

## **BVAL CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE 1: NAME**

**Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be the Blossom Valley Athletic League, here and after referred to as the BVAL. (5/26/09) The BVAL shall be divided into three divisions:

A - Mt. Hamilton Division;

B - Santa Teresa Division;

C - West Valley Division.

Divisions of sport shall have a maximum of no more than **8** teams and no fewer than 6 teams unless directed by the BOM/EXC for the purpose of building a sport. (05/26/09)

*(NOTE: With BOM approval, some sports choose to not follow the A-B-C format and use geographic divisions instead, i.e. basketball in 2016-17.) (8/29/16)*

### **ARTICLE 2: AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE**

**Section 2.** The BVAL is a member of the Central Coast Section of the California Interscholastic Federation and is bound by the constitution and by-laws of both bodies. The rules of the BVAL may be more restrictive than either of the aforementioned if desired by the Board of Managers. Schools or school districts within the Blossom Valley Athletic League may be more restrictive.

#### **The purpose of this League shall be:**

1. To promote interscholastic activities in a way consistent with sound principles of education; to promote equal opportunities for all of the youth regardless of race, religion, gender, or national origin.
2. To supervise the athletic competition between the member schools of this League.
3. To provide guidance and direction so that athletics will always contribute effectively to the total educational development of the students
4. To administer the athletics of the League in accordance with the CCS, CIF and BVAL Constitution, By-laws and Rulings.
5. To provide for the development of cordial and friendly relations among the member schools through the high standards of good sportsmanship. (May 26, 2009)

### **ARTICLE 3: STATEMENT OF ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY**

The BVAL was founded in 1994 to provide for the administration of athletic competition among its member schools. Athletic participation is seen as an integral part to the common mission of our schools and is viewed as an extension of the classroom. Administrators, faculty, and coaches dedicate themselves, to their student-athletes while encouraging individual participation in the community. (May 26, 2009)

**Section 3:** The athletic program is an integral part of the high school educational program, unique in its potential for the moral and physical development of those students involved.

**Section 4:** A sound and well-balanced instructional program of physical education is of primary importance and is basic to any sports program. The interscholastic sports program should not be conducted to the detriment of the instructional program.

**Section 5.** The BVAL Athletic Directors will meet five (5) times yearly. Each school shall have two (2) votes, one per gender. (5/26/09) The interscholastic program based on the needs and interest of

the highly skilled or interested student, should include only those individual, dual, and team activities for which qualified leadership, financial support, and adequate facilities are available.

**Section 6:** It shall be the purpose of all educators responsible for the BVAL:

- 4.1 To encourage every athlete to participate to the extent of his/her abilities.
- 4.2 To emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
- 4.3 To encourage leadership, use of initiative, and good judgment by the participant.
- 4.4 To remember that the welfare of the individual is far more important than the result of any contest.

**Section 7:** The attitude and conduct of coaches shall demonstrate good judgment, ethical standards, and good sportsmanship.

**ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

**Section 1:** The public schools located in the Campbell Union High School District, East Side Union High School District, Morgan Hill Unified School District, and San Jose Unified School District shall be eligible for membership. (5/25/06)

**Section 2:** Dues shall be established annually at the last regular meeting of the Board of Managers and are due August 1st of every year. (5-25-06)

**Section 3:** Delinquent Fee/Dues Policy (4-17-97)

1. Set a deadline and after the deadline assess a 20% late fee.
2. Notify in writing schools that are delinquent in payment (1 month CCS)
3. After fifteen (15) days, schools that are delinquent will be ineligible to participate in ALL contests for ALL sports, including non-league/league/tournament play, until payment is received.

**ARTICLE 5: BOARD OF MANAGERS**

**Section 1:** **Government** - The government of this League shall be vested in a Board of Managers, which shall consist of the Principal of each member school, or his/her proxy. Each school shall have one (1) vote. All members of the Executive Committee shall attend Board of Managers' Meetings. The Commissioner will be a non-voting member at the BVAL Board of Managers. Officers of the Executive Committee shall represent the BVAL at all CCS Board of Managers meetings and will carry the voting instructions of the BVAL Board of Managers. (6-25-15)

1.1 There shall be a President of the League elected by the Principals of all the League schools to serve as the main officer for the League. In the absence of the President, the Past President, President Elect, or one of the Principals-at-Large shall act in his/her absence.

1.2 A League Commissioner shall be appointed by the Board of Managers/Executive Board to execute the rulings and procedures of the League and to administer the League according to its Constitution and By-laws.

- a. Refer to Article 6 of the BVAL Constitution for the responsibilities of the Commissioner.

**Section 2:** **Officers** - The officers of the Executive Committee shall be: Past President (if available), President, President Elect, Principal-at-Large (2 if no Past President), Girls AD representative,

Boys AD representative and a League member of the Athletic Directors Advisory Council (ADAC). The officers of the Executive Committee will be selected annually and voted upon at the Spring Board of Managers meeting. Those officers will chair the BVAL Board of Managers. (6/25/15)

**2.1 Duties of Officers -**

- 2.1.1 **President:** The president shall perform all the duties of a president as defined in Robert's Rules of Order, unless otherwise designated herein.
- 2.1.3 The term of the President shall be two (2) years, renewable at the end of the first term, for one additional term. (5/26/09)
- 2.1.4 **President Elect / Principals-at-Large:** The President Elect, and/or one of the Principals-at-Large shall perform all the duties of the President in his/her absence, and shall complete the term upon the President's resignation or vacation of office. (6/25/15)
- 2.1.3 **Past President/President Elect:** The Past President or President Elect shall regulate new officers and all elections and shall chair the Appeals Committee. (6/25/15)

**2.2 Election of Officers -**

- 2.2.1 The officers of the Executive Committee will be selected annually at the final regularly scheduled Board of Managers' meeting of the school year. (6/25/15)
- 2.2.2 The election of the President and all the officers will be held at the end of his/her term at the last meeting of the school year and the newly elected President will take office at the end of that meeting. (5/26/09)
- 2.2.3 The election of the two (2) Athletic Director representatives (both genders shall be represented) will be held at the end of his/her term at the last AD meeting of the school year. (5/26/09)
- 2.2.4 The election for six (6) active members and one (1) alternate to the Athletic Directors Advisory Council (ADAC) will be held at the end of his/her term at the last AD meeting of the school year. This term is for two (2) years. The League AD president shall be nominated from the ADAC reps which will be held at the end of his/her term at the last AD meeting of the school year.

**Section 3:** **Meetings** - The BVAL Executive Committee shall meet monthly. The Board of Managers shall meet three (3) times a year, and the Executive Committee/Board will meet monthly as needed. The BVAL Athletic Directors will meet five times yearly. (6/25/15)

**Section 4:** The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Past President (if available), President Elect, 1 Principal-at-Large (2 if no Past President), 1 Boys Athletic Director, 1 Girls Athletic Director, President of the League's Athletic Directors, and the BVAL Commissioner (nonvoting). Seven members (excluding the Commissioner) shall serve as voting members to the CCS Board of Managers. The EXC Board shall have proxy of the Board of Managers to vote and make decisions regarding League concerns on a monthly basis. (6/25/15)

**ARTICLE 6: THE COMMISSIONER**

**Section 1: Duties of the League Commissioner**

The League Commissioner, under the direction of the Board of Managers shall:

- 1.1 Serve as secretary and treasurer for the Board of Managers, act as advisor to the Executive Board, and as treasure to pay bills in a timely fashion. Two signatures shall be required on all checks. Authorized signees are the Commissioner, the President and the BVAL AD President.
  - 1.1.A Prepare a preliminary budget to be presented at the last meeting of the school year.
  - 1.1.B At each meeting, submit a written report showing receipts, disbursements and bank balance.
  - 1.1C Work with all sports officials associations to insure both quality and quantity of officials. (5/26/09)
- 1.2 He/she shall be responsible for coordinating, developing and publishing all League athletic schedules.
- 1.3 He/she shall be responsible for all administrative tasks related to the high school sports program, such as eligibility, awards, protests, etc.
- 1.4 He/she shall be responsible for preparing an agenda in coordination with all the athletic directors, coaches, and Executive Board and Board of Managers meetings. These agendas will be posted for public viewing. (5/26/09)
- 1.5 He/she shall be evaluated yearly. The process will contain information from all member schools. The Executive Board will conduct an evaluation and the results, along with a recommendation to be presented to the Board of Managers at their spring meeting in a closed session. The Commissioner's salary will have an automatic 5% COLA built in every year which needs to be reviewed/revisited every two years. This will be a written proposal to include the cost of living increase in future contracts for future Commissioners as well. (4-99)
- 1.6 He/she shall be responsible for the daily operation of the business of the league as outlined by the BVAL Constitution, By-laws, Policies and other official documents established by the Board of Managers of the BVAL. (April 29, 2003)
- 1.7 He/she shall have the authority to interpret, administer and apply all issues addressed in the BVAL Constitution, By-laws, Policies, and other official documents established by the Board of Managers of the BVAL. All such interpretations, administration and applications are subject to review by the BVAL Executive Committee and Board of Managers at any time. (4/29/03)
- 1.8 In any matters involving BVAL League Contests, the BVAL Commissioner shall interpret, administer and apply all issues addressed in the BVAL Constitution, By-laws, Policies and other official documents as established by the BVAL Board of Managers. The BVAL Commissioner has the authority to make determinations about issues that are not specifically addressed by any Board of Managers action. Unless specifically addressed elsewhere, there is no appeal of any decisions made by the BVAL Commissioner, when time is of the essence for the reasonable conduct of the league play. The BVAL Executive Committee or Board of Managers may subsequently review any determinations made by the BVAL Commissioner if necessary. (April 29, 2003)
- 1.9 Keep current the League Constitution and by-laws with any corrections/additions as voted on by the Board at the last meeting of the year. (5/26/09)

- 1.10 Order and distribute league passes at the beginning of the school year. (5/26/09)
- 1.11 Order and distribute league awards as authorized by the BVAL Chart of Awards. (5/26/09)
- 1.12 Coordinate and direct all league play-offs/finals. (5/26/09)
- 1.13 Attend selected athletic contests for the purpose of observing and evaluating the athletic programs. (5/26/09)
- 1.14 Promote good public relations. Provide schedules, agendas and other pertinent information to the media and to be the official record keeper. (5/26/09)
- 1.15 He/she shall perform other duties as assigned by the Board. (5/26/09)
- 1.16 Maintain the league website. (5/26/09)

**ARTICLE 7: AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1:** These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Managers or the Executive Board as their proxy. (5/26/09)

**Section 2:** Each motion to amend the by-laws shall include the date on which law becomes effective.

**ARTICLE 8: CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

**Section 1:** **Eligibility/Registration and Current Scholarship Form:** This form is for the purpose of certifying the eligibility of athletes and registers them as official members of a specific team.

**Section 2:** Prior to the first scheduled League contest, the principal of each member school shall send to the Commissioner's office an official Eligibility/Registration and Current Scholarship Form for each team. **The following statement shall be included on the form and signed by the principal Per CCS:**

*" I hereby certify that the athletes whose names appear above are bona fide students in regular attendance at \_\_\_\_\_ High School. They have complied in all respects with the requirements of the California Interscholastic Federation, Central Coast Section, and are eligible to participate in interscholastic contest under said rules." (5/26/09)*

**Section 3:** An athlete shall not compete until his/her name has been registered with the Commissioner on an official Registration and Current Scholarship Form signed by the principal. Names may be added to or deleted from the original registration form via a signed statement from the principal or sent electronically/e-mail from the Athletic Director to the Commissioner copied to the schools principal. (05/26/09)

**Section 4:** Any athlete whose name appears on the Registration and Current Scholarship Form for a particular team is a member of that team as of the first scheduled League contest of that team.

**ARTICLE 9: ELIGIBILITY/PROBATION**

**Section 1:** The league shall pass no rule less stringent than those provided in the Constitution and By-Laws

of the Central Coast Section and the State CIF Constitution but may adopt more restrictive eligibility requirements.

**Section 2:** ***It shall be up to each individual school as to how many sports per season a student athlete can participate in. This decision shall lie solely with the school's principal. (9/29/17) If a sport has division and/or league finals, an athlete must compete for a minimum of 50% of all league contests*** in order to be eligible for the division finals, BVAL Finals or CCS competition. If sports seasons overlap, a student-athlete may not begin play until his/her previous season is completed, including playoffs. ***(9/29/17)***

**Section 3:** After an athlete has participated in a League contest, he/she may not compete on a team of lower classification in the same sport during the remainder of that season, except as specifically provided in the sport's by-laws.

**Section 4:** Each school in the BVAL must post a list of eligible and ineligible players on the fifth (5th) school/work day following the end of the grading period. At that point, students gain or lose eligibility for the next grading period. (10/14/04)

**Section 5:** Questions that arise regarding player eligibility shall be reported in writing to the League Commissioner via the school principal. (5/20/08)

**Section 6:** Students who attend CCOC become eligible or ineligible five school/work days after the CCOC grading period ends if that grading period ends after the grading period of the student's home school. When the CCOC grading period ends prior to or at the same time as the grading period of the home school, the student becomes eligible or ineligible on the same day as students who do not attend CCOC. (4-99)

**Section 7:** **Eligibility** -

The BVAL will follow C.I.F. Article 20, rule 205 on scholastic eligibility, which states:

A student is scholastically eligible if:

- a) The student is currently enrolled in a least twenty (20)-semester units of work:
- b) The student passed at least twenty semester units of work at the completion of the previous grading period.
- c) The student is maintaining satisfactory progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements as prescribed by the governing board.
- d) The student has maintained during the previous grading period a minimum 2.0 grade point average in all courses (on a 4.0 scale).

**Section 8:** **Academic Probation**

The BVAL will allow under C.I.F. rule 205, a student under a 2.0 Grade Point Average a probationary period not to exceed one grading period. There will be a maximum of three (3) probationary periods: one (1) upon entry from the 8th grade; one (1) additional probation during the 9th/10th grades; and one (1) during the 11th/12th grades.

**CLARIFICATION:** If a school chooses **not** to check the final 8th grade grades for **all** incoming 9th grade athletes, then all 9th grade athletes will automatically be placed on probation and will not be eligible for probation at the end of the first grading period of their freshman year.

**CIF by-laws prohibit a student from having two consecutive probationary periods. The entire rule can be located in the CIF Constitution & By-Law 205 Scholastic Eligibility.**

The principal or his/her designee will oversee probation at each school site. Athletes on probation must meet the required standards by the end of the probationary period in order to remain eligible for participation. A copy of the Probation Form will be sent to the Commissioner's office.

**ARTICLE 10: COACHES COMMITTEE**

**Section 1:** There shall be a Coaches Committee representing each league sport. There will be a chairperson from each division. Whenever there is a meeting of all divisions, the Mt. Hamilton chair will preside over all three leagues.

**Section 2:** The purpose of each committee chairperson shall be to advise the Athletic Directors on matters pertaining to the sport he/she represents.

**Section 3:** It is the responsibility of the committee chairperson to chair the pre & post-season meetings called by the BVAL Commissioner. Additional meetings may be scheduled with the knowledge of the Commissioner. It is the responsibility of the chairperson to review his/her sport's by-laws with their coaches at the preseason meeting, and again at the post-season meeting. At that time any suggestions for changes must be submitted to the entire Blossom Valley Athletic League to recommend division changes, select All League, and assist the Commissioner in matches pertaining to that sport. (4-99)

**Section 4:** It is the responsibility of each sport division chair to attend the CCS seeding for their specific sport (if necessary) and the CCS evaluation meeting at the end of the sport season. (05/26/11)

**ARTICLE 11: SUPERVISION / BY-LAWS**

**Section 1:** Supervision – It is the philosophy and recommendation of the BVAL that supervision (other than the coach) be at all home athletic League contests. Schools or districts may be more restrictive than CCS or the BVAL not less restrictive. The following sports have specific guidelines regarding supervision: (5/27/10)

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

**1.2** Football – Administrators will be assigned to supervise all Varsity contests.

**1.3** Soccer – It is required that home school supervision principal designee (other than the coach) be present at all Blossom Valley Athletic League Mt. Hamilton division boys soccer contests. (5/2000)

**Section 2:** By-Laws - All rules and regulations not herein stated and adopted by the Board of Managers/Executive Board shall be classified as By-Laws of this constitution and are binding upon all member schools. (5/26/09)

## ARTICLE 12: TEAM CLASSIFICATION

**Section 1:** The definition of F/S boys' means only freshmen and/or sophomores may compete on a team with this classification. The definition of JV (boys & girls) means only freshmen, sophomores, and juniors may participate on that team with this classification. No seniors may compete on a F/S or JV team unless outlined specifically in that sports by-laws with regard to tournament play only. (5/27/10)

**Section 2:**

<u>RECOGNIZED SPORTS</u>	<u>OFFICIAL TEAMS</u>
Badminton (Coed)	Varsity
Baseball	Varsity and J.V. (5/24/07)
Basketball (B)	Varsity and F/S
Basketball (G)	Varsity and J.V.
Cross Country (B)	Varsity and F/S
Cross Country (G)	Varsity and J.V.
Field Hockey	Varsity and J.V.
Football	Varsity and F/S
Golf	Varsity and JV
Gymnastics	Varsity
Soccer (B)	Varsity and F/S
Soccer (G)	Varsity and J.V.
Softball	Varsity and J.V.
Swimming (B)	Varsity and J.V. (5/27/10)
Swimming (G)	Varsity and J.V.
Tennis (B)	Varsity
Tennis (G)	Varsity
Track (B)	Varsity and F/S
Track (G)	Varsity
Boys Volleyball	Varsity and J.V. (5/18/10)
Girls Volleyball	Varsity and J.V.
Boys Water Polo	Varsity and J.V. (5/25/06)
Girls Water Polo	Varsity and J.V.
Wrestling	Varsity and J.V.

**Section 3:** If any League school is not able to field a team, the school shall notify the League Commissioner three weeks prior to the first League match. After that time, a team cannot be fielded for that season.

**Section 4:** It is not permissible to field a F/S or J.V. team without first fielding a Varsity team.

A. In individual sports i.e., badminton, cross-country, golf, tennis, wrestling, a varsity team shall consist of the minimum number of players necessary to win a match.

These minimums are:

Badminton	10 (all singles matches and 2 doubles)
Cross country	5
Boys' Golf	5
Girls' Golf	4 (5/2009)
Tennis	4 (all playing singles 1-4)
Wrestling	5
Swimming	8 (5/24/07)



**Section 4:** **Supplemental Leagues** may be formed with the permission of the Board of Managers. If BVAL has a majority of members, Constitution and By-Laws of BVAL will be followed. (11-17-94) Schools will only be considered for supplemental sports programs if their basic league does not provide that sport. The supplemental fee shall be \$250 per team, i.e., \$250 varsity, \$250 JV.

### **ARTICLE 13: LEAGUE STANDING AND CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Section 1:** Official League Championships may be earned where there are at least four (4) teams participating in that sport.

**Section 2:** Championships and final League standings in all sports shall be determined on the basis of the win-loss record in round-robin competition unless otherwise stipulated in the specific sport's by-laws. Note. *A team is awarded two points for a win and one point for a tie.*

**Section 3:** If two or more teams tie for first place in final League standings, they shall be declared co- or tri-champions. For resolutions of ties for C.C.S. post-season competition, refer to each sport's by-laws. Sports by-laws, which do not include a tiebreaker, shall use the following criteria listed in Section 4. (05/26/11)

**Section 4:** **Tie Breaking Procedures** - These would be used in event of a tie in any sport that does not have a tie-breaking rule outlined in the by-laws.

1. The record between all teams tied.
2. The number of victories that all tying teams have against the remainder of division opponents, starting from the top of the standings and working down until the tie is broken.
3. If a tie still exists, a flip of the coin will determine placing. (11/17/15)

### **ARTICLE 14: LEAGUE SCHEDULES**

**Section 1:** Schedules become official when approved by the Board of Managers.

**Section 2:** Member schools are obligated to compete at the time, place and on the date published in the official League schedule.

**Section 3:** The time and/or date of an officially scheduled contest may be changed by mutual agreement of the two-principals/athletic directors involved, also allowing consideration that time exists to make changes in the officials' assignments (minimum of one week). However, the home school always has the option to change the date or time of a contest at their site. (05/20/08)

**Section 4:** Dates for rescheduling of postponed games are to be mutually arranged by the schools involved according to provisions in the by-laws of the sport and subject to the availability of officials.

4.1 All rescheduled contests must be made up on the next available date, including Saturdays and Mondays. No additional contests can be added the last two (2) weeks of the specific sport season (This does not pertain to previously scheduled games that are being made up). (5/23/13) (see Article 21, Section 4)

**Section 5:** **Procedure for Rained-out Contests** - (5/29/03)

5.1 All games need to be canceled by 12:00.

- 5.2 In consultation with the Principal, the Athletic Director is responsible for making the final decision. Prior to noon, the AD should determine if their field is a safe facility for the game/contest. In the absence of the AD, the Principal or the designee will follow the procedure.
- 5.3 If a team bus has already left the school site due to notification of a cancellation after 12 noon the make up game will be played at the visitors' site.
- 5.4 If the AD determines that the field is not playable they need to contact the following people prior to noon:
  - a. Officials (when you call the officials association have a few make up dates available and ask if they will be able to provide officials on any of those dates). Remember you are allowed to play on Saturdays. Make up games are to be rescheduled on the next available date. (5/25/06)
  - b. If you have not involved your coach in the cancellation process, notify the coach of the rain out and agree upon the possible make up dates.
  - c. Notify the AD of the visiting school and ask them to notify his/her coaches and teams. Tell him/her the make up date and to confirm with the coach that the date will work.
  - d. Notify your teams of the game status.
  - e. The AD should call Peninsula Sports with the requested date of the rained out game and secure the officials. (5/25/06)

### **ARTICLE 15: BVAL Forfeiture Policy**

**Section 1:**     **Philosophy:** It is the philosophy of the BVAL that member schools should, at all times, live up to their scheduling commitments. Failure to do so, without good cause, is an exhibition of poor sportsmanship and may result in league sanctions. Schools must keep in mind that their decision to forfeit a game has an adverse impact on the athletes of the competing school, on the structure of the tournament, on the reputation of their school, and on the reputation of the League itself. Consequently, the BVAL Board of Managers has adopted the following policy and procedures related to game forfeitures:

**Section 2:**     **Procedures:** All decisions to forfeit a game must be brought to the League Commissioner, by the principal of the school requesting to forfeit, with a two-day minimum notification in advance and prior to the scheduled contest.

The Commissioner will have the responsibility to communicate with an Administrator of both competing schools and to make a determination as to the validity of the request to forfeit.

Forfeiture or non-attendance at a League competition without the knowledge and consent of the Commissioner will result in the school not being able to attend any post-season competition, i.e. League finals or CCS. (5/26/05)

**Section 3:**     **Sanctions Against Forfeiting School:** (1/21/98)

If the forfeiting team (School A) is the visiting team, the home team (School B) will have the next game scheduled at School A between the two teams moved to School B. *Note: this will not alter the regular schedule rotation for future years. Because all games have economic impacts (i.e. gates, transportation, etc.), this sanction will be imposed automatically without appeal. If the forfeiting school is the home team, and the Commissioner determines the request to be timely and valid, there will be no sanction.*

If (School A) forfeits a game without following the proper procedures, they will face additional disciplinary sanctions by the Executive Committee.

If (School A) follows through with a forfeit after the Commissioner denied their request, they will face additional sanctions by the Executive Committee.

The League recognizes that its authority may not extend to non-league contests; consequently, this provision is not applicable to forfeitures of non-league contests. However, in the interest of good sportsmanship, the League expects its member schools to honor their commitments and to abide by the spirit of this policy for all contests. The League, however, reserves the right to impose sanctions against member schools demonstrating a pattern of abusing the spirit of this policy in non-league contests. (January 8, 1998)

Forfeiture or non-attendance at a League competition without the knowledge and consent of the Commissioner will result in the school not being able to attend any post-season competition, i.e. League finals or CCS. (5/26/05)

**ARTICLE 16: OFFICIAL PROTEST PROCEDURE**

**Section 1:**     **Protest Procedure** - To be valid, an official protest must follow these steps:

At the time of the alleged misinterpretation, the coach must notify the official that the contest is being played under protest. The protest may be done at the end of the game only if the alleged incident takes place at the end of the game. Other procedures need to be followed as per BVAL Constitution. (4-99)

- 1.1 Dangerous or substandard playing facilities.
- 1.2 Participation by an ineligible player.
- 1.3 An official's decision in which a rule has been misinterpreted or violated, which caused a direct bearing on the outcome of this contest. (Note: The protesting coach shall demonstrate how the alleged violation directly affected the outcome of the contest.)
- 1.4 Violation of the Constitution and By-Laws of the BVAL, the Central Coast Section, or the California Interscholastic Federation.
- 1.5 Athletes or coaches who are removed from a game for misconduct may not appeal that official's decision unless the official issues a letter stating that a misinterpretation of the rule was made. The proper process of appeals must be followed. (4-99)(Moved from Sec 4)
- 1.6 Protesting an officials' call will not be over turned unless the official retracts his/her initial report and is not grounds for a protest. (05/26/11)

**Section 2:**

- 2.1 No later than the following school day, the coach shall submit to his/her principal a complete written report of the circumstances supporting the protest. The report shall include a statement as to how the incident directly affected the outcome of the contest. The coach shall not contact the League Commissioner. The final decision to proceed with the protest shall be left to the principal. (4-99)
- 2.2 No later than the school day following the date of the protested contest, the principal shall notify the League Commissioner and the principal of the opposing school as to the protest. (4-99)
- 2.3 The principal, or his/her delegate, of the protesting school shall then submit to the Commissioner an official written protest concerning all of the particulars.
- 2.4 The Commissioner shall secure from the official(s) assigned to the contest a written statement regarding the protested incident.
- 2.5 Protests involving playing facilities must be registered before the beginning of the contest unless the condition becomes substandard or unsafe during the contest.

**Section 3:** **Decision and Appeal Process** -

- 3.1 As determined by the League Commissioner and/or the League President, all ordinary and routine protests and questions of eligibility shall be decided by the League Commissioner.
- 3.2 The more serious protests and questions of eligibility may be presented by the Commissioner to the Executive Board. (4-99)
- 3.3 The final decision in any protest or eligibility case shall be sent in writing by the Commissioner to the principals of the schools involved.
- 3.4 A written appeal of the Commissioner's decision may be made by the principal of either school involved and shall be accompanied by a \$50.00 fee to be forfeited to the League if the appeal is denied. Said appeal shall be sent to the Commissioner, who will refer it to the League Protest Appeal Board. (4-99)

**Section 4:** **Reporting of Ineligible Player** - When information of a possible ineligible player becomes known, such information should be reported immediately by the principal or athletic director to the principal of the opposing school and the Commissioner. The Commissioner will follow up. (11-17-94) *Sanctions will be levied following the CCS by-laws, Article VI Eligibility.*

**Section 5:** **Appeal of Division Placement** -

- 5.1 All member schools are required to submit to the League Commissioner, by the date requested, the End of Season Summary Form. If these reports are not received by the due date the penalty is as follows: (5/20/08)

- **First Infraction** -

Schools not submitting the required completed form(s) on time will be fined \$25 per sport for that school year and season.

- **Second Infraction** - Schools not submitting the required completed form(s) on time for the

next sport season will be fined \$50 per sport for that school year and season.

- **Third Infraction** - Schools not submitting the required completed forms on time for the next sport season will be fined \$100 per sport for that school year and season.

- Schools that do not submit the form on time will not be allowed to appeal any division movement. (6/23/06)

5.2 Failure to remit payment in 30 days will incur a 20% late fee. If this payment is not received in 30 days procedures as outlined in Article 3, Section 3 Delinquent Fee/Dues Policy will apply. (6/23/06)

5.3 Schools wanting to appeal their division placement as set by the BVAL Executive Board shall, 1<sup>st</sup> have their principal's permission, 2<sup>nd</sup> request an appeal hearing, and 3<sup>rd</sup> must inform the Commissioner which school or schools they are appealing placement with. It can be no more than two (2) schools. At this time, the school-appealing placement must provide the BVAL office with a copy of their End of Season Summary signed by both their principal and athletic director to initiate the process. (5/24/01)(Moved from Sec 5 5/20/08) (Updated 5/18/12)

5.4 The appeal board is chaired by three BVAL appointed principals, and two Athletic Directors that are selected by the BVAL Athletic Directors. A third Athletic Director will serve as the alternate. (5/24/01) (Moved from Sec 5 (5/20/08)

**ARTICLE 17: BVAL ADOPTED BOTH THE CCS Article VII, Section 6 ASSAULT POLICY & CIF ARTICLE 520, BY-LAW 210 (6/25/06)**

**1. CCS Article VII, Section 6 which states:**

Section 6 PHYSICAL ASSAULT

A. Any school failing to file a completed CCS Sportsmanship Contract to the CCS for Fall, Winter or Spring, may not be allowed to participate in any CCS Playoff Tournaments for the respective season(s). (SEE ALSO CCS POLICIES: SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY & PHYSICAL ASSAULT POLICY)

B. Any student-athlete who physically assaults any other competitor in a contest shall be referred to the principal for disciplinary action. The principal shall report the action taken on any such student to the league commissioner if the infraction occurred during the season and to the CCS Commissioner if the infraction occurred during the CCS Playoffs, Nor Cal or State Championships.

SEE ALSO CCS PHYSICAL ASSAULT POLICY AND CIF BYLAW 210

**2. CIF By-Law 210 Physical Assault, which states:**

210. PHYSICAL ASSAULT

A. Student

Any student who physically assaults the person of a game or event official shall be banned from interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the student's eligibility. A game or event official is defined as a referee, umpire or any other official assigned to interpret or enforce rules of competition at an event or contest. A student may, after alapse of 18 calendar months from the date of incident, apply for reinstatement of eligibility to the State Executive Director.

B. Coach

Any coach who physically assaults the person of a game or event official shall be considered to have

violated Bylaw 22 (Conditions of Membership) and, pending action by the building principal, subjects the member school to sanctions or loss of standing as a member. When a coach allegedly assaults a person of a game or event official it is mandatory that the principal/designee notify the CIF Section Office within 48 hours (excluding holidays and weekends) after the receipt of the assault report notification. The competing schools and officials will be required to file written reports within 10 days of the incident. After reviewing the material, the principal of the school involved will be required to respond to the respective Section Office concerning his/her investigation of the incident.

When a game official (includes referee, timer, scorer, etc.), spectator, student-athlete or school official, principal, vice principal, athletic director, teacher, League or CCS Staff etc., believes that the above-referenced by-law has been violated by a student participating in a contest in which he/she is officiating, contesting, attending, or working, the following steps shall be followed:

1. If a Game e Official (referee, umpire, lines person) is involved, he/she shall complete the Central Coast Section INCIDENT REPORT and file it with his/her Commissioner of Officials by the end of the next school day.
  - 1.a. If a timer, scorer or other game official is involved, he/she shall file a report directly with the Principal and League Commissioner as outlined in step 2 below, by the end of the next school day.
  - 1.b. If a spectator, student-athlete or school official is involved, he/she shall file a written description of the incident directly with the Principal and League Commissioner as outlined step 2 below, by the end of the next school day.
2. If after reviewing the report of the Official, spectator, student-athlete or school person, the Commissioner of Officials or the Principal or League Commissioner believes an infraction of CIF By-Law 522 or CCS Article VII, Section 6 has occurred, he/she shall notify and make contact with, the League Commissioner (for officials) and/or the Principal of the school involved by the end of the next school day. The student will immediately become ineligible for further participation until the conclusion of this process (See #4 below--process must be concluded within 5 school days)
3. However, if no report is filed, the League Commissioner or School Principal may begin action based on firsthand eyewitness reporting of any such incident either verbally or in writing by any persons at any time following the incident. After reviewing such report if the League Commissioner or School Principals believes an infraction of CIF bylaw 522 or CCS Article VII, Section 6 has occurred, he/she shall notify and make contact with the League Commissioner and/or the Principal of the school involved by the end of the next school day following such report. The student will become immediately ineligible for further participation until the conclusion of this process (See #4 below--process must be concluded within 5 school days).
4. The determination that there has been or has not been a violation of Rule 522 or CCS Article VII, Section 6, will be made within 5 school days from receipt of notification. This determination will be made by the League Commissioner (or designee), School Principal (or designee) and Commissioner of Officials (when his/her official is involved) or if during CCS playoffs by the CCS Commissioner, League Commissioner, School Principal and Commissioner of Officials (when his/her officials is involved). And;
5. The student shall be notified through their school administration within 24 hours of this determination.

**SHOULD ANY PARTY WISH TO APPEAL THIS DETERMINATION:**

1. The request and basis for the appeal shall be filed in writing with the League Commissioner within 5 school days from date of notification of determination in 3 and 4 above.
  - a. The League Commissioner shall convene a panel of three individuals (administrators and/or athletic directors) within the League who were not involved in the initial decision. All interested parties will be invited to attend the hearing, which will be held within 5 school days of receipt of the request for appeal.
  - b. The student shall be notified through their school administration within 24 hours of the determination of this hearing panel.
2. During CCS Playoffs, due to the time constraints of tournament play, there is no appeal to the determination made by the CCS Commissioner in conjunction with the League Commissioner, Principal and Commissioner of Officials (if his/her official is involved). That determination is final.

**SHOULD ANY PARTY WISH TO APPEAL THE LEAGUE'S DETERMINATION:**

Any party wishing to appeal the decision of the neutral hearing panel at the league level shall present the request and basis for appeal in writing to the CCS Commissioner within five working days of the notification of the first appealing panels determination. (1-3 immediately above)

1. The CCS Commissioner shall, upon receipt of the request, convene a three-person panel (2 members of the CCS Board of Managers not from the league involve and 1 League Commissioner not from the league involved). The CCS Commissioner or designee shall act as an ex-officio member of the panel. This panel shall review the documents of the case, convene a hearing if necessary, and make a ruling within 10 school days whenever possible.
2. The student shall be notified through their school administration within 24 hours of the determination of this hearing panel.

**ANY PARTY WISHING TO APPEAL THE SECTION PANEL'S DECISION, SHALL FOLLOW THE APPEALS PROCESS OF THE CIF AS OUTLINED IN CIF BYLAWS, ARTICLE 11**

**NOTE:** A student becomes **IMMEDIATELY** ineligible at whatever point in the process, she/he is determined to have violated Rule 522 **and/or CCS Article VII, Section 6**. That student remains ineligible until such time as a subsequent appeals body reverses determination.

- A student remains eligible throughout the process as long as he/she is found innocent of any violation of Rule 522 **and/or CCS Article VII, Section 6**, unless he/she is ineligible under a league or school rule.
- League and school rules and punitive actions can be **MORE RESTRICTIVE** than those included in this rule or this process. (Adopted BVAL EXC 5/25/06)

**ARTICLE 18: PRACTICE AND GAME LIMITATIONS**

**Section 1:**

Fall, Winter, and Spring sports practice starting dates will be set by the CCS BOM by their last scheduled meeting. Teams that are advancing to post season play may have scrimmage games, after regular league play ends, only against other teams advancing. (10-17-96) Practice games may be scheduled after completion of the last League contest of the previous sports season.

**Section 2:** **Definition of Contest or Game** - A contest or game is defined as any participation where two (2) or more teams from different schools are competing. Each school may have one alumni or faculty game per sport, which will not count in the total contests allowed. Any other contest with a non-CIF member must be counted as part of the total number of contests. (10-6-94)

**Section 3:** **Definition of Scrimmage** - A scrimmage is defined as a practice session between two schools where coaches are on the field, court, etc., directing their teams, and where time and scores are not kept. As found in CCS Article V:

- a. Definition: A Scrimmage is considered a contest per all CIF and CCS bylaws and is defined as:
- (1) an activity involving teams or individual student-athletes from two or more different schools in a CIF-approved sport; AND
  - (2) where no score is kept; AND
  - (3) where regulation time is not kept; AND
  - (4) where no officials are paid; AND
  - (5) where substitute rules are set aside; AND
  - (6) where coaches are stopping play for instructional purposes; AND
  - (7) where admission is not charged. (5/27/10)

**Section 4:** **Holiday limitations** - No practices are allowed on Sundays or the following legal holidays: Christmas and New Year's Day. The Board of Managers must specifically authorize exceptions. (05/20/08)

**Section 5:** Post-Season - Refer to C.C.S./C.I.F. By-laws.

## **ARTICLE 19: CONTEST LIMITATIONS**

### **Section 1: Game and Player Limitations**

- 1.1 The rules that govern a Varsity-level sport also apply to any lower-classification team within that sport.
- 1.2 Once League competition begins, an athlete who moves up to a higher-level team may not drop down again unless the sport by-laws contain a statement regarding tournament play. (4-99)
- 1.3 Junior Varsity is defined as Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors. (4-17-97)

### **Section 2: Contest Limitations** (complies with current CCS listings)

- 2.1 Badminton is limited to 24 matches
- 2.2 Baseball is limited to 27 contests total plus two scrimmages and 1 non-CIF contest (5/24/08)
- 2.3 Basketball is limited to 24 contests plus two scrimmages and 1 non-CIF contest
- 2.4 Cross Country is limited to 13 contests plus 1 scrimmage and 1 non-CIF contest
- 2.5 Field Hockey is limited to 20 games plus 2 scrimmages and 1 non-CIF contest
- 2.6 Football is limited to 10 games plus 1 scrimmage
- 2.7 Golf is limited to 18 matches
- 2.8 Soccer is limited to 20 contests plus 2 scrimmages and 1 non-CIF contest
- 2.9 Softball is limited to 27 contests plus 2 scrimmages and 1 non-CIF contest
- 2.10 Swimming is limited to 13 meets
- 2.11 Tennis is limited to 22 matches
- 2.12 Track is limited to 15 contests



- 2.13 Volleyball is limited to 26 contests plus 2 scrimmages and 1 non-CIF contest (revised 5/24/08)
- 2.14 Water Polo is limited to 24 contests plus 2 scrimmages and 1 non-CIF contest (revised 5-25-07)
- 2.15 Wrestling is limited to 40 contacts including forfeits (5-25-00)

**Section 3: Tournament & Contest Limitations (10-17-96)**

- A. A “Tournament” shall be defined as involving athletes from four (4) or more teams.
- B. A “Tournament” shall be further defined as counting game-for-game to each team, or athlete. (Revised 5/24/08)
- C. For purposes of definition (B) above, “contest” is defined as a competitive encounter with another school, or athlete, in which a score is kept.

**D. The following sports are exempt from definition (B), as noted below:**

- (1) **Field Hockey**  
In tournaments where other than regularly timed contests are played, each day of that tournament shall count as one (1) contest.
- (2) **Badminton**  
In tournaments where other than regularly timed or regularly scored contests are played, each day of that tournament shall count as two (2) contests.
- (3) **Volleyball**  
Any 2 out of 3 contests played in a tournament shall count as ½ a contest. In pool play, if 2 contests are played, but a third would not be played regardless of the outcome, those contests do not count toward the maximum number. (Revised 5/24/08 per CCS)

- (4) **Wrestling--CIF By-laws Article 30, 2000**  
A wrestler becomes ineligible for further competition during the season if, prior to the league championship tournament (if any), he/she accumulates more than 40 contacts.

- (5) **Golf**  
Any tournament lasting up to two consecutive days will be counted as one (1) contest, regardless of how many holes are played. Additional days or competition in that same tournament, whether or not they are consecutive, will count at the rate of one (1) contest per day, regardless of the number of holes played. (6/18/01 CCS)
- (6) **Water Polo**  
All contests played as dual matches or tournaments matches count as one game per each game played. League Championships do not count. (6/18/01 CCS)

**ARTICLE 20: SCOUTING**

**Section 1:** Using films taken of another team’s practice is prohibited.

**Section 2:** Coaches and players shall not visit practice sessions of another school.

**ARTICLE 21: VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

**Section 1:** **Ineligible Players** - When it is determined by the BVAL Commissioner that an ineligible player has participated in a contest, all contests in which he/she has participated shall be forfeited. This will apply to all sports. (5-01)(See CCS Article 4 for penalty below)

1.1 If a student participates as an ineligible athlete prior to approval, but is later approved by the CCS Commissioner, beyond the forfeitures dictated in CCS Bylaw Article VI, Section 9, the student will be required to remain out of a number of games equal to those in which that student participated while ineligible.

a. Those games shall be the regularly-scheduled games immediately following the participation of the ineligible athlete **AND**

b. Games in which the student sits out after the school realized and/or reported the infraction, but before the CCS Commissioner has approved the student as eligible, will count towards the total # of games the student must sit out. (5/20/08)

**Section 2:** **Illegal Number of Contests** - A school not on probation for any previous violation of the maximum # of contests, that were in excess of the maximum # of contests in any sport shall:

A. Forfeit their most recently played non-league win(s) equal to the number of contests in excess of the maximum # allowed in that sport; **AND**

B. Be placed on probation for the following three seasons for all levels of that sport, for that gender, offered at their school (e.g. Girls JV, F/S and Varsity Volleyball; Boys F/S & Varsity Basketball, etc.); **AND**

C. Reduce the number of contests the following season in that sport for all teams offered at that school by twice (2x) as many contests as they exceeded the maximum, without infringing on the regular league schedule (reductions shall not be made in the league schedule, only preseason and tournament contests). (5/29/03)

**Section 3:** **Illegal Practices** - A school found to be in violation of conducting an illegal practice, a letter shall be sent to the principal, Athletic Director, and the coach of the offending team indicating that said team will be charged with one loss (league game) to the loss column, and will have subtracted one win (league game) from the win column for each offense. (05/29/03)

**Section 4:** **No Additional Games** - No additional games may be added to the schedule the last two weeks of the season. This does not pertain to previously scheduled games that are being made up. School teams who violate this rule will schedule that number of games *less* for the coming year. (5/24/01)

**Section 5:** **Players/Coaches Ejected from Contest** - (3-12-98)

(a) In all contests, any player/coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike behavior will be disqualified from participation for a minimum of one contest. The disqualification will take effect at the teams' next contest. If the player/coach were ejected from the last contest of the year for that team, disqualification would carry over to that team's first regularly scheduled league contest the following year. A disqualified coach may not attend the next game.

(b) Any player/coach who participates in the next contest following his/her ejection will be

treated as an ineligible participant for that contest. (3-12-98)

- (c) 1. A certified member of the school may only replace a coach ejected from a contest.
  - 1.1 In the event a coach is removed from a game by an official, the game will continue with an alternate person (certified/certificated) replacing the coach. It is the responsibility of the principal to deal with the removed coach. (Moved from original Sec 5 - 5/20/08)

2. Coaching is defined as a contact with a student athlete during pre-game warm-up and during the game. Non-school personnel who are going to assist in the coaching of the team need to remain off the playing field until the conclusion of the contest. (4/21/05)

**Section 7:** **Violation of playing prior to approved date** - The following penalty will be applied to any school in violation of playing a scrimmage or contest prior to the approved date. The penalty outlined will be applied to all teams at all levels of that sport offered at that school for a specific gender regardless of the level at which the violation occurred.

- 1. Reduce the number of contests the following season in that sport by 2X as many contests played prior to the established date, without infringing on the regular league schedule. (5-25-00)

**ARTICLE 22: ADMINISTRATION & FINANCES (revised 5/26/16)**

**Section 1:** Admission prices for league contests, which have an admission, charge. Sports not listed shall not charge. 6/6/02 (Not applicable for special tournaments or C.C.S. playoffs) (10-6-94)

**Section 2:** Any school charging admission is required to use the established fees. Schools may not establish any other prices. (5/24/07)

	<u>Adults &amp; Non-ASB Card Holders from Participating High Schools</u>	<u>ASB Card Holders from Participating High Schools</u>
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**SPORT**

Football/Basketball	<b>\$6.00</b>	Free
Volleyball/* <b>Water Polo</b> /Wrestling	<b>\$5.00</b>	Free
Child Under 12	\$1.00	
Child - Preschool	Free	
Water Polo Finals/Swim Finals/Track Division Finals		
And all Other Sport League Finals	<b>\$5.00</b>	\$1.00
Wrestling Finals/Track BVAL Finals	<b>\$7.00</b>	\$1.00
Senior Citizen Discount \$1.00 off ( <b>65</b> years or older)		(revised 2/3/16)
It shall be permissible to charge for single night soccer contest with pricing as outlined in BVAL Constitution. (03/05/09)		

**\*FOR WATER POLO:** Teams hosting “super-sites” are allowed to charge for admission for ALL games they are hosting including games that none of their teams are participating. This is an attempt to help off-set costs of hosting league contests. (2/3/16)

**Section 2:** **Special Games** - May have increased admission if approved by EXC/Board of Managers. At their 10/24/13 meeting, BVAL Board of Managers voted unanimously to approve permanent

admission increase for “The Big Bone Game” between Lincoln HS/San Jose High and the “El Toro Bowl” between Live Oak/Sobrato. (05/23/14)

**Section 3:** The home team shall make all arrangements for contests (officials, police, etc.)

**Section 4:** Schools responsible for League Tournaments shall:

- 4.1 Submit a budget prior to the activity to the BVAL Commissioner for approval. Without an approved budget, the League will not pay the bills. (4-99)
- 4.2 Make the financial arrangements for the meet or tournament. The league shall pay expenses for tournament officials and awards from the tournament income. An entry fee and/or an admission fee will support all League finals. That amount will be used to prepare the budget for the tournament. The host school will keep all monies from concessions.

**Section 5:** When two BVAL schools compete and admission is charged, the home school will keep all the gate receipts.

**Section 6:** **Passes** -

- 6.1 School staff passes - will be honored at all contests of issuing school.
- 6.2 BVAL scouting pass (6 per school) - will be honored at all Blossom Valley Athletic League Contests and dual meet competitions. (5/24/07)
- 6.3 Nominations for Lifetime Pass recipients must be made on the appropriate form and through the high school principals. (4-20-99)
- 6.4 Presentation of the Lifetime Pass will be made by the League President.
- 6.5 BVAL passes are valid only to the pass holder and guest. Misuse of a BVAL pass will result in forfeiture of the pass.
  - a. Superintendents will receive 3 passes for district personnel. (10/16/03)

**Section 7:** **BVAL - DECLARATION OF NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION**

*This association is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.*

*No substantial part of the activities of this association shall consist of carrying on propaganda, and the association shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.*

*The property of this association is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this association shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the association, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment of all debts and liabilities of this association shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or association which is organized and operated*

*exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.*

### **FEES**

*All league expenses not covered by gate receipts to league events shall be met by assessments of the member schools as set each April by the Board of Managers for the next fiscal year (July 1-June 30).*

*Upon the winding up and dissolution of this association, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the association, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or association, which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or religious and/or scientific purposes, and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501 c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.*

*No part of the net earnings of this association shall ever inure to or for the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons except that the association shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purposes for which it was formed.*

*Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an association exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.*

*No substantial part of the activities of this organization shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.*

### **ARTICLE 13 - FINANCIAL REPORT**

*It is recognized that all funds handled by the BVAL, whether they be donations, section disbursements, fees, dues, fines, or corporate-sponsored donations, are monies designed for the furtherance and administration of athletics for the students of the schools who are members of the Blossom Valley Athletic League.*

#### **Section A: Principles**

*The following principles shall guide the administration of financial policies of the Blossom Valley Athletic League. Adequately financed program of competitive athletics is essential for California's youth to receive a well-rounded education.*

- 1. All fiscal accounting at all levels shall use generally accepted accounting principles when handling and disbursing funds.*
- 2. All funds expended by the BVAL must be budgeted and authorized. The Commissioner must have*

*prior limited authorization for all expenditures over \$10,000 (Examples of limited authorization for general expenses include recognitions, snacks, etc.) These expenses would then be reported to the Executive Committee and/or the Board of Managers at the next meeting.*

3. *BVAL financial records are public information.*
4. *All BVAL financial records shall be made available to any member school or district for review or audit as that member school may request.*

### *Policies*

1. *The Commissioner of the BVAL shall assume the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer and shall keep a complete record of all business at each meeting of the Executive Committee and Board of Managers, carry on all official correspondence and perform such duties as usually devolve upon such an officer.*
2. *The Commissioner shall receive and take charge of all money and deposit the same in a bank designated by the President and to have charge of all certificates, medals, and other property belonging to the league. The Commissioner shall approve all bills to the league for payment immediately after they have been received. The Commissioner shall approve all bills to the league for payment immediately after they have been received. The Commissioner shall pay approved bills by drawing a check on the bank of deposit. Only the signature of the Commissioner will be required on all checks.*
3. *The BVAL shall not utilize credit cards as a business practice.*

### *Finances*

1. *Submit a proposed budget and early financial statement to the first Executive Committee/Board of Managers meeting of the year.*
2. *Make deposits in bank (approved by Board of Managers); pay bills against the league.*
3. *Keep records of receipts and disbursements for playoff, tournaments, entry fees.*
4. *Make regular financial reports to the BVAL Executive Committee monthly and the Board of Managers three times a year or as requested.*

### **Section 8: ACCEPTABLE PURPOSE AND DISSOLUTION CLAUSE:**

- 8.1 *Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 50f(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.*

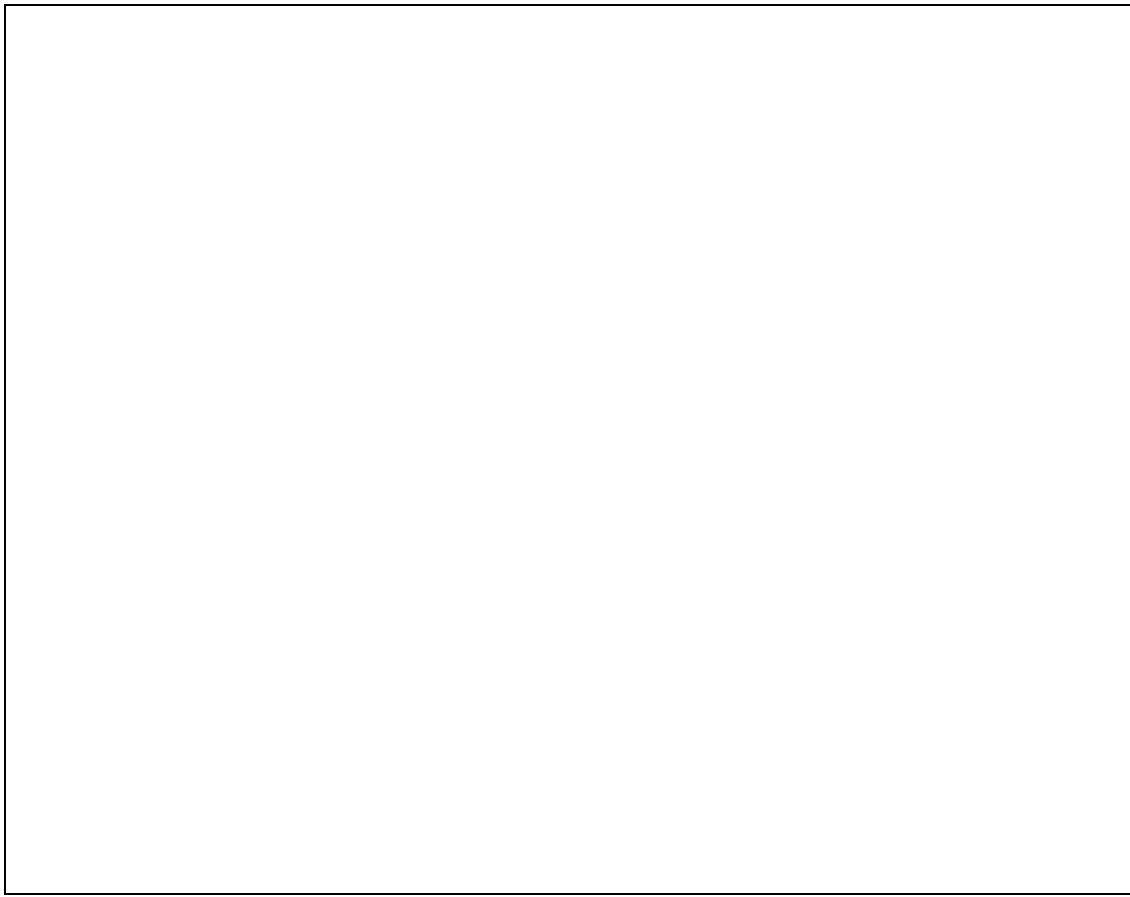
8.2 *Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. (5/26/16)*

**ARTICLE 23: PUBLIC SCHOOL & DISTRICT RESIDENTIAL  
AND SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY**

**Section 1:** Any public school and/or district within the BVAL may be more restrictive than BVAL, CCS, or CIF, but not less restrictive.

**ARTICLE 24: BVAL CHART OF AWARDS (05/23/14)**

(Established in 1994 – Previously located separately outside the Constitution)



**ARTICLE 25: ALL – LEAGUE SELECTION (05/23/14)**

(Also located in individual sports by-laws)

### **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.

- 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, FRESH and any other of the year recognition is automatically included in 1<sup>st</sup> team and do not need to be added/listed as such, certificates say “. . .and is a member of the First Team All-league”. Some sports have additional special awards (i.e., Goalie/Libero of Year), per their specific sport by-laws.
- 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 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 may not give up an all-league spot for a Co-spot.**

### **Section 2: Baseball and Softball Formula - 11 All-League certificates – (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> team)**

<u>(8 teams)</u>			<u>(7 teams)</u>			<u>(6 teams)</u>		
1st	3	2	1st	3	3	1st	3	3
2nd	2	2	2nd	3	2	2nd	3	2
3rd	2	1	3rd	2	2	3rd	2	2
4th	1	2	4th	1	1	4th	1	2
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						

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

<u>(8 teams)</u>			<u>(7 teams)</u>			<u>(6 teams)</u>		
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						

### **Section 4: Field Hockey and Soccer Formula - 13 All-League certificates –(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> team)**

<u>(8 teams)</u>			<u>(7 teams)</u>			<u>(6 teams)</u>		
1st	3	3	1st	3	3	1st	4	3
2nd	3	2	2nd	3	2	2nd	3	2
3rd	2	2	3rd	2	2	3rd	2	3



4th	2	1
5th	1	2
6th	1	1
7th	1	1
8th	-	1

4th	2	2
5th	1	2
6th	1	1
7th	1	1

4th	2	2
5th	1	2
6th	1	1

**Section 5: Football Formula - 26 All-League Certificates**

1st	6	5	Special Awards -
2nd	5	5	MVP
3rd	4	5	SR, JR, Soph of the year
4th	4	4	(Frosh of year or co-somewhere else)

***(The following awards will be typed /added to an all-league certificate)***

5th	2	3	Outstanding Offensive Player
6th	2	2	Outstanding Defensive Player
7th	2	1	Outstanding Offensive Lineman
8th	1	1	Outstanding Defensive Lineman
			Outstanding Offensive Back
			Outstanding Defensive Back
			Outstanding Receiver
			Outstanding Linebacker
			Utility/Special Team Player of the Year

**Section 6: Water Polo (Boys' & Girls') - 9 All-League Certificates (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> team)**

	<u>First Team</u>	<u>Second Team</u>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> place</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> place</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> place</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> place</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> place</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> place</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

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