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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **FIRST "WATCH-LIST" FOR 2017 OPEN DIVISION BASKETBALL RELEASED**

**LOS ALAMITOS** – For the first time in 2017, the CIF Southern Section Basketball Open Division Selection Committee has released their "Open Division Watch List".

This list has been developed to identify the current pool of schools, based upon their performance this season, as possible "Open" division entrants into the 2017 CIF-SS-Ford Basketball Championships.

The schools on the "Watch List" have shown that they are among the elite basketball teams currently in the Southern Section, based upon their performance, so far this season.

The committee will update the list twice more (January 30 and February 6) to track teams through league play, leading up to final "Open" division selection, on Friday, February 10.

Teams may be added and/or dropped off the "Watch List" between this initial list and final selection. Up to a maximum of 16 teams may be selected for the boys and girls "Open" division playoff bracket.

### **Criteria for Selection of CIF-SS Open Division teams and Seeding:**

A Blue Ribbon committee will be formed by the CIF-SS to select the Open Division teams. Committee will be made up of current and former representatives of the CIF-SS Executive Committee, CIF-SS Basketball Coaches Advisory Committee, SCIBCA Executive Board, CIF State Basketball Coaches Advisory Committee and Media members.

Teams will be selected and seeded by the committee using the following criteria: (un-weighted)

- \* Strength of schedule
- \* Overall Record
- \* Freeman/Max Preps/CIF-SS Top 16 rankings
- \* Strength at end of season (including roster additions; eligibility changes; winning and losing streaks; etc.)

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**OPEN DIVISION (Cont.):**

- \* Head to Head vs. Open Division Entries
- \* Overall Record vs. Open Division Entries
- \* Victory vs. Quality opponents
- \* Quality loss
- \* Unexpected loss

The committee will look at each team's **complete body of work, for the entire season**, to determine the best qualified entrants into the Open Division bracket. It is for this reason that league finish is not necessarily an overriding consideration for selection. The following is that first list:

**BOYS WATCH LIST**

Alemanya  
Bishop Montgomery  
Camarillo  
Cantwell Sacred Heart  
Centennial (Corona)  
Chaminade  
Chino Hills  
Crossroads  
Damien  
Dominguez  
Edison  
Esperanza  
Etiwanda  
Gahr  
Harvard-Westlake  
Heritage Christian  
JSerra  
La Mirada  
Los Altos  
Mater Dei  
Oak Park  
Poly (Long Beach)  
Rancho Christian  
Rancho Verde  
Redondo Union  
Roosevelt  
Saddleback Valley Christian  
Santa Margarita  
Santa Monica  
Sierra Canyon  
Sonora  
St. John Bosco  
Villa Park  
Village Christian  
Windward

**GIRLS BASKETBALL WATCH LIST**

Alemanya  
Antelope Valley  
Brea-Olinda  
Chaminade  
Esperanza  
Etiwanda  
Fairmont Prep  
Harvard-Westlake  
Mark Keppel  
Martin Luther King  
Lakeside  
Los Alamitos  
Mater Dei  
Long Beach Millikan  
North Torrance  
Orange Lutheran  
Oranewood Academy  
Long Beach Poly  
Redondo Union  
Roosevelt  
Rosary  
Serra  
Sierra Canyon  
Troy  
Valencia  
Ventura  
Village Christian  
Vista Murrieta  
Windward