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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **FIRST "WATCH-LIST" FOR 2016 OPEN DIVISION BASKETBALL RELEASED**

**LOS ALAMITOS** – For the first time in 2016, the CIF Southern Section Basketball Open Division Selection Committee has released their "Open Division Watch List".

This list has been developed to identify the current pool of schools, based upon their performance this season, as possible "Open" division entrants into the 2016 CIF-SS-Ford Basketball Championships.

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

The committee will update the list every week to track teams through league play, leading up to final "Open" division selection, on Friday, February 12, 2016.

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

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

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

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

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

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**OPEN DIVISION (Cont.):**

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

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

**Girls Open Division "Watch list"**

Aleman  
Brea-Olinda  
Cajon (11-4)  
Chaminade  
Corona Centennial  
Etiwanda  
Fairmont Prep  
Harvard-Westlake  
JW North  
Long Beach Millikan  
Long Beach Poly  
Lynwood  
Mater Dei  
Oaks Christian  
Orange Lutheran  
Orangethorpe Academy  
Patriot  
Roosevelt  
Santa Barbara  
Serra  
Sierra Canyon  
St. Anthony  
Troy  
Valencia  
Valley View  
Ventura  
Vista Murrieta  
Windward

Cantwell-Sacred Heart  
Cathedral  
Centennial (Corona)  
Compton  
Chino Hills  
Crespi  
Damien  
Downey  
Etiwanda  
Gahr  
Harvard-Westlake  
Inglewood  
JSerra  
Los Alamitos  
Lutheran (Orange)  
Lynwood  
Maranatha  
Mater Dei  
JW North  
Oak Park  
Poly (Long Beach)  
Poly (Riverside)  
Rancho Cucamonga  
Rancho Verde  
Redondo Union  
Roosevelt (Eastvale)  
Santa Barbara  
Santa Margarita  
Santa Monica

**Boys Open Division "Watch list"**

Aleman  
Ayala  
Bishop Montgomery