

Playoff Bulletin

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BASEBALL

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PAIRINGS

First round pairings in all divisions will be **announced SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021**. Personnel of member schools that qualify for the playoffs should NOT telephone the CIF-SS office in an attempt to determine the identity of their first round opponent prior to this date. Pairings will be available at the following times:

Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 - 10:00 a.m.

DRAW

The traditional playoff bracket will be used for this year's playoffs. We will seed 4 teams. After the seeds have been established, the leagues finishing place (1, 2 or 3) will be used to determine their first-round opponents. The draw will also be available Sunday, May 30 on the CIF-SS web site, www.cifss.org, at the above time.

PLAYOFF DATES

If a division has 22 or more guaranteed entries it will be a 32-team bracket. Twenty-one or fewer entries will be a 16-team bracket. Playoff dates for all divisions are as follows:

Wild Card Round	Tuesday, June 1, 2021 – Divisions 1, 3, 5 and 7 Wednesday, June 2, 2021 – Divisions 2, 4 and 6
First Round	Thursday, June 3, 2021 – Divisions 1, 3, 5 and 7 Friday, June 4, 2021 – Divisions 2, 4 and 6
Second Round	Tuesday, June 8, 2021
Quarter-Finals	Friday, June 11, 2021 – (Divisions 1-4, outfield fence required)
Semi-Finals	Tuesday, June 15, 2021 – (Divisions 1-4, outfield fence required)
Finals	Friday, June 18 and Saturday, June 19, 2021 – Divisions 1 - 7 Game Date, Location and Time Announced 6/16/21.

HOST TEAM

In all first-round baseball contests, the host team shall be predetermined by the Commissioner in accordance with CIF-SS regulations in Article 3300, Section 3303, pages 197-198 of the Blue Book. Determination of the host team in subsequent rounds will also be the responsibility of the Commissioner. **After the first round, the team having the fewest number of home games shall automatically be the home team.** When both teams have had an equal number of home games, the Commissioner shall toss a coin to decide the host team. **The coin flips for second round contests will take place the morning following the first-round contests.** When a school has been designated as the host team for a baseball 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.

COIN FLIPS FOR SECOND ROUND, QUARTERFINALS, SEMIFINALS AND FINALS

In an effort to give schools as much time as possible to prepare for baseball playoff contests, we will be conducting coin flips for home teams for the Second Round, Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals according to the following schedule:

COIN FLIP SCHEDULE

- Second Round – Wednesday, June 2 – 9:00 a.m. – Divisions 1, 3, 5 and 7
- Second Round – Thursday, June 3 – 9:00 a.m. – Divisions 2, 4 and 6
- Quarterfinals – Wednesday, June 9 – 10:00 a.m. – All Divisions
- Semifinals – Saturday, June 12 – 9:00 a.m. – All Divisions
- Finals – Wednesday – June 16, 10:00 a.m. – All Divisions

LOCATION OF GAMES

The host school is charged with the responsibility of securing an adequate facility for the holding of a playoff contest. The Commissioner must approve such facilities. Approval will be based upon size of playing field, adequacy of seating to handle the anticipated crowd, condition of diamond, etc. The diamond of the host school may be used, provided it meets CIF-SS standards as determined by the Commissioner. It is recommended that, when possible, schools use enclosed facilities with an outfield fence for playoff game. Crowd control, supervision and the playing facility should be discussed ahead of time by the schools.

DIVISIONS 1 THROUGH 4 QUARTER-FINAL AND SEMI-FINAL GAMES

These games must be played at a field with outfield fences. If your home site does not have an outfield fence, you must secure a site that does for a **quarter-final** and **semi-final** game. Additionally, it is strongly suggested that Divisions 5, 6 and 7 games be played at a site with an outfield fence.

DIVISION 1– 7 FINALS

All Final games will be played on Friday, June 18 or Saturday, June, 19, 2021.
Date, Location and Game Time Will be Announced Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

TIME OF GAME

All games (other than the Championship Finals) are scheduled to begin at 3:15 p.m. on the designated date. A school may play at other times, or on other days, if it is **mutually agreeable to both competing schools and approved by the CIF office**. In the event of a change of time or date, the host school **MUST** notify the CIF-SS office well in advance. **Please note:** Make certain to notify the CIF-SS for a change in game time **BEFORE** notifying your assignor.

CIFSSHOME REQUIREMENTS

SCHEDULES & SCORES Complete your schedule in CIFSSHome prior to your season as well as update scores following each contest

Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your entire season schedule into CIFSSHome (www.cifsshome.org) as well as update the scores immediately following your contests.

Log in @ www.cifsshome.org (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director). Once you are logged in:

-On the left panel, click on "Teams", select "Baseball"

-To **Add a game**, click "Add Game" at the top right and fill out all of the required fields which are marked by a red (*) to complete your schedule.

-To **Submit your score**, click on the "Teams", select "Baseball" Scroll through your schedule and click on the green "Post Result" button.

-Make sure that your overall and team records are correct on your team page.

Check out the Help video under the Help button on the bottom left, "Be CIF Prepared!"

VARSIITY TEAM INFORMATION (ROSTER) DUE no later than MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021

Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your entire Baseball roster into CIFSSHome (www.cifsshome.org) no later than **MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021**.

Log in @ www.cifsshome.org (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).

Once you are logged in:

-On the left panel, Click on the "**Teams**" tab, select "Baseball"

-Here are the instructions for using the sample file.

- Download the sample file **and** delete the "contents only". Copy and paste or type your roster information into the file as the contents and save the file to your computer. You can only upload an excel file (xls) that is the exact same format as the sample file. Columns for information not required for your sport may be left blank, but the HEADER INFORMATION MUST REMAIN EXACTLY AS THE SAMPLE.

Required Columns for Baseball are: First Name, Last Name, Birth date, Year, Number, Position, Bats, Throws, Height & Eligibility.

- Next - click Choose File, find your file, then click "Import Student".

- To confirm your roster has been uploaded, your roster will be uploaded in the roster section and all of the required columns are filled out.

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VARSIITY COACHES

Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your Baseball coaches (Head & Assistants) into CIFSSHome (www.cifsshome.org) no later than **MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021**.

Log in @ www.cifsshome.org (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).

Once you are logged in:

-Click on the "**Teams**" tab on the left navigation bar. Click on the corresponding varsity team (Baseball).

-Click on "Add/Edit Coaches", select the information to add both your HEAD & ASSISTANT coaches

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VARSIITY TEAM PHOTO DUE no later than FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2021

Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that your Baseball Varsity Team Photo is uploaded to CIFSSHome (www.cifsshome.org) no later than **FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2021**.

Log in @ www.cifsshome.org (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).

on Home Campus

-On the left panel, click **Teams**" tab on the left navigation bar. Click on the corresponding varsity team (Baseball).

- Under Team Picture, click Add/Edit picture, click Browse, find your file and click "Upload Picture" – Team Photo can be no larger than 672 pixels x 480 pixels (7"x5")

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AT LARGE APPLICATION – MUST HAVE .500 RECORD OR BETTER

Attention Athletic Directors/ Coaches: Please follow the instructions below to enter your school as an At Large Entry for Baseball. The At Large Application is to be submitted by your school no later than **Friday, May 28 @ 11:00 p.m.**

Log in @ www.cifsshome.org (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).

Once you are logged in:

-On the left panel, click on At Large Petition

-Select "Baseball" then click "Add"

Please be sure that your Schedule is updated in CIFSSHome as this is where the information for the At Large Petition will be created.

Check out the Help video under the Help tab on the bottom left, "Be CIF Prepared!"



TO: CIF-SS ATHLETIC DIRECTORS/HEAD BASEBALL COACHES

FROM: RICH SHEARER, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

RE: **2021 CIF SOUTHERN SECTION BASEBALL PLAYOFF BULLETIN**

With the 2021 Southern Section CIF Baseball Championship Playoffs approaching, this bulletin is designed to assist you with your organizational plans. The Southern Section office will prepare the draw. Please review this bulletin, and after reviewing its contents if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

1. RULES

All playoff games will be conducted using the National Federation Baseball rules, **except** where Blue Book rulings or **this bulletin supersede**. All playoff games will be of 7 (seven) innings duration. **Blue Book Rule 1524.2 states, "Teams entered in the baseball playoffs will not be permitted to take batting practice on the day of a playoff game prior to the commencement of the contest."** Batting practice will be construed as **ANY** type of pitching motion with **ANY** type of ball from in front of the batter (including pitching machines and overhand throwing). **THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE BATTING WARMUP WILL BE SIDE SOFT TOSS, BATTING TEE WORK OR PEPPER.**

A) For side soft toss, the guidelines are as follows: the tosser should be on a knee, to the side of the batter and the ball should be lifted, not pitched, to the batter.

B) For pepper, the guidelines are as follows: the maximum distance between the pitchers/fielders and the hitter is 40 feet and batted balls are to be directed toward the pitchers/fielders

C) To clarify any questions that may arise. "Tracking", the idea that hitters will stand in a batter's position, while pitchers throw overhand to a catcher, and "track" pitches as they come toward the plate, is not considered batting practice by definition and is allowable prior to playoff contests. Batters who swing, or attempt to swing or bunt in any fashion, will be in violation of this rule and may face the consequences of that action. Coaches should be very careful to monitor any and all pre-game activities.

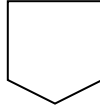
THE PENALTY FOR BATTING PRACTICE WITH WIFFLE BALLS, SOFTBALLS, BASEBALLS, ETC. MAY BE FORFEITURE OF THE GAME. Games will start at the scheduled time and each team will be allowed a maximum of 15 minutes for infield practice. The 10-run rule will **NOT** be in effect.

Tosser



Located directly to the side of the plate not standing

Plate



Batter



Batter is facing the person tossing the ball

Question: If a coach, during the homeplate pre-game meeting, does not announce to the umpire and their opponent that a possible violation of the batting practice rule has occurred, could that violation be considered at any time after?

Answer: No, any perceived batting practice violation must be noted by the plate umpire prior to the end of the pregame meeting to be report to the CIF-SS Office.

2. PITCHING LIMITATION RULE

A reminder that both Pitching Limitation Rule 1500 (30 Outs per week) and 1501 Pitch Count will be in effect for all CIF Southern Section Baseball Playoff games. Please make sure that coaches are verifying pitch count after each half inning or a visible pitch count mechanism (i.e. scoreboard add-on, flip chart behind home plate, etc.) can be seen by both teams. Coaches may use this as verification of the pitch count. Please review the specific rules for pitching limitations below.

1500. **PITCHING LIMITATION RULE – 30 OUTS**

Sections shall adopt the following baseball pitching limitation rule: 30 outs and/or three (3) appearances in a calendar week through the season.

- A. The calendar week begins on Monday.
- B. Innings pitched in a no game (i.e., rainout, power failure, etc.) shall count toward the total.
- C. If the 30th out involves a double or triple play, the team will not be penalized.
- D. An appearance is defined as a pitcher pitching at least one (1) pitch. If a pitcher is removed from the mound to another position or to the dugout and later returns to pitch in the same game, the pitcher will be charged with a second appearance.
- E. Any violation constitutes a forfeit of the contest.

1501. **PITCHING LIMITATION RULE – PITCH COUNT**

In addition to 1500 above, Sections shall adopt the following baseball pitching limitation rule with respect to pitch count and required days of rest:

Pitch count limits and required rest:

Level	Maximum Contest Pitch Limit	0 Days Rest Required	1 Day Rest Required	2 Days Rest Required	3 Days Rest Required
Varsity	110 Pitches	1-30 Pitches	31-50 Pitches	51-75 Pitches	76+ Pitches
Freshman; F/S; JV	90 Pitches	1-30 Pitches	31-50 Pitches	51-75 Pitches	76+ Pitches

- A. A pitcher may finish the current batter if the Maximum Contest Pitch Limit is reached during that at-bat.
- B. Pitches thrown and appearances made in a no game (i.e., rainout, power failure, etc.) shall count toward the totals.
- C. At the end of each half inning, the head coaches will confirm and both team books will record the pitch count for all pitchers who threw a pitch in that half inning. In the case of a discrepancy, the home book is considered the official book.
- D. Each school must keep a record of all pitches thrown by each of their players in each game and make this available to their respective Section Office upon request.
- E. Any violation constitutes a forfeit of the contest

Questions & Answers:

Q: If a pitch count mechanism is used that is visible to both teams, do the coaches still need to

confirm the pitch count every half inning?

A: No. If the mechanism (i.e. scoreboard add-on, flip chart behind home plate, etc.) can be seen by both teams, the coaches may use that as verification of the pitch count.

Q: How is a day of rest defined?

A: A day of rest is defined as a calendar day. For example, if a pitcher throws 76 or more pitches in a Monday game thus requiring three-days rest before being allowed to pitch again, those days of rest would be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday allowing that pitcher to pitch again on Friday.

Q: If a pitcher exceeds the maximum number of allowable pitches with respect to the required days of rest while finishing a batter, how are the required number of rest days calculated?

A: The required days of rest is determined by the actual number of pitches thrown. For example, if a pitcher starts a batter with 48 pitches, finishes the batter with 53 pitches and is then removed from the game, that pitcher would be required to rest for two days before making another appearance.

Q: What, if any role, do the umpires play in the confirmation and recording of the pitch count after each half inning?

A: The umpires are asked to ensure that the teams are exchanging the required information but the actual recording of the pitch count is up to the head coach from each school.

Q: If an intentional walk is issued to the batter and no pitches are delivered to home plate, are those pitches counted towards the pitcher's total number?

A: No. Those pitches would not count towards the pitcher's total number

Q: In the case of balk, when does a pitch count towards the pitcher's total number?

A: A pitch would only count if the ball is delivered to the batter.

Q: If a batter is awarded timeout by the umpire but the pitcher still delivers the ball to the batter, does that pitch count towards the pitcher's total number?

A: No. That pitch would not count towards the pitcher's total number.

Q: Does the Pitch Count reset each Monday like the 30 Out Rule?

A: No. While the 30 Out Rule will reset each Monday, the Pitch Count Rule will not. For example, if a pitcher throws 76+ pitches in a game on Saturday, they would have to rest on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday before being eligible to pitch again on Wednesday.

Q: May the same pitcher appear in two different games on the same day?

A: Yes. However, they may only do so if they threw 30 pitches or less in the first game and are not required to rest. Also, they may not throw more than 110 pitches total for the day.

3. UMPIRES

The Commissioner, on the basis of merit for the particular official's work during the regular season, will appoint umpires for all playoff contests. Each non-final game will be assigned three officials. Umpire's fees shall be charged to game expenses if there is an admission charge. In all playoff games, for all divisions prior to the Semifinals, there shall be 3 umpires and each umpire shall receive \$86.00 each. Semi-final contests will be made up of 4 umpires, who shall receive \$86.00 each. In all Championship Games (Finals), all 4 umpires shall receive \$91.00 each. (Any official entitled to mileage will be compensated according to the formula submitted with this bulletin).

4. COACHES

Coaches of the host team are responsible for typing the ground rules on cards and presenting copies to umpires and the opposing coach prior to the game. No player or adult may coach from the first or third base box that is not in uniform. Any player in a coaching box must be listed on the certified eligibility list submitted to the CIF-SS office.

Reminder, NFHS Baseball Rules 3-3-1-a and 3-3-1-i, which deal with the following issues, will be enforced for all playoff games.

3-3-1-a – "A coach, player, substitute, attendant or other bench personnel shall not: (a) leave the dugout during a live ball for an unauthorized purpose."

3-3-1-i – "A coach, player, substitute, attendant or other bench personnel shall not: (i) be outside the designated dugout, (bench) or bullpen area if not a batter, runner, on-deck batter, in the coach's box or one of the nine players on defense."

5. SPORTSMANSHIP

There should be a great deal of concern about security for officials. It is strongly suggested that the home team have a representative to escort the officials to the playing field and back to your locker room and/or their car at the end of the contest. A responsible adult who can guarantee the security of the official should do this task.

Cheer Section

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. No noisemakers (horns, bells, victory bells, sirens, chimes, wooden blocks, buckets, 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 paint is acceptable from the neck up only and shall not include any inappropriate letters or symbols. Assigned school staff shall monitor their cheering sections regarding face painting.

6. PLAYER CONDUCT

Any player ejected for any reason, or any player who leaves the confines of the bench or team area during a fight that may break out or has broken out, shall be disqualified from participating in the remainder of the game and will be ineligible for the team's next contest. The next contest may not be a forfeited, postponed, or canceled game. A second ejection will constitute a two-contest suspension and a third ejection will cause suspension for the remainder of the season. A player who was ejected from the previous contest who, knowingly or unknowingly, participates in or attends the next contest, will result in the forfeiture of that contest.

7. NOTE: Rule 503M

Statewide Sportsmanship and Ejection Policy

PLAYER: A player who is ejected from a contest (for reasons other than fighting or leaving the bench area during a fight) shall be ineligible to participate in the remainder of that contest (event) and his or her team's future contest (s) as outlined below:

- 1) First Ejection: Player is ineligible to participate in the team's next contest. Player may remain on the bench for the duration of that contest and may be on the bench in street clothes for the team's next contest. If the ejection occurs in the last game of the season, the player would be ineligible for the team's first contest the following season. If the player is a senior, he or she would be ineligible for the first contest of their next season of sport.
- 2) Second Ejection: Player is ineligible to participate in the team's next three (3) contests. If the season concludes prior to the player serving the three (3) contests suspension, he or she would be ineligible for the number of contests remaining on the suspension for the team's following season as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter. If the player is a senior, he or she would be ineligible for the number of contests remaining on the suspension for their next season of sport.
- 3) Third Ejection: Player is ineligible to participate for the remainder of that season. Player may remain on the bench for the duration of that contest and may be on the bench in street clothes for the team's remaining contest that season. If there are six (6) or fewer contests remaining in the season, the player would be ineligible for up to six (6) contests for the team's following season as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter. If the player is a senior, he or she would be ineligible for up to six (6) contests for the next season of sport as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter.

A player who is ejected from a contest for fighting or leaving the bench during a fight* shall be ineligible to participate in the remainder of that contest and his or her team's future contests as outlined below:

- 4) First Ejection: Player (Fighting/Assaultive Behavior/Gross Unsportsmanlike Conduct) is ineligible to participate in the team's next three 930 to sic 960 contests as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter. Player may remain on the bench for the duration of that contest and may be on the bench in street clothes for the duration of the suspension. If the season concludes prior to the player serving the full suspension, he or she would be ineligible for the number of contests remaining on the suspension for the team's following season. If the player is a senior, he or she would be ineligible for the number of contests remaining on the suspension for their next season of sport. *NFHS Rule indicates automatic one game suspension for leaving the bench.
- 5) Second Ejection: Player is ineligible to participate for the remainder of that season. Player may remain on the bench for the duration of that contest and may be on the bench in street clothes for the team's remaining contests that season. If there are six (6) or fewer contest remaining in the season, the player would be ineligible for up to six (6) contests for the team's following season as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter. If the player is a senior, he or she would be ineligible for up to six (6) contest for their next season of sport as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter.

Before a player may return to participate in a contest following a multiple game suspension for any of the above infractions, the school principal must inform the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter that they have met with the student-athlete, his or her parent/guardian/caregiver and coach to discuss future behavioral expectations.

Appeals Process for All Multi-Game Ejections:

The school principal may appeal the penalties listed above in writing to the League Commissioner/President (for regular season contest not including the final contest prior to Section playoffs) or CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter (for final contest prior to the Section playoffs and all playoff contest). The appeal must be received by the Section with 48 hours of the date of the ejection. Reason for the appeal may only include misidentification of the ejected player or a misapplication of the rule. There will be no appeal regarding the judgement of an official.

Note: there is no appeal process for single game ejections

8. COACH EJECTION

A coach who is ejected from a contest (for reasons other than fighting) shall be disqualified from participating in the remainder of that contest and his or her team's future contest (s) as outlined below:

- 6) First Ejection: Coach is disqualified form participating in the team's next contest. Coach must immediately vacate the playing area and the vicinity in and around the contest and refrain from having any communication with the team or other coaches for the remainder of that contest and for the team's next contest. If the ejection occurs in the last game of the season, the coach would be ineligible for the team's first contest the following season.
- 7) Second Ejection: Coach is disqualified from participating in the team's next three (3) to six (6) contests as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction

in the matter. Coach must immediately vacate the playing area and the vicinity in and around the contest and refrain from having any communication with the team or other coaches for the remainder of that contest and for the team's next (3) to six (6) contest. If the ejections occur in the last game of the season, the coach would be ineligible for the team's first three (3) to six (6) contests the following season.

- 8) Third Ejection: Coach is disqualified from participating in the remaining contest of that season. Coach must immediately vacate the playing area and the vicinity in and around the contest and refrain from having any communication with the team or other coaches for the remainder of that contest and for the remaining contests of that season. If there are six(6) or fewer contest remaining in the season, the coach would be disqualified from participating for up to six (6) contest for the team's following season as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter.

A coach who is ejected from a contest for (Fighting/Assaultive Behavior/Gross Unsportsmanlike Conduct) shall be disqualified from participating in the remainder of that contest and his or her team's future contests as outlined below:

- 9) Ejection for (Fighting/Assaultive Behavior/Gross Unsportsmanlike Conduct): Coach is disqualified from participating or the remainder of that season. Coach must immediately vacate the playing area and the vicinity in and around the contest and refrain from having any communication with the team or other coaches for the remainder of that contest and for all the team's remaining contest that season. If there are fewer than six (6) contest remaining in the season, the coach would be disqualified from participating for up to six(6) contest for the team's following season as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter.

Before a coach may return to participate in a contest following a multiple contest disqualification, for any of the above infractions, the school principal must inform the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter that they have met with the coach to discuss future behavioral expectations.

Appeal Process for All Multi-Game Ejections:

The school principal may appeal the penalties listed above in writing to the League Commissioner/President (for regular season contest not including the final contest prior to Section playoffs) of CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter (for the final contest prior to Section playoffs and all playoff contests) The appeal must be received by the Section withing 48 hours of the date of the ejection. Reasons for the appeal may only include misidentification of the ejection coach or a misapplication of the rule. There will be no appeal regarding the judgement of an official.

Note: There is no appeal process for a single game ejection.

SPECTATOR:

If a spectator is ejected from a contest, it is the responsibility of the school to ensure that person does not attend that team's next contest. If the same spectator is ejected a second time, it is the responsibility of the school to ensure that person does not attend any of the remaining contest for that season.

9. TEAM ROSTER

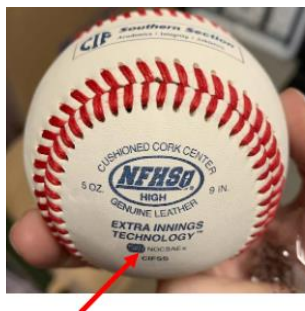
A team roster must be completed in www.cifsshhome.org (Teams, Varsity) PRIOR to your first playoff contest. This list will suffice for all remaining baseball playoff contests unless

there are changes and/or additions. If a player(s) needs to be added to the roster list, please revise your roster before this student is allowed to compete in a playoff contest.

DURING THE 2021 CIF SOUTHERN SECTION BASEBALL PLAYOFFS, THE RAWLINGS CIF-SS BASEBALL (SEE PICTURE BELOW) WILL BE THE MANDATORY BASEBALL FOR ALL PLAYOFF GAMES. THE SOUTHERN SECTION OFFICE WILL FURNISH THESE BASEBALLS FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS.



NFHS Requirement



Playoff Requirement

ALL BALLS USED IN COMPETITION MUST HAVE THE NOCSAE STAMP

10. BASEBALL GAMES – RAINOUT POLICY

Whenever there is a situation involving inclement weather during the Baseball Playoffs, we feel it necessary to review with you the policies regarding rainouts, games called due to weather, etc. Here is the relevant information...

1. In instances where games cannot be started due to inclement weather, teams will postpone that day's scheduled games until the next available date. Weekday games will be postponed until the next day; Saturday games will be postponed until the following Monday.
2. If games are started and then must be called due to inclement weather, the following NFHS rules apply:
 - a. If a game has reached 4 and one-half completed innings, with the Home team ahead, then it is an official game and the result will stand. In other words, the Visiting team has had 5 completed innings at bat and the Home team is ahead in the contest.
 - b. If the game has reached 5 completed innings, with the Visiting team ahead, then it is an official game and the result will stand. In other words, if both teams have had 5 completed innings at bat and the Visiting team is ahead in the contest.
 - c. If a contest has not reached the required number of innings to be an official contest, and the game is called due to inclement weather, then the game is ended at that point when the teams resume play on their next available date, the game starts over with no score. Also, no statistics from a game that ends before it is an official contest will be recorded.

- d. If a contest is tied and is stopped due to inclement weather, if it is less than an official game (has not reached the 4 and one-half completed innings or 5 completed innings), then the game would start over with no score. If it is an official game (5 completed innings or more), then it will resume from the point it was called. For Baseball, all pitching innings and pitch count would count regardless.

Note: The outs recorded by any pitcher in a game that is ended before it is an official contest, DO count toward the 30 outs maximum during the current week, Monday through Saturday. All pitches thrown in game that is ended before it is an official contest do count in the pitch count limitation rule.

We ask that you please communicate with our office immediately on any changes to your scheduled games.

11. PLAYOFF ENTRY

All 4-team leagues will be guaranteed two entries into the playoffs.
All 5-6 team leagues will be guaranteed three entries into the playoffs.
All 7-8 team leagues will be guaranteed four entries into the playoffs.
All 9 or more team leagues will be guaranteed five entries.

Under the playoff format in all sports, leagues have the responsibility of developing and identifying the priority for their representatives into the playoffs as so noted under Article 3200 (Playoffs) of the CIF Southern Section Blue Book. Please note that leagues may not conduct additional contests beyond the prescribed limits unless said contests are to determine ENTRY and not representative priority (leagues must have this as part of their constitution and must secure permission from the CIF-SS office before conducting such playoffs for entry).

Rule 3214.1

In all team sports other than basketball and wrestling, additional entries beyond a league's guaranteed number of entries will only be permitted to enter the playoffs to fill any byes which exist in the opening round. Wildcard contests will be situations where the number of teams that are guaranteed entries from their leagues necessitate that additional contests be played to reduce the number of teams entered to the required number of the original draw. (For example, when there are 37 teams entered as guaranteed entries from their leagues into a particular playoff draw, there must be 5 wildcard contests played to reduce the number of teams from 37 to 32, the required number of the original draw.) At-large teams, teams meeting the at-large criteria (.500 or better overall record), can only be accepted into the playoffs if there are openings in the original draw after all of the league's guaranteed entries are submitted. (For example, where there are 30 teams entered as guaranteed entries from their leagues into a 32-team draw, there would be 2 byes in the bracket and those byes could be filled by teams who were not guaranteed entries from their leagues who submitted at-large application forms for that particular sport and have an overall record of .500 or better in all games played during the regular season.) In the sport of football, a .500 or better record is not required for at-large submission/selection.

In any playoff grouping other than basketball, at-large selections will be considered from the next place beyond the guarantee that are .500 or better. In the division, the team is placed, after all those schools have been taken and there are still positions available, the next place teams that are .500 or better will then be considered.

All at-large entries **must** be submitted to the office by 11:00 p.m. on the Friday May 28 of the weekend in which the playoff draw is finalized. Make sure that the Baseball Varsity Team schedule is complete in www.cifsshome.org. For instructions for how to accomplish this please refer to page 5 of this playoff bulletin. Information input into this database is reviewed by the at-large selection committee to determine the teams to be selected for the filling of byes.

At-large teams **must have a .500 record or better** for their complete schedule to be considered.

A tie will count as a ½ win and a ½ loss as the criteria for a .500 or better record. (A record of 4-4-2 would be considered as qualifying.)

All material related to the at-large entry **must** be submitted to Southern Section office no later than 11:00 p.m. on the Friday of the weekend in which the sports playoff draw is to be finalized. If the material is not received, the team will not be considered by the At-Large Selection Committee.

All **freelance** schools are reminded that in order to be considered for post-season competition, the CIF-SS office prior to the start of the season must evaluate their schedule. This can be done by mailing a copy of the schedule along with a request to the CIF-SS office (See Rule 3210). **Freelance** schools should use the At-Large Entry submission through www.cifsshome.org for consideration into the playoffs.

BASEBALL AT LARGE CRITERIA

If a division has openings in the original draw after all of the league guaranteed entries are submitted (For example, where there are 30 teams entered as guaranteed entries from their leagues into a 32 team draw, there would be 2 byes in the bracket and those byes would be filled by teams who were not guaranteed entries from their league who submitted at-large application forms for that particular sport).

The At-Large Selection Committee will utilize the following criteria in its selection process.

1. Must be next place team from the leagues guaranteed entries in the division they're placed in. Once a team beyond the guarantee is selected, subsequent eligible teams will be considered in order.
2. Must have a .500 or better record for their completed schedule
 - a. A tie will count as a ½ win and a ½ loss.
3. Head to head competition of teams under consideration
4. Overall strength of league from which the team is entered
5. Overall win-loss record
6. Strength against common opponents
7. Strength of schedule of At-Large teams in consideration (including)
 - a. Teams within the same division
 - b. Teams in higher divisions
 - c. Teams in lower divisions

12. SPECIAL LEAGUE PLAYOFF FOR ENTRY

Please note - leagues MAY NOT conduct additional contests beyond the prescribed limits unless said contests are to determine ENTRY and not representative priority. This must be part of their league constitution and permission must be secured from the CIF-SS Office before conducting such playoffs for entry. If a league includes such conditions in its constitution, it is still obligated to play said contest on or before the last specified allowable playing date (FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2021).

An example of the above application is as follows: two teams finish in a tie for third place in the final league standings and the league has stipulated in its constitution that the deadlock may be broken by a special playoff game. As long as that contest is played on or before Friday, May 28, the two teams would be permitted to play to determine ENTRY into the playoffs.

13. BYES AND AT-LARGE ENTRIES

Please read the attached bulletin pertaining to the filling of byes. An at-large petition must be filed under www.cifsshome.org. Please see instructions on page 24 of this bulletin for how to file your at-large petition.

14. ENTRY FEE

There will be no entry fee for teams entering the CIF-SS baseball playoffs.

15. PROTESTS OF PLAYOFF CONTESTS

Coaches are encouraged to carry National Federation baseball rulebooks with them for all playoff contests. Coaches must resolve questions pertaining to possible misapplication of the rules in accordance with the National Federation baseball rules. **No protest may be carried forth once the contest is completed, with the following exception.** Schools will still have the opportunity to protest a contest in accordance with Southern Section rules, Rule 1111, as it pertains to use of ineligible player, or violations of any CIF-SS rule in connection with the contest.

16. ADMISSION REGULATIONS FOR PLAYOFF CONTESTS

For Playoff Rounds other than the Divisional Championships

Generally, due to the inability to obtain playing sites that are enclosed, admission is not charged for baseball playoff contests. However, if agreed upon by both schools and permission is received from the CIF-SS office **in advance**, admission may be charged. If it is agreed upon to charge admission, the following financial regulations will be in effect:

(A) ADMISSION PRICES -- The admission prices shall be \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students with valid high school ID cards and \$5.00 for children 13 and under.

(B) HOST SCHOOL -- The designated host school is responsible for all costs incurred in hosting the contest. These would include officials, supervision, stadium rental, etc.

(C) VISITING SCHOOL -- The designated visiting school is responsible for all costs incurred in traveling, such as bus, meals, etc.

(D) GATE SPLIT -- When admission is charged, the gate is to be handled as a gross gate and split 50-50 between the competing schools (please refer to Article 1, Section 143, page 57, of the Blue Book).

17. RULE 526 - TOBACCO PRODUCTS PROHIBITED

The use of tobacco products in conjunction with any CIF Southern Section athletic contest is prohibited. That is to include all those involved in the contest including players, coaches, and officials.

18. TEN RUN RULE

National Federation Rule 4-2-2 states that the 10 run rule is optional, not mandatory. All C.I.F. playoff games will be played without the 10-run rule

19. REPORTING RESULTS

The winning team in each round of the playoffs is to post the game result into cifsshome.org under teams tab, schedules and scores. All game results should be entered as soon as possible after the completion of the contest so that the next round, in terms of host team assignments and officials, may be finalized. It is very important for winning teams to report their scores to the L.A. Times (213) 234-7151 or 1-800-528-4637, extension 77151 and The Register (714) 796-7804. The publishing of these scores creates interest and allows this office to complete pairings in each bracket.

20. AWARDS

The Southern Section will present awards to the champions and runner-up teams in all seven divisions of the playoffs. CIF-SS patches and t-shirts will be awarded to the 20 members of the championship team in all divisions. Individual medals will be provided for 20 members of the runner-up teams in all seven divisions.

PLAYOFF/CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS AND SOUVENIRS

The CIF Southern Section name and logo are registered trademarks with the State of California. It is illegal to use the name (CIF Southern Section, Southern Section or CIF-SS) on any awards, souvenirs or other materials except through licensed vendors or with prior CIF-SS approval. Likewise, 'CIF' without Southern Section or 'SS' is a licensed mark of the State CIF with similar restrictions.

Do not make independent items with CIF, CIF-SS or Southern Section: Please note that schools, including their booster clubs and parents, are subject to sanction and will be held financially accountable for unsold product at playoff events involving their school should they create items using the CIF-SS trademark without authorization. Example: School X creates team playoff t-shirt that includes 'CIF-SS Football Finals' in the design and upon reaching Finals the CIF-SS on-site vendor is unable to sell similar product created for that event; the violating school would be required to purchase all unsold shirts.



CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PLAYOFF/CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS - ALL TEAMS AND HOST SITES 2020-2021



- Rosters & Scores:**
- Complete schedules are to be submitted to CIFSSHOME prior to each season.
 - Update scores following every contest direct to CIFSSHOME
- Additional directions on accessing CIFSSHOME are included in this document.
- TV/Web/Radio Rights:** Any TV or streaming webcast (video or audio) or radio transmission of a CIF-SS playoff or championship event requires a contract and rights fees through the CIF-SS office prior to the contest. The only 'exceptions' are: Games broadcast via Bally's Sports West, Ball'ys SoCal, Prepzone or the NFHS Network.
- 'Official' Championship Souvenirs:** The exclusive vendor for CIF Southern Section Championship souvenirs (t-shirts, scarfs, pins, beanies, hats, etc...) is our long-time partner *CIF T-shirts*. These are the official items sold each year per sport. You are likely familiar with their annual shirts at the finals. You can order team and individual items through them at www.ciftshirts.com.
- Official Ball Required:** Only the approved official ball in each ball sport may be played by either school during CIF-SS playoff contests. Violation of this rule will result in loss of your next home playoff game. The current Official Ball list for each sport is included and available at www.cifss.org in the "Resources" drop down. This policy has been in effect since 2002.
- Gatorade Only:** Only Gatorade jugs, cups, bottles, ice chests may be used or visible during any CIF-SS playoff contest. (No Powerade, Body Armor, etc). The only acceptable alternative is a plain-wrap or Igloo labeled products. This rule does not apply to the actual liquid distributed to athletes. This policy has been in effect since 1995.
- CIF-SS on Souvenirs:** The 'CIF Southern Section', 'CIF-SS', 'Southern Section' and 'CIF' marks and logos are registered trademarks with the State of California. Schools may only use the CIF Southern Section marks on rings, patches and banners, by doing business with a CIF-SS licensed vendor. **Schools may only use the CIF Southern Section marks on apparel and other souvenir items exclusively through ciftshirts.com. Schools creating items with CIF-SS registered marks from a non-licensed vendor will face sanction and/or will be required to purchase any unsold shirts/items at the Championship Final.** A list of the currently licensed vendors for these products is included and regularly updated on www.cifss.org.

Please note: The use of only "CIF" is strictly prohibited per the State CIF registered trademark. The "CIF", is not just the CIF Southern Section. Only those teams in State regionals, bowl games and individual sport finals actually qualify to use CIF without Southern Section attached. Any such use must be approved in advance by the CIF State office.

Host Site Requirements:

- Playoff Tickets:** (This pertains to revenue sports of basketball, football and volleyball): It is mandatory to sell tickets for admission to all CIF-SS playoffs and championship contests. Use of the CIF-SS provided tickets is desired, if possible logistically, for audit, cost and sponsorship reasons. A Ticket Board(s) is included. Refer to the Ticket Handlers and Financial Clerks memo included with your tickets for additional information.
- CIF-SS/FORD Banner:** It is a requirement of each host school (including off-site) that the CIF-SS/Ford Championships banner be displayed at every playoff home game in football and the gymnasium sports post football season (or on the electronic signage where schools/venues do not display banners). If you need a banner please contact jackieg@cifss.org
- Gatorade:** It is a requirement of each school use only Gatorade product/jugs/cups/squeeze bottles during CIF-SS championship events. No other competitive product shall be used. Water can be placed in Gatorade merchandise.
- PA Announcements:** As a host of a CIF-SS playoff contest, the CIF-SS announcements take precedence over the host school's messaging and must be read in entirety at each playoff contest. Home schools are the host of a CIF-SS event in the playoffs. For contractual requirements, please read all the provided PA's each contest.
- Media Credential Access:** Accredited working media should be given admission to all playoff games by showing their CIF-SS Press or Photo credential.



**CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PLAYOFF/CHAMPIONSHIP
ADDITIONAL/CUSTOM POST SEASON AWARDS
2020-2021**



PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES: Each member of a team participating in the CIF-SS playoffs can receive a Participation Certificate. These certificates will be downloaded and printed solely by your school. The certificate is in a 'Type-In' format and may be downloaded from the CIFSSHOME website under **AWARDS**.

NEED ADDITIONAL AWARDS: Feel free to order additional directly.

Medals and Plaques: If your team won or was a runner-up in a CIF-SS championship and you need to purchase any additional champion/runner-up plaques and runner-up medals contact **All American Trophy by contacting Paul Purdum at (323) 725-1962**.

**Patches: "Champion", "Runner Up"
"ALL-CIF" Team Patches** Schools may order additional CIF-SS Team Champion & Runner Up patches (Octagon Red or Football shaped) "exclusively" ordered through **JL Custom Jackets and Patches at www.jlcustomjackets.com, (951) 867-3200, or email lindseyjlcustomjackets.com**.

CUSTOM AWARDS/ RINGS/BANNERS/APPAREL SOUVENIRS USING CIF-SS:

Schools often seek to create custom patches, gym banners and championship rings that include both the school and CIF-SS marks/logos/names. Example: 'ACME BOYS BASKETBALL 2019 CIF-SS CHAMPIONS'. Schools may create these items using CIF-SS marks only through a CIF-SS licensed vendor.

CIF-SS 'registered' trademark: The "CIF Southern Section", "CIF-SS", "Southern Section" and "CIF" marks and logos are registered trademarks with the State of California. Schools may only use the CIF Southern Section marks on rings, patches and banners by doing business with a CIF-SS licensed vendor. Schools creating items with CIF-SS registered marks from a non-licensed vendor will face sanction and/or will be required to purchase any unsold shirts/items at the Championship final if similar non-licensed items appear at the contest. A list of the currently licensed vendors for these products is included and regularly updated on www.cifss.org.

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CIF-SS vendors who are licensed to create custom items for schools that include CIF-SS:

Championship Patches (circle shape) Playoffs or Prelims, Finals Patches (shape of a shield) for participation in Cross Country, Track & Field or Swimming Finals, Masters Patches (oval shaped) for participation in a Masters Track & Field or Wrestling event and Wrestling Dual Meet (rectangle shaped) are sold "ON-SITE" by the CIF-SS vendor. Additional patches post event can be ordered through any of the licensed CIF-SS patch vendors:

• **Chenille Patches**

JL Varsity Jackets & Patches	www.jlcustomjackets.com	(951) 867-3200
CIF Tshirts	www.cifsstshirts.com	(951) 789-5858
C&L Custom Jackets	www.cljackets.com	(714) 828-6900
Embroidery & More	www.embroideryandmoredesign.com	(951) 471-5200
Fancy Stitchin'	www.fancystitchin.com	(951) 656-6505
Jostens	www.jostens.com	
Sports Jackets Unlimited	www.sportsjacketsunlimited.com	(562) 693-9894
Neff	www.neffco.com/School-Patches	(800) 232-6333 x3417
We Got 'Em Tees	www.wegotemtees.com	(760) 983-6087
TAS - The Advertising Specialists	www.tassigns.com	(626) 966-4770

- **Custom Banners/Souvenirs** Your school may now create custom items that include the CIF-SS mark or logo (championship banner, banners for your gym, etc...) through a licensed CIF-SS vendor (and their specialty).

C&L Varsity Jackets (Souvenirs)	www.cljackets.com	Larry Westbrook	(714) 828-6900
Integrity Design (Banners)	www.IntegrityDesignUSA.com	Larry Shoppa	(855) 341-8817
Jostens	www.jostens.com		
NEFF (Banners)	www.neffco.com		(800) 232-6333
Cabana Banners (Souvenirs)	www.cabanabanners.com	Mike Cook	(800) 697-3139

• **Rings**

J. Lewis Small	www.jlewissmall.com
Jostens	www.jostens.com
National Recognition Products	www.nrprings.com
Signature Style Jewelry	www.signaturestylejewelry.com

PROTECT YOUR SCHOOL TRADEMARKS: The CIF Southern Section strongly suggests you double-check the status of *your school* licensed/registered marks and logos now. Some schools have permanently lost control of others selling their merchandise with no royalty or approvals because the proper State of California licensing/registering process had not previously occurred or been enforced.

For additional vendors licensing information, please contact CIF Southern Section, Marketing Manager, Jackie Gibson at jackieg@cifss.org or 562-493-9500.

BASEBALL REMINDERS

SPORTSMANSHIP-CELEBRATIONS AROUND OR NEAR HOME PLATE--Any walk-off game winning base hit or home run generates immediate excitement. Everyone on the winning team wants to congratulate the successful batter. However, the problem is that the umpire has to verify that the runner touches home plate. Additionally, umpires must be alert for bad sportsmanship, taunting and other boorish behavior. Therefore, umpires are instructed to keep players out of the home plate circle or the area around home plate until all runners have scored.

RULE 3-3-1-i—Coaches are reminded of rule 3-3-1-i which prohibits non-base coaches and/or players who are not on defense, at bat or on the bases, being outside the dugout during a live ball. Contrary to rule, some coaches have been standing outside the entrance of the dugout viewing the game or walking back and forth in front of the dugout. It is to be emphasized that coaches are to remain in the dugout as provided by rule. Coaches are allowed to step out of the dugout to position defensive players, but are expected to immediately return to the confines of the dugout. Coaches may stand or sit inside the entrance of the dugout to call pitches. It is understandable that some dugouts have very narrow openings. However, coaches are expected to deal with this. Cooperation from both the umpires and coaches to enforce this provision will be greatly appreciated.

LINE UP CARDS—Please do not separate lineup cards. Just hand everything to the plate umpire. It is acceptable to provide a lineup card to the opposing team scorekeeper before the pregame meeting at home plate. Umpires are instructed to take the home lineup card first, then the visiting lineup card before inspecting either of the lineup cards.

- A) These are currently superseded by California Department of Public Health Sports Modifications on pages 27-28.

LINEUP CARDS II—If you are using a designated hitter, please list the DH either directly below or directly across from the player for whom he is hitting. Please do not list the DH at the bottom of the lineup card, unless of course, he is batting for the player ninth in the order.

PREGAME MEETING—It has been noted that during the pregame meeting at home plate, members of the visiting team have often been observed outside their dugout warming up with bats. Rule 2-10-2 provides that BOTH teams must remain in the dugout during the pregame meeting. Please remind your teams.

- A) These are currently superseded by California Department of Public Health Sports Modifications on pages 27-28.

CIF POINTS OF EMPHASIS

GAME MANAGEMENT: Teams are doing a much better job of correctly lining the field. The most notable problems are the lack of markings for the three-foot running lane and the coaching boxes.

PREGAME EQUIPMENT/BAT INSPECTION: Along with asking if players are properly and legally equipped, umpires will now verify with coaches that all of their equipment (bats, batting helmets and catcher's helmets) are legal.

The specific language in rule 4-1-3b reads "equipped with bats that are unaltered from the original manufacturer's design and production and helmets that meet NFHS and NOCSAE standards and free of cracks or damage."

The result of that rule change means that umpires will no longer be required to do pregame equipment checks.

The penalty for using an illegal bat now also affects the coaches, since they have certified the legality of their equipment at the pregame meeting.

POST GAME BEHAVIOR: NFHS rules only cover the conduct of players and coaches during a game. There is no coverage of a penalty for coach or player conduct after a game. As a result, there have been instances of coaches and/or players, knowing there is no penalty, acting with non-sporting behavior toward umpires after a game.

In the event of post-game behavior by a coach or player that would result in an ejection during a game, the coach or player will be informed by the umpires that his behavior will be reported to the area liaison as an ejection. This policy is in effect until the umpires leave the game site.

Please note that the above has the full support of the CIF-SS.



2021 ALL-CIF SS Baseball Selection Process

Following the conclusion of the regular season, the nomination window for baseball selections will open.

If you have a player who you deem worthy of being part of the top 22 players in your division, please use the link below to submit your player's information.

Each division will have 22 players selected to the ALL CIF first team. An additional player will be selected as the division Player of the Year.

The nominating window will open on Saturday, May 29 and close on Sunday, June 20.

You should submit full final season stats for each player, including Southern Section playoff stats!

This is a change from previous years.

The vote will take place after the CIF-SS championship games. Members of the CIF baseball Advisory Committee will be responsible for the selection of the team. The CIF offices will release the results sometime in July.

Teams that finish as their league champions may nominate up to three players.

Second place teams may nominate up to two players.

Third place and lower finishing teams are limited to one player.

If you nominate multiple players, please nominate them in the order you wish them to be voted upon.

If you exceed your nomination limit, those players will be deleted prior to the voting.

No paper or mail in nominations are being used this year

All nominations must be submitted by using this link....

<https://forms.gle/Kj4PnNpGimmaP8nM8> which will open the Google form for your nominating information.

You will need to re-use the link each time you nominate an additional player.

Remember that the deadline for nominations is June 20.

Any inquiries should be sent to Iran Novick at allcifssbaseball@aol.com.



TO: MEMBER SCHOOLS

FROM: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION STAFF

SUBJECT: MILEAGE FOR OFFICIALS IN THE PLAYOFFS

DATE: NOVEMBER, 2010

C.I.F. Southern Section Blue Book Rule 1212.5 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.

California Interscholastic Federation



2020-21 BASEBALL GUIDELINES & COVID-19 MODIFICATIONS

Foundational Statement

The following guidelines and modifications were created to allow for the safe participation of student-athletes during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The following guidelines follow best practices and recommendations from the CIF, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), and will continue to remain within the scope of all state public health orders. *The suggested NFHS modifications are recommendations only and not to be considered mandatory rule changes.*

SUBSTANTIAL

General Guidelines

- Masks are recommended to be worn at all times by all individuals participating in the activity, even with heavy exertion as tolerated.
- Social distancing measures shall be in place at all times other than when engaged in competition.

Event Limitations

- Adhere to local county guidelines.

Pre-Game Conference

- Limit attendees to Head Coach of both teams and game umpires.
- Participants must maintain social distancing protocols during the conference.
- No line-up card exchange.
- No handshakes.

Team Dugouts

- Coaches, game personnel and players only permitted in the dugout.
- Social distance requirements must be observed by all in the dugout.
- If the dugout area is not large enough to provide for social distance requirements, players and game personnel may move outside of the immediate dugout area to practice social distance requirements.
- Spectators shall not be permitted near the dugouts and/or the immediate area of the dugout.

Post-Game Procedures

Replace handshakes after the game with a social distance acknowledgment of the team's choosing.

Official Scorekeeping Area

Limited to one (1) person from each team and must observe social distance requirements behind the backstop.

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2020-21 BASEBALL GUIDELINES & COVID-19 MODIFICATIONS

Equipment Sanitation

- Each team provides sanitized balls (bucket) while on defense.
- Have a "dirty" ball bucket available, so they can be sanitized after the game.
- Sanitize bases after each game.

Equipment & Accessories

- Permissible face coverings are required to be worn at all times by all attendees present.
- Players shall utilize their own equipment bin for all personal gear in the dugout.
- Minimize the sharing of playing equipment (bats, batting helmets and catchers gear). Equipment must be sanitized between usage of multiple players.
- Batting gloves are encouraged to minimize contact with bats, balls and bases.
- Sanitize all equipment and accessories after each game.

Uniforms

Long sleeves are encouraged to reduce skin contact with the ball and bases.

Water Bottles & Hydration Stations

- Team members shall not share water bottles.
- Hydration stations may be utilized but shall be touched only by a single appointed monitor.

Umpires

- No line-up card exchanges.
- Observe social distance requirements when communicating with coaches, players and other umpires.
- Face coverings are required at all times.
- Carry hand sanitizer and use frequently.

Game Personnel Considerations (coaches, players, umpires)

- No sunflower seeds, spitting or gum.
- Carry hand sanitizer and use frequently.
- If a pitcher puts his/her hands to their mouth and touches the ball, "TIME" is called, the pitcher must sanitize their hands and a new ball is inserted before throwing the next pitch.

Regional Championships

- All games played at host school sites.
- Championships shall be single elimination.
- No pre-game player introduction assemblies on the foul lines.
- Awards ceremonies will be limited to ensure safe social distancing and to minimize mass gatherings.



MEMO

To: CIF STATE REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

From: Richard Shearer, CIF-SS Assistant Commissioner, Baseball Administrator

Date: May 2021

Subject: CIF STATE BASEBALL REGIONAL CRITERIA

The CIF Southern Section will be granted 20 entries into the CIF State Regional Championships. Teams may be moved to a different State Regional Division than the one in which they competed in during the Southern Section playoffs. There are no enrollment parameters in any division. The CIF State Seeding Committee has the authority to adjust when necessary due to travel considerations or when a repeat match-up of a final or semi-final occurs, but every effort is made to keep the schools in the order they are submitted. If one of the teams elects not to compete in the Regional event a school will be selected from the previous rounds. The highest seeded team that did not advance to the semi-final, or the final, will be invited followed by the next highest seeded team followed by the next, etc. until the entries are filled. The entrants will be as follows:

- 4 Semifinalists from Southern Section Division 1
- 4 Semifinalists from Southern Section Division 2
- 4 Semifinalists from Southern Section Division 3
- 2 Finalists from Southern Section Division 4
- 2 Finalists from Southern Section Division 5
- 2 Finalists from Southern Section Division 6
- 2 Finalists from Southern Section Division 7

For additional information visit the CIF State website www.cifstate.org



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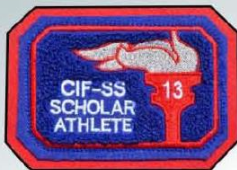




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