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# Football (8)



# PLAYOFF BULLETIN

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**ATTN:** Athletic Directors and 8 - Man Football Coaches  
**FROM:** Rich Shearer, Assistant Commissioner, Football Administrator  
 Brenda Bomgaars, Program Coordinator to Rich Shearer  
**SUBJECT:** 2023 CIF SOUTHERN SECTION FORD ~ FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
**DATE:** October 2023

**8-MAN Football Playoff Brackets will be released on  
 SUNDAY OCTOBER 29, 2023 AT 1:00 p.m. at  
[www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org)**

**PLAYOFF CONTEST DATES**

First Round ..... November 3, 2023  
 Second Round ..... November 10, 2023  
 Semi Finals ..... \*November 17, 2023  
 Finals (Divisions 1 & 2) ..... November 24 or 25, 2023

**NOTE: If Division 1 has 8 teams the Championship Final will be played on November 17 or 18, 2023.**

**COIN FLIP DATES**

In an effort to give schools as much time as possible to prepare for football playoff contests, we will be announcing coin flips for home teams according to the following schedule:  
 Second Round ..... Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.  
 Semi Finals ..... Monday, November 6, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.  
 Finals ..... Monday, November 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

**NOTE: Coaches are required to make film exchange arrangements with opponents an hour after pairings are released. (See page 13 on film exchange requirements).**

**Review GoFan Ticket Information on page 14.**



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## **A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER**

Welcome to the 2023 CIF Southern Section Football Championships, where some of the best football in the country is played! The next few weeks will be filled with excellent competition from some quality football programs. I would like to congratulate the schools, coaches and players who have qualified for this tournament on your success this season.

This football bulletin is a resource provided to all participating schools as a resource for coaches, athletic directors, and school administrators to help manage games and answer questions related to our championship events. If you have any questions that are not answered in this document, please don't hesitate to contact the Section Office. We will be happy to assist you.

As always, we remind all participants about the importance of sportsmanship and fair play during any CIF contest. Compete as hard as you can but please show respect to your opponents and to the officials. There is nothing better than watching a hard-hitting, strongly contested match where both sides are demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship. This is the core of what makes education-based athletics so great.

Good luck to you all.

Mike West  
Commissioner of Athletics

## **PLAYOFF CHECK LIST**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Date</b>
1. Update Player Roster into <a href="http://www.cifsshome.org">www.cifsshome.org</a>	_____	_____
2. Update 14 Year Old in <a href="http://www.cifsshome.org">www.cifsshome.org</a>	_____	_____
3. Uploaded team photograph into <a href="http://www.cifsshome.org">www.cifsshome.org</a>	_____	_____
4. Log into Gofan.co account to confirm accuracy	_____	_____
5. Have field reserved in event of home game next round	_____	_____
6. Pre-game planning with opponent	_____	_____
7. Contact and confirm with Officials	_____	_____
8. Secure Medical Coverage for Contest	_____	_____
9. Provide PA Announcements to Announcer	_____	_____
10. Arrange for Gatorade Coolers and Products	_____	_____
11. Confirm CIF/Ford Championship Banner is hung in visible location	_____	_____

CIF Southern Section games will be played under the 2023 National Federation Football Rules, except where superseded by Blue Book rulings or this Handbook/Playoff Bulletin.

### **8 PERSON FIELD TRANSITION**

It is the recommendation of the 8-person football advisory committee that the following guidelines be followed to transition an 11-person field to an 8 person field.

1. Each sideline should be narrowed by 20 feet. The 11-person field is 53 and  $\frac{1}{3}$  yards wide, the 8-person field is 40 yards wide. The difference being 13 and  $\frac{1}{3}$  yards, or, 40 feet. Narrowing both sidelines by 20 feet keeps the center of the field allowing for easier spotting of the ball. This also allows for centering on PATs in the case of dropped snaps that turn the play into 2 point conversions.

2. The hashmarks should then be measured 45 feet, or 15 yards, from the new sideline. These hashmarks should be designated by pylons on either end of the field on the back line of the endzone.

3. The sideline should be marked by tape of contrasting color to the field and should run the full length of the 11-person field in order to maintain correct sidelines for PATs.

4. The goallines should be 80 yards apart. This should be accomplished in one of two ways:

a. One goalline brought in 20 yards, leaving one true endzone and creating an endzone starting at the opposite 20 yard line.

b. Both goallines brought in 10 yards, creating two new endzones both starting at the 10 yard line on either side of the field.

# 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](http://www.cifsshome.org)) as well as update the scores immediately following your contests.

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

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

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 **Football** 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 **Football** 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 Football coaches (Head & Assistants) into CIFSSHome ([www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org)) no later than **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023.**

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

- Click on the "Users" tab, click on "User Manager", click on the  in the upper right hand corner to add Coaches and Assistant Coaches. Enter the information requested on the "Add School User" page. Choose "Active" to provide the coach with access to CIFSSHome or "Inactive" for directory purposes only. Choose Yes or No to give the coach access to all sport, click **Submit**.

Choose the applicable options on the Assign Coach to Team page, click Save or Add Another to add additional coach(s).

## VARSITY TEAM INFORMATION (TEAM PHOTO) due no later than **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023.**

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


- Click on the "Teams" tab, click "Teams Manager", click on "Football", click on the "Team Photo" tab,

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

## VARSITY TEAM INFORMATION (ROSTERS)

**Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches:** It is very important that you enter your entire Football Varsity roster into CIFSSHome ([www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org)) no later than **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023.**

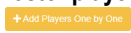
Log in @ [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org) (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).

- Click on the "Teams" tab, click on "Teams Manager", click on "Football", select   
You can UPLOAD your roster using the instructions below (1) or you can enter each player one by one (2).

**Required roster information for Football is:**

**First Name, Last Name, Birth date, Year, Number, Position, Height, Weight & Eligibility**

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

- Click on  and complete fields required for Football.

**(2) To Import a Roster using an Excel sample file:**

- Download the [sample file](#) and delete the "contents only".


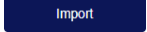
- Copy and paste or type your roster information into the file as the contents and save the file to your computer.

- 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 Football are:**

**First Name, Last Name, Birth date, Year, Number, Position, Height, Weight & Eligibility**

- Click on to find your file,  then click  on

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

- Click on the  next to the player's name to view each player's information.

## AT LARGE APPLICATION

**Attention Athletic Directors/ Coaches:** Please follow the instructions below to enter your school as an At Large Entry for Football. The At Large Application is to be submitted by your school no later than **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023 NO LATER THAN 11:00 P.M.**

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

Once you are logged in:

-On the left panel, click on the "Forms" tab, select "At Large Petition"

-Select "Football" from the drop down menu, then click "Add"

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



## OFFICIAL BALL PROGRAM 2023-2024

### Official Ball per sport:

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

### Mandatory Playoff Use Requirement:

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

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

### Playoff Ball Use Rule Enforcement:

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

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

## **PLAYOFF DIVISIONS**

The CIF Southern Section 8 Man Football Playoffs shall be conducted in 2 playoff divisions for 2023. The number of teams in Division 1 will be determined by the Commissioner at the conclusion of the regular season. Division 2 will be a 16 team bracket.

It will be the responsibility of the Commissioner, and his staff to establish the pairings in each first round game for all divisions. 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. If there are not enough .500 or better at large teams, then the highest rated sub .500 team(s), will be selected. The ranking of each team will be determined by a schools rating at the designated time Sunday morning, October 29, 2023.

The Division 1 representatives will be placed in the bracket and seeded one through the final team in the draw, as determined by the selection process. This will be regardless of league finish and designation. Division 2 representatives will be placed in the bracket and seeded one through sixteen, 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. Schools will be placed in their divisions based on the competitive equity format (refer to Blue Book rule 3419).

As per CIF Southern Section policy, League Coordinators will submit the names of their league entries to this office. All 8-Man Division League Champions will be guaranteed entry into the playoffs.

Important information to be considered regarding the formation of the 2023 playoff divisions:

1. Rankings for all teams will be determined at a designated time Sunday, October 29, 2023. Rankings will be taken from <http://www.calpreps.com>. As the rankings are dynamic, only these rankings, from that moment will be used. Calpreps rounds to the nearest 10<sup>th</sup> in posting their rankings, however teams that are tied in rating, will be taken in the order posted on Calpreps, as they will be put into order based on their true decimal rating, not reflected in the public number posted.
2. After all teams have been placed into division one, remaining teams will make up a sixteen team bracket to form division 2.
3. Once automatic qualifiers have been placed into a division, and pending space, any remaining sports will go to the highest ranked, at-large teams in that grouping. If there are not enough at-large. 500 teams, then the highest sub .500 team(s) will be taken.

## **EIGHT-MAN FOOTBALL PLAYOFF FORMAT**

1. **Blue Book Rule 3519.7** In the sport of Football, individual schools will be evaluated and placed into divisions on a yearly basis utilizing a formula based entirely on current regular season results. Final power rankings, and divisional placements, will be determined and released at the end of the current regular season. Seeding of all playoff brackets in each division will follow the final power rankings in that division, regardless of league affiliation or league finish. For example, in the First Round, the #1 seed, determined by the final power rankings for that division, will play #16, the #2 seed will play #15, etc. The higher seeded team will host the First Round contest and then CIF Southern Section Bylaw 3504, Host Team After the First Round, will be followed for all subsequent contests.

**Note: 3504.1** Teams receiving a bye in the first round shall be the host team in the next round of the playoffs.

Only the champions of each league will be guaranteed automatic entry into the playoffs in each division, with the remaining berths in each draw filled by at-large teams, using the criteria listed below.

2. Guaranteed entries will only be accepted from leagues where members have **PLAYED** at least 3 league contests (forfeitures will not be accepted).
3. The remainder of the bracket will be filled by at-large teams, which include freelance teams, as well as league schools who do not qualify automatically.
4. No team may qualify for the playoffs, either as a guaranteed entry, or as an at-large team, unless they have actually played 6 contests (no forfeits).

**NOTE:** Should the number of guaranteed playoff entries fail to complete a full bracket, this will necessitate the inclusion of at-large teams. The following criteria and procedures will be used to accomplish this task.

- (1) Leagues will have the option of recognizing at-large teams for consideration should they desire (see process below). Each individual school must also complete an at large application.
- (2) All automatic and at-large entries must be submitted to the CIF-SS no later than 11:00 p.m. on the Saturday evening for the weekend in which the playoff draw will be completed.
- (3) Schools which are being submitted as at-large entries **MUST** submit to this office by 11:00 p.m. the Saturday of the weekend in which the playoff draw is finalized, on the proper form which lists all contests played, results of same and any further background information the at-large selection committee should be appraised of in determining the teams which will be selected for the filling of byes.
- (4) Once automatic qualifiers have been placed into a division, and pending space, any remaining sports will go to the highest ranked, at-large teams in that grouping. If there are not enough at-large. 500 teams, then the highest sub .500 team(s) will be taken.

## AT LARGE ENTRIES

- (1) Entry must be submitted in CIFSSHome ([www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org)) by 11:00 p.m., Saturday, October 28, 2023.
- (2) Schools submitting an at-large entry, MUST have a complete schedule and results in CIFSSHome([www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org)) and verify the schedule and results listed at [www.calpreps.com](http://www.calpreps.com).
- (3) The At Large Selection Committee will meet Sunday morning of the weekend in which the playoff draw is to be finalized. The administrator so designated from the CIF-SS Office for Football shall act as a resource person and chair the meeting.

**REMINDER:** All materials relating to at-large entries MUST be submitted to the CIF-SS office no later than 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28, 2023. If material is not submitted, the team will not be under consideration, as the Selection Committee will have no statistical data from which to draw.

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will be released on  
SUNDAY OCTOBER 29, 2023 AT 1:00 p.m. at  
[www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org)**

**Attention Athletic Directors/ Coaches: Please follow the instructions below to enter your school as an At Large Entry for Boys Football. The At Large Application is to be submitted by your school no later than **Saturday, October 28, 2023 @ 11:00 p.m.****

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

Once you are logged in:

-On the left panel, click on the "Forms" tab, select "At Large Petition"

-Select "8-Man Football" then click "Add"

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

**All league entries are to be submitted by 11:00 p.m., Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 through [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org).**

**It is critical for the accuracy of rankings and entries that school and league coordinators confirm their schedules/scores both at [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org) and [www.calpreps.com](http://www.calpreps.com).**

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

**No revisions can be accepted after 1:00 p.m. on, Sunday, October 30, 2022.**

## **DETERMINATION OF SITES**

In the first round of the playoffs, the arrangement shall be as follows: The Commissioner shall match the teams for first-round playoff contests and the host school for these games shall be pre-determined by the Commissioner. Teams will be placed in the bracket and seeded as determined by their rating. The higher seeded team, regardless of league finish, shall be host school in the first round.

The decision of who shall be the host team, after the first round of competition, is the 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 in playoff competition in the entire draw, 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 that 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.

The designation of "host" does not guarantee the game will be played at the host school's facility. It does designate 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 provide for the anticipated crowd. Approval of the site will be made by the Southern Section office, after taking into consideration input from the participating schools and evaluation of crowd sizes from previous years.

### **PLANNING MEETING**

Member schools, on occasion, have reported they have encountered problems in crowd control at night football games. In some instances, there have been fights, games suspended, reports of vandalism and serious problems in the parking lots. This again points up the extreme need for proper preparation and pre-game planning for all football playoff contests.

It is **required** that administrators from the two competing schools discuss details connected with the staging of the contest. Visiting students and supporters should be given detailed information regarding the best method of reaching the site of the contest, where to park, where to enter the stadium and where their allotted seats are located. The half-time entertainment, and all activities connected with the game, should be thoroughly worked out.

### **CIF-SS OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS**

With a very limited amount of time between each round of the playoffs, a tremendous strain is placed on the staff at the CIF-SS office, in arranging the myriad of details connected with insuring a successful playoff activity. Game sites must be established, officials secured, press credentials issued and press releases distributed. To expedite matters, our staff will be in the office on Saturday, November 4, 12 and 19 during the playoffs.

With the numerous specifics involved in conducting playoffs, the host school **MUST SEEK APPROVAL FROM THE CIF-SS BY 3 P.M. MONDAY, AS TO THE EXACT SITE OF THE UPCOMING PLAYOFF CONTEST.** This deadline must be met, in order for game officials to be assigned, information to be distributed to the press for advance publicity and to allow ample time for field inspection, if necessary. As indicated earlier, schools are to have sites tentatively under reservation in advance, thus allowing for a quick answer by 3 p.m. each Monday.

## **EQUAL FACILITIES**

Although it is necessary that one team be designated as the host team, it shall be kept in mind that the game belongs equally to both competing schools. **A pre-game planning meeting must be held to cover all details connected with the staging of every playoff contest.**

**Blue Book Rule 3516:** The visiting school in dual team playoff contests is entitled to equal facilities, including one-half of the seating, locker rooms, phone lines, spotting facilities, etc.

If headphones are provided for one team, they must also be provided for the other team. If equal headphones cannot be provided, neither team may use the phones. The same principle of equal facilities applies to camera sites, dressing facilities, press box seats for spotters, etc.

The time period between the first and second half should be equally divided so that each school will have an opportunity to present its band and drill team. If one school does not wish to provide any half-time entertainment, it may relinquish its time. If mutually agreeable to both teams, the half-time period may be extended to 20 minutes.

## **FILM EXCHANGE**

**There shall be a mandatory exchange of four game films between the competing schools.** Each coach will have his choice of any four of his opponent's game films which may include the most recent game. These original film copies shall be unedited and shall include all plays as originally filmed. In addition to the mandatory exchange, it shall be permissible for either coach to secure from other sources, any game videotape of his opponent that he may desire to view for the purpose of preparing for his next playoff game. If a school entering the playoffs has not videotaped any of its games, it should communicate that fact to the Commissioner, prior to the beginning of the playoffs.

It is mandatory that coaches exchange game film electronically or bring their film with them to a mutually agreed upon site on the day the initial pairings are announced. All subsequent exchanges will take place at a mutually agreed upon location by Noon, the day after each playoff game. The coaches shall return the tapes to one another the night of their playoff game.

Any violation of the mandatory film exchange rule (refusal to cooperate) should be reported at once to the CIF-SS office. Such violation may subject a team to disqualification from the playoffs.

### **Suggested Guidelines for Filming**

- A. Filming should be from a height of 30' or higher.
- B. Recording should include the entire contest.
- C. Recording should start before the snap/kick and continue until the play is over. The camera should not continue to run when the play is dead.
- D. Picture should be clear and numbers of players readable.
- E. Picture should include enough players on both teams to recognize offensive and defensive formations. The camera should follow its own team during kick plays.



# 2023 CIF-SOUTHERN SECTION FOOTBALL 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.

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 their gymnasium and stadiums capacities in CIFSSHome ([www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org)) to ensure the proper amount of tickets can be made available.

**The CIF-SS Executive Committee has required that the host school charge admission to 8-Man Football Playoff contest. (See financial policy Article 1, Section 143-145, CIF-SS Blue Book, page 48).** Information can be found at [www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org).

Playoff financial expense reporting is required via [www.cifsshome.org](http://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, host will maintain the responsibility of reporting game expenses via [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org). Upon approval of the host submitted expenses, CIF-SS will distribute expense reimbursements and/or playoff splits.

**The visiting team will receive no reimbursement for travel expenses or other expenses.**

By vote of the 8-Man schools, there will be no allowable expenses for 8-Man playoff contests. With the distances traveled and crowd sizes, it was felt it would be more cost efficient to pay no expenses. The host team will be responsible for game management expenses, including paying the officials, and the visiting team will cover their own travel expenses. The gross gate will be split 40% to each school, and 20% to the Southern Section.

### **FOR 8-MAN SCHOOLS:**

**There will no longer be any obligation to report financial information via CIF-SS Home as revenue will be reported by the CIF-SS Financial Department with immediate distribution of 40% of the gross receipts to the host and 40% of the gross receipts to the visitor for games that made a profit.**

## **COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS**

Each school participating will receive an allotment of 10 general complimentary admission tickets (8-Man) for each contest. GoFan will provide each host and visitor a "Promo Code" (by event) which the host and visitor can share with their designated complimentary attendees to enter upon checkout of purchasing tickets so it will be a \$0. OR ...the host/visitor can purchase all complimentary tickets using the Promo Code and then "share" the free ticket with their desired comp patron(s).

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.

## **ADMISSION PRICES**

### **Playoff Admission Prices (Non-Championship Games)**

Adult General Admission Ticket - \$10.00

High School Student Ticket (**With HS Identification**) - \$5.00

Children Ticket (Ages 3-13) - \$5.00

**Students who do not present a high school picture ID at the gate will have to pay \$10.00 for admission.**

### **Championship Games (Divisions 2-14)**

Adult General Admission Ticket - \$12.00

High School Student Ticket (**With HS Identification**) - \$5.00

Children Ticket (Ages 3-13) - \$5.00

**Students who do not present a high school picture ID at the gate will have to pay \$12.00 for admission.**

## **GATE PROCEDURES**

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

1. Tickets presented for admission are to be redeemed/validated at the admission gate.
2. All tickets are to be checked for appropriate date, opponent, color and round verbiage. This is to prevent someone from entering with a ticket designated for another game, or with a ticket that is designated for another playoff game/round. This also prevents an adult from entering with a student ticket, a student with a child ticket, etc.

All schools hosting playoff games should have one entrance gate designated as the "Pass Gate". This gate, properly identified with an appropriate sign and staffed by a qualified person, would be used exclusively for the admission of all holders of CIF-SS Courtesy Cards, Press Passes, Photo Passes, and Gold Life Passes.

**It is highly recommended that the visiting team have a faculty member, or other representative, assigned to the main entrance gate prior to and during the game.**

## ADMISSION OF FACULTY PERSONNEL BOTH SCHOOLS

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 free, without a complimentary ticket. **CIF Southern Section courtesy cards may be accepted for admission in the Football Championship game should the facility not exceed capacity limited due to tickets sold.**

### BLEACHER RENTAL

Schools complementing their spectator seating capacity by renting additional bleachers, are to request in advance for approval from the CIF-SS to charge the bleacher rental to game expense. If this is not done, the bleacher expense will be charged to the host school and may not be deducted from gate receipts.

### CONCESSIONS AND PROGRAMS

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 CIF-SS will furnish electronic programs for all finals games. Additionally, CIF-SS T-shirts and hats will be provided at some finals sites. The programs, T-shirts, and hats income will not be part of the gate receipts. **No other programs, T-shirts, or hats will be allowed.** In all other games, 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.

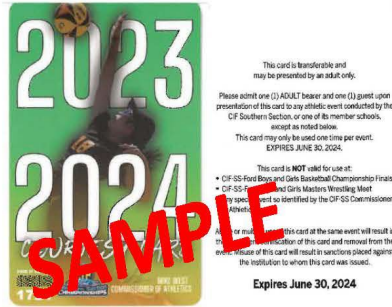
### GAME PERSONNEL

The host management is responsible for staffing the stadium with the personnel necessary to conduct the contest. The same pay schedule followed for league contests should be used to reimburse ticket sellers, ticket takers, police, physician and custodial help.

In playoff contests, payment to faculty personnel to supervise a rooting section is not an allowable expense and may not be charged to 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.

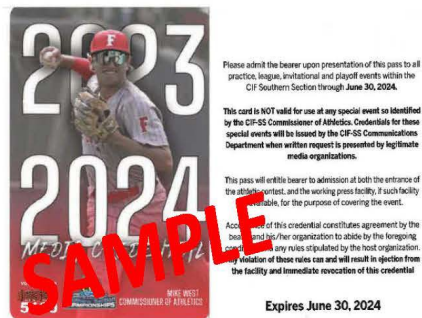
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## **PHYSICIAN**

Medical coverage for all C.I.F. Southern Section Football Playoff games is defined by Blue Book Rule 2222.2: A licensed medical doctor, or the primary health provider designated by the home team as team physician or team doctor, shall be in attendance at all playoff games. The fee shall be paid from the gross game receipts.

## **CHEERING SECTIONS**

Fan/Student cheering sections are encouraged to cheer and support their own team and should display proper sportsmanship with respect to the opposing team and the game officials.

They are expected to follow the following guidelines and failure to do so may lead to removal from the contest and/or forfeiture of the contest.

1. No noisemakers (horns, bells, victory bells, sirens, chimes, wooden blocks, balloons, thunder sticks, etc.). Megaphones may only be used by the school's uniformed cheer squads.
2. Cheering devices such as rally towels, pom poms and pennants are acceptable when used within the bounds of good sportsmanship.
3. It is the expectation that cheering section behavior will be monitored by the assigned school staff of the school that they represent. All improper behavior/language should be addressed and corrected immediately by school staff supervisors.
4. Face painting is acceptable from the neck up only and shall not include any inappropriate letters or symbols. Assigned school staff shall monitor their cheering sections in regards to face painting.

If your school is fortunate enough to advance to the Championship Finals, there is an added responsibility that we ask of your administrations. Our Championship Finals are an intense experience for all involved, as they should be. However, with the passion brought by your school and your communities comes your obligation to assist us in maintaining proper control of all students and fans. Our action plan always includes working with your administration first for assistance with any issues that relate to your crowd. To effectively manage all aspects of these contests, we ask your school for the following...

- 1) Participating schools will provide the required number of faculty supervisors we request at the event and make sure to inform our staff when they are present.
- 2) Assist in briefing those supervisors before the start of your game on the responsibilities they have in maintaining proper control of your students and fans.
- 3) Strongly emphasize with all involved that there will be swift action taken against anyone who behaves inappropriately.
- 4) Assist us in taking action against those who violate appropriate standards of behavior and sportsmanship.

A school's failure to monitor their students and fans may result in sanctions being placed against your school such as loss of future home playoff contests, payment for damages caused, etc. Be sure to review with your constituents the seriousness of these consequences so we may prevent any problems from occurring.

It is our hope that we can provide a memorable championship experience for all of our stakeholders and with your help and cooperation there is no doubt that will be accomplished.

## OFFICIALS

The Commissioner, on the basis of the merit of the particular official's work during the regular season, will appoint officials for all playoff games. Official's fees shall be charged to game expense. In the playoff rounds in all divisions, the referee will receive \$111.00 and the other four officials will receive \$110.00. In the championship game in all divisions, each official will receive a fee of \$124.00. Mileage will be paid to the Head Official, when necessary. Please see CIF-SS Blue Book regarding official's mileage. In 8-person Football payment of the officials is the host school responsibility.

**The home school will be notified of the appointed officials for all playoff contests. Please do not call the CIF-SS office, or any assignors, for your game officials prior to Thursday. In the event that you have not been notified by Wednesday, please call Brenda Bomgaars at 562.493.9500 or [brendab@cifss.org](mailto:brendab@cifss.org) for those names.**

## CHAIN CREW

Personnel assigned to the chain crew, responsible for marking downs and distances on the field, shall be responsible adults at all CIF-SS football playoff games.

Best of luck to your school in their remaining games. If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the CIF Southern Section office.

## RULES

CIF Southern Section games will be played under the 2019 National Federation Football Rules, except where superseded by Blue Book rulings or this Handbook/Playoff Bulletin.

## LENGTH OF GAMES

The timing of the game will be under current National Federation Rules.

## BALL

The NFHS rule book specifies that either a rubber covered or leather covered football is legal. In cases where either school desires to use a different type of ball, each school will furnish its own ball for the game and there will be no charge made to game expenses. **Wilson is the official football of the CIF-SS and is the required football to be used in all playoff games. In all Championship Finals, a football for each team will be furnished by Wilson and the CIF-SS.**

## CHECK TIMER

The check timer for playoff games shall be a faculty member or responsible adult. The host team will supply a faculty timer. It is recommended that a sound device be used to denote the end of each period.

# JERSEYS

The host team shall wear the dark-colored jerseys and visiting team white colored jerseys for all playoff contests.

## PRE-GAME PREPARATION

1. Go to the official's dressing room or see the officials on the field. Get the proper pronunciation of their names and the positions they will work.
2. Go over the referee's signals with him and ask for any instructions he might have. It is up to you to interpret his signals to the crowd. If you have a person on the sidelines relaying information to you, explain this to the officials, so they can forward information about unusual rulings to you.
3. Go to each team and be sure you have the correct numbers and names of the players.
4. Be sure you have the proper starting line-up for each team. Coordinate the announcing of the starting line ups with any other pre-game activities (playing of the National Anthem) so that the game will start on time.
5. Check the accuracy of any information about the visiting team you plan on using before the game, or at halftime, with someone from that team. You should have done this for your own team during the week.
6. Always start your program by welcoming the crowd and introducing yourself. Example: "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to Memorial Stadium, this is Earl Richard, your game announcer."
7. Give the line-ups at a moderate pace – not too fast, but especially not too slow. Start with the left and go across the line, then the running backs, receivers, and quarterback.  
  
After you give the line-ups, give the names of the officials in this order – Referee, Umpire, Head Linesman, Field Judge, Back Judge
8. Give the winner of the toss and the options the captains chose.
9. If the national Anthem is used, invite the crowd to sing. For example: "Ladies and Gentlemen, would you please rise and join our director Al Rhienke and the Eagle Band in singing our National Anthem."

## TEAM BENCHES

During CIF-SS playoff games, the team benches will be restricted to authorized personnel consisting of substitutes, coaches, student managers, trainer and team physician. Parents, members of booster clubs and other such unauthorized personnel must sit in the stands. Schools are urged to issue visible sideline tags to those that are authorized for easy recognition.

## 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 rulebooks with them for all playoff contests.

Schools will still have the opportunity to protest a contest, in accordance with Southern Section Rule 1111.2, as it pertains to use of an ineligible player or violations of any CIF-SS rule in connection with the contest.

## TIE-BREAKER SYSTEM

The "25-Yard Tie-Breaker System" is authorized for use in the Southern Section for playoffs as follows:

1. Respective leagues have the option of adopting the plan for use
2. If adopted, all ties within league must be resolved with the "25-Yard Tie-Breaker System"
3. If adopted, the plan may be used for the V, JV or Frosh/Soph levels, or any combination of
4. By mutual consent, the plan may be used for non-league contests
- 5. The "25-Yard Tie-Breaker System" will be used for all CIF-SS playoff contests**
6. May not be used beyond the last allowable playing date to determine entry into the playoffs

## **TIE GAMES**

The twenty-five-yard line tiebreaker system will be used in all divisions and all games, **(including finals)**, of the CIF Southern Section football playoffs, when games end in regulation time with the score tied. Although the ball will be placed on the 25-yard line for tiebreakers, we will adopt the National Federation 10-yard tiebreaker rules, with the exception that teams will be able to make first downs and have the opportunity to score on a defensive interception or fumble recovery. Complete details for the 10-yard line tiebreaker are listed on page 85 of the 2021 National Federation Official High School Football Rules.

### **HOW THE TIE-BREAKER WORKS**

If the score at the conclusion of regulation play is tied, there will be a timeout. The captains of the two squads will meet at midfield, with the officials, for a flip of the coin. The winner of the toss will have the option to defend a goal or to determine possession.

Then, each team will have the opportunity to score from the 25-yard line and the team which outscores the other in the “overtime” session will be the winner, following the rules of football.

.... For example, the team on offense first will have one series of downs in which to score a touchdown (and try to kick for a one-point conversion or a run-pass for a two-point conversion) or kick a field goal. The other team will have one series of downs in which to equal, or surpass, the points scored by the first team. If the second team on offense does not equal or surpass the first team on offense, the first team on offense wins. If the second team scores more points than the first team, the second team wins. If the second team scores an equal number of points, the whole procedure is repeated until a winner is determined.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

It is difficult to predict what the weather conditions will be like for our football playoffs. During late November and early December, the weather can pose many problems for school administrators charged with the responsibility of staging football playoff games. Rain and fog constitute major problems and each must be handled in a different manner.

Accepted policy provides that the two schools administrations and the head official are responsible for determining whether the game will be started. After it is under way, the decision as to whether or not it should be continued, suspended, or called, rests solely with the game officials.

**RAIN**: A game can be played even though it rains prior to, or during, a contest. Some of the questions which should be considered in a decision to postpone playoff football games due to rain are:

1. Has the rain made the field unplayable?
2. If a game is being played in a junior college or community owned stadium, will the stadium manager permit the game to be played in the event of rain?

Do weather conditions, and the forecast for the following day, justify postponing the contest to the next afternoon or night?

**FOG**: Over the years fog has caused the most serious problem in the staging of playoff football games. In such situations it is foggy during the day, while at other times, the fog continues to increase in density as the evening progresses. Many times, the surrounding area has fog, while in the stadium itself it is fairly clear. The reverse of this can also occur.

When fog has been present during the week, or is predicted for the weekend, the host management should check out the stadium the night before the scheduled game and keep in close contact with weather personnel. If conditions warrant, a decision to postpone the game should be made before the gates are opened. With nearly all games scheduled for Friday nights, a postponement to Saturday afternoon would be in order.

If fog conditions are uncertain, and it is the best judgment of the host management to attempt to play the game, the following precautions should be taken:

1. "Rain checks" should be prepared and given to each person entering the stadium.
2. Prior arrangements should be made regarding the time, date, and location of the game, in the event it is to be postponed due to rain or fog.
3. The public-address announcer should keep the spectators informed of the following:

Games interrupted because of events beyond the control of responsible administrative authority shall be continued from the point of interruption, unless the teams agree to terminate the game with the existing score.

When weather conditions are construed to be hazardous to life or limb of the participants, the crew of game officials is authorized to delay or suspend the game.

If a game is suspended due to events beyond the control of the administrative authority, then the game will resume at the point of interruption on the next calendar day.

Further questions should be directed to the CIF-SS office, relative to rain and fog conditions.

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## **MERCY RULE**

A mercy rule will be in effect for all football contests in the C.I.F. Southern Section, which includes pre-season games, league games and playoff games, including Championship Finals. This means that if one team has a lead of 35 points or more at the end of three quarters, there will be a running clock for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter until the end of the contest. If schools wish to invoke a running clock prior to the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, they can do so by mutual agreement of both schools. I have attached the relevant rule to this memo, so you can see the details.

**This item has been approved for statewide adoption, for both regular and post-season contests. This is in accordance with NFHS Football Rules 3-1-2 and 3-1-3.**

1. Prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, by mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and the referee, a “*running clock*” may be used if the point differential between the two teams reaches 35 or more;
2. If at the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter or at any time during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, the point differential is 35 or more points, a running clock shall be used for the remainder of the contest;
3. Once the “*running clock*” is in effect during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, it shall remain in effect for the balance of the contest, even if the team that is behind subsequently scores to make the deficit less than 35 points;
4. The “*running clock*” will be administered as follows:
  - A. The game clock will start with the snap or legal touch of a free kick on the first play following the establishment of the pertinent point differential, and continue to run uninterrupted when:
    - A 1<sup>st</sup> down is awarded to either team, including following a change of possession;
    - The ball or runner is out-of-bounds;
    - A legal or illegal forward pass is incomplete;
    - A play results in a touchback;
    - An inadvertent whistle occurs;
    - During all penalty enforcements.
  - B. The game clock shall be stopped for:
    - A score (including touchdown: try; field goal; safety);
    - The free kick following a fair catch or awarded fair catch;
    - A charged team time-out;
    - A coach-referee conference;
    - An official’s time-out (injury; equipment; 1<sup>st</sup> down measurement; other, as required);
  - C. Following a stoppage for any reason in B. above, the game clock will start when the ball is next:
    - Marked ready-for-play; or
    - Legally touched on the free kick following a score, a fair catch or awarded fair catch

# FOOTBALL PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCER GUIDELINES

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

CIF-SS playoff contests are conducted under the strictest code of good sportsmanship. The officials are neutral people, representing the Commissioner and have been selected because of demonstrated ability. Rooters are encouraged to support their own team but are requested to refrain from booing the opponents or officials' decisions.

The following information is provided for the benefit of the public address announcer at your home playoff games: this capsule summary was developed by the late John McDonough and has been found to be very useful to our member schools.

## SPORTSMANSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PLAYOFF CONTESTS ARE CONDUCTED UNDER THE STRICTEST CODE OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP...THE OFFICIALS ARE NEUTRAL MEN, REPRESENTING THE COMMISSIONER, AND ARE SELECTED BECAUSE OF DEMONSTRATED ABILITY...SPECTOATORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUPPORT THEIR OWN TEAM, AND ARE REQUESTED TO DISPLAY PROPER SPORTSMANSHIP WITH RESPECT TO THE OPPOSING SCHOOL AND THE OFFICALS...THE CIF SOUTHERN SECTION THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS...

## ANNOUNCER GAME SUGGESTIONS

1. Remember, you are NOT a radio announcer and should not give a play-by play account of the game. This is an insult to the intelligence of the spectators. In a normal game you will be speaking about 25 percent of the time and be QUIET about 75 percent of the time. The crowd came to see the game, not to hear your opinions about it.
2. Give the down and distance before each play. Simply say, "Third and eight on the Homestead 42."
3. When the ball is snapped, do not say, "Jones has the ball and is going around left end." Again, you are insulting the intelligence of the spectators. Merely give his name – "Jones is the ball carrier."
4. When the play is over, give the name of the man, or men, who made the tackle, and set up the down and distance again.
5. After a long run, pass, or kick, give the total yardage, but make no comment. Such comments as "What a beautiful run" or "A great kick", are in bad taste. The crowd can see that it was a good run or kick, and as a PA announcer you must be 100 percent impartial and objective.
6. NEVER try to outguess the officials. If you think you see a foul, do not mention it. The chances are you will be wrong. If one of the officials throws a yellow foul marker, simply say, "There



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is a flag on the play.” Then wait – do not try to explain the foul. When the referee gives his signal, interpret it to the crowd. Get a copy of the rulebook or a program, which has the signals. If it is an unusual play, the arrangements you made prior to the game will get this information to you to pass on to the spectators.

7. Never use the names of officials during the game. You should read their names prior to the game. Do not say, “The foul was called by Head Linesman Jones” or “Referee Smith is explaining the foul to the Captain Brown”.

8. Never comment on the fouls that are called, or the work of the officials, whether you think it is good or bad. This is a good way to start a riot.

9. Never comment on the sportsmanship, or play, of either team, or either coach. This, too, is a good way to start a riot.

10. Never designate the player who committed a foul. You probably will be wrong anyway, and this type of announcement tends to make the game get out of hand.

11. If a player is injured, give his name. You are not a doctor, so do not try to diagnose his injuries from the press box. If you get a later report on the player’s condition, give it with no comment. Never try to explain how a player was injured. This can easily be misconstrued by the crowd as an unsportsmanlike act on the part of an opponent and cause an unfortunate situation.

12. If the crowd starts to boo the visiting team, or the officials, to an extreme degree, say, “Ladies and Gentlemen, these people are our guests tonight, let’s treat them as such.”

13. A few minutes before the end of the game, preferably during a time out, thank the people for coming, announce convenient routes for leaving the stadium, and remind them to drive carefully on the way home.

In summary, the public address announcer just covers the facts of the game, as impartially and objectively as possible. You should not give opinions of your own because the spectators are present and should be free to form their own opinions. A radio announcer gives his opinions because the listener is seeing the game through his description, but you are a public address announcer, and this is a totally different art.



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



### Rosters & Scores:

- Complete schedules are to be submitted to CIFSSHOME prior to each season.
  - Update scores following every contest direct to CIFSSHOME
- Additional directions on accessing CIFSSHOME are included in this document.

### TV/Web/Radio Rights:

Any TV or streaming webcast (video or audio) or radio transmission of a CIF-SS playoff or championship event requires a contract and rights fees through the CIF-SS office prior to the contest. The only 'exceptions' are: Games broadcast via The NFHS Network, Bally Sports West or Bally Sports SoCal.

### 'Official' Championship Souvenirs:

The exclusive vendor for CIF Southern Section Championship souvenirs (t-shirts, scarfs, pins, beanies, hats, etc...) is our long-time partner *CIF T-shirts*. These are the official items sold each year per sport. You are likely familiar with their annual shirts at the finals. You can order team and individual items through them at [www.ciftshirts.com](http://www.ciftshirts.com).

### Official Ball Required:

Only the approved official ball in each ball sport may be played by either school during CIF-SS playoff contests. Violation of this rule will result in loss of your next home playoff game. The current Official Ball list for each sport is included and available at [www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org) in the "Resources" drop down. This policy has been in effect since 2002.

### Gatorade Only:

Only Gatorade jugs, cups, bottles, ice chests may be used or visible during any CIF-SS playoff contest. (No Powerade, Body Armor, etc). The only acceptable alternative is a plain-wrap or Igloo labeled products. This rule does not apply to the actual liquid distributed to athletes. This policy has been in effect since 1995.

### CIF-SS on Souvenirs:

The 'CIF Southern Section', 'CIF-SS', 'Southern Section' and 'CIF' marks and logos are registered trademarks with the State of California. Schools may only use the CIF Southern Section marks on rings, patches and banners, by doing business with a CIF-SS licensed vendor. **Schools may only use the CIF Southern Section marks on apparel and other souvenir items exclusively through [ciftshirts.com](http://ciftshirts.com). Schools creating items with CIF-SS registered marks from a non-licensed vendor will face sanction and/or will be required to purchase any unsold shirts/items at the Championship Final.** A list of the currently licensed vendors for these products is included and regularly updated on [www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org).

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## **Host Site Requirements:**

- Playoff Tickets:** (This pertains to revenue sports of basketball, football and volleyball): It is mandatory to sell tickets for admission to all CIF-SS playoffs and championship contests. Through the CIF-SS partnership with GoFan, all playoff tickets will be made available online for digital purchase and presented electronically at the event gate for entry. Patrons can purchase in advance via [gofan.co](http://gofan.co), via private links made available by the participating schools or via QR code at the entry gate of the playoff event. All playoff revenue will be sent directly to CIF-SS. Both the host and visiting schools will be required to submit a financial/expense report following each playoff game in an effort to receive reimbursement for game expenses and revenue share split in the case of a profit game.
- CIF-SS/FORD Banner:** It is a requirement of each host school (including off-site) that the CIF-SS/Ford Championship banner be displayed at every playoff home game in football and the gymnasium sports post football season (or on the electronic signage where schools/venues do not display banners). If you need a banner please contact [jackieg@cifss.org](mailto:jackieg@cifss.org)
- Gatorade:** It is a requirement of each school use only Gatorade product/jugs/cups/squeeze bottles during CIF-SS championship events. No other competitive product shall be used. Water can be placed in Gatorade merchandise.
- PA Announcements:** As a host of a CIF-SS playoff contest, the CIF-SS announcements take precedence over the host school's messaging and must be read in entirety at each playoff contest. Home schools are the host of a CIF-SS event in the playoffs. For contractual requirements, please read all the provided PA's each contest. PA's for each sport can be found on [cifss.org](http://cifss.org) under the designated sports page.
- Media Credential Access:** Accredited working media should be given admission to all playoff games by showing their CIF-SS Media credential.



**CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PLAYOFF/CHAMPIONSHIP  
ADDITIONAL/CUSTOM POST SEASON AWARDS  
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**PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES:** Each member of a team participating in the CIF-SS playoffs can receive a Participation Certificate. These certificates will be downloaded and printed solely by your school. The certificate is in a ‘Type-In’ format and may be downloaded from the CIFSSHOME website under **AWARDS**.

**NEED ADDITIONAL AWARDS:** Feel free to order directly.

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

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**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.

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

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## **•Chenille Patches**

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Logo Joe's	<a href="https://logojoes.net/">https://logojoes.net/</a>	(951) 461-0388
PC & C Embroidery	<a href="https://pccembroidery.com/">https://pccembroidery.com/</a>	(909) 403-4558
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J. Lewis Small	<a href="http://www.jlewissmall.com">www.jlewissmall.com</a>
Jostens	<a href="http://www.jostens.com">www.jostens.com</a>
Signature Style Jewelry	<a href="http://www.signaturestylejewelry.com">www.signaturestylejewelry.com</a>
Baron Championship Rings	<a href="https://baronrings.com/">https://baronrings.com/</a>
Herff Jones	<a href="https://www.herffjones.com/">https://www.herffjones.com/</a>

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