

SOFTBALL

1. FORMAT OF COMPETITION

- 1.1. The league shall be divided into three divisions Bay, Ocean and Lake. The divisions shall be determined by strength of program, recommended by the coaches and approved by the Board of Managers. The determination of league placement shall be reviewed every year.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The current National Federation of High Schools Softball rules with CIF Modifications will be used exclusively.

3. NUMBER OF CONTESTS

- 3.1. Varsity and JV: 27 games and two (2) scrimmages.

4. STARTING DATES

- 4.1. Starting practice dates for each sport season shall be determined by the CCS.

5. DEFINITION OF PRACTICE/SCRIMMAGE

- 5.1. See PAL Bylaws, Article IV, Section 2 and Section 3.

6. STARTING TIME FOR CONTESTS

- 6.1. Afternoon contests shall commonly be scheduled at 4:00 PM, unless otherwise noted and authorized by the Board of Managers or the principals involved.
- 6.2. By mutual consent of principals, place or time of playing games may be changed.
 - 6.2.1. If the principals involved cannot reach mutual agreement on the changing of game times and/or sites the schedule stands as approved.

7. REQUIRED SCORING AND/OR TIMING PERSONNEL

- 7.1. The home team shall provide or designate the "official" scorer and score book.

8. CHAMPIONSHIPS AWARDED IN DIVISIONS

For the purposes of CCS playoff team representation, the PAL will send the top four (4) teams from the Bay Division, the top two (2) teams from the Ocean Division, and the Lake champion.

- 8.1. Varsity - The champion of the Varsity division will be the winner of the round-robin.
 - 8.1.1. In the event of a tie for first place, a co-championship shall be declared and the tie-breaking system will only be used for CCS representation.
- 8.2. JV - The champion will be determined on the basis of round-robin standings. Ties will not be broken.

9. TIE CONTESTS/LEAGUE STANDINGS

- 9.1. The International Tie Breaker will be used for any game still tied going into the 9th inning. It shall start with a runner on second base (the runner shall be the person that made the last out in the previous inning).
- 9.2. Mercy rule is in effect for 10 runs after 5 innings and 15 runs after 3 innings of play.
- 9.3. All ties must be broken and standing set prior to the CCS Playoffs. The procedures listed below will be followed in order until the tie situation is resolved.

- 9.3.1. Win and loss record within the tie.
- 9.3.2. Won-lost versus teams above in the standing in order of finish.
- 9.3.3. Won-lost versus team(s) below in the standing in order of finish.
- 9.3.4. Total CCS points for each team.
- 9.3.5. If still a tie, coin flip by commissioner.

10. POST SEASON TOURNAMENT

- 10.1. Neither pre or post season games shall be authorized before or after the close of the regularly scheduled athletic activity season unless approved by the Board of Managers.
 - 10.1.1. These games also need CCS/CIF approval.
 - 10.1.2. The first, second, third, and fourth place teams in the Bay division automatically qualify for CCS.
- 10.2. The Ocean division first place team automatically qualifies for CCS.
- 10.3. All winning teams are eligible to petition to participate in CCS.

11. VARSITY ALL-LEAGUE SELECTION PROCEDURE

- 11.1. All-league selection will be made by the coaches at the regular meeting held at the conclusion of the season.
- 11.2. The Bay division and the Ocean division will select their own individual all-league teams.
 - 11.2.1. All league selection process. Each school gets one all league nomination per two league wins. Uneven win totals are rounded up. (Three wins rounds up to four and allows two nominations). Each coach may use his/her allotment for first or second team nominations. The process begins with first team nominations being taken from all the schools. Once all the first team nominations are on the board, voting takes place. Players need five votes to be placed on first team. Coaches may vote for their own players. If a number of players are tied at four votes, a vote-off may take place. The process is the same for second team, with those not being voted to first team automatically nominated for second team. All players nominated but not voted to first or second team are accorded honorable mention status.

12. AWARDS

- 12.1. Authorized Peninsula League awards include:
 - 12.1.1. Certificates recognizing "all-league selections" to be made available by the Peninsula Athletic League Commissioner's office, in addition perpetual trophies that existed prior to the formation of the PAL or were purchased since its inception will be awarded to division champions.

13. SPECIAL RULINGS

- 13.1. The Peninsula Athletic League is an "open roster" league. Athletes may move between rosters throughout the season of sport. Athletes may not exceed the CCS game limit of 27 contests. Athletes may not participate in two levels of play on the same day.
- 13.2. Two certified umpires shall be assigned for all league games.
- 13.3. No JV game shall start a new inning after two hours of play.

14. SPORTS CHAIRPERSONS

- 14.1.** The softball chairpersons shall serve for a minimum of two (2) years.
- 14.2.** The softball chairpersons shall be selected or appointed from each division.
- 14.3.** The duties of the chairpersons:
 - 14.3.1.** Shall notify the commissioner of all sport committee meetings.
 - 14.3.2.** Shall call a meeting of all the league softball coaches prior to the beginning of the season to go over schedules, bylaws, rule changes, and anything pertaining to their sport for their season. This meeting shall include all coaches from both divisions.
 - 14.3.3.** Shall call a meeting of all league softball coaches at the end of the season to review the bylaws, make revisions in the bylaws, set up schedules for the next season, and select all-league players. At this meeting, they shall also discuss problems that came up during the season and make recommendations to resolve the problems.
 - 14.3.4.** Will coordinate the evaluation of team placements and will give the new division assignments to the league commissioner.
 - 14.3.5.** Shall represent their division on the CCS Softball Committee.

15. MISCELLANEOUS

- 15.1.** All equipment including uniforms, game balls, bats, protective equipment, etc., shall meet the minimum specifications according to the official adopted rules.
- 15.2.** Batting practice on game day is permissible. Regular softballs allowed for use in pre-game batting routines. Pregame use of pitching machines is not allowed.
- 15.3.** Line-up card - The official line-up card shall include both the line-up and all substitutes. A player not listed on the official line-up card will not be allowed to play in the game.
- 15.4.** All teams who qualify for CCS Playoffs may request one scrimmage prior to CCS Playoffs.
- 15.5.** All rain outs shall be made up prior to the date of the last league game.
- 15.6.** The official PAL ball will be the Wilson A9016B (optic yellow).