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CIF-SS ANNOUNCES TEAMS SELECTED FOR BASKETBALL OPEN DIVISION

LOS ALAMITOS, CA – The 16 schools who will battle it out in the 2016 CIF Southern Section-Ford Boys and Girls Basketball Open Division have been selected. A Blue Ribbon committee of current and former CIF-SS coaches, school administrators, and members of the media selected the teams based off the following criteria:

1. Strength of schedule
2. Overall Record
3. Freeman/Max Preps/ CIF-SS Top 16 Rankings
4. Strength at the end of season (including roster additions/eligibility changes/W/L streaks/etc.)
5. Head to Head vs. Open Division Entires
6. Overall Record vs. Open Division Entries
7. Victory vs. Quality opponents
8. Quality Loss
9. Unexpected Loss

In evaluating teams, committee members also evaluated schools in non-league, league and tournament action. The goal in this process was to select the best 16 teams in the CIF Southern Section for both boys and girls.

“On the boy’s side this is a deeper field of teams than we have ever had in consideration for the Open Division bracket,” stated Assistant Commissioner and basketball administrator Rainer Wulf. “It basically came down to a committee vote to select the last 4 teams to fill the 16 team bracket with 9 schools in strong consideration for those final spots. The committee members spent plenty of time each sharing the merits of potential entries until making a final decision. It was a lively room!”

“With the girls bracket it was a clear consensus by the committee members on selecting the final 16 teams for the girl’s Open Division bracket,” added Wulf. “Several game results from the final few weeks of the regular season helped to clear up questions for the committee. The seeding of the 16 teams

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2016 BASKETBALL OPEN DIVISION (Cont.): was a longer discussion topic for members and final seeds would not be known until league games were completed last night. The committee felt that this was the most balanced and competitive bracket that we have had in the three years of Open Division competition for the girls.”

Besides a championship bracket, the Open Division will feature a “consolation” bracket which allows schools who lose in the first round to still participate in a tournament format. Schools who lose in the first round and in the consolation bracket will still qualify for the state tournament and will be placed in the Open, Division 1 or Division 2 of the CIF State Regional bracket

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

Boys Open Division Tournament

First Round	Friday, February 19	at designated host sites
Quarterfinals	Tuesday, February 23	at designated host sites
Semifinals	Friday, February 26	at designated host sites
Finals	Saturday, March 5	at The Honda Center

Boys Consolation Tournament

Quarterfinals	Tuesday, February 23	at designated host sites
Semifinals	Friday, February 26	at designated host sites
Finals	Thursday/Friday, March 3/4	at designated host site

Girls Open Division Tournament

First Round	Saturday, February 20	at designated host sites
Quarterfinals	Wednesday, February 24	at designated host sites
Semifinals	Saturday, February 27	at designated host sites
Finals	Saturday, March 5	at Felix Events Center at APU

Girls Consolation Tournament

Quarterfinals	Tuesday, February 23	at designated host sites
Semifinals	Wednesday, February 24	at designated host sites
Finals	Thursday/Friday, March 3/4	at designated host site

In the first round of Open Division, higher seeded teams will receive home games. Those with byes in the first round will receive automatic home games in the second round. After the completion of first round, teams will use the same criteria for home team selection as the CIF-SS playoff bulletin dictates.

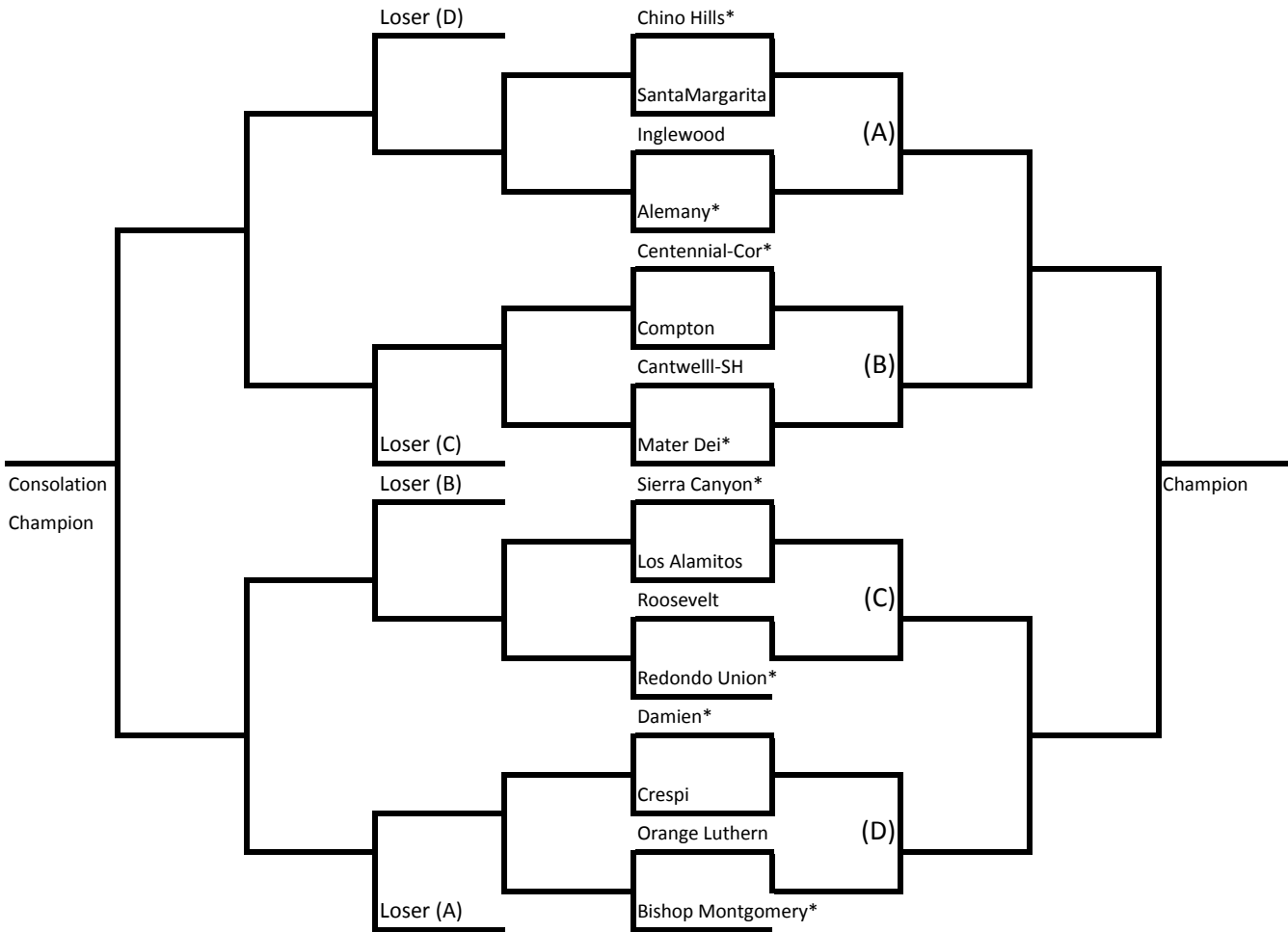
All participants in the CIF-SS Open Division will be guaranteed an automatic bid into the CIF-State Regional Playoffs. All CIF-SS Champions will be guaranteed a CIF-State Playoff berth. Additional teams need for CIF-State berth will be selected using the same At-Large criteria that is currently in place. Adjustments to the seeding will be made if found necessary.

Opening round for the Open Division begins with the boys starting on Friday, Feb.19 and girls on Saturday, Feb. 20.

Following are the 2016 CIF Southern Section-Ford Boys/Girls Open Division Basketball Tournament Brackets...

CIF-SS-FORD 2016 BOYS BASKETBALL OPEN DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP

Boys: 3/3-4(Th-Fri) 3/1-2(Tu-Wd) 2/26(Fri) 2/23(Tues) 2/19(Fri) 2/23(Tues) 2/26(Fri) 3/5 (Sat)



Permissible Scrimmage:

Playoff Record

0-2 : 1 scrimmage with an Open Division team between 2/29 and 3/4

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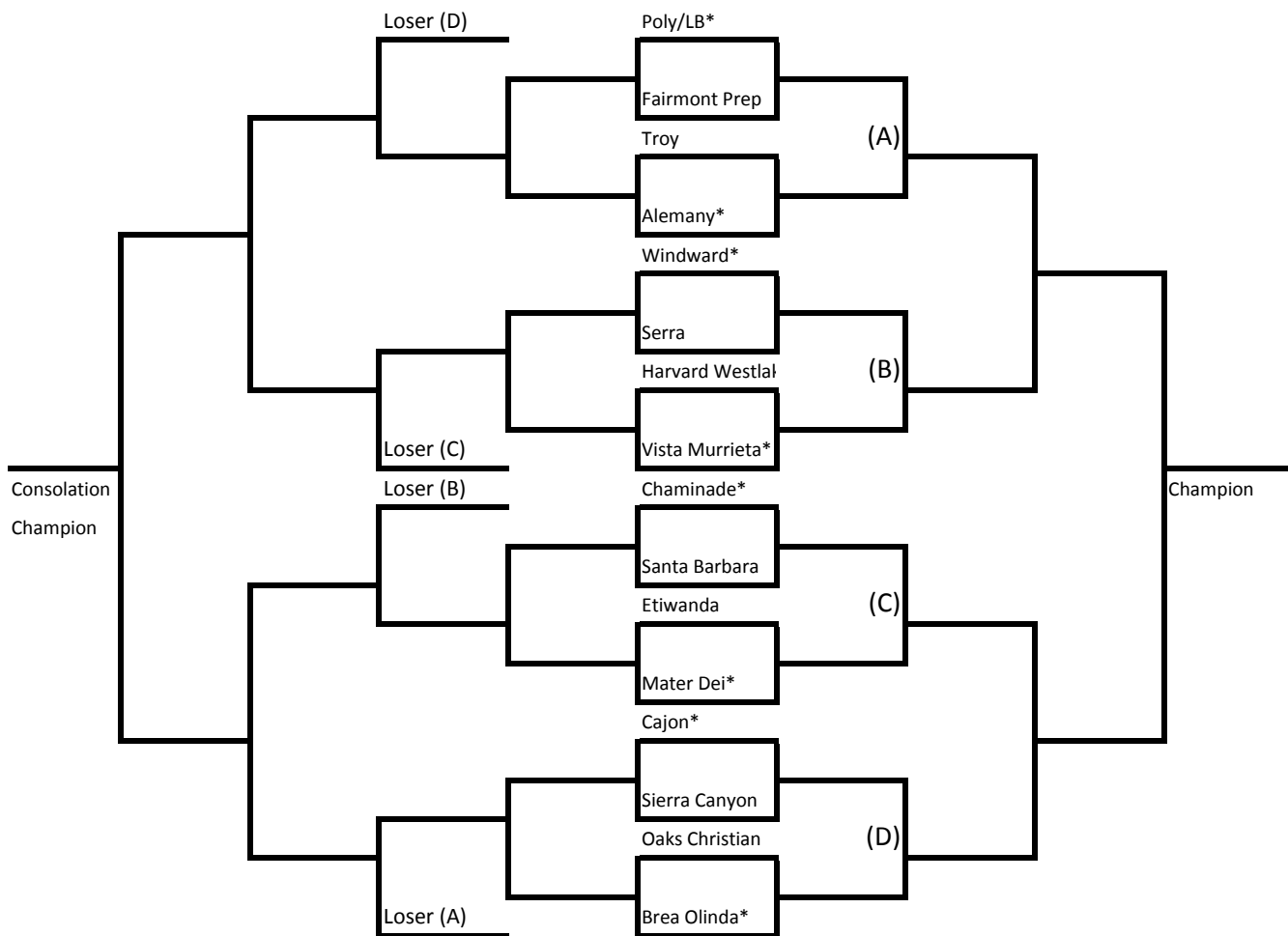
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QUESTION: What is defined as an interscholastic scrimmage?

ANSWER: An interscholastic scrimmage is defined as a training session in which students from more than one school participate, any aspect of play is exercised and no score is kept. Only students regularly enrolled in public and private member schools, grades 9-12, shall be permitted to participate in a scrimmage. Alumni shall not be permitted to take part other than in the one allowable contest where noted in specific sports. It should also be noted that only students enrolled in grades 9-12 at each specific school may take part in regular practice sessions.

CIF-SS-FORD 2016 GIRLS BASKETBALL OPEN DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP

Girls: 3/3-4(Th-Fri) 3/1-2(Tu-Wd) 2/27(Sat) 2/24(Wed) 2/20(Sat) 2/24(Wed) 2/27(Sat) 3/5(Sat)



Permissible Scrimmage:

Playoff Record

- 0-2** : 1 scrimmage with an Open Division team between 2/29 and 3/4
- 1-2** : 1 scrimmage with an Open Division team between 2/29 and 3/4
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