



**TO: BOYS' GOLF COACH**

**FROM: JERRY SCHNIEPP, COMMISSIONER  
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**DATE: JANUARY 8, 2015**

**RE: SAN DIEGO CIF BOYS' 2016 GOLF PRESEASON**

1. **PRESEASON ADVISORY MEETING**  
January 20, 2016, 4:00 p.m., at the San Diego Hall of Champions, Board Room.
2. **POST-SEASON ADVISORY MEETING**  
June 6, 2016 - 4:30 p.m., at the Hall of Champions, Center Court.
3. **RULES**  
All golf competition in the CIF-San Diego Section will be conducted under USGA Rules and the CIFSDS Green Book. **BEGINNING THIS YEAR DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES MAY BE USED THIS SEASON. ONLY A DEVICE THAT MEASURES DISTANCE IS ALLOWED. THE USE OF A DEVICE THAT MEASURES OTHER CONDITIONS (I.E. WIND OR GRADIENT), IS NOT PERMITTED EVEN IF THAT FEATURE IS DISABLED. PLAYERS MAY NOT USE ANY CELL PHONE APPLICATION AS THE USE OF A CELL PHONE IS PROHIBITED.**
4. **GREEN BOOK**  
Coaches are advised to review the CIF and CIFSDS general eligibility rules, the special rulings for all sports as well as special Golf Rules listed in the 2015-2016 Green Book. Copies of this book were made available to all schools at the distribution meeting in August and are available in its entirety online. For more information contact your school administration or the CIFSDS website @[www.cifsd.org](http://www.cifsd.org) (click on Green Book)
5. **RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES FOR GAME MANAGEMENT**  
The form titled Recommended Guidelines for Game Management is available online at [www.cifsd.org](http://www.cifsd.org), click on Forms, Miscellaneous.
7. **ORGANIZED TEAM PRACTICE**  
The starting date for official before and after-school golf team practice is **Saturday, February 13, 2016**

8. **MAXIMUM COMPETITION**

The combined total of dual/tri matches and tournaments shall not exceed 21 for each individual.

Teams may have 26 nines and 3 tournaments which count as 2 points

Please Note: A nine counts as one point, an 18 counts as two points, a tournament counts a 2 points.

**A and B Teams**

A school may have an A and B teams that must have separate roster separate coach and a separate schedule. A player must be rostered on A or B team before the first official match by a school. A player cannot move between A and B teams except you are allowed to reshuffle your teams one time on April 15. The April 15 dates sets your playoff roster for CIF B teams and their players are NOT eligible for post season play. Roster for A and B teams need to be submitted to the section office for posting and if there is a change on April 15 that change needs to be sent to the section office as well.

9. **COMPETITION DATES**

First possible interscholastic contest is **Monday, February 22, 2016**

Last possible league competition, including conference matches will be **April 29, 2016**

**(NOTE: Any conference or league tournaments played after April 29, 2016 do not count towards your eleven rounds to qualify for CIF)**

10. **SPORTSMANSHIP**

Coaches are advised that their players must abide by golf etiquette and rules of good sportsmanship. Coaches should advise their players that they can be disqualified if displaying any behavior that is unacceptable. The pupil's "Golf Code" (Article 2000, Green Book) is to be enforced.

Parents, spectators and coaches are also expected to abide by all local course rules regarding dress and etiquette as well as the sportsmanship guidelines of the CIFSDS. No parent photography is permitted on the course or during competition; only properly CIFSDS credentialed media are permitted access for photography during competition. There are no on - course walking galleries permitted.

11. **ETHICS IN SPORTS" POLICY**

Coaches are reminded of the "ETHICS IN SPORTS" Policy:

**EJECTION POLICY:**

Any player whose conduct merits ejection from a game by an official for acts of *gross unsportsmanlike conduct* shall be disqualified from participating in the remainder of the game and will be subject to the following penalties:

In all sports with the exception of football, the penalty will be ejection from that contest and a 6 or 3 game/match suspension; in the sport of football, the penalty will be ejection from that contest and a 3 game suspension.

Any athlete ejected for act of this nature is required to meet with the CIFSDS Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner at an agreed upon time prior to returning to play.

Ejections for reasons other than “gross unsportsmanlike conduct” will result in a penalty of ejection from that contest and a one-(1) game/match suspension. A one game suspension may not be appealed.

After the suspension from play, the student may only return after certification by the school principal or his/her designee that the student(s) has completed a conference with a school administrator. The appropriate form indicating the completion of the conference must be filed with the San Diego Section office prior to “rejoining the team” (“rejoining the team” is in reference to competition, not practice).

A second ejection from a game or contest will cause the student to be suspended for the remainder of the season. Participation of a player who was ejected from a previous contest, who knowingly or unknowingly participates in the next contest, will result in the forfeiture of that contest.

Players are permitted to practice with the team and attend contests, but not in game uniform, during the period of suspension.

A copy of the revised policy must be signed by each coach, athlete and parent/guardian before attending or participating in a contest. The signed copies are to be filed at each school site, and each Principal is to forward a compliance form to the CIFSDS Office.

NOTE: Compliance form due dates are as follows:

**Fall Sports = September 1, 2015; Winter Sports = November 23, 2015; Spring Sports = March 1, 2016.**

12. **SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT/INVITATIONAL EVENTS - NEW FORMAT - EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2013**  
**CIFSDS SANCTIONING** - CIFSDS will sanction tournaments/invitationals when invited schools are from California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, and Mexico and/or from non-border states when total of invited schools are less than eight (8) or invited states are less than five (5). **New CIFSDS sanction application is on website [www.cifsd.org](http://www.cifsd.org) - Tournaments.**

CIFSDS sanction is necessary for all tournaments at all levels (Varsity, JV, Frosh, and Club). Tournament/Invitational Directors must provide the assignment secretary with a sanction number (issued by CIFSDS office) **before** officials may be assigned. Please check the CIFSDS website for approved sanction numbers @ [www.cifsd.org](http://www.cifsd.org) click on Sports, then open file for Tournaments.

**Reminder - sanctioning deadline for CIFSDS applications for FALL tournaments/invitational is December 1 (\$25 sanction fee). After deadline \$100 late fee will be assessed for a total of \$125.**

**NFHS SANCTIONING** - Sanction requests involving five (5) or more non-border states or eight (8) or more schools from non-border states and/or schools from foreign countries (excluding Canada and Mexico) must be sanctioned online through NFHS. For sanctioning procedures go to [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org). NFHS will notify the CIFSDS office when sanctioning process is completed for CIFSDS schools and will post approved events on their website.

Feel free to call the CIFSDS office 858-292-8165 or email [carltoncifsd@gmail.com](mailto:carltoncifsd@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

13. **PLAYOFF FORMAT BOYS' TEAM/INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT -**

All teams and individual players will be **RANKED** based on differentials calculated under existing policy. It becomes even more important that **ALL** coaches enter **ALL** scores for ALL matches or tournaments played as part of the team schedule. Scores must be posted no later than **Friday, April 29, 2016 at midnight**, following the round played for peer review.

**Division 1 will have 16 teams with 9 thru 16 involved in play matches. Division 2 will have 12 teams with 5 thru 12 involved in play matches and Division 3 will have 8 teams with all 8 teams involved in playmatches. These matches will be played on May 9 thru May 12, 2016**

**Monday play in Matches area possibility for those teams that are league champs but are below the differential cut. Discussion to take place at the Advisory meeting**

**Winners advance to Round 1 at Admiral Baker golf course on May 17, 2016.** Results of **PLAY-IN** matches must be reported immediately to CIFSDS Office. Seeding meeting for both team and individual qualifiers cannot be completed without these results. The advisory committee, with approval of CIFSDS, will determine **FINAL** seeding. Individuals on eliminated teams may still qualify for Individual Tournament if they shoot a qualifying score.

Team League Champions are guaranteed **PLAY-IN** Week home matches. Submitted scores for the entire year will be used to verify that a Team League Champion actually played a full league schedule. Coaches/Administrators, by mutual consent, will agree on time, site, and number of holes. CIFSDS recommends 9-hole rounds to minimize school time missed.

Individual League Champions are guaranteed a spot in the CIFSDS Championships at Admiral Baker Golf Course, but will be seeded based on their season differential, provided they meet the minimum CIFSDS requirements. Champion team will be determined by league or conference.

**SITE, Admiral Baker. - Individual and Team Championships**

**MAY 17- Team** Double shot-gun (AM/PM time TBA) Individuals are **NOT** played by division. Players must play in the shot-gun to which they are assigned - by Committee (times TBA). Division I (12 qualifying teams) - time TBA; Division II (12 qualifying teams) - time TBA

**Individual** Up to 40 players in each round, BUT NOT GUARANTEED (AM/PM TBA). Individual league champions are included.

- Division designations WILL NOT BE USED for Individual shot-gun assignments.
- The Committee will fill the field based on SEASON DIFFERENTIALS/RANKING.
- Past information will be used to make final decisions.

**MAY 19- Tee Times TBA**

- Low Team scores in advance to Round 2 as follows
  - DIV I-4
  - DIV II – 3
  - DIV III -2
- Next three low team scores advance to Round 2.
- Team Field 12 (72 players)
  - Top 28 individuals and ties from day one and not including team players who advance with their team
- Low two (two-day total) advance to CIF Southern Regional (**April 29, 2016 at TBA**)
- Top 28 and ties, not including team players who also advance as part of the 12 teams playing Day 2.

- Low two (two day total) teams advance to CIF Southern Regional
- Top 12 individuals (two day score) will advance to CIF Southern Regional
- State Championship **June 1, 2016** San Gabriel CC, Pasadena

**TIE BREAKER** will only apply to potential qualifiers (Team/Individual) to advance to the CIF Southern Regional Championships (not to determine rank order of finish). Procedures will be decided by the committee at its discretion.

**PRACTICE ROUNDS** – Admiral Baker will make practice rounds available during the season for golfers. Schools must pay for the round(s) and advise the course of school/golfer name. In no event may a participant in the CIFSDS championship match practice or use the facility on Sunday the day before the tournament or on any intervening day between competition days.

14. **COACH REMINDER: Please advise parents that NO - course walking galleries are allowed.**  
\*NO GALLERIES ALLOWED\*\*

15. **ELECTRONIC REPORTING OF SCORES**

- (1) Electronic report of scores is **the responsibility of coaches only and is required. Only golfers with scores reported in accordance with procedures will be considered for individual and team championship play. There will be no exception made for late reporting or failure to report scores for all rounds played (www.scga.org).**
- (2) There is an online tutorial for instructions on accurate reporting of scores ([www.cifsd.org](http://www.cifsd.org)).
- (3) All scores must be reported as 9 hole scores played away.
- (4) There will not be a verification email this year to coaches following reporting of scores.
- (5) All weekly scores **must be reported** no later than midnight Saturday of the week of competition. Coaches are expected to review opponents reported scores for accuracy. If a coach fails to report scores, the opposing coach should immediately notify his athletic director to contact the athletic director of the offending school to correct the problem.
- (6) The system will be activated on **March 4, 2016**:
  - **March 11, 2016** is the deadline for registering golfers with SCGA. Coaches, please have any and all students who try out for your team complete the registration materials.
  - New application materials must be forwarded to John Morello at San Marcos High School **on or before March 11, 2016**.
  - Coaches must also delete players no longer participating from the system by forwarding a list of names to John Morello at San Marcos High School.
  - **April 29, 2016 at midnight** is the **absolute deadline** to enter all rounds played for golfers.
  - **NO RECONSIDERATION** will be given for a coach's inadvertent reporting errors or missed deadline. School site only will be responsible for parent complaints resulting from a coach's error. **DO NOT REQUEST** any special consideration.
  - **May 9** - pairings will be posted on, on the CIFSDS web site [www.cifsd.org](http://www.cifsd.org); **click on Sports; click on Boys' Golf.**
- (7) League representatives only will meet on **May 5, 2016, 3:30 p.m.**, at Hall Of Champions SDCIF Office to review pairings.
- (8) **Entry fee of \$10.00 per athlete; \$50.00 per team** will be assessed to each school to defray cost of conducting tournament. The school finance office will be invoicing per entries submitted at seeding meeting.

16. **HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

The CIF-San Diego Section is beginning its **20th** year of a High School Sports Sponsorship Program to help offset the ever-increasing costs of conducting section championships in all sports. The purpose of the program is to seek and solicit support (financial, products, or services) from individuals, organizations, and/or businesses desiring to sponsor CIFSDS activities; whereby the CIFSDS provides specific sponsorship acknowledgment. The goal of the High School Sports Sponsorship Program is to have each of the 21 section-approved sports sponsored by a wide range of the San Diego community. For an application or more information on the sports sponsorship program, please contact the CIF-San Diego Section office or visit our web site at [www.cifsd.org](http://www.cifsd.org).

17. **SUPERVISION FORM**

According to State CIF Bylaws, Article 506 A. and B. – Who May Coach

- a. All public school teams must be coached by a person who meets the requirements of the California Education Code and the California Administrative Code Title V. **NOTE: Parents may not supervise his/her athlete or the team.**
- b. In the case of a non-public school, a person engaged by that school on a yearly contract basis as a regular member of the school teaching staff and certified by the administrator of that school as competent for the position held.

A copy of the supervision form is attached to the coach's hard copy of this bulletin and available on the CIFSDS website @ [www.cifsd.org](http://www.cifsd.org) (under forms or men's golf). **NOTE:** Do not send a copy to the CIFSDS office – it is to be taken to the match.

18. **REMINDER - COACHING COMPENSATION (CIF STATE BYLAW 507)**

**A coach shall not be reimbursed for coaching services from any source other than the school funds without the approval of the school's governing board, nor be subject to any bonus arrangement dependent upon the success of the school's team.**

Attachment: Coach's/Athletic Director's Copy (3); All Others (1)

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