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FIRST "WATCH-LIST" FOR 2015 OPEN DIVISION BASKETBALL RELEASED

LOS ALAMITOS – For the first time in 2015, the CIF Southern Section Basketball Open Division Selection Committee has released their "Open Division Watch List".

This list has been developed to identify the current pool of schools, based upon their performance this season, as possible "Open" division entrants into the 2015 CIF-SS-Ford Basketball Championships.

The schools on the "Watch List" have shown that they are among the elite basketball teams currently in the Southern Section, based upon their performance, so far this season.

The committee will update the list every week to track teams through league play, leading up to final "Open" division selection, on Friday, February 13, 2015.

Teams may be added and/or dropped off the "Watch List" between this initial list and final selection. Up to a maximum of 16 teams may be selected for the boys and girls "Open" division playoff bracket.

Criteria for Selection of CIF-SS Open Division teams and Seeding:

A Blue Ribbon committee will be formed by the CIF-SS to select the Open Division teams. Committee will be made up of current and former representatives of the CIF-SS Executive Committee, CIF-SS Basketball Coaches Advisory Committee, SCIBCA Executive Board, CIF State Basketball Coaches Advisory Committee and Media members.

Teams will be selected and seeded by the committee using the following criteria: (un-weighted)

- * Strength of schedule
- * Overall Record
- * Freeman/Max Preps/CIF-SS Top 16 rankings
- * Strength at end of season (including roster additions; eligibility changes; winning and losing streaks; etc.)

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OPEN DIVISION (Cont.):

- * Head to Head vs. Open Division Entries
- * Overall Record vs. Open Division Entries
- * Victory vs. Quality opponents
- * Quality loss
- * Unexpected loss

The committee will look at each team's **complete body of work, for the entire season**, to determine the best qualified entrants into the Open Division bracket. It is for this reason that league finish is not necessarily an overriding consideration for selection. The following is that first list:

Girls Open Division "Watch List"

Alemanya
Bishop Montgomery
Brea Olinda
Burroughs
Cajon
Canyon Springs
Chaminade
Centennial (Corona)
Etiwanda
Fairmont Prep
Foothill
Harvard-Westlake
Poly (Long Beach)
Lynwood
Mark Keppel
Mater Dei
Millikan
Mira Costa
Oaks Christian
Orange Lutheran
Redondo Union
Ribet Academy
Santa Barbara
Serra
Sierra Canyon
St. Anthony
Troy
Ventura
Vista Murrieta
West Torrance
Windward

Campbell Hall
Cantwell Sacred-Heart
Cathedral
Centennial (Corona)
Chaminade
Chino Hills
Compton
Crespi
Damien
Diamond Ranch
Etiwanda
Poly (Long Beach)
JW North
La Mirada
Lawndale
Los Alamitos
Loyola
Maranatha
Mater Dei
Mayfair
Millikan
Oak Park
Orange Lutheran
Peninsula
Price
Redondo
Renaissance Academy
Roosevelt
Sierra Canyon
Sonora
Santa Margarita
St. John Bosco
Thousand Oaks
Tustin
Village Christian
Windward

Boys Open Division "Watch list"

Alemanya
Beverly Hills
Bishop Montgomery
Brentwood