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**2025-2026 CIF Southern Section
Boys Golf Important Dates**

League Finals Manager Information Due	Monday, December 8, 2025
Freelance Participation Notice/Schedule	Before February 23, 2026
Start of Season	Monday, February 23, 2026
Freelance Individual and Team ENTRY DUE DATE	Friday, April 17, 2026 9:00 a.m.
Freelance Individual and Team Tournament	Tuesday, April 21, 2026
Last Day for League Competition	Friday, May 1, 2026
End of Season	Friday, May 1, 2026
Team, Individual, and At Large ENTRY DUE DATE	Friday, May 1, 2026 9:00 a.m.



TO: Boys Athletic Directors and Boys Golf Coaches

FROM: Mike West, Commissioner

SUBJECT: 2026 CIF Southern Section Ford Boys Golf Playoff Bulletin

IMPORTANT
PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING PLAYOFF FORMAT

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

~~CIF-SS Freelance Tournament~~ **Cancelled**

- The number of individuals advancing from the Freelance Events shall be determined by the size and strength of the field. The number advancing will be reviewed and decided upon by the Golf Management Committee.
- Individuals who advance will be placed as near as possible to a Regional Qualifier closest to their school of attendance.

Monday/Wednesday, May 11/13, 2026

CIF-SS Individual Regionals

- The top 20 players and ties from each of the three (3) individual regionals will advance to the CIF-SS Individual Championship on Thursday, May 21, 2026.

Monday/Tuesday, May 18/19, 2026

CIF-SS Division Team Championships

- There will still be 14 teams advancing to CIF-SS SCGA Qualifier out of the divisions on May 21, 2026. The top 10 finishers in Division 1 will advance to CIF-SS SCGA Qualifier. The other 4 top finishers based on adjusted team handicap from the CIF-SS championships at each divisional will fill the remaining spots. (WINNING THE CHAMPIONSHIP FROM DIVISION 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY YOU FOR CIF-SS SCGA Qualifier) All 14 teams could hypothetically advance from Division 1.

Thursday, May 21, 2026

CIF-SS SCGA Team Qualifier / CIF-SS Individual Finals

- There will be 14 teams competing in this event, and the top 4 teams will advance to the CIF/SCGA Southern State Regional Championship.
- The top 28 individual players (who are not part of a team already advancing) will advance to the CIF/SCGA Southern State Regional Championship.
 - Note: Only the players who qualified to play in this event through the individual regional events will be eligible to earn one of the 28 individual spots.

Updated 5/5/2026

2025-26 Boys Golf Post-Season Playoff Dates

Individual/Team Freeland Qualifying – Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Cancelled Western Hills CC, 12:00 tee times Tourn. Manager Carol Sarkissian carolsark@hotmail.com

Individual Regional Tournaments – Monday, May 11, 2026

Central Bear Valley CC (Victorville), 9:00a.m. Shotgun
Black Tees Tourn. Managers Brian Scott rbscott@vvhhsd.org

Southern Skylinks at Long Beach, 1:00 p.m. Shotgun
Black Tees Tourn. Manager Joey Cerulle joey.cerulle@gmail.com

Individual Regional Tournaments – Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Northern Los Robles Greens, 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Tourn. Managers Glenn Van Enk vanenk@pvpusd.net

- The top 20 players and ties from each of the three (3) individual regionals will advance to the CIF-SS Individual Championship on Thursday, May 21, 2026.

Team Championship Tournaments – Monday, May 18, 2026

Division 3 Los Serranos GC, South Course, 1:15 pm Shotgun
Black Tees Tourn. Manager Ron Capps ron_capps@chino.k12.ca.us

Division 4 Sterling Hills GC, **1:00 p.m. Shotgun**
Blue/Black Tees Tourn. Managers Lance Novak lnovak@lvusd.org

Division 5 Green River GC, 7:30 a.m., Shotgun
Blue Tees Tourn. Manager Chris Salio chrissalio@yahoo.com

Division 6 Bear Valley CC (Victorville), 9:00 a.m. Shotgun
White Tees Tourn. Managers Kevin LeDuc kleduc@riversideunified.org

Division 7 Meadowlark GC, 1:30 p.m. Shotgun Tourn. Manager Nancy Smith nansmith123@gmail.com

Team Championship Tournaments – Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Division 1 El Dorado Park GC, 7:30 a.m. Shotgun
Black Tees Tourn. Manager Joey Cerulle joey.cerulle@gmail.com

Division 2 El Dorado Park GC, 1:00 p.m. Shotgun
Black Tees Tourn. Manager Joey Cerulle joey.cerulle@gmail.com

- There will still be 14 teams advancing to CIF-SS SCGA Qualifier out of the divisions on May 21, 2026. The top 10 finishers in Division 1 will advance to CIF-SS SCGA Qualifier. The other 4 top finishers based on adjusted team handicap from the CIF-SS championships at each divisional will fill the remaining spots. (WINNING THE CHAMPIONSHIP FROM DIVISION 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY YOU FOR CIF-SS SCGA Qualifier) All 14 teams could hypothetically advance from Division 1.

Individual Championship & SCGA Qualifying Tournament – Thursday, May 21, 2026

River Ridge CC (Vineyard Course), 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Tourn. Managers Carol Sarkissian carolsark@hotmail.com

- The top four (4) teams will advance to the CIF/SCGA Southern State Regional Championship on Thursday, May 28, 2026.
- The top 28 individual players (who are not on a team who advances) will advance to the CIF/SCGA Southern State Regional Championship.
 - Note: Only the players who qualified to play in this event through the individual regional events will be eligible to earn one of the 28 individual spots.

Regional State Qualifier Sponsored by SCGA – May 28, 2026

Los Serranos GC (South Course) Chino Hills

State Championships – June 3, 2026

San Gabriel CC, San Gabriel

Please Note: The CIF Southern Section Golf Committee advises all coaches and athletic directors to check our website on a regular basis for any changes to course information, location, or dates. Go to www.cifss.org.

CIFSSHOME.org REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED! ALL COMPETITION SCORES MUST APPEAR IN BOTH CIFSSHOME.ORG AND IWANAMAKER FOR THE 2026 SEASON!

CIFSSHOME 2.0 SCHEDULES & SCORES

Complete your schedule in CIFSSHome prior to your season as well as update scores following each contest.

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:

- 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 Golf, Boys 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 Golf, Boys 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) Due no later than WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026

Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your entire Boys Golf Varsity roster into CIFSSHome (www.cifsshome.org) no later than WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026.

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

Once you are logged in:

-On the left panel, Click on the "Teams" tab, select "Golf, Boys"

-Here are the instructions for using the sample file.

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

Required Columns for Boys Golf are: First Name, Last Name, Birth date, Year, & Eligibility.

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

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

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

Varsity Coaches

Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your Boys Golf coaches (Head & Assistants) into CIFSSHome (www.cifsshome.org) no later than WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026.

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

Once you are logged in:

-Click on the "Teams" tab on the left navigation bar. Click on the corresponding varsity team (Golf, Boys).

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

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



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TO: CIF Southern Section Athletic Directors
CIF Southern Section Boys and Girls Golf Coaches
FROM: Mike West, Commissioner of Athletics
SUBJECT: Mandatory Use of iWanamaker (CIF-SS Golf)
DATE: August 2025

The CIF Southern Section is entering its **second year** of implementing playoff divisions based on current-year data across nearly all team sports—including Boys and Girls Golf. To support this initiative, **all schools and individual golfers must use the CIF-SS Golf app powered by iWanamaker** to record scores during or immediately after matches. The data collected will directly impact individual and team rankings, which determine **Divisional Placement** at the end of the season.

To qualify for CIF Southern Section Post-Season Competition, school golf teams must play a minimum of **10 rounds** during the season. Each of these rounds must not use an alternate scoring method and must be recorded in the CIF-SS Golf App.

Important: Schools and/or individual golfers who fail to use the CIF-SS Golf app throughout the season will not be placed into a playoff division and will be **ineligible to participate** in the CIF Southern Section Championships.

New Requirement for Events/Tournaments Consisting of More than Two Teams

Tournament Directors or Head Coaches of Schools hosting competitions including more than two teams are now required to input all tournament information into **ONE** single event created on iWanamaker.com **before the event begins**. This includes:

- A complete list of participating schools and golfers
- Tournament format, course, scoring details, and tee markers used for the day.
- Create these events using the tournament option. Do not create separate events for each team.

This requirement ensures consistency in data collection across all events and accurate rankings for postseason placement.

Getting Started with the CIF-SS Golf App

- **Download:** Install the **CIF-SS Golf app** (not the iWanamaker app) from your device's app store.
- **Registration:** The app is **free** for Athletic Directors, coaches, golfers, and media members.
- **Automatic Role Assignment:** Once you install and register, you'll be automatically added to your school with the correct role.

For Coaches:

After registering in the CIF-SS Golf app:

1. Visit <https://iwanamaker.com>
2. Click on **LEAGUES**
3. Select **CIF-Southern Section**
4. Find your school to manage rosters and schedules

Please forward this information to all coaches, tournament directors, and staff involved in your school's golf program. If you have already installed the app but are experiencing issues, please get in touch with iWanamaker support at support@iwanamaker.com or (720) 984-2379



Coach,

We're excited for the season and look forward to partnering with you! With the release of the 3.0 version of iWanamaker this year we offer a robust and scalable golf event management platform designed specifically for high school golf. There are currently 36 states using iWanamaker to streamline golf tournament setup, player registration, secure scoring, rankings and data management.

The 3.0 updates include a better user interface, automated pairings, markers notes and more! New features are being added weekly. All new coaches need to get the CIF-SS Golf app for IOS or Android to register as a coach. Your new team members need to get the CIF-SS Golf app and sign up for an account to register as a golfer for your team. This will automatically update your roster and the golfer will be ready to live score. Please confirm all existing registered golfers are using the CIF-SS Golf app and have downloaded the latest version of the app and logged in to make sure they have access to iWanamaker.

You will want to get the events you are hosting created as soon as possible and get your golfers to start scoring their first event so they will have an IWR to be ranked. If you have not created an event yet, please watch the 6-minute tutorial on how to create and set up a match. There are All New Tutorials on the Help page, and we will be offering training on the iWanamaker Platform and the new features that have been added. Look for that to be scheduled in the near future.

Parents can purchase a ticket to follow their golfer and have access to the live leaderboard, stats, rankings and more! To get started they can download the CIF-SS Golf app from the App Store. Once they navigate to their league they can select 'Store' from the Menu on the left to purchase a ticket package. To purchase ticket packages on the CIF-SS Golf app, sign up for an account, select events and select a specific event. They will then be prompted to purchase a ticket.

The best way to reach our support is by email at support@iwanamaker.com or by phone at (720) 984-2379. We are available from 6:00am MT - 6:00pm MT Monday - Friday.

For any questions you have please refer to the Coaches Top 10 here: [Golf Coaches Top 10](#)

Good Luck this Season,
iWanamaker Admin





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iWanamaker is proud to be the official golf event management, live scoring and rankings partner of the CIF Southern Section. Wanamaker Corporation has been providing the iWanamaker platform to state high school associations and their member schools since 2013.

Currently, 76% of high school golf in the US uses the iWanamaker connected apps to score events live. The iW rankings have caught the attention of college coaches and recruiters all over the United States. 8 of the top 10 female golfers in the nation are from the CIF Southern Section!

Scoring is as simple as logging in to the CIF-SS Golf app, finding an event and touching on Score Round.

After each hole is played, golfers can access the app and enter the score of the golfer for whom they are assigned to be a marker.

At the conclusion of the round, golfers digitally sign their scorecard to make it official.

When all scores are in the system and the round is closed, the section, state, and national rankings are updated automatically.

*Need help?
Email or call us.
support@iwanamaker.com
(720) 984 - 2379*





2026 PARTICIPATING LEAGUES – Boys Golf

Revised 4/20/2026

1. 605 (4 teams)
2. Academy (6 teams)
3. Almont (6 teams)
4. Ambassador (6 teams)
5. Baseline (6 teams)
6. Bay (6 teams)
7. Big VIII (6 teams)
8. Camino Real (7 teams)
9. Channel (8 teams)
10. Citrus Belt (6 teams)
11. Citrus Coast (7 teams)
12. Coast (7 teams)
13. Coastal (4 teams)
14. Coastal Canyon (5 teams)
15. Crestview (5 teams)
16. Cross Valley (8 teams)
17. Del Rey (6 teams)
18. Del Rio (5 teams)
19. Desert Empire (6 teams)
20. Desert Sky (5 teams)
21. Desert Valley (7 teams)
22. Empire (6 teams)
23. Foothill (7 teams)
24. Freeway (5 teams)
25. Gateway (5 teams)
26. Gold Coast (5 teams)
27. Golden (8 teams)
28. Golden West (6 teams)
29. Hacienda (6 teams)
30. Heritage (4 teams)
31. Inland Valley (7 teams)
32. Ivy (6 teams)
33. Liberty (9 teams)
34. Majestic (6 teams)
35. Marmonte (6 teams)
36. Mid-Cities (4 teams)
37. Mission (8 teams)
38. Mojave River (6 teams)
39. Moore (5 teams)
40. Mountain Pass (5 teams)
41. Mt. Baldy (6 teams)
42. North Hills (5 teams)
43. Ocean (6 teams)
44. Olympic (5 teams)
45. Omega (8 teams)
46. Pacific (8 teams)
47. Pacific Coast (4 teams)
48. Pacific Hills (4 teams)
49. Palomares (6 teams)
50. Prep (5 teams)
51. Rio Hondo (6 teams)
52. River Valley (6 teams)
53. San Andreas (5 teams)
54. San Joaquin (5 teams)
55. Sea View (5 teams)
56. South Coast (5 teams)
57. South Valley (6 teams)
58. Southwestern (6 teams)
59. Sunbelt (5 teams)
60. Sunset (7 teams)
61. Tri-County Premier (5 teams)
62. Tri-Valley (7 teams)
63. Trinity (6 teams)
64. Valle Vista (4 teams)

2026 BOYS STRENGTH OF LEAGUE FOR INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES

Updated 2/17/2026

The number of Individual entries allotted for each league will be determined by using the top 360 individual rankings from the CIF-SS Golf (iWanamaker) app as of Friday, April 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. As a reminder, athletes must have six (6) rounds in iWanamaker to be included in the top 360 that will be used to determine number of entries into the individual post-season play. Leagues will determine their entries and move players forward as they have always done based on league finals and league bylaws. An athlete may not have six (6) rounds in the system and still advance. Allotted league entries will be assigned with leagues being awarded from 4 to 12 entries per league. The playoff bulletin will be updated by Monday, April 27, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., indicating the number of league entries per league and the regional site for which each league is assigned to compete. Every effort will be made to assign leagues geographically, but competitive equity will play a role in the assignment of leagues to the regional sites.

In determining the strength of each league and allotment of individual CIF-SS entries per league, the process will be as follows:

Each participating league will be given four (4) automatic entries into the CIF Southern Section Individual Championship tournaments. Remaining openings will be distributed based upon league strength. League strength is determined by establishing the number of players each league has that are ranked using CIF-SS Golf (iWanamaker) rankings and are in the top 360 players in the CIF-SS. For example, if League "A" has seven (7) players ranked in the top 360, they will be allotted an additional three (3) entries (added to the initial four (4) entries). Please note leagues will be capped at a maximum of 12 entries into the individual tournaments. ***Any remaining open spots will be given to the next highest ranked league with less than 12 entries.

BOYS TEAM QUALIFYING CRITERIA

Qualification into CIF-SS Divisionals:

1. The recognized league champion from each league will be guaranteed entry in the championship tournament.
2. All additional team entries are required to submit their At Large entry consideration.
3. Teams will be placed into their appropriate division based on current year rankings through the CIF-SS golf (iWanamaker) app.
4. At Large entries will be considered based on their CIF-SS Golf (iWanamaker) rankings, Divisions 1-5 to 22 teams and Divisions 6 and 7 to 18 teams.
5. All competition scores from throughout the season **MUST** be in the CIF-SS Golf (iWanamaker) app and CIF-SS Home in order to be eligible for championship competition**.
6. Teams/Leagues using seven (7) score five (5) in matches need to rank players in the CIF-SS Golf (iWanamaker) app.
7. There will be 7 divisions based on competitive equity.

**Competition Scores do not include incomplete scores (less than 9 holes) or scores using a modified scoring system (i.e. double par pick up or 3-5-7).

Qualification to CIF-SS SCGA Qualifier

1. There will be 14 teams advancing to CIF-SS SCGA Qualifier out of the divisions.
2. The top 10 finishers in Division 1 will advance to CIF-SS SCGA Qualifier.
3. The other 4 top finishers based on adjusted team handicap from the CIF-SS championships at each divisional will fill the remaining spots. (WINNING THE CHAMPIONSHIP FROM DIVISION 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY YOU FOR CIF-SS SCGA Qualifier) All 14 teams could hypothetically advance from Division 1.

The handicap formula being used:
$$\frac{(\text{Team Total}/5) - \text{Course Rating} \times 113}{\text{Course Slope}}$$



2026 BOYS GOLF INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL LEAGUE PLACEMENT

Updated April 24, 2026

The number of guaranteed entries into the individual regional tournaments will be determined based on the iWanamaker individual player rankings as of April 24, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Number of entries per league will be posted on Monday, April 27, 2026, by 12:00 p.m. The information below will be updated and individual league entries will be based on the numbers listed below once updated. Individual entries are due at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026, through the cifsshome.org system entered by your league tournament director or your league coordinator.

League assignments are subject to change and final league assignments and number of entries will be posted on April 27.

Central Individual Regional
(Bear Valley Country Club)
(Victorville)

Ambassador – 5
Baseline – 4
Big VIII – 7
Citrus Belt – 5
Crestview – 12
Cross Valley – 4
Desert Empire – 8
Desert Sky – 4
Desert Valley – 4
Freeway – 4
Gold Coast – 10
Inland Valley – 4
Ivy - 4
Majestic – 4
Mojave River – 4
Mountain Pass – 4
Ocean – 6
River Valley – 4
San Andreas – 4
South Valley – 4
Southwestern - 7
Sunbelt – 4
Tri-County Premier – 4
Trinity – 12

Northern Individual Regional
(Los Robles Greens)
(Thousand Oaks)

Almont – 4
Bay - 12
Camino Real – 4
Channel – 12
Citrus Coast – 4
Coastal – 4
Coastal Canyon – 12
Del Rey – 4
Golden – 4
Heritage – 4
Liberty – 4
Marmonte – 12
Mission – 12
Omega – 4
Pacific – 11
Prep – 4
Rio Hondo – 7
San Joaquin – 4
Tri-Valley – 4
Valle Vista – 4

Southern Individual Regional
(Skylinks at Long Beach
Golf Course)
(Long Beach)

605 – 4
Academy – 5
Coast – 4
Del Rio – 5
Empire – 4
Foothill – 11
Gateway – 4
Golden West – 4
Hacienda – 4
Mid-Cities - 4
Moore – 5
Mt. Baldy – 4
North Hills – 4
Olympic - 5
Pacific Coast – 12
Pacific Hills – 12
Palomares – 12
Sea View – 5
South Coast – 12
Sunset – 12

Entry Information and Instructions

Size of League	Total Entries	At Large Entry
4-8 Team Leagues	1 Automatic Team (1 st Place League Finisher)	2 nd or lower Place Team*

*Recognized League champions are considered entry #1. All additional team entries are required to follow the At Large entry procedures outlined below.

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

Team and Individual entries are due no later than **9:00 a.m., Friday, May 1, 2026.**

Entry Form Information: League Finals Manager is responsible for all entries and will be contacted if there are any questions about entries. **YOU WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR UNDERSTANDING AND FOLLOWING ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS.** In order to access entry forms, go to www.cifsshhome.org. On the left column, click on Forms, Tennis Indv/Golf Forms. On the next page, choose Golf Individual/Team then click Add New Entry. On the next page, fill out all the requested information. Once all information is verified and completed, click on submit. Tutorials for completing your entries are located under the “Help” tab at www.cifsshhome.org. The CIF Southern Section office requests that you make every effort to get your results in early so we may distribute the entries to the tournament managers in a timely manner.

Note: The Golf Advisory Committee has determined that best scores must follow USGA scoring rules. Therefore, no league amended rules (such as double par scoring, using Model Local Rule E-5, playing out of bounds and lost ball as a lateral hazard, etc) will be allowed for best scores.

AT-LARGE ENTRIES (NEW PROCEDURE!!)

***At-large petitions will be accepted for consideration into a team divisional tournament on a space available basis.** Schools MUST submit an AT-LARGE Petition in CIFSSHHome.org to be considered. To submit an AT-LARGE petition, log in to cifsshhome.org, click on FORMS>AT LARGE PETITION>Select Sport>Click on the ADD button. This process MUST be completed by **9:00 a.m., Friday, May 1, 2026 to be considered.** **LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Teams will be selected from submitted petitions only. Selection of teams will be made based on the rankings in the CIF-SS Golf (iWanamaker) app. **All scores MUST** be in CIF-SS Golf (iWanamaker) in order to be considered for post season play.

Schools will be notified of acceptance and placement by 12:00 p.m. on the day after the entries are due either by email or posting on the cifss.org website sports page.

FREELANCE

Schools that do not belong to a Boys' golf league (the league does not field Boys' golf and does not hold a Boys' golf league qualifying tournament) or individuals whose schools do not offer team golf may apply for Freelance status. By the start date of the season, coaches must submit an email stating their intent to participate Freelance, along with the schedule of matches/tournaments for their team. The email should be sent to Commissioner Mike West's office at sharonh@cifss.org.

TEAM Qualifications: A team must submit their best scores for any matches during the season. If a team has met the qualifications and is the only team participating in the Team Freelance Tournament, they will automatically advance to a Team Divisional Tournament. The school will have the ability to enter two individual golfers from their team into the Freelance Tournament.

INDIVIDUAL Qualifications: A maximum of two individuals can be entered from one school. For the 2024-25 season, it is recommended that individuals must have an established index of **15** or better or scores of 42 or better on a par 36 for nine consecutive holes. The scores must be VERIFIED and accumulated within the regular season of play.

Freelance entry petitions must be completed, forwarded, and received by the CIF Southern Section office by **9:00 a.m., Friday, April 17, 2026**. The committee will review all petitions and selection for the tournament will be made; notification of acceptance into the Freelance Tournament will be made by a committee member.

ALTERNATES FOR CIF-SS INDIVIDUAL FINALS

Alternates for CIF Southern Section Individual Finals will no longer be declared. Players tied for the 24th position at the conclusion of the regional tournament will advance to the Individual Championship and SCGA Qualifying Tournament. For example, if there are six players tied and only two players are needed to complete the 24 open spots, all six players will advance and no playoff/card off will be conducted. Sudden death playoffs will only be conducted should there be a tie for first place. Ties for second and third will be broken via a card off.

ROSTERS AND ELIGIBILITY LISTS

Each **GOLF COACH** must submit a roster of players in CIFSS Home. The eligibility list is automatically created upon submission of the roster and no further action is needed.

ENTRY FEES

The entry fees must be received by the CIF-SS office as close to tournament day as possible. This year all fees are to be paid through cifsshome.org. Go to Forms, Tournament Fees. In the upper right corner is a plus sign, click and complete the form for the appropriate tournament. Once completed, an invoice will be created. You will have the option to pay by credit card or school check. No fees will be collected at any of the tournament sites. All fees are to come directly to the CIF Southern Section office through cifsshome.org or via check mailed to the CIF Southern Section, attention Sharon Hodge. Checks are made payable to CIF Southern Section. Fees are charged for every tournament a player/team is entered in. The fees are listed below:

Freelance Individual	\$50/player	Freelance Team	\$300/team
Individual Regional	\$50/player	Team Division Championship	\$300/team

Individual Championship & SCGA Team Qualifying Tournament * - \$50/player OR \$300/team

*Individual golfers who are part of a team that is participating in the Individual Championship/SCGA Team Qualifier will be charged once and should be paid for with the team entry fee.

CIF Southern Section Boys Golf FREELANCE Tournament Team Entry Petition

School: _____ Coach: _____

Coach's Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

	Last Name, First Name (In order of ability)	Grade	Established Index (15 or better)	Average 18- Hole Score
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

EIGHT BEST MATCHES - This information must be completed.

DATE	OPPONENT SCHOOL	COURSE	SCORE	PAR	COURSE RATING	COURSE SLOPE	# OF PLAYERS	SCORING*

***USGA OR Modified Scoring was used**

This form must be received in the CIF Southern Section Office before 9:00 a.m., Friday, April 17, 2026.
Return of this entry form constitutes a commitment to play if the entry is accepted.

Electronic submissions only - RETURN TO:

Sharon Hodge at sharonh@cifss.org

CIF Southern Section Boys Team Golf
At Large Entry Petition (NEW PROCEDURE!!!)

Schools MUST submit an AT-LARGE Petition [in CIFSSHome.org](https://cifsshome.org) to be considered.

Steps for submitting an At-Large Petition for the 2026 Boys Golf Team Divisional Championships:

1. Log in to cifsshome.org.
2. Click on FORMS>AT LARGE PETITION>
3. Go to Add Sport Dropdown>Select Boys Golf>Click on the ADD button.
4. Schedules and Scores in cifsshome.org must be complete with all matches from the 2026 season in order for your at-large petition to be accepted for consideration.
5. All scores must be in iWanamaker for at-large consideration.

The submitting of this At-Large Petition constitutes a commitment to play if the entry is accepted.

This process MUST be completed by:

9:00 a.m., Friday, May 1, 2026

LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

SCORING AND TIES

Teams will consist of **six** players with the best **five** scores counted to determine the winners. Players are reminded to check their scorecards, hole by hole, prior to signing and turning them in at the conclusion of play. Scorecards should be marked with the number of strokes taken per hole.

It is **not** allowed to use alternative scores (i.e. double par pick up or 3-5-7) for qualifying scores.

Scores of the 6th player will be used to break ties for the second and final team qualifying positions at each divisional. If a tie still exists, a playoff, if possible, of those teams will follow immediately. Otherwise, the USGA card off system will be used. All six players will participate with all six scores totaled after each hole.

PROCEDURE FOR END OF COMPETITION

1. Players are responsible for verifying the hole by hole scores on their score card prior to turning it in to the Official Scorecard Box. Once the score card is turned in, it is deemed official. The player is not responsible for the addition of the total score.
2. Each player will turn in their own score card with two (2) signatures to the Official Scorecard Box or as directed in pre-round instructions.
3. The competition is officially over when the scores have been posted, the order of finish has been established and the awards have been presented. No inquiries or contesting of results will be considered after that time.

These rules will be in effect for all CIF Southern Section post season play. It is strongly recommended that leagues adopt this policy for the sake of consistency in the conduct of matches by CIF Southern Section member schools.

PULL CARTS AND DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES (Limited Allowance)

All players may use manual pull carts. Electric pull carts are not allowed in CIF competition, as per USGA Junior rules.

Players may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4-3. Any questions about such devices should be resolved before the start of the stipulated round.

The penalty for breach of this rule 4.3 is a two-stroke penalty, any subsequent offense related or unrelated to the first breach is disqualification.

The use of wireless handheld devices (smart phones) on the golf course to access the CIF-SS Golf App to update scoring, acquire distance from the hole, or request rulings is allowed during the regular course of play. However, any other use of smartphones is prohibited by players. Talking/texting by players on phones while on the course is strictly prohibited. Additionally, player use of air pods or similar devices is not allowed. Coaches and Spectators will be allowed to text, email, or view scoring (if available).

DRESS CODE

Players and coaches must be attired in a collared shirt, slacks, Bermuda-length golf shorts, or appropriate length golf skirts/skorts. No denim of any color is allowed. Any type of cargo or safari shorts with external pockets; tee shirts or tank tops are not permitted. Please be aware that some golf courses have additional dress code guidelines, which can be viewed on the course websites.

It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure that all players and coaches are dressed appropriately. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. Please carefully review the steps below that will be strictly enforced by tournament managers.

- Step #1:** At sign in, coaches will acknowledge their players are appropriately dressed and provide a cell phone number.
- Step #2:** If a committee member views a dress code violation, they will consult with tournament manager on appropriateness.
- Step #3:** The tournament manager will speak directly with the coach, giving the coach an opportunity to have the player become compliant.
- Step #4:** If the coach cannot or does not require the player to become compliant, the coach will be notified by the tournament manager that the player is disqualified

ACCOUNTABILITY AND STUDENT/COACH BEHAVIOR (Bylaws 2011, 2013 and 2014)

Coaches and players are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and fair play, CIF Southern Section wishes to promote appropriate student and coach behavior at all post-season events. See Blue Book Rule 2013 and 2014 for information on player and coach conduct.

SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

State and Southern Section Rule 503.E states:

No CIF team or individual shall participate in interscholastic or approved competition with any other team unless the CIF team is under supervision as required by the California Administrative Code 49032 (See also Bylaw 503.F). Additionally, see CIF Southern Section Bylaws 22.B.9, Bylaw 506, and Bylaw 123. **The supervisor must remain in attendance at all times.**

Those persons approved for supervision purposes are:

1. certificated personnel
2. certified coaches (certified credentialed coaches)
3. non-certificated temporary coaches (certified walk-on coaches)

It should be noted that schools representing the same district may send one credentialed or certified supervisor for multiple teams within that same district. These individuals have been recognized and are to continue to be recognized for registration and participation purposes because the district has assigned him/her the supervisory role for all students from its member schools.

This rule applies to those students who are not accompanied by a faculty representative and report to the playoff site by themselves or with a parent. **Giving parents the supervision authority, whether in writing or not, does not meet the standards set forth in the above regulations.** This also applies to parents who are the student's private coach but are not under contract to the member school.

Any student reporting for competition who is not under direct supervision in accordance with State and Southern Section Bylaw 503.E is to be denied.

A coach would be in violation of the rule if he or she dropped off their team members at the golf course and left the premises. A coach should always be present when student athletes are under his or her care.

SUNDAY PRACTICE RESTRICTIONS (Bylaws 504M and 1227) and COURSE DEADLINES

Course deadlines previously prohibited players and coaches from playing golf courses used for Southern Section post-season competition after a specified date. There are no course deadlines in effect.

Coaches and players must still adhere to the CIF Rule 504M which prohibits organized team practice on Sunday. Exceptions are granted only to religious schools who file the Declaration of Alternate Day of Respite form, which can be found at www.cifss.org.

No practice or instruction from the school coach of any type (team or individual) may be conducted on Sunday. If a coach is transporting players on Sunday to a tournament on Monday, the coach must notify the Southern Section office and advise the Commissioner of his plans.

What constitutes organized practice?

Organized practice shall be interpreted as meaning the association of a coach with team members for the purpose of learning or practicing the skills of golf. It is important to realize that a coach should also conform to the spirit as well as the letter of the rule. For example, a golf coach who is sitting in the clubhouse while his or her team is using the practice facilities or playing the golf course would be in violation of this rule. Coaches are **NOT allowed** to be at a golf course in any manner on a Sunday when players from their school are present.

COACHING AND ADVICE

Coach to provide instruction, encouragement and information to his/her golfers without interfering with play or the conduct of the event is allowed under the following regulations:

- Between the play of holes, a coach is allowed to communicate advice to his/her players.
 - Between the play of holes is defined as that period when an entire group has completed play of a hole and ends when the individual player hits his or her tee shot on the next hole.
- The communication of advice may not impede the pace of play.
- Coaches are NOT allowed to communicate any advice (verbal or non-verbal) during the play of the hole. A violation of this would result in the player being penalized under Rule 8 of the USGA Rules of Golf.
- Coaches who are in violation of this policy may be subject to one or more of following consequences from a member(s) of the tournament committee:
 - Warning
 - Limited coaching time
 - Removal from the golf course (coach may remain in the clubhouse/practice area)
- Only the golf coach as specified under Bylaw 309 may communicate advice to his/her players.
 - The golf coach is defined as the person who signs in the team at the event and is listed on file at his/her respective high school as the golf coach.
 - Throughout the competition, the golf coach must wear a badge identifying him or her as the golf coach. CIF will provide the badges at each post-season event.
 - Each school is restricted to a maximum of two golf coaches (head coach and assistant coach) who may communicate advice between the play of holes during the stipulated round.
- As a reminder, players are still prohibited from communicating advice, as defined by Rule 8, to other players at any time during their round. Any player who gives or asks for advice will be penalized according to Rule 8 of the USGA Rules of Golf.

Any head coach, assistant coach, or school employee who is found to be in violation of the regulations outlined above may be denied entry at future CIF post-season events and may cause his/her team or individual players to be disqualified from the event. The suspension and disqualification penalties are subject to the judgment of the Commissioner of the CIF Southern Section whose decision is final.

NOTE: Coaching is prohibited during CIF/SCGA Southern Regional and CIF State events.

ADVICE RULE

Please remind all participants of Advice Rule 10-2 (Advice and Assistance) in the Rules of Golf which specifically prohibits players from receiving any counsel or suggestion from anyone including their coaches, teammates, other players, spectators or parents. "Advice" is any counsel or suggestion which could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of club or the method of making a stroke. However, information on the Rules of Golf, matters of public information and/or Local Rules for this tournament is not considered advice.

A player shall not give advice to anyone in the competition. Verbal or non-verbal communication between coaches, players, parents and/or spectators that meets the criteria of the Advice Rule will be considered a violation.

The penalty as described in the Rules of Golf (Rule 8, stroke play) is two strokes. A player who witnesses a violation of the Advice Rule is advised to call the infraction immediately to the attention of the competitor. Event staff who witness infractions are empowered to call the violation and assess the penalty.

SPECTATORS/EVENT MANAGEMENT

If a course permits spectators, they will be allowed per the CDPH COVID-19 guidelines. Masks may be required to be worn and spectators should be confined to the cart paths and rough only to promote social distancing. They should be well clear of the competitors and observe rules of etiquette when applauding or cheering a stroke or play. Event management reserves the right to remove unruly spectators from the course, or assess penalties against competitors who cause, encourage, or promote inappropriate displays. **Spectator cart rentals may or may not be available; availability is based on the SOLE DISCRETION of each golf course.** Refer to schedule on page 6 of this bulletin for course information regarding the allowance of spectators on a particular course.

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LEAGUE	INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT & ENTRIES ALLOWED Mon/Wed May 11/13, 2026	TEAM DIVISIONAL PLACEMENT Monday/Tuesday May 18/19, 2026	PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS
605			Artesia
			Cerritos
			Oxford Academy
			Whitney
ACADEMY			Anaheim Discovery
			Capistrano Valley Christian
			Newport Christian
			Pacifica Christian/OC
			Tarbut V Torah
			Vista Meridian
ALMONT			Alhambra
			Bell Gardens
			Mark Keppel
			Montebello
			San Gabriel
			Schurr
AMBASSADOR			Aquinas
			Arrowhead Christian
			Linfield Christian
			Ontario Christian
			United Christian Academy
			Woodcrest Christian
BASELINE			Chino Hills
			Damien
			Etiwanda
			Los Osos
			Rancho Cucamonga
			Upland
BAY			Beverly Hills
			Mira Costa
			Palos Verdes
			Peninsula
			Redondo Union
			South Torrance
BIG VIII			Centennial/Corona
			Corona
			King, Martin Luther
			Norco
			Roosevelt, Eleanor
			Santiago/Corona

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CAMINO REAL			Bishop Montgomery
			Mary Star of the Sea
			Paraclete
			Salesian
			St. Anthony
			St. Bernard
			St. Monica Prep
CHANNEL			Buena
			Dos Pueblos
			Oxnard
			Pacifica/Oxnard
			Rio Mesa
			San Marcos
			Santa Barbara Ventura
CITRUS BELT			Beaumont
			Cajon
			Citrus Valley
			Redlands
			Redlands East Valley Yucaipa
CITRUS COAST			Carpinteria
			Channel Islands
			Fillmore
			Hueneme
			Malibu
			Nordhoff
			Santa Paula
COAST			Bolsa Grande
			Estancia
			Loara
			Orange
			Santa Ana Valley
			Savanna Western
COASTAL			Geffen Academy at UCLA
			Rolling Hills Prep
			Vistamar Wildwood

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COASTAL CANYON			Camarillo
			Moorpark
			Oak Park
			Royal
			Simi Valley
CRESTVIEW			Canyon/Anaheim
			Crean Lutheran
			Cypress
			Sunny Hills
			Yorba Linda
CROSS VALLEY			Academy Careers & Exploration
			Big Bear
			Cobalt Institute
			Excelsior Charter
			Hesperia Christian
			Lucerne Valley
			Riverside Prep
			University Prep
DEL REY			Bishop Amat
			Cathedral
			Don Bosco Tech
			La Salle
			St. Paul
			Verbum Dei Jesuit
DEL RIO			California
			El Rancho
			La Serna
			Santa Fe
			Whittier
DESERT EMPIRE			La Quinta/La Quinta
			Palm Desert
			Palm Springs
			Rancho Mirage
			Shadow Hills
			Xavier Prep
DESERT SKY			Adelanto
			Barstow
			Granite Hills/Apple Valley
			Silverado
			Victor Valley

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DESERT VALLEY			Banning
			Coachella Valley
			Desert Hot Springs
			Desert Mirage
			Indio
			Twentynine Palms
			Yucca Valley
EMPIRE			Calvary Chapel/Santa Ana
			Fullerton
			Kennedy
			Laguna Hills
			Tustin
			Valencia/Placentia
FOOTHILL			Canyon/Canyon Country
			Castaic
			Golden Valley/Santa Clarita
			Hart
			Saugus
			Valencia/Valencia
			West Ranch
FREELANCE			Orion Academy (Team Only)
FREEWAY			El Dorado
			Esperanza
			Foothill
			Troy
			Villa Park
GATEWAY			Downey
			Gahr
			La Mirada
			Paramount
			Warren
GOLD COAST			Brentwood
			Campbell Hall
			Crossroads
			Viewpoint
			Windward

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GOLDEN			Antelope Valley
			Eastside
			Highland
			Knight, Pete
			Lancaster
			Littlerock
			Palmdale
			Quartz Hill
GOLDEN WEST			Buena Park
			Costa Mesa
			Garden Grove
			Katella
			Ocean View
			Westminster
HACIENDA			Alta Loma
			Colony
			Los Altos
			Marshall
			San Dimas
			South Hills
HERITAGE			Faith Baptist
			Lancaster Baptist
			Palmdale Academy Charter
			St. Monica Academy
INLAND VALLEY			Citrus Hill
			Heritage
			Lakeside/Lake Elsinore
			Moreno Valley
			Perris
			Rancho Christian
			Vista Del Lago
IVY			Arlington
			Canyon Springs
			Liberty
			Orange Vista
			Paloma Valley
			Poly/Riverside

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LIBERTY			AGBU/Canoga Park
			Buckley
			de Toledo
			Milken Community
			Oakwood
			Pacifica Chr/Santa Monica
			Pilibos (Indiv Only)
			Providence/Burbank
			Shalhevet
			YULA (Yeshiva)
MAJESTIC			Bethel Christian/Riverside
			Calvary Baptist
			Cornerstone Chr./Wildomar
			Crossroads Christian Grove
			Packinghouse Christian
MARMONTE			Agoura
			Calabasas
			Newbury Park
			Oaks Christian
			Thousand Oaks Westlake
MID-CITIES			Bellflower
			Firebaugh
			Mayfair
			Norwalk
MISSION			Alemany
			Chaminade
			Crespi
			Harvard-Westlake
			Loyola
			Notre Dame/Sherman Oaks
			Sierra Canyon St. Francis
MOJAVE RIVER			Apple Valley
			Burroughs/Ridgecrest
			Hesperia
			Oak Hills
			Serrano Sultana

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MOORE			Cabrillo/Long Beach
			Lakewood
			Millikan
			Poly/Long Beach
			Wilson/Long Beach
MOUNTAIN PASS			Elsinore
			San Jacinto
			Tahquitz
			Temescal Canyon
			West Valley
MT. BALDY			Chaffey
			Chino
			Diamond Ranch
			Don Lugo
			Montclair
			Ontario
NORTH HILLS			Brea Olinda
			El Modena
			La Habra
			Pacifica/Garden Grove
			Sonora
OCEAN			Culver City
			El Segundo
			North Torrance
			Santa Monica
			Torrance
			West Torrance
OLYMPIC			Heritage Christian
			Maranatha
			Valley Chr/Cerritos
			Village Christian
			Whittier Christian
OMEGA			Beacon Hill
			Hillcrest Chr./Thousand Oaks
			Lighthouse Christian
			Newbury Park Adventist
			Ojai Valley
			Pilgrim
			San Fernando Valley Acad.
			Westmark

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PACIFIC			Arcadia
			Burbank
			Burroughs/Burbank
			Crescenta Valley
			Glendale
			Hoover
			Muir
			Pasadena
PACIFIC COAST			Northwood
			Portola
			St. Margaret's
			University
PACIFIC HILLS			Irvine
			Laguna Beach
			Sage Hill
			Woodbridge
PALOMARES			Ayala, Ruben
			Bonita
			Claremont
			Diamond Bar
			Glendora
			Walnut
PREP			Chadwick
			EF Academy
			Flintridge Prep
			Poly/Pasadena
			Rio Hondo Prep
RIO HONDO			Gabrielino
			La Canada
			Monrovia
			San Marino
			South Pasadena
			Temple City
RIVER VALLEY			Jurupa Valley
			La Sierra
			Norte Vista
			Patriot
			Ramona
			Rubidoux

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SAN ANDREAS			Arroyo Valley
			Miller, AB
			Notre Dame/Riverside
			Rialto
			Rim of the World
SAN JOAQUIN			Avalon
			Fairmont Prep
			Samueli Academy
			Webb
			Western Christian
SEA VIEW			Aliso Niguel
			Dana Hills
			El Toro
			Mission Viejo
			Trabuco Hills
SOUTH COAST			Beckman
			Capistrano Valley
			San Clemente
			San Juan Hills
			Tesoro
SOUTH VALLEY			Nuview Bridge
			San Jacinto Leadership Acad
			San Jacinto Vly Academy
			Santa Rosa Academy
			St. Jeanne de Lestonnac
			Temecula Prep
SOUTHWESTERN			Chaparral
			Great Oak
			Murrieta Mesa
			Murrieta Valley
			Temecula Valley
			Vista Murrieta
SUNBELT			Hemet
			Hillcrest
			North, J.W.
			Rancho Verde
			Valley View

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SUNSET			Corona Del Mar
			Edison
			Fountain Valley
			Huntington Beach
			Los Alamitos
			Marina
			Newport Harbor
TRI-COUNTY PREMIER			Joshua Springs Christian
			Loma Linda Academy
			Mesa Grande Academy
			Redlands Adventist Academy
			River Springs/Temecula
TRI-VALLEY			Bishop Diego
			Foothill Technology
			Grace
			Laguna Blanca
			Providence/Santa Barbara
			St. Bonaventure
			Villanova Prep
TRINITY			JSerra Catholic
			Lutheran/Orange
			Mater Dei
			Santa Margarita
			Servite
			St. John Bosco
VALLE VISTA			Charter Oak
			Rowland
			West Covina
			Wilson/Hacienda Heights



**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.



**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.

Please note: The use of only “CIF” is strictly prohibited per the State CIF registered trademarks. 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.

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

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

•Chenille Patches

JL Varsity Jackets & Patches	www.jlcustomjackets.com	(951) 867-3200
CIF Tshirts	www.cifsstshirts.com	(951) 789-5858
C&L Custom Jackets	www.cljackets.com	(714) 828-6900
Embroidery & More	www.embroideryandmoredesign.com	(951) 471-5200
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.

EXTREME HEAT AND AIR QUALITY POLICY FOR THE CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION

As per **CA State Law AB 1653** and CIF Bylaw 503 K. Heat Illness and Air Quality Index Protocols, **all CIF member schools must adhere to the CIF Heat Illness Prevention and Heat Acclimatization Policies as outlined below.**

Extreme Heat Procedures:

The WetBulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) is a measure of the heat stress in direct sunlight, which takes into account: temperature, humidity, wind speed, sun angle, and cloud cover (solar radiation). This differs from the Heat Index, which takes into consideration temperature and humidity and is calculated for shady areas. The WBGT is especially valuable in environments where people are physically active, such as sports, as it provides a better assessment of the risk of heat-related conditions during physical exertion. The CIF requires that schools use the WBGT for the most accurate measurement.

Depending on your Category Region (see map below), it is mandated for the benefit of the health and safety of our student-athletes that practice/games be canceled, or delayed until cooler when WBGT exceeds these levels:

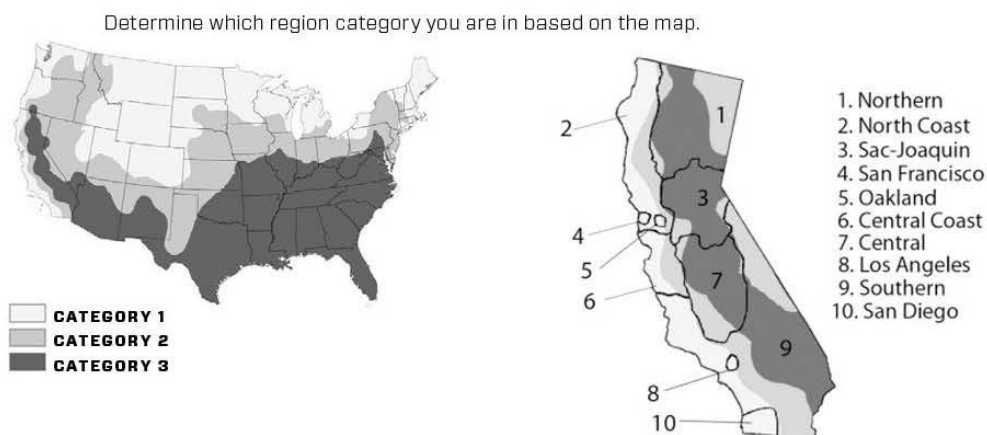
- Region Category 1 >86.2°F
- Region Category 2 >89.9°F
- Region Category 3 >92.0°F

STEP 1

Find your Region Category

Based on the following map, schools should select the category that best fits their region to follow the required guidelines shown below.

The majority of states fall under just one category or two at the most. However, due to its diverse climate across the state, California encompasses all three categories: light gray - Category 1 / medium gray - Category 2 / dark gray - Category 3. (See image below).



STEP 2

WBGT Readings (Note: Temperatures listed in the chart below are calculated using a WBGT and are **not** basic air temperatures) Please see Step 3 below for samples of WBGT readings.

Cat 3	Cat 2	Cat 1	Outdoor Activity Guidelines
<82.0°F <27.8°C	<79.7°F <26.5°C	<76.1°F <24.5°C	Normal Activities – Provide at least three separate rest breaks each hour with a minimum duration of 3 min each during the workout.
82.2 - 86.9°F 27.9 - 30.5°C	79.9 - 84.6°F 26.6 - 29.2°C	76.3 - 81.0°F 24.6 - 27.2°C	Use discretion for intense or prolonged exercise; Provide at least three separate rest breaks each hour with a minimum duration of 4 min each.
87.1 - 90.0°F 30.6 - 32.2°C	84.7 - 87.6°F 29.3 - 30.9°C	81.1 - 84.0°F 27.3 - 28.9°C	Maximum outdoor practice time is 2 h. Provide at least four separate rest breaks each hour with a minimum duration of 4 min each. <u>For Football/Field Hockey:</u> players are restricted to helmet, shoulder pads, and shorts during practice. If the WBGT rises to this level during practice, players may continue to work out wearing full pads without changing to shorts.
90.1 - 91.9°F 32.2 - 33.3°C	87.8 - 89.6°F 31.0 - 32.0°C	84.2 - 86.0°F 29.0 - 30.0°C	Contests are permitted with additional hydration breaks. Maximum outdoor practice time is 1 h. No protective equipment may be worn during practice, and there may be no conditioning activities. There must be 20 min of rest breaks distributed throughout the hour of practice.
≥92.1°F ≥33.4°C	≥89.8°F ≥32.1°C	≥86.2°F ≥30.1°C	No outdoor workouts/contests. Delay practice/competitions until a cooler WBGT is reached.

STEP 3

Schools without a WBGT should use the link below from the NOAA for a WBGT reading

<https://digital.mdl.nws.noaa.gov/?zoom=7&lat=35.28787&lon=-79.36779&layers=F000BTTTFTT®ion=0&element=8&mxmz=true&barbs=false&subl=TTTTTT&units=english&wunits=nautical&coords=latlon&tunits=localt>

EXAMPLE @2:30 PM

AUGUST 31, 2023

CATEGORY 1 SCHOOL

Outside Air Temp 87⁰ F

WBGT Reading =80

AUGUST 31, 2023

CATEGORY 2 SCHOOL

Outside Air Temp 97⁰ F

WBGT Reading =82

AUGUST 31, 2023

CATEGORY 3 SCHOOL

Outside Air Temp 92⁰ F

WBGT Reading =81

CIF Fall Outdoor Sports Acclimatization Policy

Given the extreme heat issues typically experienced at the start of the Fall sports season, heat acclimatization is crucial for high school athletes to help them adapt to hot weather conditions and reduce the risk of heat-related illnesses. The following is a four-step plan for heat acclimatization in outdoor high school sports:

1. **Gradual Increase in Activity:**
 - Start with light workouts in cooler conditions to prepare athletes for increased heat exposure.
 - Gradually increase the intensity and duration of practice sessions over 10-14 days.
2. **Hydration Education:**
 - Teach athletes the importance of staying hydrated and recognizing signs of dehydration.
 - Encourage regular water breaks during practice and games and always provide access to water.
3. **Modify Practice Schedules:**
 - Schedule outdoor practices during cooler times, like early morning or late evening.
 - Allow frequent breaks and shade to help athletes cool down and recover.
4. **Monitor Athlete Health:**
 - Educate coaches, trainers, and athletes on the signs of heat-related illnesses (heat exhaustion and heat stroke).
 - The school will have available a method to institute whole-body cooling to treat a student-athlete with exertional heat illness, especially heat stroke (e.g., ice tub, “taco tarp”, ice towels) which is easily accessible at all practice and contest venues.

Safety should always be the top priority when acclimating high school athletes to hot weather conditions. This plan helps athletes adapt while minimizing the risk of heat-related issues.

For All Outdoor Fall Sports

Five-Day Acclimatization Period. Preseason practice shall begin with a five-day acclimatization period for all Fall student-athletes. All student-athletes, including those who arrive at preseason practice after the first day of practice, are required to undergo a five-day acclimatization period. The five-day acclimatization period shall be conducted as follows:






- (a) Participants shall not engage in more than one on-field practice per day during the five-day acclimatization period. On-field practices shall last no longer than two hours.

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- (b) During the first three days of practice or testing activity, helmets shall be the only protective equipment student-athletes may wear. During the next two days of practice or testing activity, helmets, and shoulder pads shall be the only protective equipment student-athletes may wear. Student-athletes may practice in full pads on the sixth day of practice or testing activity.

Air Quality and Sport Participation:

CIF Position Statement Sports Medicine Advisory Committee

	US AQI Level	PM2.5 (µg/m ³)	Health Recommendation (for 24 hour exposure)
	Good 0-50	0-12.0	Air quality is satisfactory and poses little or no risk.
	Moderate 51-100	12.1-35.4	Sensitive individuals should avoid outdoor activity as they may experience respiratory symptoms.
	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups 101-150	35.5-55.4	General public and sensitive individuals in particular are at risk to experience irritation and respiratory problems.
	Unhealthy 151-200	55.5-150.4	Increased likelihood of adverse effects and aggravation to the heart and lungs among general public.
	Very Unhealthy 201-300	150.5-250.4	General public will be noticeably affected. Sensitive groups should restrict outdoor activities.
	Hazardous 301+	250.5+	General public at high risk of experiencing strong irritations and adverse health effects. Should avoid outdoor activities.

Pictured: Air quality index chart with corresponding PM2.5 µg/m³.

Recent catastrophic and historical fires in California continue to raise numerous questions regarding safe participation in sport and practice for young athletes. This position statement serves as a resource to coaches, administrators, parents and students who have questions about participation in outdoor activity during periods of diminished air quality for California high school sport.

Healthy athletes are at increased risk for inhaling pollutants in the air. Physical activity increases ventilation and the number of pollutants that are inhaled are increased compared to periods of rest. During physical activity, air is often inhaled directly into the mouth, bypassing the built-in nasal filtration system. Deep inhalation diffuses pollutants into the bloodstream more quickly during exercise. These risks are increased if an athlete has a pre-existing medical condition such as asthma or a cardiac condition.

A valid and reliable standardized national air quality resource is the National Weather Service (NWS) Air Quality Forecast System. This system provides constant monitoring of ozone, particulate matter and pollutants with accurate and advanced notice to prevent the adverse effects of decreased air quality.

The key component of the standardized air quality resource is the NWS Air Quality Index (AQI). The AQI provides real time monitoring and alerts in response to changing air quality levels. Five different pollutants are tracked in this system including the following: 1) ground level ozone 2) particle pollution 3) carbon monoxide 4) sulfur dioxide 5) nitrogen dioxide. Ground level ozone and particulate matter are the most concerning pollutants for outdoor physical activity. The AQI is reported as a single number based on a scale of 0 to 500 with 0 being completely safe and 500 indicating the most hazardous levels of air pollution.

Consistent with this national reporting system and consistent with the National Collegiate Athletic Association Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspect of Sport, the CIF Sports Medicine Advisory Committee offers the following general guidance to institutions seeking to make decisions about the appropriateness of practice or competition in questionable air quality situations. With recent severe fires within the state of California, both regional and statewide authorities have often established alerts to cancelling sport events or practices because of local risk. CIF recommends following these guidelines. If specific guidelines have not yet been provided, the following are useful guidelines consistent with NCAA and NFHS position statements on air quality.

- 1) Monitoring of local AQI and associated air quality alerts, especially during times of extreme environmental conditions is recommended. Advice and monitoring is best done by the primary athletics health care providers (athletic trainers, school nursing staff, team physicians) who have training in such monitoring. Schools may choose to delegate this responsibility to a staff member with knowledge of AQI.
- 2) Member schools should consider shortening or cancelling outdoor athletic events (practices or competition) in accordance with AQI recommendations. Exposure to air should be managed more carefully for students with pre-existing lung or heart conditions. When the AQI rises above 100 schools should consider removing such athletes at risk from practice or competition.
- 3) At AQI values above 150 serious consideration should be given to rescheduling the activity or moving it indoors if possible. Prolonged exposure and heavy exertion should be avoided.
- 4) School Emergency Action Plans may guide the emergency care response in these circumstances and the staff should be made aware of this plan.
- 5) The Preparticipation Physical Examination for Sport will be used as a tool to identify students at risk for smoke inhalation exposure such as asthma, cardiac disease and respiratory disease.
- 6) Emphasize to student athletes that the wearing of masks, such as for protection against COVID-19 does not protect against exposure to hazardous air quality. Consequently, wearing masks will not allow competition or practices when AQI is at hazardous levels.

There are now validated online applications to smart phones which can track not only AQI in a town or city, but also AQI regionally near each neighborhood within each town or city. Consistent with NFHS, California Air Quality Board and California Environmental Protection Agency, the CIF recommends using the www.airnow.gov application for this purpose. The AQI may even be checked periodically during a day of competition or practice in case of changing conditions. The application was created with the collaboration of the Environmental Protection Agency and contains not only air quality data but also current fire conditions, webcams and email notifications consistent with local and regional up to date conditions.

References

- 1) Air Quality Position Statement. NCAA Sports Science Institute, Sept 2018
- 2) NFHS Position Statement on Physical Activity, Air Quality and Wildfires, April 2019
- 3) CIF North Coast Section. Air Quality Index Rules, Bylaw 1003H.
- 4) US Environmental Protection Agency. Air Now website www.airnow.gov

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