

Tri-County Athletic League Constitution

Article I – Name and Purpose

This organization shall be known as the Tri County Athletic League.

The Purposes of this organization shall be:

- 1) To administer athletics in the TCAL so that every school’s faculty will regard athletics as an educational resource to be encouraged.
- 2) By means of a constitution and rulings, to clarify and make definite the administration of athletics.
- 3) To provide through the observance of good standards of sportsmanship, cordial and friendly relations among the schools.
- 4) To assist the students, faculty and administration of member schools in the development and continuation of an athletic program in their schools.
- 5) To promote acceptance of the Cardinal Principles and Code of Ethics of the California Interscholastic Federation.

Non-discrimination Policy:

The TCAL is committed to providing equitable athletic opportunities for boys and girls and admits students of any race, color, national origin to all the rights and privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to the students of member schools. The league will not discriminate in the administration on the basis of race, color, gender, national or ethnic origin or religion.

Article II – Membership

Membership in this league shall be as determined by the North Coast Section of the California Interscholastic Federation.

SCHOOL	COLORS	MASCOT
Albany	Red and White	Cougars
De Anza	Red and Gold	Dons
El Cerrito	Green and White	Gauchos
Hercules	Columbia Blue/Silver/Black	Titans
Jesse Bethel		Jaguars
John F. Kennedy	Red and White	Eagles
John Swett	Red/Blue/White	Indians
Pinole Valley	Blue and Gold	Spartans
Richmond	Navy Blue and Red	Oilers
Salesian	Black/Salesian Red/Vegas Gold	Pride
St. Mary’s	Red and White	Panthers
St. Patrick-St. Vincent	Forest Green/Vegas Gold/White	Bruins
Vallejo		Redhawks

Article III - Government

The Principals Council, composed of the principal from each school appointed by the district, shall be the governing body of this organization. Any principal may delegate his/her powers to another authorized CIF/NCS designee.

The Principals Council shall appoint the League Commissioner and the representatives to the North Coast Section board of Managers. Only the Commissioner, acting with the approval of the Principals Council, shall make appeals to the California Interscholastic Federation. The commissioner shall be an exofficio member of the Principals Council and the Athletic Directors' Advisory board to oversee the League and enforce the Constitution.

- 1) The decisions of the council shall be final unless over-ruled by the North Coast Section of the California Interscholastic Federation of which this League is a member.
- 2) In all decisions, the council shall vote by schools and the Principal or delegate shall cast one vote each.
- 3) A plurality of votes will be necessary to pass a resolution.
- 4) A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the Council.
- 5) The officers shall be the League's representatives to the North Coast Section Board of Managers.
- 6) If a member of the League is appointed to the NCS Executive Committee, this League member will replace the TCAL Vice President as an official representative to the NCS Board of Managers meetings. The Vice President will be an alternate if a delegate cannot attend an NCS meeting.
- 7) The officers shall serve on a rotating basis.
- 8) Meetings of the Principals Council shall take place as mandated by the NCS. The Principal or an appropriate delegate must represent each school. The place and time of the meetings shall be determined by the Council consistent with the NCS schedule.
- 9) The President may call special meetings of the Council at any time.
- 10) League rules may only be changed by action of the principals at a regularly scheduled or specially called meeting.
- 11) The Commissioner shall act as the Executive Secretary for the Council.
- 12) The Council shall review and approve a Commissioner on a year-to-year basis at the last meeting of the academic year.

The Principals Council shall have the following powers and duties:

- 1) To suspend from competition any member school for violations of League, section or CIF state regulations; suspensions will take a two-thirds (8) vote of the member schools.
- 2) To levy an annual assessment to be used for the operation of the League.
- 3) To fix and enforce penalties for violations of League, section, or CIF state constitutions, bylaws or other operational rules of this League or a parent organization.
- 4) To approve schedules of competition of all sports in which a League champion is declared and to excuse from completion League schedules of member schools by a two-thirds vote (8) of all member schools. Once schedules are approved the Commissioner and affected schools may change the schedules.
- 5) To determine which sports will have a League champion and to determine awards that will be presented. To ensure that when an athletic event is offered for girls' and boys' teams in the same sport, awards of equal value for girls' and boys' competition. Such awards need not be identical, but must be of equal value at each level of competition for boys and girls.

- 6) To approve the time, place, and general management of all events held under the auspices of the TCAL for the purposes of playoff or for determining League representation to other athletic competition.
- 7) To approve fee schedules and assignments of officials in cooperation with the officials' associations and to contract on behalf of member schools for the services of such officials' associations.
- 8) To make and amend rules and bylaws of this organization and to be responsible that no operating rules of this organization are in conflict with the parent organizations, North Coast Section and California Interscholastic Federation.
- 9) To have complete control of the finances of this League except as elsewhere provided in this Constitution. This shall not be interpreted to mean that the League will assume control of finances of its member schools in any capacity except in the matter of financing the League operation.
- 10) To cooperate with and develop programs as needed with the other schools and Leagues in their conference as assigned by the North Coast Section.
- 11) To exercise or provide for the exercise of all function of this League not specifically provided for in this Constitution or Bylaws.

The Athletic Directors' Advisory Board, composed of the Athletic Directors of each member school, shall have the following powers and duties:

- 1) The Advisory Board shall meet prior to the Principals Council.
- 2) Its function shall be to present to the Principals Council recommendations for changes in League rules.
- 3) The Commissioner and/or the President of the Principals Council may call special meetings of the Advisory Board.
- 4) The Advisory board shall assist the commissioner in the planning and staffing of all post-season events.

Article IV – Committees

The Principals Council is authorized, by two-thirds vote, to create a sub-committee.

Appeals Committee

- 1) The committee shall be composed of three principals and/or athletic directors appointed by the League President.
- 2) The President shall call a meeting upon receipt of a rule violation or game protest.
- 3) The Committee will investigate each alleged violation by a League member school of TCAL, NCS or CIF rules; report its findings and sanctions, if appropriate, to the TCAL Principals Council. A game protest will be decided by the Appeals Committee.

Article V – Funding

For necessary funds, the Principals Council shall be authorized to levy an assessment on the member schools. The Commissioner shall submit a bill to each member school at the beginning of each school year upon approval of the budget by the Principals Council. The League budget, for the following year, shall be submitted to the Principals Council by the April meeting for approval at the last meeting of the year.

Article VI – Amendments

The Constitution of the TCAL may be amended at any regular meeting of the Principals Council by two-thirds (8) vote of the member of the league, provided notice of such amendment shall have been received by all members one week in advance.

The Bylaws of the TCAL may be amended by a majority vote at any meeting.

Article VII - Ratification

This Constitution and Bylaws shall be considered ratified and in effect upon a two-thirds (8) vote for approval by the Principals Council.

This ratification may be accomplished at a regular meeting or one called specifically for the purpose.

Article VIII - Duties and Responsibilities

All schools that are members of this League are bound by their membership to enforce the constitution of this League and its parent organizations.

- 1) The Principal of each member school shall accept the responsibility for ensuring that members of their coaching staff are familiar with the Constitution, Bylaws and other operating rules.
- 2) Upon recognition of a violation by a member school of the operating rules, it will be the responsibility of the principal to take appropriate action and to report the violation to League officials.
- 3) A principal may request a hearing on an alleged violation of the League, NCS or CIF constitution and/or bylaws. *The Appeals Committee* will hear the alleged violation and make its recommendation to the Principals Council.
- 4) Every effort will be made to provide due process to all parties involved in any case brought before its governing bodies
- 5) All TCAL schools are bound by their membership to enforce the Constitution and Bylaws and all rules voted by the Principals Council, North Coast Section, or the TCAL. The schools, League and NCS may determine legislation and/or assess penalties which are more stringent than those adopted by higher authority, but shall not enact rules or regulations more permissive than those adopted by a higher authority.

Tri-County Athletic League Bylaws

I. **Officers**

The officers of the Principals Council shall be President, Vice President and Commissioner.

- a. President: The President shall preside at all TCAL Principals Council meetings; appoint members as required to all standing committees and appoint any other committee members as required by Principals Council action
- b. Vice-President: The Vice President shall assume the duties and the powers of the President in the absence of that officer or if the President is unable to serve.
- c. Commissioner(s): The Commissioner(s) of the TCAL shall receive a yearly salary determined by the council. The responsibilities of the Commissioner(s) of the TCAL include:
 - i. Records, budgets, and correspondence
 1. Keep a complete record of all business at each meeting of the Council.
 2. Carry on all official correspondence.
 3. Receive and take charge of all monies of the TCAL.
 4. Keep accurate financial records and be charged with banking of League funds.
 5. Be in charge of all trophies, emblems, awards and other properties of the TCAL.
 6. Prepare appropriate financial records for approval by the Council including a proposed budget for the ensuing year.
 7. Be responsible and maintain effective communications with and among the member schools as well as receive all protests, complaints and official statements from member schools.
 - ii. Rules, Regulations, and Representation
 1. Enforce rules and regulations as specified in the League Constitution and Bylaws.
 2. Act as negotiator in dealing with sports officials' associations.
 3. Represent the League at North Coast Section Principals Council meetings in a non-voting capacity.
 4. Attend the NCS Commissioner workshop and Sports Advisory Committee meetings.
 5. Preside over or appoint someone to preside over coaches meetings.
 6. Interpret rules and regulations, which are not specifically stated in or covered by the League Constitution and Bylaws and to render judgment accordingly.
 7. Discipline in cases where such action is deemed necessary according to the League rules and regulations.
 - iii. Schedules and Rosters
 1. Prepare all athletic schedules
 2. Administer League playoffs and tournaments.
 3. Maintain a current edition of the constitution and Bylaws and publish a current revision of it periodically.

4. Receive and file all League eligibility rosters and all changes made to such rosters.
5. Assist schools that field a Varsity team in a sport not considered "official" (less than four schools fielding teams) with finding Leagues for their participation using North Coast Section conferencing and other NCS structures as available.

II. **Athletic Directors' Advisory Board**

- a. Each member school shall have one vote.
 - i. Motions shall pass on a simple majority.
 - ii. Meeting minutes are to be taken and distributed by the Commissioner(s) to the Athletic Directors and Principals.
- b. The function of the Athletic Directors' Advisory Board shall be to present problems and recommendation for changes in League rules to the Principals Council.
 - i. Matters which pertain to particular sports and adoption of particular rulings for such are within the purview of the Athletic Directors.
 - ii. Rules and policies proposed by the Advisory Board must be approved by the Principals Council.
 - iii. Proposals to the Principals Council must be approved by a simple majority of the membership of the Advisory Board (8 votes).
- c. The commissioner will prepare the agenda for Advisory Board meetings and distribute it one week prior to the meeting to the Athletic Directors and Principals.
- d. Points to be included on the agenda for the Advisory Board meetings should be submitted to the commissioner at least one week before the scheduled meeting.
- e. Emergency items may be sent after this time to the Commissioner.
- f. Any communications to the NCS or the CIF should be sent through the Commissioner.

III. **Coaches Meetings**

- a. A coaches' meeting for each sport shall convene prior to and following each season for each sport.
- b. The pre and post-season meeting will include just the varsity head coach of each sport unless determined by the commissioner or a majority of the coaches of the sport that an issue or problem exists that mandates the presence of JV and/or frosh level coaches.
- c. The purpose of the pre-season meeting is to organize the season of sport.
- d. The Athletic Director shall preside over the post-season meeting. The purpose of the post-season meeting is to make recommendations to Athletic Directors Advisory Board concerning general league matters and to propose specific rules pertaining to the individual sports and to select the All League team.

IV. **Eligibility**

- a. All TCAL schools shall follow the CIF and NCS eligibility rules.

V. **Rosters**

- a. The rosters shall be filed with the League commission's office at least 48 hours before a school's first League contest in that sport.

- b. The roster must include the last name, first name and grade of each student. All transfer students must be noted on the roster (except an entering 9th grade student).
- c. No athlete shall play in a sport at more than one level against the same opponent in the same round. This rule applies to League *and pre-season* competition.
- d. A student is eligible for more than one sport in the same season.
- e. The school's Principal is responsible for verifying the scholastic and transfer eligibility of their students.

VI. Individual Entries in League Meets

- a. In accordance to CIF and NCS by-laws, sports with individual competition that have post season contests/tournaments, TCAL schools that have not had a regular season team may request participation of individuals from their school if all eligibility requirements are met for competitors.
 - i. The placement of these individuals will be skipped in computing team scores (if an individual entree finishes second, the third place will be counted as second for team points, etc.)
 - ii. He or she will have equal opportunity for awards furnished by the League.
 - iii. He or she will be allowed entry to the NCS/CIF competition for which the TCAL event is a qualifying event.

VII. Sportsmanship Responsibilities of Individual Schools

- a. Each competing school will supply supervision by an administrator or designee for each football game (Varsity only if played in separate locations) and for each men's and women's Varsity Home Basketball game. For basketball games the Principal of each visiting school, acting in a reasonable and prudent manner, shall determine the appropriate level of supervision if any that may be needed to be provided for each contest
- b. The supervision of other athletic events is the responsibility of the home school.
 - i. The faculty representatives shall meet with each other prior to the contest.
 - ii. Faculty representatives may be designated in all other sports as a school deems necessary, or as directed by the Commissioner.
 - iii. The host (home) school shall instruct visiting schools sufficiently in advance of scheduled athletic contests as to such details as: directions to the facility, parking facilities, visitor section, etc.
 - iv. A visiting school should make the home school's policies known to its students.
 - v. The behavior of athletes, rooting sections and personnel of competing schools must reflect the best interests of competitive athletics as described in the CIF Pursuing Victory with Honor program.
 - vi. If infringements of standards of sportsmanship occur, it is the responsibility of the competing schools to settle difficulties between their students.
 - vii. If a mutual agreement cannot be made, it shall be a subject for a special meeting of the Principals Council for resolution of the conflict.
- c. Member schools are requested to provide identifying jackets for crowd control personnel.

- d. It shall be the duty of each school, through its authorized officials, to prosecute acts of vandalism or unsportsmanlike conduct perpetrated by its students.
- e. Police should be used to help supervise those games which involve strong rivalries and extra-large crowds. Each school must share their game control plans and policies.
- f. With the approval of the Athletic Director or faculty representative, signs, posters, and banners (other than regular school banners) may, be put up by either team before an athletic contest. However, the use of signs designed to taunt the opposition is in poor taste and is prohibited
- g. It shall be the responsibility of each eligible school to provide its quota of officials for League Meets or playoffs as requested by the Athletic Directors' Advisory Board. The schools are responsible for having such officials report on time to avoid confusion or delay.
 - i. It is the responsibility of each school to see that officials and/or their associations are informed as to entry to school facilities (gyms), dressing quarters as required, rest areas for officials, parking facilities, etc.
 - ii. Host schools are responsible for security assistance for officials to include their movement on and off competitive areas (football stadiums, basketball courts, etc.).
- h. All athletic events or activities of the TCAL shall be under the direction, supervision and control of the school authorities. Benefits accruing from these activities shall be used only for the purposes of participating schools.

VIII. Public Address Systems

- a. Public address announcers are considered to be officials of an event and are to consider participating schools equally.
- b. PA systems are not to be used for play-by-play purposes.
- c. PA announcements are NOT to include commentary and the announcer will not make negative comments or any statements intended to degrade participating athletes, teams or rooting sections.
- d. The PA system will not be used for encouraging a competing team or as an integral part of a rooting section except that during time outs or halftime PA systems may be used to aid in spirit activities (such as music for pompon work).
- e. Arrangements must be made to allow equitable use by visiting schools if they make such a request.
- f. Announcements during TCAL contests not related to athletic competition may be made on behalf of any school, person or organization over the PA system if they have received prior permission of the administration of a competing school.
- g. The responsibility for appropriate use of a PA system during TCAL contest will rest with the host school administration or the director of the athletic event as assigned by the TCAL Principals Council.

IX. Broadcast Rights

- a. Approval of radio broadcast or television broadcast rights of League contests, regular or post-season, will rest with the host school administration or the director of the athletic event as assigned by the Principals Council.

- b. All contracts for broadcast rights are subject to the approval of the host school's principal; in the event of a regular season game, or the Principals Council in the event of a League post-season or tournament event.

X. Code of Ethics

The TCAL subscribes to the North Coast Section Code of Ethics with the following additions:

a. For Athletes

- i. Athletes are expected to show the highest standards of sportsmanship during competition.
- ii. Athletes are to share in the responsibility for the conduct of their teammates and supporters of their team by control in their behavior.
- iii. An athlete must accept the decision of an official. Any questions regarding a call or calls are to be directed to the official by the coach or team captain.
- iv. Any complaints that the athletes have should go to the coach, Athletic Director then the Principal.
- v. An athlete shall be responsible for all equipment issued to him/her and will replace or pay for it if any of it is not returned.
- vi. An athlete must keep his/her academic performance up so that he/she may continue to participate on a team.

b. For Spectators

- i. Spectators are required to maintain a high degree of sportsmanship during athletic contests.
- ii. Spectators are required, at all times, to remain in the designated seating areas while a contest is in progress.
- iii. No spectator is allowed to confront an official, coach or player before, during or after an athletic contest.
- iv. A spectator suspected of throwing any objects onto the playing surface of an athletic contest will be immediately ejected from the premises.
- v. The actions of a spectator, detrimental to the playing of the game, may cause forfeiture of that contest

c. For Cheering Sections

- i. Uniformed team members, bands and cheerleaders will not lead, take part in or distractive noises during free throw shooting.
- ii. Only non-shedding pompons are to be used during TCAL basketball games and pompon debris must be kept off the floor as it is a hazard to the players. The pompon girls are responsible for picking the debris up off the floor.
- iii. The use of yells and songs with the intent to taunt the opposition is forbidden. Rooting sections will confine their routines to those that are in direct support of their own teams.
- iv. No noisemakers of any kind shall be permitted at any athletic contest.
- v. Laser lights are not permitted at any athletic contest.

d. For Bands

- i. A faculty member should supervise the school band at every performance.

- ii. Bands should play only before a game, during the timeouts, at halftime and after the game. The instruments should be used as musical instruments, not noisemakers.
 - iii. The band of one school should not play while the band of the other school is playing or performing.
 - iv. Bands should take turns performing their numbers. The host band director should contact the visiting director before the game to determine the playing order.
 - v. Bands must terminate a number when a team breaks a huddle or the official indicates that play is to be resumed. This is extremely important.
 - vi. Bands, song girls, entertainment, etc. should never interfere with the officials, the practicing teams or the playing of the game.
 - vii. Pep bands are recognized as official representatives of their respective schools.
 - viii. Bands must adhere to local noise ordinance.
 - ix. Bands shall be limited to instruments without amplifiers.
- e. **For Coaches**
- i. A coach will be expected to maintain high levels of sportsmanship, thus serving as an example to be emulated by players and spectators.
 - ii. A coach will be held responsible for the behavior of his/her personnel. Repeated misbehavior by the team personnel may be considered a reflection of the coach's inability to control them.
 - iii. Coaches shall acknowledge officials' primary responsibility for conduct of contests, authority to make final decisions regarding rule interpretations during a contest, and authority to discontinue a contest and award a default for harassment or other unprofessional conduct by a coach.
 - iv. Questions and complaints regarding the conditions and procedures of a contest shall be directed to the hosting coach prior to the contest. Questions and complaints regarding conditions or procedures that arise or change during the course of a contest shall be directed to the officials.
 - v. Proper behavior for a coach would preclude:
 - 1. disrespectfully addressing an official
 - 2. disrespectfully addressing or baiting an opponent
 - 3. indicating his/her objection to an official's decision using gestures, or charging onto the playing field/court
 - 4. doing anything that might incite undesirable crowd reactions
 - 5. violating rules (particularly with regard to coaching decorum) listed in the official rule book of the sport in which he/ she coaches.

XI. General Rules

a. Coaching

- i. In addition to rules regarding who may coach, required by the North Coast Section, the California Interscholastic Federation and the California Education Code, the League requires:
 - 1. No person shall be allowed to any time to instruct a TCAL team or sit on the players bench unless that person is assigned by the Principal.

2. Student teachers or students of the school, when approved by the Principal, may assist in a coaching capacity.
 3. Any violating of coaching rules will automatically disqualify a team.
- ii. No team or individual will be allowed to compete in a TCAL championship meet or tournament until their coach has signed in with the event director, as selected and certified by the sport coaches and/or league athletic directors, on the official Coaches' Registration List.
 - iii. This list shall be compiled by the league office and shall include the designated coaches for each school team as listed on the team roster on file with the league office. Each coach shall be required to sign in next to his/her name in the space provided. There shall be a list provided for each day of the event.
 - iv. In the event of a designated coach cannot attend a day of the event, his/her replacement must sign in on the replaced coaches' list and present to the event director a letter of appointment signed by the school principal to establish his/her temporary status as designated coach.
 - v.

XII. Recruitment

See NCS and CIF Bylaws

XIII. Default

- a. In case one school defaults to another school, the school receiving the default will be credited with a win for League standings.
- b. In cases of default or failure to complete a scheduled League contest, the Principals Council, if necessary, shall decide penalties

XIV. Awards to the League

Trophies or other awards offered to the League may be accepted with the approval of the Principals Council.

XV. Team Composition

- a. Junior Varsity teams may be composed of 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students only. Under no circumstances will a 12th grade student be allowed to participate on a Junior Varsity team. (except Cross Country)
- b. Freshman teams are limited to 9th grade students
- c. Frosh/Soph teams are limited to 9th and 10th grade students.

XVI. Score Reporting

In order to facilitate the compilation of League standings the Athletic Directors of each TCAL school shall be responsible for seeing that all scores are emailed to the League office every Monday of the League season before 6:00 PM.

XVII. League Championship Teams

- a. The Principals Council will determine the method of determining championship teams of the TCAL in each sport.
- b. They need not be the same for each sport.

- c. The method of determination for each sport shall appear in the bylaws for that sport.
- d. The tie-breaking rule will be used to determine the automatic entrée into the NCS Playoff. Teams ending in a tie are co-champions for the purpose of awards.

XVIII. Protests and Alleged Violations of League Rules

- a. Protests may only be made when a rule has been violated.
- b. No protest may be made involving an officials' judgment.
- c. Protests of eligibility may be made at any time during the current school year.
- d. A protest involving game conditions must be called to the attention of the officials before the game or during the game when the reason for the protest occurs.
- e. A game protest, to be valid, must be made in writing by the Principal of the school, or by the League Commissioner, to the following people:
 - i. to the League Commissioner
 - ii. to the Principals (s) of the other member schools (s) involved
 - iii. to the President of the Principals Council
- f. Must be postmarked not later than 72 hours after the reason for the protest occurs.
- g. The Eligibility and Appeals committee will process alleged violations of League rules.
- h. Any member school, through its Principal, may initiate a protest or an investigation of a violation of the league, NCS, or CIF rules and/or regulations.
- i. All protests must be made out in writing and signed by the Principal of the complaining school. The investigation is to be carried out without publicity and submitted for review to the League Commissioner.

XIX. Violations

There are four general categories of violations

- a. Limits of the Scope of the Activity (number of games, beginning practice too soon, etc. See NCS Sports Handbook 101H): The coach is the person of primary responsibility.
- b. Eligibility: The Principal, Athletic Director, Coaches, and the Student(s) involved are the person(s) of responsibility.
- c. Failure to Meet Inter school Responsibilities: (crowd control, game conditions,
- d. Coaches' and Athletes' Department: The coach is the person of primary responsibility for personal and player department.
- e. Procedure for Reporting Alleged Violations
See NCS By-law 218

XX. Prayer

Organized prayer before, during, or after any league or section playoff or championship athletic activity is not permitted. Organized prayer is also not permitted before, during or after any officially sanctioned league or section athletic activity or event that includes at least one public school.

XXI. Admission policies and Prices

- a. For any contest where extra-large attendance is anticipated:
 - i. Five days before the contest, based on mutual agreement among the Principals, each school is to inform the opposing school how many seats

will be available for spectators, cheerleaders and pep bands and work out reasonable accommodations for free admissions.

- ii. Faculty admission to TCAL games shall be upon presentation of TCAL passes.
- iii. Schools may determine their own policy regarding free admission for their own students at home games.
- iv. Schools may also sell season passes for home games at less than the TCAL fixed per game admission.

Regular Season Admission Prices	
For League Basketball and Football Games:	
Adults	\$6.00
TCAL Students with Student Body Card	\$2.00
Non TCAL Students with Student Body Card	\$4.00
Child K through 8 with parent/guardian	\$2.00
Senior Citizens (65 years or older)	\$2.00
Preschoolers	Free
For Volleyball Games:	
Adults	\$5.00
Students with Student Body Card	\$2.00
Children K through 8 with parent/Guardian	\$2.00
Senior Citizens	\$2.00
Preschoolers	Free
The charge for basketball triple-headers shall be assessed at the beginning of the Frosh, or first, game.	
Gate receipts in all cases go to the home team.	
Playoff Admission Prices	
Basketball Admission	
Adult	\$6.00
Non-TCAL Student with Student Body Card	\$4.00
TCAL student with Student Body Card	\$2.00
Child K-8	\$2.00
Senior Citizens	\$2.00
Preschoolers	Free
Championship Night	
Adult (non-TCAL students)	\$7.00
Student with Student Body Card	\$3.00
Children under 12 and Senior Citizens	\$2.00
Softball and baseball admission shall be 2.00 for adults and 1.00 for students and children with student body cards.	
Volleyball playoff admission prices:	
Adult	\$5.00
Student with TCAL card	\$2.00
Senior Citizens	\$2.00
50 free adult tickets will be issued to each participating school for basketball	

playoffs to be distributed at AD meeting prior to playoffs.	
Gate receipts from TCAL playoff games go to the League, including any pregame sales.	
i. The host school shall retain concession profits	
Free Admission	
i.	For anyone presenting a lifetime pass of the California Interscholastic Federation in his or her name.
ii.	For anyone presenting a pass from the North Coast Section.
iii.	TCAL passes are <u>not valid</u> for use by students <i>unless they are assigned</i> .
iv.	For members of the “working press” bearing a valid press card for their media employer.
v.	The Commissioner will grant admission to officials of associations that work games of the TCAL for the purpose of evaluation of their officials when using TCAL Athletic Passes issued.

XXII. North Coast Section Entry Fees

- a. Automatic qualifier fees will be paid by the League through the Commissioner’s office and invoiced to the schools.

XXIII. Officials

- a. All officials for volleyball, football, basketball, baseball and soccer games shall be members of the officials’ organization designated by the Athletic Directors’ Advisory Board for that sport.
- b. Any exception must be acceptable to both teams
- c. The Officials Organization must be an approved CIF/NCS Organization.
- d. The officials’ association through negotiations with the League should determine the pay of the officials.
- e. No officials should be an alumnus of a participating school.
- f. Timers at Varsity and Junior Varsity games are to be qualified adults.
- g. There shall be at least two officials for Varsity soccer, baseball, softball and Varsity, Junior Varsity and Frosh basketball. (Schools may opt to hire a third official.)
 - i. If only one official appears for volleyball, basketball, soccer, baseball or softball games, either team may refuse to play.
 - ii. There shall be one official for the JV baseball League games. (Schools may opt for more.)
- h. There shall be four officials for each football contest: Varsity and Junior Varsity.
 - i. There shall be a minimum of three officials for Frosh games; however, schools are encouraged to hire four officials for Frosh games as well.
 - ii. In case of emergency, games may be played with fewer officials if both coaches agree
- i. Complaints concerning officials are to be sent to the commissioner.

XXIV. Ejection Policy

See NCS Sports Handbook, 307H Ejection Policy

XXV. All League Teams

- a. All league teams will be chosen by the coaches who will determine the All League selections based on the method for their sport as outlined in the bylaws for that sport.
- b. There will be no All League for Junior Varsity or Frosh sports.
- c. Patches will be awarded to all players on the 1st team Varsity All League teams.
- d. Certificates will be awarded to all players on All League teams and honorable mention

All League Medals	Men	Women
Badminton	4	4
Baseball	10	
Basketball	5	5
Cross Country	7	7
Football	24	
Golf	6	6
Soccer	11	11
Softball		10
Swimming	21	21
Tennis	6	6
Track	22	22
Volleyball	7	7

XXVI. Banners

- a. In sports played in divisions, the divisional winner will be the automatic qualifier and the playoff winner will receive the banner and championship medals.
- b. Banners will be awarded to the following championship teams:

Men's:	Cross Country	Women's:	Cross Country
	Badminton		Badminton
	Basketball		Basketball
	Baseball		Softball
	Football		
	Golf		Golf
	Soccer		Soccer
	Swimming		Swimming
	Tennis		Tennis
	Track		Track
	Volleyball		Volleyball
	Water Polo		Water Polo

XXVII. Individual Awards for Championship Teams

Men:		Women:	
Badminton	12	Badminton	12
Basketball	15	Basketball	15
Baseball	20	Softball	20
Cross Country	12	Cross Country	12
Football	30		
Golf	12	Golf	12
Soccer	20	Soccer	20
Swimming	30	Swimming	30
Tennis	12	Tennis	12
Track	30	Track	30
Volleyball	15	Volleyball	15
Water Polo	20	Water Polo	20

XXVIII. Scheduling

- a. The Commissioner is responsible for athletic scheduling.
- b. Schedules shall be made prior to the last meeting of the school year and be approved by the Principals Council before acceptance
- c. In the event of a cancellation, except for weather, the school canceling should notify the opponent prior to the day of the game. If the notice is not made in time, the canceling school should pay any expense involved.
- d. School members of the TCAL shall be subject to limits on the number of contests set for each sport by the North Coast Section.
- e. The levels of sport in the TCAL shall be Varsity, Junior Varsity and Frosh. Frosh-Soph competition is permitted, as an additional level, in cross country and track.
- f. If a League school elects to offer only one level of competition in a particular sport, it must be the highest level of that sport offered by the League. This can be waived by a majority vote of the Athletic Directors' Advisory Board with the approval of the Principals Council.

- g. Postponed games shall be played in the order they were originally scheduled.

XXIX. Playoffs

- a. There shall be no playoffs in levels other than Varsity competition and all playoffs will be the decision of the Athletic Directors and Principals.
- b. It is the expectation of the TCAL that all qualified teams would participate in league playoffs.

XXX. NCS Representative in Non-Playoff Sports

In team sports played in divisions, the round robin winner of each division will advance to NCS competition. Any team may apply for an at-large bid.

XXXI. Playoff Format

- a. In team sports without a playoff, the round robin champion will advance to any NCS post-season play. All other teams that meet NCS criteria may apply for an at large berth.
- b. In team sports with a playoff, the divisional champion will advance to NCS competition as the automatic qualifier. All other teams that meet NCS criteria may apply for an at large berth.
- c. In the case of a tie, the following record priority order shall be used to determine qualification for playoffs:
 - i. "Head to Head" record
 - ii. Record against teams above the tie
 - iii. Record against teams below the tie
 - iv. When three teams are tied for a playoff spot, the procedure to break the tie is as follows:
 - 1. Break the initial tie per procedures i through iii above, and then go head to head with the teams left.
 - 2. If still tied, a coin flip will determine position. A coin flip will not eliminate a team from the playoffs. A playoff will be held if necessary.
- d. In all games, the highest round robin finisher will be the home team.
- e. **At the Athletic Directors meeting prior to the start of each season a draw will be held to break ties not covered by the tie-break rules. Athletic Directors will draw at random from a deck of cards, ace to queen. The schools will then be ranked from 1 to 12 based on the draw. One being the highest and 12 the lowest. If a tie cannot be broken by the tiebreaker rules the results of the draw will be used to break the tie.**
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XXXII. NCS Rule Priority

NCS rules take precedence over these rules with regards to the determination of post season representation