



CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PLAYOFF/CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF REQUIREMENTS - ALL TEAMS AND HOST SITES 2015-16



ALL TEAMS - During season/Prior to playoffs:

Rosters & Scores:

- Complete schedules are to be submitted to CIFSSHOME prior to each season.
- Update scores following every contest via MaxPreps>CIFSSHOME or direct to CIFSSHOME. Additional directions on accessing CIFSSHOME are included in this document.

TV/Web/Radio Rights:

Any video broadcast on TV or webcast of a CIF-SS event (hosted by CIF-SS or involving two CIF-SS schools outside the section) require a contract and rights fee through the CIF-SS office prior to the contest. The only 'exceptions' are: A) A school self-produces a regular season webcast that is exclusively shown on either the school's official web site or on the NFHS Network. B) During the regular season, a school or district produces a delayed until 11pm TV broadcast exclusively airing on the school or school district owned cable TV channel. Third party web sites, such as iHigh, cube.com and others, require contracts and rights fees. Violation of this policy will result in the loss of one or more playoff host rights. This Blue Book rule has been in effect since 2007. All regular season rights fees collected are given to the 'host' schools in June.

During the regular season, schools may individually contract their own audio only broadcasts on web or radio. During playoffs, all audio only broadcasts require a rights fee and contract through the CIF-SS office.

'Official' Championship Souvenirs:

The exclusive vendor for CIF Southern Section Championships souvenirs (t-shirts, scarfs, pins, beanies, hats, etc...) is our long-time partner *CIF Tshirts*. These are the official items sold each year per sport. You are likely familiar with their annual shirts at the finals and in your playoff bulletins. You can order team and individual items through them at www.ciftshirts.com.

ALL TEAMS - Playoff requirements of all teams:

Official Ball Required:

Only the approved official ball in each ball sport may be played by either school during CIF-SS playoff contests. Violation of this rule will result in loss of your next home playoff game. The current Official Ball list for each sport is included and available at www.cifss.org in the 'Officials' drop down. This policy has been in effect since 2002.

Gatorade Only:

Only Gatorade jugs, cups, bottles, ice chests may be used or visible during any CIF-SS playoff contest. (No Powerade, Body Armor, etc). The only acceptable alternative is a plain-wrap or Igloo labeled products. This rule does not apply to the actual liquid distributed to athletes. This policy has been in effect since 1995.

TV/Web/Radio Rights:

For all playoff rounds in all sports, a contract and rights fee is required for any TV, webcast or radio broadcast. No exceptions.

CIF-SS on Souvenirs:

The 'CIF Southern Section', 'CIF-SS', 'Southern Section' and 'CIF' marks and logos are registered trademarks with the State of California. Schools may only use the CIF Southern Section marks on rings, patches, banners, apparel and other souvenirs by doing business with a CIF-SS licensed vendor. Schools creating items with CIF-SS registered marks from a non-licensed vendor will face sanction and/or will be required to purchase any unsold shirts/items at the Championship Final if similar non-licensed items appear at the contest. A list of the currently licensed vendors for these products is included and regularly updated on www.cifss.org.

Please note: The use of only "CIF" is strictly prohibited per the State CIF registered trademark. We are the "CIF Southern Section", not just the CIF. Only those teams in State regionals, bowl games and individual sport finals actually qualify to use CIF without Southern Section attached. Any such use must be approved in advance by the CIF State office.

Host Site Requirements:

Playoff Tickets:

(This pertains to revenue sports of basketball, football and volleyball): It is mandatory to sell tickets for admission to all CIF-SS playoffs and championship contests. Use of the CIF-SS provided tickets is desired, if possible logistically, for audit, cost and sponsorship reasons. A Ticket Board(s) is included. Refer to the Ticket Handlers and Financial Clerks memo included with your tickets for additional information.

CIF-SS/FORD Banner:

It is a requirement of each host school (including off-site) that the CIF-SS/Ford Championships banner be displayed at every playoff home game in football and the gymnasium sports post football season (or on the electronic signage where schools/venues do not display banners).

PA Announcements:

As host of a CIF-SS playoff contest, the CIF-SS announcements take precedence over the host school's messaging and must be read in entirety at each playoff contest. Home schools are the host of a CIF-SS event in the playoffs. For contractual requirements, please read all the provided PA's each contest.

Media Credential Access:

Accredited working media should be given admission to all playoff games by showing their CIF-SS Press or Photo credential.



CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PLAYOFF/CHAMPIONSHIP ADDITIONAL/CUSTOM POST SEASON AWARDS 2015-16



PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES: Each member of a team participating in the CIF-SS playoffs can receive a Participation Certificate. These certificates will be downloaded and printed solely by your school. The certificate is in a 'Type-In' format and may be downloaded from the CIFSSHOME website under FORMS.

NEED ADDITIONAL AWARDS: Feel free to order additional directly.

Medals and Plaques: If your team won or was a runner-up in a CIF-SS championship and you need to purchase any additional champion/runner-up plaques and runner-up medals contact **All American Trophy by contacting Paul Purdum at (323) 725-1962.**

Team "Champions" Patches: Schools may order additional CIF-SS Champion patches (Octagon Red or Football shaped) may be 'exclusively' ordered through **JL Custom Jackets and Patches at www.jlcustomjackets.com, (951) 867-3200, or email lindseyjlcustomjackets.com.**

"CIF-SS Champions" shirts: Additional Champions shirts, those given during the post-game ceremony to athletes after winning team championships, may be exclusively ordered through our vendor. Contact **Kristy Moore @ Kustom Imprints – (714) 771-5768 ext. 103 or email kristy@kustomimprints.com.**

CUSTOM AWARDS/ RINGS/BANNERS/APPAREL SOUVENIRS USING CIF-SS:

Schools often seek to create custom shirts, patches, gym banners and championship rings that include both the school and CIF-SS marks/logos/names. Example: 'ACME BOYS BASKETBALL 2015 CIF-SS CHAMPIONS'. Schools may create these items using CIF-SS marks only through a CIF-SS licensed vendor.

CIF-SS 'registered' trademark: The "CIF Southern Section", "CIF-SS", "Southern Section" and "CIF" marks and logos are registered trademarks with the State of California. Schools may only use the CIF Southern Section marks on rings, patches, banners, apparel and other souvenirs by doing business with a CIF-SS licensed vendor. Schools creating items with CIF-SS registered marks from a non-licensed vendor will face sanction and/or will be required to purchase any unsold shirts/items at the Championship final if similar non-licensed items appear at the contest. A list of the currently licensed vendors for these products is included and regularly updated on www.cifss.org.

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CIF-SS vendors who are licensed to create custom items for schools that include CIF-SS:

•Chenille Patches	JL Custom Jackets & Patches	www.jlcustomjackets.com	(951) 867-3200
	CIF Tshirts	www.ciftshirts.com	(951) 789-5858
	C&L Varsity Jackets	www.cjackets.com	(714) 828-6900
	Embroidery & More	www.embroideryandmoredesign.com	(951) 471-5200
	Fancy Stitchin'	www.fancystitchin.com	(951) 656-6505
	NEFF	www.neffco.com/School-Patches	(800) 232-6333 x 3417

Championship Patches (circle shape) Playoffs or Prelims, Finals Patches (shape of a shield) for participation in Cross Country, Track & Field or Swimming Finals, Masters Patches (oval shaped) for participation in a Masters Track & Field or Wrestling event and Wrestling Dual Meet (rectangle shaped) are sold "ON-SITE" by the CIF-SS vendor. Additional patches post event can be ordered through any of the licensed CIF-SS patch vendors:

• **Custom Banners/Shirts/Souvenirs** New for 2015-16, your school may now create custom items that include the CIF-SS mark or logo (championship banner, champions t-shirts, banners for your gym, etc...) through a licensed CIF-SS vendor (and their specialty).

C&L Varsity Jackets	(Souvenirs)	www.cjackets.com	Larry Westbrook	(714) 828-6900
Integrity Design	(Banners)	www.IntegrityDesignUSA.com	Larry Shoppa	shoppa@mac.com (855) 341-8817
Kustom Imprints	(Apparel & more)	www.kustomimprints.com	Kristy Moore	kristy@kustomimprints.com (714) 771-5768 x 103
NEFF	(Banners)	www.neffco.com		(800) 232-6333

• Rings	Herff Jones	www.herffjones.com
	J. Lewis Small	www.jlewissmall.com
	Jostens	www.jostens.com
	National Recognition Products	www.nrprings.com/championship-rings
	Signature Style Jewelry	www.signaturestylejewelry.com

PROTECT YOUR SCHOOL TRADEMARKS: The CIF Southern Section strongly suggests you double-check the status of **your school** licensed/registered marks and logos now. Some schools have permanently lost control of others selling their merchandise with no royalty or approvals because the proper State of California licensing/registering process had not previously occurred or been enforced.

For additional vendors licensing information, please contact CIF Southern Section Marketing Director John Costello at johnc@cifss.org or 562-493-9500.



Updated 6/18/15

THIS LIST IS EFFECTIVE FOR 2015-16

RE: OFFICIAL BALL PROGRAM – MANDATORY USE IN PLAYOFFS

Official Ball per sport:

- Baseball: **Rawlings CIF-SS** Must be CIFSS stamped ball; not an alternative Rawlings ball
Rawlings RCIF-SS
- Boys Basketball: **Spalding TF1000 NFHS Classic NFHS**
Spalding TF1000 Legacy NFHS
- Girls Basketball: **Spalding TF1000 NFHS Classic 28.5 NFHS**
Spalding TF1000 Legacy 28.5 NFHS
- Football: **Spalding ball with NFHS** any Spalding model with NFHS stamp
- Soccer: **Spalding TF-SC5 NFHS** for both boys and girls use.
Spalding TF-SC3 NFHS for both boys and girls use.
Spalding TF5000 NFHS for both boys and girls use.
- Softball: **Dudley CFP12Y NFHS**
- Tennis: **Wilson Tennis Ball** NFHS stamp not required
- Volleyball: **Spalding with NFHS stamp: TF-VB5, TF-VB3**
Spalding with NFHS stamp: TF5000, TF3000, TF1500
- Boys Water Polo: **KAP7 model 105 with NFHS stamp**
- Girls Water Polo: **KAP7 model 104 with NFHS stamp**

All playoff ball adoptions agreements with the CIF Southern Section now run through June 30, 2021 except for tennis (2017).

Mandatory Playoff Use Requirement:

The mandatory “official” ball rule for all playoff rounds, excluding golf. The rule applies throughout the conduct of **all** CIF-SS **playoff** contests.

Playoff Ball Use Rule Enforcement:

Should a school fail to provide the correct game ball, the game will always be played. Teams/schools failing to utilize the correct official ball in CIF-SS playoffs will be reported by officials to CIF-SS and will not be allowed to host their next available home playoff game. Penalty does carry over to the next season if not enforceable this season due to elimination.

Note: NFHS stamp is required in all sports *except in golf and tennis*.