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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 Girls Basketball Open Division have been selected.

This is the first year of the new 8-team format.

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 eight 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 eight teams in the 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 consid

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2018 GIRLS OPEN DIVISION QUALIFYING SCHOOLS (Cont.):er the nation’s best high school playoff championship tournament.”

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 and girls Open Division Semifinal will be held at the California Baptist University Events Center. 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

Parking will be \$10.00

Tickets can be purchased at <https://ev3.venue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/SEGetEventList?groupCode=SE1718&linkID=twcbu&shopperContext=&caller=&appCode=>

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

Girls Open Division Tournament

First Round	Saturday, February 17	at designated host sites
Semifinals	Saturday, February 24	at California Baptist Events Center
Finals	Saturday, March 3	at The Walter Pyramid at Long Beach State

Girls Consolation Tournament

Second Round	Wednesday, February 24	at designated host sites
4th-8th Place Games	Wednesday, February 28	at designated host site

GIRLS OPEN DIVISION (8-Team bracket, 8 Entries)

SEEDED TEAMS:

1. Harvard-Westlake (24-4), Mission League Champion
2. Windward (20-3), Gold Coast League Champion
3. Mater Dei (22-3), Trinity League Champion
4. Sierra Canyon (21-5), Gold Coast League Runner-Up

FREELANCE ENTRIES: Ribet Academy, 24-3.

2017 FINAL: Poly/Long Beach 68, Harvard-Westlake 52.

Complete bracket to follow...

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2018 OPEN DIVISION CIF-SS/FORD GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

CONSOLATION BRACKET

CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

WED/THURS., FEB. 27/28
HOME SITES

SAT., FEB. 24
HOME SITES

1ST ROUND
SAT., FEB. 17

SEMIFINALS
SAT., FEB. 24
Cal Baptist Univ.

FINAL ROUND
FRI., MAR. 2
The Pyramid @CSULB



*Denotes Host Team
(#) indicates seed

This draw sheet was made based upon information available to the CIF-SS as of 2/11/18. We reserve the right to adjust the draw sheet as a result of information which would update any final league standings. Please note: Teams receiving a bye in the first round shall be the host team in the next round. Games will start at 7:00 p.m., unless another time is cleared by the CIF Southern Section Office or scheduled by the CIFSS Office. Pre -Flips will be conducted. Draw results available on our web site @ www.cifss.org.