



TO: FOOTBALL COACH

**FROM: JERRY SCHNIEPP, COMMISSIONER
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DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 (REVISED 10-02-17)

RE: 2017 SAN DIEGO CIF FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. OFFICIAL PLAYOFF FOOTBALL

Spalding graciously provides all the section playoff footballs and will be the official football for the 2017 CIF-San Diego Section Football Playoffs. Each team entered into playoffs will receive (1) Spalding football. **** Spalding footballs are required for all playoff rounds.**

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 9, 2017** 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 9, 2017** please make note of the due date as the playoffs approach.
- All CIFSDS champions will advance to a state regional playoff game. The CIF State football entry/information must be submitted electronically via the CIF State website by Sunday, November 26, 2017. Please follow the CIF State link below to review football information:
[CIF State Football Information](#)

2. PAIRINGS

- a. The Commissioner’s Office will seed teams and determine first round pairings after input from the Football Pairings Committee. There will be no appeal from the Commissioners’ decisions on seeding or pairings.
- b. League champions (designated #1 by their league) are automatic entries into the playoffs. All others, including co-champions or tri-champions, will be selected at-large.
- c. League champions or designated #1 teams will be guaranteed a home game in the First Round (unless meeting another designated champion) but are not guaranteed a seeding priority.

3. PAIRINGS MEETING

The Playoff pairings meeting will be conducted on **Saturday, November 4, 2017 beginning at 9:00 a.m. AT THE CIFSDS OFFICE – 3636 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH, SUITE 200. COACHES ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVES ONLY ARE TO ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE 4TH.**

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 All scores/team updates must be entered into MAX PREPS by midnight, November 3, 2017.

On **Saturday, November 4**, playoff brackets will be posted/announced at 11:00 a.m. on the CIFSDS website at www.cifsd.org **Coaches are not required to attend and have the option of picking up one (1) football (Spalding), and brackets for the selected teams on either Saturday, November 4, 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or Monday, November 6, 2017, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. One Spalding football will be distributed to each team entered in the playoffs.**

4. SITES, DATES, AND TIMES

Site is choice of home school or league champion (assistance by CIFSDS Office with schools involved for some semi-final sites may be needed in a case-by-case basis).

Open Division

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Quarterfinal Round	Friday, November 17, 2017	Higher Seed	7:00 p.m.
Semi-Final Round	Friday November 24, 2017	Higher Seed	7:00 p.m.
Finals	Saturday, December 2, 2017	Southwestern	7:00 p.m.

Division I

First Round	Friday, November 10, 2017	Higher Seed	7:00 p.m.
Quarterfinal Round	Friday, November 17, 2017	Higher Seed	7:00 p.m.
Semi-Final Round	Friday, November 24, 2017	Higher Seed	7:00 p.m.
Finals	Friday, December 1, 2017	Southwestern	7:00 p.m.

Division II

First Round	Friday, November 10, 2017	Higher Seed	7:00 p.m.
Quarterfinal Round	Friday, November 17, 2017	Higher Seed	7:00 p.m.
Semi-Final Round	Friday, November 24, 2017	Higher Seed	7:00 p.m.
Finals	Saturday, December 2, 2017	Southwestern	3:30 p.m.

Division III

First Round	Friday, November 10, 2017	Higher Seed	7:00 p.m.
Quarterfinal Round	Friday, November 17, 2017	Higher Seed	7:00 p.m.
Semi-Final Round	Friday, November 24, 2017	Higher Seed	7:00 p.m.
Finals	Saturday, December 2, 2017	Southwestern	12 noon

Division IV

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
First Round	Friday, November 10, 2017	Higher Seed	7:00 p.m.
Quarterfinal Round	Friday, November 17, 2017	Higher Seed	7:00 p.m.
Semi-Final Round	Friday, November 24, 2017	Higher Seed	7:00 p.m.
Finals	Friday, December 1, 2017	Southwestern	3:30 p.m.

Division V

Quarterfinal Round	Friday, November 10, 2017	Higher Seed	7:00 p.m.
Semi-Final Round	Friday, November 17, 2017	Higher Seed	7:00 p.m.
Finals	Saturday, November 25, 2017	Southwestern	7:00 p.m.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. HOME TEAM DETERMINATION

- The higher seeded team in all rounds will be the home team unless the lower seeded team is the league champion or designated #1 team from its league (first round only).
- League Champion Accommodation does not apply to Divisions V or OPEN.

9. FOOTBALL PRODUCTION MEETINGS

Open Division, Division I, II, III, IV informational meeting for teams participating in the championships will be held on Monday, November 27, 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Southwestern College Student Activities Center. Lunch will be provided.

Division V, informational meeting for teams participating in the championship will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 10:00 a.m., at Southwestern College in the stadium near the press box.

An Administrator, Athletic Director and Football Coach should plan on attending the Football Production Meeting (see division meeting times) Plans, procedures, and policies for the CIF Finals will be reviewed at the meeting(s).

10. EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL

It is mandatory that any two (2) of: an emergency rescue vehicle, a physician, a paramedic / EMT, or a certified trainer, be available at all football playoff games (CIFSDS Green Book; page 62; section 9.i).

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

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. NATIONAL ANTHEM AND/OR COLOR GUARD

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

14. 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.

15. TICKETS

Division I-V First Round, Quarterfinals, and Semifinals

a. Division I-V - The home school will provide tickets in first rounds, quarterfinals, and semifinals.

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.cifsds.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 first round, quarterfinal, semifinal games. Each school is allowed twenty-five (25) 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. Twenty-five (25) complimentary tickets will be available to each participating school and will be provided at the production meeting of November 21, 2017 for DV and November 27, 2017 (Open- Div. IV)

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:

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Student /Senior</u>
First Round/Quarterfinals	\$10.00	\$6.00
Semifinals	\$10.00	\$7.00
Finals - Division 1-5, OPEN	\$15.00	\$9.00

16. 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)

2017 FOOTBALL OFFICIALS PLAYOFF FEES

<u>Preliminary Rounds</u>		
Referee		\$81.00
Other Officials	4 @	\$79.00
<u>Semifinal Rounds</u>		
Referee		\$81.00
Other Officials	6 @	\$79.00
<u>Championships</u>	7 @	\$91.00
<u>Chain Crew</u>		
Semifinals	3 @	\$45.00
Championships	3 @	\$50.00

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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

20. 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 4, 2017. Passes are valid first round through semifinals (not valid for finals).

***** CIFSDS COURTESY CARDS ARE NOT VALID FOR CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS*****

21. AWARDS

Championship Team

- Championship Trophy
- Individual championship patches
 - a. Division I, II, III, IV, and OPEN - 50
 - b. Division V- 40

Runner-up Team

- Runner-up trophy
- Individual runner up patches
 - a. Division I, II, III, IV, and OPEN - 50
 - b. Division V – 40

22. PLAYOFF PARTICIPATION PATCHES

Playoff participation patches may be purchased for **\$12.00** each. Orders will be accepted via the CIFSDS Home site, <http://cifsdshome.org/login.php> Forms, and Patch Order.

23. ADDITIONAL RUNNER-UP PATCHES AND CHAMPIONSHIP PATCHES

Additional Runner-up and Championship patches may be purchased for **\$12.00** each. Orders will be accepted via the CIFSDS Home site, <http://cifsdshome.org/login.php> , Forms, and Patch Order.

24. 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

25. CHEERLEADERS AND SONG LEADERS

25 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.

26. 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.

27. 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).

28. 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.

29. NON-FOOD CONCESSION

The non-food concession (T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc.) for the 2017 San Diego CIF Football Championships has been awarded to the **Kukulski Bros**. If you have special ordering needs, contact David Kukulski at (480) 921-1975.

30. 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.

31. RADIO, TV, AND WEBCAST COVERAGE

Radio, TV, and Webcast rights to all CIF playoff contests are governed by the Commissioner (page 11-12, CIFSDS Policies and Procedures). The CIFSDS Office is to be contacted for championship games. Fees collected will be listed as Media Income on all financial reports. .

32. 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.

33. CIFSDS CHAMPIONS IN EACH DIVISION WILL ADVQANCE TO A STATE CIF REGIONAL PLAYOFF GAME PROVIDED THE TEAM IS DEEMED SUITABLE TO REPRESENT THE STATE IN A BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP WITH REGARDS TO PURSUING VICTORY WITH HONOR AND ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS OF SPORTSMANSHIP. TEAMS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THEIR PLACEMENT IN THE STATE PLAYOFFS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017.

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