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Determination of Playoff Divisions – Boys Volleyball

With the passage of the new competitive equity playoff system (CIFSS Council, January 2024) and changes to Bylaws 3519 and 3520, teams will be placed in playoff divisions at the end of the regular season based on a team's current win/loss data. It is imperative that coaches/athletic directors enter their full schedule and score results consistently throughout the season. Member schools that fail to accurately enter complete regular-season results into the CIFSSHome system will not be placed into a playoff division and will be ineligible to participate in the Southern Section Championship playoff tournament. Please review your results carefully, entering actual tournament opponents played, the correct date the contest was played on, and the game scores. Please look through your schedule and scores on CIFSSHome (not another platform), as all data retrieval will be from CIFSSHome. The Massey Ratings system will continue to be used to determine a team's individual power ranking, which in turn will determine where a team is placed in a playoff division.

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL SCHEDULES AND SCORES ARE COMPLETED BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22nd (end of the day) or sooner!

Last League and Contest Date: Wednesday, April 22nd (NO GAMES MAY BE PLAYED AFTER THIS DATE, AT ANY LEVEL).

Score Reconciliation: Thursday and Friday, April 23rd and 24th (NO GAMES ARE BEING PLAYED, THE SEASON HAS ENDED FOR ALL LEVELS).

Playoff Bracket Release: Saturday, April 25th.

PLAYOFF DIVISIONS

The CIF Southern Section Boys Volleyball Playoffs shall be conducted in 9 playoff divisions. In 2026, all divisions will be 32-team brackets, except for Division 1 and possibly Division 2. Bracket size for Divisions 1 and 2 will be determined after the regular season ends.

It will be the responsibility of the Commissioner and his staff to establish the pairings in each first-round game for all divisions. Playoff groupings will be created using an average of the total number of automatic qualifiers across all the divisions. A **playoff division will start with an automatic qualifier** and include all teams until the automatic qualifier, which begins the division below it. Once Automatic Qualifiers have been placed into a division, any remaining spots will go to the highest-ranked, .500 or

better, at-large teams in that grouping. The ranking of each team will be determined by a school's rating at the designated time, Thursday afternoon, April 23, 2026.

If Division 1 consists of only eight (8) teams, they will compete in a pool-play tournament. See below for the construction of that event. The eight (8) teams will be placed into the pool based on their power ranking, regardless of league finish and designation. If the power rankings determine that Division 1 will have more than eight (8) teams, they will compete in a traditional single-elimination bracket with no more than 16 teams. Next, Division 2-9 representatives will be placed in the bracket and seeded one through 16 or one through 32, as determined by the selection process. This will be regardless of league finish and designation. The higher-seeded team, regardless of league finish, shall be the host school in the first round.

Important information to be considered regarding the formation of the 2026 playoff divisions:

1. Rankings for all teams will be determined at a designated time on Thursday afternoon, April 23, 2026. Rankings will be taken using the Massey Reporting system. As the rankings are dynamic, only these rankings, from that moment, will be used. Massey rounds to the nearest 10th in posting their rankings; teams that are tied in rating will have their strength of schedule used to break an exact matching power ranking value.
2. After all teams have been placed into division one, the next available automatic qualifier and all remaining teams after that will make up either a 16-team or 32-team bracket to form divisions 2-9.
3. An average of automatic qualifiers will be used to place teams into a division. It is an average, with some divisions having more, and some less than the average, depending on the order of automatic qualifiers and the number of at-large teams in a grouping of teams. There are currently 230 automatic qualifiers for the 2026 season. (This number is subject to change based on the participation of all teams during the league portion of our season.)
4. Once automatic qualifiers have been placed into a division, and pending space, any remaining spots will go to the highest-ranked .500 overall record or better at-large teams in that grouping. **A team MUST be .500 or better to qualify for the playoffs, regardless of their power ranking.**

CALENDAR PLAYOFF DATES

PLAYOFF MATCH TIME: **6:00 PM ALL DIVISIONS**

PLAYOFF DATES: **Division 1 (If Pool Play):** April 29, May 5, May 9, 15 or 16

The highest-seeded team will host each contest in pool play. Six (6) of the eight (8) teams selected to participate in the Division 1 Southern Section Championship tournament will receive an automatic entry into the State CIF Regional Boys' Volleyball Tournament. Two of the teams selected will be the winners of each pool. The other four selected teams will be the teams with the best pool play record (regardless of what pool they participated in) that did not reach the Southern Section final. If a tie exists for the remaining four positions, tie breaker #1 will be the team(s) with the highest set winning percentage. If a tie still exists, the second tie breaker will be the use of "seed" points outlined in the example shown below.

Pool A:
Seed 1,4,5,8

Pool B:
Seed 2,3,6,7

Game Schedule: * indicates home team

	<u>Pool A</u>	<u>Pool B</u>
Wednesday, April 29 @ 6:00pm	*1 v 5, *4 v 8	*2 v 6, *3 v 7
Tuesday, May 5 @ 6:00pm	*1 v 8, *4 v 5	*2 v 7, *3 v 6
Saturday, May 9 @ 6:00pm	*1 v 4, *5 v 8	*2 v 3, *6 v 7
Fri./Sat. May 15 or 16 @ TBA	Pool A winner	v. Pool B winner

Tie Breakers: 2-way tie: head-to-head result will be used

First 3-way tie breaker:

The total number of sets won divided by the total number of sets played by each team in all pool play matches.

Example:

Team A: 2 – 1 Overall	Team B: 2 – 1 Overall	Team C: 2 – 1 Overall
Wins Match 1 (3 – 0)	Wins Match 1 (3 – 0)	Wins Match 1 (3 – 2)
Wins Match 2 (3 – 1)	Wins Match 2 (3 – 2)	Wins Match 2 (3 – 2)
Loses Match 3 (1 – 3)	Loses Match 3 (1 – 3)	Loses Match 3 (1 – 3)
Total sets won = 7	Total Sets won = 7	Total sets won = 7
Total sets played = 11	Total sets played = 12	Total sets played = 14
Set Percentage = .636	Set Percentage = .583	Set Percentage = .500

Team A would advance with a higher win percentage v. the other two teams.

If two teams are tied after this process and one team is eliminated based on a lower set percentage, the remaining two teams will be evaluated based on the head-to-head result.

If the three teams are still tied after the process, a second phase will be used. The team with the lowest combined seed points from games won in pool play will advance.

Example:	<u>Record</u>	<u>Seed Points</u>
Seed 1 – beats 8, beats 5, loses to 4	2 – 1	13
Seed 4 – loses to 5, beats 8, beats 1	2 – 1	9
Seed 5 – beats 4, loses to 1, beats 8	2 – 1	12
Seed 8 – loses to 1, loses to 4, loses to 5	0 – 3	X

Seed 4 advances by accumulating the lowest number of opponent seed points (9) in their pool play wins.

PLAYOFF DATES: Division 2 (if 16-team bracket):	April 28, May 5, 9, 15 or 16
Division 2 (if 32-team), 4, 6, 8:	April 28, 30, May 6, 9, 15 or 16
Division 3, 5, 7, 9:	April 29, May 1, May 6, 9, 15 or 16

CIF SOUTHERN SECTION FINALS: May 14-16, 2026
LOCATION: Cerritos College and Designated Home Team Sites.
Determination of sites will be announced after the semi-final play is completed on Saturday, May 9.

CIF STATE REGIONALS: May 19, 21, 23, 2026 @ Home Sites

CIF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP: May 30, 2026 @ Fresno City College

All Southern Section playoff games are scheduled for **6:00 pm**. When schools must travel extensive distances for a playoff game, it is recommended that the teams mutually agree to an earlier start time. **See page 16 for how to proceed if a game time / date / location must be changed. It is recommended that you notify your potential next round opponent should you mutually agree to change the time or date of a contest.**

If schools can't agree on an alternate match time, the default time will be 6:00 pm.

PRE-FLIPS / RELEASE SCHEDULE

For ALL rounds, we will be conducting pre-flips to give the teams involved immediate notice of their next game location. The playoff pairings will be released on Saturday, April 25th, by 10:00 am, and the draw will indicate home and away teams for the Wild Card and First Round contests.

Pre-flips will be available on the web at www.cifss.org under the Boys Volleyball sports page www.cifss.org/sports/boys-volleyball, after the conclusion of the previous round, in your respective division, by 10am

FINALS: Saturday, May 16 **COIN FLIP DATE:** Monday, May 11 (Finals locations TBA on Monday, May 11, 2026)

RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOOLS

One designated representative of each school qualifying for the 2025-2026 CIF Southern Section Boys Volleyball Playoffs is to check the website in accordance with the release schedule:

The Office will close at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2026.

An official representative of EACH school **MUST** enter their score into www.cifsshome.org **IMMEDIATELY** after each playoff contest. You may also contact the CIF-Southern Section Office between **8:00 am** and **8:30 am** the morning following the contest to verify scores. This is for score reporting only.

TICKET PRICES FOR PLAYOFF CONTESTS

Preliminary Rounds

***Child (5-13) / Student with proper high school I.D. \$6.00**

***General Admission/Student without high school I.D. \$12.00**

*Tickets for all rounds will be available for purchase via our digital ticketing partner GoFan. See pages **25-27** for additional ticket information.*

CIF SS BOYS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 15 or SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

Division 1

Championship Site:

Cerritos College

11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650

Please note that Cerritos College will charge a daily parking fee using the on-campus kiosk system.

Divisions 2 – 9

Sites will be determined after play is completed on
Saturday, May 9, 2026 (released on Monday, May 11, 2026)

Championship Ticket Prices:

Child (5-13) / Student with proper high school I.D.	\$7.00
General Admission/Student without high school I.D.	\$14.00

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 "Boys Volleyball"

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 "Boys Volleyball" 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 "Boys Volleyball" and click on VR to add Varsity scores. Click on "Post Result" button, enter your team's score, enter the opponent's score, 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 set scores in "Notes".

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

VARSITY COACHES

Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your BOYS VOLLEYBALL coaches (Head & Assistants) into CIFSSHome (www.cifsshome.org) no later than **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22.**

Log in @ 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)

Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your entire BOYS VOLLEYBALL Varsity roster into CIFSSHome (www.cifsshome.org) no later than **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22.**

Log in @ 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 "Boys Volleyball", click on the "Team Photo" tab,

Click on the  under "TEAM PICTURE", choose the file, click **Submit**.

VARSITY TEAM INFORMATION (ROSTER)

Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your entire BOYS VOLLEYBALL Varsity roster into CIFSSHOME.org (no later than **Wednesday, April 22, 2026.**

Log in @ 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 "Volleyball, Boys", 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 BOYS Volleyball is: First Name, Last Name, Birthdate, Grade, Number, & Eligibility

(1) To ADD roster players one by one:

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

(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 Boys Volleyball are: First Name, Last Name, Birthdate, Grade, Number, & 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.

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 BOYS Volleyball.

The At Large Application is to be submitted by your school no later than **Wednesday, April 22 @ 6:00 pm.**

Log in @ 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 “**Volleyball, Boys**”, ADD
- The message will display that you have added

SCHOOL LOGO

Log in @ www.cifsshome.org

- Click on the “**Configuration**” tab
- Click on “**School Info**”
- Click on “**Choose File**” (.PNG file format is preferred)
- Choose the “**No**” option for Hide from Directory?
- Click Save

SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Log in @ www.cifsshome.org

- Click on the “**Configuration**” tab
- Enter all school account names available next to the social media options (ie. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- These accounts are used during playoffs and for Games of the Week



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*The official ball rule is mandatory for all CIF-SS playoff rounds.

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Official Ball Rule:

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.



OFFICIAL BALL PROGRAM

2025-2026

Official Ball per sport (updated 3-3-26):

Baseball	Rawlings RCIF-SS	Must be CIFSS/NOCSAE stamped ball
Basketball, Boys	Wilson NCAA EVO NXT GAME BALL Size 7 (Used in CIF-SS Championship) Wilson Evolution Game Basketball Size 7	
Basketball, Girls	Wilson NCAA EVO NXT GAME BALL Size 6 (Used in CIF-SS Championship) Wilson Evolution Game Basketball Size 6	
Football, Flag	Wilson GST SPEEDSKIN HEIR Wilson GST TDY Wilson GST SPEEDSKIN	
Football (8/11)	Wilson GST Wilson Omega Wilson GST Prime (discontinued)	
Lacrosse	PEARL X (Used in CIF-SS Championship) PEARL LT	
Soccer	Wilson NCAA Vivido Match Ball (Used in CIF-SS Championship) Wilson NCAA Veza Match Ball Wilson Forte Fybrid II NCAA Match Soccer Ball (discontinued)	
Softball	Rawlings PX2CIFSS (Used in CIF-SS Championship) Rawlings Dream Seam Rawlings Red Dot	
Tennis	Penn Tour (Used in CIF-SS Championship) Pro Penn Marathon Penn Championship	
Volleyball, Beach	Wilson AVP OPTX Game Ball (Used in CIF-SS Championship) Wilson NCAA OPTX Game Ball	
Volleyball, Indoor	Mikasa VFC1000 Series (Used in CIF-SS Championship) Mikasa VQ2000 Series Mikasa V200W-USAN	
Water Polo, Boys	KAP7 HydroGrip Size 5 with NFHS stamp (Used in CIF-SS Championship)	
Water Polo, Girls	KAP7 HydroGrip Size 4 with NFHS stamp (Used in CIF-SS Championship)	

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 will be provided for use in the **Championship final** game only. Any model listed above is approved for play 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 girl's flag football, golf, tennis and beach volleyball.*

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.

PLAYOFF CHECK LIST

	Completed Date
1. Use cifsshome.org Team Roster – By Monday, April 27	_____
2. Eligibility list is included in roster on www.cifsshome.org Any potential player who could appear in a playoff match must be listed.	_____
3. Use www.cifsshome.org "SUBMIT TEAM PLAYOFF INFORMATION" DEADLINE: Wednesday, April 22	_____
4. Game Management under the "Finances" tab on www.cifsshome.org must be entered prior to the first playoff contest.	_____
5. Complete your "ALL CIF-SS Nomination Form" BEFORE May 18th	_____
6. Make arrangements for online tickets (see page 24)	_____
7. Have court reserved if school is to "host" next round game	_____
8. Arrange for emergency contacts with opponent	_____
9. Have Playoff Game Balls Ready Any Mikasa ball stamped with the NFHS logo	_____

PLAYOFF ENTRY AND FORMAT

The 2026 Boys Volleyball Playoff brackets will be established based on submissions from the respective leagues within each division. There will be nine (9) divisions of Boys Volleyball.

The size of the playoff bracket for Division 1 will be determined once all entries have been submitted.

If based on the power rankings, only 8 teams will be selected, teams will be placed into two equal pools. See page 6 for an explanation of pool play and dates of contests.

In the Division 1 tournament, the higher-seeded team in each pool play contest will be the home team

In the eight (8) team bracket, the seeds will not be adjusted to avoid league members from meeting in any round. Therefore, in that division, it is possible for two teams from the same league to meet in the first round or first pool play contest.

All recognized leagues will be guaranteed entries based on the size of the league. All 4-team leagues will be guaranteed 2 entries; 5 and 6-team leagues will be guaranteed 3 entries; 7 and 8-team leagues will be guaranteed 4 entries; 9 or more team leagues will be guaranteed 5 entries. Under the playoff format, in all sports, leagues have the responsibility of developing and identifying the priority for their representatives in the playoffs, as noted under Article 350 (Playoffs) of the CIF Southern Section Blue Book. Please note, leagues may not conduct additional contests beyond the prescribed limits unless said contests are to determine GUARANTEED 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).

LEAGUE ENTRIES / CHANGE OF ENTRY

It is critical for the accuracy of rankings and entries that school and league coordinators confirm their schedules/scores both at www.cifsshome.org

DO NOT wait until the end of the season to verify your information.

The list of Automatic Qualifiers from each League will be posted by 10:00 am on Thursday, April 23rd.

Any corrections must be made by **1:00 pm on Thursday, April 23rd**. Corrections should be made in CIFSSHome.org. In addition, an email must be sent to mikem@cifss.org with the correction and a contact number.

No revisions of league entries will be allowed after 1:00 pm on April 23rd.

Once the draw sheet has been finalized by the CIF Southern Section Office and posted, it is final. Under the new playoff format, NO CHANGES can be accepted. If a school's ranking or record was incorrectly recorded, it may not be changed, updated, or altered after the posted deadline and/or the release of the playoff brackets.

END OF COMPETITION

All league competition for entries must end on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

BRACKET CONSTRUCTION

A **playoff division will start with an automatic qualifier** and include all teams until the automatic qualifier, which begins the division below it. Once Automatic Qualifiers have been placed into a division, any remaining spots will go to the highest-ranked, .500 or better, At-Large teams, in that grouping.

The bracket will be constructed using a school's power ranking value. In a 16-team bracket, the number 1 power-ranked team will host the number 16-ranked team. The number 2 power-ranked team will host the number 15 power-ranked team. This process will continue until all automatic entries and any eligible power-ranked At-Large teams fill the bracket. In a 32-team bracket, the number 1 power-ranked team will host the number 32 power-ranked team. The number 2 power-ranked team will host the number 31 power-ranked team. This process will continue until all automatic entries and any eligible power-ranked At-Large teams fill the bracket.

There will be no adjustments to avoid a league opponent in any round.

The higher-seeded team, regardless of league finish, shall be the host school in the first round.

AT-LARGE ENTRIES

At-Large entries must have an overall record of .500 or better to qualify.

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 automatic entries; therefore, two (2) AT-LARGE entries are to be selected to complete the bracket with 32 teams.

Schools MUST submit an AT-LARGE Petition in CIFSSHome.org to be considered.

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

League Coordinators are not responsible for submitting a school's AT-LARGE petition.

AT-LARGE entries will be based on a team's final power ranking value.

BYLAW 3500 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 3500 in the CIF Southern Section Blue Book.

PLAYOFF HOSTING INFORMATION

COIN FLIPS

The coin flips, where necessary, are conducted under the direction of the Commissioner at **9:00 AM** the day following the first contest in the CIF Southern Office. **Pre-flips will be available on the web at www.cifss.org under the Boys Volleyball Sport Page after the first round.** If any coaches or representatives from the school wish to attend, they must contact our office to confirm the coin flip date and time before arriving at the CIF Southern Section office. **Telephone number for the CIF-Southern Section Office: (562) 493-9500**

DETERMINATION OF SITES FOR ALL PLAYOFF ROUNDS AND FINALS

To decide who shall be the host team **AFTER** the first round of competition will be the sole responsibility of the Commissioner. In cases where two teams are paired after the first round of the playoffs, the team having the fewest number of host games (not including a wild card contest) in playoff competition shall be designated as the host team. When both teams have had an equal number of host playoff contests, the Commissioner shall toss a coin to decide the host team. When a school has been designated as the host school for a playoff 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. **NOTE: Teams receiving a bye in the first round shall automatically be the host team in the next round of the playoffs.**

The designation of "host" does not guarantee the game will be played at the host school's facility. It designates the responsibility for management of the contest, which includes suggesting a site that will handle the anticipated crowd. A host school may use its home-site facility if it can safely accommodate the anticipated crowd.

The host school is charged with the responsibility of securing an adequate gymnasium for the holding of a volleyball playoff contest. It is recommended that, where available and when approved, playoff games shall be played in rent-free high school gymnasiums, but in cases where it is necessary to pay a rental fee for an outside gymnasium, such an arrangement must be **pre-approved** by the Commissioner prior to the contest.

Competing schools are reminded that, although CIF Southern Section playoff volleyball games may be played at one school, they are under the control of the CIF-Southern Section. Both competing schools in any one game are given equal consideration regarding seating. If, in the Commissioner's opinion, the host team gym is not large enough to accommodate the anticipated crowd, the host team will be required to reserve one-half of the gym's capacity for the visiting school's rooters.

For the Southern Section Championship, one team will be designated as the "Home" team and will be responsible for securing a site for the Section Championship. The Section Championship can be played at the "home" team's facility if it can safely provide for the anticipated crowd.

A date and/or time change may be adjusted if the two opponents can mutually agree on the adjustment **and upon approval from the CIF-SS office.**

GAME TIMES

All games are scheduled for **6:00 pm**. When schools must travel extensive distances for a playoff game, it is recommended that the teams mutually agree to an earlier start time.

Any changes must be confirmed with your opponent prior to contacting our office or the match officials/local assignor. **Any game time, location change, or date change must be sent via e-mail to the CIF-SS office.**

The e-mail must include the following information:

- **Division**
- **Teams in the Contest**
- **New game time / location / date**
- **The statement “I have confirmed this change with the Athletic Director, (insert name)”**
- **The visiting school’s Athletic Director has been included in the e-mail**

Send an email to all the following individuals:

Assistant Commissioner: Mike Middlebrook at mikem@cifss.org

Program Coordinator: Chelsea Olson at chelseao@cifss.org

CIF Officials Rep: Todd Frost at frostmay@sbcglobal.net

Your local Assignor: *for matches played in the 1st, 2nd, and Quarter-final round.*

PRE-GAME ARRANGEMENTS

The host school is responsible for:

- 1) Securing an adequate court for use in all playoff games that meets the regulations as outlined in the National Federation Rules Book. **A court that does not meet NFHS Rule 2, Article 6 (minimum 6 feet of service area) may not host a playoff contest on that court/gym.**
- 2) Contacting the visiting school prior to game day to establish any necessary ground rules should the court or equipment not be within specified standards.
- 3) Teams will remain on the same bench throughout the match. Teams do not switch sides after each set unless the R1 official has determined that one side of the court creates a competitive disadvantage to one team over the other. Examples are basketball rims in play, sunlight, overhead obstructions, etc.

Student/Fan/Parent rooting sections must be arraigned in a way that the home team fans are not seated directly behind the visiting team bench or the visiting Students/Fans/Parents are seated directly behind the home team bench.

Measures must also be taken to avoid opposing students/fans sitting on the same side of the court as the opponent.

- 4) Game Ball – Mikasa VQ2000 Series, VFC1000 Series, **V200W-USAN**. The ball must have the NFHS stamp.
- 5) Providing information to the visitors regarding directions to the school, locker room arrangements, visitor parking, anticipated crowds, or any special court conditions.

- 6) The CIF-SS Office is not presently equipped to survey all sites in use during the coming post season competition. Therefore, we depend upon the good judgment of the host school management to notify the Southern Section office and all opponents if a given site does not meet **minimum** standards as outlined in the National Federation Rules Book.

SQUAD SIZE

The squad size of the team should only include the regular season rostered varsity team. However, the CIF-Southern Section will only provide **awards up to 18 per team**. In addition, there is a seat limit at the Championship Finals, and all overflow (players/coaches/trainers/stats personnel) will be seated behind the team bench area if possible or in the bleachers off the court.

GAMES OFFICIALS

The CIF Southern Section office will pay for all officials in all rounds, as volleyball is a revenue sport.

Officials for all playoff matches will be coordinated through the CIF-Southern Section and your local assignor. Officials for the 1st, 2nd, and Quarter Finals will be assigned by your local assignor.

Starting with the Semi-Final round, all officials in the Division 2 – 9 tournaments will be from outside your local area. In all matches leading to the championship finals, **the First Referee shall receive \$108 and the Second Referee \$108.**

In the Division 1 tournament, officials will be selected based on merit and unit ranking, regardless of where they are from or which unit they are from.

LINE JUDGES

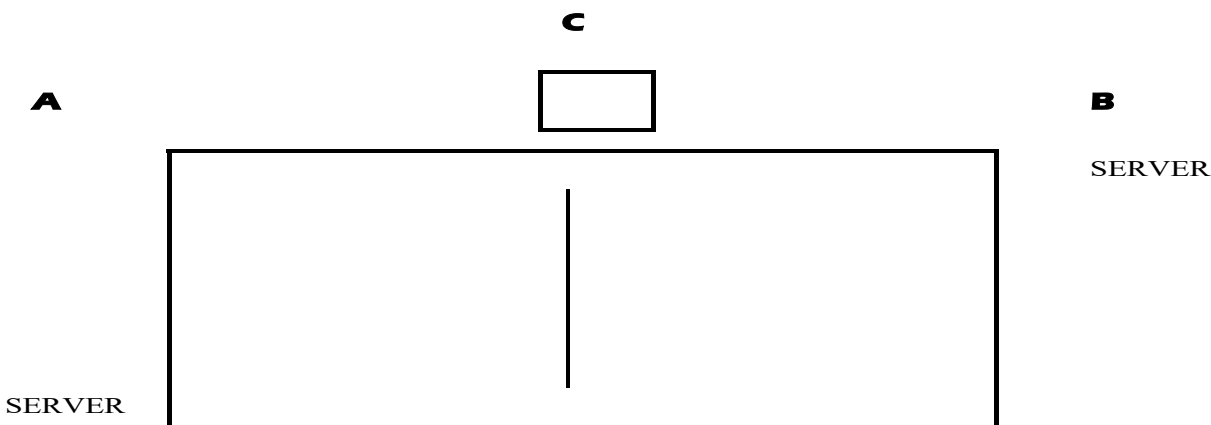
It is recommended that schools hire **officials** or use adults and not students to act as line persons during the first, second, and quarter-final round games. If officials are not hired, the visiting school should have the opportunity to provide one of the line persons. Two-line persons will be automatically assigned to all semifinal contests. **The line persons shall receive \$60 each.**

THREE-BALL SYSTEM

To facilitate continuous play, the three-ball system is recommended.

HOW TO RUN A 3-BALL SYSTEM

1. Three people (with towels) are placed on the same side of the court.
2. Ball persons "A" and "B" should have a ball.
3. Ball person "C" rolls balls to opposite sides as service changes side
– keeping a ball at serving side at all times.



TIMED WARM-UP PROCEDURES & INSTRUCTIONS

Prior to timed warmups, a conference shall be conducted between the head coach and captains from each team. Once the meeting ends, teams are guaranteed a minimum of 17 minutes; 5 minutes shared court, 6 minutes on, 6 minutes off, (Serving is included within your 6 minutes). If the game court is available earlier, teams may share the court for ball handling. After the 12 minutes of warmups, teams will retire to their bench and then to the end line and prepare for the final 3 minutes of introductions and the National Anthem.

RALLY SCORING

Rally scoring will be used during all contests for all rounds and championship contests. All matches will be three out of five sets played to 25 points, and the fifth and deciding game shall be played to 15 points. **No cap on set score and you must win by two points.**

GAME BALL

Mikasa is the official mandated ball to be used for all playoff rounds. The **Mikasa VFC1000 Series** will be provided by CIF-SS and used in the championship finals for all divisions. If both head coaches agree, the **Mikasa V200W-USAN** will be used. Leading up to the championship finals, any Mikasa ball stamped with the NFHS logo will be acceptable. **If a host or “home” school fails to use the mandatory ball in the playoffs, the violating team will not be allowed to host their next available home Southern Section playoff contest.**

OFFICIAL SCORER, LIBERO TRACKER & TIMER

The official scorer, Libero tracker, and timer are recognized as game officials, and it is required that a faculty member or other qualified responsible ADULT staff member fill these important positions.

ANNOUNCER

The announcer should be a responsible adult who can set the tone of the game by calling the fans' attention to the following points of reference.

(Please read prior to the start of each contest)

(1) CIF Southern Section Playoff contests are conducted under the strictest code of good sportsmanship.

- (2) **The officials are neutral people, representing the Commissioner, and have been selected because of demonstrated ability.**
- (3) **Fans are encouraged to support their own team and are requested to display proper sportsmanship with respect to the visiting school and the officials.**
- (4) **Spectators are asked not to use flash photography. The CIF-Southern Section appreciates your attendance and support of high school volleyball.**

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.

1. Cheerleaders/Pep squads and pep bands of no more than 12 members will be admitted free of charge through the spectator entrance and must be in full uniform and/or carrying an instrument and accompanied by an adult supervisor.
2. No noisemakers (horns, bells, victory bells, sirens, chimes, wooden blocks, balloons, thunder sticks, musical instruments other than those in the band, etc.) will be permitted inside the gymnasium at any CIF Southern Section Volleyball Game (non-league, league, tournaments, or playoff). Megaphones may only be used by the school's uniformed cheer squads.
3. Cheering devices such as rally towels, pom poms, and pennants are acceptable when used within the bounds of good sportsmanship.
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.
5. 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.
6. Rules are subject to specific events and or venue limitations.

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.

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

Schools can still protest a contest in accordance with Southern Section rules, Bylaw 1111, as it pertains to the use of an ineligible player or violations of any CIF-Southern Section rule in accordance with the contest.

GATE PROCEDURES

All schools hosting playoff games should make certain that gate personnel handling tickets are advised of the following procedures.

1. All ticket-takers and gate personnel should familiarize themselves with the CIF-SS Press Pass, CIF-SS Photo Pass, and CIF-SS Courtesy Card.
2. All ticket-takers and gate personnel will be provided a CIF-SS Courtesy Card Void List sent prior to playoffs via email to the Athletic Directors to check for any invalid cards. Please instruct them to confiscate any voided cards and return them to the CIF Southern Section office.
3. Ticket prices for Playoff rounds are **\$12.00 General Admission, \$6.00 HS Student** with proper high school I.D./Child (5-13 years old).

GAME PERSONNEL

The host management is responsible for staffing the gymnasium with the personnel necessary to conduct the contest. It would be expected that the same pay schedule followed for league contests would be used to reimburse ticket sellers, ticket takers, police, physicians, and custodial help. In determining the pay scale for working personnel in playoff games, schools are reminded that it should be computed based on one contest.

In playoff contests, payment to faculty personnel to supervise a rooting section is not an allowable expense and may not be charged to the game expense. It is realized that some schools pay faculty persons to supervise rooting sections in league contests, but because this is not the policy in many schools, the Executive Committee has ruled that if a school (host or visitor) desires to pay such personnel, it shall do so out of its share of the net receipts and not charge the cost to game expense.

There is a wide disparity of staffing policies for athletic contests among schools in the Southern Section. Because of this, schools in the playoffs are asked to assign the minimum number of personnel necessary to assure efficiency and safety.



CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PLAYOFF/CHAMPIONSHIP
REQUIREMENTS - ALL TEAMS AND HOST SITES
2025-2026



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, Spectrum Sports Net, Spectrum.

'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. 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, 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
- 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 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.

PLAYOFF FINANCES

RESPONSIBILITY

The principal of each school participating in the CIF Southern Section (CIF-SS) Volleyball Playoffs shall be responsible for seeing that prescribed procedures pertaining to playoff regulations, as outlined in this bulletin, are followed. If the principal so desires, this responsibility may be delegated to a member of his staff.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The CIF-SS Blue Book requires the host school to charge admission to the Boys Volleyball Playoff contest (**\$12.00 General Admission, \$6.00 HS Student w/ I.D./Child**). See financial policy Article 10, Section 143-145, CIF-SS Blue Book, page 48. All information can be found on the website.

Financial forms (host and visitor) should be submitted via www.cifsshome.org. Checks and unused tickets are the only items that should be physically mailed to CIF-SS.

All Playoff costs exceeding \$350 must be approved by CIF-SS.

SPECIAL NOTE:

- 1. Visitor financial reports must be submitted within THREE DAYS following the contest.**
- 2. Financial reports MUST be submitted within TEN DAYS after the contest.**

ALLOWABLE TRAVEL EXPENSE

Traveling squads shall be limited to a maximum of 18 in the party, including players, coaches, manager, and administrators. Schools may take additional personnel if they wish, but at their own expense. A maximum of \$1.50 per mile round trip will be approved for either chartered or school bus transportation. Distance obtained from Map Quest, Google Maps or Yahoo Maps shall be used, when available, for computing expense.

TRAVEL EXPENSE STATEMENT

The visiting school will pay its own traveling expenses and submit a statement of these expenses, after the game (within three days), via www.cifsshome.org. These expenses would include mileage for transportation, lodging, and/or meals where approved by the CIF-SS Office. Traveling expenses of the visiting team are considered part of the game expenses.

MEALS AND LODGING

No allowance will be permitted for meals or lodging without prior approval of the CIF-SS Office. Approval to travel will only be accepted via e-mail. Emails requesting travel/meal allowance must be sent to Erin Courtemarche at erinc@cifss.org

This is necessary to ensure uniform expenditures for all schools. Where approved, maximums are \$3.00 for breakfast, \$5.00 for lunch, and \$8.00 for dinner for a party of 18. The number of meals allowed per school will be determined by the CIF-SS Office based on distance traveled and the scheduled time of the game. No meals will be authorized when the travel distance is less than 140 miles round-trip. Where lodging is authorized, the maximum shall be \$10.00 per person for a group of not more than 18.

No lodging will be permitted unless the distance is over 500 miles round trip.

CONCESSIONS

Where concessions and programs are involved in a playoff contest, the profit or loss from such enterprises shall not be included in the financial report. The host school reserves the right to handle the program and concessions as a separate venture and need not share the profit nor expect the CIF-SS or the visiting school to share in any loss.

ADMISSION

It is MANDATORY that admission be charged in all volleyball playoff games.

TICKET DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION TICKETS

Through the CIF Southern Section's partnership with GoFan, ALL PLAYOFF TICKETS will be available online for digital purchase and presented electronically at the event gate for validation and entry.

Prior to the spring of 2021, member schools hosting CIF Southern Section playoff events were responsible for the management and sales of CIF-SS-issued physical tickets (pre-sale and/or game-day ticket window sales). Beginning in the spring of 2021, ticket sales and revenue management responsibilities have been relieved from member schools, and all sales occur via GoFan (www.gofan.co) for each CIF Southern Section playoff game/event. Individual game private links can also be created and shared with guaranteed patrons (parents and/or comp tickets).

Host school game management shifted away from ticket sales to ticket promotion prior to the event AND ticket validation at each entry point of the playoff event. Host schools will have access to live sales data via their Go Fan HQ account as well as the ability to manage and promote their events.

Venue capacity management is extremely important as each event (host, visitor, public, and private) will have an assigned capacity available for purchase/entry. Each member school will be required to validate its gymnasium and stadium capacities in CIFSSHome (www.cifsshome.org) to ensure the proper number of tickets can be made available.

The CIF-SS Executive Committee has required that the host school charge admission to all revenue sports as outlined in the CIF Southern Section Blue Book. See financial policy Article 10, Section 143-145, CIF-SS Blue Book, page 48). Information can be found at www.cifss.org.

Playoff financial expense reporting is required via www.cifsshome.org. Host schools do NOT report ticket revenue, as CIF-SS assumes this responsibility, as all ticket sales are reported on the day following each event from the GoFan captured sales report. However, the host will maintain the responsibility of reporting game expenses via www.cifsshome.org. Upon approval of the host's submitted expenses, CIF-SS will distribute expense reimbursements and/or playoff splits.

For games reporting a profit, the completed financial report will be available for review via www.cifsshome.org. From the game revenue, the CIF Southern Section will distribute the net profit shares (20% to the host & 20% visiting school) as well as applicable game expenses. The distribution of money will be indicated at the bottom of the financial report.

- Set the venue capacity.
- Verify the date, time, and location of the game (edit if necessary and also advise CIF-SS of changes).
- Communicate with the visitor to determine ticket sales strategy.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Financial reports MUST be submitted within TEN DAYS after the contest.

This is a CIF-SS-sponsored event. Participants and coaches, along with band members carrying an instrument and cheerleaders in uniform, will be admitted free of charge. All others will pay the regular admission prices

CIF-SS courtesy cards and press credentials **MAY** be honored at this event, depending on the facility

ADMISSION OF WORKING FACULTY PERSONNEL

Only those regular faculty personnel from the competing schools who have been assigned definite supervisory responsibilities for the playoff game will be admitted free of charge. No other administrators, counselors, faculty, or staff members will be admitted without a complimentary or general admission ticket. This directive applies to both schools.

COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

Each school participating in the CIF-Southern Section Volleyball Playoffs is entitled to receive an allotment of 10 digital general admission tickets for each match. The host school is responsible for issuing complimentary tickets directly from their GoFan HQ dashboard (from quick actions, manage attendees, go). If additional tickets are desired, they must be purchased at the prevailing rate by the school. Drivers of team and roter buses must be provided with tickets by the school; they will not be admitted without a ticket. These tickets are also to be used for scouting purposes. It's the discretion of each participating school how the complimentary tickets are distributed.

COURTESY CARDS AND PASSES

CIF-Southern Section Courtesy Cards **MAY** be honored for all volleyball playoff contests, INCLUDING THE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS, based on the host sites' COVID-19 gym capacity guidelines. If allowed, Courtesy Cards will be checked at the gate. Courtesy cards from other sections and officials' association passes are not valid for admission at any CIF-Southern Section playoff contest.

NO SCHOOL, LEAGUE, DISTRICT, OR LOCAL NEWSPAPER PASSES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION TO PLAYOFF GAMES REGARDLESS OF LEAGUE POLICIES GOVERNING THIS MATTER.

CIF-Southern Section press, and photographer's credentials (see Media Section) issued by the Commissioner's Office, the State CIF Courtesy Card, and the State CIF Life Pass are the only credentials that will be honored for admission to volleyball playoff contests based on the host sites' COVID-19 gym capacity guidelines.

2025-2026

CIF-SS APPROVED PASS GATE CARDS

COURTESY CARD

GOOD FOR BEARER +1



This card is transferable and may be presented by an adult only.

Please advise one (1) ADULT bearer and one (1) guest upon presentation of this card to any athletic event conducted by the CIF Southern Section, or one of its member schools, except as noted below.

This card may only be used once per event. **EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2026.**

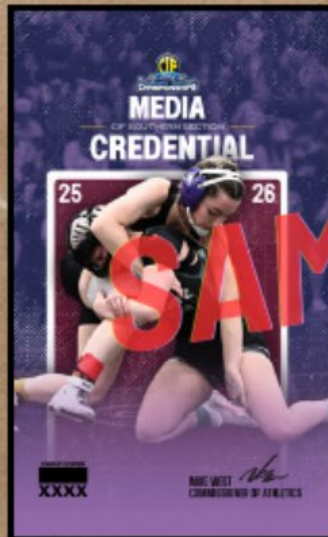
IT IS NOT VALID FOR:

- CIF SS FORD and one CIF's Masters Wrestling Meet. Any special event so identified by the CIF-SS Commissioner of Athletics.
- Any event in which the CIF Southern Section or a member school hosting institution has reached its venue capacity.

Abuse or multiple use of this card at the same event will result in the permanent cancellation of this card and removal from the event. Misuse of this card will result in sanctions placed against the institution to whom this card was issued.

MEDIA CREDENTIAL

GOOD FOR BEARER ONLY



Please advise the bearer upon presentation of this pass to all practice, league, invitational and playoff events within the CIF Southern Section through **June 30, 2026.**

This card is **NOT** valid for use at any event not so identified by the CIF-SS Commissioner of Athletics. Credentials for these events may be issued by the CIF-SS Commissioners of Athletics, who will require a request by legitimate media organizations.

This pass will not be issued to anyone without the advance of the athletic director of the venue organization, if such facility is available for the purpose of covering the event.

Acceptance of this credential card states agreement by the bearer and his/her organization to abide by the foregoing conditions and any rules stipulated by the host organization.

Any violation of these rules can and will result in ejection from the facility and immediate revocation of this credential.

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California Interscholastic Federation 2025-2026

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and one guest representing:

CIF State Office

This card is given honored for admission to any CIF high school athletic event in California. Questions regarding this card: 916-279-9477

www.cifstate.org

Ronald W. Nocetti
CIF Executive Director

SOUTHERN SECTION CRITERIA FOR ENTRY INTO CIF REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025-2026

The CIF Southern Section is allotted 14 entries into the State CIF Regional Boys Volleyball Tournament. The breakdown of those 14 entries is as follows:

Division 1: (6) Total Entries

The top two (2) teams that reach the finals of the Southern Section Division 1 playoffs will automatically qualify for the State CIF Regional Volleyball Tournament. The next four (4) teams selected will be the teams with the best pool play record (regardless of what pool they participated in) that did not reach the Southern Section final. See page 4 for additional details and tie-breaking procedures.

Division 2 - 9: (8) Total Entries

Only the Division Champion will automatically advance to the State Regional Volleyball Tournament. If the championship team elects not to compete in the Regional event, the runner-up will be offered the entry.

If a team does wish to compete in the event, they must notify Mike Middlebrook via e-mail no later than Monday, May 4, 2026. mikem@cifss.org

The 14 teams submitted to the State Regional event will be listed and entered according to the division in which they competed during the Southern Section Championships. For example, the Division 4 Runner-up will be submitted and entered for the Regional before the Division 5 Champion. Teams may be moved to a different State Regional Division than the one in which they competed during the Southern Section playoffs. There are no enrollment parameters in any division. The State CIF 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.

For seeding information and other potential adjustments, please review the CIF State Boys Volleyball Handbook https://www.cifstate.org/sports/boys_volleyball/index

Schools that will represent the Southern Section in the State CIF Regional Volleyball Tournament MUST complete the 2025 CIF Boys Volleyball Regional Information Form by clicking this link: https://www.cifstate.org/forms/bvb_info_form

Entry forms are due to the CIF STATE office no later than **Tuesday, May 5, 2026**, at 12:00 noon.

MANDATORY NOTICE REQUIREMENT If a school elects to opt out of participation in the Regional Playoffs, the Principal is **REQUIRED** to provide written notification to the Section Commissioner prior to the school's Section Semi-Final contest. Failure to comply will result in an automatic \$1,000 fine and may trigger additional sanctions as determined by CIF.

[California Interscholastic Federation](#) – Intent to Opt Out Form. Download, print, and complete the Opt Out form. Return the form to mikem@cifss.org.

ALL CIF-SS BOYS VOLLEYBALL INFORMATION

- Please visit our website at www.cifss.org and click on the Boys Volleyball sports page. <https://cifss.org/sports/boys-volleyball/>
- Or click on this direct Google Doc link to complete your nominations. <https://forms.gle/oQkC5ixKEr26p3bc6>
- Entry deadline is Monday, May 18, 2026.
- Head Coaches must submit a nomination form to the advisory committee in order to have students recognized.
- Participating in the current year's Southern Section playoffs is not a requirement to be nominated.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 562-493-9500

or

Send an email to:

chelseao@cifss.org



**CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PLAYOFF/CHAMPIONSHIP
ADDITIONAL/CUSTOM POST SEASON AWARDS
2025-2026**



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, (951) 867-3200

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.

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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.ilcustomjackets.com	(951) 867-3200
CIF Tshirts	www.cifstshirts.com	(951) 789-5858
C&L Custom Jackets	www.cljackets.com	(714) 828-6900
Embroidery & More	www.embroideryandmoredesign.com	(951) 471-5200
PC & C Embroidery	https://pccembroidery.com/	(909) 403-4558
The Advertising Specialists	https://www.tassigns.com/page/cif-southern-section-licensed-patch-provider	(626) 966-4770
We Got Em Tees	https://wegotemtees.com/	760-983-6087 / 909-727-7699

- **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	(855) 341-8817
C&L Custom Jackets	www.cljackets.com	(714) 828-6900
The Advertising Specialists	https://www.tassigns.com/page/cif-southern-section-licensed-patch-provider	(626) 966-4770

- **Rings**

Herff Jones	https://highschool.herffjones.com/
J. Lewis Small	www.jlewissmall.com
Jostens	www.jostens.com
Signature Style Jewelry	www.signaturestylejewelry.com
Baron Championship Rings	https://baronrings.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, Director of Marketing & Corporate Partnerships, Jacquelyn Gibson at jackieg@cifss.org or 562-493-9500.

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