



TO: Boys Athletic Directors and Boys Golf Coaches

FROM: Rob Wigod, Commissioner

SUBJECT: 2014 Southern Section Ford Boys Golf Information

IMPORTANT
PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING PLAYOFF FORMAT CHANGES

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

CIF-SS Freelance Tournament

- The number of individuals advancing from the Freelance Events shall be determined by the size and strength of the field. The number advancing will be reviewed and decided upon by the Golf Management Committee.
- Individuals who advance will be placed as near as possible to a Regional Qualifier closest to their school of attendance.

Monday, May 12, 2014

CIF-SS Individual Regionals

- The top 20 players from each of the three individual regional events will advance to the CIF-SS Individual Finals.
- There will be a playoff (or card-off in the event a playoff is not possible) for the 20th spot.

Monday, May 19, 2014

CIF-SS Division Team Championships

- The top two teams from each of the seven division championship events will advance to the CIF-SS SCGA Team Qualifier.

Tuesday, May 27, 2014

CIF-SS SCGA Team Qualifier / CIF-SS Individual Finals

- There will be 14 teams competing in this event, and the top 4 teams will advance to the CIF/SCGA Southern State Regional Championship.
- The top 28 individual players (who are not part of a team already advancing) will advance to the CIF/SCGA Southern State Regional Championship.
 - Note: Only the players who qualified to play in this event through the individual regional events will be eligible to earn one of the 28 individual spots.

The CIF Southern Section Golf Advisory Committee felt that the re-structuring the playoff events will benefit all schools and high school golfers in the Southern Section.

- Student-athletes will miss less days of school by combining the SCGA Team Qualifier and Individual Finals into the same event.
- The cost of travel expenses that schools incur will be reduced due to traveling to one less event.
- The new format eliminates the temptation for players to withdraw from the Individual Finals after their team advances to the SCGA State Regional under the previous format.

**2014 CIF Southern Section
Boys Golf
Important Dates**

Freelance Participation Notice/Schedule	Before March 1, 2014
Start of Season	March 1, 2014
League Finals Manager Information Due	Friday, March 14, 2014
Freelance Individual and Team ENTRY DUE DATE	Tuesday, April 29, 2014
Last Day for League Competition	Thursday, May 8, 2014
End of Season	Friday, May 9, 2014
Team, Individual and At Large ENTRY DUE DATE	Friday, May 9, 2014 Before 9:00 a.m.

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2014 Boys Golf Post-Season Playoff Dates

Freelance Qualifying – Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Rio Hondo Country Club, Downey 11:00 a.m., blue tees Tourn. Manager Dennis McReynolds djmcreynolds@roadrunner.com

- Individuals: Established index of 15 or better OR 10 verified scores of 42 or better for nine holes (par 36) since the start of the season.
- Team: Must achieve a nine-hole score of 210 or lower on a par 36 course for any eight matches during the season.
- A maximum of 6 individuals will advance to the Individual Regionals.

Individual Regional Tournaments – Monday, May 12, 2014

Central Canyon Crest Country Club 8:00 a.m, blue tees Tourn. Manager Eddie Jones ejkush3261@sbcglobal.net

Southern Skylinks Golf Course start 1:30 p.m., black tees Tourn. Manager Jeff Evans jaevans@lbschools.net

Northern River Ridge Golf Club, Vineyard 8:00 a.m., blue tees Tourn. Manager Dick Sebek ksebek@dslextreme.com

- The top 20 players from each of the three individual regionals will advance to the CIF-SS Individual Championship on Tuesday, May 27, 2014.
- There will be a playoff (or card-off in the event a playoff is not possible) for the 20th spot.

Team Championship Tournaments – Monday, May 19, 2014

Central Lakewood Golf Course tbd Tourn. Manager Dan Fong dfong@busd.k12.ca.us

Eastern Jurupa Hills Golf Course 8:00 a.m. shotgun, **blue** tees Tourn. Managers Ted Jones tedjones@san.rr.com
Carol Youmans cyoumans@tvusd.k12.ca.us

Northern Soule Park Golf Club 1:00 p.m. shotgun, oak tees Tourn. Manager Dick Sebek ksebek@dslextreme.com

Southern Mile Square, Classic Course 8:00 a.m, blue tees Tourn. Manager Jeff Evans jaevans@lbschools.net

Western Sierra La Verne Country Club 8:30 a.m., blue tees Tourn. Manager Jim Jastrab wcgolf@msn.com

Central Coast Cypress Ridge Golf Club 11:00 a.m. shotgun, blue tees Tourn. Manager Aaron Solis asolis@smroyals.org

South Coast Talega Golf Club 7:30 a.m. shotgun, blue/gold tees Tourn. Manager Mike Hurlbut mdhurlbut@capousd.org

- The top two teams from each of the seven division championship events will advance to the CIF-SS SCGA Team Qualifier on Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

Individual Championship & SCGA Qualifying Tournament – Tuesday, May 27, 2014

Mission Lakes Country Club 8:00 a.m., blue tees Tourn. Manager Ted Jones tedjones@san.rr.com

- There will be 14 teams competing in this event, and the top 4 teams will advance to the CIF/SCGA Southern State Regional Championship.
- The top 28 individual players (who are not on a team who advances) will advance to the CIF/SCGA Southern State Regional Championship.
 - Note: Only the players who qualified to play in this event through the individual regional events will be eligible to earn one of the 28 individual spots.

Regional State Qualifier Sponsored by SCGA – June 2, 2014

Brookside Golf Club, Pasadena

State Championship – June 4, 2014

San Gabriel Country Club, Pasadena

Please Note: The CIF Southern Section Golf Committee advises all coaches and athletic directors to check our website on a regular basis for any changes to course information, location or dates. Go to www.cifss.org.



2014 PARTICIPATING LEAGUES – Boys Golf

1. Academy (4 teams)
2. Alpha (9 teams)
3. Ambassador (8 teams)
4. Baseline (5 teams)
5. Bay (6 teams)
6. Big VIII (6 teams)
7. Camino Real (4 teams)
8. Century (unreported)
9. Channel (5 teams)
10. Citrus Belt (6 teams)
11. Cross Valley (9 teams)
12. De Anza (6 teams)
13. Del Rey (5 teams)
14. Del Rio (6 teams)
15. Desert Sky (5 teams)
16. Desert Valley (7 teams)
17. Empire (7 teams)
18. Foothill (6 teams)
19. Freelance (1 team)
20. Freeway (6 teams)
21. Frontier (6 teams)
22. Golden (8 teams)
23. Hacienda (7 teams)
24. Inland Valley (6 teams)
25. Liberty (6 teams)
26. Los Padres (7 teams)
27. Marmonte (8 teams)
28. Mission (7 teams)
29. Mojave River (5 teams)
32. Montview (5 teams)
33. Moore (6 teams)
34. Mountain Pass (6 teams)
35. Mountain Valley (4 teams)
36. Mt. Baldy (7 teams)
37. Mulholland (8 teams)
38. Ocean (6 teams)
39. Olympic (5 teams)
40. Omega (4 teams)
41. Orange (8 teams)
42. Orange Coast (4 teams)
43. PAC 7 (7 teams)
44. Pacific (8 teams)
45. Pacific Coast (6 teams)
46. Pacific View (6 teams)
47. Prep (4 teams)
48. Rio Hondo (5 teams)
49. River Valley League (6 teams)
50. San Gabriel Valley (5 teams)
51. San Andreas (4 teams)
52. San Joaquin (5 teams)
53. Sea View (5 teams)
54. Sierra (6 teams)
55. South Coast (5 teams)
56. Southwestern (6 teams)
57. Suburban (6 teams)
58. Sunbelt (6 teams)
59. Sunset (6 teams)
60. Tri-Valley (6 teams)
61. Trinity (6 teams)
62. Victory (unreported)
63. Warrior (5 teams)

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**BOYS STRENGTH
OF LEAGUE 2014**

Updated: March 25, 2014

	2012	2012TEAM/INDIVIDUAL	2013	2013TEAM/INDIVIDUAL	2014
	INDIVIDUALS	POINTS	INDIVIDUALS	POINTS	INDIVIDUALS
ACADEMY	4	0 + 6	5	5+0	5
AGAPE	4	0 + 0	4	0	4
ALPHA	4	0 + 2	4	1 + 0	4
AMBASSADOR	6	1 + 7	6	0 + 4	5
BASELINE	7	2 + 11	7	1 + 8	6
BAY	8	5 + 5	7	3 + 13	8
BIG VIII	9	4 + 18	9	2 + 12	8
CAMINO REAL		0 + 2	4	0	4
CENTURY	9	5 + 7	8	2 + 2	7
CHANNEL	8	9 + 9	8	4 + 9	7
CITRUS BELT	5	0 + 5	5	0 + 2	4
CROSS VALLEY					4
DE ANZA	4	0	4	0	4
DEL REY	4	2 + 0	4	0	4
DEL RIO	4	0 + 5	5	0	4
DESERT SKY	4	0	4	0	4
DESERT VALLEY	7	3 + 8	7	3 + 3	6
EMPIRE	4	2 + 0	4	1 + 2	4
FOOTHILL	7	2 + 9	7	1 + 0	6
FREEWAY	7	1 + 8	6	5 + 9	7
FRONTIER	5	0	4	0 + 2	4
GOLDEN	6	0	5	0	4
HACIENDA	8	5 + 15	9	5 + 9	8
HIGH DESERT	4	0 + 4	5	0 + 2	4
HERRITAGE	4	0	4	0	4
INLAND VALLEY	4	0	4	0	4
LIBERTY	5	0 + 5	5	0 + 3	4
LOS PADRES	5	0 + 2	4	0 + 2	4
MARMONTE	8	7 + 21	9	4 + 6	8
MISSION	9	5 + 16	9	9 + 9	8
MOJAVE RIVER	4	0 + 2	4	1 + 3	5
MONTVIEW	4	1 + 0	4	0	4
MOORE	7	7 + 5	7	3 + 4	6
MOUNTAIN PASS	4	1 + 0	4	0 + 2	4
MOUNTAIN VALLEY	4	0 + 2	4	0 + 9	6
MT BALDY	4	0	4	0	4
MULHOLLAND	5	0	4	0	4

**BOYS STRENGTH
OF LEAGUE 2014**

Updated: March 25, 2014

	2012 INDIVIDUALS	2013 TEAM/IND POINTS	2013 INDIVIDUALS	2013 TEAM/IND POINTS	2014 INDIVIDUALS
OCEAN	6	4 + 6	7	3 + 9	7
OLYMPIC	4	0 + 5	5	0	4
OMEGA				0+0	4
ORANGE/G W	4	1 + 2	4	0	4
ORANGE COAST	4	1 + 2	4	1 + 2	4
PAC 7	8	7 + 7	7	5 + 2	6
PACIFIC	7	3 + 6	6	4 + 8	7
PACIFIC COAST	6	2 + 7	6	4 + 9	7
PACIFIC VIEW	7	0 + 9	6	3 + 8	7
PREP	4	1 + 0	4	0 + 2	4
PIONEER		0 + 2	4	0 + 5	5
RIVER VALLEY				0+0	4
RIO HONDO	6	2 + 4	5	1 + 9	7
SAN GABRIEL V	4	0	4	0 + 2	4
SAN JOAQUIN	4	0	4	0	4
SEA VIEW	6	2 + 2	5	1 + 0	4
SIERRA	5	3 + 7	7	4 + 7	7
SOUTH COAST	6	2 + 4	5	3 + 3	5
SOUTHWESTERN	8	7 + 6	7	6 + 8	7
SUBURBAN	6	0 + 5	5	0 + 3	4
SUNBELT	5	0 + 2	4	0 + 7	6
SUNSET	8	6 + 7	7	4 + 9	7
TRI-VALLEY	5	2 + 0	4	6 + 12	8
TRINITY	9	11 + 13	9	7 + 6	8
VICTORY	5	0	4	0 + 5	5
WARRIOR	4	0+0	4	0	4
Each year, Team Divisionals will be composed of leagues using the factors of competitive equity and geography for placement into each division. There will be a strong effort to ensure that every Team Divisional Championship will have a balanced number of leagues in each one.					
The competitive equity of each league will be determined by giving each league a strength rating based on points accumulated by golfers from each league who qualified for Team and Individual Golf Championships in the previous year.					
The formula for those tabulations is as follows...					
3 points for a team who advances to the CIF/WSCGA/SCGA Regionals					
2 points for advancing to the new event (formerly the CIF-SS Team Finals)					
1 point for any 2 nd place, 3 rd place or 4 th place team from a league who qualifies for the CIF-SS Team Divisional Championships					
3 points for each individual golfer who advances to the CIF/WSCGA/SCGA Regionals					
2 points for each individual golfer who advances to the CIF Southern Section Individual Finals					
Geography may come into play, when appropriate, in an effort to try and place leagues in divisions where the locations for the championships are closer to home.					



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INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL LEAGUE PLACEMENT

The following number of guaranteed entries into the individual regional tournaments has been allotted for each recognized golf league and determined by the Strength of League criteria.

Central Individual Regional

Ambassador - 5
 Baseline - 6
 Big VIII - 8
 Citrus Belt - 4
 Cross Valley - 4
 De Anza - 4
 Desert Sky - 4
 Desert Valley - 6
 Freelance - 2
 Freeway - 7
 Hacienda - 8
 Inland Valley - 4
 Mojave River - 5
 Montview - 4
 Mountain Pass - 4
 Mountain Valley - 6
 Mt. Baldy - 4
 River Valley - 4
 San Andreas - 4
 Southwestern - 7
 Sunbelt - 6
 Victory - 5
 Warrior - 4

Northern Individual Regional

Alpha - 4
 Channel - 7
 Foothill - 6
 Frontier - 4
 Golden - 4
 Liberty - 4
 Los Padres - 4
 Marmonte - 8
 Mission - 8
 Mulholland - 4
 Ocean - 7
 Omega - 4
 PAC 7 - 6
 Pacific - 7
 Pacific View - 7
 Prep - 4
 Rio Hondo - 7
 Tri-Valley - 8

Southern Individual Regional

Academy - 5
 Bay - 8
 Camino Real - 4
 Century - 7
 Del Rey - 4
 Del Rio - 4
 Empire - 4
 Moore - 6
 Olympic - 4
 Orange - 4
 Orange Coast - 4
 Pacific Coast - 7
 San Gabriel Valley - 4
 San Joaquin - 4
 Sea View - 4
 Sierra - 7
 South Coast - 5
 Suburban - 4
 Sunset - 7
 Trinity - 8

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TEAM DIVISIONAL LEAGUE PLACEMENT

Note: Number next to league name indicates **maximum** number of entries per league if qualifying criteria is met for second, third and fourth place teams. (See Qualifying Criteria Chart for further information, located on page 11 of the 2014 [Boys Golf Information](#))

Central Division Team Championship

Baseline - 3
 Bay - 3
 Empire - 4
 Mission - 4
 Prep - 2
 San Gabriel Valley - 3
 Suburban - 3
 Warrior - 3

Eastern Division Team Championship

Ambassador - 4
 De Anza - 3
 Desert Sky - 3
 Desert Valley - 4
 Inland Valley - 3
 Mojave River - 3
 Mountain Valley - 2
 River Valley - 3
 Sierra - 3
 Southwestern - 3
 Victory - TBD

Northern Division Team Championship

Foothill - 3
 Frontier - 3
 Golden - 4
 Marmonte - 4
 Mulholland - 4
 Ocean - 3
 Omega - 2
 Pacific - 4
 Rio Hondo - 3

Southern Division Team Championship

Big VIII - 3
 Del Rio - 3
 Freeway - 3
 Moore - 3
 Olympic - 3
 Orange - 4
 Orange Coast - 2
 San Joaquin - 3
 Sunbelt - 3
 Sunset - 3

Western Division Team Championship

Citrus Belt - 3
 Cross Valley - 4
 Hacienda - 4
 Montview - 3
 Mountain Pass - 3
 Mt. Baldy - 4
 San Andreas - 2
 Trinity - 3

Central Coast Division Team Championship

Alpha - 4
 Channel - 3
 Freelance - 1
 Liberty - 3
 Los Padres - 4
 PAC 7 - 4
 Pacific View - 3
 Tri-Valley - 3

South Coast Division Team Championship

Academy - 2
 Camino Real - 4
 Century - TBD
 Del Rey - 3
 Pacific Coast - 3
 Sea View - 3
 South Coast - 3

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QUALIFYING CRITERIA

Team Qualifying Criteria:

BOYS TEAM	SCORE	PAR
8 SCORES	210 or lower	Par 36
Adjustable by Par	215	Par 37
	205	Par 35

Boys Individual Qualifying Criteria: Established index of 15 or better OR 10 verified scores of 42 or better for nine holes (par 36) since the start of the season. (Note: 18 hole rounds may be counted as separate 9 hole scores)

Note: The Golf Advisory Committee has determined that qualifying scores must follow USGA scoring rules. Therefore, no league amended rules (such as double par scoring, playing out of bounds and lost ball as a lateral hazard, etc) will be allowed for qualifying scores.

Entry Information and Instructions

Size of League	Total Entries	At Large Entry*
4 Team League	2	3 rd Place Team
5 Team League	3	4 th Place Team
6 Team League	3	4 th Place Team
7 Team League	4	5 th Place Team
8 Team League	4	5 th Place Team

Recognized League champions are considered entry #1 and will not be required to have qualifying scores. Additional team entries must have qualifying scores and will be required.

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

Team, Individual and At-large Petition entries are due no later than **9:00 a.m., Friday, May 9, 2014.**

Entry Form Information: Your League Finals Manager must first obtain **League User access for golf entries** from your League Coordinator. In order to access entry forms, go to www.cifsshome.org. On the left column, click on Tennis Indv/Golf Forms. On the next page, choose Golf Individual/Team, your division and your league. Click next. On the next page, fill out each student's information. **PLEASE VERIFY INFORMATION BEFORE SUBMITTING, IF AN ERROR IS MADE ALL INFORMATION WILL HAVE TO BE RESUBMITTED.** Once all information is verified and completed, click on submit. Tutorials for completing your entries are located under the "Help" tab at www.cifsshome.org. The Southern Section office requests that you make every effort to get your results in early so we may distribute the entries to the tournament managers in a timely manner.

AT-LARGE

***At-large petitions will be accepted for consideration of entry into a team divisional tournament on a space available basis.**

Only teams next in line of order of finish in league with qualifying scores may be submitted for consideration; please review the qualification criteria chart for specific information. Leagues are allowed one At-large petition and teams will be selected after consideration of all submitted petitions **based upon space availability basis**. If selected, teams **may not** compete at the same site as the other teams from their league. Selections will be made by members of the Golf Advisory Committee and the League Finals Manager will be notified of acceptance and placement by 4:00 p.m. on the entries due date.

Entry petitions (attached) must be completed, forwarded and received by the CIF Southern Section office by **9:00 a.m., Friday, May 9, 2014**. The committee will review all petitions and selection for the tournament will be made; notification of acceptance will be made by a committee member.

FREELANCE

Schools that do not belong to a golf league or individuals whose schools do not offer golf may apply for Freelance status. By the start date of the season, coaches must submit an email stating their intent to participate Freelance, along with the schedule of matches/tournaments for their team. The email should be sent to Heather Smith at heathers@cifss.org.

TEAM Qualifications: A team must achieve a nine-hole score of 210 or lower on a par 36 course for any eight matches during the season. If a team has met the qualifications and is the only team participating in the Team Freelance Tournament, they will be automatically advanced to a Team Divisional Tournament. The school will have the ability to enter two individual golfers from their team into the Freelance Tournament.

INDIVIDUAL Qualifications: A maximum of two individuals can be entered from one school. Individuals must have an established index of **15** or better or 10 scores of 42 or better on a par 36 for nine holes. The scores must be **VERIFIED** and accumulated within the regular season of play.

Entry petitions (attached) must be completed, forwarded and received by the CIF Southern Section office by **9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 29, 2014**. The committee will review all petitions and selection for the tournament will be made; notification of acceptance into the Freelance Tournament will be made by a committee member.

ROSTERS AND ELIGIBILITY LISTS

Each school must submit a roster of players in CIFSS Home. The eligibility list is automatically created upon submission of the roster and no further action is needed.

ENTRY FEES

The entry fees must be received by the CIF-SS office before the tournament or collected at the tournament site, checks made payable to CIF Southern Section. The fees are listed below:

Freelance Individual	\$35/player	Freelance Team	\$175/team
Individual Regional	\$35/player	Team Division Championship	\$175/team
Individual Championship & SCGA Team Qualifying Tournament *	\$35/player		
	OR		
	\$175/team		

*Individual golfers who are part of a team that is participating in the Individual Championship/SCGA Team Qualifier will be charged once and should be paid for with the team entry fee.

**CIF Southern Section Boys Golf
At Large Entry Petition**

League: _____

School: _____

Coach's Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Size of League	Total Entries	At Large Entry*
4 Team League	2	3 rd Place Team
5 Team League	3	4 th Place Team
6 Team League	3	4 th Place Team
7 Team League	4	5 th Place Team
8 Team League	4	5 th Place Team

	Last Name, First Name (In order of ability)	Grade	Established Index (15 or better)	Average 18- Hole Score
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

EIGHT QUALIFYING MATCHES - This information must be completed.

DATE	OPPONENT SCHOOL	COURSE	PAR	9-HOLE SCORE

This form must be received in the CIF Southern Section Office before 9:00 a.m., Friday, May 9, 2014.
Return of this entry form constitutes a commitment to play if the entry is accepted.

Electronic submissions only - RETURN TO:

Heather Smith at heathers@cifss.org

CIF Southern Section Boys Freelance Golf Tournament Team Entry Petition

Please submit with the supervisor acknowledgement page

Special Note: If you submit a team entry, you do not have to submit an individual entry form. All team entries are eligible for individual qualification.

School: _____ **Coach:** _____

Coach's Cell Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

	Last Name, First Name (In order of ability)	Grade	Established Index (15 or better)	Average 18- Hole Score
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

EIGHT QUALIFYING MATCHES - This information must be completed.

DATE	OPPONENT SCHOOL	COURSE	PAR	9-HOLE SCORE

This form must be received in the CIF Southern Section Office before 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 29, 2014.
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Electronic submissions only - RETURN TO:
Heather Smith at heathers@cifss.org

CIF Southern Section Boys Freelance Golf Tournament
Individual Entry Petition

Special Note: If you submit a team entry, you do not have to submit an individual entry form. All team entries are eligible for individual qualification.

Name of Entrant: _____ **Grade:** _____

School: _____ **Established Index:** _____ (15 or better)

Coach Name and Cell Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Note: If the student's SCGA handicap is 16 or above, complete the following verification of 10 matches with a score of 42 or better for nine holes since the start of the season on a par 36 course or better. See the preview/bulletin for adjustable par scoring examples.

DATE	COURSE	PAR	SCORE	VERIFIED BY:

This form must be received in the CIF Southern Section Office before 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 29, 2014.
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SCORING AND TIES

Teams will consist of **six** players with the best **five** scores counted to determine the winners. Players are reminded to check their scorecards, hole by hole, prior to signing and turning them in at the conclusion of play. Scorecards should be marked with the number of strokes taken per hole.

It is **not** allowed to use alternative scores (i.e. double par pick up or 3-5-7) for qualifying scores.

Scores of the 6th player will be used to break ties for the second and final team qualifying positions at each divisional. If a tie still exists, a playoff, if possible, of those teams will follow immediately. Otherwise, a card off will be used. All six players will participate with all six scores totaled after each hole.

PROCEDURE FOR END OF COMPETITION

1. Players are responsible for verifying the hole by hole scores on their score card prior to turning it in to the Official Scorecard Box. Once the score card is turned in, it is deemed official. The player is not responsible for the addition of the total score.
2. Each player will turn in their own score card with two (2) signatures to the Official Scorecard Box or as directed in pre-round instructions.
3. The competition is officially over when the scores have been posted, the order of finish has been established and the awards have been presented. No inquiries or contesting of results will be considered after that time.

These rules will be in effect for all CIF Southern Section post season play. It is strongly recommended that leagues adopt this policy for the sake of consistency in the conduct of matches by CIF Southern Section member schools.

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Blue Book Rules and Special Points of Interest

A. First/Last Contest Dates (Bylaws 2003 and 2005)

No interscholastic contests (non-league, tournament or league) may be scheduled prior to Saturday, March 1, 2014 and all league competition must end on Thursday, May 8, 2014. League Managers should plan to schedule league culminating tournaments accordingly. Schools may compete in non-league contests on Friday, May 9, 2014.

B. Points of Interest

- 1. Definition of a Match** – Schools are entitled to 24 varsity matches (Blue Book Rule 2004). Every contest in which two or more teams or individuals from teams meet for the purpose of competition or playoff entry constitutes a match. Matches must be completed on the same day as the scheduled competition. A school that plays nine holes against an opponent on one day will count that as a match. They may not play nine holes against that same opponent on another date and then count the 18-hole total as one match.

Individual golfers may not participate in more than 24 matches and 4 tournaments regardless of the level played.

- 2. Tournaments** – Schools may compete in four tournaments during the season. Teams entering tournaments may not be “split” in order to participate at multiple sites. Tournaments do not count as matches. For the definition of a tournament, please refer to the Blue Book Rule 2004.

If a league conducts a multi-round competition to determine their entries for the CIF-SS Individual Regional, how does a school count this event?

This will count as one of the 24 varsity matches regardless of the number of rounds.

May a school enter a JV team in a Varsity Tournament, and if so how does it count?

A JV Team entered in a Varsity Tournament counts as one tournament for the JV Team.

If two Varsity Teams (Varsity A and B) are entered in the same tournament, how does it count?

If the teams are made up of four or more players, this will count as two Varsity tournaments towards the allotted four tournaments. If the teams are of three players or less this would count as one of the Varsity tournaments towards the allotted four tournaments.

Can a school have multiple lower level (JV and/or Frosh/Soph) teams?

Yes, a school may have a JV A and JV B team. These teams will be treated separately when counting the number of matches and tournaments allotted. Coaches are reminded that individual players may not participate in more than 24 matches and 4 tournaments regardless of the level played. ***A school may not have two Varsity Teams.***

- 3. Schools without Girls Teams** – If a school does not have a girls’ team in the fall, girls may participate on the boys’ team in the spring. In order to qualify for the WSCGA Tournament in the fall, girls will be permitted to participate in the Freelance Qualifying Tournament. The WSCGA Tournament will be held during the fall season of sport. Females may not participate in the Boys’ Individual Championship.
- 3. Cross Leaguig** – If your league is not participating in golf, contact neighboring leagues to see if they have an opening for another team.

D. Pull Carts and Distance Measuring Devices

All players may use pull carts.

Effective with the 2013-2014 school year, players may use a device which measures distance only. Players may **not** use any cell phone applications as the use of cell phones is prohibited during the stipulated round. The use of devices that gauge or measure other conditions, in addition to distance, that might affect a player's play (e.g., wind or gradient) **is not permitted**, even if that feature(s) is turned off.

The penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification. Distance measuring devices are not permitted at State Regional or State Finals Tournaments.

E. Dress Code

Players and coaches must be attired in a collared shirt, slacks, bermuda-length golf shorts, or appropriate length golf skirts/skorts. No denim of any color is allowed. Any type of cargo or safari shorts with external pockets, tee shirts or tank tops are not permitted. Please be aware that some golf courses have additional dress code guidelines, which can be viewed on the course websites.

It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure that all players and coaches are dressed appropriately. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. Please carefully review the steps below that will be strictly enforced by tournament managers.

Step #1: At sign in, coaches will acknowledge their players are appropriately dressed and provide a cell phone number.

Step #2: If a committee member views a dress code violation, they will consult with tournament manager on appropriateness.

Step #3: The tournament manager will speak directly with the coach, giving the coach an opportunity to have the player become compliant.

Step #4: If the coach cannot or does not require the player to become compliant, the coach will be notified by the tournament manager that the player is disqualified.

F. Accountability and Student/Coach Behavior (Bylaws 2011, 2013 and 2014)

Coaches and players are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and fair play, CIF Southern Section wishes to promote appropriate student and coach behavior at all post-season events. See Blue Book Rule 2013 and 2014 for information on player and coach conduct.

Failure to Complete a Contest (Rule 125.2)

When a school fails to complete a contest due to a coach pulling his/her team from the floor, court or field, it is mandatory that the CIF Southern Section office be notified by the principal within 24 hours (excluding holidays and weekends). The competing schools and officials will be required to file written reports and, after review of the aforementioned material, the principal of the school involved will be required to respond to the CIF Southern Section office concerning his/her investigation of the incident.

G. Supervision Requirement

State and Southern Section Rule 309 states:

No CIF team or individual shall participate in interscholastic or approved competition with any other team unless the CIF team is under supervision as required by the California Administrative Code 49032, 35179.1 and CIF Southern Section Bylaws 22.B.9 and Bylaw 506. Additionally, refer to Bylaw 123. **The supervisor must remain in attendance at all times.**

Those persons approved for supervision purposes are:

1. certificated personnel
2. certified coaches (certified credentialed coaches)
3. non-certificated temporary coaches (certified walk-on coaches)

It should be noted that schools representing the same district may send one credentialed or certified supervisor for multiple teams within that same district. These individuals have been recognized and are to continue to be recognized for registration and participation purposes because the district has assigned him/her the supervisory role for all students from its member schools.

This rule applies to those students who are not accompanied by a faculty representative and report to the playoff site by themselves or with a parent. **Giving parents the supervision authority, whether in writing or not, does not meet the standards set forth in the above regulations.** This also applies to parents who are the student's private coach but are not under contract to the member school.

Any student reporting for competition who is not under direct supervision in accordance with State and Southern Section Rule 309 is to be denied.

A coach would be in violation of the rule if he or she dropped off their team members at the golf course and left the premises. A coach should always be present when student athletes are under his or her care.

H. Sunday Practice Restrictions (Bylaws 310 and 2012) and Course Deadlines

Course deadlines previously prohibited players and coaches from playing golf courses used for Southern Section post-season competition after a specified date. There are no course deadlines in effect.

Coaches and players must still adhere to the CIF Rule 310 which prohibits organized team practice on Sunday. Exceptions are granted only to religious schools who file the Declaration of Alternate Day of Respite form, which can be found at www.cifss.org.

No practice or instruction from the school coach of any type (team or individual) may be conducted on Sunday. If a coach is transporting players on Sunday to a tournament on Monday, the coach must notify the Southern Section office and advise the Commissioner of his plans.

What constitutes organized practice?

Organized practice shall be interpreted as meaning the association of a coach with team members for the purpose of learning or practicing the skills of golf. It is important to realize that a coach should also conform to the spirit as well as the letter of the rule. For example, a golf coach who is sitting in the clubhouse while his or her team is using the practice facilities or playing the golf course would be in violation of this rule.

I. Coaching

Coach to provide instruction, encouragement and information to his/her golfers without interfering with play or the conduct of the event is allowed under the following regulations:

- Between the play of holes, a coach is allowed to communicate advice to his/her players.
 - Between the play of holes is defined as that period when an entire group has completed play of a hole and ends when the individual player hits his or her tee shot on the next hole.
- The communication of advice may not impede the pace of play.
- Coaches are NOT allowed to communicate any advice (verbal or non-verbal) during the play of the hole. A violation of this would result in the player being penalized under Rule 8 of the USGA Rules of Golf.
- Coaches who are in violation of this policy may be subject to one or more of following consequences from a member/members of the tournament committee:
 - Limited coaching time
 - Removal from the golf course (coach may remain in the clubhouse/practice area)

- Only the golf coach as specified under Bylaw 309 may communicate advice to his/her players.
 - The golf coach is defined as the person who signs in the team at the event, and is listed on file at his/her respective high school as the golf coach.
 - Throughout the competition, the golf coach must wear a badge identifying him or her as the golf coach. CIF will provide the badges at each post-season event.
- As a reminder, players are still prohibited from communicating advice, as defined by Rule 8, to other players at any time during their round. Any player who gives or asks for advice will be penalized according to Rule 8 of the USGA Rules of Golf.

Any head coach, assistant coach, or school employee who is found to be in violation of the regulations outlined above may be denied entry at future CIF post-season events, and may cause his/her team or individual players to be disqualified from the event. The suspension and disqualification penalties are subject to the judgment of the Commissioner of the CIF Southern Section whose decision is final.

NOTE: Coaching is prohibited during CIF/SCGA/WSCGA Southern Regional and CIF State events.

J. Advice Rule

Please remind all participants of Advice Rule #8 (Advice and Assistance) in the Rules of Golf which specifically prohibits players from receiving any counsel or suggestion from anyone including their coaches, teammates, other players, spectators or parents. "Advice" is any counsel or suggestion which could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of club or the method of making a stroke. However, information on the Rules of Golf, matters of public information and/or Local Rules for this tournament is not considered advice.

A player shall not give advice to anyone in the competition. Verbal or non-verbal communication between coaches, players, parents and/or spectators that meets the criteria of the Advice Rule will be considered a violation.

The penalty as described in the Rules of Golf (Rule 8, stroke play) is two strokes. A player who witnesses a violation of the Advice Rule is advised to call the infraction immediately to the attention of the competitor. Event staff who witness infractions are empowered to call the violation and assess the penalty.

K. Speed of Play

Speed of play is critical. Take pains to walk at a good pace between shots. Do not stand on ceremony as to who is on the green or in the fairway. **Do not walk in front of other players while they are hitting.** If a tournament official instructs a group to move up on a par three, that group hits and upon reaching the green, marks their balls and waves the next group up before putting out. Groups of four, in stroke play, should take no more than 15 minutes per hole. Penalties may be assessed to individuals or groups who, after a warning, remain out of position.

L. Event Management

If a course permits spectators, they should be confined to the cart paths and rough only. They should be well clear of the competitors and observe rules of etiquette when applauding or cheering a stroke or play. Event management reserves the right to remove unruly spectators from the course, or assess penalties against competitors who cause, encourage or promote inappropriate displays.

M. Other Points of Interest

1. **Level of Competition** – No student shall participate in more than one level of competition in the same sport in the same day.
2. **Maximum Athletic Contests** – 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 or more than 24 contests in one season.

3. **Rules** – The USGA Rules of Golf and all local course rules will govern play. Each player understands and agrees to observe all regulations and conditions set forth by the Tournament Committee. The committee, whose decision shall be final, will settle any questions unless otherwise provided for in the current edition of the CIF Southern Section Blue Book. All coaches are urged to obtain a copy of the Rules of Golf and have available at all competitions.

N. 3-5-7 Rule

CIF Southern Section does not support using the 3-5-7 rule as a means for speed of play or as a means for entry into playoffs. Coaches should suggest strategies for speed of play which may include: walking fast, putting when ready, helping with lost balls and playing a second ball when a ruling is in question. It is **not** allowed to use alternative scores (i.e. double par pick up or 3-5-7) for qualifying scores.

O. Awards

Additional **team championship chenille patches** are available from JL Custom Jackets, 951-688-6710 or online at www.jlcustomjackets.com. (There is also a link on our website, www.cifss.org, by going to STORE, then to PATCHES to download an order form.)

Additional **team champions or runner-up plaques and runner-up medals** may be ordered directly from Elizabeth at All American Trophy, 323-725-1962. Additional CIF t-shirts (sold at some events) or generic patches (finalist or semifinalist) may be purchased from Mark Le Duc at CIF T-Shirts, 951-789-4404. (There is also a link on our website, www.cifss.org, by going to STORE, then to SOUVENIRS and link onto www.ciftshirts.com.)

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 solely by your school. The document is included on the School Forms Disk mailed to you in September and also on our website, www.cifss.org by going to FORMS on the lower left corner of the front page. In the CATEGORY column scroll down "Playoff Forms", in the NAME column scroll down to Certificate of Participation (all sports) for the current year and download the "type in" document or you may order custom certificates from PJ Printers at www.prepressgroup.com and use the username: *cif* and the password: *cif101*.

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