



# **SOCCER BY-LAWS**

## **ARTICLE I** **GOVERNING RULES**

- Section 1** All games shall be played according to the rules and regulations as stated in the National Federation Official Soccer Rule Book, except as noted by these by-laws

## **ARTICLE II** **CLASSIFICATIONS**

- Section 1** The Varsity team may be made up of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors.  
**Section 2** The girls Junior Varsity team will be based on skill level rather than on year in school.  
No Senior on JV  
**Section 3** The boys Frosh/Soph will be made up of Freshmen and Sophmores  
**Section 4** When league games start and a player is moved from a lower level to a higher level and plays in a game, the player will not be allowed to move back to a lower level for league games.

## **ARTICLE III** **PRACTICE AND GAME LIMITATIONS**

- Section 1** There shall be a maximum of twenty regular season games; two scrimmage, one alumni and game a tournament counts as the # of contests played.  
**Section 2** If a game is rained out, the home team shall notify the visiting team and the officials by 1:00 PM on the date of the game.  
**Section 3** Rained out games will be made up on the first available day, providing field conditions and referees are available. Postponing games until the end of the season should not be considered a possibility except in the case of the last week of the regular schedule. All make up games must occur prior to the last scheduled league contest.  
**Section 4** Starting time for varsity shall be 2:45, 3:30 for side-by-side games, 5:00/7:00 for night games.  
**Section 5** The Varsity teams shall play two (2) forty (40) minute halves with a five (5) minute intermission for half time.  
**Section 6** Junior Varsity shall play two (2) 40-minute halves with a five (5) minute intermission for half time.  
**Section 7** The host school is required to provide a legal marked field.  
**Section 8** The team benches will be on opposite side of the spectators and a two (2) yard line from touch line will be marked on the field to control spectators.  
The home team will provide the game balls under the specifications of NSFHA Rules. It is recommended that three (3) balls be available.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **GAME MANAGEMENT – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

- Section 1** When a player is ejected from a contest by a referee (received a red card), the player will be suspended from the following scheduled contest. A player receiving a second Red Card shall not participate for the remainder of the season, including post-season play.
- Section 2** Any player receiving a Yellow Card shall be removed from the game immediately. The player may re-enter at the next available opportunity. If the offending player is not removed immediately the opposing team has a basis for a protest. A player receiving a second yellow card shall be disqualified for that game, but will not be suspended.
- Section 3** Officials
- 3.1** There must be three (3) officials for all varsity league contests and two (2) officials for JV/ or F/S assigned by PSM.
- 3.2** If only one (1) or two (2) referees are present, the game shall still be played if mutually agreed upon by the two coaches.
- 3.3** No game shall be delayed more than fifteen (15) minutes to wait for a second referee.
- 3.4** The game will not be played if no referees are present.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP AND CCS REPRESENTATIVE**

- Section 1** The winner of the double round robin shall be considered the Division champion. Points shall be awarded as follows in league play:
- Win = 3 points
  - Tie = 1 point
  - Loss = 0 points
- Section 2** First; second and third place teams shall represent the De Anza Division in the CCS playoffs. The first place team will represent the El Camino Division in the CCS playoffs.
- Section 3** Division standing for teams tied at the end of the regular season for any place (if the tie needs to be broken for CCS representation or relegation) second place shall be determined as follows:
- 3.1** If two (or more) teams tie for first in the De Anza division they will be called Co champions for league purposes. For CCS representation if one team has won the head to head battle they will be declared the champion. If more than two teams are tied use 3.4(points within the tie) below to break the tie for CCS representation. If they are still tied they will be called Co. champions for CCS representation
- 3.2** If two (or more) teams tie for first in the El Camino division they will be called Co. champions for league purposes. For CCS representation the tiebreakers below must be used to break the tie.
- 3.3** If two teams tie for any place the tie needs to be broken the following criteria will be used
- (A) Head to head competition
  - (B) CCS at large point system in division games only
  - (C) CCS at large point system in last 18 games of season
  - (D) Coin flip
- 3.4** If three teams are tied for any place the tie needs to be broken the tie will be broken from the points within the tie. Only the games played against each other will be

considered. The team with the most points in those six games will be the top team. The team with the second most points will be the second team and the team with the third most points will be the third team. If a three-way tie still exists then use section 3.3 break the tie. If a two-way tie still exists (and needs to be broken) then use section 3.3 to break the tie.

**3.5** If more than three teams are tied for any place the tie needs to be broken the tie will be broken from the points within the tie as in section 3.4.

**Section 4** Any team with at least a .500 record in league or overall may apply to CCS for an at-large berth to the CCS playoffs. At large order will be determined by CCS power points

**Section 5** In the event of any playoff games, the CCS tie breaking procedure for CCS games will be used.

**Section 6** All playoff games will be played on a neutral field unless agreed upon by participating schools.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **TEAM PLACEMENT**

**SECTION 1** GIRLS - The first place team in the El Camino Division and the last place team in the De Anza Division will change places. The second place team in the El Camino Division has the opportunity to petition the coaches to move into the De Anza Division. The next to last place team in the De Anza Division has the opportunity to petition the coaches to move into the El Camino Division. These petitions must be passed by a majority of the coaches present at the post-season meeting.

**SECTION 2** BOYS - The first and second place teams in the El Camino Division will change places with the sixth and seventh place team in the De Anza Division. Any coach may propose a different alignment at the post-season meeting. Any new proposal must be passed by a 2/3 vote of all the coaches present.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **SPORTS CHAIRPERSON(S)**

**SECTION 1** Two (2) chairpersons from each division shall be selected by the coaches of the league. If no chairperson is selected by the league at the post season meeting the coach from that year's league champion shall be designated chairperson for the next year.

**SECTION 2** The soccer chairperson(s) shall serve for a minimum of one (1) year.

**SECTION 3** The duties of the Soccer chairperson(s) shall be:

**3.1** Call a meeting of all the league coaches prior to the beginning of the season to review rule changes, schedules, by-laws, and anything pertinent to the sport.

**3.2** Call a meeting of all coaches at the end of the regular season to make revisions to the by-laws and discuss problems that came up during the season. The sport chairperson(s) shall present any by-law changes to the Athletic Directors and the Board of Managers.

**3.3** Compile season results and send to the League Commissioner as well as to the league schools.

**3.4** Chairperson(s) shall represent the league on the CCS Soccer Committee.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **ALL LEAGUE TEAMS**

#### **SECTION 1**

At the conclusion of the season, there will be an All-League team selected.

##### **1.1**

The League certificates will be distributed as follows:

- (A)** First Place 5-1<sup>st</sup> Team 2-2<sup>nd</sup> Team
- (B)** Second Place 4-1<sup>st</sup> Team 2-2<sup>nd</sup> Team
- (C)** Third Place 3-1<sup>st</sup> Team 2-2<sup>nd</sup> Team
- (D)** Fourth Place 3-1<sup>st</sup> Team 2-2<sup>nd</sup> Team
- (E)** Fifth Place 2-1<sup>st</sup> Team 2-2<sup>nd</sup> Team
- (F)** Sixth Place 2-1<sup>st</sup> Team 1-2<sup>nd</sup> Team
- (G)** Seventh Place 1-1<sup>st</sup> Team 1-2<sup>nd</sup> Team
- (H)** Eighth Place 1-1<sup>st</sup> Team

##### **1.2**

The Junior Varsity & Frosh/ Soph will have the same representation as Varsity.

#### **SECTION 2**

The coaches will vote for a League MVP, League Most Valuable Defensive player, Most Valuable Offensive player, and Most Valuable Goalie. Goalies shall not be eligible to win Most Valuable Defensive Player.