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TO: ATHLETIC DIRECTORS/ GIRLS' WATER POLO COACHES
FROM: KRISTINE PALLE, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
RE: **2023-2024 CIF SOUTHERN SECTION GIRLS' WATER POLO PLAYOFFS**
DATE: JANUARY 2024 (updated 1/29/24)

DIVISIONS

The 2023-2024 CIF Southern Section Girls' Water Polo Playoffs will be conducted in seven divisions:
(Open, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6)

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

All games will begin at 5:00 p.m. unless another time is reported given host school restrictions (i.e. lights).
TIME AND LOCATION CHANGES MUST BE REPORTED TO THE CIF SOUTHERN SECTION OFFICE.

ENTER YOUR SCORES** AT WWW.CIFSSHOME.ORG, using the "Teams" Tab IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING YOUR CONTEST.

PLAYOFF DATES - ALL DIVISIONS

Brackets for all divisions will be released on Saturday, February 3, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.

Wild Card (16 Team Bracket)	Tuesday, February 6
First Round	
32 Team Bracket	Tuesday, February 6
16 Team Bracket	Wednesday, February 7
8 Team Bracket	Thursday, February 8
Second Round	
32 Team Bracket	Thursday, February 8
Quarterfinals Round	Saturday, February 10 (Divisions 1 – 6) Bottom bracket games must be completed by 1:00 pm Upper bracket games must begin at or after 2:00 pm
Semifinal Round (all divisions)	Wednesday, February 14
Championship Finals (all divisions)	Saturday, February 17

CIF Southern California Girls Regional Championships

Divisions I, II & III - February 20, 22, 24, 2024

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AFTER YOUR CONTEST INTO YOUR SCHEDULE AT
WWW.CIFSSHOME.ORG**



CIF-Southern Section WATER POLO OPEN DIVISION SELECTION CRITERIA AND NOTABLE DATES

Opening Round:	Thursday February 8, 2024
Semi Final:	Wednesday February 14, 2024
Championship Final:	Saturday February 17, 2024

Selection of Open Division Teams:

8 teams will be chosen at the end of the regular season for the Open Division Championship. This bracket will be played in a “single elimination” game format.

Criteria for selection of CIF-SS open division teams and seeding:

A committee was formed by the CIF-SS to select representatives for Open Division competition. That group is represented by current members of the water polo advisory board. Coaches who are not members of the advisory board are also encouraged to contribute any relevant information weekly. Teams will be selected and seeded by the committee using the following criteria:

- Strength of Schedule
- Body of Work
- Strength at the end of the season (including roster additions, eligibility changes, winning/losing streaks etc.)
- Head-to-head vs. Open Division teams and other common opponents
- Other relevant factors: These can be described as something that would affect the performance of one team in a match up (i.e.: Player(s) out due to COVID).

Note: *The committee would like for coaches to report any relevant factors in results of games for the week before 4pm on Sunday of that week. See contact information for the Division 1 committee members contained in the water polo preview/bulletin documents.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPEN DIVISION MEETING, THOSE TAKE PLACE VIA ZOOM AT 8:00 PM ON SUNDAY EVENINGS USING THE FOLLOWING LINK:

<https://nmusd.zoom.us/j/8921079768>

CIFSSHOME REQUIREMENTS

SCHEDULES & SCORES Complete your schedule in CIFSSHome 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 (www.cifsshome.org) 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:

- On the left panel, click on "Teams", select "Water Polo, Girls"

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 **Water Polo, 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 "**Water Polo, Girls**" and click on VR to add Varsity scores Click on "Post Result" button, enter your team's score, enter the opponent's score, 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 COACHES no later than **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024.**

Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your Girls Water Polo coaches (Head & Assistants) into CIFSSHome (www.cifsshome.org) no later than **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 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).

VARSITY TEAM INFORMATION (TEAM PHOTO) no later than **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 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 "**Water Polo, Girls**", click on the "Team Photo" tab,

Click on the  under "TEAM PICTURE", choose the file, click **Submit**.


AT LARGE APPLICATION – MUST HAVE .500 RECORD OR BETTER AND THERE MUST BE OPENINGS IN THE DRAW

Attention Athletic Directors/ Coaches: Please follow the instructions below to enter your school as an At Large Entry for Girls Water Polo. The At Large Application is to be submitted by your school no later than **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024 @ 10:00 p.m.**

VARSITY TEAM INFORMATION (ROSTERS) no later than **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024.**

Attention Athletic Directors/Coaches: It is very important that you enter your entire Girls Water Polo Varsity roster into CIFSSHome (www.cifsshome.org) no later than **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 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 "**Water Polo, Girls**",  select

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

Required roster information for Girls Water Polo is:

First Name, Last Name, Birth date, Year, Number, Position, Height & Eligibility

(1) To ADD roster players one by one:


- Click on  and complete fields required for Girls Water Polo.

(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 Water Polo are:

First Name, Last Name, Birth date, Year, Number, Position, Height & Eligibility

- Click on to find your file, then click on



- To confirm the roster has been uploaded, your players' names will be uploaded in the "**Official Roster**" section.

- Click on the  next to the player's name to view each player's information.



2023-2024 GIRLS WATER POLO ALL CIF MEETINGS

Updated 1/29/2024

OPEN DIV –	Date: Monday, February 19 Meeting Time: 8:00 p.m.	Location: Zoom (coaches will be emailed invitation) Contact: Ross Sinclair (rsinclair4@gmail.com)
DIVISION 1 –	Date: Monday, February 19 Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.	Location: Zoom (coaches will be emailed invitation) Contact: David Argumosa (Argumosa_David@montebello.k12.ca.us)
DIVISION 2 –	Date: Tuesday, February 20 Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.	Location: Zoom (coaches will be emailed invitation) Contact: Kristin Rodriguez (Kristin.Rodriguez@cjuhsd.net)
DIVISION 3 –	Date: Monday, February 19 Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.	Location: TEAMS (coaches will be emailed invitation) Contact: John Carcich (jcarcich@orangeusd.org)
DIVISION 4 –	Date: Monday, February 19 Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.	Location: Zoom (coaches will be emailed invitation) Contact: Cody Bell (cody_bell@upland.k12.ca.us)
DIVISION 5 –	Date: Wednesday, February 21 Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.	Location: Zoom (coaches will be emailed invitation) Contact: Dennis Nelson (nelson_d@auhsd.us)
DIVISION 6 –	Date: Tuesday, February 20 Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.	Location: Zoom (coaches will be emailed invitation) Contact: Melissa Fernandez (LTLrock@yahoo.com)

Please direct any questions regarding the above mentioned meetings to the Contact person listed.

**The 2023-24 CIF Southern Section Girls Water Polo ALL CIF Team
will be released on Monday, March 18th, 2024 @ www.cifss.org**



2023-2024

ALL CIF SS WATER POLO SELECTION PROCESS

The coaches meeting to select the All CIF team will take place on specified dates after the CIF-SS Championship event. Sites and times are determined by each respective division and are posted on the water polo page of the CIF-SS website. CIF SS will promote this in the season previews, playoff materials, distribute to schools via email and by posting to the public website.

All schools earning entry into the CIF SS playoffs are eligible to vote in their division (these are teams that qualify out of their leagues as automatic qualifiers OR are entered as part of their respective division's 8 team, 16 team or 32 team playoff brackets; one vote per school). Wild card game participants DO NOT receive voting privileges unless they win their play in game to become part of the 16/32 team bracket. A coach or coach's representative from each school must be present to nominate and vote. **Coaches may not send their nominees with other coaches or representatives from other schools.** Absentee votes will not be considered. Non qualifying playoff teams and teams losing wild card games can nominate players, but do not receive voting privileges. Coaches may not nominate players with any season-ending conduct issues (2 "flagrant misconducts" or 3 "misconducts").

A player and coach of the year will be selected for each respective division. "CO-PLAYERS OF THE YEAR" WILL BE CONSIDERED; however you may not exceed the prescribed number of allotments for first team. For "Co-Players of the Year" to be awarded, an exact tie in votes must occur. A division may not give that honor to the two players receiving the most votes respectively (again, votes must be tied). There is a total of 14 players that will receive "All CIF" honors (1 MVP and 13 additional players or 2 MVPs and 12 players). "Co-Head Coaches of the Year" will only be considered if a school designates two individuals as "Co-head Coaches; an assistant coach cannot be included. There is no such thing as "Second Team All-CIF". This is why they do not receive certificates and are not released by the CIF-SS office to the media. "Coaches Second Team" and/or "Coaches Honorable Mention" are just that, "coaches lists" and MUST be titled accordingly.

Coaches will nominate players (in the order they would have them considered) to be voted on by their division. You may nominate and vote for your own players.

No more than 7 players from any one school may be represented in their division.

Divisional representatives must submit their list of names and team designations to the CIF-SS office within five days of selection. It is up to each division to make sure all names are spelled correctly with school of attendance and grade provided. **This information will be released to the media via the CIF office and should not be shared with recipients, parents, or media prior to the CIF press release.**



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Official Ball per sport:

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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 GST 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:

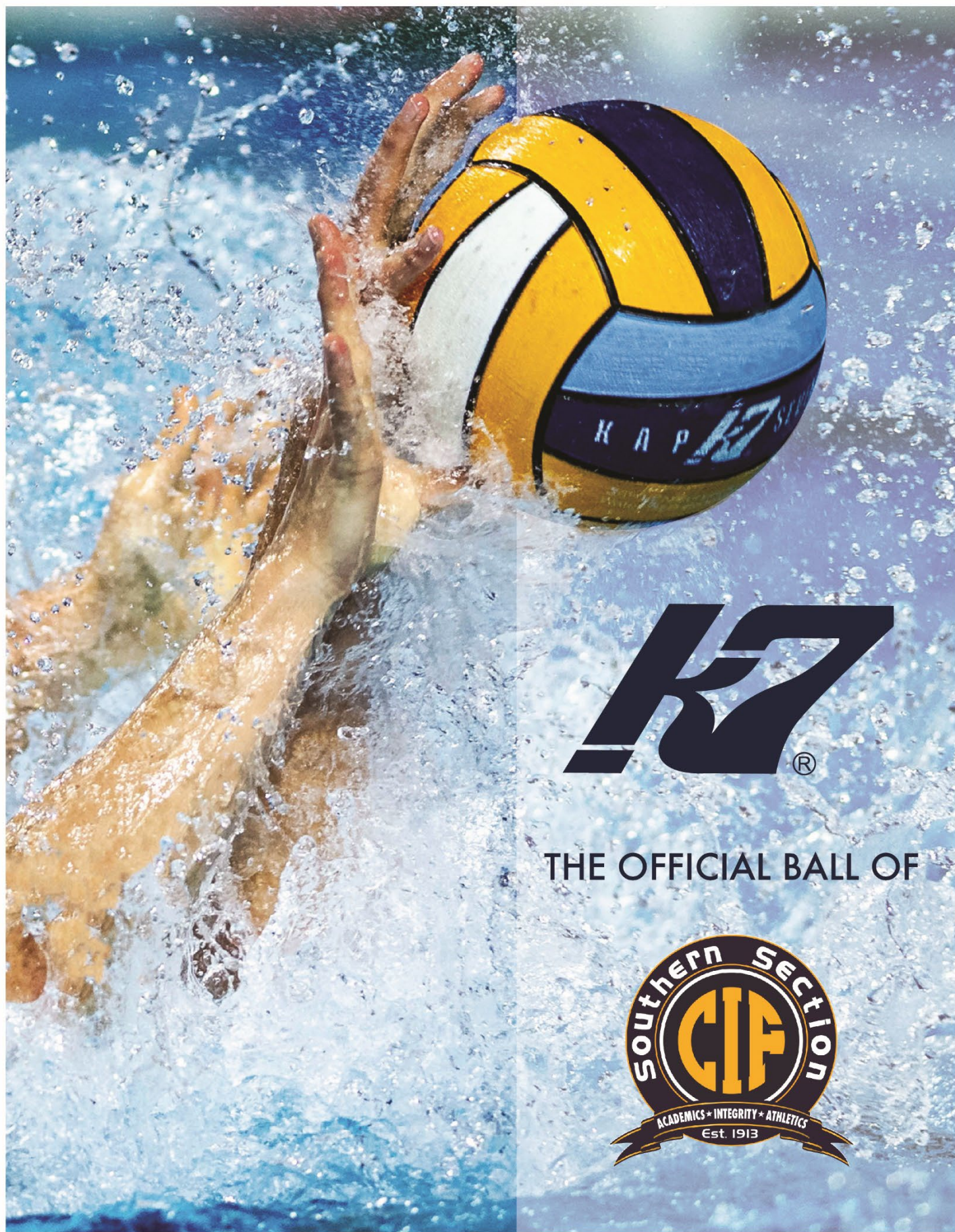
The mandatory "official" ball rule for all playoff rounds, excluding golf. The rule applies throughout the conduct of **all** CIF-SS **playoff** contests.

***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*.



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PLAYOFF FORMAT

4- team leagues are guaranteed two entries into the 2023-2024 Water Polo Playoffs, 5-6 team leagues are guaranteed three entries and 7-8 team leagues are guaranteed four entries. Freelance teams may fill byes in each divisional draw, or teams submitted by leagues, who qualify for an At-Large entry. **See rule 3414.1 for rules regarding “At-Large” entries.**

Note: The 2023-2024 Water Polo At Large Form must be submitted by your school using the online CIFSSHome Application (www.cifsshome.org), **no later than 10:00 pm on Thursday, February 1, 2024.**

RULE 3410 - FREE LANCE PLAYOFF ENTRY VERIFICATION

If a school does not have membership in a league or the school belongs to a league which does not offer students in a given sport an opportunity to qualify into CIF Southern Section championships, special conditions exist which must be followed in order to qualify for possible entry into a CIF Southern Section playoff activity.

3410.1 Team Sports - All free lance schools desiring entry into the playoffs must submit schedules to the Commissioner for evaluation and approval of conditions under which the team may qualify. Schedules must be submitted prior to the start of each season for evaluation.

Q & A - How can a freelance team qualify for CIF playoff consideration?

You must schedule 80% of allowable games per sport and they must be at the varsity level, and in order to be considered for the playoffs, the school must have a .500 or better record in all contests played and there must be openings in the bracket. Additionally, teams that win 80% of their contests played will be guaranteed entry. (Except football.)

DATE OF LAST CONTEST

By Southern Section Council action, **ALL LEAGUE** contests must be completed by Thursday, February 1st, 2024. Non league games may be played until Saturday, February 3rd, but results will NOT be considered for playoff purposes.

DETERMINATION OF HOST TEAMS

FIRST-ROUND CONTESTS - An asterisk (*) on the draw sheet will indicate the host school for all first-round contests.

SEMIFINAL ROUND

Semifinal round games may be played at a school's home site (provided the pool meets playoff specifications) if the CIFSS IS NOT hosting your division at a common site. All game locations in the playoff series are scheduled at the discretion of the CIFSS office. Approval for a change of time or venue IS required.

All Championship Finals will be held Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut and will be managed by the CIF Southern Section.

PRE -FLIPS

For ALL Rounds we will be conducting pre-flips in order to give schools immediate notice of their next game location. When the pairings are released on Saturday, February 3rd the draw will indicate home and away teams. That day we will also do pre-flips to determine the host school in the next round. Each morning following games played in your division we will do pre-flips for the round following your next round.

Coin Flip results will be available @ www.cifss.org after 10:00 a.m. the morning of the flip.



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FACILITY REQUIREMENTS – ALL DIVISIONS AND ALL ROUNDS

- Width - No less than 45 feet (20m), no more than 66 feet (13m).
- Length - 75 feet or (25m). For pools with floating goals, the distance from goal line to goal line shall be a minimum of 75 feet (25yds) and a maximum of 25m. For pools with wall goals, the length of the pool from wall to wall shall be a minimum of 75 feet (25yds) and a maximum of 25m. * Floating goals may not be used in 25 yard pools.
- Depth - 6 1/2 feet (5 1/2 feet allowable only at lane line provided depth goes to 6 1/2 feet within two yards of the lane line.)

PLAYING RULES

All playoff games will be conducted according to the 2022-2024 National Federation Water Polo Rules (previously distributed to all CIF-SS Water Polo coaches), except where superseded by the CIF-SS Blue Book, or this bulletin.

HOME/AWAYS TEAMS

The white team will use the bench area as well as begin the competition to the left from the vantage point of the scorers' table. The dark team will use the bench area as well as begin the competition to the right from the vantage point of the scorers' table.

OFFICIALS

The CIF-SS Office will assign officials for all water polo playoff games. Fees for officials will be:

Single Game (Playoff Rounds) -- \$80.00 each official, during all playoff rounds

Championship Final -- \$88.00 each official

Upon request, the host school will be provided the names of the officials by a representative of the CIF-SS Office.

GAME BALLS

Participating teams will furnish their own balls for pre-game warm-ups and practice sessions. It will be the responsibility of the host team to provide an official game ball (KAP7 104), as specified in the National Federation Rules, and per CIF Southern Section contract. **All playoff contests must be played using the KAP7 ball.** The CIF Southern Section will furnish the KAP7 ball for all Championship Final games.

ADMISSION CHARGES

A. Preliminary Rounds -- As per Article 1, Section 143 of the CIF-SS Blue Book, there will be no admission charged for games, except upon petition to the Commissioner's Office, by the principals of the schools involved. If written permission is granted, the prices are to be \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for high school students, and \$5.00 for children 13 and under.

B. Championship Finals – Game schedule and admission prices for the finals will be as follows:

Mt. San Antonio College —Saturday, February 17th

Divisions will be assigned specific game times on Thursday, February 15th no later than 10:00 a.m.

Ticket Prices

\$12.00 Adults

\$5.00 High School Students (w/HS ID)

\$5.00 Children (13 and under)

Through the CIF-SS partnership with GoFan, all championship tickets will be made available online for digital purchase and presented electronically at the event gate for entry.

All seating will be general admission (first come, first served). This will allow the fans of competing schools to have an equal opportunity for seats. Schools are responsible for securing their own valuables. Valuables should not be left unattended. Each team should designate someone to secure those valuables and keep them in their possession at all times.

AWARDS

The following awards will be given during the playoffs:

- A. Championship Plaques - All first place teams.
- B. Runner-up Plaques - All second place teams.
- C. Championship Patches - 18 individual patches for members of all championship teams.
- D. Championship T-shirts - 18 t-shirts for members of all championship teams.
- E. Medals - 18 individual medals for members of all runner-up teams.
- F. Certificates - Individual participation certificates for members of each team participating in the playoffs are available at CIFSSHome (www.cifsshome.org), under the Forms tab.

Each member of a team participating in the CIF Southern Section playoffs can receive a CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATE. These certificates will be printed by your school. The document is in a "type-in" PDF format and can be found on CIFSSHOMe.

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. 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.
4. 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 regards to face painting.

CONTEST FINANCES

- A. If permission is granted to charge admission, the gross profit will be split equally between the schools, with the visitor paying its own travel expense and the host team paying the game expense.
- B. Concessions and Programs -- In all games except the finals, the host school reserves the right to handle programs and concessions as a separate venture, and need not share the profit, or expect the visiting school or CIF-SS, to share in any loss.
- C. Championship Finals -- When managed by the CIF-SS, all receipts will revert to the CIF-SS, who will pay game, facility, and award expenses.

PROTESTS OF PLAYOFF CONTESTS

By action of the CIF-SS Council at its March 1983 meeting, 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 completed.

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

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

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MEMO

To: CIF STATE REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

From: Kristine Palle, CIF-SS Assistant Commissioner, Water Polo Administrator

Date: January 2024

Subject: CIF STATE WATER POLO REGIONAL CRITERIA

The CIF SoCal Regional Water Polo Championships will be hosted in Orange County and shall be conducted in three divisions. The CIF Southern Section will be granted 12 entries total with automatic entrants being chosen as follows:

STATE DIVISIONS I, II and III: The Southern Section receives 12 entries total

- The top four teams from Southern Section Open Division
- The "Finalists" from Southern Section Divisions 1 and 2 (both the Champion and Runner-Up)
- The Champion from Southern Section Divisions 3, 4, 5, and 6.

ENTRIES –SEEDING PROCEDURES

The CIF SoCal Regional Water Polo Championships will be conducted using eight-team (8) brackets in each of the three (3) divisions. In each division, the Southern Section will receive four (4) automatic entries. The Regional Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for the Regional Water Polo Championship. Seeding will take place Sunday morning immediately following the CIF Southern Section Championship.

For complete information regarding State Regional Water Polo please visit the CIF State website at:

www.cifstate.org

Go to the "Sports" tab, choose "Water Polo" and select from the topics on the right-hand side for detailed information including dates, times, schedule, etc.

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CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PLAYOFF/CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS - ALL TEAMS AND HOST SITES 2023-2024



Rosters & Scores:

- Complete schedules are to be submitted to CIFSSHOME prior to each season.
 - Update scores following every contest direct to CIFSSHOME
- Additional directions on accessing CIFSSHOME are included in this document.

TV/Web/Radio Rights:

Any TV or streaming webcast (video or audio) or radio transmission of a CIF-SS playoff or championship event requires a contract and rights fees through the CIF-SS office prior to the contest. The only 'exceptions' are: Games broadcast via The NFHS Network, Bally Sports West or Bally Sports SoCal.

'Official' Championship Souvenirs:

The exclusive vendor for CIF Southern Section Championship souvenirs (t-shirts, scarfs, pins, beanies, hats, etc...) is our long-time partner *CIF T-shirts*. These are the official items sold each year per sport. You are likely familiar with their annual shirts at the finals. You can order team and individual items through them at www.ciftshirts.com.

Official Ball Required:

Only the approved official ball in each ball sport may be played by either school during CIF-SS playoff contests. Violation of this rule will result in loss of your next home playoff game. The current Official Ball list for each sport is included and available at www.cifss.org in the "Resources" drop down. This policy has been in effect since 2002.

Gatorade Only:

Only Gatorade jugs, cups, bottles, ice chests may be used or visible during any CIF-SS playoff contest. (No Powerade, Body Armor, etc). The only acceptable alternative is a plain-wrap or Igloo labeled products. This rule does not apply to the actual liquid distributed to athletes. This policy has been in effect since 1995.

CIF-SS on Souvenirs:

The 'CIF Southern Section', 'CIF-SS', 'Southern Section' and 'CIF' marks and logos are registered trademarks with the State of California. Schools may only use the CIF Southern Section marks on rings, patches and banners, by doing business with a CIF-SS licensed vendor. **Schools may only use the CIF Southern Section marks on apparel and other souvenir items exclusively through ciftshirts.com. Schools creating items with CIF-SS registered marks from a non-licensed vendor will face sanction and/or will be required to purchase any unsold shirts/items at the Championship Final.** A list of the currently licensed vendors for these products is included and regularly updated on www.cifss.org.

Please note: The use of only "CIF" is strictly prohibited per the State CIF registered trademark. The "CIF", is not just the CIF Southern Section. Only those teams in State regionals, bowl games and individual sport finals actually qualify to use CIF without Southern Section attached. Any such use must be approved in advance by the CIF State office.

Host Site Requirements:

- Playoff Tickets:** (This pertains to revenue sports of basketball, football and volleyball): It is mandatory to sell tickets for admission to all CIF-SS playoffs and championship contests. Through the CIF-SS partnership with GoFan, all playoff tickets will be made available online for digital purchase and presented electronically at the event gate for entry. Patrons can purchase in advance via gofan.co, via private links made available by the participating schools or via QR code at the entry gate of the playoff event. All playoff revenue will be sent directly to CIF-SS. Both the host and visiting schools will be required to submit a financial/expense report following each playoff game in an effort to receive reimbursement for game expenses and revenue share split in the case of a profit game.
- CIF-SS/FORD Banner:** It is a requirement of each host school (including off-site) that the CIF-SS/Ford Championship banner be displayed at every playoff home game in football and the gymnasium sports post football season (or on the electronic signage where schools/venues do not display banners). If you need a banner please contact jackieg@cifss.org
- Gatorade:** It is a requirement of each school use only Gatorade product/jugs/cups/squeeze bottles during CIF-SS championship events. No other competitive product shall be used. Water can be placed in Gatorade merchandise.
- PA Announcements:** As a host of a CIF-SS playoff contest, the CIF-SS announcements take precedence over the host school's messaging and must be read in entirety at each playoff contest. Home schools are the host of a CIF-SS event in the playoffs. For contractual requirements, please read all the provided PA's each contest. PA's for each sport can be found on cifss.org under the designated sports page.
- Media Credential Access:** Accredited working media should be given admission to all playoff games by showing their CIF-SS Media credential.