



TO: FOOTBALL COACH

**FROM: JERRY SCHNIEPP, COMMISSIONER
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DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2016

RE: 2016 SAN DIEGO CIF FOOTBALL DVI (8-MAN) CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. **OFFICIAL PLAYOFF FOOTBALL**

Spalding graciously provides all the section playoff footballs and will be the official football for the 2016 CIF-San Diego Section Football Playoffs. Each team entered into playoffs will receive (1) Spalding football.

Reminder- Consent Information for 14 Year Old Student to Participate in Varsity Football Practices and or Games:

- The [Consent for 14 Year-Old Student to Participate in Varsity Football](#) form must be submitted and approved via CIFSDS Home by **Thursday, November 10, 2016** at the close of the business day to be eligible to compete. The form may also be found on the CIFSDS website under Football and Misc. Forms.
- The **Parent/Guardian Consent for 14-Year-Old Student to Participate in Varsity Football** form must be submitted and approved via your school site to be eligible to compete. Parents may find the conditions for participation along with the copy of the parent/guardian consent form and the principal's verification form that the student has satisfied all requirements in order to request participation of a 14 year old in football contests or scrimmages. The form may be found on the CIFSDS website under Football and Misc. Forms.
- Please be advised that State CIF rule 1900 allows athletes less than 15 years of age to participate in varsity football provided the proper documentation is provided.
- Letters from the doctor and the football coach as well as parent consent form are to be kept on file at your school site. **A copy of the principal's verification form must be sent to the CIFSDS office prior to the first contest or scrimmage athlete is to compete in.**
- Due dates for this consent form is **Thursday, November 10, 2016**, please make note of the due date as the playoffs approach.

2. **PAIRINGS**

- a. The Commissioner’s Office will seed teams in a 4-team playoff and determine pairings after input from the Football Pairings Committee. There will be no appeal from the Commissioners’ decisions on seeding or pairings.
- b. The two League champions (designated #1 by league) are automatic entries into the playoffs. The two additional entries will be selected at-large.

3. **PAIRINGS MEETING**

Pairings meeting for playoff teams will be conducted on **Saturday, November 5, 2016, 9:00 a.m. (Conference Seeding Representatives ONLY)**. Meeting will be located at **THE HALL OF CHAMPIONS**.

If your team is an automatic qualifier or if you anticipate being selected at-large, you must complete/submit in its entirety your team schedule/results information via the CIFSDS Home site by midnight, November 4, 2016.

On **Saturday, November 5**, playoff brackets will be posted/announced at 11:00 a.m. on the CIFSDS website (<http://www.cifsd.org/football.html>). **Coaches are not required to come to the CIFSDS Office and have the option of picking up one (1) football (Spalding), and brackets for the selected teams on either Saturday, November 5, 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or Monday, November 7, 2016, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. One Spalding football will be distributed to each team entered in the playoffs.**

4. **SITES, DATES AND TIMES**

Semifinals, Friday, November 11, 2016

- Game 1: #1 will host #4
- Game 2: #2 will host #3

Commissioner’s Cup Championship, Friday, November 18, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

Final: TBA

5. **TIE GAME**

The 25-Yard Line NCAA Overtime Procedure shall be used to resolve all playoff games ending in a tie at the end of regulation time. San Diego exceptions will be that unused time outs from regulation play will not be available for the overtime period; and the defense will be permitted to score as in regulation play. All scores, wins, losses, and statistics achieved in overtime will apply for record purposes.

6. **HOME SCHOOL INFORMATION**

It is suggested that each home school prepare and make available an information sheet regarding such items as directions, parking accommodation, etc., for use by visiting teams and spectators.

7. **HOME TEAM DETERMINATION**

- a. The higher seeded team in all rounds will be the home team.

8. EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL

It is mandatory that an emergency rescue vehicle, as well as a physician, a paramedic, or a certified trainer, be available at all football playoff games (CIFSDS Green Book; page 53; section 9.i).

NOTE: The CIFSDS Office will arrange for coverage at the Championship games.

9. GAME FILMS

Each school participating in the CIFSDS Football Playoffs shall be required to loan up to four complete game films, videotapes, or DVD's of any of its contests requested by its opponent and of the same good and acceptable quality that the providing school uses for its purposes. Because there are no restrictions on filming or videotaping (other than viewing before the completion of a contest) schools may obtain films and videotapes from any source.

10. EQUAL FACILITIES

The home team is responsible for providing adequate and equal facilities for the visiting team at its approved site (in all rounds not conducted by the CIFSDS Office). Areas of concern include, among others, stadium seating, press box seating for coaches, camera site, dressing facilities, half-time team meeting rooms, telephone facilities, etc. The CIFSDS may reserve the right to change the site in all rounds of play-off games in order to accommodate sufficient seating.

11. NATIONAL ANTHEM AND/OR COLOR GUARD

The home team has first priority in the presentation of the National Anthem and/or Color Guard.

12. TEAMS/BAND FIELD USAGE

Opposing schools are to work out, in advance, the details of the pre-game and half-time use of the field regarding times, bands, and drill teams. Music is reserved for before and after games and during the time-outs and intermission. There is to be no playing of any instrument during play.

13. TICKETS

Division I-V First Round, Quarterfinals, and Semifinals

a. The home school will provide tickets in the semifinal round.

NOTE: See Green Book, Article VII, Playoffs, CIFSDS rules and regulations for Playoffs, pages 12-13. Playoff Report Forms are available on the CIFSDS Home site; please visit the website at www.cifsd.org

NOTE: SCHOOLS MUST CHARGE FOR ALL ROUNDS OF FOOTBALL PLAYOFF GAMES. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN A MINIMUM \$500.00 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.

NOTE: Schools may use a list for complimentary entry to semifinal games. Each school is allowed fifteen (15) complimentary admissions. The visiting school will fax its pass list to the home school and to the CIFSDS Office. The home school will fax its list to the CIFSDS Office. CIFSDS fax number is 858-292-1375.

Finals – CIFSDS will host finals. Fifteen (15) complimentary tickets will be provided to each school.

Playoff Ticket Ranges - There are only two playoff ticket ranges – Adult - Defined as anyone over 18 years old and Student/Senior = Student defined as anyone age 5 through age 18; Senior defined as anyone age 60 or over:

	Adult	Student/Senior
Semifinals	\$10.00	\$5.00
Finals	\$12.00	\$5.00

14. OFFICIALS

Officials in all rounds will be charged to game expense. The home school in pre-final contests will pay the officials. Officials working the CIFSDS finals will be paid by the CIFSDS Office. Football playoff officials will be assigned by the CIFSDS Football Assignment Secretaries. (San Diego and Imperial Valley Associations)

2016 FOOTBALL OFFICIALS PLAYOFF FEES

Semifinal Rounds		
Referee		\$79.00
Other Officials	6 @	\$77.00
Championships		
	7 @	\$89.00
Chain Crew		
Semifinals	3 @	\$45.00
Championships	3 @	\$50.00

15. ACCOMMODATIONS FOR OFFICIALS

Coaches and Athletic Directors are asked to continue their efforts to provide professional assistance to officials who work their games. This would include meeting the officials upon arrival and escorting them to their dressing area as well as escorting them off the field at the contest’s conclusion. School personnel other than the head coach should be designated to stand by with a key to the official’s room, or the officials should be given a key. On-site staff should be aware of and observe the privacy of the officials’ locker room/dressing area. Thank you for your cooperation.

16. ACCOMMODATIONS FOR MEDIA (PRESS – RADIO – TV – WEB CAST)

- Provide a seat in the press box for working members of the media.
- Keep in mind that the Press Box should be used for working media and coaching staff only (if available).
- Provide use of phones, whenever possible to working members of the media.
- Media must write the story from the facility due to deadline restrictions. Please allow them the courtesy to complete their job without interruption.

17. GAME EXPENSE LIMITS

Please refer to page 13-14 of the Green Book, CIFSDS Policies and Procedures, Article VII, Playoff Expense. Playoff Reports, are available on CIFSDS Home, please visit the website at www.cifsd.org

18. PASSES

No deviation shall be permitted for the following passes:

Permitted - CIFSDS Courtesy Cards, CIFSDS Playoff Passes, CIFSDS Football Playoff Scouting Cards (except for Championships), CIFSDS Media Passes, and CIFSDS Life Passes, State CIF Courtesy Cards, and State CIF Life Passes.

Not Permitted – Boys’ and Girls’ Scouting Cards, league passes, district passes, faculty passes, officials’ association passes, college, coaching passes, or university passes, etc.

NOTE: Three (3) Football Playoff Scouting Passes will be issued to each seeded team at the pairings meetings on November 7, 2015. Passes are valid first round through semifinals (not valid for finals).

19. AWARDS

Championship Team

- Championship Trophy
- 25 Individual championship patches

Runner-up Team

- Runner-up trophy
- 25 Individual runner up patches

20. PLAYOFF PARTICIPATION PATCHES

Playoff participation patches may be purchased for **\$11.00** each. Orders will be accepted via the CIFSDS Home site, <http://cifsdhome.org/login.php> , Additional Forms, and Patch Order.

21. ADDITIONAL RUNNER-UP PATCHES AND CHAMPIONSHIP PATCHES

Additional Runner-up and Championship patches may be purchased for **\$11.00** each. Orders will be accepted via the CIFSDS Home site, <http://cifsdhome.org/login.php> , Additional Forms, and Patch Order.

22. OFFICIAL CIF-SAN DIEGO SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS ARE AVAILABLE FROM JOSTENS

Official CIF-San Diego Section Championship rings are now available from Jostens. Rings are available for participants, finalists, and champions. For information/orders, contact Mark Fitzner at 858-486-2020 or via e-mail at mark.fitzner@jostens.com

23. CHEERLEADERS AND SONG LEADERS

15 Uniformed Varsity Cheerleaders and Varsity Song Leaders are to be admitted free and are to take an active role in discouraging booing, inappropriate cheers, and other unsportsmanlike actions of the crowd.

24. SPIRIT SIGNS

As provided in Green Book, page 86, there shall be no reference whatsoever to an opponent, except in a positive manner, on any spirit sign, poster, etc., at the site of the contest. This includes run-through signs.

25. NOISEMAKERS

No noisemakers (miniature megaphones, cowbells, air horns, blocks, whistles, cannons, drums, thunder sticks, etc.) of any kind will be permitted at the site of any contest. Megaphones shall be used only by uniformed cheerleaders and only for the purpose of directing or controlling your own rooting sections. (See Green Book, page 85).

26. BANDS AND DRILL TEAMS

Uniformed members of the home team band and drill team are to be admitted free. The visiting team Pep Band (but not drill team) may be admitted free **if** the home team grants permission in advance and **if** the band performs. Special details will be worked out for the championship games.

27. FOOD CONCESSIONS

First priority for food concession rights belongs to the host facility management. Should they relinquish their right, the home school has first priority.

28. CIFSDS RECORD BOOK UPDATE

CIF Record Book information may be updated through the CIFSDS Home Site under New CIFSDS Records tab. Please visit our website at www.cifsd.org to log in. Please contact Vanessa Fowlkes at vanessacifsd@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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**CONSENT FOR 14-YEAR-OLD STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN VARSITY FOOTBALL COVERSHEET
(REVISED 3/3/05)**

State CIF Rule 1900 allows athletes under 15 years of age to participate in varsity football on the following conditions:

- A. Participant must be at least 14 years of age;
- B. A letter is provided from a licensed medical practitioner that the student is able to compete at the varsity level;
- C. A signed consent statement from the parents, or legal guardian, allowing participation at the varsity level is completed;
- D. A statement from the head coach that the student-athlete has the physical and mental maturity to compete at the varsity level is provided;
- E. A statement of compliance has been forwarded by the principal to the section office verifying that all required documentation has been completed and is on file in the appropriate school office.

Attached please find a copy of the parent/guardian consent form and the principal's verification form that the student has satisfied all requirements in order to request participation of a 14-year-old in football contests or scrimmages (duplicate forms as needed).

The letters from the doctor and the football coach as well as the parent consent form are to be kept on file at your school. A copy of the principal's verification form must be sent to the CIFSDS Office prior to the first contest. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please call the CIFSDS Office 858-292-8165 or email jerrycifsds@gmail.com



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**PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM FOR
14-YEAR-OLD STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN VARSITY FOOTBALL**

By signing the form below, we give permission for our 14-year-old student to participate in varsity football:

Student's Name: _____
(Please print)

School: _____
(Please print)

(Two signatures are required)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

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