



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will be conducted according to the rules of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Association, to be superseded by the CIF, NCS, and DAL rules and guidelines.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/Division Champions

- 5.1. Each Division Champion shall be the team with the most points at the end of the league schedule.
 - 5.1.1. Point system shall be as follows; each team is awarded three (3) points for a league win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss.
- 5.2. When there is one league, the league champion will be the team with the most points
- 5.3. Tied teams in point total shall be Division/League Co-Champions.

6. DAL Division Tournaments

- 6.1. Does not apply at this time.

7. North Coast Representation

- 7.1. The Automatic Representatives to the NCS Soccer Championships will be the champions from each of the two Divisions, or the league champion if there is only one division.
 - 7.1.1. Tie breaking criteria will be head to head.
 - 7.1.2. If more than 2 teams are tied, the number of wins in league will apply
 - 7.1.3. Teams with losses outside of tied teams will apply
 - 7.1.4. Coin flip

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.