

*Playoff Bulletin*

2020-  
2021

BOYS AND GIRLS  
BASKETBALL

CIF-SS BASKETBALL  
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER:  
RAINER WULF

PROGRAM COORDINATOR:  
KRISTINE TROST







# PROUDLY SUPPORTING SO CAL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES



[SoCalFordDealers.com](http://SoCalFordDealers.com)



## **Table of Contents – Basketball 2020-2021**

<b>IMPORTANT MESSAGE PERTAINING TO COVID-19 PROTOCOLS .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>CALENDAR PLAYOFF DATES – Boys and Girls Basketball.....</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>RELEASE SCHEDULE .....</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>COIN FLIP SCHEDULE .....</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>CIFSSHOME.org REQUIREMENTS .....</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>BALL PROGRAM MEMO .....</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>PLAYOFF INFORMATION .....</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>PLAYOFF QUALIFYING CHECKLIST .....</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT .....</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>SUBMITTING AN AT-LARGE / FREELANCE APPLICATION.....</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>PLAYOFF DIVISIONS / PAIRINGS .....</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>CIF-SS BASKETBALL OPEN DIVISION.....</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>PLAYOFF HOSTING INFORMATION.....</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>DETERMINATION OF SITES .....</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>PLANNING MEETINGS .....</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>GAME ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION .....</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>EQUAL FACILITIES .....</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>TEAM SIZE.....</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>GAME JERSEYS .....</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>GAME BALL .....</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>PLAYOFF FINANCIALS .....</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>FINANCIAL REPORTING PROCEDURE – Visiting School and Host School .....</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>ALLOWABLE TRAVEL EXPENSE – VISITING TEAM.....</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>MEALS AND LODGING.....</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>TICKET SALES/TICKET DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION.....</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>TICKET PRICES FOR ALL BOYS AND GIRLS PLAYOFF CONTESTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS .....</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>COURTESY CARDS AND PASSES .....</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>MEDIA INFORMATION.....</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>ALL CIF INFORMATION .....</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>STATE REGIONAL QUALIFYING INFORMATION.....</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>PLAYOFF/CHAMPIONHIP - Post Season Awards.....</b>	<b>35</b>

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE PERTAINING TO COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

**CDPH/County/School Guidelines** – As you know, all CIF member schools are required to follow California Department of Public Health Guidelines for Youth Sports. Also, local county health departments can impose stricter regulations than the CDPH and individual schools/school districts/private schools can do so as well. As we prepare for the upcoming Southern Section Championships, I wanted to clarify the situation as it relates to playoff contests at host school sites and the various agencies involved.

The Southern Section will implement the COVID-19 protocols of the CDPH and local county health department orders that are consistent with or exceed those of the CDPH. While the CDPH allows for schools to develop more restrictive COVID-19 protocols, for schools hosting a Southern Section playoff contest, in any sport, the COVID-19 protocols of the CDPH and the local county of where the contest is being played will apply. In the event there are more restrictive protocols required by the local county office of public health, such COVID-19 protocols for interscholastic competition will govern the playoff event.

While the CDPH allows for schools to develop more restrictive COVID-19 protocols, be advised that if a school wishes to host a playoff contest, those specific school site rules may not be imposed on the visiting team during Southern Section playoff events. If the host school requires their student-athletes to abide by their own school site rules, the host school cannot mandate that a visiting team comply with their individual school site requirements that exceed the requirements of the CDPH or local county departments of public health. As an alternative, the host school may elect not to host the playoff game, have the game scheduled at the visiting team site, or if feasible, at a neutral site.

Please note that Southern Section host school sites will adhere to the COVID-19 protocols of the CDPH and/or local county departments of public health, whichever is more restrictive, when hosting a Southern Section playoff contest. Also, adherence to local county health department orders is contingent upon the fact that the local health department requirements exceed those of the CDPH. If a county health department's COVID-19 protocols fall below that of CDPH, then, at a minimum, the Southern Section will adhere to the guidance and requirements provided by CDPH Guidelines on Youth Sports.

## CALENDAR PLAYOFF DATES – Boys and Girls Basketball

**ALL PLAYOFF DATES ARE TENTATIVE AT THIS TIME!**

### BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYOFF DATES FOR 2021

Listed below are the approved post-season playoff dates and sites for the **boys basketball** season in the CIF-SS:

#### FULL 32 TEAM BRACKET WITH WILD CARD ROUND

TUESDAY	May 25	Wild Card Round
WEDNESDAY	May 26	1st Round
FRIDAY	May 28	2nd Round
TUESDAY	June 1	Quarterfinals
FRIDAY	June 4	Semifinals
WEDNESDAY	June 9	Finals

#### OPEN DIVISION – 8 TEAM BRACKET – POOL PLAY

FRIDAY	May 28	Game 1
TUESDAY	June 1	Game 2
FRIDAY	June 4	Game 3
FRIDAY	June 11	Finals

### GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYOFF DATES FOR 2021

Listed below are the approved post-season playoff dates and sites for the **girls basketball** season in the CIF-SS:

#### FULL 32 TEAM BRACKET WITH WILD CARD ROUND

TUESDAY	May 25	Wild Card Round
THURSDAY	May 27	1st Round
SATURDAY	May 29	2nd Round
WEDNESDAY	June 2	Quarterfinals
SATURDAY	June 5	Semifinals
THURSDAY	June 10	Finals

#### OPEN DIVISION – 8 TEAM BRACKET – POOL PLAY

SATURDAY	May 29	Game 1
WEDNESDAY	June 2	Game 2
SATURDAY	June 5	Game 3
FRIDAY	June 11	Finals

## GAME TIME

All games in the playoff rounds will be played at 7:00 p.m. **Schools must MUTUALLY AGREE and permission must be obtained from the commissioners office for any change in site, time or day of contest.** Once communicated to the CIFSS office, this information will be noted on the bracket found @ [www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org).

### **SPECIAL NOTES:**

In all divisions, the championship games shall be played on **HOST COURT** sites. For any playoff contest, the Commissioner may direct that the contest be played on an alternate court if the host facility does not meet CIF-SS playoff standards or will not accommodate the anticipated crowd.

Doubleheaders will only be permitted if both boys and girls teams are from the same school. Doubleheaders must be managed as two separate events with separate and distinct tickets for each game.

**Scores must be posted in your schedules and scores on [www.CIFSSHOME.ORG](http://www.CIFSSHOME.ORG) immediately following the completion of the contest.**

## **CIF REGIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS --**

The 2020-2021 CIF Regional basketball playoffs in June will be conducted for both boys and girls. The number of divisions is to be determined by the CIF State office.

All divisions, both boys and girls contests, will be conducted on June 15, 17 and 19, 2021 to determine the 2021 State Southern Regional Champion.

**SPECIAL NOTE: For information regarding advancement to the Regional playoffs, see page 34 of this bulletin.**

Schools advancing to the Regional Tournament can find a comprehensive bulletin on the CIF State website at [www.cifstate.org](http://www.cifstate.org).

## RELEASE SCHEDULE

### BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL PAIRING INFORMATION IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ!!!

Each school qualifying for the 2021 CIF Southern Section Ford Basketball Playoffs is to check our website ([www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org)) in accordance with the following schedule:

#### BOYS & GIRLS OPEN DIVISION TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT FRIDAY, May 21, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.

**This is an announcement only - Note: Bracket information will not be available at this time!**



#### BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL BRACKET RELEASE SUNDAY, May 23, 2021

**10:00 A.M. - AT-LARGE AND FREELANCE TEAMS WILL BE POSTED ONLINE**

**12:00 P.M. - ALL DIVISIONS BRACKET RELEASE ONLINE @ [www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org)**

All playoff brackets will be released **online at 12:00 pm** on Sunday, May 23, 2021. Information will be available regarding teams selected, pairings, coaches' phone numbers, etc. from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm. You may contact the CIF-SS office @ (562) 493-9500 during this time. In order to facilitate the handling of phone calls to the CIF-SS Office, only one call shall be made by each school to ascertain pairing information. Please designate this coach or individual in advance.

NEW Ticketing policy/process for all CIF-SS events. ALL tickets for all contests will be purchased and activated electronically through the Southern Section Office and our digital ticketing partner **GoFan**. **Paper tickets will no longer be used.** ALL tickets must be purchased through GoFan.

Note: Historically, member schools hosting CIF Southern Section playoff events have been responsible for the management and sales of CIF-SS issued physical tickets (pre-sale and/or game day ticket window sales). Under this new policy, ticket sales and revenue management responsibilities will be relieved from member schools and all sales will occur via unique event links for each and every CIF Southern Section playoff game/event via GoFan. These event links will be shared with each participating school (host & visitor) as well as posted publicly at [www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org) and [www.gofan.co](http://www.gofan.co) OR privately shared with guaranteed patrons (parents and/or comp tickets).



## COIN FLIP SCHEDULE

The coin flips for second round games will be held in advance of the first-round games under the direction of the Commissioner on **Tuesday, May 25, 2021**. Coin Flips will be conducted at the CIF Southern Section Office. All subsequent coin flips will be done in advance after according to the schedule below.

Coin flips schedule for **Div 1-5A** games played on the following dates listed below:

Friday, May 28 (B)	COIN FLIP DATE:	Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Saturday, May 29 (G)	COIN FLIP DATE:	Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Tuesday, June 1 (B)	COIN FLIP DATE:	Thursday, May 27, 2021
Wednesday, June 2 (G)	COIN FLIP DATE:	Friday, May 28, 2021
Friday, June 4 (B)	COIN FLIP DATE:	Monday, May 31, 2021
Saturday, June 5 (G)	COIN FLIP DATE:	Monday, May 31, 2021
Wednesday, June 9 (B)	COIN FLIP DATE:	Friday, June 4, 2021
Thursday, June 10 (G)	COIN FLIP DATE:	Friday, June 4, 2021

Note: OPEN Division games – higher seed will be the home team

Results of these flips can be found on the boy/girls basketball sports pages of our website ([www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org)) under the button labeled COIN FLIPS. These will be posted by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the flips.





# JL CUSTOM JACKETS

OFFICIAL LICENSED PATCH  
AND JACKET MANUFACTURER



You can design and purchase  
your own custom patches  
on our website.

## VARSITY JACKET SPECIAL

# \$279.00

WOOL BODY WITH LEATHER  
SLEEVES AND POCKETS

VARSITY LETTER SEWN  
ON FRONT

MAKE AND SEW ON UP TO  
3 SPORT EMBLEMS

EMBROIDER FIRST NAME,  
SCHOOL NAME, MASCOT  
NAME AND 1 SPORT  
ONTO THE FRONT

CREATE AND SEW ON A  
CUSTOM GRADUATING YEAR



**EXCLUSIVE  
DISTRIBUTOR FOR  
ALL CHAMPIONS  
FINALISTS  
RUNNER-UP  
& ALL CIF patches**

Standard Girls Package  
All wool body and sleeves  
with a wool hood  
**\$269.00**

To Order Call:

# (951) 867-3200

or visit us on the web:

## www.jlcustomjackets.com

7161 Old 215 Frontage Road, Moreno Valley, CA

Fax (951) 867-3277



• PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE •

# CIFSSHOMe.org REQUIREMENTS

**SCHEDULES & SCORES** Complete your schedule in CIFSSHome prior to your season as well as update scores following each contest – ALL SCORES MUST BE IN CIFSSHOMe by WEDNESDAY, May 19, 2021.

**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 "Basketball, Boys/Girls"

- To **Add a game**, click "Add Game" at the top right and fill out all of the required fields which are marked by a red (\*) to complete your schedule.

- To **Submit your score**, click on the "Teams", select "Basketball, Boys/Girls" Scroll through your schedule and click on the green "Post Result" button.

- Make sure that your overall and team records are correct on your team page.

**Check out the Help video under the Help button on the bottom left, "Be CIF Prepared!"**

**VARSITY TEAM INFORMATION (ROSTER) DUE no later than ..... May 19, 2021.**

**Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches:** It is very important that you enter your entire Varsity roster into CIFSSHome ([www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org)) no later than **WEDNESDAY, May 19, 2021.**

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 "Teams" tab, select "Basketball, Boys/Girls"

- Here are the instructions for using the 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. You can only upload an excel file (xls) 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 Girls Tennis are: First Name, Last Name, Birth date, Year, & Eligibility.**

- Next - click Choose File, find your file, then click "Import Student".

- To confirm your roster has been uploaded, your roster will be uploaded in the roster section and all of the required columns are filled out.

**Check out the Help video under the Help tab on the bottom left, "Be CIF Prepared!"**

## **VARSITY COACHES**

**Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches:** It is very important that you enter your Boys and Girls Basketball coaches (Head & Assistants)

into CIFSSHome ([www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org)) no later than **WEDNESDAY, May 19, 2021.**

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:

- Click on the "Teams" tab on the left navigation bar. Click on the corresponding varsity team (Basketball, Boys/Girls).

- Click on "Add/Edit Coaches", select the information to add both your HEAD & ASSISTANT coaches

**Check out the Help video under the Help tab on the bottom left, "Be CIF Prepared!"**

**VARSITY TEAM PHOTO DUE no later than WEDNESDAY, May 19, 2021**

**Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches:** It is very important that your Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball Team Photos are uploaded to CIFSSHome ([www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org)) no later than Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

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 "Teams" tab on the left navigation bar. Click on the corresponding varsity team (Basketball, Boys/Girls).

- Under Team Picture, click Add/Edit Picture, click Choose File, find your photo file, then click "Upload Picture." Special note: team photos must meet these requirements – must be a jpg file, no larger than 672 pixels x 480 pixels which is 7" x 5".

**Check out the Help video under the Support tab on the bottom left, "Be CIF Prepared!"**



# BALL PROGRAM MEMO



## OFFICIAL BALL PROGRAM – MANDATORY USE IN PLAYOFFS 2020-2021

### Official Ball per sport:

- Baseball:                    **Rawlings CIF-SS**                    Must be CIFSS/**NOCSAE** stamped ball; not an alternative Rawlings ball  
                                      **Rawlings RCIF-SS**                    Must be CIFSS/**NOCSAE** stamped ball; not an alternative Rawlings ball
- Boys Basketball:        **Spalding TF1000 NFHS Classic NFHS**  
                                      **Spalding TF1000 Legacy NFHS**  
                                      **Spalding TF-1000 Platinum ZK NFHS 29.5** *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
- Girls Basketball:        **Spalding TF1000 NFHS Classic 28.5 NFHS**  
                                      **Spalding TF1000 Legacy 28.5 NFHS**  
                                      **Spalding TF-1000 Platinum ZK NFHS 28.5** *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
- Football:                    **Spalding ball with NFHS**                    any Spalding model with NFHS stamp  
                                      **Spalding Alpha ball with NFHS**                    *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
- Lacrosse:                    **Champion Sports NOCSAE Balls**                    (White LBWNOCSAE, Yellow LBYNOCSAE, Orange LBO, Lime Green LBG)
- Soccer:                    **Spalding TF-SC5 NFHS**                    for both boys and girls use.  
                                      **Spalding TF-SC3 NFHS**                    for both boys and girls use.  
                                      **Spalding TF5000 NFHS**                    for both boys and girls use.
- Softball:                    **Dudley CFP12Y NFHS**                    *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
- Tennis:                    **Penn ATP World Tour**                    *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*  
                                      **Pro Penn Marathon**
- Volleyball:                    **Spalding with NFHS stamp: TF-VB5, TF-VB3**
- Boys Water Polo:        **KAP7 model 105 with NFHS stamp**                    *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
- Girls Water Polo:        **KAP7 model 104 with NFHS stamp**                    *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*

### 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.

### 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 and tennis.**

# PLAYOFF INFORMATION

## PLAYOFF QUALIFYING CHECKLIST

PLAYOFF CHECKLIST	Date Completed
1 Input Player Roster into <a href="http://www.cifsshome.org">www.cifsshome.org</a> by May 19th.	_____
2 Upload team photograph into <a href="http://www.cifsshome.org">www.cifsshome.org</a> by May 19th.	_____
3 Verify eligibility of each player or potential player listed on roster (all potential players must be listed) by May 19th.	_____
4 Make sure all schedules and scores have been entered in <a href="http://www.cifsshome.org">www.cifsshome.org</a> and have been verified by May 19th.	_____
5 Game Management form under the "Finances" tab at <a href="http://www.cifsshome.org">www.cifsshome.org</a> must be completed prior to first playoff contest	_____
6 Have court reserved if school is to "host" next round game	_____
7 Ticket sales thru GoFan <b>(NEW PROCESS)</b> - PROMOTE ticket sales - Host school will VALIDATE electronic ticket at point of entry	_____
8 Pre-game planning with the opponent	_____
9 Confirmation from Officials	_____
10 Provide PA announcements to the Announcer	_____
11 Game ball must be Spalding (see ball list) - if Spalding ball is not used, your next "home" game will be surrendered	_____
12 "All CIF" Form can be found in download section on sports page at <a href="http://www.cifss.org">www.cifss.org</a> - deadline/email at bottom of form	_____



## CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

### MANAGEMENT

In accordance with Article 32 of the CIF Southern Section By-Laws, all playoffs of the CIF Southern Section shall be under the management of the Commissioner of Athletics.

### GAME RULES

All playoff games will be played under the 2020-2021 National Federation Basketball Rules, except where superseded by Blue Book rulings or this handbook.

### CIF SOUTHERN SECTION FORD BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS PLAYOFF FORMAT

As adopted by the CIF Southern Section Council, **LEAGUE ENTRIES WILL BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:**

- 4 Team Leagues - 2 Entries Guaranteed Only**
- 5 Team Leagues - 3 Entries Guaranteed Only**
- 6 Team Leagues - 3 Entries Guaranteed Only**
- 7 Team Leagues - 4 Entries Guaranteed Only**
- 8 Team Leagues - 4 Entries Guaranteed Only**
- 9 Team Leagues - 5 Entries Guaranteed Only**

Each championship divisional tournament bracket will be maintained at 32 team draws, depending on the number of entries submitted.

In divisions where there are more than 32 automatic qualifiers, "wild card" games will be played to reduce the field to accommodate the bracket of 32 teams.

### LEAGUE DESIGNATION OF ENTRIES

Each league will also be charged with the responsibility - as in all other sports - of designating a priority order for its member-school entries for pairing purposes. CIF-SS tournament management will place schools in the 32 team brackets based on league entry order and will follow established and accepted guidelines in pairing the tournament brackets.

### END OF COMPETITION

All league competition for entries must be completed on or before Friday, May 21, 2021. No league competition will be allowed on Saturday, May 22, 2021 per Blue Book Rule 1612.

## SUBMITTING AN AT-LARGE / FREELANCE APPLICATION

### AT-LARGE QUALIFICATION

In divisions where there are openings in the bracket, AT-LARGE ENTRIES will be accepted to fill the bracket openings up to 32 teams.

**Schools wishing to be considered for an At-Large berth (including Freelance schools) must:**

- Submit the official at-large petition through [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org)
- At Large schools must have a .500 or better overall record to be considered
- Your league coordinator needs to be aware of your intent to file an At-Large
- At-Large petition and completed schedule and scores must be submitted by **11:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, May 21, 2021.**

The Tournament Seeding Committee will utilize the following information in its selection process for At-large berths, with each having no specific weight and/or order of preference:

- a) Head-to-head competition of teams under consideration
- b) Overall strength of the league in which the team participates
- c) Overall won/loss record
- d) League finish
- e) Strength against common opponents
- f) Strength of schedule
- g) Strength at end of season (whether team has won or lost its last 3 games, etc)
- h) Freelance teams will be part of the pool for the filling of "At Large" berths
- i) Computer rankings (Cal-Hi, CalPreps, and/or MaxPreps)

### FREELANCE QUALIFICATION

Freelance schools interested in participating in the basketball playoffs should:

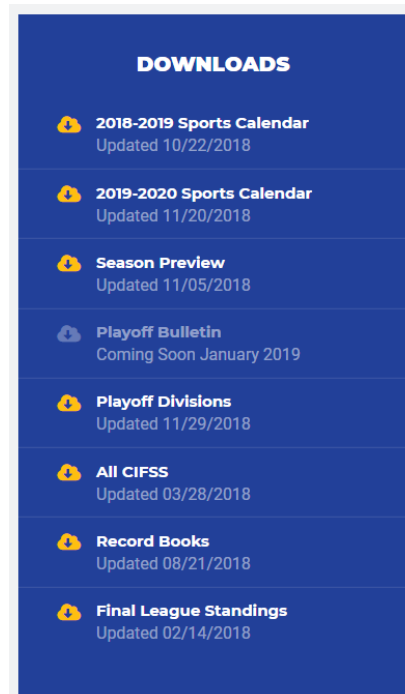
Submit a Freelance form and a schedule in [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org) no later than 3 weeks prior to the end of the season.

Update schedules and scores in the [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org) system on a regular basis with the final game results being entered no later than noon, Thursday, May 20, 2021.

Complete the At-Large petition in the [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org) system in order to be considered for playoffs. Schools must have a .500 or better overall record to apply for At-Large entry.

## PLAYOFF DIVISIONS / PAIRINGS

Division placements are posted on the CIF-SS website @ [www.CIFSS.org](http://www.CIFSS.org) > Basketball > Playoff Divisions



### DIVISION PLACEMENT CRITERIA FOR 2020-2021 BOYS/GIRLS BASKETBALL

CIF-SS Basketball Playoff Division Breakdown Criteria -

1. Schools will be placed into 9 original divisions. These 9 divisions (1, 2AA, 2A, 3AA, 3A, 4AA, 4A, 5AA, 5A) will have a varying number of teams in each division based on the average number of automatic qualifiers in each division over the past 2 seasons.
2. Competitive equity will be determined by a formula of individual school regular season and CIF-SS playoff performance over the previous 2 seasons.
3. CIF-SS Playoff brackets will be filled to 32 teams unless the number of automatic and at-large teams in a particular division necessitates a smaller bracket.
4. If there are more than 32 automatic qualifiers in a particular division, Wild Card games will be used to reduce the field to 32 teams.
5. At-large teams must have a .500 or better overall record and will be selected only to fill to 32 team brackets in each division using selection criteria discussed in the basketball preview and bulletin and as selected by the CIF-SS Coaches Advisory Committee.

## PAIRINGS

It will be the responsibility of the Commissioner and his staff to establish the pairings in each first round game of all divisions.

### PLAYOFF PAIRING FORMAT – Divisions 1 – 5A

At the request of the Southern California Basketball Coaches Association (SCIBCA) along with the approval of the CIF-SS Basketball Advisory Committees, and in an effort to update, clarify and enhance the overall presentation of the CIF-SS Ford Basketball Championships, new language for the construction of playoff brackets has been adopted.

**SEEDS** - The initial step is to designate four teams in rank order as seeds, with No. 1, 2, 3, and 4 placed in the designated draw position in each quarter of the bracket (see diagram 1). Now, designate the next four teams in rank order as seeds, with No. 5, 6, 7, and 8 being placed in each quarter of the designated bracket (see diagram 1). Next, the teams designated as seeds No. 9, 10, 11, and 12 will be placed in each quarter of the designated bracket (see diagram 1). The last four teams in rank order designated as No. 13, 14, 15, and 16 will now be placed in each quarter of the designated bracket (see diagram 1).





**Adjustments to seeding:** Adjustments to this procedure would be made if the seeds in the same half/quarter of the bracket were from the same league.

Another adjustment may become necessary in order to ensure that the No. 1 and 2 entries from the same league are placed in opposite halves of the overall bracket.

Note: Throughout this process, a league No. 2 entry may not be seeded higher than the No. 1 entry from the same league, nor may a No. 3 league entry be seeded higher than the No. 2 entry from the same league.

**Filling the draw:** The next step is to begin completing the draw by placing any remaining No. 2 league entries in the opposite half of the bracket from the No. 1 entries from the same league. The final step to complete the draw is to place the remaining No. 3 entries (along with any No. 4 entries, At-Large and/or Free Lance teams) from each of the respective leagues in the remaining open slots, attempting to place each in one of the remaining quarters of the bracket where the league is not represented. This process eliminates the aspect of schools from the same league meeting in the second round of competition.

**Exception:** If the overall bracket holds less than 32 teams, it is possible for two teams from the same league to meet in the second round. **Open Division Exception:** In the Open Division there will be an 8 team bracket, therefore in that division it is possible for two teams from the same league to meet in the first round.

An exception to this procedure occurs where geography does not permit wide placement. The directive of the CIF Southern Section Council (from its meeting on March 13, 1980), directs schools be placed in the same half, and if necessary, quarter of the bracket, to curtail excessive travel, is followed.

**League change of entry:**

Once the draw sheet has been finalized by the CIF Southern Section Office and then notification is received that a league has made a mistake in submitting the proper entries in order of priority, this Office will exchange positions of the schools involved in the bracket from that league. No other changes will be made.

**California State Playoff Placement:**

1. All participants in the CIF-SS Open Division will be guaranteed an automatic bid into the CIF-State Regional Playoffs. (see page 16)
2. All CIF Southern Section Champions will be guaranteed a CIF-State Playoff berth (see page 16)
3. Additional teams need for CIF-State playoff berths will selected using the same At-Large criteria that is currently in place (see page 16)

## CIF-SS BASKETBALL OPEN DIVISION

**Opening Round for Open Division:**    *Boys - Friday, May 28, 2021*  
    *Girls – Saturday, May 29, 2021*

### **Selection of Open Division Teams:**

Up to 8 teams will be chosen at the end of the regular season for the CIF-SS Open Division.

### **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.

1. Teams will be selected and seeded by the committee using the following criteria: (unweighted)
  - Strength of schedule
  - Overall Record
  - Freeman/Max Preps/CIF-SS Top 16 rankings
  - Strength at end of season (including roster additions/eligibility changes/winning & losing streaks/etc.)
  - Head to Head vs. Open Division Entries
  - Overall Record vs. Open Division Entries
  - Victory vs. Quality opponents
  - Quality loss
  - Unexpected loss

**Open Division Pool Play:** See explanation next page

### **Open Division Home Playoff Site Selection:**

1. In the Open Division, the higher seeded team in each pool play game will have the home game.

**Open Division Gym Size Minimum Requirement:** - **\*waived for 2020-2021 playoffs**

Open Division games generate tremendous interest and require adequate facilities to accommodate the expected crowds for these Open Division games. A site may be changed by the CIF-SS Office, if the home gym would not accommodate the expected ticket sales, attendance and community interest. In the Open Division Bracket, it is mandated that the host school secure a gymnasium that has a posted basketball seating capacity of no less than **2000** spectators for boys and **1,000** for girls. Venues with less than these capacities must be approved by the CIF-SS Office. It is recommended that Open Division schools plan ahead to secure a site that meets this requirement.

## Open Division Pool Play

### Pool Seeding:

#### Pool A

1  
4  
5  
8

#### Pool B

2  
3  
6  
7

### Games Schedule:

(Boys-Girls)

Fri./Sat. (5/28-5/29)

Tue./Weds.(6/1-6/2)

Fri./Sat. (6/4-6/5)

Friday Finals (6/11)

\* indicates home team

#### Pool A:

\*1 v 8    \*4 v 5

\*1 v 5    \*4 v 8

\*1 v 4    \*5 v 8

A v B @ TBD

#### Pool B:

\*2 v 7    \*3 v 6

\*2 v 6    \*3 v 7

\*2 v 3    \*6 v 7

### Tie Breakers:

2 way tie - head to head

3 way tie - lowest seed number of wins in pool play

**3 Way Tie:** The team with the lowest combined seed points  
from games they won in pool play, will advance out of pool.

### 3 Way Tie Breaker Example:

**Seed 1-** beats 8, beats 5, loses to 4

**Seed 4-** loses to 5, beats 8, beats 1

**Seed 5-** beats 4, loses to 1, beats 8

**Seed 8-** loses to 1, loses 4, loses 5

#### Record

**2-1**

**2-1**

**2-1**

**0-3**

#### Seed Points

**13**

**9**

**12**

**X**

\* **Seed 4** advances by accumulating the lowest number of opponent  
seed points (9) in their pool play wins.

## PLAYOFF HOSTING INFORMATION

### DETERMINATION OF SITES

(See page 14 for Open Division site selection)

To decide who shall be the host team after the first round of competition will be the sole 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 home games in playoff competition shall be designated as the host team. When both teams have had an equal number of home playoff contests, the Commissioner shall toss a coin to decide the 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. SPECIAL NOTE: Teams receiving a bye in the first round shall automatically be the host team in the next round of the playoffs. The bye received in the first round shall not count toward the total number of home games played.

**The host school is charged with the responsibility of securing an adequate gymnasium for the holding of a basketball playoff contest. All sites must be approved by the Office of the Commissioner of Athletics.** It is recommended that where available and when approved, playoff games shall be played in rent-free high school gymnasiums, but in cases where it is necessary to pay a rental fee for an outside gymnasium, such an arrangement must be approved by the Commissioner prior to the contest.

Competing schools are reminded that CIF-SS playoff basketball games, while they may be played at one school, are under the control of the CIF-SS. Both competing schools in any one game are given equal consideration in regard to seating. If, in the Commissioner's opinion, the host team gym is not large enough to accommodate the anticipated crowd, the host team will be required to reserve one-half of the gym's capacity for the visiting school's rooters.

### GAME SITES

The Commissioner's Office has been delegated the authority to determine the sites of all basketball playoff contests. For all the office will be guided in this decision by the following factors: (1) size of courts, (2) lighting, (3) seating capacity as it relates to a specific contest, (4) parking facilities, (5) type of backboards, (6) press facilities available, (7) availability of an alternate gym in the area, (8) results of the most recent Basketball Facility survey, which is posted in the CIFSSHome directory for schools.

<b>SPECIAL NOTE:</b> All divisions for BOTH boys and girls basketball, the semifinal games shall be played on HOST COURTS. <b>For any playoff contest, the Commissioner may direct that the contest be played on an alternate court if the host court does not meet CIF-SS playoff standards or will not accommodate the anticipated crowd.</b>
---

### PRACTICE IN ALTERNATE GYMS

Whenever a playoff game is scheduled for an alternate gym, neither team will be permitted to practice in that gym prior to the contest. The visiting team may not practice prior to the game on its opponent's home court.



## ALTERNATE GYM DEFINED

An alternate gym is defined as any site on which a team does not conduct practice. A team may schedule more than one game in the same gym, and the facility would still be considered an "alternate" gym as long as NO practice session was conducted in that facility. In games where a team is entitled to a host court, but its regular gym does not have adequate seating capacity to meet playoff standards and the game is ordered to be played at another facility, that team may conduct practice at this facility prior to the contest.

## PLANNING MEETINGS

It is required that administrators from the two competing schools communicate to 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 facility and where their allotted seats are located. The half-time entertainment and all activities connected with the game should be thoroughly worked out.

If needed, planning meetings may be held for those teams involved in games under the direct management of the Commissioner. Schools will be notified of the exact sites and times of the planning meetings.

## GAME 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 details connected with insuring a successful playoff activity. Please communicate with your opponent as soon as possible and let the CIFSS office know of any time or location changes.

## GAME ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

General CIF Southern Section Playoff/Championship requirements for all teams and host sites can be found on the download section of each sport page.

## 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 to both competing schools and facility seating must be split equally. **A pre-game planning meeting must be conducted to plan all details connected with the staging of every playoff contest.**

## ELIGIBILITY LISTS

One eligibility list, which will suffice for the entire playoff duration, **must** be submitted on [cifsshome.org](http://cifsshome.org) **prior to the first playoff game.**

## TEAM SIZE

Each school participating in the CIF Southern Section Basketball Playoffs will be permitted to suit up not more than 17 players.

## GAME JERSEYS


The host team shall wear white jerseys and the visiting team dark-colored jerseys, for all playoff contests. If a team has only one set of jerseys, it will be that school's responsibility to notify its opponent in sufficient time in advance of any scheduled contest, so that proper arrangements can be made to make certain that both teams have contrasting colored jerseys.

## GAME BALL

- Boys Basketball: Spalding TF1000 NFHS Classic NFHS  
Spalding TF1000 Legacy NFHS  
Spalding TF-1000 Platinum ZK NFHS 29.5 *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*
- Girls Basketball: Spalding TF1000 NFHS Classic 28.5 NFHS  
Spalding TF1000 Legacy 28.5 NFHS  
Spalding TF-1000 Platinum ZK NFHS 28.5 *(Used in the CIF-SS Championship game)*

## GAME OFFICIALS

Officials for all playoff games will be coordinated through the CIF-SS Office and the Assignment Coordinator. In games leading to the championship game, each official shall receive \$90 for 2 officials and \$86 for 3 officials. In championship games, each official will receive \$98 for 2 officials or \$94 for 3 officials. (see Bluebook rule 1222.0)

Mileage fees, due to excess travel distance, will be confirmed by the assignment coordinator. Officials will be appointed, whenever possible, from neutral officials' associations. You will be notified of your officials in advance and we ask that you **DO NOT call the CIF-SS Office** due to the heavy phone traffic during playoffs. However, if the host school has not been advised regarding officials by 12 noon on game day, **please contact**  **Bob McQueen, (626) 285-6608 or John Moore, (949) 233-6875 or Ron Wade (951) 312-0077**

**SCHOOLS ARE NOT TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR OWN OFFICIALS.**

## 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 complete.

Coaches are encouraged to carry National Federation rule books with them for all playoff contests.

Schools will still have the opportunity to protest a contest in accordance with Southern Section rules, Rule 1111, as it pertains to use of ineligible player or violations of any CIF-SS rule in accordance with the contest.

## GAME RESULTS

Scores must be posted in your schedules and scores on [www.CIFSSHOME.ORG](http://www.CIFSSHOME.ORG) immediately following the completion of the contest.

## OFFICIAL SCORER AND CLOCK OPERATOR

The official scorer and clock operators are recognized as game officials and it is required that a faculty member or other qualified responsible **ADULT** staff these important positions. **The official scorer (scorebook) MUST wear a black/white vertical striped shirt/pinney per NFHS guidelines.**

## CHECK TIMER

The check timer for playoff games shall be **a faculty member or responsible adult**. If the visiting team does not supply a check timer, the host team facility timer alone is responsible.

## 35/30 SECOND CLOCKS

The 35-second clock shall be used for all boys basketball contests and the 30-second clock shall be used for all girls basketball contests. A visible clock is highly recommended for all playoff contests.

### ANNOUNCER – Playoff Rounds

(Please read prior to start of each contest)

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

- 1. CIF-SS playoff contests are conducted under the strictest code of good sportsmanship.**
- 2. The officials are neutral individuals, representing the Commissioner and have been selected because of demonstrated ability.**
- 3. Rooters are encouraged to support their own team and are requested to display proper sportsmanship with respect to the visiting school and the officials. The CIF-SS appreciates your attendance and support of high school basketball.**

## AWARDS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

CIF-SS regulations provide for seventeen individual patches to be furnished to members of the championship team in each playoff division. Runner-up teams will receive seventeen individual medals. The championship and runner-up team in each division will each receive a CIF-SS permanent trophy which will be retained by the school. Team and individual awards will be presented immediately following each boys and girls championship contest.

Each year, the Southern California Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association (SCIBCA) honors outstanding coaches for their contribution to high school basketball in Southern California. Time is provided during the evening of the championship games for this presentation.

When deemed appropriate, the CIF-SS honors people who have made contributions to its interscholastic program. In addition, many former outstanding CIF-SS championship teams are recognized. Time is provided during the evening double-header at the championship game for these presentations.

## CHEERING SECTIONS

### **NOTE: Cheering Sections may be affected by CDPH/County Health guidelines for 2020-2021 Playoffs/Championships**

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. 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 regard to face painting.
4. 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.
5. Rules are subject to specific event and/or venue limitations.

## PEP BAND, CHEERING SQUADS

### **NOTE: Pep Band, Cheering Squads may be affected by CDPH/County Health guidelines for 2020-2021 Playoffs/Championships**

If the host school has a band of not more than 12 members capable of contributing to the entertainment, there is no objection to having it play before games and during intermissions. Under no circumstances may the band instruments be used for cheering purposes. **Electronic amplification is prohibited.**

Even though additional members of the band purchase tickets, not more than 12 members may comprise the pep band. Because a number of gymnasiums have poor acoustics, it has been necessary to limit the number of players in a pep band. The noise generated by a large band in a gym with poor acoustics is annoying to spectators and distracting to players.

No band, other than the one from the host school, shall be admitted as an organization except by special permission of the Commissioner, who will act upon petition by the principal of the host school. **Under no circumstances may more than 12 members comprise a pep band at playoff games.**

Members of an authorized pep, yell and/or song squad from both competing schools shall be admitted free of charge if in uniform and accompanied by an adult supervisor.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** For all **championship games**, school pep bands will be allowed no more than 21 members and school pep squads will be allowed no more than 12 uniformed members.

## POSTERS AND BANNERS

Posters and banners are an excellent way of creating good sportsmanship between competing schools. Only those posters and banners exhibiting this concept will be permitted.



# PLAYOFF FINANCIALS

## RESPONSIBILITY

The principal of each school participating in the CIF Southern Section (CIF-SS) Basketball Playoffs shall be responsible to see that prescribed procedures pertaining to playoff regulations, as outlined in this section, are followed. If the principal so desires, this responsibility may be delegated to a member of his staff.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The CIF-SS Blue Book requires the host school charge admission to a Basketball Playoff contest. (See financial policy Article 10, Section 143-145, CIF-SS Blue Book. All information can be found on the web site).

Financial forms (host and visitor) be submitted via [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org).

## FINANCIAL REPORTING PROCEDURE – Visiting School and Host School

Both the visiting school **and** the host school must complete a financial report for each playoff game via [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org).

Playoff financial reporting via [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org) has changed and schools will no longer be reporting ticket revenue. CIF-SS will assume this responsibility as all ticket sales will be reported on the day following each event from the GoFan captured sales report. However, host and visiting schools will maintain the responsibility of reporting game expenses via [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org). Upon approval of the submitted expense reports, CIF-SS will distribute expense reimbursements and/or playoff splits.

- Within 3 school days following the game, the visiting school should enter round trip mileage (\$1.50 per mile for basketball), **\*meals and/or lodging expenses** (\*pre-approved by the CIF-SS office). Meal allowances issued to teams traveling >140 miles round trip and lodging allowances >550 miles round trip. (details listed on page 26)
- Once the visiting school has completed their financial report, the host school will have the ability to report expenses for the contest. Host schools are expected to submit only exact expenditures, within the maximums established (i.e., all security costs exceeding \$350.00 must have prior approval from CIF-SS).
- For games reporting a profit, the completed financial report will be available for viewing via [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org). From the game revenue, the CIF Southern Section will distribute the net profit shares (20% to the host & 20% visiting school) as well as applicable game expenses. The distribution of money will be indicated at the bottom of the financial report.
- For games reporting a loss, the completed financial report will be available for viewing via [www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org). The net loss will be split equally between the two participating schools. The CIF Southern Section will distribute the game revenue as indicated at the bottom of the completed financial report. There may be cases where the host or visiting school also owes it's opponent. In such case, the distribution of money will be indicated at the bottom of the completed financial report.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Completed financial reports **MUST** be submitted within **10 school days** following the

contest. As stated in CIF-SS Blue Book Rule 145, after a reasonable request from the Commissioner's Office, schools that continue to be delinquent with financial reports will not be allowed to host a game during the playoffs in all sports for a period of one year.

## CONCESSIONS

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 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 gymnasium with the personnel necessary to conduct the contest. It would be expected that the same pay schedule followed for league contests would be used to reimburse ticket sellers, ticket takers, police, physician and custodial help. In determining the pay scale for working personnel in playoff games, schools are reminded that it should be computed on the basis of **one contest** instead of **two contests** as is customary in regular league play.

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 the game expense.

There is a wide disparity of staffing policies for athletic contests among schools in the Southern Section.

## GATE PROCEDURES

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

1. All paying attendees must have a GoFan issued ticket. ([www.gofan.co](http://www.gofan.co))
2. Host School will VALIDATE electronic GoFan ticket at point of entry into the playoff game
3. SEE BELOW for ADMISSION OF WORKING FACULTY PERSONNEL
4. All ticket-takers and gate personnel should familiarize themselves with the CIF-SS Media Pass, CIF-SS Courtesy Card and other acceptable passes. (See page 31)

## ADMISSION OF WORKING 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 without a complimentary or general admission ticket.

## ALLOWABLE TRAVEL EXPENSE – VISITING TEAM

The visiting school will pay its own traveling expenses and submit a statement of these expenses, after the game (within three (3) days), via [www.cifsshhome.org](http://www.cifsshhome.org). These expenses would include mileage for transportation and lodging and/or meals where approved by CIF-SS Office. Traveling expenses of the visiting team are considered part of the game expenses.

## MILEAGE TRAVEL EXPENSE

The CIF-SS Council has set the allowable travel expense as it pertains to Boys and Girls Basketball Traveling squads shall be limited to a maximum of 17 in the party, including players, coaches, manager, and administrators. Schools may take additional personnel if they wish, but at their own expense.

- Basketball travel allowance by CIF-SS office includes:
  - \$1.50 per mile for chartered or school bus – Actual cost of bus is not an allowable expense.
  - \$0.50 per mile for private automobile/school van (limit 3)
  - Distance obtained from Map Quest, Google Maps or Yahoo Maps shall be used, when available, for computing expense

CIF-SS encourages schools to utilize private automobile transportation when possible in an effort to keep the travel allowance at a minimum and possible financial loss to schools involved. Please pass this information along to the person on your campus charged with completing the financial report form.

## MEALS AND LODGING

No allowance will be permitted for meals or lodging without prior approval of the CIF-SS Office. This is necessary to insure uniform expenditures for all schools.

The number of meals allowed a school will be determined by the CIF-SS Office on the basis of distance traveled and the scheduled time of the game. No meals will be authorized when the travel distance is less than 140 miles round trip.

When approved, meal reimbursement maximums are:

- \$3.00 for breakfast .....per person for up to a party of 17
- \$5.00 for lunch .....per person for up to a party of 17
- \$8.00 for dinner .....per person for up to a party of 17

**Mileage:** Mileage must be verified by contacting the CIF Southern Section.

**Lodging:** If traveling over 550 miles, please contact CIF-SS office for lodging reimbursement authorization. Maximum reimbursement for lodging will not exceed \$10.00 per person for a group of no more than 17 people.

Because of this, schools in the playoffs are asked to assign the minimum number of personnel necessary to assure efficiency and safety.

# TICKET SALES/TICKET DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

## ADMISSION - Tickets

It is MANDATORY that admission be charged in all basketball playoff games.

The CIF-SS Executive Committee has required that the host school charge admission to boys and girls basketball playoff contests. (See Financial Policy Article 1, Section 140-149, CIF-SS Blue Book.)

**NEW Ticketing policy/process for all CIF-SS events** - ALL tickets for all contests will be purchased and activated electronically through the Southern Section Office and our digital ticketing partner **GoFan** @ [www.gofan.co](http://www.gofan.co). Paper tickets will no longer be used.

Historically, member schools hosting CIF Southern Section playoff events have been responsible for the management and sales of CIF-SS issued physical tickets (pre-sale and/or game day ticket window sales). Under this new policy, ticket sales and revenue management responsibilities will be relieved from member schools and all sales will occur via unique event links for each and every CIF Southern Section playoff game/event via GoFan. These event links will be shared with each participating school (host & visitor) as well as posted publicly at [www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org) and [www.gofan.co](http://www.gofan.co) OR privately shared with guaranteed patrons (parents and/or comp tickets).

### Host schools will:

- **PROMOTE** ticket sales via the GoFan on-line platform @ [www.gofan.co](http://www.gofan.co)
- **VALIDATE** each ticket at the entry point of each playoff event. Please work to educate the individuals that work at your entry point on this process.

Venue capacity management will become extremely important as each event link (host, visitor, public and private) will have an assigned quantity available for purchase/entry. With COVID venue restrictions, the CIF-SS will need each member school to validate their default gymnasiums and stadiums on file, as well as the capacities of those facilities, so the proper amount of tickets can be made available.

**NOTE: CDPH/County health guidelines will determine capacity limits for each site.**

## COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

Each school participating in the CIF-SS Basketball Playoffs may be allotted of 15 tickets for each game in which they compete. 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. It's the discretion of each participating school how the complimentary tickets are distributed. Additional tickets may be purchased at [www.gofan.co](http://www.gofan.co)

**NOTE: CDPH/County health guidelines will determine capacity limits for each site.**

## PRE-GAME TICKET SALES

Each school is encouraged to PROMOTE presale tickets via the online ticketless system, [www.gofan.co](http://www.gofan.co)

**NOTE: CDPH/County health guidelines will determine capacity limits for each site.**

**TICKET PRICES FOR ALL BOYS AND GIRLS PLAYOFF CONTESTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS**

It is MANADATORY that admission be charged in all basketball playoff/championship games.

TICKET SALES will occur via unique event links for each and every CIF Southern Section playoff game/event via GoFan. These event links will be shared with each participating school (host & visitor) as well as posted publicly at [www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org) and [www.gofan.co](http://www.gofan.co)

**Preliminary playoff rounds (school sites)**

General Admission .....	\$10.00
High School Student <u>with current high school ID</u> .....	\$5.00
Child (13 years - 5 years) .....	\$5.00

**ADMISSION PRICE POSTERS** will be provided by the CIF-SS office to all schools hosting a playoff contest.

---

**Championship Finals**

General Admission .....	\$TBD
High School Student <u>with current high school ID</u> .....	\$TBD
Child (13 years - 5 years) .....	\$TBD

**ADMISSION PRICE POSTERS** will be provided by the CIF-SS office to all schools hosting a playoff contest.



## COURTESY CARDS AND PASSES

**NOTE: CDPH/County health guidelines will determine capacity limits for each site. This may affect a sites ability to allow Courtesy Cards and Passes this year. Check with the HOST school.**

CIF-SS Courtesy Cards **MAY** be honored for all basketball playoff contests, INCLUDING THE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS based on the host site Covid-19 gym capacity guidelines. If allowed, Courtesy Cards will be checked at the gate. Courtesy cards from other sections and officials' association passes **are not valid** for admission at any CIF-Southern Section playoff contest.

NO SCHOOL, LEAGUE, DISTRICT, OR LOCAL NEWSPAPER PASSES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION TO PLAYOFF GAMES REGARDLESS OF LEAGUE POLICIES GOVERNING THIS MATTER.

CIF-SS press and photographer's credentials (see Media Section) issued by the Commissioner's Office, the State CIF Courtesy Card, and the State CIF Life Pass are the only credentials that **MAY** be honored for admission to volleyball playoff contests.

The following passes **MAY** be accepted for all rounds **EXCEPT** the championship basketball finals and as noted:

- CIF-SS Courtesy Card
- CIF-SS Press Credential
- CIF-SS Photographer Credential
- Special credentials (see Media Section) will be issued by the Commissioner's Office for the CIF-SS Finals.

The following passes **MAY** be accepted for all rounds INCLUDING the championship finals:

- State CIF Courtesy Card
- State CIF Life Pass
- CIF-SS Life Pass

The following passes **MAY** be accepted for the championship finals ONLY with the EXCEPTION of the Open Division Finals at the Pyramid:

- SCIBCA Membership card with picture I.D. (admits member only)  
**SCIBA card will not be valid at the Open Division Finals on June 11, 2021.**

The following passes **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** to any CIF-SS playoff or championship rounds:

- School Passes
- League Passes
- District Passes
- Local Newspaper Passes
- State CIF Media Passes
- Courtesy Card from other CIF Sections
- Officials Association Cards



STATE COURTESY CARD-  
MAY be good for all events

**NOTE: CDPH/County health guidelines will determine capacity limits for each site. This may affect a sites ability to allow Courtesy Cards and Passes this year. Check with the HOST school. \*\*DO NOT ASSUME PASSES WILL BE HONORED**



STATE LIFE CARD-  
MAY be good for all events

### CIF-SS COURTESY CARDS AND MEDIA CREDENTIALS

- CIF-SS Courtesy Card (Not valid at Championship Finals)
- CIF-SS MEDIA Pass (Check with HOST site)
- Gold CIF-SS Life Membership Pass
- **No other type of pass issued by schools or leagues shall be honored for admission.**
- Faculty personnel with supervisory responsibilities for the game from either school shall be admitted in accordance with the procedures listed in this bulletin.
- **SPECIAL NOTE: The CIFSS Courtesy Card NOT be VALID for the 2021 Championship Final at ANY site**



SCIBCA CARD-  
MAY admit (1) member to  
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS ONLY  
(excludes OPEN DIV game)

### CIF STATE CARDS

The State CIF has issued two types of passes which MAY be honored at Basketball events:

- CIF State Gold Courtesy Card
- CIF State Gold Life Pass.



CIF-SS LIFE CARD-  
MAY be good for all events

**CIFSS COURTESY CARD -  
THIS CARD MAY BE VALID AT BB  
PLAYOFFS/NO CHAMPIONSHIPS**



CIFSS MEDIA PASS -  
THIS CARD MAY BE VALID AT BB  
PLAYOFFS/ CHAMPIONSHIPS



## MEDIA INFORMATION

### PRESS CREDENTIALS

CIF-SS Media Credentials issued by the CIF-SS Office **MAY** be honored at all CIF-SS basketball games, except for games managed directly by the CIF-SS Office.

Members of the Media are urged to contact host schools and request press accommodations in advance of scheduled games. There will be occasions when this is not possible; therefore, the host school is requested to make every effort to arrange suitable seating for the Media covering the event.

In contests directly managed by the CIF-SS, special media credentials will be issued to working members of the Media who request them. Media credential requests should be made in writing at least one week in advance of the contest. Email requests to Anita Fopma, CIF-SS Communications Program Coordinator, [anitaf@cifss.org](mailto:anitaf@cifss.org).

### CIF-SS PLAYOFF BROADCASTS

The CIF Southern Section retains broadcast rights for all CIF-SS contests and has the sole authority to approve any and all coverage. Prior approval for the broadcast of any CIF-SS contest must be secured from the CIF-SS Communications Department, specifically, Anita Fopma, CIF-SS Communications Program Coordinator, [anitaf@cifss.org](mailto:anitaf@cifss.org).

### AUDIO ONLY BROADCASTS

Radio stations planning to broadcast a CIF-SS playoff contest in any sport must request prior permission from the CIF-SS.

Please contact Anita Fopma ([anitaf@cifss.org](mailto:anitaf@cifss.org)) at the CIF-SS Office to obtain the charges for all rights fees.

All rights fees for radio broadcasts are to be filed directly with the CIF-SS, they are not to be included as part of the host school contest financial report.

The CIF Southern Section reserves the right to contract independently with any broadcast production company for exclusive coverage rights to any CIF Southern Section event.

There will be no fee charged for periodic progress reports made by a radio station during a CIF-SS contest, provided there are no more than six (6) of these reports for any single game. Such reports may not exceed two (2) minutes in duration and may not contain play-by-play descriptions of live action.

### AUDIO/VIDEO COVERAGE

The CIF-SS Office retains all broadcasting rights for all contests and permission for same must be secured from the CIF-SS Communications Department, specifically, Anita Fopma, CIF-SS Communications Program Coordinator, [anitaf@cifss.org](mailto:anitaf@cifss.org), who will have the sole authority to approve such request. To obtain rights for any type of broadcast, for any contest, the production company must secure permission from the CIF-SS Communications Department.

DELAYED TELECASTS OF CIF-SS playoff games may be permissible but may not be aired prior to the completion of any Bally Sports West live telecast or 10:00 p.m., whichever comes last, on the date of the contest. Consideration for any LIVE TELECAST will necessitate contractual negotiations with the CIF-SS Communications Department, a minimum of 3 days prior to the event. Please contact Thom Simmons, CIF-SS Assistant Commissioner.

For any type of broadcast of any CIF-SS basketball contests, a rights fee shall be paid DIRECTLY TO THE CIF-SS in advance. That fee amount is based on the type of broadcast.

Rights fees for television broadcasts of CIF-SS playoff contests are to be filed directly with the CIF-SS Office and are not to be included in the host schools financial report.

Payment of rights fees shall be required for any type of broadcast coverage of CIF-SS contests, regardless of the commercial, or non-commercial, intent of the coverage.

News reports, film or video tape, of any CIF-SS contest is permissible, without payment of fees or prior approval, provided there are no more than six (6) of these reports for any single game. Such reports may not exceed two (2) minutes in duration and may not contain play-by-play descriptions of live action.

### **CIF-SS COPYRIGHT**

All CIF-SS contests are copyrighted events of the CIF Southern Section. Any recording, rebroadcast and/or retransmission of any CIF-SS contest, live or delayed, without the expressed, written consent of the CIF Southern Section is strictly prohibited and could be subject to copyright infringement laws.

### **MEDIA PASSES AND PRESS CREDENTIALS**

Pass gate personnel at host sites **MAY** honor CIF-SS Media Passes issued to members of the working media. **No other type of pass issued by schools or leagues shall be honored for admission.** The multi-colored Media Card for 2020-2021 **MAY** be honored at playoff games only and may be used at any 2021 Championship venue with the approval from Host School.

\*\* (see page 30 for details of cards accepted)

### **ALL CIF INFORMATION**

Forms for All CIF Nominations are available on the CIF-SS website [www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org). These forms will be available on the boys or girls basketball sports page in the download section.

Please note the date information is due to SCIBCA for consideration:

- **Deadline for submitting All CIF Boys/Girls nominations is Tuesday, June 15, 2021**

# STATE REGIONAL QUALIFYING INFORMATION

## SOUTHERN SECTION CRITERIA FOR ENTRY INTO CIF STATE REGIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### STATE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION PLACEMENT OF SCHOOLS

Boys and girls Regional and State Championships will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. The CIF State Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for their respective regional tournament.

### SECTION REGIONAL ENTRIES

**(1) AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS:** CCS – 21; CS – 16; LACS – 15; NCS – 25; NS – 12; OS – 2; SDS – 18; SFS – 2; SJS – 23; **SS – 44**

**(2) OPEN DIVISION** There will be four regional Open Division brackets. Each regional Open Division bracket will have a maximum of eight (8) teams but could have less if the tournament committee feels that there are not eight qualified teams. The tournament committee will select the teams for the Open Division before they seed the five (5) divisions of the State Tournament. Teams selected by the committee for the Open Division will compete in the Open Division ONLY and cannot opt out.

The regional seeding meetings will take place on **Sunday, February 28, 2021**. Competition among the teams in each gender will be held in one Open Division and five (5) competitive equity based divisions. Tournament brackets will range from 8 to 16 team brackets (unless outbracket games are required) depending on the number of entries forwarded by each CIF Section.

### CIF-SS Section to State Basketball Entries

Open Semi		4
Open 5-8		4
D1 Semi		4
D2AA Semi		4
D2A Semi		4
D3AA Semi		4
D3A Semi		4
D4AA Semi		4
D4A Semi		4
D5AA Semi		4
D5A Semi		4
		<b>44</b>

All berths available to the Southern Section will be seeded based upon the following criteria with each area having no specific weight and/or order of preference. **The CIF State Seeding Committee will make final determination of regional seeding and division placement.**

### \*\*\*CRITERIA\*\*\*

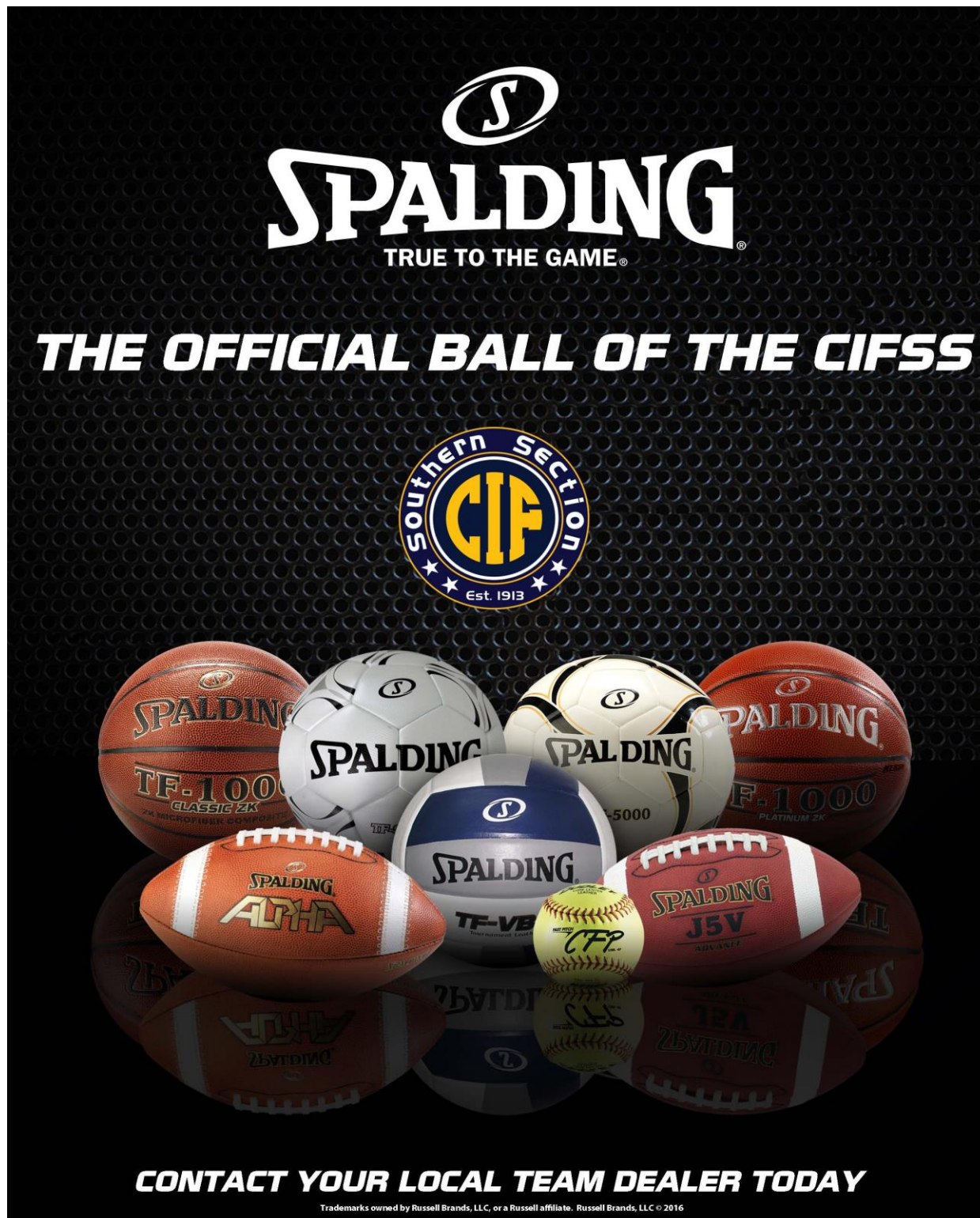
..... each area having no specific weight and/or order of preference. . . .

- (a) Head to head competition of teams under consideration
- (b) Strength against common Southern Section opponents
- (c) Southern Section Divisional Placement (i.e., Division I recognized as most difficult)
- (d) Success in Southern Section tournaments
- (e) Strength against statewide opponents
- (f) Strength of schedule
- (g) Overall win/loss record
- (h) Strength at end of season
- (i) State-wide and/or Southern Section rankings
- (j) Computer rankings (Cal-Hi, CalPreps and/or Max Preps)



## PLAYOFF/CHAMPIONSHIP - Post Season Awards

Information regarding CIF Southern Section Playoff/Championship/custom Post Season Awards can be found on the download section of the Boys and Girls Basketball sports page @ [www.cifss.org](http://www.cifss.org)



The advertisement features a black background with a subtle basketball court pattern. At the top, the Spalding logo is prominently displayed in white, with the tagline "TRUE TO THE GAME®" underneath. Below this, the text "THE OFFICIAL BALL OF THE CIFSS" is written in a bold, italicized, white font. In the center, the CIF Southern Section logo is shown, featuring a blue and yellow circular design with the text "Southern Section", "CIF", and "Est. 1913". Below the logos, a collection of Spalding sports equipment is arranged, including several basketballs (TF-1000 Classic ZK, TF-1000 Platinum ZK, TF-5000), two soccer balls (TF-5000, TF-1000), two American footballs (Alpha, J5V), and a yellow softball (CFP). The items are reflected on the surface below them. At the bottom, the text "CONTACT YOUR LOCAL TEAM DEALER TODAY" is written in a bold, italicized, white font. A small line of text at the very bottom reads: "Trademarks owned by Russell Brands, LLC, or a Russell affiliate. Russell Brands, LLC © 2016".

**SPALDING**  
TRUE TO THE GAME®

**THE OFFICIAL BALL OF THE CIFSS**

**CONTACT YOUR LOCAL TEAM DEALER TODAY**

Trademarks owned by Russell Brands, LLC, or a Russell affiliate. Russell Brands, LLC © 2016

# Bally SPORTS

HOME OF



GAME ON

