



May 1, 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

End of an Era

I had the privilege of working on the playoff pairings for both Baseball and Tennis this last weekend and it occurred to me that these playoff brackets were the last to be developed using our traditional bracketing system. A system that used team data over the two previous years to establish playoff divisions. A system that ensured when first and second place teams in a league are playing in the same division, that they would not be placed in the same half of a bracket. A system where a first-place team in league would most likely be secured a first-round home game. Because of these and other parameters needed to be followed when developing the playoff brackets, there were often questions as to why certain matchups existed in the opening rounds of our tournaments. Alas, these questions and resulting phone calls should diminish since all future divisional placement and playoff bracketing will be based solely upon same year data and the rankings of each team. No longer will a first-place finish in league guarantee a first-round home game. Higher seeds, regardless of league placement, will receive a home game in the first round. After the first round, home games will continue to be assigned based upon which team has had fewer home games or a coin flip.

Our new playoff divisional and bracketing systems being implemented next year, though more intuitive, will still take some getting used to for many. Though we are very excited about the change to the new system, it is hard not to be nostalgic about something disappearing that you have known for so long, regardless of its idiosyncrasies.

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Upcoming Events

Girls Beach Volleyball Individual Finals – May 1 @ Newland Courts, Huntington Beach

Swimming Championship Finals – May 2 through May 4 @ Mt. San Antonio College

Boys Tennis Team Finals – May 10 @ Claremont Tennis Club and Redlands University

Boys Lacrosse Championship Finals – May 10 @ Fred Kelly Stadium, Orange

Girls Lacrosse Championship Finals – May 11 @ Fred Kelly Stadium, Orange

Track & Field Championship Finals – May 11 @ Moorpark High School, Moorpark

Boys Volleyball Championship Finals – May 11 @ Cerritos College, Cerritos

Boys Golf Individual Championships & SCGA Qualifying – May 16 @ Temecula Creek

Baseball Championship Finals – May 17 & 18 @ Diamond Stadium, Lake Elsinore

Softball Championship Finals – May 17 & 18 @ Deanna Manning Stadium, Irvine

Track & Field Masters Meet – May 18 @ Moorpark High School, Moorpark

Boys Tennis Individual Finals – May 23 @ Bisantz Family Tennis Center, Claremont



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