student engages in Fighting/Assaultive Behavior that is not observed by game officials, it is the expectation of the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee that the building principal of the school involved will impose a minimum one- game suspension for students who commit such offenses.
QUESTION:	What happens if a student is ejected from the first contest at a tournament when there are two contests on that day?
ANSWER:	When a game ejection of any kind occurs, the student should not be present at the next contest except in situations where supervision is necessary (i.e.: in a tournament). In tournament situations, it is understandable that the student remains in an area where they can be monitored (i.e.: bleachers, stands, etc.) however, they are still ineligible to compete or participate in any way. It is not the expectation that the student leave the facility unsupervised.
QUESTION:	What happens if a student receives a red card, misconduct of any kind, or an ejection during the last game of the season?
ANSWER:	The game suspension(s) carry over to the first game(s) at the beginning of the subsequent season. For example, a sophomore soccer player receives a red card the last game of the 2017 season. He/she will serve a game suspension the first game of 2018 season. Suspensions carry over and must be served before the athlete becomes eligible to compete in that sport. See next Q&A for answers regarding seniors.
QUESTION:	What if a senior (12th grader) student receives a red card, misconduct of any kind, or ejection during the last game of the season?
ANSWER:	If a senior (12th grade) student receives a red card, misconduct or ejection during the last game of the season, he/she must serve the penalty in the NEXT sport in which he/she participates. If the student does not participate in any other sports, the CIF Office WILL need a letter from the principal indicating the corrective action taken with that student.

## 2620. COACH EJECTION

Upon ejection, the head or assistant coach shall be disqualified from participating in the remainder of the game and will be ineligible for the team's next contest. The next contest may not be a forfeited, postponed or canceled game. A second ejection will constitute a two-contest suspension and a third ejection will cause suspension for the remainder of the season. A coach who was ejected from the previous contest who, knowingly or unknowingly, participates in or is in attendance at the next contest, will result in the forfeiture of every contest until the suspension is completely served

QUESTION: What is meant by attendance at a contest?

ANSWER: Attendance is defined as being present at the location/site of the contest, which includes at the team bench/area, in the stands/spectator area, any location where the contest can be observed at any time, inside a gymnasium, stadium or playing area.

The intent of this rule is that the ejected person is not present at the location/ site of the next contest.

QUESTION: How does the Accountability Rule affect a coach who coaches more than one level of a particular sport?

ANSWER: A coach who has been ejected from a contest may not be in attendance at ANY contest prior to serving his/her mandatory suspension at the level in which the coach was ejected. (i.e.: An ejected JV coach who is also a varsity assistant may NOT be in attendance at any contest until his/her mandatory JV suspension has been completed.)

## 2621. NOISEMAKERS PROHIBITED

No noisemakers (horns, bells, victory bells, sirens, chimes, musical instruments other than those in the band, etc.) will be permitted inside the gymnasium, stadium or playing fields at any CIF Southern Section contest (non-league, league, tournament or playoff). Cheering devices such as wooden blocks, or other similar objects, are prohibited. Megaphones shall be used only by uniformed cheerleaders for the purpose of directing and controlling rooting sections. The improper use of any of the above listed devices by supporters of a team would subject that team to possible forfeiture of the contest.

## 2622. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article #330 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.)

#2622.1 The Commissioner has the authority to determine the sites of all softball playoff contests. For any playoff contest, the

Commissioner may direct that such a contest be played on an alternate field if the home field does not meet CIF Southern Section standards.

#2622.2 Teams entered in the softball playoffs will NOT be permitted to take batting practice on the day of a playoff game prior to the commencement of the contest or during the contest. (See playoff bulletin for definition of batting practice.)

# ARTICLE 330

## PLAYOFFS

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### #3300. ALL PLAYOFFS MANAGED BY COMMISSIONER

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All playoffs of the CIF Southern Section shall be under the management of the Commissioner of Athletics, who will have final authority and responsibility for their conduct.

#3300.1 Enrollment based divisions will be used in the sports of boys and girls cross country and boys and girls track and field. By action of the Southern Section Council, once the divisions are established for the playoff, no school shall be allowed to move up to a larger enrollment division. Schools will participate based upon their CBED enrollment figures. Consideration will be given to geography after league placement has been recognized.

#3300.2 No playoffs will be conducted by the CIF Southern Section Office when less than 20% of the membership field teams in that sport.

#3300.3 See 54.8 (Emergency Powers).

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### #3301. REPORT OF PLAYOFFS

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At the close of the season for each sport, the Commissioner of Athletics shall compile a report of the playoffs in the "CIF Southern Section Bulletin."

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### #3302. IDENTIFYING LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES INTO THE PLAYOFFS

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Under the playoff format - in all sports - leagues have the responsibility of developing and identifying the priority for their representatives into the playoffs. This will include the league's priority with regard to any at-large consideration.

Thus, the league through its CIF Council Representative, **MUST** notify the CIF Southern Section Office prior to the playoff draw, the No. 1 representative, the No. 2 representative, the No. 3 representative, and the league's priority team for consideration to any at-large berth.

If, for example, a league would have a "co-champion" in football, the league - by the method outlined in its Constitution and Bylaws - **MUST** specify which team is its No. 1 representative and its No. 2 representative. This principle would hold true for any combination, such as a tie for third place in the standings or a "four-way tie" for first place, etc.

NOTE: If two teams from the same league are tied at the end of league competition, and are in different playoff divisions, they may both carry the same designation into their respective playoff divisions. For example, if School A and School B tie for their league's championship, and are in different playoff divisions, they can both be designated as League (#1T) in their respective playoff divisions. However, leagues may not exceed its total allowable guaranteed entries regardless of what playoff division those schools would enter. (See Bylaw #3314 for allowable number of guaranteed league entries).

QUESTION: For recognition purposes, how many schools constitute a league?

ANSWER: A minimum of four schools or teams make up a league for recognition for guaranteed playoff entry, less than four teams or schools are not recognized for entry into playoffs.

QUESTION: If my league has a tie for first place and both School A and School B are in different playoff divisions therefore allowing them to carry the first-place designation with them (#1T), how would the next league entry be listed?

ANSWER: The next team listed would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team.

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### #3303. FIRST ROUND PLAYOFFS

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In the first round of the playoffs in all sports, the arrangement shall be as follows:

The Commissioner shall match the teams for first-round playoff contests, and the host school for these games shall be predetermined by the Commissioner. Schools must fulfill their playoff obligation once entered by the league unless excused in an emergency by the Commissioner and/or replaced as an entry by the league prior to completion of the opening round.

In cases where a first representative team meets a second team representative in an opening-round game, the first team representative will be designated as the host team.

Where two first or two second-team representatives meet in the opening round, the Commissioner will flip a coin prior to the publishing of the draw to determine the host school.

Leagues are responsible for developing the priority for their representatives and the finish of a team in league play will have no bearing unless it is reflected in the league's priority. For example, if a co-champion had a league priority of a second team representative it would have no special consideration as compared to a second place finisher from another league who had a second team priority and a flip would be made.

- #3303.1 A "wild card game" for entry into the full field will have no bearing on priority for host contests in the first and/or subsequent rounds.
- #3303.2 All freelance entries will be considered as the equivalency of a No. 3 representative with regard to determining host and/or away contests unless they are one of the four seeded teams in which case they will be the host team.
- #3303.3 If schools falling into the category of California Youth Authority and probationary schools would qualify for the post-season playoffs, the contest will be played at an alternate site other than the facility where the school is located.

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**#3304. HOST TEAM AFTER THE FIRST ROUND**

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To decide who shall be the host team after the first round of competition in any sport will be the sole responsibility of the Commissioner. In cases where two teams are paired after the first round of the playoffs, the team having the fewest number of host games in playoff competition shall be designated as the host team. When both teams have had an equal number of host playoff contests, the Commissioner shall toss a coin to decide the host team. When a school has been designated as the host school for a playoff contest it shall (1) act in that capacity unless excused by the Commissioner, (2) be considered the host team regardless of where the game is being played, and (3) a "bye" designation shall not count as a host contest for the team drawing the "bye" following the first round and throughout the remainder of the tournament.

- #3304.1 Teams receiving a bye in the first round shall be the host team in the next round of the playoffs.

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**#3305. COMMISSIONER DETERMINES PLAYOFF SITES**

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The Commissioner shall have sole authority in determining sites for playoff competition in all sports and for all rounds.

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**#3306. ALTERNATE SITE DEFINITION**

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An alternate court or field has been defined as one on which a team has not conducted practice sessions. A team may have played some of its league games and even a playoff contest on a particular court or field, and it could still be classified as an alternate court or field.

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**#3307. HOST SCHOOL ACCOUNTS FOR ALL GAME REVENUE**

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In football, basketball and volleyball playoff games, the host school will account for all the revenue from the game, pay all expenses for the game, and compile the financial report, sending a copy to the visiting school and the CIF Southern Section. Please refer to Bylaw 144 for detailed information concerning the distribution of receipts from playoff contests in basketball, football, and volleyball.

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**#3308. TEAM EXPENSES**

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The Commissioner shall set the team expenses to be allowed the traveling team in any playoff contest.

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**#3309. BROADCAST OR TELECAST FEES**

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The Commissioner shall set the fee to be charged for the right to broadcast or telecast any playoff contest.

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**#3310. FREELANCE PLAYOFF ENTRY QUALIFICATION**

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If a school does not have membership in a league or the school belongs to a league which does not offer students in a given sport an opportunity to qualify into CIF Southern Section championships, special conditions exist which must be followed in order to qualify for possible entry into a CIF Southern Section playoff activity.

- #3310.1 *Team Sports* - All freelance schools desiring entry into the playoffs must submit schedules to the Commissioner for evaluation and approval of conditions under which the team may qualify. Schedules must be submitted prior to the start of each season for evaluation.

#3310.2 *Individual Sports* - Schools meeting the criteria outlined in #3310.1 above may petition individual athletes for possible entry into CIF Southern Section individual playoff competition. Petitions for such athletes must include a complete data sheet for each individual showing best marks, scores or rankings from any competition held during the current school year. All such petitions must be submitted two calendar weeks prior to the first scheduled date of CIF Southern Section playoff competition.

QUESTION: How can a freelance team qualify for CIF playoff consideration?

ANSWER: A school must schedule 80% of allowable contests per sport and they must be at the varsity level. In order to be considered for the playoffs, the school must have a .500 or better record in all contests played and there must be openings in the bracket. Additionally, teams that win 80% of their contests played will be guaranteed entry. (Except football.)

QUESTION: How can an individual qualify for consideration for freelance competition?

ANSWER: To be eligible for freelance individual competition, an individual must participate in at least one-half of the number of allowable varsity contests permitted in a particular sport.

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### **#3311. PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY**

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An ineligible player is one who is in violation of any State CIF or Section scholastic residence, transfer, age, semesters of attendance, or other eligibility rules.

- A. Games in which the student participated, after the occurrence of the violation shall be forfeited (See Bylaw 500.2)
- B. From the time the CIF Southern Section Office receives the entries from the league, violations discovered will be assessed only against the individual(s) and will not affect the advancement of a team into the playoffs.
- C. Violations discovered after the first round of any playoff will result in disqualification of the ineligible player's team from the playoffs and forfeiture of its last playoff competition. In such cases, the losing team will advance provided the date of the next scheduled contest has not elapsed.
- D. Freelance schools will submit eligibility rosters prior to their second contest of the season to the CIF Southern Section Office. Any additions to the freelance school eligibility roster will be made directly to the CIF Southern Section Office within five (5) school days of each occurrence.

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### **#3312. CIF-SS TROPHIES**

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Appropriate trophies shall be awarded by the CIF Southern Section to team champions and runner-up in all official sports. The winning or runner-up team has the option of awarding more than the prescribed number of medals or patches at its own expense.

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### **#3313. PLAYOFF ENTRIES TENTATIVE**

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All entries into the playoffs are tentative until the first round is completed. Updated results or new information may necessitate changes in any draw when necessary. No change in entries will be permitted after the first round (or "wild card" game if it applies to a league entry) has been played.

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### **#3314. NUMBER OF TEAM ENTRIES INTO PLAYOFFS**

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In the sport of football only, the team entry formula for each league into the playoffs is as follows:

- 4 & 5 team leagues = 2 entries
- 6-8 team leagues = 3 entries
- 9 or more team leagues = 4 entries

In all sports other than football, the team entry formula for each league into the playoffs is as follows:

- 4 team leagues = 2 entries
- 5 and 6 team leagues = 3 entries
- 7 and 8 team leagues = 4 entries
- 9 or more team league = 5 entries

#3314.1 In all team sports other than wrestling, additional entries beyond a league's guaranteed number of entries will only be permitted to enter the playoffs to fill any byes which exist in the opening round. Wildcard contests will be for situations where the number of teams that are guaranteed entries from their leagues necessitate that additional contests be played to reduce the number of teams entered to the required number of the original draw. (For example, when there are 37 teams entered as guaranteed entries from their leagues into a particular playoff draw, there must be 5 wildcard contests played to reduce the number of teams from 37 to 32, the required number of the original draw.) At-large teams, teams meeting the at-large criteria (.500 or better overall record), can only be accepted into the playoffs if there are openings in the original draw after all of the league's guaranteed entries are submitted. (For example, when there are 30 teams entered as guaranteed entries from their leagues into a 32-team draw, there would be 2 byes in the bracket and those byes could be filled by teams who were not guaranteed entries from their leagues who submitted at-large application forms for that particular sport and have an overall record of .500 or better in all games played during the regular season.)

In all team sports at-large selections will be considered from the next place beyond the guarantee that are .500 or better. After all those schools have been taken and there are still positions available, the next place teams that are .500 or better will then be considered. Next, all 3rd place teams would be taken before any 4th place teams would be considered. (A tie will count as half a win and half a loss for a .500 record or better.) For specific information on the at-large selection process, see the respective Playoff Bulletin for each particular sport.

**QUESTION:** How will the CIF Southern Section Office determine additional entries into the playoff draw to fill byes after each league has submitted their three guaranteed entries?

**ANSWER:** As provided for under Bylaw #3302, a playoff committee will select the additional entries to fill the draw from the league's priority team entry that has been submitted for consideration as an at-large berth to fill any bye which may exist.

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### #3315. NOISEMAKERS PROHIBITED

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No noisemakers (horns, bells, victory bells, sirens, chimes, musical instruments other than those in the band, etc.) will be permitted inside the gymnasium, stadium or playing fields at any CIF Southern Section contest (non-league, league, tournament or playoff). Cheering devices such as wooden blocks, or other similar objects, are prohibited. Megaphones shall be used only by uniformed cheerleaders for the purpose of directing and controlling rooting sections. The improper use of any of the above listed devices by supporters of a team would subject that team to possible forfeiture of the contest.

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### #3316. EQUAL FACILITIES

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The visiting school in dual team playoff contests is entitled to equal facilities, including one-half of the seating, locker rooms, phone lines, spotting facilities, etc.

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### #3317. WILD CARD TEAMS

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Where the number of teams exceeds the number of openings in the draw, the Commissioner may order a special playoff contest ("Wild Card System") to determine the draw for the playoffs. Insofar as host team designation in the regular playoff draw, this "Wild Card Contest" will have no bearing when such a procedure is used. The Commissioner, or his representative, will draw the contending 4th, 3rd team representative (and 2nd team representatives if required by the number of leagues in a division and the number of teams in the draw) or freelance teams by lot and conduct a coin flip between same for the purpose of designating the host team in such a "Wild Card" contest. For all enrollment based playoffs, please refer to specific sport bulletins.

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### #3318. ADDITIONAL CONTESTS TO DETERMINE ENTRY ONLY

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Leagues may not conduct additional contests beyond the prescribed limits unless said contests are to determine ENTRY and not representative priority.

#3318.1 Please note, leagues **MAY NOT** conduct additional contests beyond the prescribed limits unless said contests are to determine **ENTRY** and not representative priority. Additionally, leagues must have this as part of their Constitution and must secure permission from the CIF Southern Section Office before conducting such playoffs for entry. If a league covers such Conditions in its constitution, it is still obligated to stage said contest on or before the last specified allowable playing date.

An example of the above application would be that two teams finish in a tie for the last guaranteed entry in the final league standings and the league also has it stipulated in its Constitution that the deadlock may be broken by a special playoff game. As long as that contest is played on or before the last specified date, the two teams would be permitted to play as a process in determining **ENTRY** into the playoffs. However, should there be an outright league champion and the two teams deadlocking for second place, a special playoff game would **NOT**

be permitted, as both teams already have guaranteed entry into the playoffs. In this latter example, the league would then refer to the next segment of its Constitution to see which team would be declared the No. 2 representative, the other becoming the No. 3 representative.

#3318.2 If time does not permit a playoff for entry, the league must again resort to the next item in its Constitution to determine its designation.

#3318.3 In the sport of football, the 25-yard tie breaker system may be used to determine **ENTRY**, provided it meets all other guidelines noted above, including the last specified playing date.

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### **#3319. PLAYOFF GROUPINGS**

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The following procedures for conducting the business of playoff groupings will be in effect for the sports listed below:

Fall – Football, Tennis (Girls), Volleyball (Girls), Water Polo (Boys)  
Winter – Basketball (Boys/Girls), Soccer (Boys/Girls), Water Polo (Girls)  
Spring – Baseball, Softball, Tennis (Boys), Volleyball (Boys)

#3319.1 Individual schools will be evaluated and placed into divisions on a yearly basis for the sports listed above utilizing a formula which includes the following factors: regular season record, strength of schedule and Southern Section playoff performance over a two-year period. (For example in Baseball and Softball, the data from the 2016 and 2017 seasons will be used to formulate divisions for the 2019 season. After the 2019 season is concluded, the data from the 2016 season will be removed and the data from the 2017 and 2019 seasons will be used to formulate divisions for the 2019 season.) The formula will be applied to each school resulting in the creation of competitive equity power rankings for individual schools, using that school's competitive performance as the only criteria for establishing playoff divisions.

#3319.2 Once individual school power rankings for each sport are completed, after the conclusion of each sport season, playoff divisions will be created. Playoff divisions will be published in the Sport Preview for each sport, along with an explanation of the formula utilized in creating playoff divisions for that sport.

#3319.3 It is **MANDATORY** that all Southern Section member schools enter the results of ALL regular season contests and Southern Section playoff contests into the CIFSSHome system by the following dates:

- Fall Sports – December 15, 2017
- Winter Sports – March 16, 2019
- Spring Sports – June 15, 2019

#3319.4 Member schools who fail to accurately enter full and complete regular season results and/or Southern Section playoff results into the CIFSSHome system will not be placed into a playoff division for the upcoming season and will be ineligible to participate in the Southern Section Championships in that sport.

#3319.5 Leagues are guaranteed their appropriate number of entries into the Southern Section Championships, per current Southern Section Blue Book Rule #3314, with the exception of football. In football, League Champions will have first priority, followed by 2nd place teams, 3rd place teams and so on from each league. Once the total number of guaranteed entries from each league are submitted, the At-Large Selection process outlined in the Football Playoff Bulletin will be used to select at-large teams to fill any byes in the draw, or to eliminate teams from the draw, in order to create a 16-team bracket for each division.

#3319.6 Appeals of divisional placements will only be considered regarding inaccurate information provided by schools. If that is the case, the school must send a request, in writing, to the Assistant Commissioner in charge of the particular sport(s), seeking a reconsideration of their divisional placement based upon corrected information provided by the school.

## USA Bat Certification Marks:

Only 2000 and 2004 are legal marks for High School Softball



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1. Click on Governance
2. Click Approvals
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4. Select Softball

## SPECIAL NOTICE

Please review the following information:

- Go to CIFSHOME.ORG, post your game scores.
- Please call in your scores to your local newspaper throughout the season and playoffs
- Contact the Softball Advisory Committee during the season regarding Top Ten Polls. All CIF-SS nomination form can be found on the [ww.cifss.org](http://ww.cifss.org) under Softball.

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# SOFTBALL RULE CHANGES - 2019

By NFHS on July 10, 2018

## Softball

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**1-1-7, 2-22-4, Table 5-1, 5-1-10:** The media shall be prohibited from being in live-ball area. The home team or game management may designate an area for the media in dead ball territory.

**Rationale:** Clarifies that game management may designate a media area in dead ball territory.

**1-5-2a:** The knob may be molded, lathed, welded or adjustable, but must be permanently fastened.

**Rationale:** Clarifies that an adjustable knob is permissible, provided the knob is permanently fastened by the manufacturer.

**1-8-4:** Defensive players are permitted to wear a shield on their face/head protection in the field but it must be constructed of a molded, rigid material that is clear and permits 100 percent (no tint) allowable light transmission.

**Rationale:** In an effort to promote risk minimization, tinted eye shields are prohibited for defensive face/head protection.

**6-1-1 PENALTY, 6-1-2 Thru 4 PENALTY, 6-2-1 PENALTY, 6-2-7 PENALTY:** in the case of an illegal pitch, the batter is awarded a ball. The penalty that permitted base runners to be awarded one base without liability to be put out is removed.

**Rationale:** The new language creates more balance between offense and defense. The batter should receive the award rather than runners already on base.

## SOFTBALL MAJOR EDITORIAL CHANGES - 2019

**2-65-2:** Clarifies there can be no appeal of the play that occurred prior to the umpire awarding an intentional walk.

**6-1-2a, b:** Clarifies what motion constitutes the start of the pitch and when the step back of the non-pivot foot may be taken.

**APPENDIX H:** An Appendix regarding DP/FLEX rules was added for quick reference.

### **SPECIAL REMINDER:**

All batting helmets shall be equipped with a NOCSAE APPROVED FACE PROTECTOR. The phrase, "Meets NOCSAE Standard" must be permanently affixed to the face protector.

# 2019 NFHS Softball Update

## **RULES CHANGES FOR 2019**

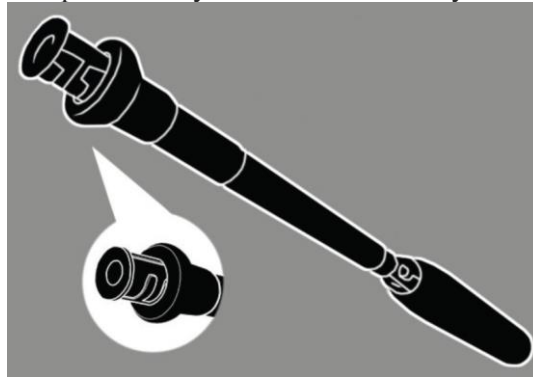
### 1. Rule 1-1-7: Field and Equipment

- └ Media shall be prohibited from being in live-ball areas.
- └ The home team or game management may designate an area for the media in dead-ball territory.
  - The designation must be before the start of the game.
  - The designated area will be dead ball territory for the entire game whether it is occupied or not.
  - The intent of the rule is for the media area to be set outside of the playing area.



### 2. Rule 1-5-2a: Field and Equipment

- └ A softball bat is permitted to have an adjustable knob.
  - The knob must be permanently fastened to the bat by the manufacturer.



### 3. Rule 1-8-4: Field and Equipment

- └ An eye shield may be worn attached to a defensive player's face/head protection, but it must be constructed of a molded, rigid material that is clear and permits 100 percent (no tint) allowable light transmission.
  - a. Must be either installed when purchased or can be bought as a kit from the manufacturer.

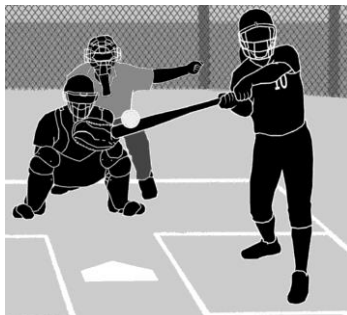


#### 4. Rule 6-1-1; 6-1-2; 6-1-3; 6-1-4; 6-2-1; 6-2-7: Pitching

- ┌ When an illegal pitch is declared by the umpire, the batter is awarded a ball. Previously, the batter was awarded a ball and all base runners were also awarded one base without liability to be put out.
- ┌ The penalty to allow the advancement of runners when an illegal pitch is called has been removed.
- ┌ The intent of an illegal pitch in softball is to deceive the batter, and only the batter should receive an award when an illegal pitch occurs.



- **Exception 1:** An illegal pitch remains a delayed-dead ball. If there is an illegal pitch and the batter reaches first base safely and each other runner advances at least one base, the illegal pitch is nullified.



- **Exception 2:** As before under the rules, if the batter does not reach first base safely or any base runner fails to advance at least one base, the coach of the team at bat shall have the option of the result of the play or the penalty of the illegal pitch, which is a ball awarded to the batter.



- **Exception 3:** If the batter is hit by an illegal pitch outside the strike zone the batter is awarded first base but there is no longer a one-base award to each base runner.
- **Exception 4:** If ball four is awarded on an illegal pitch, the batter is awarded first base but there is no longer a one-base award to each base runner.

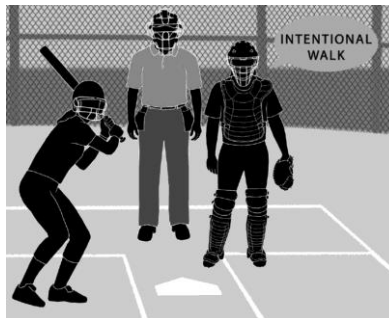


## MAJOR EDITORIAL CHANGES FOR 2019

### 1. Rule 2-65-2: Intentional Walk

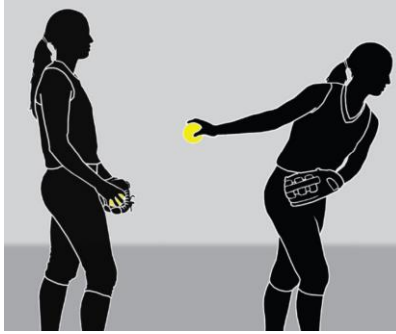
└ For the purposes of an appeal:

- The intentional walk is considered a time at bat and an appeal of the previous play cannot be made following the intentional walk.
- When an intentional walk is awarded by the umpire, it is considered the same as throwing a pitch.
- Clarifies that there can be no appeal of a play that occurred prior to the umpire awarding an intentional walk.



### 2. Rule 6-1-2a; 6-1-2b: Pitching

└ Clarifies that the pitch starts when the pitcher's hands are separated after they have come together while the pivot foot is on or partially on top of the pitcher's plate. Any step back with the non-pivot foot must begin before the start of the pitch.



### 3. DP/FLEX Appendix H

└ A new appendix was created for quick reference regarding the DP/FLEX rule

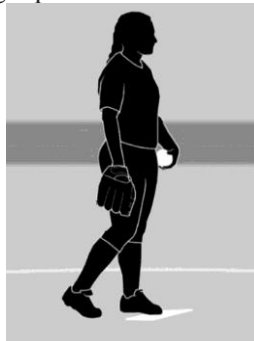
#### **NFHS Softball - DP/FLEX Simplified REMINDERS:**

- 1) The DP can never be on DEFENSE ONLY.
- 2) The FLEX player can never be on OFFENSE ONLY.
- 3) The DP and FLEX player can never be on offense at the same time.
- 4) The STARTER and the SUBSTITUTE cannot be in the game at the same time.
- 5) The starting DP and FLEX player have one re-entry just as any other player.
- 6) Once the game is started with the DP/FLEX positions in the lineup, those positions are available for the entire game.
- 7) The penalty for illegal re-entry of the DP or FLEX player is always restriction to the bench/dugout.
- 8) If the player is on offense, she is called out. If the player is on defense, the team on offense may have the choice of taking the result of the play or accepting the penalty.

## **POINTS OF EMPHASIS FOR 2019**

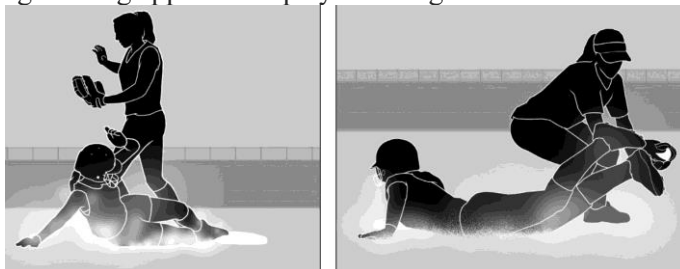
### 1. Simulate Taking a Sign

- └ The actual signal can be taken while on the pitching plate or while standing behind the pitcher's plate.
- └ It may be taken from the catcher or coach; it may be a hand signal, a verbal call or may be obtained from looking at her wristband.
- └ However, she must take a position on the pitcher's plate with the hands separated and simulate taking a signal from the catcher.
- └ If the pitcher does not pause after stepping onto the pitcher's plate to simulate taking a signal prior to bringing her hands together, an illegal pitch should be called.



## 2. Proper Technique When Sliding

- ┌ Coaches are responsible for teaching players proper sliding techniques and how to execute legal slides as defined in Rule 2-52. Proper sliding techniques help reduce potential injuries.
- ┌ One of a coaches' responsibilities is to help reduce risk and injury to players whenever possible. This includes teaching proper sliding techniques as well as educating their players on executing a legal slide (Rule 2-52).
- ┌ Ensuring their players utilize proper technique when sliding will help reduce the potential injuries seen when a slide is performed. Ensuring that the slide is performed legally will also reduce the risk to the defender when a tag is being applied to a player sliding into a base.



## 3. Head Coach Listed On Lineup Card

- ┌ It is a best practice that the head coach list his or her name on the lineup card submitted at the pregame conference. This will assist both the umpire and the other team if game-related communications are required.



## OTHER SOFTBALL TOPICS FOR 2019

### 1. Glitter & Eye Black

- └ Glitter is not covered in the book so it's allowed.
  - Unless it is deemed dangerous by the umpire(s).

### 2. Noisemakers

- └ It's a state association's decision.
  - Note: NFHS rules govern use of protective equipment by a player/student.

### 3. NFHS Questionnaire

- └ Please complete when the link is sent to you.

### 4. Easton Ghost

- └ What certifications does the Ghost Double Barrel Fastpitch bat have?
  - The 2017-18 Ghost bat (blue graphics) is ASA/USA/ISF/HIGH-SCHOOL certified. The 2017-18 Ghost bat (gold graphics) with the USSSA/NSA/ISA certification IS NOT high-school certified.



## USA Softball Non-Approved Bat List with Certification Marks

1/28/2019

Bass Quake 	Combat VIRSP3 Lady Virus 	Easton SCN1 
Easton SCN11BH 	Easton SCN1B 	Easton SCN2B 
Easton SCN3  <span style="color: red;">New</span>	Easton SCN4B  <span style="color: red;">New</span>	Easton SCN5  <span style="color: red;">New</span>
Easton SCN5B  <span style="color: red;">New</span>	Easton SCN6B  <span style="color: red;">New</span>	Easton SCN7  <span style="color: red;">New</span>
Easton SCN7B  <span style="color: red;">New</span>	Easton SCN8  <span style="color: red;">New</span>	Easton SCN8B  <span style="color: red;">New</span>
Easton SCN9  <span style="color: red;">New</span>	Easton SCX14  <span style="color: red;">New</span>	Easton SCX14B  <span style="color: red;">New</span>
Easton SCX2 Synergy  <span style="color: red;">New</span>	Easton SCX22 Synergy 2  <span style="color: red;">New</span>	Easton SCX24B  <span style="color: red;">New</span>
Easton SCX3  <span style="color: red;">New</span>	Louisville Slugger FP136 	Louisville Slugger FP1368 
Louisville Slugger FP1369 	Louisville Slugger FPC305 Catalyst (-8) 	Louisville Slugger SB304 
Louisville Slugger SB34 Genesis 	Louisville Slugger SB404 	Louisville Slugger SB73V TPS Voltage 
Miken MSF Freak 	Miken MSU Ultra 	Miken MSU2 Ultra II 
Miken MSUM Ultra Maxload 	Nokona Tomahawk 	Schutt Red/Silver Schutt Bat 
Worth EST9 	Worth QESTFP 	Worth SBWK(Wicked) 
Worth SBWKA 	Worth WWSC Wicked Comp. (SP Only) 	Worth WWSCA 
Worth XEST9X 	Worth XGold 	Worth XPST4 
Worth XRed 	Worth XWICKX Wicked (SP Only) 	

**Bats may be added or updated on a regular basis. Coaches, players and schools should regularly review the list located at [www.teamusa.org/USA-Softball](http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Softball) under the tab "certified equipment".**

## 2018-2019 SOFTBALL TOP TEN PREVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION (CITY) \_\_\_\_\_

LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

HEAD COACH \_\_\_\_\_ YRS. AS HEAD COACH AT SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

HEAD COACH E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**2018-19 RESULTS:** VAR. OVERALL RECORD \_\_\_\_\_ LEAG. RECORD \_\_\_\_\_ LEAG. PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER RETURNING VAR. LETTERMEN: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER RETURNING VAR. STARTERS \_\_\_\_\_

### **TOP RETURNEES:**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ POS. \_\_\_\_\_ YR. \_\_\_\_\_ HONORS \_\_\_\_\_

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### **TOP NEWCOMERS:**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ POS. \_\_\_\_\_ YR. \_\_\_\_\_

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### **\*IMPORTANT\* PREDICTED FINISH OF TEAMS IN YOUR LEAGUE (INCLUDE YOUR TEAM):**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

### **TOURNAMENTS (entered for the 2018-19 season)**

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## OFFICIAL BALL PROGRAM – MANDATORY USE IN PLAYOFFS 2018-2019

### Official Ball per sport:

- **Baseball:** Rawlings CIF-SS Must be CIFSS stamped ball; not an alternative Rawlings ball  
Rawlings RCIF-SS Must be CIFSS stamped ball; not an alternative Rawlings ball
  
- **Boys Basketball:** Spalding TF1000 NFHS Classic NFHS  
Spalding TF1000 Legacy NFHS  
Spalding TF-1000 Platinum ZK NFHS 29.5 *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
  
- **Girls Basketball:** Spalding TF1000 NFHS Classic 28.5 NFHS  
Spalding TF1000 Legacy 28.5 NFHS  
Spalding TF-1000 Platinum ZK NFHS 28.5 *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
  
- **Football:** Spalding ball with NFHS any Spalding model with NFHS stamp  
Spalding Alpha ball with NFHS *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
  
- **Soccer:** Spalding TF-SC5 NFHS for both boys and girls use.  
Spalding TF-SC3 NFHS for both boys and girls use.  
Spalding TF5000 NFHS for both boys and girls use.
  
- **Softball:** Dudley CFP12Y NFHS *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
  
- **Tennis:** Penn ATP World Tour *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*  
Pro Penn Marathon
  
- **Volleyball:** Spalding with NFHS stamp: TF-VB5, TF-VB3
  
- **Boys Water Polo:** KAP7 model 105 with NFHS stamp *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
  
- **Girls Water Polo:** KAP7 model 104 with NFHS stamp *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*

All playoff ball adoptions agreements with the CIF Southern Section now run through June 30, 2021

### Mandatory Playoff Use Requirement:

The mandatory “official” ball rule for all playoff rounds, excluding golf. The rule applies throughout the conduct of all CIF-SS playoff contests.

### Playoff Ball Use Rule Enforcement:

Should a school fail to provide the correct game ball, the game will always be played. Teams/schools failing to utilize the correct official ball in CIF-SS playoffs will be reported by officials to CIF-SS and will not be allowed to host their next available home playoff game. Penalty will carry over to the next season if not enforceable this season due to elimination.

**Note:** NFHS stamp is required in all sports *except in golf and tennis.*



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