



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, Junior and Seniors. Updated on-line rosters and/or exchange before games is encouraged throughout the year.

Section 2 The Junior Varsity team will be based on skill level rather than on year in school. No Seniors are permitted to play on the JV team.

Section 3 When league/division 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/division games.

ARTICLE III

Practice and Game Limitations

Section 1 There shall be a maximum of (20) regular season games as established by the CCS; two scrimmages, one alumni game and a tournament counts as the number 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. Other games not played due to extenuating issues should also be made up probably on Monday even if it makes for a (3) game week. 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. Issues of non-played games please

report to AD in charge or Commissioner, immediately. Issues with referees should be an AD and officials association conversation.

Section 4 Starting time for varsity shall be 3:30 for side-by-side games; 4:00 JV/6:00 Varsity for night back to back games.

Section 5 The Varsity teams shall play two (2) forty (40) minute halves with a ten (10) minute intermission for half time.

Section 6 Junior Varsity games shall play two (2) 40-minute halves with a ten (10) minute intermission for half time.

Section 7 The host school is required to provide a legal marked field. The field clock and scoreboard should be utilized in ALL league games.

Section 8 The team benches will be on the **opposite side of all spectators** and a two (2) yard line from touch line will be marked on the field to control movement. Spectators and film crews shall remain opposite the player's bench. It is the responsibility of the Head Coaches to communicate this to their athletes and parents and **enforce it even though they are attempting to coach**. If a school's spectators do not sit on appropriate side, use foul language, throw objects, chant negative sayings, stand on the field, the next game all spectators might be banned from attending or sanctions brought to the school program.

Section 9 The home team will provide the game balls under the specifications of NSFHA Rules. It is recommended that three (3) balls be available. Use of CCS approved ball in league should occur but for sure in CCS playoffs.

Section 10 **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 – Player Eligibility

Section 1 When a player is ejected from a contest by a referee (received a red card for flagrant, malicious conduct), that player will be suspended from the following scheduled contest, unless deemed eligible by the CCS office and the SCVAL Commissioner. **Schools can be more restrictive and add more sit-out games or other sportsmanship elements before the athlete returns to contests.** A player receiving a second Red Card for malicious conduct 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 which becomes a Red Card shall be disqualified for that game, but the player will not be suspended for the next game unless flagrant, malicious conduct. Yellow cards may be charted by the league for a player or a school.

Section 3 Officials

3.1 There must be three (3) officials for all league Varsity and JV league contests assigned by a certified soccer officials association contracted by the league and school. Schools have the option of ordering three (2) officials for their home JV practice games.

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.

3.5 Recommendation: All Head Coaches have access to Arbiter to confirm their schedule and have access to referees contact information. AD's can set this up through the official's association. A up to date roster to officials and opposing coach must be provided each league game. Electronic updates are OK for coach to coach exchange.

- 3.6 Forfeits start with a Principal to Principal conversation not a coach to coach or AD to AD declaration.

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 DeAnza and El Camino divisions they will be called Co-champions for league purposes. For CCS representation and seeding purposes the tiebreakers below must be used to break the tie. Teams playing a co-champion shall receive .5 in championship points when computing CCS power points.
- 3.2 If two teams tie for any place the tie needs to be broken the following criteria will be used:
1) Head to head competition
2) CCS at large point system in division games only
3) CCS at large point system in last 18 games of season
4) Coin flip
- 3.3 If three teams are tied for any place the tie needs to 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 3.2 break the tie. If a two-way tie still exists (and needs to be broken) then use section 3.2 to break the tie.
- 3.4 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 3.3.

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

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 an overwhelming majority of the coaches present at the post-season meeting.

Section 2 Boys
The first place team in the El Camino Division will change places with the last 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 an overwhelming majority of all the coaches present.

ARTICLE VII

Sports Chairperson(s)

Section 1 A chairperson from each division and gender 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. All coaches should read soccer by-laws and SCVAL Constitution each year in their entirety.
- 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. Schools/coaches or reps should come with all division and genders standings/records plus in order players for all-league consideration for ALL genders and levels. Make sure names are spelled correctly. If not your school will not be considered represented.

- 1.1 The All-League certificates will be distributed as follows to each division and gender: (no honorable mention)
 - First Place 5-1st Team 2-2nd Team
 - Second Place 4-1st Team 2-2nd Team
 - Third Place 3-1st Team 2-2nd Team
 - Fourth Place 3-1st Team 2-2nd Team
 - Fifth Place 2-1st Team 2-2nd Team
 - Sixth Place 2-1st Team 1-2nd Team
 - Seventh Place 1-1st Team 1-2nd Team
 - Eighth Place 1-1st Team

1.2 The Junior Varsity will have the same representation as Varsity.

Section 2 The Varsity and JV coaches will vote for a Division MVP (a separate certificate). The Varsity coaches may vote (3) special awards which come from the school's 1st team placement allotment... Division Most Valuable Defensive player, Division Most Valuable Offensive player, and Division Most Valuable Goalie..... Goalies shall not be eligible to win Most Valuable Defensive Player. These come from first team selections and do not need to be part of first team.