



## **BASKETBALL BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **Governing Rules**

Section 1 The current edition of the National Federation Basketball rules shall be the official rules for all basketball games played by league schools, unless otherwise stipulated by these by-laws.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **Classifications**

There are two (2) official teams for the boys, Varsity and Frosh-Soph (FS) and the girls, Varsity and Junior Varsity (JV), No seniors may play JV.

1.1 A player may move up and down during practice games.

1.1.1 Once a player participates in a Varsity league game, they may not move back to a lower classification. (This includes freshman teams.)

1.1.1.1. The penalty will be forfeiture of each game in which the player continues to play on the lower team

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Game and Practice Limitations for Varsity and Frosh-Soph/Junior Varsity**

Section 1 Games will be limited to twenty-four (24) contests (CCS By-Law) and two (2) scrimmages per season for each the Varsity and Frosh-Soph/Junior Varsity.

1.1 Tournaments will count as the number of games actually played (game for game). (CCS By-Law).

1.2 No player may exceed the twenty-four (24) contest limitation.

1.2.1 The penalty will be forfeiture of each game in which the player continues to play once exceeding the twenty-four (24) match limit.

1.3 Games may be played on any day, except Sunday.

1.4 The season ends when the last league game is played. Post-season games or scrimmages may not be played unless authorized by the SCVAL Board of Managers and/or CCS.

1.5 During the scrimmages the clock may only be set to keep the time, not the score.

Section 2 The starting date will be set each year by the CCS.

2.1 Each team shall have at least five (5) days of practice before its first game or scrimmage.

2.1.1 Teams may not have contact with other teams prior to the established first contact date as established by CCS.

2.2 Teams may practice any day, including National Holidays, except Sunday.

Section 3 Each year the official league schedule shall contain the following:

3.1 Official starting date for practices, as established annually by the CCS.

3.2 Official date when games and scrimmages may begin and end, as established annually by the CCS.

3.3 The official league game schedule, dates, starting times, and locations.

3.4 The dates, times, and sites for preseason and postseason meetings.

3.5 SCVAL teams are obligated to follow the schedule as adopted by the Board of Managers. Procedures for changes are in the SCVAL General By-Laws. Use of SCVAL Change of Schedule form will occur always and be done in a timely way.

3.6 The schedule will matrix every year.

3.6.1 Scheduled game days are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

3.6.1.1 Boys and girls will alternate each year on who plays on Tuesday and who plays on Wednesdays. All teams will play quads on Fridays even if there are more than two schools involved. Teams wishing to not play quads must get permission from the SCVAL Board of Managers.

### **Article III** **ELIGIBILITY**

Section 7. **Winter Athlete Participation Deadline** (Passed BOM 5/2012)

All Winter Athletes must have stopped participation in contests for a team outside of the school, in the same sport, by the **Monday following Thanksgiving**, if the player is to participate on the high school team.

7.1. If a player participates in a contest for a outside team, in the same sport, during the high school sports season, after this deadline, they will no longer be able to participate on the high school team for the remainder of that season.

a. All CIF / CCS team and player sanctions will also be in place.

b. The only exception to this rule is for athlete who has received signed permission from the principal to participate on designated Olympic Development Program (ODP) team, during their season of sport. This form must be provided by the athlete and signed off by the principal, 30 days prior to participation on the ODP team.

1) The player may only participate in designated ODP activities

#### **ARTICLE IV** **Game Management**

Section 1 There will be two (2) officials for league games in all Varsity and FS/JV contests.

Section 2 The length of a league game:

2.1 All league basketball games and preseason home games, for varsity and FS/JV, will be eight (8) minute quarters.

Section 3 Scoring for league games will be done by a trained qualified person. The home book is the official scorebook.

Section 4 The home school is responsible for providing qualified adult to run the game clock and a qualified trained shot clock operator.

Section 5 Starting times:

5.1 All games are scheduled as night games with exception of the Quad format.

5.1.1 Frosh-Soph/ Junior Varsity at 5:30 pm and Varsity at 7:00 pm Monday-Thursday.

5.1.2 Quad games are scheduled at 3:00pm, 4:30pm, 6:15pm, 7:45pm- (Alternating) One week the girls JV play at 3:00, boys F/S at 4:30pm, the following week would be boys F/S at 3:00 and girls JV at 4:30. The varsity girls will play at 6:15 and the varsity boys will play at 7:45pm.

5.1.3 Non quad Friday games are scheduled at 6:00pm (F/S/JV) and 7:30pm (Varsity)

5.1.4 Warm-up times for F/S and JV games will be (15) minutes, Varsity warm-ups will be twenty (20) minutes between games. The warm-up clock should begin as soon as the preceding game ends and NOT adjusted shorter.

5.1.5 All schools may have a senior recognition night on their last scheduled home game. This may delay the start of the game.

Section 6 Basketball courts must meet CIF basketball standards.

Section 7 The official CCS Basketball will be used for all SCVAL league games.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **League Meetings, League Play and League Placement**

Section 1 Attendance at all SCVAL pre-league and post-season meetings is mandatory for all SCVAL basketball coaches. Pre-League games should not be scheduled on the evening of the Pre-League meeting.

1.1 At the Pre-league meeting each SCVAL team will provide a copy of their schedule for each team in their division. The pre-league meeting should include perusal of the league schedule, clarification and review of by-laws, rule changes and anything pertinent to basketball for that season.

1.2 The end of the season meeting should include compiling the varsity, frosh-soph, and junior varsity league standings, discussion of problems that came up during the season and how to solve these problems, review of the by-laws, making revisions in the by-laws, voting on division placement for the next year, schedule concerns for the next year, and the selection of All-League players.

Section 2 A double round robin shall constitute league competition for both the De Anza and El Camino divisions at both Varsity and FS/JV level.

Section 3 The De Anza (DA) and El Camino (EC) divisions will be evaluated each year as to correct the placement of teams. This will be determined at the basketball post-season meeting by a vote of the DA and EC coaches.

3.1 The De Anza Division will be made up the league's strongest seven teams based on the varsity team, and will have twelve league games.

3.2 The El Camino Division will be made up of the league's remaining seven teams, based on the varsity team, and will have twelve league games.

3.3 At the post-season meeting the three bottom teams in the DA Division and the top three teams in the EC Division will be considered for movement for the following year's basketball season. In addition any team from the De Anza may ask to be considered for league movement.

3.3.1 Criteria considered for Division placement: league standings of the varsity and junior varsity teams, the number and skill level of returning players

3.3.1.1 Coaches will vote on the six teams (possibly more than six, depending on the De Anza teams) to decide on league movement

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Division Standings and CCS Representation**

Section 1 A team's league record determines their finish in league play. Co-champions will be declared if two (2) or more teams tie for first (1<sup>st</sup>).

1.1 Tie-breakers if necessary are: Head-to-Head competition, record vs. highest placed opponent in league (descending order), blind coach's vote by specific division involved, and lastly a coin flip.

Section 2 All teams with a league record of .500 or better or an out of league record of .500 or better, may apply for entry into the CCS basketball playoffs.

2.1 Only the league champions from the De Anza Division and the El Camino division are guaranteed a spot in the CCS playoffs. All other teams must apply for an at-large position.

Section 3 All coaches are to honor each other and not give game film of league members to CCS opponents.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Special Rulings Basketball Chairpersons**

Section 1 A basketball chairperson will be selected for both the De Anza and El Camino Divisions. The coaches from each division will elect their chairperson.

Section 2 The chairpersons will serve for a minimum of three (3) years.

Section 3 The duties of the basketball chairpersons are:

3.1 Preside over the preseason and post-season division meetings.

- 3.1.1 All information from these meetings should be presented to the SCVAL Basketball Athletic Director representative, to be presented to the SCVAL commissioner.
- 3.2 The chairpersons will represent their respective divisions at the CCS Basketball seeding meeting, the evaluation meeting and the special meetings.
- 3.3 The chairperson will refer to the league schedule for the dates of the basketball sports committee meetings and will make sure all league coaches are reminded. They will be informed by the AD representative of changes.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**All-League Selection**

Section 1 The De Anza and El Camino Divisions will select their individual All-League Teams for both genders. A best "Sportmanship" school will be voted on silently

1.1 Each division will select 15 All-League Players and 5 Honorable Mention players.

