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# LACROSSE CALENDAR PLAYOFF DATES

Pairings/Brackets will be released Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am

## BOYS

### 8 TEAM BRACKET

1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Monday, April 29 – 5:00pm*
Semi-Finals	Friday, May 3 – 5:00pm*
FINALS	Friday, May 10 <sup>th</sup> @ Fred Kelly Stadium

### 16 TEAM BRACKET

Wild Card	Monday, April 29 – 5:00pm* (If necessary)
1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Wednesday, May 1 – 5:00pm*
Quarter-Finals	Friday, May 3 – 5:00pm*
Semi-Finals	Monday, May 6 – 5:00pm*
FINALS	Friday, May 10 <sup>th</sup> @ Fred Kelly Stadium

### 32 TEAM BRACKET

Wild Card	Monday, April 29 – 5:00pm* (If necessary)
1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Wednesday, May 1 – 5:00pm*
2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Friday, May 3 – 5:00pm*
Quarter-Finals	Monday, May 6 – 5:00pm*
Semi-Finals	Wednesday May 8 – 5:00pm*
FINALS	Friday, May 10 <sup>th</sup> @ Fred Kelly Stadium

## GIRLS

### 8 TEAM BRACKET

1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Tuesday, April 30 – 5:00pm*
Semi-Finals	Saturday, May 4 – 5:00pm*
FINALS	Saturday, May 11 <sup>th</sup> @ Fred Kelly Stadium

### 16 TEAM BRACKET

Wild Card	Tuesday, April 30 – 5:00pm* (If necessary)
1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Thursday, May 2 – 5:00pm*
Quarter-Finals	Saturday, May 4 – 5:00pm*
Semi-Finals	Tuesday, May 7 - 5:00pm*
FINALS	Saturday, May 11 <sup>th</sup> @ Fred Kelly Stadium

### 32 TEAM BRACKET

Wild Card	Tuesday, April 30 – 5:00pm* (If necessary)
1 <sup>st</sup> Round	Thursday, May 2 – 5:00pm*
2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Saturday, May 4 – 5:00pm*
Quarter-Finals	Tuesday, May 7 – 5:00pm*
Semi-Finals	Thursday, May 9 – 5:00pm*
FINALS	Saturday, May 11 <sup>th</sup> @ Fred Kelly Stadium

## **PLAYOFF FORMAT**

4- team leagues are guaranteed two (2) entries into the 2024 Boys' & Girl's Lacrosse Playoffs, 5-6 team leagues are guaranteed three (3) entries, 7-8 team leagues are guaranteed four (4) entries and 9 or more team leagues are guaranteed five (5) entries. Freelance teams may fill byes in each divisional draw, or teams submitted by leagues, who qualify for an At-Large entry. **See rule 3514.1 for rules regarding "At-Large" entries.**

## **DATE OF LAST CONTEST**

By Southern Section Council action, **ALL LEAGUE** contests must be completed by Thursday, April 25, 2024. Non-league games may be played until Saturday, April 27, 2024, but results will NOT be considered for playoff purposes.

## **DETERMINATION OF HOST TEAMS**

An asterisk (\*) on the draw sheet will indicate the host school for **all first-round contests**.

## **SECOND-ROUND CONTESTS**

The host school for these rounds will be determined in accordance with Section 3504, of the CIF-SS Blue Book. **In all divisions and in all rounds, the host school will be responsible for securing a field that meets the championship standards as stated below.**

**All Championship Finals will be held at Fred Kelly Stadium (3920 E Spring St, Orange, CA 92869) and will be managed by the CIF Southern Section.**

## **PRE –FLIPS**

For ALL Rounds we will be conducting pre-flips to give schools immediate notice of their next game location. When the pairings are released on Saturday, April 27th and the draw will indicate home and away teams. That day we will also do pre-flips to determine the host school in the next round. Each morning following games played in your division we will do pre-flips for the round following your next round. Flips will be done in the CIF-SS lobby and coaches are welcome to attend. **Coin Flip results will be available @ [www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org) after 10:00 a.m. the morning of the flips.**

## **FACILITY REQUIREMENTS – ALL DIVISIONS AND ALL ROUNDS**

See the NFHS Boys and Girls rules books on requirements.

## **PLAYING RULES**

All playoff games will be conducted according to the 2024 NFHS Boys' & Girl's Lacrosse Rule book (previously distributed to all CIF-SS lacrosse coaches), except where superseded by the CIF-SS Blue Book.

# PLAYOFF QUALIFYING CHECKLIST

Information contained in this booklet has been developed by the CIF Southern Section Staff for use by Athletic Administrators and other selected school personnel to assist in conducting an efficient playoff program.

With such a short period of time between playoff dates, early planning will greatly assist this office in securing officials, ticket distribution and notification of game sites and times to the media.

Schools in the 2024 CIF Southern Section Lacrosse Playoffs are to complete the following in CIFSSHome:

## PLAYOFF CHECK LIST

	Completed Date
1. Use cifsshome.org Team Roster – By <b>April 23rd</b>	_____
2. Eligibility list is included in roster on <a href="http://www.cifsshome.org">www.cifsshome.org</a> Any potential player that could appear in a playoff match must be listed.	_____
3. Use <a href="http://www.cifsshome.org">www.cifsshome.org</a> “SUBMIT TEAM PLAYOFF INFORMATION” DEADLINE: <b>Monday, April 29th.</b>	_____
4. Game Management under the “Finances” tab on <a href="http://www.cifsshome.org">www.cifsshome.org</a> must be entered prior to first playoff contest.	_____
5. E-mail "ALL CIF-SS Form" BEFORE <b>May 10</b> to your Division Representative (see page 22).	_____
6. Have field reserved if school is to "host" next round game.	_____
7. Arrange for emergency contacts with opponent.	_____
8. Game ball for all rounds must be the “ <b>Champion Sports Lacrosse Ball</b> ” If Champion Sports ball not used you next “home” match will be surrendered	



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# CIFSSHOME.org REQUIREMENTS

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## **SCHEDULES & SCORES** Complete your schedule in CIFSSHOME.org 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 (as well as update the scores immediately following your contests.**

Log in @ [www.cifsshome.org](http://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:

### - To **Add a game:**

- On the left panel, click on "Events", select "Add Event"
- Choose Game under "Event Type"
- Choose date of game under "Event Date"
- Choose "**Lacrosse, Boys**" or "**Lacrosse, Girls**" under "Sport"
- Choose Varsity under "Level"
- Type the opposing school name in "Add Opponent"
- Choose the type of game under "Select Game Type"
- Click on Home, Away or Neutral under "Location"
- Choose "Start Time"
- Click on "Save" to add one game or "Save & Duplicate" for multiple games.

### - To **Submit your score:**

- On the left panel
- Click on "Teams"
- Select "Teams Manager"
- Scroll down to "**Lacrosse, Boys**" or "**Lacrosse, Girls**" and click on VR to add Varsity scores
- Click on "Post Result" button
- Enter your team's score
- Enter the opponent's score
- The result should auto populate with either "W", "L" or "T" based on the correct match score entered.
- If the game was a forfeit, click on the Yes box
- Enter the scores in "Notes".
- Make sure that your overall and team records are correct on your team page.

## **VARSITY TEAM INFORMATION (ROSTER)**

**Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your entire Lacrosse Varsity roster into CIFSSHOME.org (no later than **WEDNESDAY, April 24, 2024.****

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

- Click on the "**Teams**" tab, click on "**Teams Manager**", click on "**Lacrosse, Boys**", or "**Lacrosse, Girls**", select "Vr"

You can **UPLOAD** your roster using the instructions below (1) or you can enter each player one by one (2).

**Required roster information for Lacrosse is: First Name, Last Name, Birth date, Year, & Eligibility**

### **(1) To ADD roster players one by one:**

- Click on "+Add Players One By One" and complete fields required for Boys Tennis.

### **(2) To Import a Roster using an Excel 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.
- Only an excel file (**xls**) can be uploaded 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 Lacrosse are: First Name, Last Name, Birth date, Year, & Eligibility**

- Click on "Choose File" to find your file, then click on "Import"

- To confirm the roster has been uploaded, your players' names will be uploaded in the "**Official Roster**"

section

- Click on the "Pencil" edit button next to the player's name to view each player's information.

## CIFSSHOME.org Requirements (continued)

### **VARSITY COACHES**

**Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your Lacrosse coaches (Head & Assistants) into CIFSSHome no later than **WEDNESDAY, April 24, 2024.****

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

- Click on the “**Users**” tab
- Click on “**User Manager**”
- Click on the “**+**” in the upper right hand corner to add Coaches and Assistant Coaches. Enter the information requested on the “Add School User” page. Choose “Active” to provide the coach with access to CIFSSHome or “Inactive” for directory purposes only. Choose Yes or No to give the coach access to all sport, click **Submit**. Choose the applicable options on the Assign Coach to Team page, click Save or Add Another to add additional coach(s).

#### **VARSITY TEAM INFORMATION (TEAM PHOTO)**

**Please upload no later than **FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024.****

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

- Click on the “**Teams**” tab
- Click “**Teams Manager**”
- Click on “**Lacrosse, Boys**” or “**Lacrosse, Girls**”
- Click on the “**Team Photo**” tab
- Click on the “pencil” edit button under “**TEAM PICTURE**”, choose the file
- Click **Submit**.

#### **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 Lacrosse. The At Large Application is to be submitted by your school no later than **THURSDAY, April 25 @ 11:00 p.m.****

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

- Click on the “**Forms**” tab
- Click “**At Large Petition**”
- Add Sport: Select “**Lacrosse, Boys**”, or “**Lacrosse, Girls**” ADD
- Message will display that you have added.

**WIN OR LOSE, YOU MUST  
ENTER YOUR SCORES IMMEDIATELY  
AFTER YOUR CONTEST INTO YOUR SCHEDULE AT**

**WWW.CIFSSHOM.ORG**

**Log in @ [www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org)**

**(If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).**





## OFFICIAL BALL PROGRAM 2023-2024

### Official Ball per sport:

Baseball:	Rawlings RCIF-SS	Must be CIFSS/ <b>NOCSAE</b> stamped ball
Boys Basketball:	Wilson NCAA EVO NXT GAME BALL Size 7 <b>(Used in CIF-SS Championship)</b> Wilson EVO NXT Game Basketball Size 7	
Girls Basketball:	Wilson NCAA EVO NXT GAME BALL Size 6 <b>(Used in CIF-SS Championship)</b> Wilson EVO NXT Game Basketball Size 6	
Football:	Wilson GST GAME BALL Wilson GST Prime GAME BALL	
Lacrosse:	Champion Sports NOCSAE Balls	(White LBWNOCSAE, Yellow LBYNOCSAE, Orange LBO, Lime Green LBG)
Soccer:	Wilson NCAA Vivido Match Ball <b>(Used in CIF-SS Championship)</b> Wilson NCAA Veza Match Ball Wilson Forte Fybrid II NCAA Match Soccer Ball <i>(discontinued)</i>	
Softball:	Rawlings FPCIF-SS <b>(Used in CIF-SS Championship)</b>	
Tennis:	Penn ATP World Tour <b>(Used in CIF-SS Championship)</b> Pro Penn Marathon	
Volleyball, Indoor:	Mikasa VFC1000 Series <b>(Used in CIF-SS Championship)</b> Mikasa VQ2000 Series	
Volleyball, Beach:	Wilson NCAA OPTX Game Ball <b>(Used in CIF-SS Championship)</b>	
Boys Water Polo:	KAP7 model 105 with NFHS stamp <b>(Used in CIF-SS Championship)</b>	
Girls Water Polo:	KAP7 model 104 with NFHS stamp <b>(Used in CIF-SS Championship)</b>	

### Mandatory Playoff Use Requirement:

The mandatory “official” ball rule for all playoff rounds, excluding golf. The rule applies throughout the conduct of **all** CIF-SS **playoff** contests.

**\*Items in red are used in the final game for the CIF-SS Championships. Any model listed is compliant in CIF-SS post season play.**

### Playoff Ball Use Rule Enforcement:

Should a school fail to provide the correct game ball, the game will always be played. Teams/schools failing to utilize the correct official ball in CIF-SS playoffs will be reported by officials to CIF-SS and will not be allowed to host their next available home playoff game. Penalty will carry over to the next season if not enforceable this season due to elimination.

**Note: NFHS stamp is required in all sports *except in golf, tennis and beach volleyball.***

# PLAYOFF INFORMATION

## BRACKET CONSTRUCTION

**SEEDS** - The initial step is to designate four teams in rank order as seeds, with No. 1, 2, 3, and 4 placed in the designated draw position in each quarter of the bracket. Now, designate the next four teams in rank order as seeds, with No. 5, 6, 7, and 8 being placed in each quarter of the designated bracket. Next, the teams designated as seeds No. 9, 10, 11, and 12 will be placed in each quarter of the designated bracket. The last four teams in rank order designated as No. 13, 14, 15, and 16 will now be placed in each quarter of the designated bracket.

**ADJUSTMENTS** - Adjustments to this procedure would be made if the seeds in the same half/quarter of the bracket were from the same league. If this occurs, using the example of the top half of the bracket, should the No. 1 and 4 seeds be from the same league, No. 4 would become the No. 3 seed and the No. 3 seed would fill the No. 4 designated position. Adjustment may become necessary to ensure that the No. 1 and 2 entries from the same league are placed in opposite halves of the overall bracket.

Note: Throughout this process, a league No. 2 entry may not be seeded higher than the No. 1 entry from the same league, nor may a No. 3 league entry be seeded higher than the No. 2 entry from the same league. If there are First Round “byes” available in playoff brackets, those byes will be awarded to League Champions first, regardless of the overall seeding for that bracket. If all the League Champions in that bracket have been awarded a “bye”, and there are still additional byes available, 2nd place teams will have priority to receive them.

**FILLING THE DRAW** - The next step is to begin completing the draw by placing any remaining No. 2 league entries in the opposite half of the bracket from the No. 1 entries from the same league. The final step to complete the draw is to place the remaining No. 3 entries (along with any No. 4 entries, At-Large and/or Freelance teams) from each of the respective leagues in the remaining open slots, attempting to place each in one of the remaining “quarters” of the bracket where the league is not represented. This process eliminates the aspect of schools from the same league meeting in the second round of competition (Exception: if the overall bracket holds less than 32 teams, it is possible for two teams from the same league to meet in the second round or if five (5) or more entries from the same league compete in the same division two teams from the same league will be placed in the same quarter).

**WILD CARD CONTEST** - Where the number of teams exceeds the number of openings in the draw, the Commissioner may order a special playoff contest (Wild-Card System) to determine entry into the main draw for the playoffs. Wild Card contest are only necessary and allowable when the number of automatic entries for the bracket exceeds the size of the bracket. For example, 37 teams earned an automatic entry into a 32-team bracket. Wild Card contests become necessary to reduce the field down to 32 teams.

**AT-LARGE ENTRIES** - Must Have Overall Record of .500 or Better AT-LARGE entries can only be considered when the number of automatic entries does not fill the size of the playoff bracket. For example, 30 teams earned an automatic entry therefore two (2) AT-LARGE entries are to be selected to fill the bracket to 32

teams. To submit an AT-LARGE Petition, in cifsshome.org, click on FORMS>AT LARGE PETITION>Select Sport>Click on the ADD button.

The Coaches Advisory Committee will make selections based upon the following:

- (a) Head-to-head competition of teams under consideration
- (b) Strength of schedule and results vs. teams in division and higher
- (c) Overall strength of the league from which the team is entered
- (d) Overall win-loss record
- (e) Strength against common opponents

BYLAW 3400 PLAYOFFS For additional information on bracket construction, filling of “byes”, wild card entries, At-large entries, and determination of sites after the first round please review Bylaw 3400 in the CIF Southern Section Blue Book.

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Log in @ [www.cifsshome.org](http://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 under FORMS, click on At Large Petition
- Select “Lacrosse, Boys” or “Lacrosse, Girls” 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.**

### **OFFICIALS**

**The CIF-SS Office will assign officials** for all lacrosse playoff contests. Fees for officials will be:

- Boys **Single Game (Playoff Rounds)** -- \$117.00 each official, during all playoff rounds
- Girls **Single Game (Playoff Rounds)** -- \$117.00 each official, during all playoff rounds
- Championship Final** -- \$126.00 each official

Upon request, the host school will be provided the names of the officials by a representative of the CIF-SS Office.



## **AWARDS**

The following awards will be given during the playoffs:

- A. Championship Plaques – 1- All first place teams.
  - B. Runner-up Plaques – 1- All second place teams.
  - C. Championship Patches – 20 Boys/ 24 Girls individual patches for members of all championship teams.
  - D. Championship T-shirts – 20 Boys/ 24 Girls T-shirts for members of all championship teams.
  - E. Runner Up Patches – 20 Boys/ 24 Girls individual patches for members of all runner-up teams.
- Information on ordering additional patches can be found later in this packet.

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 by your school. The document is in a “type-in” PDF format and can be found on CIFSSHOMe in the FORMS Tab ([www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org)).

## **ADMISSION**

- A. Preliminary Rounds -- As per Article 10, Section 143 of the CIF-SS Blue Book, there will be no admission charged for games, except upon petition to the Commissioner's Office, by the principals of the schools involved. If written permission is granted, the prices are to be \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for high school students and for children 13 and under.
- B. Championship Finals Ticket Prices (will be available on GoFan)
  - \$12.00 Adults
  - \$5.00 High School Students (w/current HS ID)
  - \$5.00 Children (13 and under)

All seating at the FINALS SITE will be general admission (first come, first served). This will allow the fans of competing schools to have an equal opportunity for seats. Schools are responsible for securing their own valuables. Valuables should not be left unattended. Each team should designate someone to secure those valuables and always keep them in their possession.

## **CONTEST FINANCES**

- A. If permission is granted to charge admission for preliminary rounds, the gross profit will be split equally between the schools, with the visitor paying its own travel expense and the host team paying the game expense.
- B. Concessions and Programs -- In all games except the finals, the host school reserves the right to handle programs and concessions as a separate venture, and need not share the profit, or expect the visiting school or CIF-SS, to share in any loss.
- C. Championship Finals -- When managed by the CIF-SS, all receipts will revert to the CIF-SS, who will pay game, facility, and award expenses.

## **COURTESY CARDS AND MEDIA PASSES**

CIF-SS Courtesy Cards **MUST** be honored for all boys'/girl's lacrosse playoff contests, INCLUDING THE CHAMPIONSHIP. CIF-Southern Section Media credentials issued by the Commissioner's Office, the State CIF

Courtesy Card, and the State CIF Life Pass are the only credentials that **MUST** be honored for admission to the boys/girls lacrosse playoff contests.

## **GAME BALLS**

Participating teams will furnish their own balls for pre-game warm-ups and practice sessions. It will be the responsibility of the host team to provide an official game ball (Champion Sports), as specified in the National Federation Rules, and per CIF Southern Section contract. **All playoff contests must be played using the NOCSAE ball.** The CIF Southern Section will furnish the **Champion Sports** lacrosse ball for all Championship Final games.

## **CHEERING SECTIONS**

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, balloons, 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 painting is acceptable from the neck up only and shall not include any inappropriate letters or symbols. Assigned school staff shall monitor their cheering sections with regards to face painting.

## **PROTESTS OF PLAYOFF CONTESTS**

By action of the CIF-SS Council at its March 1983 meeting, protests of playoff contests involving National Federation rules will no longer be entertained following the conclusion of the contest. Coaches may direct questions to the game officials as they pertain to a possible misapplication of the rules in accordance with the National Federation rules governing that sport. **No protest may be carried forth once the contest is completed.**

Coaches are encouraged to carry National Federation rulebooks with them for all playoff contests.

Schools will still have the opportunity to protest a contest, in accordance with Southern Section Rule 1111, as it pertains to use of an ineligible player, or violations of any CIF-Southern Section rule in connection with the contest.



**CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PLAYOFF/CHAMPIONSHIP  
REQUIREMENTS - ALL TEAMS AND HOST SITES  
2023-2024**



**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 The NFHS Network, Bally Sports West or Bally Sports SoCal.

**'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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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. Through the CIF-SS partnership with GoFan, all playoff tickets will be made available online for digital purchase and presented electronically at the event gate for entry. Patrons can purchase in advance via [gofan.co](http://gofan.co), via private links made available by the participating schools or via QR code at the entry gate of the playoff event. All playoff revenue will be sent directly to CIF-SS. Both the host and visiting schools will be required to submit a financial/expense report following each playoff game in an effort to receive reimbursement for game expenses and revenue share split in the case of a profit game.
- CIF-SS/FORD Banner:** It is a requirement of each host school (including off-site) that the CIF-SS/Ford Championship 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](mailto: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. PA's for each sport can be found on [cifss.org](http://cifss.org) under the designated sports page.
- Media Credential Access:** Accredited working media should be given admission to all playoff games by showing their CIF-SS Media credential.



**CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PLAYOFF/CHAMPIONSHIP  
ADDITIONAL/CUSTOM POST SEASON AWARDS  
2023-2024**



**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 directly.

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

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