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CIF-SS ANNOUNCE TEAMS SELECTED TO BASKETBALL OPEN DIVISION

LOS ALAMITOS, CA – The schools who will battle it out in the CIF Southern Section-Ford Boys and Girls Basketball Open Division have been selected.

A Blue Ribbon committee of current and former CIF-SS coaches as well as school administrators and members of the media selected the teams using the following criteria:

1. Strength of schedule
2. Overall Record
4. Freeman/Max Preps/CIF-SS Top 16 rankings
5. Strength at end of season (including roster additions/eligibility changes/winning & losing streaks/ etc.)
6. Head to Head vs. Open Division Entries
7. Overall Record vs. Open Division Entries
8. Victory vs. Quality opponents
9. Quality loss
10. Unexpected loss

In evaluating teams committee members also evaluated schools in non-league, league and tournament action. The goal in this process was to select the best 16 teams in the CIF Southern Section for both boys and girls.

“The CIF-SS Basketball Open Division Committee is excited to announce the selection of 16 teams in the boys and girls CIF-SS/Ford Open Division Basketball Championships,” stated CIF-SS Assistant Commissioner and basketball administrator Rainer Wulf.

“It is a balanced and highly competitive field of teams in both tournaments that reflects some returning schools but also a few new entrants to the championships,” added Wulf. “This is an elite tournament that reflects the best of the best in basketball from the CIF Southern Section. These schools should be commended on their accomplishment and we look forward to the games in what we consider the nation’s best high school playoff championship tournament.”

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2017 OPEN DIVISION QUALIFYING SCHOOLS (Cont.):

Besides a championship bracket the Open Division will feature a “consolation” bracket as well Schools who lose in the first round and in the consolation bracket will qualify for the state tournament based upon the criteria set forth by the State CIF.

The boys Open Division Semifinal will be held at the Galen Center at USC. Tickets for this event will be the following:

Courtside (limited availability – First come, first served) - \$40.00 per seat

General Admission - \$15.00 per seat

Student Admission (Must Show Valid Student ID) - \$10.00 per seat

Child Admission (Ages 5-13 – Under 5 Free) - \$10.00 per seat

Courtside and General Admission can be purchased online at galentix.com beginning Thursday, February 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Student and Child admission can only be purchased on the day of the event at the Galen Center Box Office – 3400 Figueroa St. (Corner of Jefferson and Figueroa).

Parking will be \$12.00 and there are three (3) parking lots in close proximity to the Galen Center.

The following are the dates for the 16 team bracketed tournament for boys and girls:

Boys Open Division Tournament

First Round	Friday, February 17	at designated host sites
Quarterfinals	Tuesday, February 21	at designated host sites
Semifinals	Friday, February 24	at The Galen Center at USC
Finals	Saturday, March 4	at The Honda Center

Boys Consolation Tournament

Second Round	Tuesday, February 21	at designated host sites
Quarterfinals	Friday, February 24	at designated host sites
Semifinals	Tues., Feb. 28/Wed., Mar. 1	at designated host sites
Finals	Thur., Mar. 2/Fri., Mar. 3	at designated host site

Girls Open Division Tournament

First Round	Saturday, February 18	at designated host sites
Quarterfinals	Wednesday, February 22	at designated host sites
Semifinals	Saturday, February 25	at designated host sites
Finals	Saturday, March 4	at The Honda Center

Girls Consolation Tournament

Second Round	Wednesday, February 22	at designated host sites
Quarterfinals	Saturday, February 25	at designated host sites
Semifinals	Tues., Feb. 28/Wed., Mar. 1	at designated host sites
Finals	Thur., Mar. 2/Fri., Mar. 3	at designated host site

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2017 OPEN DIVISION QUALIFYING SCHOOLS (Cont.):

The following is the list of schools who have qualified for the 2017 CIF Southern Section-Ford Boys/Girls Open Division Championship Brackets:

BOYS

Aleman
Bishop Montgomery
Centennial/Corona
Chino Hills
Crossroads
Damien
Esperanza
Heritage Christian
JSerra
Mater Dei
Oak Park
Poly/Long Beach
Redondo Union
Roosevelt
Santa Margarita
Sierra Canyon

GIRLS

Aleman
Brea Olinda
Chaminade
Etiwanda
Fairmont Prep
Harvard Westlake
Lakeside
Mater Dei
Millikan
Orangewood Academy
Poly/Long Beach
Serra
Sierra Canyon
Troy
Ventura
Windward

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