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## CIF SOUTHERN SECTION INDIVIDUAL PAIRS TOURNAMENT / INFORMATION

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The CIF Southern Section will organize and run an individual pairs championship in the sport of Girls Beach Volleyball.

All pairs' teams will compete in the same division.

Each league may submit two pairs plus one alternate pair. The league's top two pairs are guaranteed entry into the individual championship tournament. The alternate pair may be selected if needed to fill an open pool position, or an automatic league qualifier is not able to participate. The alternate pair(s) will be selected by the girl's beach volleyball advisory committee. Notification of which alternate pairs are selected will be sent to the school's Athletic Director as early as April 30<sup>th</sup> and as late as Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Leagues following the guidelines of their league constitution shall host an individual pairs tournament to identify its top two representatives plus one alternate pair. If the league does not run a league finals event it is up to the league to determine who will represent the league during the championship tournament.

League entries for the individual event must be **submitted by 12:00 noon on Friday, April 24, 2026**. League coordinators will be sent a link to a Google Doc that will request the following information:

- Last name
- First name
- Date of Birth
- School
- Grade
- Hometown
- Pair's record (if applicable for this season)

League Coordinators must confirm with each individual school that the designated pairs will represent the school/league prior to submitting the final entries.

**Check the AP Testing schedule prior to confirming and submitting your league entries.** The pairs tournament does conflict with AP test.

## RULES

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### 1. SPORTSMANSHIP

To maintain a high standard, we urge every player and coach to review the essentials of good behavior while on the court. You are reminded that this is a Southern Section activity which should be conducted in the highest tradition of good sportsmanship.

### 2. RULES

The Commissioner of Athletics shall secure the necessary officials, provide the game balls, and select a seeding procedure deemed appropriate to create the draw. Teams should bring their own warm-up balls for this event.

Please review the CIF-Southern Section Girls Beach Volleyball Rules of Play:

3. **ELIGIBILITY LIST**

An eligibility list must be completed and submitted to the CIF-SS Office **prior** to your first playoff contest. This list will suffice for all remaining contests. This list is generated through the CIFSSHOME.org site when your roster information is input into the system.

4. **UNIFORMS**

Schools team uniforms are required for this event. Cold weather gear is allowed.

5. **TIME OF MATCHES**

All pools will start simultaneously at 9:00 am.

6. **SCORING**

See section “Championship Format” section below.

7. **MATCH RESULTS**

Your pool play match results must be reported to the scoring tent / tournament host immediately upon completion.

8. **PROTESTS**

By action of the CIF-SS Council at its March 1983 meeting, protests of playoff contests involving rules will no longer be entertained following the conclusion of the contest. No protest may be carried out once the contest is completed. A beach official/monitor will be available to discuss or assist with any potential rules’ issues.

Coaches are encouraged to carry a copy of the CIF Southern Section Beach Volleyball rules and this bulletin with them for all playoff contests.

## **CALENDAR PLAYOFF DATES**

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- **2025-2026 CIF SOUTHERN SECTION FORD GIRLS BEACH VOLLEYBALL INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT**

Pool Play, 1<sup>st</sup> Round and 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of 32-Team Single Elimination:

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 (Pier Courts, HB)

Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals:

Thursday, May 7, 2026 (Pier Courts, HB)

## CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

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**Pool Play:** 16 pools of 4 teams in each pool. The top 16 seeded teams will be determined by the advisory committee. Each group (pool) consists of one seeded team, and the other teams in the group will be selected at random to fill the pool. Groups are set up so that no group contains more than two pairs from the same league.

### **Day 1 (Step 1 / 9:00am start):**

- 16 pools of 4 pairs in each pool.
- Pairs (teams) will be assigned to a pool on Wednesday morning.
- 2 pairs will play, 1 pair will score/officiate, 1 pair will rest.
- Each pair will play one (1) set to 28 points with no cap v. each pool opponent.
- The top two pairs from each pool will advance to the Division 1 32-Team single elimination bracket.
- The bottom two pairs from each pool will advance to the Division 2 32-Team single elimination bracket.
- Point differential will be used to break any ties within the pool.
- The 32 advancing pairs in each Division will be re-seeded into a single elimination 32-team bracket.
- Round 1 and Round 2 of the 32-team bracket will be played using the best 2 out of 3 format. Sets #1 and #2 will be played to 21 points with no cap. Set #3 (if necessary) will be played to 15 with no cap.

### **Day 2 (Quarter Finals, Semifinals and Finals / 9:30am start):**

The event will continue with the Quarter finals followed by the semifinals and championship finals in Division 1 and Division 2.

Play will consist of the best 2 out of 3 format to determine the winner. Sets #1 & #2 will be played to 21 points with no cap. Set #3 (if necessary) will be played to 15 with no cap.

There will not be a 3<sup>rd</sup> place championship match.

## LOCATION & RELEASE SCHEDULE

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The championship location will be the Southside Pier Volleyball Courts located at Huntington City Beach, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

Check-In will be from 8:00am – 8:30am. Upon check-in, teams will be given their pool and court assignments.

A technical meeting will take place at 8:45 am.

Warm-Up on all courts will take place from 8:45am – 9:00am.

Play for all 16 pools will begin simultaneously at 9:00am.

## ADMISSION / TICKET PRICES

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This event is free of charge. Spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs and umbrellas, however, please keep ample space between your positioning and the area marked for play.

**Spectators may not coach, assist or officiate in any manner. If the beach monitor (official) observing the match sees repeated violations of improper spectator involvement they will be asked to leave the area.**

## CIFSSHOMe.org REQUIREMENTS

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### VARSIITY TEAM INFORMATION (ROSTER)

**Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your entire Girls Beach Volleyball Varsity roster into CIFSSHOMe.org (no later than **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**).**

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).

- Click on the “**Teams**” tab, click on “**Teams Manager**”, click on “**Beach Volleyball, 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 Beach Volleyball is: First Name, Last Name, Birthdate, Grade, Number, & Eligibility**

**(1) To ADD roster players one by one:**

- Click on “+Add Players One By One” and complete fields required for Boys Tennis.

**(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 Girls Beach Volleyball are: First Name, Last Name, Birthdate, Grade, Number, & 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.

### VARSIITY COACHES

**Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your Girls Beach Volleyball coaches (Head & Assistants) into CIFSSHOMe no later than **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**.**

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).

- 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).

### VARSIITY TEAM INFORMATION (TEAM PHOTO)

**Please upload no later than **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**.**

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).

- Click on the “**Teams**” tab

- Click “**Teams Manager**”

- Click on “**Beach Volleyball, Girls**”

- Click on the “**Team Photo**” tab

- Click on the “pencil” edit button under “**TEAM PICTURE**”, choose the file

- Click **Submit**.

# CHAMPIONSHIP BALL PROGRAM MEMO



## OFFICIAL BALL PROGRAM

2025-2026

Official Ball per sport (updated 3-3-26):

Baseball	Rawlings RCIF-SS	Must be CIFSS/NOCSAE stamped ball
Basketball, Boys	Wilson NCAA EVO NXT GAME BALL Size 7 (Used in CIF-SS Championship) Wilson Evolution Game Basketball Size 7	
Basketball, Girls	Wilson NCAA EVO NXT GAME BALL Size 6 (Used in CIF-SS Championship) Wilson Evolution Game Basketball Size 6	
Football, Flag	Wilson GST SPEEDSKIN HEIR Wilson GST TDY Wilson GST SPEEDSKIN	
Football (8/11)	Wilson GST Wilson Omega Wilson GST Prime (discontinued)	
Lacrosse	PEARL X (Used in CIF-SS Championship) PEARL LT	
Soccer	Wilson NCAA Vivido Match Ball (Used in CIF-SS Championship) Wilson NCAA Veza Match Ball Wilson Forte Fybrid II NCAA Match Soccer Ball (discontinued)	
Softball	Rawlings PX2CIFSS (Used in CIF-SS Championship) Rawlings Dream Seam Rawlings Red Dot	
Tennis	Penn Tour (Used in CIF-SS Championship) Pro Penn Marathon Penn Championship	
Volleyball, Beach	Wilson AVP OPTX Game Ball (Used in CIF-SS Championship) Wilson NCAA OPTX Game Ball	
Volleyball, Indoor	Mikasa VFC1000 Series (Used in CIF-SS Championship) Mikasa VQ2000 Series Mikasa V200W-USAN	
Water Polo, Boys	KAP7 HydroGrip Size 5 with NFHS stamp (Used in CIF-SS Championship)	
Water Polo, Girls	KAP7 HydroGrip Size 4 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 will be provided for use in the **Championship final** game only. Any model listed above is approved for play 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 girl's flag football, golf, tennis and beach volleyball.*

# SPECIAL NOTICE - INDIVIDUAL BEACH VOLLEYBALL

## SUPERVISION OF ATHLETES

The Southern Section Office has experienced a problem which has perpetuated over the past few years as it pertains to proper supervision and entry of student athletes in the post-season playoffs.

The situation relates only to individual sports, i.e., BEACH VOLLEYBALL, CROSS COUNTRY, INDIVIDUAL TENNIS, TRACK, SWIMMING, etc., and the official recognition and registration of entrants at the respective playoff sites.

State and Southern Section Rule 503 states:

No CIF team (i.e., individual) shall participate in inter-scholastic or approved competition with any other team unless the CIF team is under supervision as required by the California Administrative Code 49032 and CIF By-Law #503 (F). (Additionally, refer to Rule 123.) The supervisor must always remain in attendance.

**Those persons APPROVED FOR SUPERVISION PURPOSES are limited to:**

- A. Certificated personnel**
- B. Certified Coaches (certified credentialed coaches)**
- C. Non-certificated temporary coaches (certified walk-on coaches.)**

It should be noted that schools representing the same DISTRICT may send one credentialed or certified supervisor for multiple athletes. These individuals have been recognized and are to continue to be recognized for registration and participation purposes in that the district has assigned the supervisory role for all students from its' member schools to this individual.

However, the concern is for those students who ARE NOT accompanied by a faculty representative and report to the playoff site by themselves or with a parent. ***GIVING PARENTS THE SUPERVISION AUTHORITY, WHETHER IN WRITING OR NOT, DOES NOT MEET THE STANDARDS SET FORTH IN THE ABOVE REGULATIONS.*** This also applies to parents who are the students' private coach but are not under contract to the member school.

PLEASE NOTE, THIS RULE WAS REVIEWED BY BOTH THE STATE CIF OFFICE, ITS GENERAL COUNSEL AND THE SOUTHERN SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. IT HAS BEEN REAFFIRMED THAT THE INTERPRETATION STAND AS ABOVE AND THAT ANY STUDENT REPORTING FOR COMPETITION WHO IS NOT UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND SOUTHERN SECTION RULE 503, IS TO BE DENIED ENTRY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION.

As pointed out by the Southern Section and State CIF attorney, there are inherent liability problems when an individual competes in violation of said rule. Please review this rule with your staff in that it will be strictly enforced as per the above application.

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