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CIF-SS ANNOUNCE TEAMS SELECTED TO BOYS BASKETBALL OPEN DIVISION

LOS ALAMITOS, CA – The schools who will battle it out in the CIF Southern Section-Ford Boys 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
3. Freeman/Max Preps/CIF-SS Top 16 rankings
4. Strength at end of season (including roster additions/eligibility changes/winning & losing streaks/etc.)
5. Head to Head vs. Open Division Entries
6. Overall Record vs. Open Division Entries
7. Victory vs. Quality opponents
8. Quality loss
9. 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.

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.

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2018 BOYS OPEN DIVISION QUALIFYING SCHOOLS (Cont.):

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.eventue.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:

Boys Open Division Tournament

First Round	Friday, February 16	at designated host sites
Semifinals	Saturday, February 24	at California Baptist Events Center
Finals	Friday, March 2	at The Walter Pyramid at Long Beach State

Boys Consolation Tournament

Second Round	Friday, February 23	at designated host sites
4th-8th Place Games	Thur/Fri, February 27/28	at designated host site

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

SEEDED TEAMS:

1. Bishop Montgomery (25-0), Del Rey League Champion
2. Etiwanda (27-1), Baseline League Champion
3. Mater Dei (21-4), Trinity League Champion
4. Rancho Christian (26-2), South Valley League Champion

At-LARGE/FREELANCE ENTRIES: None.

2017 FINAL: Bishop Montgomery 70, Mater Dei 55.

Complete bracket to follow...

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2018 OPEN DIVISION CIF-SS/FORD BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

CONSOLATION BRACKET

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

FRI., FEB. 23
HOME SITES

1ST ROUND
FRI., FEB. 16

CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

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 2/09/18. We reserve the right to adjust the draw sheet as a result of information which would update any final league standings. **Games will start at 7:00 p.m., unless another time is cleared by the CIF Southern Section Office.** Pre -Flips will be conducted. Draw results available on our web site @ www.cifss.org.