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CALENDAR PLAYOFF DATES – Boys and Girls Basketball

ALL PLAYOFF DATES ARE TENTATIVE AT THIS TIME!

BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYOFF DATES FOR 2024

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 | February 6 | Wild Card Round |
| WEDNESDAY | February 7 | 1st Round |
| FRIDAY | February 9 | 2nd Round |
| TUESDAY | February 13 | Quarterfinals |
| FRIDAY | February 16 | Semifinals |
| FRI/SAT | February 23 or 24 | Finals |

OPEN DIVISION – 8 TEAM BRACKET – POOL PLAY

| | | |
|----------|-------------------|--------|
| FRIDAY | February 9 | Game 1 |
| TUESDAY | February 13 | Game 2 |
| FRIDAY | February 16 | Game 3 |
| SATURDAY | February 23 or 24 | Finals |

GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYOFF DATES FOR 2024

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 | February 6 | Wild Card Round |
| THURSDAY | February 8 | 1st Round |
| SATURDAY | February 10 | 2nd Round |
| WEDNESDAY | February 14 | Quarterfinals |
| SATURDAY | February 17 | Semifinals |
| FRI/SAT | February 23 or 24 | Finals |

OPEN DIVISION – 8 TEAM BRACKET – POOL PLAY

| | | |
|-----------|-------------------|--------|
| SATURDAY | February 10 | Game 1 |
| WEDNESDAY | February 14 | Game 2 |
| SATURDAY | February 17 | Game 3 |
| SATURDAY | February 23 or 24 | 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 commissioner's office for any change in site, time or day of contest.** Please email Jerryd@cifss.org and Kristinet@cifss.org with the mutually agreed upon change of site, time or day. Upon approval, the Basketball department will note the change on the bracket found @ www.cifss.org and the CIF-SS officials assignors will be notified.

SPECIAL NOTES:

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 immediately following the completion of the contest.

CIF REGIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS --

The 2023-2024 CIF Regional basketball playoffs in March 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 February 27, 28, 29, March 2 and 5, 2024 to determine the 2024 State Southern Regional Champion.

The State CIF Championship games will be held March 8-9, 2024 at Golden One Arena in Sacramento.

SPECIAL NOTE: For information regarding advancement to the Regional playoffs, see page 35 of this bulletin.

Schools advancing to the Regional Tournament can find a comprehensive bulletin on the CIF State website at www.cifstate.org.

RELEASE SCHEDULE

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

Each school qualifying for the 2024 CIF Southern Section Ford Basketball Playoffs is to check our website (www.cifss.org) in accordance with the following schedule:



BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL BRACKET RELEASE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

11:00 A.M. - AT-LARGE AND FREELANCE TEAMS WILL BE POSTED ONLINE

12:00 P.M. - ALL DIVISIONS BRACKET RELEASE ONLINE @ www.cifss.org

All playoff brackets will be released **online at 12:00 pm** on Sunday, February 4, 2024. Information will be available regarding teams selected, pairings, coaches' phone numbers, etc. division brackets have been released. 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.

ALL tickets for all contests will be purchased and activated electronically through the Southern Section Office and our digital ticketing partner **GoFan**. **Paper tickets are not 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 and 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 **Monday, February 5, 2024**. 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, February 9 (B) | COIN FLIP DATE: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 |
| Saturday, February 10 (G) | COIN FLIP DATE: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 |
| Tuesday, February 13 (B) | COIN FLIP DATE: Thursday, February 8, 2024 |
| Wednesday, February 14 (G) | COIN FLIP DATE: Friday, February 9, 2024 |
| Friday, February 16 (B) | COIN FLIP DATE: Monday, February 12, 2024 |
| Saturday, February 17 (G) | COIN FLIP DATE: Monday, February 12, 2024 |

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) under the button labeled COIN FLIPS. These will be posted by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the flips.

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CIFSSHOME.org REQUIREMENTS

SCHEDULES & SCORES Complete your schedule in CIFSSHOME.org prior to your season as well as update scores following each contest

Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your entire season schedule into CIFSSHOME (as well as update the scores immediately following your contests).

Log in @ 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:

- To **Add a game:**
- On the left panel, click on "Events", select "Add Event"
- Choose Game under "Event Type"
- Choose date of game under "Event Date"
- Choose Basketball, Boys/Girls under "Sport"
- Choose Varsity under "Level"
- Type the opposing school name in "Add Opponent"
- Choose the type of game under "Select Game Type"
- Click on Home, Away or Neutral under "Location"
- Choose "Start Time"
- Click on "Save" to add one game or "Save & Duplicate" for multiple games.
- To **Submit your score:**
- On the left panel
- Click on "Teams"
- Select "Teams Manager"
- Scroll down to Basketball, Boys/Girls and click on VR to add Varsity scores
- Click on "Post Result" button
- Enter your team's score
- Enter the opponent's score
- The result should auto populate with either "W", "L" or "T" based on the correct match score entered.
- If the game was a forfeit, click on the Yes box
- Enter the set scores in "Notes".
- Make sure that your overall and team records are correct on your team page.

VARSITY TEAM INFORMATION (ROSTER)

Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your entire Boys/Girls Basketball Varsity roster into CIFSSHOME.org (no later than **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024**)

Log in @ www.cifsshome.org (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).

- Click on the "Teams" tab, click on "Teams Manager", click on "Basketball, Boys/Girls", select "Vr"

You can UPLOAD your roster using the instructions below (1) or you can enter each player one by one (2).

Required roster information for Boys/Girls Basketball is: Last Name, First Name, Birth Date, Year, Number, Height, Position & Eligibility

(1) To ADD roster players one by one:

- Click on "+Add Players One By One" and complete fields required for Boys/Girls Basketball.

(2) To Import a Roster using an Excel 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.
- Only an excel file (**xls**) can be uploaded 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 Boys/Girls Basketball are: Last Name, First Name, Birth Date, Year, Number, Height, Position & Eligibility**
- Click on "Choose File" to find your file, then click on "Import"
- To confirm the roster has been uploaded, your players' names will be uploaded in the "Official Roster" section
- Click on the "Pencil" edit button next to the player's name to view each player's information.

CIFSSHOMe.org Requirements (continued)

VARSHY COACHES

Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your Boys/Girls Basketball coaches (Head & Assistants) into CIFSSHOMe no later than **Wednesday, JANUARY 31, 2024**.

Log in @ www.cifsshome.org (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).

- Click on the "Users" tab
- Click on "User Manager"
- Click on the "+" in the upper right hand corner to add Coaches and Assistant Coaches. Enter the information requested on the "Add School User" page. Choose "Active" to provide the coach with access to CIFSSHOMe or "Inactive" for directory purposes only. Choose Yes or No to give the coach access to all sport, click **Submit**. Choose the applicable options on the Assign Coach to Team page, click Save or Add Another to add additional coach(s).

VARSHY TEAM INFORMATION (TEAM PHOTO)

Please upload no later than **Wednesday, JANUARY 31, 2024**.

Log in @ www.cifsshome.org (If you do not have a log in & password as a coach, check with your Athletic Director).

- Click on the "Teams" tab
- Click "Teams Manager"
- Click on "Basketball, Boys/Girls"
- Click on the "Team Photo" tab
- Click on the "pencil" edit button under "TEAM PICTURE", choose the file
- Click **Submit**.

SCHOOL LOGO

Log in @ www.cifsshome.org

- Click on the "Configuration" tab
- Click on "School Info"
- Click on "Choose File" (.PNG file format is preferred)
- Choose the "No" option for Hide from Directory?
- Click Save

SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Log in @ www.cifsshome.org

- Click on the "Configuration" tab
- Enter all school account names available next to the social media options (i.e., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- These accounts are used during playoffs and for Games of the Week

BALL PROGRAM MEMO



OFFICIAL BALL PROGRAM 2023-2024

Official Ball per sport:

| | | |
|---------------------|--|---|
| Baseball: | Rawlings RCIF-SS | Must be CIFSS/ NOCSAE stamped ball |
| Boys Basketball: | Wilson NCAA EVO NXT GAME BALL Size 7 (Used in CIF-SS Championship) Wilson EVO NXT Game Basketball Size 7 | |
| Girls Basketball: | Wilson NCAA EVO NXT GAME BALL Size 6 (Used in CIF-SS Championship) Wilson EVO NXT Game Basketball Size 6 | |
| Football: | Wilson GTS GAME BALL Wilson GST Prime GAME BALL | |
| Lacrosse: | Champion Sports NOCSAE Balls | (White LBWNOCSAE, Yellow LBYNOCSAE, Orange LBO, Lime Green LBG) |
| Soccer: | Wilson NCAA Vivido Match Ball (Used in CIF-SS Championship) Wilson NCAA Veza Match Ball Wilson Forte Fybrid II NCAA Match Soccer Ball (<i>discontinued</i>) | |
| Softball: | Rawlings FPCIF-SS (Used in CIF-SS Championship) | |
| Tennis: | Penn ATP World Tour (Used in CIF-SS Championship) Pro Penn Marathon | |
| Volleyball, Indoor: | Mikasa VFC1000 Series (Used in CIF-SS Championship) Mikasa VQ2000 Series | |
| Volleyball, Beach: | Wilson NCAA OPTX Game Ball (Used in CIF-SS Championship) | |
| Boys Water Polo: | KAP7 model 105 with NFHS stamp (Used in CIF-SS Championship) | |
| Girls Water Polo: | KAP7 model 104 with NFHS stamp (Used in CIF-SS Championship) | |

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.

***Items in red are used in the final game for the CIF-SS Championships. Any model listed is compliant in CIF-SS post season play.**

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, tennis and beach volleyball*.

PLAYOFF INFORMATION

PLAYOFF QUALIFYING CHECKLIST

| PLAYOFF CHECKLIST | Date Completed |
|--|----------------|
| 1 Input Player Roster into www.cifsshome.org by January 31st. | _____ |
| 2 Upload team photograph into www.cifsshome.org by January 31st. | _____ |
| 3 Verify eligibility of each player or potential player listed on roster (all potential players must be listed) by Jan 31st. | _____ |
| 4 Make sure all schedules and scores have been entered in www.cifsshome.org and have been verified by January 31st. | _____ |
| 5 Be prepared to complete Playoff Finance Report found in CIFSShome. | _____ |
| 6 Have court reserved if school is to "host" next round game | _____ |
| 7 Ticket sales thru GoFan - 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 Wilson (see ball list) - if Wilson 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 www.cifss.org - 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 2023-2024 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 competitions for entries must be completed on or before Friday, February 2, 2024. No league competition will be allowed on Saturday, February 3, 2024 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
- 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 **10:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, February 2, 2024.**

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:

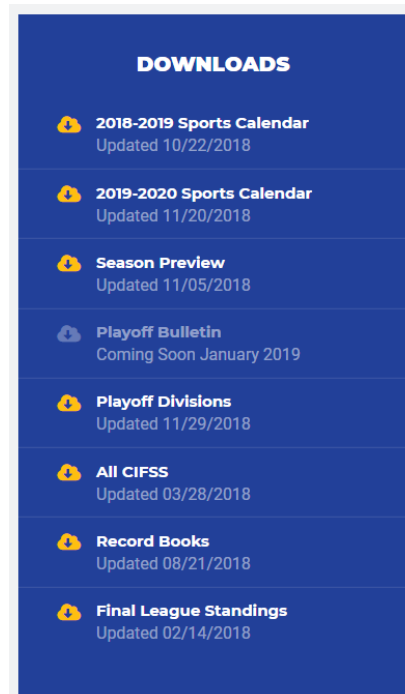
Submit a Freelance form and a schedule in www.cifsshome.org no later than 3 weeks prior to the end of the season.

Update schedules and scores in the www.cifsshome.org system on a regular basis with the final game results being entered no later than noon, Thursday, February 1, 2024.

Complete the At-Large petition in the 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 > Basketball > Playoff Divisions



DIVISION PLACEMENT CRITERIA FOR 2023-2024 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 be 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, February 9, 2024*
 Girls – Saturday, February 10, 2024

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: -

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:

* indicates home team

(Boys-Girls)

Pool A:

Pool B:

Fri./Sat. (2/9-2/10)

*1 v 8 *4 v 5

*2 v 7 *3 v 6

Tue./Weds.(2/13-2/14)

*1 v 5 *4 v 8

*2 v 6 *3 v 7

Fri./Sat. (2/16-2/17)

*1 v 4 *5 v 8

*2 v 3 *6 v 7

Friday Finals (2/23 or 2/24)

A v B @ TBD

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:

| | <u>Record</u> | <u>Seed Points</u> |
|---|---------------|--------------------|
| Seed 1- beats 8, beats 5, loses to 4 | 2-1 | 13 |
| Seed 4- loses to 5, beats 8, beats 1 | 2-1 | 9 |
| Seed 5- beats 4, loses to 1, beats 8 | 2-1 | 12 |
| Seed 8- loses to 1, loses 4, loses 5 | 0-3 | 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 18 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.

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| SPECIAL NOTE: All divisions for BOTH boys and girls basketball, the semifinal games shall be played on HOST COURTS. 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. |
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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.

Schools must MUTUALLY AGREE and permission must be obtained from the commissioner's office for any change in site, time or day of contest. Please email jerryd@cifss.org and kristinet@cifss.org with the mutually agreed upon change of site, time or day. Upon approval, the Basketball department will note the change on the bracket found @ www.cifss.org and the CIF-SS officials assignors will be notified.

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 **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

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| Boys Basketball: | Wilson NCAA EVO NXT Game Basketball Size 7 (Used in CIF-SS Championship) Wilson EVO NXT Game Basketball Size 7 |
| Girls Basketball: | Wilson NCAA EVO NXT Game Basketball Size 6 (Used in CIF-SS Championship) Wilson EVO NXT Game Basketball Size 6 |

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 \$100 when there are 2 officials and \$98 when there are 3 officials. In championship games, each official will receive \$108 for 2 or 3 officials' assignments. (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 of your playoff game. If the host school has not been notified of assigned officials by noon on game day, please contact one of the following CIFSS Assignors:

 **John Moore, (949) 233-6875, Ron Wade (951) 312-0077 or Mike Kearns (626) 991-9490.**

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 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 – CIFSS Playoff Rounds

(Please download PA's found at www.cifss.org on the B/G Basketball Page)

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

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, CHEER/SONG LEADER SQUADS

Cheerleaders/Pep squads and pep bands of no more than 12 members will be admitted free of charge through a designated entrance and must be in full uniform and/or carrying an instrument and accompanied by an adult supervisor.

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 may 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 and Championship games).

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.

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.

Playoff financial reporting via 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. 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)
- **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. 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. 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 its opponent or CIF-SS. In such case, the distribution of money will be indicated at the bottom of the completed financial report.

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).
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 validators 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.cifsshome.org. These expenses would include mileage for transportation and lodging and/or meals where approved by CIF-SS Office. When making travel arrangements, please contact the CIF-SS Finance Department (mitchc@cifss.org and erinc@cifss.org) for approval. 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 breakfastper person for up to a party of 17
- \$5.00 for lunchper person for up to a party of 17
- \$8.00 for dinnerper 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 CIFSS basketball playoff contests. (\$10 General Admission, \$5 HS Student w/ID, \$5 child) See Financial Policy Article 10, Section 143, CIF-SS Blue Book.

Ticketing policy/process for all CIF-SS events - Through the CIF Southern Section's partnership with GoFan, ALL PLAYOFF TICKETS will be available online @ www.gofan.co for digital purchase and are to be presented electronically at the event gate for validation and entry. Paper tickets of any kind will not be accepted.

The HOST member school is responsible for ticket promotion prior to the event AND ticket validation at the entry point of the playoff game. HOST schools will have access to live sales data via their Go Fan HQ account (<https://hq.gofan.co/login>) as well as the ability to manage and promote their events. Each member school's Athletic Director has been given access to GoFan HQ using the AD's school issued email address (user name). If it is the users first time visiting this site, you'll be prompted to create a password to gain access.

HOST schools will:

- PROMOTE ticket sales via the GoFan on-line platform @ www.gofan.co and through GoFan HQ account (<https://hq.gofan.co/login>). HOST school will provide ticket link and distribute comp tickets to visiting team using their GoFan HQ account.
- 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.
 - A smartphone is required for redemption of purchased ticket.
 - No paper tickets allowed.
 - No screenshots of ticket allowed.
 - Tickets purchased for specific sites can only be redeemed at that site.
- A smartphone will be required to purchase tickets via a QR code the day of the event.
A GoFan convenience fee will be added to the price of each ticket.

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. Each member school will be required to validate their gymnasium capacities in CIFSSHome (www.cifsshhome.org) to ensure the proper number of tickets can be made available.

COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

Each school participating in the CIF-SS Basketball playoffs may be allotted up to 15 complementary tickets for each game in which they compete. The HOST school will distribute comp tickets to the visiting team once the game has been assigned. It's the discretion of each participating school how the complimentary tickets are distributed. Additional tickets must be purchased at the prevailing rate by the school. Drivers of team and roter buses must be provided with tickets by the school or may purchase a ticket. They will not be admitted without a ticket. Comp tickets may also to be used for scouting purposes.

PRE-GAME TICKET SALES

Each school is encouraged to PROMOTE presale tickets via the online GoFan ticket system @ www.GoFan.co

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 GoFan HQ account generated links (public or private)

1. All CIF-SS playoff events must use GoFan for event ticketing (no cash sales).
2. All CIF-SS playoff events are created by CIF-SS and GoFan.
 - a. DO NOT CREATE YOUR OWN EVENT IN GOFAN.
3. Host schools will see the event to be hosted in their GoFan HQ account (<https://hq.gofan.co/login>).
 - a. If you have never used GoFan HQ, please contact Greg Vandermade, GoFan (greg.vandermade@playonsports.com) to secure login credentials.
4. ALL games will be initially created as "hidden," meaning they will NOT be available for the public to purchase via www.gofan.co until the HOST makes the game "visible."
5. Before you making ANY tickets available for purchase please be sure to...
 - a. Set the venue capacity.
 - b. Verify the date, time and location of the game (edit if necessary and also advise CIF-SS of changes).
 - c. Communicate with the visitor to determine ticket sales strategy.
6. OPTION 1: Make game "visible" to public (**if sell out crowd is NOT eminent...this is the most common setting**).
7. OPTION 2: Set private links (with capacities) for host and visitor (**not recommended unless SELL OUT crowd is eminent**).
 - a. Share private link with visiting team and desired host patron groups.
8. Send visiting school their complimentary tickets.
 - a. 15 comps for Boys and Girls Basketball.
9. Host schools will have the ability to create a QR code directly from their GoFan HQ account to share as desired and post outside venue for walk-up patrons.
10. For redemption of tickets:
 - A smartphone is required for redemption of purchased ticket.
 - No paper tickets allowed.
 - No screenshots of ticket allowed.
 - Tickets purchased for specific sites can only be redeemed at that site.

A smartphone will be required to purchase tickets via a QR code the day of the event.

A GoFan convenience fee will be added to the price of each ticket.

Preliminary playoff rounds (school sites)

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

A GoFan convenience fee will be added to the price of each ticket.

Championship Finals – CBU (California Baptist University) – B/G OPEN Division

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| General Admission | \$24.00 |
| High School Student <u>with current high school ID</u> | \$12.00 |
| Child (13 years - 5 years) | \$12.00 |
| <i>A GoFan convenience fee will be added to the price of each ticket</i> | |

Championship Finals – APU (Azusa Pacific University)

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| General Admission | \$20.00 |
| High School Student <u>with current high school ID</u> | \$10.00 |
| Child (13 years - 5 years) | \$10.00 |
| <i>A GoFan convenience fee will be added to the price of each ticket</i> | |

Championship Finals (Colony High School, Edison High School)

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| General Admission | \$15.00 |
| High School Student <u>with current high school ID</u> | \$5.00 |
| Child (13 years - 5 years) | \$5.00 |
| <i>A GoFan convenience fee will be added to the price of each ticket.</i> | |

Ticket sales for the Championship Finals will be conducted in the same manner as the playoff rounds. Tickets will be on sale through GoFan only. Host schools will have access to both home and visitor links in their GoFan HQ account. Tickets may be purchased @ <https://gofan.co> if ticket link has been made public. If not, contact one of the competing schools for a unique private link for that event.

- A smartphone is required for redemption of purchased ticket.
- No paper tickets allowed.
- No screenshots of ticket allowed.
- Tickets purchased for specific sites can only be redeemed at that site.

A smartphone will be required to purchase tickets via a QR code the day of the event.
A GoFan convenience fee will be added to the price of each ticket

NOTE: CIFSS COURTESY CARDS and CIFSS MEDIA CARDS for 2023-2024 are NOT accepted at any CIFSS Championship Game.

COURTESY CARDS AND PASSES

CIF-SS Courtesy Cards **MAY** be honored for all basketball playoff contests, however, will not be valid at the CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS at the CBU, APU, Colony High School, and Edison High School. Courtesy cards from other sections and officials' association passes **are not valid** for admission to any CIF-Southern Section playoff or championship 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, the State CIF Life Pass, and the CIFSS Life Pass are the only credentials that **MAY** be honored for admission to basketball championship contests.

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

- CIF-SS Courtesy Card (Not valid at any Championship Final game)
- CIF-SS Media (Not valid at any Championship Final game)
Special credentials for Press and Photographer (see Media Section) will be issued by the Commissioner's Office for the CIF-SS Finals at all championship sites.

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 at any location:

- SCIBCA Membership card with picture I.D. (admits member only)

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



STATE LIFE CARD-
MAY be good for all events



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



SCBCA CARD-
MAY admit (1) member to
CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS ONLY



CIFSS COURTESY CARD -
THIS CARD IS NOT VALID AT ANY
CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL SITE.

IF THE CARD PRESENTED IS NOT ON THIS LIST,
IT MOST LIKELY IS NOT VALID at the event –
Please have spectators purchase a ticket for admission.

CIF-SS COURTESY CARDS AND MEDIA CREDENTIALS

These cards **MAY** be presented except where noted:

- CIF-SS Courtesy Card and CIF-SS MEDIA Pass:
(May only be used for games in playoff rounds if host site has adequate seating available. These passes are **NOT** valid at any Championship Final site)
- Gold CIF-SS Life Membership Pass
- Faculty personnel with supervisory responsibilities for the game from either school shall be admitted in accordance with the procedures listed in this bulletin.
- **No other type of pass issued by schools or leagues shall be honored for admission.**
- **REMINDER: The CIFSS Courtesy Card and CIFSS Media card are NOT VALID at any CIFSS Championship Final site**

The news media will need special credentials obtained through the CIFSS office for the **championship games** to be played at ANY CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL SITE.

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.



CIFSS MEDIA PASS -
THIS CARD IS VALID AT PLAYOFF
ROUNDS ONLY. NOT VALID AT
ANY CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS
GAME.

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 accommodation 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 (Championship Games), 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. Credential request form can be found at www.cifss.org > Media > Credential Requests

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, Taylor Martinez, CIF-SS Communications Coordinator, taylorm@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 Taylor Martinez (taylorm@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, Taylor Martinez, CIF-SS Communications Coordinator, taylorm@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 (thoms@cifss.org)

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 during the playoff rounds **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 2023-2024 **WILL NOT** be honored at **Championship Games** at **CBU, APU, Colony HS, Edison HS, or any other site a championship game may be scheduled at.**

The news media will be issued special credentials for ALL **Championship game sites**. These credentials must be requested in advance.

** (see pages 31-32 for details of cards accepted)

ALL CIF INFORMATION

Forms for All CIF Nominations are available on the CIF-SS website 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 Monday, February 27, 2024**

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 26, 2023**. 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 |
| | | 44 |

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. . . .

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

PLAYOFF/CHAMPIONSHIP - Post Season Awards

General information regarding CIF Southern Section Playoff/Championship Requirements and Additional/Custom Post Season Awards can be found at www.CIFSS.org on the download section of the sports page.

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