



SPORT GUIDELINES

BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER

Acalanes, Alhambra, Benicia, Berean Christian, Campolindo, Clayton Valley Charter, College Park, Concord, Las Lomas, Miramonte, Mt. Diablo, Northgate, Ygnacio Valley

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1. SEASON

- 1.1. Boys and Girls Soccer are both Winter Sports, as defined by NCS.
- 1.2. Starting dates for practice will be determined by NCS.

2. CONTEST INFORMATION

- 2.1. Matches will be played on Wednesdays and Fridays.
 - 2.1.1 Junior Varsity will start at 5:00, Varsity will start at 7:00.
 - 2.1.2 AD's will set up day and time for Freshman matches.
 - 2.1.3 If league games are played in December, games can be moved to Tuesday and Thursday at the discretion of a vote by the Principals to accommodate December tournaments.
- 2.2. Per NCS By-Laws Maximum number of contests is 24; scrimmages is 2.
- 2.3. Varsity: two periods, 40 minutes each. Freshman and JV: two periods, 35 minutes each.
- 2.4. League games will not be played when school is not in session, unless agreed upon by AD's and Principals of both schools.
- 2.5. League games take precedence over any tournament or pre-season postponed games.

3. RULES

- 3.1. All matches will be conducted under the National Federation of State High School Athletic Association's Soccer Rule Book.
- 3.2. Matches will be conducted according to the rules of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Association, to be superseded by the CIF, NCS, and DAL rules and guidelines.
- 3.3. Home team Principal's designee will be responsible for canceling a match due to inclement weather or unsafe field conditions by 12:00 PM the day of the game.
- 3.4. Coaches will exchange team rosters of eligible players and jersey numbers prior to each match.
- 3.5. If there is an injury and the coach is summoned to the field by the referee, a substitution must be made for the injured player.
 - 3.5.1. The injured players must have referee approval before reentering the match.

4. OFFICIALS

- 4.1. The official's association under contract with the DAL shall be used exclusively for all DAL games.
- 4.2. Varsity games will be played with three officials; one referee and two assistant refs.

5. DETERMINATION OF LEAGUE OR DIVISION CHAMPIONS

- 5.1 League or Division Champion:
 - 5.1.2 The League or Division Champion will be the team with the best overall record over the course of the league or division schedule.
 - 5.1.3 If there is a tie for first place, the tied teams will be Co-Champions.
 - 5.1.4 Ties, for the purposes of NCS qualification and DAL Tournament Seeding (If Applicable), will be resolved using the tie-breaking criteria. (See 5.2)

5.2 Criteria used to break ties:

1. Head to Head.
2. Ladder Finish. Which is defined as comparing each team's record against the other teams in the league based on the league schedule, starting with the highest ranked team and continuing down the ladder until the tie is broken.
3. In a 3 way tie (or more) once the initial tie is broken, it will revert back to the 1st tiebreaker with the remaining schools.
4. Lottery. If the coach or designee is not present at the pre-season coaches meeting, that school will receive the last number. If there are more than one coach or designee absent, the commissioner will draw numbers for the absentees after the initial lottery.

6. NCS QUALIFYING AND AT LARGE REPRESENTATION

- 6.1 The automatic representative to NCS will be the League/Division Champion or the winner of the tiebreaker.
- 6.2 Any other qualified team may apply for an NCS At-Large Berth.

7. DAL END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT

- 7.1. Does not apply at this time.

8. ALL LEAGUE/DIVISION SELECTIONS

- 8.1. There will be 2 Most Valuable Players (MVP's) selected from each division. These shall be: Offensive MVP; Defensive MVP.
 - 8.1.1. If there is a two-way tie for any MVP position, that vote will stand. If there is a three-way tie for any MVP position, there will be a vote off.
- 8.2. Coaches will nominate players for each position for the first team.
- 8.3. After the nominations are complete, coaches will narrow the number of players to eleven.
- 8.4. Teams will be guaranteed players on the first team based on their season record using the following guidelines:
 - 8.4.1. First place = 3 players;
 - 8.4.2. Second through fourth place = 2 players each;
 - 8.4.3. Fifth through seventh place = 1 player each
- 8.5. The second team will be selected in the same manner as the first team.
- 8.6. The Honorable Mention nominations will be selected by their coach. No vote will be taken for their selection. Each school will be limited to three Honorable Mention selections.
- 8.7. Any athlete who is deemed academically or behaviorally ineligible at their school will not be eligible for All-League consideration. Athletes ejected twice during the season under the NCS ejection policy will not be eligible for All-League consideration.
- 8.8. When there is one division in each gender the following criteria will be used:
 - 8.8.1. 1st. place: 4 selections, 2nd-3rd place: 3 selections; 4th – 8th place: 2 selections; 9th -13th place: 1 selection
 - 8.8.2. 2 MVP's; Top 11 votes: 1st team; next 11: 2nd team
 - 8.8.3. Coaches may vote for their own players.