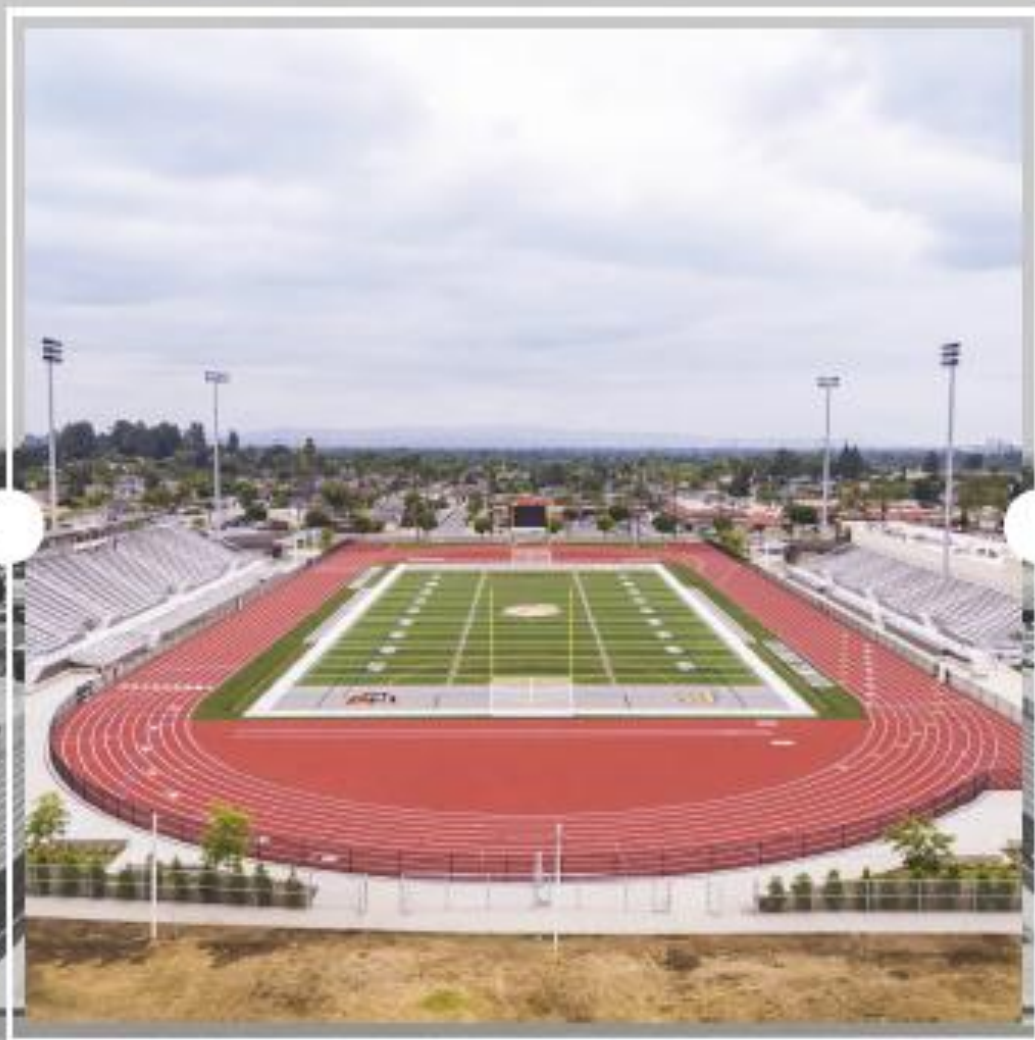


CIF SOUTHERN SECTION | SOCCER



# FINALIST BULLETIN

FRED KELLY STADIUM | 3920 E SPRING ST, ORANGE, CA



2025-2026



**2026 CIF Southern Section Ford  
Boys and Girls Soccer  
Championship Finals**

**Fred Kelly Stadium  
3920 E. Spring Street, Orange, CA 92869**

**Saturday, February 28**

**Gates Open – 9:45 am**

**Boys Division 5 @ 10:30 am**

**\*Santa Ana Valley v. Esperanza**

**Boys Division 1 @ 1:00 pm**

**\*Santa Monica v. Fontana**

**Girls Open Division @ 3:30 pm**

**\*Mater Dei v. Santa Margarita**

**Boys Open Division @ 6:00 pm**

**\*Mater Dei v. Lutheran/Orange**

**\*Denotes Home Team**

**GENERAL PLAYOFF INFORMATION**

**TICKET PRICES**

The following ticket prices will be in effect at all host sites:

General Admission	\$ 14.00
Students ( <b>with</b> HS student ID)	\$ 7.00
Students ( <b>without</b> HS student ID)	\$ 14.00
Children (5 to 13 years old)	\$ 7.00

**TICKETS can ONLY be purchased ONLINE via [www.gofan.co](http://www.gofan.co)**

**Saturday, 2/28/2026:**

<https://gofan.co/event/6192801?schoolId=CIFSS>



### **COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS**

Each school participating in the CIF-SS Soccer Championships will receive an allotment of 10 complimentary digital general admission tickets for each match in which they compete, via a unique promo code. The promo code will be entered by the intended comp recipient upon checkout to purchase the ticket at \$0. If additional tickets are desired, they must be purchased by the school at the prevailing rate. Drivers of team and rooster buses must be provided with tickets by the school; they will not be admitted without a ticket. It's up to each participating school to decide how the complimentary tickets are distributed.

The CIF Southern Section office will send 10 digital comp tickets to each school. This distribution will be done via GoFan sent to the Athletic Director's email found in CIFSSHome. Once the school's Athletic Director receives the email, it may only be distributed one (1) additional time.

### **PARTICIPANTS' TICKETS**

**Players, Coaches, trainers, and stat personnel in uniform listed on your roster will be admitted through the participant entrance. If the name is not on the roster, they will not be permitted onto the field.**

**All players and staff personnel are required to sit on your team bench for the duration of your game.**

**Team bench seats are limited, and any player or staff overflow must sit in the bleachers.**

**Teams, Coaches, and bench personnel must arrive and enter the facility together.**

**If members of your team are arriving separately, please ask them to wait outside the venue until all members are present before entering.**

All schools will be provided a packet which includes the following passes:

- (4) Credential for school administration/faculty supervisors
- (2) Credentials for Media (High School Photo/Press)

## **FACULTY SUPERVISION**

Supervisors for the game must report to the stadium before the start time to help preserve the integrity of their school's rooting section. All seating at Fred Kelly Stadium is open for general admission seating. Each school is to submit the name of the two (2) faculty supervisors in charge, in the event he/she must be paged over the public-address system. **Please submit the names of the Athletic Director, Administrator, and faculty supervisors via e-mail to Chelsea Olson at [chelseao@cifss.org](mailto:chelseao@cifss.org) no later than 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 26.** Near the end of the game, with approximately five (5) minutes remaining in the contest, we ask that the faculty supervisors position themselves facing the stands to assist with crowd control and behavior.

## **ANNOUNCER**

A game announcer will be provided for introductions of line-ups, substitutions, goal scorers, etc., but not for play-by-play, as this could pose a safety issue for players and officials. The announcer will also direct the post-game awards ceremony immediately after the contest.

At the conclusion of the contest, teams will be directed to line up at midfield for the presentation of the Runner-Up and Championship trophies. Each trophy will be presented to the school's designated recipient. No individual names will be announced.

## **PROGRAMS**

The 2026 CIF Southern Section Soccer Championship Finals programs will be available online at [www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org) by Wednesday afternoon once all team information has been submitted.

Click on the boys' soccer team page or the girls' soccer team page and search for the heading labeled "**Programs**".

## **SITE INFORMATION**

### **FRED KELLY STADIUM (El Modena High School Campus)**

There is no charge for parking. Parking for the main lot is located off E. Spring St. in the student lot of El Modena High School.

Overflow parking is available at Prospect Elementary School, located at E. Spring St. and N. Virage St.

### **COOLERS/FOOD/DRINKS**

**Only sealed, unopened water bottles are allowed into the venue.**

**NO HYDROFLASKS, ICE CHESTS, or COOLERS WILL BE ALLOWED INTO ANY CHAMPIONSHIP FACILITIES.**

Food trucks will be set up at the facility with limited options available for purchase.

### **RE-ENTRY POLICY**

Re-entry will be allowed for spectators into the venue with a handstamp. Should anyone wish to leave the venue and exit the facility, it is their responsibility to obtain a handstamp. If they do not obtain a handstamp, they will be required to purchase another ticket. Spectators should bring all their jackets, blankets, umbrellas, etc., when entering the stadium. This venue has stadium seating, so no chairs will be allowed.

### **PETS**

No pets will be allowed into the venue unless they are documented service animals.

### **CHEERING 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.

It is the expectation that cheering section behavior will be monitored by the assigned school staff of the school they represent. All improper behavior/language should be addressed and corrected immediately by school staff supervisors. The walkway areas between the front row of the bleachers and the safety rail must remain clear. All spectators must be in the stands and clear of the railing.

### **NOISEMAKERS PROHIBITED**

No noisemakers (horns, bells, victory bells, thunder sticks, sirens, chimes, cow bells, wooden blocks, musical instruments other than those in the band etc.) will be permitted at any CIF Southern Section soccer game.

Cheering devices such as wooden blocks or other similar objects are prohibited. Megaphones shall be used only by uniformed cheerleaders for the purpose of directing and controlling rooting sections.

The improper use of any of the above-listed devices or any other artificial noisemaker by supporters of a team would subject that team to possible forfeiture of the contest. Neither team is allowed to use music during pre-game.

### **BODY PAINT**

Face Painting is acceptable from the neck up only and shall not include any inappropriate letters and symbols. Assigned school staff shall monitor their cheering sections with regard to face painting.

### **BANNERS AND POSTERS**

Posters and banners are an excellent way of creating good sportsmanship between competing schools. Only those posters and banners exhibiting this concept will be permitted. If the banner or poster is deemed inappropriate by the CIF Southern Section staff, it will be confiscated and not returned.

# FRED KELLY STADIUM



**OVERFLOW AND BUS  
PARKING AT  
PROSPECT ELEM.**



**FRED KELLY  
STADIUM**

**EXIT ONLY**

# GAME INFORMATION

## UNIFORM

Per NFHS rule, the designated visiting team shall wear solid white jerseys with solid white socks, and the designated home team shall wear dark jerseys and dark socks. In addition, both teams are REQUIRED to bring both home and away uniforms if a change is necessary. Dressing room facilities will be available if there is a weather/lighting delay. Teams must come dressed for the contest.

**ALL UNIFORMS MUST MEET NATIONAL FEDERATION RULE 4, Section 1, Article 1 – 6 in the NFHS Rules Book.**

## TEAM ROSTER

As per National Federation Rule 3-1-3, each coach must submit a roster, bench personnel, and coach names to the officials at least five minutes prior to the start of the contest. The game shall not begin until this is complete.

Upon arrival, the teams should submit (5) copies of their complete updated roster in numerical order. All players will have their names announced prior to the contest based on the supplied roster.

## SQUAD SIZE

The CIF Southern Section will provide 22 individual awards per team. The squad size of the team should only include the regular season rostered varsity team. All team members, including the coaching staff, must be seated during the contest. The listed head coach on the official roster may stand during the contest. If the bench provided is not large enough, the extra players must sit on the ground or be sent to the stands.

## WARM-UP BALLS

Each team is responsible for supplying its own warm-up/practice balls.

## GAME BALLS

The game ball will be the **Wilson NCAA Vivido Match** soccer ball. CIF Southern Section will supply three championship game balls.

## WARM-UP PROCEDURE

Regardless of the scheduled time of the contest, each team will be guaranteed 10 minutes of warm-up time on the championship field. Warm-up fields for each team will be provided adjacent to the main stadium. The warm-up fields are natural grass. Teams selected for the first contest of the day will be allowed to warm up on the main championship field starting at **9:15 am on Saturday - no earlier**.

Teams scheduled for games 2, 3, and 4 will have access to their warm-up field two (2) hours prior to their scheduled game time. Teams scheduled for games 2, 3, and 4 will be informed when the stadium field from the prior contest has been cleared and allowed to enter the championship field.

## PRE-GAME CEREMONY

At the conclusion of the warm-up on the championship field (5:00 minutes on the clock before the scheduled start), the center official will call both teams to line up, single file at midfield for team introductions and the national anthem. Team members will line up and be announced in numerical order, starting with the designated visiting team, followed by the designated home team. Once the rosters have been announced, the National Anthem will be played. Following the National Anthem, teams will shake hands and then return to their respective bench for last-minute instructions before taking the field and the start of the contest.

## **OFFICIALS**

The officials for the championship games will be assigned and paid for by the CIF Southern Section office. Each site will have a four-member, neutral area crew. One of the four will be the official timekeeper who will communicate with the center official and the clock operator.

## **OFFICIAL TIMER**

The CIF Southern Section will provide the official timer and scorer. The official game time will be displayed on the scoreboard, and the contest will end when the clock reaches 00:00. No additional time will be added at the conclusion of each half. The center official, if necessary, will stop the clock during the contest for injuries or unnecessary delays. The center official will indicate to the official timer when to stop and start the clock.

## **TRAINER**

The CIF Southern Section will provide a trainer for all games. Schools, please provide your own supplies. Schools may provide their own trainer who will enter the field with the team and remain on the field for the duration of the contest.

## **OVERTIME PROCEDURES**

With the potential for advancement to CIF State Soccer Regional Championships, a champion will need to be declared in each of the nine divisional finals.

### **The tie-breaking procedure is as follows:**

- After regulation time, there will be two (2) minutes prior to the start of overtime.
- Two, ten-minute “Golden Goal” (or sudden victory) periods will be played with 2 minutes between each half. If a team scores during the first overtime period, the contest is over.
- If a tie score still exists, the game will be decided by penalty kicks, as outlined in the NFHS rules book.

## **AWARDS CEREMONY**

**THE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED IMMEDIATELY AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONTEST.**

Teams will line up at midfield following the contest in numerical order. **The CIF-SS will provide only 22 awards per team (see the attached flyer to order additional Championship t-shirts and awards if needed).**

Immediately after the game, both teams should shake hands, then go on their side of the midfield line until called by the public-address announcer. The same pre-game announcing procedure will be followed.

All teams will accept awards as follows:

- A. The announcer will announce the administration from the Runner-Up. The administration will present the Runner-Up plaque to the head coach.
- B. Announcer will announce the administration from the Championship team. The administration will present the Championship plaque to the head coach.
- C. Teams return to the bench after the awards ceremony and clear out the area for the next contest.

Players and team members are not to leave the field until the conclusion of the awards presentation. Do not let your athletes leave the field to celebrate at the conclusion of the contest.

## **PROTESTS**

BY ACTION OF THE CIF-SS COUNCIL, 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.

## **MEDIA AND CREDENTIALS INFORMATION**

### **PRESS INTERVIEWS**

The Press may conduct interviews after the awards ceremony. If the press requests athletes for an interview, ***please have a coach or administrator present during the interview.***

### **BROADCASTS**

The CIF Southern Section Office retains the right to all audio and video reproductions of any CIF-SS playoff contest. Permission for ANY audio or video reproduction equipment at CIF-SS soccer playoffs must be secured in advance from the Commissioner's Office, for which a fee will be charged.

Boys - All Divisions: [www.nfhsnetwork.com](http://www.nfhsnetwork.com)

Girls - All Divisions: [www.nfhsnetwork.com](http://www.nfhsnetwork.com)

### **COURTESY CARDS / PRESS CREDENTIALS**

CIF-Southern Section press credentials issued by the Commissioner's Office, the State CIF Courtesy Card, and the State CIF Life Pass are the only credentials that MAY be honored for admission to the Southern Section Soccer Championships.

## **CHAMPIONSHIP FINANCIALS**

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The CIF-SS Blue Book requires the host school charge admission to the CIF Southern Section Soccer Championships. See financial policy Article 10, Section 120-149, CIF-SS Blue Book, page 46-49.

Playoff financial reporting via [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org) has changed as schools will no longer be reporting ticket revenue. CIF-Southern Section will assume this responsibility, as all ticket sales will be reported on the day following each event from the GoFan captured sales report. However, host and visiting schools will maintain the responsibility of reporting game expenses via [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org) upon approval of the submitted expense reports.

### **TRAVEL AND GAME EXPENSES**

Travel expenses will be set at the allowable maximum of \$1.50 per mile round-trip. for either chartered or school transportation. The maximum allowance for private automobile transportation (limit of 4 cars) would be \$0.50 per mile, per car, round trip. Distances obtained from MapQuest shall be used when available for computing expenses. This subsidy is in concert with the CIF-SS council action, which established the amount and has encouraged schools to utilize vans and/or private automobiles, when possible, to keep travel allowances at a minimum for the participating schools. Where excessive travel is necessary, arrangements for any meal allowances must be approved in advance with the CIF Southern Section office.

2025-2026

# CIF-SS APPROVED PASS GATE CARDS

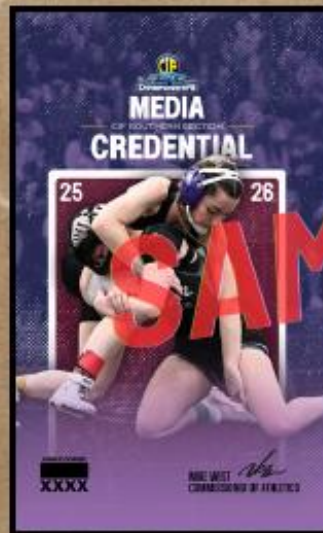
## COURTESY CARD

GOOD FOR BEARER +1



## MEDIA CREDENTIAL

GOOD FOR BEARER ONLY



## MVP AD

GOOD FOR BEARER +1



## GOLD LIFE PASS

GOOD FOR BEARER +1



## STATE COURTESY CARD

GOOD FOR BEARER +1





**CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PLAYOFF/CHAMPIONSHIP  
REQUIREMENTS - ALL TEAMS AND HOST SITES  
2024-2025**



**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  
2024-2025**



**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.

**"Champion", "Finalist"  
"ALL-CIF" Patches** Champion, Finalist and ALL-CIF patches must be exclusively ordered through JL Custom Jackets and Patches at [www.jlcustomjackets.com](http://www.jlcustomjackets.com), (951) 867-3200, or email [lindseyjlcustomjackets.com](mailto: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 2022 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](http://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	<a href="http://www.jlcustomjackets.com">www.jlcustomjackets.com</a>	(951) 867-3200
CIF Tshirts	<a href="http://www.cifsstshirts.com">www.cifsstshirts.com</a>	(951) 789-5858
C&L Custom Jackets	<a href="http://www.cljackets.com">www.cljackets.com</a>	(714) 828-6900
Embroidery & More	<a href="http://www.embroideryandmoredesign.com">www.embroideryandmoredesign.com</a>	(951) 471-5200
Fancy Stitchin'	<a href="http://www.fancystitchin.com">www.fancystitchin.com</a>	(951) 656-6505
Funky Monkey Designs	<a href="http://www.getfunkymonkey.com">www.getfunkymonkey.com</a>	(909) 592-2622
PC & C Embroidery	<a href="https://pccembroidery.com/">https://pccembroidery.com/</a>	(909) 403-4558
The Advertising Specialists	<a href="https://www.tassigns.com/page/cif-southern-section-licensed-patch-provider">https://www.tassigns.com/page/cif-southern-section-licensed-patch-provider</a>	(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).

Integrity Design [www.IntegrityDesignUSA.com](http://www.IntegrityDesignUSA.com) Larry Shoppa (855) 341-8817

### • Rings

J. Lewis Small	<a href="http://www.jlewissmall.com">www.jlewissmall.com</a>
Jostens	<a href="http://www.jostens.com">www.jostens.com</a>
Signature Style Jewelry	<a href="http://www.signaturestylejewelry.com">www.signaturestylejewelry.com</a>
Baron Championship Rings	<a href="https://baronrings.com/">https://baronrings.com/</a>

**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, Director of Marketing & Corporate Partnerships, Jacquelyn Gibson at [jackieg@cifss.org](mailto:jackieg@cifss.org) or 562-493-9500.