

# **CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Playoff Proposal**

**2010-2014**

# Playoff Proposal

- The Section is recommending that fall sports start one week earlier.
  - ✓ 2010-11: First day of practice – August 9
  - ✓ 2011-12: First day of practice – August 8
  - ✓ 2012-13: First day of practice – August 6
  - ✓ 2013-14: First day of practice – August 12
- *Note: This committee may make recommendations for changes to the start dates for winter and spring seasons.*

# Playoff Proposal

- The earlier start date will allow girls golf to have a longer season and more comparable to the boys.
- Football and boys soccer playoffs will begin one week earlier. Both sports need to remain on the same schedule to avoid field usage conflicts.
- The ending dates for the other sports will not change due to NorCal and State playoff dates.

# Playoff Proposal

- Our playoff proposal guarantees 3 spots for all leagues in the following sports:
- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Boys, Girls and Coed Tennis
- Baseball
- Softball

***Note: Football will be discussed separately.***

# Playoff Proposal

- This playoff proposal expands playoffs in many sports in an effort to keep up with growth as well as providing equity among all sports.
- This proposal allows for a seeding component for all tournaments mentioned in this document.
- This Section's philosophy has always been that playoff teams are not selected by a committee. This proposal maintains that philosophy.

# Equity of Team Competition

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
• Football	58	76
• Boys Soccer	64	81
• Girls Volleyball	80	80
• Boys Basketball	80	80
• Girls Basketball	80	80
• Baseball	64	81
• Girls Soccer (6 divisions)	56	75
• Softball	64	81

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**Average**

**68.3**

**79.3**

- Note: The sports of cross country, tennis, golf, track and water polo are treated exactly the same for both genders.

# Pre-determined Brackets

**Currently, pre-determined brackets are done in the following sports:**

Football, boys soccer, girls tennis, boys and girls water polo, baseball, girls soccer, softball, boys tennis and coed tennis.

**The process is as follows:**

- Each league is represented.
- First and second place teams are separated in opposite brackets by random draw.
- Third place teams are used to fill the bracket.
- The committee determines the rotation of third place teams.
- The fourth year brackets are determined by their performance in the playoffs in that sport during the first three years. Therefore, the two leagues with the highest winning percentage receive 3 teams.
- The brackets are approved by the Board of Managers.

# Proposed Seeding Plan

**The Section office is recommending the seeding of leagues in the following sports:**

- Football (will be discussed later in the presentation)
- Boys soccer, girls tennis, baseball, girls soccer, softball, boys tennis and coed tennis.
- This concept is based on the Section adding staff.

**The process will be as follows:**

- The Section staff will evaluate the strength of the leagues in each sport.
- The tournaments will be seeded and/or bracketed about two weeks prior to the conclusion of the sport season.
- The Section staff will attempt to seed the top four spots.
- The remaining spots will be placed. A major criteria will be to separate 1sts and 2nds from each league in the bracket.

# Fall Sports

- Boys and Girls Cross Country
- Football (will be discussed later)
- Girls Golf
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Tennis
- Girls Volleyball
- Boys and Girls Water Polo

# Boys and Girls Cross Country

## Current

- **Subsection:**  
All-comers meet. Schools may send as many runners as they choose in several divisions.
- **Section:**  
Teams and individuals qualify to the Section meet.

## Proposed

- No proposed changes to the current system.

# Girls Golf

## Current

- **Divisionals**  
Teams and individuals qualify to the divisionals through league play.
- **Masters**  
Teams and individuals qualify through the divisionals. Total of 102 players.
- **NorCal and State**  
Teams and individuals qualify through Masters. Total of 24 players advance to NorCal.

## Proposed

- No proposed changes to the current system.

# Boys Soccer

## Current

### Section Playoffs

- Seven divisions with teams qualifying through league competition.
- Divisions with 3 leagues all qualify 2 teams with a rotation of 3rd place teams.
- Divisions with 4 leagues all qualify 2 teams.
- All divisions have pre-determined brackets.

# Boys Soccer

## Proposed

### Section playoffs

- Seven divisions with teams qualifying through league competition.
- Leagues in all divisions will qualify 3 teams.
- Divisions with 3 leagues will have a 9-team bracket. In a 9-team bracket, two 3rd place teams will play an outbracket game to get the tournament to 8 teams.
- Divisions with 4 leagues will have a 12-team bracket. In a 12-team bracket, champions will draw a bye with the 2nds and 3rds meeting in outbrackets games to get the tournament to 8 teams.
- Outbracket games will necessitate an extra round of games at the beginning of the tournament.
- In Division I, the Final Four will be cross bracketed with the 2 Norths playing the 2 Souths.
- Pre-determined brackets or seeding plan will be used.

# Girls Tennis

## Team Tennis - Current

- Two divisions of 14-team brackets.
- Each league sends its top 2 teams to the tournament.
- The tournaments use pre-determined brackets.
- The winner of each division advances to NorCal.

## Team Tennis - Proposed

- Each league will send 3 teams to their divisional tournament.
- This will create brackets of up to 24 teams.
- Outbracket matches will be played between 2nd and 3rd place teams.
- Outbracket games will necessitate an extra round of games at the beginning of the tournament.
- Pre-determined brackets or seeding plan will be used.
- The winner of each division advances to NorCal.
- No change for NorCal.

# Girls Tennis

## Individual Tennis - Current

- Each league sends its top 2 singles and top 2 doubles teams to the Section tournament.
- 2 leagues, on a rotating basis, are allowed to send 3rd place qualifiers to fill out the 16-person bracket.

## Individual Tennis – Proposed

- No proposed changes to current system.
- Allowing 3 from each league would necessitate a third consecutive day of competition.

# Girls Volleyball

## Current

- 5 divisions based on state criteria.
- All brackets are 16 teams.
- Power rating formula utilized to select the teams.
- Staff has the authority to make adjustments to the final seeding, using criteria passed by the Board of Managers.

## Proposed

- No proposed changes to the system.

# Boys and Girls Water Polo

## Current

- 2 divisional tournaments.
- Division I has a 16-team bracket with 6 leagues.
- Division II has a 12-team bracket with four leagues.
- All brackets are pre-determined by a water polo committee with representation from the Section staff.

## Proposed

- 2 divisional tournaments.
- Both tournaments are limited to 16 teams maximum.
- Each league is guaranteed 2 teams with a rotation of 3rd place teams.
- All brackets are pre-determined by a water polo committee with representation from the Section staff.
- The sport of water polo is growing, thus we are not able to determine how many leagues will exist when the new realignment cycle begins.

# Winter Sports

- Basketball, boys and girls
- Wrestling, boys
- Wrestling, girls

# Boys and Girls Basketball

- 5 divisions based on state criteria.
- All brackets are 16 teams.
- Power rating formula utilized to select the teams.
- Basketball committee has the authority to make adjustments to the final seeding, using criteria passed by the Board of Managers.
- No proposed changes to the system.

# Boys Wrestling

## Current - Team

- 5 divisional tournaments.
- In Division I, all champions qualify and one runner-up on a rotational basis to make a full 8-team bracket.
- In all other divisions, leagues send both their champion and runner-up. Brackets are either 6 teams or 8 teams based on number of leagues in the division.
- Seeding is done by a committee prior to competition.

## Proposed - Team

- No proposed changes.

# Boys Wrestling

## Current - Individual

- 6 divisional tournaments.
- Each league qualifies 4 individuals to advance to the divisionals.
- Each divisional is either a 12- or 16-person bracket.
- Each divisional meet qualifies either 5 or 6 to the Masters Meet.
- The Masters Meet is a 32-person bracket.
- The Section qualifies 7 individuals in each of the 14 weight classes to the State Meet.

## Proposed - Individual

- No proposed changes.

# Girls Wrestling

## Current - Individual

- The Section is attempting to implement an invitational tournament for all female wrestlers within the Section.
- The first meet will be held on February 7, 2009 at McNair High School.

## Proposed - Individual

- Any changes will be made after evaluation of this year's tournament.

# Spring Sports

- Badminton
- Baseball
- Boys Golf
- Girls Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming and Diving
- Boys Tennis
- Coed Tennis
- Track and Field
- Boys Volleyball

# Badminton

## Current

- Badminton is a girls only event with 4 leagues all sending 4 singles and 4 doubles to the tournament.

## Proposed

- No proposed changes to the system.

# Baseball

## Current

### Section Playoffs

- Seven divisions with teams qualifying through league competition.
- Divisions with 3 leagues all qualify 2 teams with a rotation of 3rd place teams.
- Divisions with 4 leagues all qualify 2 teams.
- There is a combination of double elimination and best 2 of 3 after the first round of play.
- Division I has a North and South bracket of 8 teams each with the winners meeting in a best 2 of 3 final.
- All divisions have pre-determined brackets.

# Baseball

## Proposed

### Section playoffs

- Seven divisions with teams qualifying through league competition.
- Leagues in all divisions will qualify 3 teams.
- Divisions with 3 leagues will have a 9-team bracket. In a 9-team bracket, two 3rd place teams will play an outbracket game to get the tournament to 8 teams.
- Divisions with 4 leagues will have a 12-team bracket. In a 12-team bracket, champions will draw a bye with the 2nds and 3rds meeting in outbrackets games to get the tournament to 8 teams.
- Outbracket games will necessitate an extra round of games at the beginning of the tournament. These games will be played at home sites.
- After the outbracket games are completed, the tournament will revert to the current format.
- Pre-determined brackets or seeding plan will be used.

# Boys Golf

## Current

### Divisionals

- Teams and individuals qualify to the divisionals through league play.

### Masters

- Teams and individuals qualify through the divisionals. Total of 111 players.

### NorCal and State

- Teams and individuals qualify through Masters. Total of 24 players advance to NorCal.

## Proposed

- No proposed changes to the current system.

# Girls Soccer

## Current

### Section Playoffs

- Six divisions with teams qualifying through league competition.
- Divisions with 3 leagues all qualify 2 teams with a rotation of 3rd place teams.
- Divisions with 4 leagues all qualify 2 teams.
- All divisions have pre-determined brackets.

# Girls Soccer

## Proposed

### Section playoffs

- Six or seven divisions with teams qualifying through league competition.
- Leagues in all divisions will qualify 3 teams.
- Divisions with 3 leagues will have a 9-team bracket. In a 9-team bracket, two 3rd place teams will play an outbracket game to get the tournament to 8 teams.
- Divisions with 4 leagues will have a 12-team bracket. In a 12-team bracket, champions will draw a bye with the 2nds and 3rds meeting in outbrackets games to get the tournament to 8 teams.
- Outbracket games will necessitate an extra round of games at the beginning of the tournament.
- In Division I, the Final Four will be cross bracketed with the 2 Norths playing the 2 Souths.
- Pre-determined brackets or seeding plan will be used.

# Softball

## Current

### Section Playoffs

- Seven divisions with teams qualifying through league competition.
- Divisions with 3 leagues all qualify 2 teams with a rotation of 3rd place teams.
- Divisions with 4 leagues all qualify 2 teams.
- Five divisions play a double elimination tournament after the first round of play.
- Two divisions play a single elimination tournament.
- All divisions have pre-determined brackets, except Division I, which is bracketed by a committee with Section representation.

# Softball

## Proposed

### Section playoffs

- Seven divisions with teams qualifying through league competition.
- Leagues in all divisions will qualify 3 teams.
- Divisions with 3 leagues will have a 9-team bracket. In a 9-team bracket, two 3rd place teams will play an outbracket game to get the tournament to 8 teams.
- Divisions with 4 leagues will have a 12-team bracket. In a 12-team bracket, champions will draw a bye with the 2nds and 3rds meeting in outbrackets games to get the tournament to 8 teams.
- Outbracket games will necessitate an extra round of games at the beginning of the tournament. These games will be played at home sites.
- After the outbracket games are completed, the tournament will revert to the current format.
- Pre-determined brackets or seeding plan will be used.

# Swimming and Diving

## Current

### Swimming:

- All qualifying to the Section tournament is based on meeting a qualifying time.

### Diving:

- Qualifying is at the discretion of each high school program.
- For both swimming and diving, there are trials and finals.

## Proposed

- No proposed changes to the current system.

# Boys Tennis

## Team Tennis - Current

- Two divisions of 14-team brackets.
- Each league sends its top 2 teams to the tournament.
- The tournaments use pre-determined brackets.
- The winner of each division advances to NorCal.

## Team Tennis - Proposed

- Each league will send 3 teams to their divisional tournament.
- This will create brackets of up to 24 teams.
- Outbracket matches will be played between 2nd and 3rd place teams.
- Outbracket games will necessitate an extra round of games at the beginning of the tournament.
- Pre-determined brackets or seeding plan will be used.
- The winner of each division advances to NorCal.
- No change for NorCal.

# Boys Tennis

## Individual Tennis - Current

- Each league sends its top 2 singles and top 2 doubles teams to the Section tournament.
- 2 leagues, on a rotating basis, are allowed to send 3rd place qualifiers to fill out the 16-person bracket.

## Individual Tennis – Proposed

- No proposed changes to current system.
- Allowing 3 from each league would necessitate a third consecutive day of competition.

# Coed Tennis

## Team Tennis - Current

- One 12-team bracket.
- Each league sends its top 2 teams to the tournament.
- The tournaments use pre-determined brackets.

## Team Tennis - Proposed

- Each league will send 3 teams to the tournament.
- This will create a bracket of up to 18 teams.
- Outbracket matches will be played between 2nd and 3rd place teams.
- Outbracket games will necessitate an extra round of games at the beginning of the tournament.
- Pre-determined brackets or seeding plan will be used.

# Coed Tennis

## **Individual Tennis - Current**

- Each league sends its top 2 qualifiers in boys and girls singles, boys and girls doubles and mixed doubles.

## **Individual Tennis – Proposed**

- No proposed changes to current system.

# Track and Field

## Current

- 3 divisional meets.
- Each league qualifies a set number of individuals in each event to the divisional meet.
- A set number of individuals advance from the divisional meets to the Masters.
- Additional qualifiers may advance if they attain the at-large mark at both league and divisional competition.
- The Section qualifies 3 to State in each event plus anyone who attains the State's at-large mark.
- A track committee reviews the number of qualifiers from each league.

## Proposed

- No proposed changes.

# Boys Volleyball

## Current

- One 21-team tournament.
- Currently, 7 leagues participate.
- Each league qualifies 3 to the tournament.

## Proposed

- No proposed changes to the system.
- If more leagues begin to offer boys volleyball, the tournament would be split into two divisions.