



## **2025-26 SAN DIEGO CIF BASKETBALL PRESEASON BULLETIN**

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1.     **PRESEASON ADVISORY MEETING**

**October 14, 2025:** 4:00 p.m. Via Virtual Zoom mtg

2.     **POST-SEASON ADVISORY MEETING:**

Boys' Meeting: March 24, 2025 @ 4:00 PM

Girls' Meeting: March 23, 2025 @ 4:00 PM

3.     **OFFICIAL PLAYOFF BASKETBALL**

**Wilson** has graciously entered into an agreement with the San Diego Section. **Wilson** will be providing all of the section playoff basketballs (Wilson EVO NXT) and will be the Official Basketball for the 2025-2026 San Diego CIF Section Basketball Playoffs.

4.     **2025-26 RULES BOOK**

A copy of the 2024 National Federation Basketball Rule Book is being mailed to schools for the head varsity coach. It is the official rule book for the CIF and will govern all interscholastic wrestling competition in the San Diego Section unless otherwise provided in the Green Book or bulletins. Please note carefully the rules book changes from those by which the CIF operated during the 2024-25 season.

5.     **GREEN BOOK**

Coaches are advised to review general eligibility rules as well as special basketball rules listed in the 2025-26 CIFSDS Green Book. For more information contact your school administration or go to the CIFSDS under Green Book at [www.cifsd.org](http://www.cifsd.org).

6.     **RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES FOR GAME MANAGEMENT**

To review the [Recommended Guidelines for Game Management](#) please follow this link.

7.     **ORGANIZED TEAM PRACTICE**

The official start date for before and after-school basketball practice is **Saturday, November 8, 2025.**

8.     **MAXIMUM CONTESTS**

No restrictions on tournaments this year, however, teams may not exceed 28 contacts for the season. If you are scheduled to play teams in a tournament that are from outside the State of California, or outside the country, verify that it has been sanctioned prior to

any competition. Additionally, each team is permitted to participate in a maximum of two scrimmages. No scrimmage may be conducted after a school's first contest.

**9. COMPETITION DATES**

<b>November 14:</b>	First possible interscholastic scrimmage.
<b>November 15:</b>	First possible interscholastic contest.
<b>December 30:</b>	End of Sit Out Period.
<b>February 13:</b>	Last possible pre-playoff competition.
<b>February 14:</b>	San Diego Section Playoff Seeding Meeting
<b>February 26 - February 28:</b>	San Diego Section Finals
<b>March 3 - 14:</b>	California Regionals & State Championships

**10. "ETHICS IN SPORTS" POLICY**

Coaches are reminded of the "ETHICS IN SPORTS" Policy:

**EJECTION POLICY:**

Any player whose conduct merits ejection from a game by an official for acts of *gross unsportsmanlike conduct* shall be disqualified from participating in the remainder of the game and will be subject to the following penalties:

In all sports with the exception of football, the penalty will be ejection from that contest and a 3 or 6 game/match suspension; in the sport of football, the penalty will be ejection from that contest and a 3 game suspension.

Any athlete ejected for an act of this nature is required to meet with the CIFSDS Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner at an agreed upon time prior to returning to play.

Ejections for reasons other than "gross unsportsmanlike conduct" will result in a penalty of ejection from that contest and a one (1) game/match suspension. A one game suspension may not be appealed.

After the suspension from play, the student may only return after certification by the school principal or his/her designee that the student(s) has completed a conference with a school administrator. The appropriate form indicating the completion of the conference must be filed with the San Diego Section office prior to "rejoining the team" ("rejoining the team" is in reference to competition, not practice).

A second ejection from a game or contest will cause the student to be suspended for the remainder of the season. Participation of a player who was ejected from a previous contest, who knowingly or unknowingly participates in the next contest, will result in the forfeiture of that contest.

Players are permitted to practice with the team and attend contests, but not in game uniform, during the period of suspension.

A copy of the revised policy must be signed by each coach, athlete and parent/guardian before attending or participating in a contest. The signed copies are to be filed at each school site, and each Principal is to forward a compliance form to the CIFSDS Office.

**NOTE: Compliance form due dates are as follows:**

**Winter Season Sports = December 1, 2025**

**11. REMINDER - COACHING COMPENSATION (CIF STATE BYLAW 503 F.)**

A coach shall not be reimbursed for coaching services from any source other than the school funds without the approval of the school's governing board, nor be subject to any bonus arrangement dependent upon the success of the school's team.

**12. SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT/INVITATIONAL EVENTS:**

**CIFSDS SANCTIONING** - CIFSDS will sanction tournaments/invitational when invited schools are from California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, or Mexico and/or from non-border states when invited schools are eight (8) or fewer or invited states are five (5) or fewer. New CIFSDS sanction application is on website [www.ciflds.org](http://www.ciflds.org) - Tournaments.

CIFSDS sanction is necessary for all tournaments at all levels (Varsity, JV, Frosh, and Club). Tournament/Invitational Directors must provide the assignment secretary with a sanction number (issued by CIFSDS office) **before** officials may be assigned. Please check the CIFSDS website at [www.ciflds.org](http://www.ciflds.org) under Tournaments, for approved sanction numbers.

**REMINDER** - Sanctioning deadline for CIFSDS applications for fall sports is June 1; Winter sports are December 1; and spring sports are February 1 (\$25 sanction fee). A \$100 late fee will be assessed after the deadline for a total of \$125.

**NFHS SANCTIONING** - Sanction requests involving more than five (5) non-border states or more than eight (8) schools from non-border states and/or schools from foreign countries (excluding Canada and Mexico) must be sanctioned online through NFHS. For sanctioning procedures go to [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org). NFHS will notify the CIFSDS office when the sanctioning process is completed for CIFSDS schools and will post approved events on their website.

Please call the CIFSDS office 858-292-8165 x 15 or email [rmarquez@ciflds.org](mailto:rmarquez@ciflds.org) if you have any questions.

**13. PLAYOFF FORMAT**

The 2025-26 San Diego CIF Boys' and Girls' Basketball Playoffs will be conducted in Seven competitively based divisions.

**14. TENTATIVE PLAYOFF DATES AND SITES**

**A. Play in Games: Monday, February 16, 2025**

**B. First Round Division I-V:AA** at highest seeded home-school sites at 7:00 P.M.

Girls': **Tuesday, February 17**

Boys': **Wednesday, February 18**

**C. Quarterfinals Division I-V:AA** at highest seeded home-school sites at 7:00 P.M.

Girls': **Friday, February 20**

Boys': **Saturday, February 21**

D. **Semifinals Division I-V:AA** at highest seeded home-school sites at 7:00 P.M.

Divisions Open - V:AA: **TBD**

F. **Finals:** TBD at this time. (February 26 - February 28)

Potential Locations: Frontwave Arena - Mira Costa CC - Southwestern CC - High Schools

15. **OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION - CONTACTS**

**San Diego County Basketball Officials' Association:**

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**Imperial Valley Officials' Association:**

Fred Ramsey, Assigner: [ramsey\\_fred@att.net](mailto:ramsey_fred@att.net) or 760-315-2278

16. **ACCOMMODATIONS FOR OFFICIALS**

Coaches and Athletic Directors are asked to continue their efforts to provide professional assistance to officials who work their games. This would include meeting the officials upon arrival and escorting them to their dressing area as well as escorting them off the floor at half-time and at the contest's conclusion. School personnel other than the head coach should be designated to stand by with a key to the official's room, or the officials should be given a key. On-site staff should be aware of and observe the privacy of the officials' locker room/dressing area. Thank you for your cooperation. **NOTE: The CIFSDS will continue the pre-game "Pursuing Victory with Honor" conference this season.**

17. **REMINDER TO ALL GAME ADMINISTRATION, OFFICIALS, COACHES, AND PLAYERS – BENCH DECORUM RULE IS TO BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

Thank you, and we look forward to another outstanding Winter season in the San Diego Section of CIF!

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