

**BASKETBALL BY-LAWS**

**1. OFFICIAL RULES**

Basketball games shall be played in accordance with the rules as defined in the current edition of the National Federation Rule Book.

**2. CLASSIFICATIONS**

Official competition shall be conducted in Boys and Girls Varsity, Boys Frosh/Soph, Girls Junior Varsity.

**3. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

1. Schools should have current and updated schedules available through their school websites and media outlets, i.e. MaxPreps.
2. The Board of Managers may grant permission for participation in post-season tournament.
3. There shall be at least 20 minutes for warm-ups between contests, if requested.
4. Home teams will provide game balls.

**4. GAME LIMITATIONS**

1. Varsity and feeder teams shall be limited to twenty-four (24) games, plus two (2) scrimmages and one (1) non-CIF contest. (10-17-96)
2. A tournament shall be counted as the total number of games played within the structure - not games guaranteed. (see CCS limitations) (03/05/09)
3. Once a player from a team of lower classification (JV, F/S or Freshmen) plays in a VARSITY LEAGUE contest, *even ONE second*, that player must remain on varsity for the remainder of that season. (6/12/17)

**5. PRACTICE DAYS**

CIF Rule #308, CIF Constitution

1. Once League play begins, teams are allowed four (4) practices per week, including Saturdays. Teams must still follow the CIF 18-hour per week contact rule. (3/3/16)
2. Saturday practices are allowed during the season. (11/20/07)

**6. OFFICIAL LEAGUE BASKETBALL**

The recommended League basketball shall be the same ball adopted by CCS.(4-20-99)

**7. GAME MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS**

1. Quarters shall be eight minutes for Varsity, Frosh/Soph, and JV. (5-24-01)
2. There shall be two officials for all league games.
3. There is to be 1 adult to run the game clock for both Varsity & F/S - JV and an experienced person to run the shot clock. Failure to provide an adult could result in the visiting school protesting the

game. (5-24-01)

## **8. SHOT CLOCK - THIRTY & THIRTY FIVE SECOND CLOCK**

1. *The operator shall control a separate timing device.*
2. *The operator shall be provided with a horn with which to signal.*
3. *The operator shall start the timing device when a team initially gains possession of the ball.*
4. *The operator shall stop the timing device and reset when play continues:*
  - a. *when the team loses possession of the ball (the mere touching of a ball by an opponent does not start a new clock if the same team remains in control of the ball)*
  - b. *when a foul occurs*
  - c. *when a tie ball occurs*
  - d. *when a try for goal is attempted*
  - e. *when a violation occurs*
5. *Stop the timing device and continue time when play commences. A new clock period shall not be started when:*
  - a. *the ball is deflected out-of-bounds by a defensive player*
  - b. *the team in possession of the ball calls a time-out*
  - c. *a player becomes injured or loses a contact lens*

*The operator shall sound the horn at the expiration of shot clock. This, however, does not stop play unless recognized by the official's whistle.*

## **9. RESCHEDULING GAMES**

If there is a need to reschedule a game, the home team must initiate the request. The game shall be played (in order of the schedule) within five school days. Any variation shall be approved by the League Commissioner.

## **10. LEAGUE CHAMPION**

The League Champion shall be determined during the double round-robin regular season. The team with the most wins is the League Champion. In the event of a tie, it shall be a co-championship.

## **11. C.C.S. PLAYOFFS**

1. All post-season play will go by the CCS Division playoff Regulations and CCS by-laws.
2. Automatic Qualifiers shall be determined as follows:  
~~four(4) for Mt. Hamilton, one (1) for Santa Teresa, & one (1) for West Valley. (3/08/07)~~  
With the move to geographic divisions, each division will be given two (2) automatic berths:  
BVAL East — 2 automatic qualifiers  
BVAL South — 2 automatic qualifiers  
BVAL West — 2 automatic qualifiers ——— (3/4/16)

*With the move back to power-based divisions, CCS Automatic Qualifiers will be as follows:*

### **BOYS**

*Mt. Hamilton - top four (4) finishers*  
*Santa Teresa - division champion*  
*West Valley - division champion*

### **GIRLS**

*Mt. Hamilton - top three (3) finishers*  
*Santa Teresa-West - division champion*  
*Santa Teresa-East - division champion*

3. Requests to go on to CCS must be made to the Executive Board. (4/99)

4. Play-off tie breaker:

In case of a tie for any of the Automatic Qualifiers the following will apply:

1. Head to head competition
2. Record against common opponents above the teams in the league standings and working down the standings until the tie is broken.
3. Coin Toss

**12. ALL LEAGUE SELECTIONS -**

All League awards will follow the guidelines established by the Chart of Awards found in the BVAL Constitution. For basketball it will be **8** - 1st team & **8** - 2nd team players. (05/10) 5 Special recognition for the Varsity. These awards will be: MVP, SR, JR, SOPH, and FR of the year. (9/3/15)

**Section 1:**

In an attempt to avoid confusion when selecting All League teams, this section provides a number of formulas in which a division chairperson can follow. It is **required** that all JV-F/S level teams use these formulas and allow Varsity level teams the option to use them. (05/27/10)

- Special awards are limited to 5 and not to be included in the 1<sup>st</sup> team (these are considered “over and above” the 1<sup>st</sup> team recognitions.) MVP, SR, JR, **SOPH and FRESH** of the year are automatically included in 1<sup>st</sup> team and do not need to be added/listed as such. (9/3/15)
- In the case of a tie in the league standings, extra certificates will be provided to equal the exact finish amount (i.e.: if 2 teams tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, both teams will receive the number of all league certificates that the formula states the 2<sup>nd</sup> place should receive.)
- Honorable mention awards will be pre-printed (with “Honorable Mention”) and be limited to 2 TOTAL per program (NOT 2 for JV AND 2 for Varsity; 2 TOTAL) These awards will not be recorded by the BVAL.
- If you choose to give Co-MVP, Co-SR, etc., you must give up one of your remaining special awards. **You cannot give up an all-league spot for a Co-spot.**

**Section 3: Basketball - 8 All-League Certificates (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> team)**

	(8 teams)		(7 teams)		(6 teams)			
1st	2	1	1st	2	2	1st	2	2
2nd	1	1	2nd	2	1	2nd	2	1
3rd	1	1	3rd	1	1	3rd	1	2
4th	1	1	4th	1	1	4th	1	1
5th	1	1	5th	1	1	5th	1	1
6th	1	1	6th	1	1	6th	1	1
7th	1	1	7th	-	1			
8th	-	1						

**13. PEP BANDS -**

Pep bands shall remain on the home side of the gym at the end of the gym.

(not behind the benches)

**14. SPIRIT SQUADS -**

Spirit squads are to remain in the stands during the game and may be on the court for half-time and time-outs. (5-29-03)

**15. SUPERVISION -**

Basketball: It is mandatory that both schools provide supervision at all home and away varsity boys' basketball games and all home varsity girls' games unless otherwise requested by the home site. However, at the BVAL Board of Managers meeting on 4/22/10, a motion was made and seconded to eliminate all mid-week away supervision for boys' basketball contests **unless there is a long-standing school rivalry, it is requested in advance by the home school to attend, or it is a traditional school rivalry.** (4/22/10)