## 2014-15 FOOTBALL PLAYOFF HANDBOOK





#### PAIRING DATES AND TIMES:

Please advise your staff <u>not</u> to phone the CIF-SS office prior to the designated time, indicated below, in an effort to secure information on possible first-round opponents or selections. Our office must wait until all regular season games are completed before completing the playoff draw. One designated representative of each school qualifying for the football playoffs is to be present at the CIF-SS office, with the exception of the divisions listed below, who will be meeting at the locations noted below, in accordance with the following schedule:

#### 8-MAN FOOTBALL - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2014

At-Large Applicants posted on <a href="www.cifss.org">www.cifss.org</a> after 6:00 p.m.

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014**

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon: Eight-Man Divisions (C.I.F. Office)

11:00 a.m. - MANDATORY Participant Meeting. Must bring DVD Footage of ALL games.

11-MAN FOOTBALL			
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2014			
8:00 a.m.	Post At-Large Teams		
10:00 a.m.	Central Division (Kaiser HS)		
	Eastern Division (Kaiser HS)		
	Inland Division (Kaiser HS)		
	Mid-Valley Division (La Puente HS)		
10:30 a.m.	Northern Division (Santa Ynez HS)		
	Western Division (Beverly Hills HS)		
11:00-11:30 a.m.	Pac-5 Division (C.I.F. Office)		
11:30-12:00 Noon	East Valley Division (C.I.F. Office)		
	West Valley Division (C.I.F. Office)		
12:00 Noon-12:30 p.m.	Southeast Division (C.I.F. Office)		
1	Southern Division (C.I.F. Office)		
	Southwest Division (C.I.F. Office)		
1:00 p.m.	Northwest Division (Rio Hondo Prep HS)		

Information regarding teams selected, pairings, ticket orders, coaches' phone numbers, etc., will be available during the time prescribed. School principals are asked to designate only **one** person from their school to phone the CIF-SS office (should phone contact be desired).

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#### PLAYOFF CHECK LIST

	Item	Completed	Date
1.	Input Player Roster into www.cifsshome.org		
2.	Uploaded team photograph into www.cifsshome.org		
3.	Mailed game management form to CIF-SS		
4.	Made arrangements for ticket pickup		
5.	Have field reserved in event of home game next round		
6.	Pre-game planning with opponent		

**►FOOTBALL COACHES NOTE:** It is <u>MANDATORY</u> for coaches to meet at the CIF-SS office or at the satellite locations during the above times to exchange films and playoff information. <u>The</u> CIF will not make copies of Media Information Sheets. Please bring a copy with you to exchange.

### 2014-15 FOOTBALL PLAYOFF HANDBOOK

# POLICIES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING CIF SOUTHERN SECTION FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

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#### THE 2014 FOOTBALL COACHES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Each year, outstanding personnel are asked to serve on various Commissioners' Advisory Committees of the CIF-SS. These people, chosen for their experience, dedication and expertise, are invaluable in assisting us in coordinating the 26 sports programs for boys and girls in our 582 member schools.

Responsibilities of the committee members cover the spectrum of meetings, recommendations with regard to procedural changes, rule changes which are passed on to the National Federation, evaluation of the sport season, assistance to coaches and/or officials organizations and to serve as a liaison between coaches and the CIF-SS.

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#### 11- MAN FOOTBALL 2014-15 FOOTBALL PLAYOFF GROUPINGS

Central Division  1. Hacienda-3  2. Mt. Baldy-3  3. Palomares-3  4. Rio Hondo-3  5. Sunkist - 3	East Valley Division  1. Academy-2 2. Desert Mountain-2 3. Frontier-2 4. Santa Fe-2 5. San Joaquin-2	Eastern Division  1. Desert Sky-2  2. Desert Valley-3  3. Mojave River-3  4. Mountain Valley-3  5. River Valley-3	Inland Division 1. Citrus Belt-3 2. Inland Valley-3 3. Mountain Pass-3 4. San Andreas-3 5. Sunbelt-3
15 Guaranteed 1 At-Large	<ul><li>6. South Valley-2</li><li>12 Guaranteed</li><li>4 At-Large</li></ul>	14 Guaranteed 2 At-Large	15 Guaranteed 1 At-Large
Mid-Valley Division  1. Almont-2 2. Gold Coast-2 3. Miramonte-2 4. Mission Valley-2 5. Montview-2 5. Valle Vista-2	Northern Division  1. Camino-2  2. Golden-3  3. Los Padres-2  4. PAC 5-2  5. Tri Valley-2	Northwest Division  1. Ambassador-2 2. De Anza-2 3. Northern-2 4. Olympic-2 5. Prep-2 6. South Catholic-2	Pac-5 Division  1. Big VIII-3  2. Marmonte – 2  3. Mission-3  4. Moore-3  5. Trinity-3
12 Guaranteed 4 At-Large	11 Guaranteed 5 At-Large	12 Guaranteed 4 At-Large	14 Guaranteed 2 At-Large
Southeast Division  1. Angelus— 3 2. Del Rio -3 3. Pacific-3 4. San Gabriel Vly-3 5. Suburban-3  15 Guaranteed 1 At-Large	Southern Division  1. Garden Grove-3  2. Golden West-3  3. North Hills-2  4. Orange – 3  5. Orange Coast-3  14 Guaranteed  2 At-Large	Southwest Division  1. Crestview-2  2. Empire-3  3. Freeway-3  4. Pacific Coast-3  5. Sea View-2  13 Guaranteed  3 At-Large	West Valley Division  1. Baseline-3 2. Foothill-3 3. South Coast-2 4. Southwestern-3 5. Sunset - 3  14 Guaranteed 2 At-Large
Western Division  1. Bay-2  2. Canyon – 2  3. Channel-2  4. Ocean-2  5. Pacific View-2  6. Pioneer -2	Free Lance CSDR (East Vly Div.) Ribet Academy (East Vly Div.) Sherman Indian (East Vly Div.)	J At-Lai ge	2 Av-Daige
12 Guaranteed			

4 At-Large

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

#### Hacienda

- Charter Oak
- Chino
- Diamond Ranch
- Los Altos
- Walnut
- West Covina

#### Mt. Baldy

- Alta Loma
- Chaffey
- Colony
- Don Lugo
- Montclair
- Ontario

#### **Palomares**

- Ayala
- Bonita
- Claremont
- Diamond Bar
- Glendora
- South Hills

#### Rio Hondo

- Blair
- La Canada
- Monrovia
- San Marino
- South Pasadena
- Temple City

#### Sunkist

- Bloomington
- Colton
- Fontana
- Grand Terrace
- Kaiser
- Summit

#### EAST VALLEY DIVISION

#### Academy

- Brethren Chr.
- Calvary Chapel/D
- Crean Lutheran
- Sage Hill
- St. Margaret's

#### Desert Mountain

- Boron
- Desert
- Desert Chr./Lancaster
- Excelsior Charter
- Mammoth
- Riverside Prep
- Silver Valley
- Vasquez

#### Frontier

- Grace Brethren
- Malibu
- Santa Clara
- Santa Paula

#### San Joaquin

- Capistrano Vly Chr
- Fairmont Prep
- Saddleback Vly Chr.
- Santa Clarita Christian
- Southlands Chr.
- Webb

#### Santa Fe

- Don Bosco Tech
- Mary Star of the Sea
- St. Anthony
- St. Genevieve
- St. Monica

#### South Valley

- Cal Military Institute
- Calvary Murrieta
- Hamilton
- Nuview Bridge
- Rancho Christian
- Santa Rosa Academy

#### EASTERN DIVISION

#### Desert Sky

- Adelanto
  - Barstow
  - Granite Hills
  - Silverado
  - Victor Valley

#### Desert Valley

- Cathedral City
- Coachella Valley
- Indio
- La Quinta/L.Q.
- Palm Desert
- Palm Springs
- Xavier Prep

#### Mojave River

- Apple Valley
- Burroughs/R
- Hesperia
- Oak Hills
- Serrano
- Sultana

#### Mountain Valley

- Banning
- Moreno Valley
- Pacific
- Rubidoux
- San Bernardino
- Vista Del Lago

#### River Valley

- Hillcrest
- Jurupa Valley
- La Sierra
- Norte Vista
- Patriot
- Ramona

#### INLAND DIVISION

#### Citrus Belt

- Cajon
- Carter
- Citrus Valley
- Eisenhower
- Miller, AB
- Redlands
- Redlands East Valley
- Yucaipa

#### Inland Valley

- Arlington
- Canyon Springs
- J.W. North
- Poly/Riverside
- Rancho Verde
- Valley View

#### **Mountain Pass**

- Beaumont
- Citrus Hill
- Hemet
- San Jacinto
- Tahquitz
- West Valley

#### San Andreas

- Arroyo Valley
- Indian Springs
- Jurupa Hills
- Rialto
- Rim of the World
- San Gorgonio

#### Sunbelt

- Elsinore
- Heritage
- Lakeside
- Paloma Valley
- Perris
- Temescal Canyon

#### MID-VALLEY DIVISION

#### Almont

- Alhambra
- Bell Gardens
- Mark Keppel
- Montebello
- San Gabriel
- Schurr

#### **Gold Coast**

- Brentwood
- Campbell Hall
- Christa McAuliffe
- Paraclete
- Sierra Canyon
- Viewpoint
- Windward

#### Miramonte

- Bassett
- Ganesha
- Garey
- La Puente
- Pomona

#### Mission Valley

- Arroyo
- El Monte
- Gabrielino
- Marshall Fundamental
- Mountain View
- Rosemead
- South El Monte

#### Montview

- Azusa
- Baldwin Park
- Duarte
- Gladstone
- Sierra Vista
- Workman

#### Valle Vista

- Covina
- Nogales
- Northview
- Rowland
- San DimasWilson/HH

#### NORTHERN DIVISION

#### Camino

- Camarillo
- Newbury Park
- Royal
- Thousand Oaks

#### Golden

- Antelope Valley
- Eastside
- Highland
- Knight
- Lancaster
- Littlerock
- Palmdale
- Quartz Hill

#### Los Padres

- Cabrillo/L
- Lompoc
- Pioneer Valley
- Santa Ynez
- St. Joseph/SM

#### PAC-5

- Arroyo Grande
- Atascadero
- Paso Robles
- Righetti
- San Luis Obispo

#### Tri-Valley

- Bishop Diego
- Carpinteria
- Fillmore
- Nordhoff

#### NORTHWEST DIVISION

#### Ambassador

- Aquinas
- Arrowhead Chr
- Linfield Chr.
- Notre Dame/R
- Ontario Chr.
- Western Chr.

#### De Anza

- 29 Palms
- Big Bear
- Desert Hot Springs
- Desert Mirage
- Rancho Mirage
- Shadow Hills
- Yucca Valley

#### Northern

- Mission College Prep
- Morro Bay
- Nipomo
- Santa Maria
- Templeton

#### Olympic

- Heritage Chr.
- Maranatha
- Valley Chr./C
- Village Chr.
- Whittier Chr.

#### Prep

- Firebaugh
- Flintridge Prep
- Poly/Pasadena
- Rio Hondo Prep

#### South Catholic

- Bishop Montgomery
- Cantwell Sacred Heart
- St. Bernard
- Verbum Dei

#### **PAC-5 DIVISION**

#### Big VIII

- Centennial/Corona
- Corona
- M.L. King
- Norco
- Roosevelt
- Santiago/Corona

#### Marmonte

- Moorpark
- Oaks Christian
- St. Bonaventure
- Westlake

#### Mission

- Bishop Alemany
- Bishop Amat
- Chaminade
- Crespi
- Loyola
- Notre Dame/SO
- Serra

#### Moore

- Cabrillo/LB
- Compton
- Jordan
- Lakewood
- Millikan
- Poly/LB
- Wilson/LB

#### Trinity -

- JSerra
- Mater Dei
- Orange Lutheran
- Santa Margarita
- Servite
- St. John Bosco

#### SOUTHEAST DIVISION

#### Angelus

- Cathedral
- Harvard-Westlake
- La Salle
- Salesian
- St. Francis
- St. Paul

#### Del Rio

- California
- El Rancho
- La Serna
- Pioneer
- Santa Fe
- Whittier

#### **Pacific**

- Arcadia
- Burbank
- Burroughs/B
- Crescenta Valley
- Glendale
- Hoover
- Muir
- Pasadena

#### San Gabriel Valley

- Dominguez
- Downey
- Gahr
- Lynwood
- Paramount
- Warren

#### Suburban

- Artesia
- Bellflower
- Cerritos
- Glenn
- La Mirada
- Mayfair
- Norwalk

#### SOUTHERN DIVISION

#### Garden Grove

- Bolsa Grande
- Garden Grove
- La Quinta/W
- Los Amigos
- Rancho Alamitos
- Santiago/GG

#### Golden West

- Loara
- Ocean View
- Orange
- Santa Ana
- Segerstrom
- Westminster

#### North Hills

- Brea Olinda
- Canyon/A
- El Dorado
- El Modena

#### Orange

- Anaheim
- Century
- Katella
- Magnolia
- Santa Ana Valley
- Savanna

#### Orange Coast

- Calvary Chapel/SA
- Costa Mesa
- Estancia
- Godinez
- Laguna Beach
- Saddleback

#### SOUTHWEST DIVISION

#### Crestview

- Esperanza
- Foothill
- Villa Park
- Yorba Linda

#### **Empire**

- Cypress
- Kennedy
- Pacifica/GG
- Tustin
- Valencia/P
- Western

#### Freeway

- Buena Park
- Fullerton
- La Habra
- Sonora
- Sunny Hills
- Troy

#### Pacific Coast

- Beckman
- Corona del Mar
- Irvine
- Northwood
- University
- Woodbridge

#### Sea View

- Aliso Niguel
- Capistrano Valley
- Laguna Hills
- San Clemente
- Trabuco Hills

#### WEST VALLEY DIVISION

#### Baseline

- Chino Hills
- Damien
- Etiwanda
- Los Osos
- Rancho Cucamonga
- Upland

#### Foothill

- Canyon/CC
- Golden Valley
- Hart
- Saugus
- Valencia/V
- West Ranch

#### South Coast

- Dana Hills
- El Toro
- Mission Viejo
- San Juan Hills
- Tesoro

#### Southwestern

- Chaparral
- Great Oak
- Murrieta Mesa
- Murrieta Valley
- Temecula Valley
- Vista Murrieta

#### Sunset

- Edison
- Fountain Valley
- Huntington Beach
- Los Alamitos
- Marina
- Newport Harbor

#### WESTERN DIVISION Bay • Inglewood • Mira Costa • Morningside • Palos Verdes Peninsula Redondo Canyon • Agoura Simi Valley Oak Park Calabasas Channel Buena Dos Pueblos San Marcos Santa Barbara Ventura Ocean • Beverly Hills • Culver City • El Segundo Hawthorne Lawndale Santa Moncia Pacific View • Channel Islands Hueneme Oxnard Pacifica/O Rio Mesa Pioneer • Centennial/Compton • Leuzinger North Torrance South Torrance Torrance West Torrance

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

In accordance with Article 32, Section 3200 of the CIF Southern Section Blue Book, all playoffs shall be under the management of the Commissioner of Athletics, who will have final authority and responsibility for their conduct.

#### **PLAYOFF DATES**

The football playoff dates for 2014 as established by the Southern Section Council are as follows:

11-MAN - First round	November 14, 2014
- Second round	November 21, 2014
- Semi-Finals	November 28, 2014
- Finals	December 5/6, 2014

State Regional Football Games December 12/13, 2014
 State Championship Bowl Games December 19/20, 2014
 (For information on these contests, go to www.cifstate.org)

8-MAN	- First round	November 7 2014
	- Second round	November 14 2014
	- Semifinals	November 21, 2014
	- Finals – Divisions 1 and 2	November 28/29 2014

Playoff games are to be played on the specific dates, however, contests may be conducted on other dates if mutually agreeable to both competing schools and **upon approval from the CIF-SS.** 

(PLEASE NOTE: The Commissioner has the final authority, with reference to playing date and game site should any situations arise that necessitate a change.)

#### **PLAYOFF TIMES**

All games are scheduled for **7:30** p.m. on the specified dates (for 8-Man divisions only, the host team may schedule playoff contests on either Friday at 7:30 p.m. or Saturday at 1:00 p.m.) However, contests may start at another time, if mutually agreeable to both competing schools and **upon approval from the CIF-SS.** 

#### **PLAYOFF DIVISIONS**

The CIF Southern Section Football Playoffs shall be conducted in 15 playoff divisions. Leagues have been placed in their divisions based upon strength of football program, enrollment in all four grades and performance of league representatives in previous playoff competition.

All divisions will be 16-team brackets.

#### **FREE LANCE**

Please note freelance teams: CSDR (East Valley Div.), Ribet Academy (East Valley Div.) and Sherman Indian (East Valley Div.). If, by meeting the qualifying standards, these teams are selected by the Football At-Large Selection Committee to enter the playoffs, they will be placed in the divisions mentioned above.

#### **PAIRINGS**

It will be the responsibility of the Commissioner, and his staff, to establish the pairings in each first-round game for all divisions.

#### **DETERMINATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

#### 8-Man Football

All 8-Man Division League Champions will be guaranteed one entry. All other remaining 8-Man berths will be filled with at-large teams. An 8-Man Football At-Large Selection Committee will meet on Sunday, November 2, 2014 in the CIF Southern Section office, to review the at-large applications submitted by 8-Man schools.

All 8-Man schools not guaranteed entry, and wishing consideration for an at-large entry, <u>must</u> have a listing of opponents and scores of all games played, into the CIF-SS office by 11:00 p.m., <u>Saturday</u>, <u>November 1, 2014</u>. The committee will then meet to review the applications. Schools that do not have their information into the CIF-SS by <u>11:00 p.m., Saturday</u>, <u>November 1, 2014</u> will <u>not</u> be considered for the playoffs.

All At-Large participants will be posted on <a href="www.cifss.org">www.cifss.org</a> on Sunday, November 2, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

#### 11-MAN FOOTBALL

In all divisions, 4 and 5 team leagues are guaranteed two entries, 6 to 8 team leagues are guaranteed three entries, 9 or more-team leagues are guaranteed four entries.

Freelance teams will be placed in appropriate divisions and will be considered for the playoffs along with the other at-large entries in those divisions. For a freelance school to be considered for the playoffs they must fill out an at-large form as their entry.

The 11-Man Football At-Large Selection Committee will meet on Saturday, November 8, 2014 in the C.I.F. Southern Section office to select the at-large teams. This committee is comprised of one member from the CIF-SS Executive Committee, an administrator at-large, a representative from the Football Coaches Advisory Committee and one football coach at-large. It is to be understood that no person will serve on the committee whose team is in contention for one of the at-large berths. The following criteria and procedures will accommodate this policy:

- (1) Leagues will have the option of entering an at-large team for consideration should they desire. Leagues will utilize the same guideline of designating a No. 1 entry, a No. 2 entry, or No. 3 entry. In the event there is a tie for the at-large team, the league must specify which school will be submitted as the at-large entrant.
- (2) All entries must be submitted to the CIF-SS office by 9:00 a.m., Saturday, November 9, 2013.
- (3) Schools who are being submitted as an at-large entry, MUST submit to the CIF-SS office by 11:00 p.m., Friday, November 7, 2014, the proper form, which lists all contests played, results of same, and further background information the Selection Committee should be apprised of, in determining the teams which will be selected for the filling of byes.
- (4) The Selection Committee, with the full support of the CIF-SS Football Coaches Advisory Committee, will utilize the following criteria in its selection process, with each category below having the specific weight listed:
  - (a) Head-to-head competition of teams under consideration (4 points)
  - (b) Overall strength of the league from which the team is entered (1 point)
  - (c) Overall win-loss record (1 point)
  - (d) Strength against common opponents (1 point)
  - (e) Strength of schedule (2 points, using overall win-loss record of opponents)
  - (f) Free lance teams will be part of the pool for the filling of at-large berths

# THE TEAM IS NO LONGER REQUIRED TO HAVE A .500 RECORD, OR BETTER, FOR ITS COMPLETE SCHEDULE TO BE CONSIDERED. (SEE BLUE BOOK RULE 3214.1)

Again, it is to be reviewed that all material relating to at-large entries MUST be submitted to the CIF-SS office no later than 11:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2014. If the material considered is not submitted, the team will not be placed under consideration, as the Selection Committee will have no statistical data from which to draw.

#### LEAGUE DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVES

Under the playoff format, leagues have the responsibility of developing and identifying the priority for their representatives into the playoffs as noted under Article 32 (Playoffs) of the CIF Southern Section Blue Book.

Thus, the league, through its CIF-SS Council League Coordinator, must notify the CIF-SS prior to the playoff draw of the No. 1 representative. Please note, the terms "first place team", "champions" and "co-champions", "second-place ties", etc., are not acceptable.

If, for example, a league would have a "co-champion" in football, the league by the method outlined in its Constitution and By-laws, 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. Please note, if a tie-breaker system is utilized by the league, all such tie breaker competition MUST still meet the last allowable date for any competition which is, Saturday, November 1, for 8-Man, and Friday, November 7, for 11-Man. Thus, if there is not sufficient time to utilize a tie-breaker system, the league must go to its second method of determining entry into the playoffs.

#### PLAYOFF PAIRING FORMAT

How in the world did I ever draw them for the opening round of the playoffs?

With that introduction, let's take an in-depth look at the protocol utilized by the CIF Southern Section Office in the development of post season playoff pairings.

SEEDS B The initial step is to designate four teams (maximum) as seeds, with No. 1 and No. 4 placed in the top bracket and No. 2 and No. 3 in the bottom bracket (see diagram 1). An exception to this procedure would be if seeds in the same half of the bracket are from the same league.

# NO. 1 SEED LEAGUE A #1 NO. 4 SEED LEAGUE C #1 NO. 3 SEED LEAGUE B #1

#### **DIAGRAM #1**

Is it possible to designate more than four seeds?

LEAGUE E #1

NO. 2 SEED

The task would be virtually impossible on two counts. Attempting to delineate which team is the No. 7 seed, as opposed to No. 8 or No. 12 rather than No. 13 would result in 25 different answers by 25 different people. Additionally, an attempt at a true seed would be in opposition to the CIF-SS Constitution and By-Laws, which specify a league's designated No. 1 entry, shall meet a No. 3 entry and a No. 2 shall meet another No. 2 where the draw provides for same in the opening round.

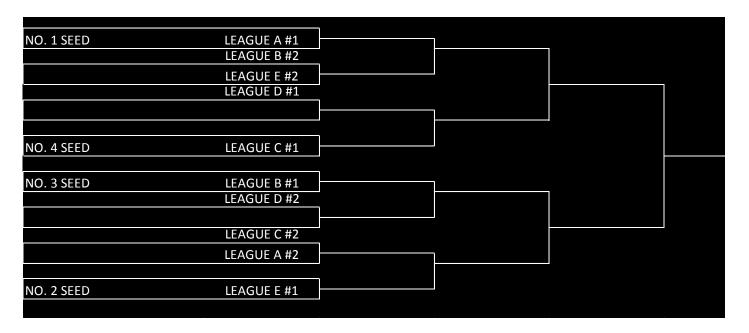
FILLING THAT DRAW - The next stop is to fill the bracket draw and a simple guideline provides the ground rules for same. Assuming for the moment the top four seeds are all No. 1 teams, the procedure calls for the No. 2 teams from each of these leagues to be placed in the opposite half of the bracket (see Diagram 2).

#### **DIAGRAM #2**



Consider there are five leagues assigned to this particular bracket, it now becomes necessary to place the only league not represented thus far, League D. The No. 1 designee is placed in either half of the bracket, with League D #2 in the opposite half (See Diagram #3).

#### **DIAGRAM #3**



The final step is to place the No. 3 teams from each of the respective leagues in the open slots, attempting to place each in one of the remaining A quarters of the bracket where the league is not represented. This process eliminates the aspect of schools from the same league meeting in the second round of competition.

An exception to this procedure occurs where geography does not permit wide placement. The Office then follows the directive of the CIF Southern Section Council from its meeting on March 13, 1980, which directs schools be placed in the same half and if necessary, quarter of the bracket to curtail excessive travel.

Another factor utilized by the Office when formulating initial pairings is to review the playoff bracket for the previous years in an effort not to match identical teams which may have been paired the previous year or two years back. This would not preclude two leagues being matched in consecutive years, but with two different representative schools.

#### COIN FLIPS

Coin flips, when necessary, are conducted in public by the Commissioner, or his designated administrator, in the CIF-SS lobby. It should be noted that all necessary coin flips are conducted, even though one or both teams involved are not present, due to travel distance, etc., in order that they might be verified by other administrators and/or coaches present.

In an effort to give schools as much time as possible to prepare for football playoff contests, we will be conducting coin flips for home teams <u>one week in advance</u>. Coin flips for the **2014 11-Man Football Playoffs** will take place according to the following schedule:

- ➤ Second round Sunday, November 9 immediately after 1<sup>st</sup> round pairings are released.
- ➤ Semifinal round Saturday, November 15 9:00 a.m.

Office hours – 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Final round – Saturday, November 22 – 9:00 a.m.

Office hours – 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The coin flips for the **2014 8-Man Football Playoffs** will follow the schedule below:

- ➤ Second round Monday, November 3, immediately after 1<sup>st</sup> round pairings are released
- ➤ Semi-final round Monday, November 10, 9:00 a.m.
- Final round Monday, November 17, 9:00 a.m.

#### **DETERMINATION OF SITES/DATES**

In the first round of the playoffs, 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 pre-determined by the Commissioner. In cases where a first team representative 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, an administrator from one of our member schools 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 leagues 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.

The decision of who shall be the host team, after the first round of competition, is the 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 in the entire draw, 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 that 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, and (2) be considered the host team regardless of where the game is being played.

The designation of "host" does not guarantee the game will be played at the host school's facility. It does designate the responsibility for management of the contest, which includes suggesting a site that will handle the anticipated crowd. A host school may use its home site facility if it can safely provide for the anticipated crowd. Approval of the site will be made by the Southern Section office, after taking into consideration input from the participating schools—and evaluation of crowd sizes from previous years.

#### **CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES DATES + TIMES**

#### Friday, December 5, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.

Eastern Division
Inland Division
Mid-Valley Division
Northern Division
Southeast Division
Southwest Division

**Western Division** 

Saturday, December 6, 2014 – 7:30 p.m., except where noted below

**Central Division** 

**East Valley Division** 

**Northwest Division** 

Pac-5 Division – Angel Stadium of Anaheim – 8:00 p.m.

**Southern Division** 

West Valley Division – Angel Stadium – 2:00 p.m.

Eight Man Division 1 – Friday/Saturday, November 28/29, 2014 Eight Man Division 2 – Friday/Saturday, November 28/29, 2014

<u>The Angel Stadium schedule is as follows for Saturday, December 7:</u> The West Valley Division Championship Game will be played on Saturday, December 6, at 2:00 p.m.. .The Pac-5 Division Championship Game will be played at 8:00 p.m. There will be a separate admission charge for each game. There will be no rain clause.

All 11-Man divisions will play on Friday nights for semi-final contests.

#### CIF-SS OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS

With a very limited amount of time between each round of the playoffs, a tremendous strain is placed on the staff at the CIF-SS office, in arranging the myriad of details connected with insuring a successful playoff activity. Game sites must be established, officials secured, tickets mailed, press credentials issued and press releases distributed. To expedite matters, our staff will be in the office on Sunday, November 9, Saturday, November 15, Saturday, November 22 and Saturday, November 29 during the playoffs. Saturday/Sunday office hours are 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

With the numerous specifics involved in conducting playoffs, the host school MUST SEEK APPROVAL FROM THE CIF-SS BY 3 P.M. MONDAY, AS TO THE EXACT SITE OF THE UPCOMING PLAYOFF CONTEST. This deadline must be met, in order for game officials to be assigned, information to be distributed to the press for advance publicity and to allow ample time for field inspection, if necessary. As indicated earlier, schools are to have sites tentatively under reservation in advance, thus allowing for a quick answer by 3 p.m. each Monday.

#### AWARDS, PATCHES and MERCHANDISE

If your team won or were a runner-up in a CIFSS Team Event and you wish to purchase any additional champion plaques or runner-up plaques and runner-up medals you may do so by ordering directly from All American Trophy by contacting Paul Purdum at (323) 725-1962.

Additional <u>Champion t-shirts</u> (given to championship teams only) may be ordered directly from our supplier. Contact Kristy Moore @ Kustom Imprints – (714) 771-5768 ext. 103 or email <u>kristy@kustomimprints.com</u>.

Additional <u>CIF-SS Champion patches</u> (Octagon Red or Football shaped) and <u>any Custom CIF-SS patches</u> (such as: All CIF-SS – CIF-SS Scholar Athlete – Quarter Finals) may be ordered directly from JL Custom Jackets and Patches <u>www.ilcustomjackets.com</u>.

Other Championship Merchandise available includes <u>CIF-SS Championship Patches</u> (circle shape) Playoffs or Prelims, <u>Finals Patches</u> (shape of a shield) for participation in Cross Country, Track & Field or Swimming Finals, <u>Masters Patches</u> (oval shaped) for participation in a Masters Track & Field or Wrestling event and <u>Wrestling Dual Meet</u> (rectangle shaped). <u>Additional Merchandise</u> for all sports include: shirts, hats, beanies, visors, pins and more may be ordered at <u>www.ciftshirts.com</u>.

#### These are the only companies that have the license to use the words CIF-SS.

Each member of a team participating in the CIF Southern Section playoffs can receive a CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATE. These **certificates** will be printed out solely by your school. The document is in a "type-in" PDF format and may be downloaded from our website: **www.cifss.org** under FORMS.

#### TEAM BENCHES

During CIF-SS playoff games, the team benches will be restricted to authorized personnel consisting of substitutes, coaches, student managers, trainer and team physician. Parents, members of booster clubs and other such unauthorized personnel must sit in the stands. Schools are urged to issue visible sideline tags to those that are authorized for easy recognition.

#### **OFFICIALS**

The Commissioner, on the basis of the merit of the particular official's work during the regular season, will appoint officials for all playoff games. Official's fees shall be charged to game expense. In the playoff rounds in all divisions, the referee will receive \$83.00 and the other four officials will receive \$81.00. In the championship game in all divisions, each official will receive a fee of \$94.00. One alternate official will be assigned to all championship games and they will receive a fee of \$48.00. Mileage will be paid to the Head Official, when necessary. Please see page 26 for official's mileage breakdown.

The home school will be notified of the appointed officials for all playoff contests. Please do not call the CIF-SS office, or any assignors, for your game officials prior to Thursday. In the event that you have not been notified by Wednesday, please call Bob McQueen at 626- 285-6608 for those names.

#### **CHAIN CREWS**

At all CIF-SS football games the persons assigned to the "Chain Crew", responsible for marking down and distance on the field, shall be responsible adults.

#### **PROTESTS**

By action of the CIF-SS Council, protests of playoff contests involving National Federation Rules will no longer be entertained following the conclusion of the contest.

Coaches may direct questions to the game officials, as they pertain to a possible misapplication of the rules, in accordance with the National Federation rules governing that sport. No protest may be carried forth once the contest is completed. Coaches are encouraged to carry National Federation rulebooks with them for all playoff contests.

Schools will still have the opportunity to protest a contest, in accordance with Southern Section Rule 1111.2, as it pertains to use of an ineligible player or violations of any CIF-SS rule in connection with the contest.

#### **RULES**

All playoff games will be played under the 2014 National Federation Football Rules, except where superceded by Blue Book rulings or this handbook.

#### LENGTH OF GAMES

The timing of the game will be under current National Federation Rules.

#### **JERSEYS**

The host team shall wear the dark-colored jerseys and visiting team light-colored jerseys for all playoff contests.

#### **EQUAL FACILITIES**

Although it is necessary that one team be designated as the host team, it shall be kept in mind that the game belongs equally to both competing schools. A pre-game planning meeting must be held to cover all details connected with the staging of every playoff contest.

<u>Blue Book Rule 3216</u>: 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.

If telephone facilities are provided for one team, they must also be provided for the other team. If equal telephone facilities cannot be provided, neither team may use the phones. The same principle of equal facilities applies to camera sites, dressing facilities, press box seats for spotters, etc.

The time period between the first and second half should be equally divided so that each school will have an opportunity to present its band and drill team. If one school does not wish to provide any half-time entertainment, it may relinquish its time. If mutually agreeable to both teams, the half-time period may be extended to 20 minutes.

#### **FILMING**

By action of the CIF-SS Council, there will be no restrictions on schools videotaping/filming opponent's games. Host schools will maintain game management rights and responsibilities.

#### EXCHANGE OF GAME DVD/VIDEOTAPES

There shall be a mandatory exchange of <u>four</u> game DVD/videotapes between the competing schools. Each coach will have his choice of any four of his opponent's DVD/videotapes. These original copies of the DVD/videotapes shall be unedited, and shall include all plays as originally recorded. In addition to the mandatory exchange, it shall be permissible for either coach to secure from other sources, any game videotape of his opponent that he may desire to view for the purpose of preparing for his next playoff game. If a school entering the playoffs has not videotaped any of its games, it should communicate that fact to the Commissioner, prior to the beginning of the playoffs.

It is mandatory that coaches bring their DVD/videotapes with them to the CIF-SS office on the day the initial pairings are announced. All subsequent exchanges will take place at either the CIF-SS office, a halfway point between the two schools, or some mutually agreed upon location.

The exchange will be Noon, the day after each playoff game. The coaches shall return the tapes to one another the night of their playoff game.

Any violation of the mandatory DVD/videotape exchange rule (refusal to cooperate) should be reported at once to the CIF-SS office. Such violation may subject a team to disqualification from the playoff.

#### SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR FILMING

- A. Filming should be from a height of 30 feet or higher.
- B. Videotape/DVD should include the entire contest.
- C. Filming should start before the snap/kick and continue until the play is over. The camera should not continue to run when the play is dead.
- D. Picture should be clear and the numbers of players readable.

  Picture should include enough players on both teams to recognize offensive and defensive formations. The camera should follow its own team during kick plays.

#### **BALL**

The NFHS rule book specifies that either a rubber covered or leather covered football is legal. In cases where either school desires to use a different type of ball, each school will furnish its own ball for the game and there will be no charge made to game expenses. Spalding is the official football of the CIF-SS and is the required football to be used in all playoff games. In all Championship Finals, a football for each team will be furnished by Spalding and the CIF-SS.

#### **CHECK TIMER**

The check timer for playoff games shall be a faculty member or responsible adult. If the visiting team does not supply a check timer, the host team faculty timer alone is responsible. It is recommended that a gun be used to denote the end of each period.

#### **PHYSICIAN**

Medical coverage for all C.I.F. Southern Section Football Playoff games is defined by Blue Book Rule 1928.2: A licensed medical doctor, or the primary health provider designated by the home team as team physician or team doctor, shall be in attendance at all playoff games. The fee shall be paid from the gross game receipts.

#### **CHEERING SECTIONS**

Fan/Student cheering sections are encouraged to cheer and support their own team and should display proper sportsmanship with respect to the opposing team and the game officials. They are expected to follow the following guidelines and failure to do so may lead to removal from the contest and/or forfeiture of the contest.

- 1. <u>No noisemakers</u> (horns, bells, victory bells, sirens, chimes, wooden blocks, balloons, thunder sticks, etc.). Megaphones may only be used by the school's uniformed cheer squads.
- 2. Cheering devices such as rally towels, pom poms and pennants are acceptable when used within the bounds of good sportsmanship.
- 3. It is the expectation that cheering section behavior will be monitored by the assigned school staff of the school that they represent. All improper behavior/language should be addressed and corrected immediately by school staff supervisors.
- 4. Face painting is acceptable from the <u>neck up only</u> and shall not include any inappropriate letters or symbols. Assigned school staff shall monitor their cheering sections in regards to face painting.

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- 1) Participating schools will provide the required number of faculty supervisors we request at the event and make sure to inform our staff when they are present.
- 2) Assist in briefing those supervisors before the start of your game on the responsibilities they have in maintaining proper control of your students and fans.
- 3) Strongly emphasize with all involved that there will be swift action taken against anyone who behaves inappropriately.
- 4) Assist us in taking action against those who violate appropriate standards of behavior and sportsmanship.

A school's failure to monitor their students and fans may result in sanctions being placed against your school such as loss of future home playoff contests, payment for damages caused, etc. Be sure to review with your constituents the seriousness of these consequences so we may prevent any problems from occurring.

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#### **ANNOUNCER**

The announcer should be a responsible adult who can set the tone of the game by calling spectators attention to the following points of reference:

- 1. CIF-SS playoff contests are conducted under the strictest code of good sportsmanship.
- 2. The officials are neutral people, representing the Commissioner and have been selected because of demonstrated ability.
- 3. Rooters are encouraged to support their own team, but are requested to refrain from booing the opponents or officials' decisions.

A copy of the "Football Public Address Announcer Guidelines" is contained in the football playoff bulletin, which has already been sent to schools and this handbook.

#### **TIE GAMES**

The twenty-five yard line tiebreaker system will be used in all divisions and all games, (including finals), of the CIF Southern Section football playoffs, when games end in regulation time with the score tied. Although the ball will be placed on the 25-yard line for tiebreakers, we will adopt the National Federation 10-yard tiebreaker rules, with the exception that teams will be able to make first downs. Because of concerns regarding inconsistency WE WILL NOT BE USING NCAA RULES. Complete details for the 10-yard line tiebreaker are listed on pages 83 and 84 of the 2014 National Federation Official High School Football Rules. This will apply to all playoff games including the championship games.

#### **HOW THE TIE-BREAKER WORKS**

If the score at the conclusion of regulation play is tied, there will be a timeout. The captains of the two squads will meet at midfield, with the officials, for a flip of the coin. The winner of the toss will have the option to defend a goal or to determine possession.

Then, each team will have the opportunity to score from the 25-yard line and the team which outscores the other in the "overtime" session will be the winner, following the rules of football.

.... For example, the team on offense first will have one series of downs in which to score a touchdown (and try to kick for a one-point conversion or a run-pass for a two-point conversion) or kick a field goal. The other team will have one series of downs in which to equal, or surpass, the points scored by the first team. If the second team on offense does not equal or surpass the first team on offense, the first team on offense wins. If the second team scores more points than the first team, the second team wins. If the second team scores an equal number of points, the whole procedure is repeated until a winner is determined.

If either team has a pass intercepted, or fumbles and loses possession, the ball will be blown dead immediately, its series of downs comes to an end, regardless of what down (No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, or No. 4) the interception or fumble occurs.

#### **BANDS AND PEPSTERS**

Bands from both schools can be admitted free of charge, as long as they are in uniform with an instrument and accompanied by their instructor. Cheerleaders/pep squads can also be admitted free of charge, as long as they are in uniform and accompanied by their advisor. All others must purchase a ticket.

#### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

It is difficult to predict what the weather conditions will be like for our football playoffs. During late November and early December the weather can pose many problems for school administrators charged with the responsibility of staging football playoff games. Rain and fog constitute the major problems and each must be handled in a different manner.

Accepted policy provides that the host management is solely responsible for determining whether or not the game will be started. After it is under way, the decision as to whether or not it should be continued, suspended, or called, rests solely with the game officials.

**RAIN**: A game can be played even though it rains prior to, or during, a contest. Some of the questions which should be considered in a decision to postpone playoff football games due to rain are:

- 1. Has the rain made the field unplayable?
- 2. If a game is being played in a junior college or community owned stadium, will the stadium manager permit the game to be played in the event of rain?
- 3. Do weather conditions, and the forecast for the following day, justify postponing the contest to the next afternoon or night?

**<u>FOG</u>**: Over the years fog has caused the most serious problem in the staging of playoff football games. In such situations it is foggy during the day, while at other times, the fog continues to increase in density as the evening progresses. Many times the surrounding area has fog, while in the stadium itself it is fairly clear. The reverse of this can also occur.

When fog has been present during the week, or is predicted for the weekend, the host management should check out the stadium the night before the scheduled game and keep in close contact with weather personnel. If conditions warrant, a decision to postpone the game should be made before the gates are opened. With nearly all games scheduled for Friday nights, a postponement to Saturday afternoon would be in order.

If fog conditions are uncertain, and it is the best judgment of the host management to attempt to play the game, the following precautions should be taken:

- 1. "Rain checks" should be prepared and given to each person entering the stadium.
- 2. Prior arrangements should be made regarding the time, date, and location of the game, in the event it is to be postponed due to rain or fog.
- 3. The public address announcer should keep the spectators informed of the following:
  - a. If one half of the game is completed, and the game is subsequently called because of unplayable conditions, it will be an official contest and the score will stand.
  - b. If one half of a game is completed, with the score tied, it will not be an official contest. The contest will then be played in its entirety on the date, and at the time and place previously agreed upon, prior to the 29game.

c. If the game is called before one half has been completed, it will not be an official game. The contest will then be played in its entirety on the date, and at the time and place previously agreed upon, prior to the game.

Further questions should be directed to the CIF-SS office, relative to rain and fog conditions.

#### PRESS BOX ACCOMMODATIONS

The host school is responsible to supervise proper accommodations in the press box. An adult should be assigned to handle this important function. Press box seats should be reserved for members of the news media. They have been advised to call ahead and reserve seats. Sometimes this is not possible and the person in charge of the press box should use sound logic in admitting bona fide members of the press to the Press Box.

Too often the press box loses its meaning when faculty members, friends, relatives, district personnel, board members, etc., occupy it. This is not the purpose of the press box. Schools are reminded of the importance of maintaining good public relations and are encouraged to cooperate fully with members of the media.

#### PLANNING MEETING

Member schools, on occasions, have reported they have encountered problems in crowd control at night football games. In some instances there have been fights, games suspended, reports of vandalism and serious problems in the parking lots. This again points up the extreme need for proper preparation and pre-game planning for all football playoff contests.

It is <u>required</u> that administrators from the two competing schools get together to discuss details connected with the staging of the contest. Visiting students and supporters should be given detailed information regarding the best method of reaching the site of the contest, where to park, where to enter the stadium and where their allotted seats are located. The half-time entertainment, and all activities connected with the game, should be thoroughly worked out.

#### FOOTBALL PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCER GUIDELINES

The following information is provided for the benefit of the public address announcer at your home playoff games: this capsule summary was developed by the late John McDonough and has been found to be very useful to our member schools.

#### **PRE-GAME PREPARATION**

- 1. Go to the official's dressing room or see the officials on the field. Get the proper pronunciation of their names and the positions they will work.
- 2. Go over the referee's signals with him and ask for any instructions he might have. It is up to you to interpret his signals to the crowd. If you have a person on the sidelines relaying information to you, explain this to the officials, so they can forward information about unusual rulings to you.

- 3. Go to each team and be sure you have the correct numbers and names of the players.
- 4. Be sure you have the proper starting line-up for each team. Coordinate the announcing of the starting line ups with any other pre-game activities (playing of the National Anthem) so that the game will start on time.
- 5. Check the accuracy of any information about the visiting team you plan on using before the game, or at halftime, with someone from that team. You should have done this for your own team during the week.
- 6. Always start your program by welcoming the crowd and introducing yourself. Example: "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to Memorial Stadium, this is Earl Richard, your game announcer."
- 7. Give the line-ups at a moderate pace not too fast, but especially not too slow. Start with the left and go across the line, then the running backs, receivers and quarterback.
- 8. After you give the line-ups, give the names of the officials in this order Referee, Umpire, Head Linesman, Field Judge, Back Judge.
- 9. Give the winner of the toss and the options the captains chose.
- 10. If the national Anthem is used, invite the crowd to sing. For example: "Ladies and Gentlemen, would you please rise and join our director Al Rhienke and the Eagle Band in singing our National Anthem."

#### SPORTSMANSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PLAYOFF CONTESTS ARE CONDUCTED UNDER THE STRICTEST CODE OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP...THE OFFICIALS ARE NEUTRAL MEN, REPRESENTING THE COMMISSIONER, AND ARE SELECTED BECAUSE OF DEMONSTRATED ABILITY...SPECTOATORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUPPORT THEIR OWN TEAM, AND ARE REQUESTED TO DISPLAY PROPER SPORTSMANSHIP WITH RESPECT TO THE OPPOSING SCHOOL AND THE OFFICALS...THE CIF SOUTHERN SECTION THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS...

#### **GAME SUGGESTIONS**

- 1. Remember, you are NOT a radio announcer and should not give a play-by play account of the game. This is an insult to the intelligence of the spectators. In a normal game you will be speaking about 25 percent of the time and be QUIET about 75 percent of the time. The crowd came to see the game, not to hear your opinions about it.
- 2. Give the down and distance before each play. Simply say, "Third and eight on the Homestead 42."
- 3. When the ball is snapped, do not say, "Jones has the ball and is going around left end." Again, you are insulting the intelligence of the spectators. Merely give his name "Jones is the ball carrier."
- 4. When the play is over, give the name of the man, or men, who made the tackle and set up the down and distance again.
- 5. After a long run, pass, or kick, give the total yardage, but make no comment. Such comments as "What a beautiful run" or "A great kick", are in bad taste. The crowd can see that it was a good run or kick, and <u>as a PA announcer you must</u> be 100 percent impartial and objective.
- 6. NEVER try to outguess the officials. If you think you see a foul, do not mention it. The chances are you will be wrong. If one of the officials throws a yellow foul marker, simply say, "There is a flag on the play." Then wait do not try to explain the foul. When the referee gives his signal, interpret it to the crowd. Get a copy of the rulebook or a program, which has the signals. If it is an unusual play, the arrangements you made prior to the game will get this information to you to pass on to the spectators.
- 7. Never use the names of officials during the game. You should read their names prior to the game. Do not say, "The foul was called by Head Linesman Jones" or "Referee Smith is explaining the foul to the Captain Brown".
- 8. Never comment on the fouls that are called, or the work of the officials, whether you think it is good or bad. This is a good way to start a riot.
- 9. Never comment on the sportsmanship, or play, of either team, or either coach. This is another way to start a riot.
- 10. Never designate the player who committed a foul. You probably will be wrong anyway and this type of announcement tends to make the game get out of hand.
- 11. If a player is injured, give his name. You are not a doctor, so do not try to diagnose his injuries from the press box. If you get a later report on the player's condition, give it with no comment. Never try to explain how a player was injured. This can easily be misconstrued by the crowd as an unsportsmanlike act on the part of an opponent and cause an unfortunate situation.
- 12. If the crowd starts to boo the visiting team, or the officials, to an extreme degree, say, "Ladies and Gentlemen, these people are our guests tonight, let's treat them as such."
- 13. A few minutes before the end of the game, preferably during a time out, thank the people for coming, announce convenient routes for leaving the stadium and remind them to drive carefully on the way home.

In summary, the public address announcer just covers the facts of the game, as impartially and objectively as possible. You should not give opinions of your own because the spectators are present and should be free to form their own opinions. A radio announcer gives his opinions because the listener is seeing the game through his description, but you are a public address announcer, and this is a totally different art.



TO: MEMBER SCHOOLS

FROM: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION STAFF

SUBJECT: MILEAGE FOR OFFICIALS IN THE PLAYOFFS

DATE: NOVEMBER, 2014

C.I.F. Southern Section Blue Book Rule 1211.5 is the rule regarding the issue of mileage for officials in the playoffs and has been adopted by the C.I.F. Southern Section in all sports.

- 1. The point of origination for mileage will be determined by the location of the meeting place for that officials association.
- 2. A flat fee will be used to compensate officials for travel during the playoffs, based on the following scale... (All mileage is round trip).

51 - 75  miles =	\$13.00
76 - 125  miles =	\$19.00
126 - 175  miles =	\$31.00
176 - 250  miles =	\$43.00
251 - 350  miles =	\$55.00
351 - 450  miles =	\$73.00

451 miles and above = For distances beyond 450 miles, the following formula will be utilized:

Begin with \$73.00, which represents 450 miles round trip. Add \$2.40 for every additional 15 miles traveled round trip.

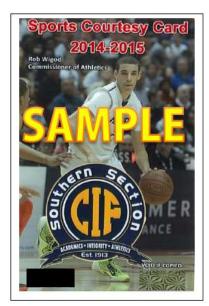
Example: 525 miles round trip = \$73.00 - First 450 miles Additional 75 miles = \$12.00 - 75 divided by 15 = 5, multiply by \$2.40 Total Mileage Reimbursement = \$85.00

3. The mileage stipend will be paid to the Head Official of all officiating crews in all sports.

#### 2014-15 CIF-SS Credentials

These four credentials are used for admittance to all CIF Southern Section games at your school. The **Courtesy Card** and **Lifetime Pass** admits the bearer of the card plus one other person. The **Press Credential** and the **Photo Credential** admits the **bearer of the card only.** 

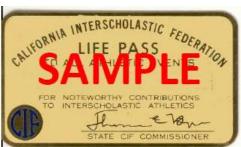
<u>School Administration:</u> Please make these copies available to the people at your admitting gates and doors for all of your CIF Southern Section events.



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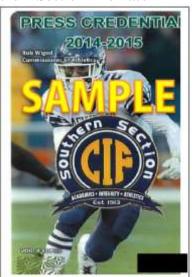
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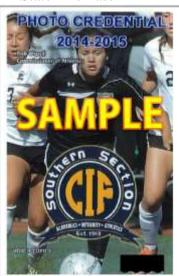


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#### FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

#### **ADMISSION PRICES**

The price of adult general admission tickets to football playoff games in all contests will be \$10.00, the student ticket price will be \$5.00 and children from ages 5-13 will be admitted for \$5.00 in all divisions. Adults, students and children of participating schools will have the ability to purchase tickets pre-sale.

Students who do not purchase their tickets pre-sale will be allowed to purchase student tickets <u>at the gate</u> for \$5.00. They must present a high school picture ID at the gate to get a ticket for \$5.00. Students who do not present a high school picture ID at the gate will have to pay \$10.00 for admission.

All finals games, <u>except the games at Angel Stadium of Anaheim</u>, will be \$12.00 adult general admission, \$5.00 for students and \$5.00 for children.

#### RESERVED SEATS

It is permissible for a school, which has done so during the regular season, to have a reserved seating section for playoff games. It is recommended that when seats are reserved, ticket prices be increased to \$11.00, to cover the extra cost of having such tickets printed and the use of additional ushers. Administrators from the two competing schools should discuss, and agree beforehand, if reserved seating is to be used in a playoff game.

#### **TICKETS**

The CIF-SS office will have tickets available in all prices for all playoff football games. Schools are **required** to pick up their supply of tickets at the designated times on the inside front cover for the first round, and on Saturday morning of succeeding rounds.

→ SPECIAL NOTE: All unused tickets must be returned to the CIF-SS office so that a proper accounting can be made. These unused tickets may be returned as third class mail.

#### PRE-GAME SALE AT VISITING SCHOOL

Each visiting school will be provided with adult, student/child tickets to be sold during the week of the contest. Although these tickets will be sent to the visiting school directly from the CIF-SS office, the accounting of these tickets will be made by the host school.

As soon as possible after the contest (suggested within seven days), the visiting school should send the following items to the financial manager of the host school: 1) All unsold tickets, 2) Complete report for all advance ticket sales (via www.cifssfinancialreports.org), 3) Check for the total amount of ticket sales, 4) Statement of travel expenses, including mileage of transportation, lodging, and/or meals, where approved (via www.cifssfinancialreports.org). We suggest that the visiting school return all unsold adult tickets to the host school, prior to the contest, to insure that there are ample tickets available at the gate.

#### **COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS**

Each school participating in the football playoffs will receive an allotment of 25 admission tickets for each game in which they compete. 8-Man Football schools will receive an allotment of 10 admission tickets for each game in which they compete. If additional tickets are desired, they must be purchased at the prevailing rate by the school. Drivers of team and rooter buses must be provided with tickets by the school, they will not be admitted without a ticket. These tickets are also to be used for scouting purposes. The 25 (11-Man) or 10 (8-Man) complimentary tickets should be removed from one stack of general admission tickets and so noted on the ticket control sheet.

#### **GATE PROCEDURES**

All schools, hosting playoff games should make certain that gate personnel handling tickets are advised of the following procedures:

- 1. Tickets presented for admission are to be taken at the admission gate.
- 2. All tickets are to be checked for appropriate color. This is to prevent someone from entering with a ticket designated for another game, or with a ticket that was used for the previous playoff round. This also prevents an adult from entering with a student ticket, a student with a child ticket, etc.
- 3. Do not accept cash in large bills unless absolutely necessary.
- 4. Check large bills for authenticity (hold up to the light). \$100 bills will have a vertical marking as well as a facial picture off to one side. Counterfeit bills do not have this watermark.
- 5. Do not accept personal checks.
- 6. Tear ticket and return stub to spectator.

All schools hosting playoff games should have one entrance gate designated as the "Pass Gate". This gate, properly identified with an appropriate sign and staffed by a qualified person, would be used exclusively for the admission of all holders of CIF-SS Courtesy Cards, Press Passes, Photo Passes, and Gold Life Passes.

It is highly recommended that the visiting team have a faculty member, or other representative, assigned to the main entrance gate prior to and during the game.

#### OFFICIAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Each school entering the 2014 Football Playoffs can access the Game Management Report forms on <a href="https://www.cifsshome.org">www.cifsshome.org</a>. This information should be completed by the financial manager or Athletic Director of the host school, and returned to the CIF-SS office, prior to each playoff game. Due to the time factor, many management reports may not arrive in our office prior to the contest. Therefore, any unusual or abnormally high expenses must be cleared by telephone, prior to the contest.

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS

The host school will account for the revenue from the game, pay all expenses for the game and compile the financial report. Host schools are <u>required</u> to submit a Financial Report for each playoff game. Using the link below, please find your game, complete the report and submit within ten (10) days following the completion of the game.

CLICK HERE --> <u>www.cifsshome.org</u> Click on Playoff Finances on the left column

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Visiting schools are <u>required</u> to submit a Financial Report for each playoff game. Using the link below, please find your game, complete the report and submit within ten (3) days after the completion of the game.

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In all playoff games in the 11-Man divisions, the net profit will be divided as follows: 20% to each competing school and 60% to the CIF-SS. Any loss will be split equally by the two schools. Schools are expected to submit only the expenditures. In all cases, these expenses shall be within the maximum established.

By vote of the 8-Man schools, there will be no allowable expenses for 8-Man playoff contests. With the distances traveled and crowd sizes, it was felt it would be more cost efficient to pay no expenses. The host team will be responsible for game management expenses and the visiting team will cover their own travel expenses. The gross gate will be split 40% to each school, and 20% to the Southern Section.

#### TICKET CONTROL SHEET

Although, no longer required, ticket roll numbers may be recorded on ticket control sheets, which can accompany the unused tickets upon return to the CIF-SS. Please instruct your ticket sellers on the proper procedure in filling out the form. Also, twenty-five (25) complimentary tickets for 11-Man Football, (10) for 8-Man Football, should be removed from one (1) roll of general admission tickets and this should be noted on the ticket control sheet. The tickets should be given to the appropriate parties for distribution and use.

#### TRAVEL EXPENSE REPORT

The visiting school shall pay its own traveling expenses and submit a statement of these expenses, after the game (within three days), via <a href="www.cifsshome.org">www.cifsshome.org</a>. These expenses would include mileage for transportation, lodging, and/or meals, where approved by the CIF. Traveling expenses of the visiting team are considered part of game expenses.

#### ALLOWABLE TRAVEL EXPENSES

Traveling shall be limited to a maximum of 44 in the party including players, coaches, managers and administrators. Schools may take additional personnel if they wish, but at their own expense. A maximum subsidy of \$1.75 per mile, round trip, will be approved for either chartered or school bus transportation. Distances obtained from the American Automobile Association shall be used, when available, for computing expenses.

#### **MEALS AND LODGING**

No subsidy will be permitted towards assisting with meals or lodging without prior approval of the CIF-SS. This is necessary to insure uniform subsidies for all schools. Where approved, maximum subsidies are \$1.50 for breakfast, \$2.50 for lunch, or \$5.00 for dinner, for a party of 44. There will be no subsidy for after game snacks. The number of meals allowed each school will be determined by the CIF-SS on the basis of distance. For trips less than 140 miles round trip, no meals will be approved. Where lodging is authorized, the maximum shall be \$6.00 per person for a group of not more than 44 people. No lodging will be permitted unless the distance is over 550 miles round trip. Please report this expense on the Visitors Financial Report form.

#### **TELEPHONE**

Telephone calls will not be listed as a game expense. Both competing schools will pay for all calls from their share of the game receipts.

#### **BLEACHER RENTAL**

Schools complementing their spectator seating capacity by renting additional bleachers, are to call the CIF-SS office in advance for approval to charge the bleacher rental to game expense. If this is not done, the bleacher expense will be charged to the host school and may not be deducted from gate receipts.

#### CONCESSIONS AND PROGRAMS

Where concessions and programs are involved in a playoff contest, the profit or loss from such enterprises shall not be included in the financial report. The CIF-SS will furnish programs and sellers for all finals games. Additionally, CIF-SS T-shirts and hats will be provided at some finals sites. The programs, T-shirts, and hats income will not be part of the gate receipts. No other programs, T-shirts, or hats will be allowed. In all other games, the host school reserves the right to handle the program and concessions as a separate venture and need not share the profit, nor expect the CIF-SS or the visiting school, to share in any loss.

#### ADMISSION PRICE POSTERS

The CIF-SS will supply, free of charge to all schools hosting a playoff contest, an adequate supply of placards on which will be listed the correct admission prices for all playoff games. Schools hosting more than one game should retain the original posters for use in later contests. For schools picking up their tickets in person, placards will be available at that time.

#### **GAME PERSONNEL**

The host management is responsible for staffing the stadium with the personnel necessary to conduct the contest. The same pay schedule followed for league contests should be used to reimburse ticket sellers, ticket takers, police, physician and custodial help.

In playoff contests, payment to faculty personnel to supervise a rooting section is not an allowable expense and may not be charged to game expense. It is realized that some schools pay faculty persons to supervise rooting sections in league contests, but because this is **not** the policy in many schools, the Executive Committee has ruled that if a school (host or visitor) desires to pay such personnel, it shall do so out of its share of the net receipts and not charge the cost to game expense.

There is a wide disparity of staffing policies for athletic contests among schools in the Southern Section. Because of this, schools in the playoffs are asked to assign the minimum number of personnel necessary to assure efficiency and safety. Specific numbers and costs are to be detailed in the Game Management Report, due at the CIF-SS office, prior to each playoff contest.

### FOOTBALL GAME MANAGEMENT REPORT FORM

This form must be completed by the financial manager of the host school and returned to the CIF-SS office for approval **PRIOR TO EACH** scheduled playoff contest. The report will be checked, and if there are any questionable items, the school will be contacted. No contact will be made if the information listed by the school is approved. This report lists the estimated expense involved in conducting a playoff game between:

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#### FOOTBALL FINANCIAL REPORTING

All Financial Reports for both 11-Man and 8-Man Football (Home and Visitor) need to be completed online. Click on the Link below to access our new Financial Reporting Website. There are tutorials that will give you easy, step by step instructions on how to complete your financial reports. Click on the "Help" tab on the lower left of the homepage

#### http://www.cifsshome.org

#### **Ticket Control Sheet**

Here is the link to the Ticket Control Sheet. You can also access this form on the Form Page of our website. <a href="www.cifss.org">www.cifss.org</a>. This is the form on which you keep track of all of your ticket sales. <a href="IMPORTANT">IMPORTANT</a>: LIST THE STARTING TICKET NUMBER FOR EACH ROLL <a href="BEFORE ANY">BEFORE ANY</a> <a href="SALE">SALE</a> IS MADE, AND LIST ENDING TICKET NUMBER BEFORE THE LAST TICKET IN THE ROLL IS SOLD. EACH ROLL MUST BE LISTED SEPARATELY.

http://www.cifss.org/admin/form\_files/12841535421\_Ticket\_Control\_Sheet2.xls

#### **MEDIA INFORMATION**

Regular 2014-15 Press and Photo Credentials, issued by the CIF-SS, will be honored at all football playoff games, except the Finals at Angel Stadium of Anaheim.

Members of the media are urged to contact host schools and request press accommodations in advance of scheduled games. There will be occasions when this is not possible. Therefore, the host school is requested to make every effort to arrange a suitable working area for the covering media.

In any championship contest directly managed by the CIF-SS (Division Finals at Angel Stadium) special press and photo credentials will be issued. Credential requests should be made in writing a minimum of 10 days in advance. Mail or fax requests to:

Thom Simmons
Director of Communications
CIF Southern Section
10932 Pine Street
Los Alamitos, CA 90720
Fax No. (562) 493-6266

#### CIF-SS PLAYOFF BROADCASTS

The CIF Southern Section retains broadcast rights for all playoff contests and has the sole authority to approve radio and/or television coverage. Prior approval for the broadcast of any playoff contest must be secured from the competing schools, and the Commissioner of Athletics, one week in advance of the contest.

#### RADIO BROADCASTS

Radio stations planning to broadcast a CIF-SS playoff contest in any sport must request prior permission from the CIF-SS. Stations shall first secure permission for such broadcasts from BOTH competing schools, before contacting the CIF-SS office for approval.

Please contact Thom Simmons at the C.I.F.-SS Office to obtain the charges for all rights fees.

All rights fees for radio broadcasts are to be filed directly with the CIF-SS, they are not to be included as part of the host school contest financial report. The CIF-SS will, in turn, distribute checks to the competing schools, separate from the financial report.

The CIF Southern Section reserves the right to contract independently with a radio, television, or cable-television production companies for exclusive coverage rights to any CIF Southern Section playoff or championship event.

There will be no fee charged for periodic progress reports made by a radio station during a playoff contest, provided there are no more than six of these reports for any single game. Such reports may not exceed two (2) minutes in duration, and may not contain play-by-play descriptions of live action.

#### TELEVISION BROADCASTS

The CIF Southern Section retains the broadcasting and cablecasting rights for all playoff contests, and permission for the same must be secured from the Commissioner of Athletics, who will have the sole authority to approve the coverage, a minimum of one week in advance. To obtain rights for a television broadcast, or cablecast, for any playoff contest, the production company must secure permission from BOTH of the competing schools involved, before contacting the CIF-SS.

DELAYED TELECASTS OF CIF-SS playoff games are permissible, but may not be aired prior to 9:30 p.m. on the date of the contest. Consideration of any LIVE TELECAST will necessitate contractual negotiations with the CIF-SS Commissioner of Athletics, a minimum of 10 days prior to the event.

For CIF-SS football playoff and championship contests a rights fee shall be paid DIRECTLY TO THE CIF-SS in advance. That fee amount is dependant on the division level of the contest.

Rights fees for television broadcasts of CIF-SS playoff contests are to be filed directly with the CIF-SS and are not to be included in the host schools financial report. The CIF-SS will, in turn, distribute checks to the competing schools separate of the financial report. By action of the CIF-SS Executive Committee, the rights fee for the live broadcast of the Division I Final will be retained by the Southern Section to offset costs for all schools.

Payment of rights fees shall be required for any television broadcast or cablecast coverage of CIF-SS playoff contests, regardless of the commercial, or non-commercial, intent of the coverage.

News report film or video tape of any CIF-SS playoff contest is permissible, without payment of fees or prior approval provided the intent of such film or tape is used for news reports only. Such reports may not include extended play-by-play descriptions of live action.

#### AUDIO AND VIDEO REPRODUCTION EQUIPMENT

All CIF Southern Section playoff contests are copyrighted events of the CIF-SS. Any rebroadcast of a CIF-SS playoff contest, live or delayed, by any medium, will be subject to an advance rights clearance from the CIF Southern Section Commissioner of Athletics.

### ADMISSION OF FACULTY PERSONNEL

#### **BOTH SCHOOLS**

Only those regular faculty personnel from the competing schools, who have been assigned definite supervisory responsibilities for the playoff game, will be admitted free of charge. No other administrators, counselors, faculty, or staff members will be admitted free, without a complimentary ticket, or CIF-SS Courtesy Card.

#### **HOST SCHOOL**

The host school shall submit its designated number of working faculty personnel (i.e., supervisors for reserved seat areas or rooting sections, and other related assignments) as part of the Game Management Report, which is required by the CIF-SS, prior to each scheduled playoff game. A list of these persons should then be placed at the "Pass Gate", and the faculty members admitted, upon presentation of proper identification.

#### **VISITING SCHOOL**

The visiting school shall submit its list of working faculty personnel (i.e., supervisors for rooters' buses and rooting sections) directly to the host school, prior to the date of the game, with a copy to be forwarded to the CIF-SS, for attachment to the appropriate Game Management Report.





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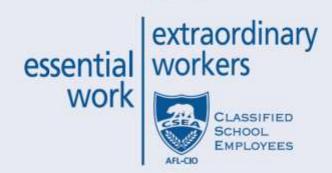
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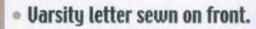








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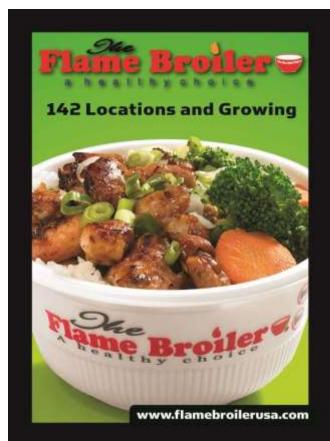










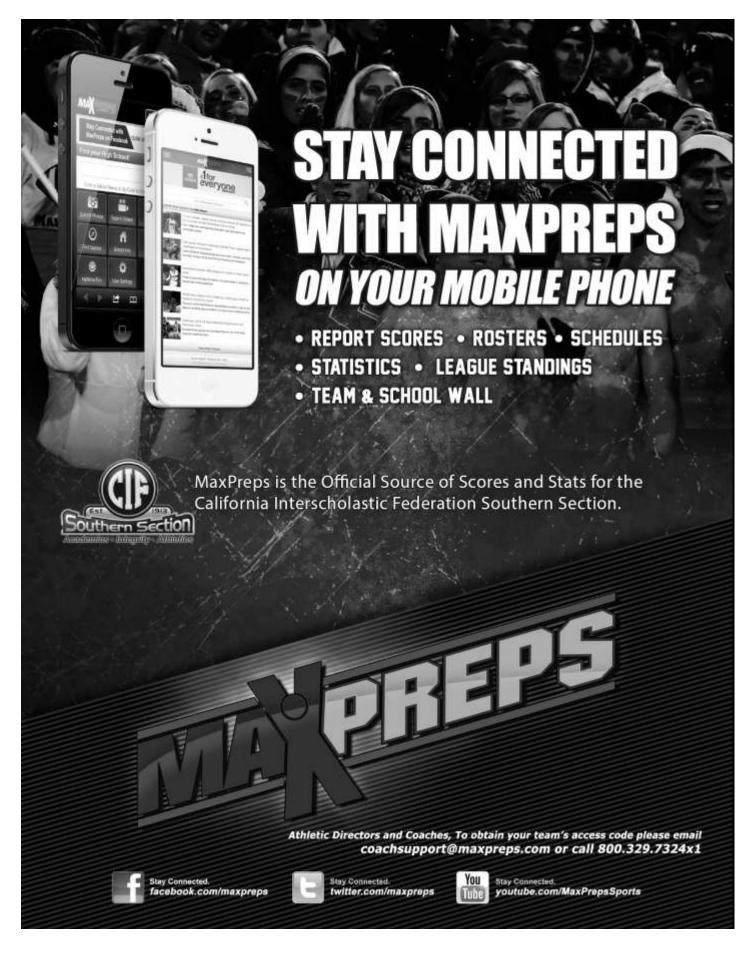








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