

**BASELINE LEAGUE BYLAWS**  
**SPORTS REGULATIONS (1/1/2008)**

**Article 1: BASEBALL**

**Section 1:**

All baseball games will be played under NATIONAL FEDERATION & CIF Blue Book rules unless otherwise provided herein.

**Section 2:**

League Teams shall be Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshman.

**Section 3:**

Night games shall be permitted provided both schools agree.

**Section 4:**

There shall be no batting practice by either team on game day.

**Section 5:**

Starting times: 3:15 pm

Double Headers: The maximum amount of time between games shall be no more than 35 minutes

**Section 6:**

The Varsity home team is responsible for informing the League Coordinator the results of all league contests.

**Section 7:**

Soft-toss during a game may be done provided there is equal access to the visiting team. The home team decides whether soft toss is done.

**Section 8:**

In the event that a game is cancelled, it should be rescheduled on the next available date when all officials, travel, and facility issues can be resolved.

**Article II: BASKETBALL**

**Section 1:**

All basketball games will be played under NATIONAL FEDERATION & CIF Blue Book rules unless otherwise stated herein.

**Section 2:**

The Home school shall provide one adult to serve as timekeeper and one adult to serve as scorer for all Varsity contests. A responsible person shall serve as scorer at all Junior Varsity and Freshman contests.

**Section 3:**

Starting Times: 3:30pm, 5:00pm, 6:30pm

JV Girls, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys at one site  
JV Boys, Frosh Boys, Frosh Girls at the opposite site.

Even though starting times are listed above, Officials can start the second and third game after a 20 minute intermission between games.

**Section 4:**

The home school shall determine which school enters the court first for pre-game warm ups.

**Section 5:**

League schools shall not provide films/video tapes to schools in CIF Playoffs of Baseline League members schools.

**Section 6:**

The varsity home team is responsible for informing the League Coordinator the results of all League contests.

**Section 7:**

In the event that a Basketball Game must be postponed, the League will allow the teams "to play postponed games in basketball during the open days that precede the second round by mutual agreement."

**Article III: CROSS COUNTRY**

**Section 1:**

All Cross Country meets will be conducted under NATIONAL FEDERATION & CIF Blue Book rules unless otherwise provided herein.

**Section 2:**

The host school shall be responsible for the location of the meet. Safety should be a major concern in determining the location. The course will be properly marked by the host school.

**Section 3:**

A team shall receive one point for each team, which it defeats in a dual and/or triangular meet and one point for each team it defeats in the League meet. The total number of points won shall determine the League Champion.

**Section 4:**

Varsity competition shall be limited to the school's seven best runners. There shall be no limit on the number of JV and Freshman/Soph runners. JV and Freshman/Soph levels will also compete in League Finals.

**Section 5:**

The first five places shall count toward the team score unless there is a tie, in which case the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> shall be counted to break the tie.

**Section 6:**

Point scores at the League Finals will be used to break ties in standings, if ties still exist after the League tiebreaker rule is used.

**Section 7:**

Order of events for dual and/or triangular meets:

Boys Freshman/Soph/JV, Girl's Freshman/Soph/JV

Girls Varsity, Boy's Varsity

Level can be combined with mutual agreement of all competing schools.

**Section 8:**

Starting times:

Dual, triangular, or mass meets      3:15 pm

League Finals      3:00 pm

**Section 9:**

Schools must declare their home course at the Pre-Season Coaches Meeting. No changes will be allowed unless the course is not available or declared as unsafe by the home school. In the event of a change in home course, the League Coordinator must be informed along with the competing schools ASAP.

**Section 10:**

The Varsity home team is responsible for informing the League Coordinator the results of all league contests.

**Section 11:**

When league meets are conducted (all 6 schools at once), mass meet style scoring will be used, with 7 displacing for Varsity competition. League final results are worth double points in the standings.

**Article IV: FOOTBALL**

**Section 1:**

All football games will be played under NATIONAL FEDERATION & CIF Blue Book rules unless otherwise provided herein.

**Section 2:**

Varsity games are scheduled on Friday nights when possible or on dates when stadiums are available. JV and Freshman games will be played on the preceding day or the following day of the Varsity game. The JV game will be played at the opposite site (school) as the Varsity game.

**Section 3:**

There shall be five officials for Varsity games unless four are permitted by CIF in which case either can be assigned. There shall be three officials assigned for JV and Freshman games.

**Section 4:**

School officials shall clear the field of players fifteen minutes prior to game time and the band may not enter the area behind the goal posts until the field is cleared.

**Section 5:**

Each school shall provide their own footballs from the officially approved lists.

**Section 6:**

An adult shall be the timekeeper for all games.

**Section 7:**

An additional five minutes shall be allowed for homecoming activities during half-time and on other games with mutual agreement of both schools.

**Section 8:**

All film/video tapes, **including** the just completed game, shall be made available for exchange between coaches. This exchange of film/video tapes is mandatory between the coaches involved. For scouting purposes, there shall be no filming from end zones by non-participating schools.

**Section 9:**

League schools shall not provide films/video tapes to schools in CIF playoffs of member schools unless it is part of a CIF mandatory exchange between participating playoff schools.

**Section 10:**

Wherever possible, equal facilities are to be provided for Varsity games. Each team shall provide their own field phones.

**Section 11:**

Starting times: On mutually acceptable times or:  
7:00pm Varsity games  
3:15pm JV and Freshman games

**Section 12:**

Tie breaker will be used. The current CIF format will be used.

**Article V: GOLF**

**Section 1:**

All Golf competition will be played under USGA & CIF Blue Book rules unless otherwise provided herein.

**Section 2:**

League matches shall be nine holes.

**Section 3:**

Each team may enter six players in League matches. The five best scores for each team shall be totaled to provide a team score. The 6<sup>th</sup> player score is used to break a tie. If there is still a tie, the number one players' score cards will be compared hole by hole until the tie is broken. If there is still a tie, the number two players' score cards will be compared hole by hole, etc.

**Section 4:**

The League finals shall be played over 36 holes to be held on two days. Each school may enter a maximum of six players in the League meet.

**Section 5:**

A seeding meeting shall be held prior to League Finals.

**Section 6:**

Team members can play at their own club as individuals but not with other team members who are not club members.

**Section 7:**

Starting times:  
Varsity and JV: 3:00 pm  
League Prelims: 1:30 pm  
League Finals: 2:30 pm

**Section 8:**

If a school cannot practice on their own course, they can find an alternate course. However, they cannot practice on another members course during the week in which they are scheduled to compete with that member league school.

**Section 9:**

The Varsity home team is responsible for informing the League Coordinator the results of all league contests.

**Section 10:**

Entry fees for League Prelims and League Finals shall be paid by the Baseline League.

**Section 11:**

Each opponent is allowed to put a mark on the opponent's ball to minimize lost ball/dropped ball accusations. This mark must meet both coaches approval.

**Section 12:**

All League Matches and Finals will be conducted from the Blue Tees.

**Section 13:**

No Electronic Devices (including cell phones) will be allowed on the course at any time.

**Article VI: SOCCER**

**Section 1:**

All soccer games will be played under NATIONAL FEDERATION & CIF Blue Book rules unless otherwise provided herein.

**Section 2:**

Boys Varsity, Jr. Varsity, and Fr./Soph shall play at one site; Girls Varsity, Jr. Varsity, and Fr./Soph play at the opposite site.

**Section 3:**

In the event of limited facilities, the Varsity game will be played at 3:15 followed by the JV and Freshman/Soph.

**Section 4:**

a. A player receiving a yellow card must sit out in accordance with CIF rules.

- b. A player receiving a red card shall not be allowed to play in the following game. If a school violates the League rule and their player participates in the next game, that game shall be forfeited.
- c. A player receiving a second red card sits out two games. After a third red card, that player is out for the remainder of the season.
- d. The team rosters shall be presented to the officials and opposing coach at every game. Rosters shall include name and jersey number of all players.
- e. An administrator or designee shall be present at all home games.

**Section 5:**

Spectators are to be confined to areas at least 10 feet from the touch and the goal line. No one shall be permitted directly behind the goal line unless seated in bleachers. This is the responsibility of the home team management.

**Section 6:**

Starting times:

All games shall start at 3:15 unless facilities do not allow all games to be simultaneous. If games are staggered, see Section 3.

**Section 7:**

The Varsity home school is responsible for informing the League Coordinator results of all contests.

**Section 8:**

Points for games will be awarded as follows: win = 3 points, tie = 1 point, and a loss = 0 points.

**Article VII: SOFTBALL**

**Section 1:**

All games will be played under NATIONAL FEDERATION & CIF Blue Book rules unless otherwise provided herein.

**Section 2:**

Junior Varsity and freshman games are limited to seven innings or a maximum of two hours, whichever comes first. No new inning shall begin after two hours have expired from the start of the game.

**Section 3:**

Starting times:

Varsity/Jr. Varsity/Freshman: 3:15 pm

Double Headers: The maximum amount of time between games shall be no more than 35 minutes.

**Section 4:**

Both teams shall have a minimum of 12 minutes of pre-game infield practice with the home team determining who goes first.

**Section 5:**

The home team will provide all game balls.

**Section 6:**

Batting practice, by either team, on game day is **not** allowed.

**Section 7:**

Soft toss during a game may be done provided there is equal access to the

visiting team. The home team decides whether soft toss is done.

**Section 8:**

International Tiebreaker will be used after the completion of nine (9) full innings of play.

## **ARTICLE VIII: SWIMMING**

### **Section 1:**

All swimming and diving competition will be played under NATIONAL FEDERATION & CIF Blue Book rules unless otherwise provided herein.

### **Section 2:**

The League Swim Finals shall be held the week prior to the CIF swimming preliminaries. The League meet shall be conducted for varsity boys and varsity girls.

### **Section 3:**

A preliminary swimming meet shall be held to qualify not more than twelve contestants for each event in the League Finals.

### **Section 4:**

Each school shall be allowed to enter four contestants in each event in the League Finals. Each school participating in League Prelims and Finals shall provide 4 reasonable timers and/or judges. Schools shall then pay their representatives in accordance with district policy. The Pre-Season Coaches meeting shall determine each schools assignment for Prelims and Finals.

### **Section 5:**

The starter and referee for the League Finals shall be obtained from the swim official's assigner and shall be paid by the League. Each participating school shall be required to provide an equal number of officials as determined by the Meet Manager. If a member school cannot provide any or all officials, the host school can fill vacancies from their own school. Payments of officials shall be determined by the League and payments made by the host school. The host school is then reimbursed by the League Treasurer.

### **Section 6:**

There shall be three timers on each lane for League Prelims and League Finals.

### **Section 7:**

A seeding meeting shall be held prior to League Finals.

### **Section 8:**

If a school does not have facilities for diving, points for diving shall not be scored when the dual meet is at that site.

### **Section 9:**

A team shall receive one point for each team, which it defeats in a dual meet, and one point for each team, which it defeats in the League Finals. The total number of points won shall determine the League Champion.

### **Section 10**

Starting times: All League meets **3:15**, League Prelims **2:30**, League Diving and Swim Finals **2:45**. **League Finals** will have **two** separate 15 minute breaks after Boy's 50 free, **and** Boy's 4x50 free relay.

## **Article IX: TENNIS**

### **Section 1:**

All tennis competitions will be played under current United States Tennis Association, The Southern California Tennis Association's "Code of Ethics," and C.I.F. Blue Book rules unless otherwise provided herein.

### **Section 2:**

Junior Varsity will play at the opposite site of varsity when mutually agreed upon. Each school may field a varsity and junior varsity team. Where home courts are limited, the varsity shall play first.

### **Section 3:**

In League Finals, each school provided one new can of balls per entrant. JV coaches should attend League Finals in the event that judges are required.

### **Section 4:**

A seeding meeting shall be held prior to League Finals.

### **Section 5:**

A mini tournament shall be conducted prior to League Finals if necessary to fill byes for League Finals

### **Section 6:**

League Finals procedures:

- a. Once the draw is completed there will be no changes.
- b. Best two of three sets.
- c. C.I.F. playoff scoring procedures

### **Section 7:**

Starting times:

All League matches start at 3:15 pm

League Prelims and Finals start at 1:00 pm

### **Section 8:**

The Baseline League shall follow C.I.F. playoff scoring procedures for all League Matches. By mutual consent coaches may agree to do "No Adv." Scoring for an entire match.

## **Article X: TRACK**

### **Section 1:**

All outdoor track and field competition will be conducted under NATIONAL FEDERATION & C.I.F. Blue Book rules unless otherwise provided herein. The order of events and the events conducted at all league meets will be the same as those listed in the Blue Book.

### **Section 2:**

The school responsible for the League Track Finals shall be determined by League assignments. The Meet Manager shall be chosen from the faculty of that school and shall make all arrangements for the meet, and arrange and certify to the C.I.F.S.S. Commissioner of Athletics all entries for the Southern Section meets.

**Section 3:**

All officials for the League Finals except starter and referee shall be selected from school people of the League. Each League school shall be required to provide an equal number of officials as determined by the Meet Manager. Assignments shall be determined at the Pre-Season Coaches Meeting.

**Section 4:**

The League Coordinator(s) shall determine the site of the Preliminary and League Finals. The Meet Manager shall call a meeting of track coaches to establish the number of preliminary heats and contestants in each event. The number of athletes qualifying for the Final Meet in each track event shall be determined by the limitations of the track where the Meet is to be held. The number of athletes qualifying for the Final Meet in field events shall be limited to nine plus ties for ninth.

**Section 5:**

Records made in Preliminary and Final Meets shall be considered League records.

**Section 6:**

A list of all entries for the Preliminary Meet should be in the hands of the Meet Manager on the evening of the Final League dual or triangular meet. Coaches will attend this post season meeting for the purpose of seeding the Preliminary Meet and other appropriate business. Each member school will notify the Meet Manager if a student is unable to participate. The Meet Manager will select an alternate student to participate in League Finals.

**Section 7:**

All contestants shall remain in the designated area (bull pen) when not actually competing in an event. No non-participating athletes shall be at the finish line or on the curb area.

**Section 8:**

The Baseline League will consist of Boys and Girls Varsity and JV only.

**Section 9:**

An Appeals Board will be present at the League Prelims and League Finals. The Board will be composed of all head track coaches and the league coordinator(s). In the case of an appeal, *any or all* schools involved will not be a part of the appeals board. Furthermore, an appeal coming from the boy's team, will be heard by only the girl's head coaches and the league coordinator(s). The boy's coaches will be part of the board for the girl's appeals with the league coordinator(s). The starter will be included if required to make an odd # appeal board.

**Section 10:**

Starting Times:		
Varsity & JV Meets		3:15 pm
League Prelims:	Field Events	3:00 pm
	Track Events	3:00 pm
League Finals:	All Events	3:00 pm

**Section 11:**

All levels of Boys and Girls Track & Field events will be timed or measured and scores recorded for Baseline League Meets.

**Article XI: VOLLEYBALL**

**Section 1:**

All volleyball matches will be played under NATIONAL FEDERATION and C.I.F. Blue Book rules unless otherwise provided herein.

**Section 2:**

A leather ball approved by the Federation Rules Committee shall be used for all games.

**Section 3:**

Varsity games will play 3 out of 5 matches. JV's/Frosh shall play 2 out of 3 matches.

**Section 4:**

Starting times:

Freshman / JV 3:15

Varsity: 5:00 approx. (within 20 minutes of the JV match).

Except Single Gym 3:15, 4:15, 5:15

**Article XII: WATER POLO**

**Section 1:**

All water polo games will be played under NATIONAL FEDERATION & C.I.F. Blue Book rules unless otherwise provided herein.

**Section 2:**

Starting Times:

JV: 4:00 (20 minutes after the Varsity Match)

Varsity: 3:15

**Article XIII: WRESTLING**

**Section 1:**

All wrestling competition will be conducted under NATIONAL FEDERATION and C.I.F. Blue Book rules unless other wise provided herein.

**Section 2:**

League wrestling competition shall consist of dual matches and a Final League Tournament.

**Section 3:**

The League Championship will be determined by dual matches.

**Section 4:**

A seeding meeting shall be held prior to League Finals.

**Section 5:**

Starting times: 4:00 Weigh In

Jr. Varsity 5:00

Varsity 6:30

League Finals 2:00 pm (weigh-in at noon) on Weekdays.

10:00 am (8:00 weigh in) on Saturday

**Section 6:**

League Finals

- a. The Host School shall have the right to charge admission to the Baseline League Finals in accordance with League Admission Policy.  
Host school shall charge admission. The host school then pays cost associated with hosting event (security, trainer, etc.). Any surplus money will go to the host school.  
If cost > surplus Baseline League covers the deficit.  
*The Baseline League will receive the Admission proceeds after expenses are paid by the host school for ticket sellers.*
- b. *The Baseline League will repay the Host school for custodial costs.*
- c. *League finals will be scored and the scores will be used as a determination of the league seeding in case of any ties for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place.*

**Article XIV: BASELINE LEAGUE SCHOLAR/ATHLETE AWARDS**

**Section 1:**

The Baseline League will award scholar/athletes with certificates for those who meet the following criteria:

- a. Must be a senior on a Varsity team.
- b. Must have an overall GPA of 3.0 or better for:  
Six semesters for Fall Sports and Seven semesters for Winter and Spring Sports.

**Article XV: BASELINE LEAGUE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

**Section 1:**

The Baseline League will select a member school for the Sportsmanship award. The award will be given to the school that earns the highest point average for their total participation. The League Coordinator(s) will conduct a vote at each sport. The school getting the most votes will earn the League sportsmanship award. Due to the time line from the CIF-SS, the selection of the Sportsmanship Award is derived from Spring/Fall/Winter voting and combines two calendar school years.

**Article XVI: BASELINE LEAGUE TEAM & INDIVIDUAL ATHLETIC AWARDS**

**Section 1:**

The League shall grant awards only at the Varsity level. Team Sports will receive patches for First Team All League selections. All athletes selected on First, Second and Honorable Mention will also receive certificates. All League Second Team will be selected on the same basis the First Team but without a MVP. Honorable Mention would be limited according to the following scale:

- All League Teams of less than 10 players=1 HM per school.
- All League Teams of 10-19 players=2 HM per school.
- All League Teams of 20 or more players=3 HM per school.

**Section 2:**

The following are designated as Team Sports:

- Baseball                      Softball
- Basketball                    Tennis
- Football                        Volleyball
- Soccer                         Water Polo

**Section 3:**

The League shall grant medals and certificates to athletes chosen on All League Teams or to athletes who finish at a specific level in the League Finals for Individual Sports.

**Article XVI: Awards**

**Section 4:**

The following are designated as Individual Sports:

- Cross Country                Track and Field
- Golf                             Wrestling
- Swimming

**Section 5:**

A member of an All League Team must compete the season as an eligible player.

**Section 6:**

A League Trophy will be awarded to each school designated as the Varsity Champion of a Team or Individual Sport.

**Section 7:**

All nominations must be submitted to league coordinator by noon the day of the meeting.

In order to be on all league, a player must at least 50% of the league votes. The maximum awards shall not exceed 1.5 x the number of players on a particular sports team (Including MVP). These numbers are given as follows:

**INDIVIDUAL SPORTS PLACE**

- Cross Country                      1-10 Finalists
- Golf                                    1-6 Finalists
- Swimming-individual events        1-3 Finalists for each event
- Swimming-relays                    1-3 Finalists for each event
- Track & Field-individual events    1-3 Finalists for each event
- Track & Field-relays                1-3 Finalists for each event
- Wrestling                            1-3 Finalists for each event

**TEAM SPORTS ALL LEAGUE**

- Baseball/Softball                    1 MVP + 13 Players
- Basketball                            1 MVP + 7 Players
- Football                                2 MVP's + 2 Kickers + 29 Players
- Soccer                                 1 MVP + 16 Players
- Tennis                                 1 MVP (Singles) + 3 Singles Players
- 1 MVP (Doubles Team) + 3 Doubles Teams

Volleyball	1 MVP + 8 Players
Water Polo	1 MVP + 9 Players

In the event of ties, the League Coordinator will allow some latitude in resolving such ties.

**Article XVII: LEAGUE STUDENT COUNCIL**

**Section 1: Purpose**

The League Student Council is a non-legislative organization, which shall meet to exchange ideas on ways to develop and maintain good relations among the League schools.

**Section 2: Membership**

The Council shall be composed of four student representatives from each of the League schools.

**Section 3: League Sponsorship**

At the May meeting, the President’s school shall be assigned responsibility for sponsoring the Council.

**Section 4: Officers**

The ASB President of the host school shall serve as the chairperson of the first meeting.

**Section 5: Meetings**

The Council shall meet twice a year, usually in Fall and Spring.

**Section 6: Voting**

Each school shall have one vote

**Section 7: Finances**

The League shall give such financial support to the Council as it deems appropriate.

**Article XVIII: OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARDS**

Each member school will select five outstanding seniors to be honored by the League at a ceremony in May. Students will be considered on the basis of their achievements and contributions to school and community. Special awards will be presented to the seniors that are being honored. The Activities Directors will be responsible for the coordination of the event and the schools will volunteer to rotate the necessary duties. General expenses will be paid by the League upon being submitted to the League Treasurer.