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CIF-SS ANNOUNCES TEAMS SELECTED FOR INAUGURAL BASKETBALL OPEN DIVISION

LOS ALAMITOS, CA – The schools who will battle it out in the inaugural CIF Southern Section-Ford Boys and Girls Basketball Open Division have been selected.

A Blue Ribbon committee of current and former CIF-SS coaches as well as school administrators and members of the media selected the teams using the following criteria:

1. Any team who is ranked in Top Ten of their division in the Final Poll was eligible for Open Division consideration
2. Strength of schedule
3. Overall Record
4. Freeman/Max Preps rankings
5. Strength at end of season (including roster additions/eligibility changes/winning/losing streak/etc.)
6. Head to Head vs. Open Division Entries
7. Overall Record vs. Open Division Entries
8. Victory vs. Quality opponents
9. Quality loss
10. Unexpected loss

“We strongly believe that this is the most impressive CIF sectional tournament field ever assembled and, as such, could produce the most exciting and competitive championship tournament in section history,” stated CIF-SS Commissioner of Athletics Rob Wigod.

“I applaud the committee for working so thoroughly the entire year to select this incredible field of talented teams.”

Besides a championship bracket the Open Division will feature a “consolation” bracket as well which allows schools who lose in the first round to still qualify for the CIF State tournament by winning that bracket. Schools who lose in the first round and in the consolation bracket may still qualify for the state tournament if they meet the criteria set forth by the State CIF.

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The following are the dates for the 16 team bracketed tournament for boys and girls:

Boys Open Division Tournament

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|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| First Round | Friday, February 21 | at designated host sites |
| Quarterfinals | Friday, February 28 | at designated host sites |
| Semifinals | Tuesday, March 4 | at designated host sites |
| Finals | Saturday, March 8 | at The Honda Center |

Boys Consolation Tournament

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|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Quarterfinals | Friday, February 28 | at designated host sites |
| Semifinals | Tuesday, March 4 | at designated host sites |
| Finals | Friday, March 7 | at designated host site |

Girls Open Division Tournament

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|---------------|------------------------|--|
| First Round | Saturday, February 22 | at designated host sites |
| Quarterfinals | Wednesday, February 28 | at designated host sites |
| Semifinals | Saturday, March 1 | at designated host sites |
| Finals | Saturday, March 8 | at Felix Events Center at Azusa Pacific University |

Girls Consolation Tournament

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| Semifinals | Saturday, March 1 | at designated host sites |
| Finals | Friday, March 7 | at designated host site |

The following is the list of schools who have qualified for the 2014 CIF Southern Section-Ford Boys/Girls Open Division Basketball Tournament, presented by Farmers:

BOYS

Bishop Montgomery
Cantwell-Sacred Heart
Cathedral
Centennial/Corona
Chaminade
Chino Hills
Compton
Etiwanda
North, J.W.
Loyola
Mater Dei
Mayfair
Redondo Union
Serra
Sierra Canyon
St. John Bosco

GIRLS

Aleman
Canyon Springs
Chaminade
Etiwanda
Lynwood
Mark Keppel
Mater Dei
Poly/Long Beach
Serra
Sierra Canyon
Troy
Windward