

## **SOCCER BY-LAWS**

### **1. OFFICIAL RULES**

The National Federation's edition of the Soccer Rule Book shall be the official rule book. Exceptions pertaining to facilities and equipment will be allowed by mutual consent of the two opposing coaches. (The Board of Managers may authorize modifications of the rule book.)

### **2. CLASSIFICATION**

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

### **3. STARTING TIMES**

1. Starting times for games shall be 3:15 PM.
2. For stacked games, FS/JV games shall begin at 3:15PM and Varsity games shall begin at 5:30PM. Adequate time should be allowed for proper warm up. (3/5/15)
3. Saturday practices are permitted. (05/09)
4. *Boys will play league contests on Mondays and Thursdays, Girls will play Tuesdays and Fridays. (3/3/16)*

### **4. GAME MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS**

1. The team will play a double round-robin and the team with the most points at the end of the competition shall be declared champions. Teams will receive three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) for a loss. (4-18-96)  
If there is a tie, teams will use the following method of tie-breaker:
  - a. Head-to-head competition
  - b. Head-to-head goal differential (3/4/14)
  - c. Common Opponents Results--Starting at top of League standings and working down, place by place, until tie is broken.
  - d. Playoff game, if time permits, and under the direction of the BVAL Commissioner. CCS overtime procedure will be used if the game is tied after regulation. This would be played only if it is necessary to break a tie for final entry into CCS. (4/23/02)
  - e. Goal Differential (3 maximum), minus goals against for all the league games. (4/23/02)
  - f. Goals for (3 maximum) in league games. (4/23/02)
  - g. Goals against in league games.
  - h. Flip of the coin. (4/23/02)
2. The Varsity and Frosh/Soph and Junior Varsity game shall consist of two forty-minute halves with a five minute half-time.
3. There shall be no overtime periods in soccer.
4. The host school is required to provide a legally marked field. The host school shall notify its opponent of any abnormal playing conditions.
  - a) The fans are placed on one side of the field and the players/coaches are placed on the opposite side. (10-17-96)

**b) It is required that home school supervision (other than the coach) be present at all Blossom Valley Athletic League Mt. Hamilton division boys soccer contests. (5-00)**

- c) It is **recommended** that home school supervision (other than the coach) be present at all Blossom Valley Athletic League contests. (4-17-97)
- d) In games played in stadiums teams can sit on opposite sides along with their fans as long as the fans are in the stands. (5-26-05)
5. Each coach must submit to their opponents a complete roster which will include: name, age, year in school and uniform numbers home and away prior to each game. (5/27/04)
  6. The referee in charge shall be the official timekeeper.
  7. There shall be three (3) officials for all Varsity League games. A game will not be played with less than two officials. (4-18-96) A game can be played with 2 officials if agreed upon by both coaches. (5/29/03)
  8. The uniform shall be consistent with the National Federation Rule Book.  
**BOYS** - 7.1 Home team is to wear white/light color. Away team is to wear dark/color. (03/05/09)
  9. When an official ejects a player (red card) for whatever reason, that player may not be replaced at any time during the match. The team must then play the remainder of the match one player short, regardless of the half in which the ejection took place. (4-17-97)
  10. A player who has been red-carded may not participate in the next game his/her team plays.
    - 10.1 If a player receives a second red card in the same season, the player is ejected and misses the next three (3) games. (4-13-95)
    - 10.2 If a player receives a third red card in the same season, the player is ejected and remains out for the remainder of the season, including playoffs. (4-13-95)
    - 10.3 Two (2) yellow cards (soft red) equal one (1) red card and the player is ejected. A second yellow card not only will disqualify the player, but the team will not be permitted to substitute for the disqualified player. The ejected player will sit out the next game. (1/9/14)
    - 10.4 All red cards shall be treated equally in terms of player suspensions. (4-99)
    - 10.5 Any coach ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be ineligible to coach the next athletic contest at that level of competition and all other athletic contests at any level during the interim. (4/26/12)
    - 10.6 Coaches who are ejected will be required to successfully complete the NFHS Sportsmanship online course (Teaching & Modeling Behavior) within 10 days of the ejection at the coaches' expense. Failure by an ejected coach to successfully complete the NFHS Sportsmanship online course within 10 days of the ejection will result in the coach being suspended from coaching in any further competition in that activity until the course certificate is received by the BVAL Commissioner. (4/26/12)
      - i. With the principal's permission, a coach has an opportunity to appeal to the League Commissioner within 5 business days. (4/26/12)
  11. Any team violating this rule shall forfeit the game in which the ineligible player participated.

12. A player that has been yellow-carded must be substituted. The player may reenter the game on the next legal substitution. (3-12-98)

**5. Sportsmanship Action Plan for Schools with 3 or More Player/Coach Ejections (4/26/12)**

- a. **It is required that after a team receives their 3<sup>rd</sup> player/coach ejection during a season a Sportsmanship Plan of Action needs to be created and implemented by the School Administrator, Athletic Director, Coach, and players.**
- b. **This plan needs to include specific details on what they will do as a school and program to reduce the amount of ejections. As well as promoting Sportsmanship, a timeline needs to be given as well for the implementation of this action plan.**
  - i. **The committee would also like to add that we hope and expect all coaches in any sport take the time out of the practice day to teach their athletes about sportsmanship (at least 10-15 minutes/week).**
- c. **Once the school site has created this plan, it needs to be sent to the BVAL League Commissioner for approval. Schools are given 5 business days to create this plan and fax and/or email the plan of action to the League Commissioner.**
- d. **Consistent Reviews of Referees by Coaches (4/26/12)**  
**It is the committees' recommendation that all coaches complete a review of all officials after every game. A specific evaluation form should be available for coaches to fill out after every game.**
  - i. **This would not be a requirement for coaches. However, it can be a vital tool in the continuous development of officials.**
  - ii. **These reviews need to be specific, and not slanderous in nature.**
  - iii. **The evaluations are to provide Peninsula Sports with information that is constructive and positive in nature.**

**6. PLAYER REGULATIONS**

~~After the first League game of any school, any player who competes on a Varsity team in a League game is ineligible to compete as a Junior Varsity or a Frosh/Soph player. *Any player can move up and down all season just as long as that player does not exceed 20 games in a season. F/S Boys is limited to freshmen and sophomores only. JV Girls can be any grade with the exception of seniors.*~~ (3/2/18)

**7. GAME LIMITATIONS**

1. The number of games permissible shall be twenty (20) total plus two (2) scrimmages and one (1) Non-CIF contest. (12/2009)
2. The League schedule shall consist of a double round-robin.
3. If a game is rained out, the home team shall notify the visiting team and the officials by 12:00 noon, the day of the game.
4. **Night Soccer** - Each school will be allowed one (1) home night soccer game per program with approval of both schools. (10/17/02) It is permissible to charge for single night soccer contest with pricing as outlined in BVAL Constitution. (03/05/09)

**8. CIF RULE 600 COMPETITION ON AN OUTSIDE TEAM - (Revised 11/02/15)**

**CIF Rule 600** - A student on a high school team becomes ineligible if the student competes in a contest on an "outside" team, in the same sport, during the student's high school season of sport (See Bylaw 504.A). The

following exceptions apply:

A. If the outside team has half or more of the team members as stated in the National Federation rules book for that sport, it shall be considered the same sport. Examples: three-on-three basketball---outside team competition prohibited; two-on-two volleyball---outside team competition permitted.

B. Flag Football

For purposes of this rule, touch football and flag football are considered to be different sports than tackle football.

### **C. Soccer**

In the sport of soccer, Bylaw 600 shall be in effect only during the winter high school soccer season. High school soccer programs that compete during the fall or spring season are not subject to Bylaw 600.

NOTE: For purposes of this section, indoor soccer and futsal are not considered the same sport as soccer.

## **CCS Bylaws, Article VI Eligibility, Section 11 OUTSIDE COMPETITION**

A student may not join a school Varsity team after the first league contest of that team if the student has competed on an outside team or in outside competition in the same sport during the school/league season of that sport except as provided for in CIF Bylaw ARTICLE 60. A newly enrolled student or one who could not participate due to illness or injury may join the team if he/she does not compete on an outside team subsequent to his/her enrollment or recovery from such illness or injury.

### **9. RESCHEDULING GAMES**

With the home school initiating, it shall be up to the two schools concerned to reschedule any rained-out League contest. This must be done at the next available date. (See constitution for rescheduling procedure.)

### **10. ENTRY INTO CCS COMPETITION** (revised 03/04/14)

#### **GIRLS & BOYS**

1. The top three (3) finishers in Mt. Hamilton will advance to the CCS Tournament.
2. The top two (2) from Santa Teresa will advance to the CCS Tournament.
3. The League champion from the West Valley will advance to the CCS Tournament.

All teams automatic qualifiers and at-large teams must submit a summary sheet before the beginning of the Seeding Meeting to be eligible for participation. (4-20-99)

### **11. BVAL ALL LEAGUE SELECTIONS**

**Section 1:** The Chart of Awards listed in the constitution states:

- a) 13 - 1st team & 13 2nd team athletes will be selected to the all-league teams.
- b) 6 Special Awards : MVP, SR., JR., SOPH, FR. of the year & Goalie of the Year
- c) All 3 boys divisions will select their all-league based upon teams final place in league. (5/27/04)
- d) All 3 girls divisions will select their all-league members by voting for each player. (5/27/04)

**Section 2:** In an attempt to avoid confusion when selecting All League teams, this section provides a formula 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 of the year are 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”.

- However, SOPH or FR of the year if listing any other SOPH or FR on 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> team you must first list your SOPH or FR of the year before adding any other freshman or sophomores to either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-league.
- 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 TOAL per school, NOT per team (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.

**Section 3: Soccer** -13 All-League certificates –(1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>) team)

(8 teams)			(7 teams)			(6 teams)		
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	4th	2	2	4th	2	2
5th	1	2	5th	1	2	5th	1	2
6th	1	1	6th	1	1	6th	1	1
7th	1	1	7th	1	1			
8th	-	1						