

2018 CIF/SCGA SoCal Regional Boys Golf Championship



Thursday, May 24, 2018

**Brookside Golf Club
(C.W. Koiner, Course #1)
Pasadena, CA**

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CIF/SCGA Southern California High School Championship Participants,

On behalf of the Southern California Golf Association (SCGA), congratulations on qualifying for the CIF/SCGA Southern California High School Championship. Many of Southern California's finest players have participated in this prestigious tournament along the way to exciting careers in golf, and we hope this event is a stepping stone for you as well.

As your leading regional golf authority, the SCGA is proud to sponsor this event as well as other junior golf programs through our SCGA Junior program. With the SCGA's support, this tournament is run by the best officials in the state at the challenging C.W. Koiner, Course #1 at Brookside Golf Club in Pasadena. The golf courses at Brookside have hosted many major championships including the Los Angeles Open, the 1974 USGA Public Links Championship and the annual Pasadena City Championship. This same championship was held here last year with Sean Maruyama from Campbell High School earning the individual title by shooting 68. Palm Desert High School earned the Southern California team title by shooting 367. This year you can look forward to live hole by hole scoring coverage during the tournament, which can be found on scga.org/cif. We hope you enjoy the experience of playing in an SCGA event.

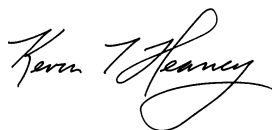
We also encourage you to become a member of the SCGA if you are not already. As a competitive golfer, you can use your SCGA Handicap Index to pursue several of the nation's top championships, such as the U.S. Amateur Championship, the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship, the SCGA Amateur Championship and the California Amateur Championship. In addition, an SCGA membership offers numerous benefits. Best of all, the SCGA does not charge an annual fee if you are under 18. Among the many benefits of an SCGA membership:

- *Rules of Golf* education and assistance,
- discounted green fee opportunities,
- access to the Southland's top golf courses,
- golf news and highlights via scga.org and the SCGA's FORE Magazine,
- discounts to Southern California professional sports events
- and an SCGA-USGA Handicap Index.

For more information on the benefits of an SCGA membership, please visit scga.org.

Again, congratulations on qualifying for this wonderful event. Best of luck during the competition.

Sincerely,



Kevin Heaney
Executive Director



Jeff Ninnemann
Director of Rules & Competitions

CIF/SCGA SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Thursday, May 24, 2018
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CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION 8:00 A.M. SHOTGUN START

The CIF Commissioners are responsible for distributing this notice. All contestants and coaches should receive a copy.

LOCATION:

Brookside Golf Club
1133 Rosemont Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91103
(626) 585-3598

SIZE OF FIELD:

Central Section:	Up to 12 individual entries plus two 6-person teams	
L.A. City Section	Up to 12 individual entries plus two 6-person teams	
San Diego Section	Up to 12 individual entries plus two 6-person teams	
Southern Section	Up to 28 individual entries plus four 6-person teams	TOTAL FIELD = 124

NOTIFICATION OF QUALIFIERS: All entries must be submitted to the SCGA office via email, by Friday, May 18, 2018 to Matt Pawlak: mpawlak@scga.org (EARLIER SECTIONS PLEASE EMAIL ASAP) Commissioners will be responsible for submitting the entries.

THURSDAY MORNING REGISTRATION: Upon arrival, coaches will be responsible for registering their team or individual player(s) at the registration table, which will be located next to the clubhouse on the South Patio (close to the 10th tee). The registration table will open at 6:00 a.m. **Each player must be accompanied by a coach or authorized school representative when registering at the tournament site.**

ALTERNATES/SUBSTITUTIONS: Each CIF Section shall be responsible for designating substitutes in the event of any cancellations. A vacancy may be filled only by the next qualified substitute from the particular section involved, upon authorization from the CIF Section Commissioner. Substitutions on the day of the tournament, for the individual competitions will not be permitted. Alternates *are not* to show up *as a standby* the day of competition. **Substitutes will be paired in the same position in the team pairings as the players they have replaced.**

PAIRINGS & STARTING HOLES: 8:00 a.m. **shotgun start.** Pairings and starting holes will be posted online at scga.org/cif and the CIF website cifstate.org on Tuesday, May 22 by 5 p.m. All players participating in the shotgun must report to the cart staging area for transport instructions to their respective tees no later than 7:45 a.m.

DRESS REQUIREMENTS: **Players and Coaches** must be attired in collared golf shirts (mock golf shirts are allowed), slacks, or Bermuda-length tailored dress shorts and soft spiked shoes. T-SHIRTS, TANK TOPS, JEANS OF ANY COLOR OR ANY TYPE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. Shirts must be tucked in and hats must be worn forward. Women: Must wear golf shirts, slacks, skirts, or hemmed shorts (must be no shorter than mid-thigh).

PRACTICE ROUNDS: CIF Bylaw 504.M. Sunday Restrictions are still in effect. Contact Brookside Golf Club in advance to book a practice round. The junior green fee rate is \$7 on Monday through Friday. Normal rates will apply for weekend rounds. Please identify yourself as a participant of the tournament.

RULES: Play is governed by the Rules of Golf, effective January 2016. Local Rules which apply during the tournament will be distributed to all contestants when they arrive at their starting tee. Each player understands and agrees to observe all regulations and conditions set forth by the SCGA Tournament Committee. Any questions shall be settled by the SCGA Tournament Committee whose decision shall be final.

COACHING: Limited communication between designated coach(es) and player(s) is permitted according to the rules stipulated in **Appendix A (Coaching Rules)**. All coaches are required to sign and submit at the event a copy of these rules indicating that they have read and understand the rules. Other than this limited communication, Rule 8 (Advice - see section immediately below) from the Rules of Golf applies.

ADVICE: Participants are reminded of Rule 8 (Advice) of The Rules of Golf which specifically prohibits players from receiving any counsel or suggestion from anyone, (including their parents, coaches and other players, etc.) which could influence them in determining their play, the choice of a club, or the method of making a stroke. Note: Information on the Rules of Golf, distances to a hole location, and Local Rules for this tournament are not considered to be advice.

TEERING GROUND YARDAGES: Play for the individual and team competition will be from a combo yardage. For exact hole by hole yardages please refer to the yardage locations page found below in this document.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION:

124 players will play 18 holes of stroke play. All players participating are eligible for the Individual Championship.

TIES:

In the event there is a tie for 1st place or the last spot into the State Championship, the tie will be decided by a sudden-death play-off. All other ties will be decided by matching of score cards, based on the USGA recommended tie-breaking procedure (best score for holes 10-18, 13-18, etc.).

TEAM COMPETITION:

The teams representing each CIF Section will consist of six players, and the best five of the six players' scores will be counted in determining the team champion and runner-up and third place.

TIES:

In the event there is a tie in team play, the tie will be decided by totaling the 6th person's score to the team total. If the teams are still tied the tie will be broken by using the USGA recommended tie breaking procedure which totals the scores of all six players on each team for holes 10-18, if still tied holes 13-18, if still tied holes 16-18 and if still tied hole 18. Note: if after this procedure, they are still tied, the same procedure will be used with holes 1-9.

AWARDS: Team awards will be presented to the champion and runner-up teams following completion of play. Awards will be presented to the first six place finishers in the individual competition. The SCGA will present awards to the top individual qualifier and each individual on the 1st place qualifying team.

STATE CIF CHAMPIONSHIP: The top 3 teams and top 9 individuals (not already on a qualifying team) will advance to the State Championship on Wednesday, May 30 at San Gabriel Country Club.

[San Gabriel Country Club](#)

350 Hermosa Drive
San Gabriel, CA 91775

GENERAL INFORMATION

DRIVING RANGE: The driving range will open at 6 a.m. and practice ball range tickets will be distributed at registration. One bucket of range balls will be hosted by the SCGA.

FOOD: The clubhouse restaurant will open at 6 a.m. Players, coaches and spectators may purchase items from the restaurant for breakfast. The SCGA will host a lunch for all players, one coach per team/individual and tournament officials immediately following play. Players will receive lunch tickets in exchange for a completed score card. (lunch tickets are for players and coaches only). Awards will be presented at this time. Parents and spectators may purchase lunch items on the patio of the clubhouse restaurant.

GOLF CARTS AND CADDIES: Players must carry their own clubs during the stipulated round. Caddies and golf carts are not permitted during play. Push or pull carts are permitted. Coaches, spectators and media are not allowed golf carts.

GALLERY/SPECTATORS REQUIREMENTS: All spectators will be required to check in with Brookside Golf Club staff at the registration table, which will be located next to the clubhouse on the South Patio. Per club policy, spectators will be required to read through and sign a Spectator Release and Indemnity Agreement. ***(This form is located at the end of this document and must be filled out by each coach, family member or friend attending the tournament.)*** All spectators should remain at a distance of 30 yards from players at all times and are not to walk on the fairways or putting greens.

NOTE: All spectators must walk. Coaches and spectators are not allowed in golf carts.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: Players may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3. Any questions about such devices should be resolved before the start of the stipulated round.

The penalty for breach of this rule is a 2 stroke penalty, any subsequent offense is disqualification.

CELLULAR PHONES

The use of wireless handheld devices (smart phones) on the golf course is prohibited by players. Coaches and Spectators will be allowed to text, email or view live scoring on scga.org/cif. Talking on cell phones is prohibited. All coaches and spectators should turn their cell phones off or to silent mode.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS:

Hilton Pasadena 168 S. Los Robles Ave. Pasadena, CA 91101 (626) 577-1000 hilton.com	Best Western Pasadena Inn 3570 E. Colorado Blvd. Pasadena, CA, 91107 (626) 796-9100 bestwestern.com	Courtyard by Marriott 180 North Fair Oaks Ave. Pasadena, CA 91103 (626) 403-7600 marriott.com	Hilton Los Angeles North/Glendale 100 West Glenoaks Boulevard Glendale, CA 91202 (818) 956-5466 hilton.com
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the SCGA Rules and Competitions Department at (800) 554-7242.



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<u>HOLE</u>	<u>YARDAGE LOCATION</u>	<u>PAR</u>
1	316	4
2	399	4
3	434	4
4	424	4
5	363	4
6	508	5
7	408	4
8	164	3
9	337	4
<u>OUT</u>	<u>3,353</u>	<u>36</u>
10	408	4
11	559	5
12	440	4
13	157	3
14	374	4
15	528	5
16	421	4
17	169	3
18	443	4
<u>IN</u>	<u>3,499</u>	<u>36</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>6,852</u>	<u>72</u>



CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS (NOTE TO RULE 4-1a) – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS (NOTE TO RULE 5-1) – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY (NOTE TO RULE 6-8b) – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

SCORE CARDS – A player is deemed to have returned his/her score card once he/she has left the scoring area.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION – A competition is deemed to have closed when the result (including the result of a playoff, if applicable) has been officially announced or, in stroke play qualifying followed by match play, when the player has teed off in his/her first match.

CODE OF CONDUCT – By submitting an entry for any SCGA-administered competition, the contestant understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of the SCGA. A contestant may be removed from any competition at the discretion of the SCGA staff or Rules and Competitions Committee at any time before or during the competition. Incidents of unbecoming conduct or actions deemed to be detrimental to the image of the SCGA or the “Spirit of the Game” are grounds for such removal and suspension from future SCGA-administered competitions. These include, but are not limited to the following: 1) Willful damage of the golf course or golf course property 2) Club throwing or unnecessary club tossing 3) Offensive or unbecoming language 4) Public criticism of golf course or verbal abuse of SCGA staff, officials, volunteers, host club staff or other contestants 5) Potential endangerment of others and 6) Conduct deemed unbecoming.

PACE OF PLAY POLICY SUMMARY – The responsibility for maintaining a good pace of play belongs with you, the player. If you fall behind on one hole, you are expected to play efficient golf and get back into position. This might mean playing ready golf for a hole or two and doing continuous putting – both of which are allowed in stroke play. Manage your time efficiently in between shots and be ready to play when it is your turn. Determine club selection and yardage while others are playing rather than waiting to do so when it is your turn to play. Keep pace with the group in front of you and do not worry about where the group behind you is. If a group is out of position, an SCGA official will monitor and time them. Any group out of position will be informed by an SCGA official when they are being monitored and timed.

A group will be considered out of position if it reaches the tee of a par-3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee; reaches the tee of a par-4 hole and the putting green is clear; or reaches the tee of a par-5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green.

When a group is out of position each player in the group is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds after timing of the player’s stroke begins. Other than on the putting green, timing of a player’s stroke will begin when he has had reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke. On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt and remove loose impediments from

his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and / or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

PACE OF PLAY PENALTIES: One bad time exceeding the allotted time – Warning. A second bad time – 1 stroke penalty. A third bad time – Additional 2 stroke penalty. A fourth bad time – Disqualification

GENERAL LOCAL RULES

EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN ([NOTE 3 TO RULE 25-2](#)) – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON A PUTTING GREEN – When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his/her partner, his/her opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. (NOTE: Full text of Local Rule available at usga.org/2017LocalRule).

MODIFICATION OF SCORE CARD PENALTY - Exception: If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include one or more penalty strokes that, before returning his score card, he did not know he had incurred, he is not disqualified. In such circumstances, the competitor incurs the penalty prescribed by the applicable Rule, but there is no additional penalty for a breach of Rule 6-6d. This Exception does not apply when the applicable penalty is disqualification from the competition.

WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARD STAKES AND LINES – When a water hazard or a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a water hazard or lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

OUT OF BOUNDS ([DEC. 27/20](#)) – A ball which crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – Defined by white lines. French drains are deemed to be ground under repair.

WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY-SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS ([DEC. 33-8/25](#)) – have the same status as the roads and paths, that of obstructions.

AERATION HOLES – The Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

SEAMS OF CUT TURF (SOD SEAMS) – The Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

EDGING GROOVES ([DEC. 33-8/24](#)) – If a ball lies on an edging groove around a putting green, the player may, without penalty, lift the ball, clean it and place it out of the groove in the nearest position to where it lay, whether on or off the putting green, which is not nearer the hole.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH – are loose impediments, unless otherwise provided for in *Notice to Players*.

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE – include artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in *Notice to Players*.

POWER LINES ([DEC. 33-8/13](#)) – If a ball strikes an overhead power line, the stroke is canceled and the player must play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played in accordance with [Rule 20-5](#). See *Notice to Players* for further clarification.

COURSE SPECIFIC LOCAL RULES: BROOKSIDE GOLF CLUB (COURSE #1)

(These course specific local rules are subject to change prior to the championship. Each player will be given the official local rules sheet on their starting tee)

OUT OF BOUNDS

- Where boundary fences have masonry or a concrete wall at their base, out of bounds is defined by the inside course edge of the wall or concrete.
- A ball that crosses a road which is marked out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the golf course.
- The driving range is out of bounds. Its margins are defined by stakes and/or its fencing.
- The service yard to the left of Hole 3 is out of bounds defined by its surrounding fencing.
- The cart path curbing behind the 9th and 18th greens also defines out of bounds.

TEMPORARY LIGHT STRUCTURES – The temporary lighting structures on the course are deemed to be TIO's (Temporary Immovable Obstructions). Refer to Appendix I-7.

FLOOD CONTROL CHANNEL – When the flood control channel parallels a hole, it is deemed to be a lateral water hazard. When the flood control channel crosses the fairway, it is deemed to be a water hazard. The margin of the flood control channel is defined by painted lines or stakes. In the absence of painted lines or stakes, the margin of the flood control channel is defined by the grass-side edge of the channel's concrete wall. On Hole 16, the lateral water hazard behind the green extends to infinity.

NOTE: A ball should **not** be played or retrieved from within the flood control channel due to liability restrictions. This includes a ball which comes to rest on a bridge within the flood control channel. Additionally, a ball which comes to rest on the opposite side of the flood control channel (applicable on Holes 1, 7 and 8) is deemed to lie in the hazard.

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE – Includes dirt roads and dirt cart paths that are not artificially surfaced. Free relief is not permitted.

OBSTRUCTIONS

- Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1).
- All protective fences within the course that are not part of a boundary fence are deemed to be immovable obstructions. Relief may be taken under Rule 24-2b; **however, there is no line of play relief.**
- Flower beds contiguous with the cart path are deemed immovable obstructions and relief may be taken in accordance with Rule 24-2b.

EDGING GROOVES – If a ball lies in or on an edging groove around a putting green, or if the groove interferes with the area of player's intended swing, the ball may, without penalty, be lifted, cleaned and placed in the nearest position to where it lay that is not nearer the hole and avoids interference by the condition, whether on or off the putting green.

STAKED TREES – If a staked tree, or a newly planted tree with a tree well, interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the ball **MUST** be lifted without penalty and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 24-2b (Immovable Obstructions). The ball may be cleaned when lifted under this rule.

Name of Spectator: _____

SPECTATOR RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of American Golf Corporation, _____, and their respective owners, officers, directors, employees, agents, affiliates, related corporations, successors and assigns (collectively "AGC") allowing me to be a spectator on the golf course, I acknowledge, appreciate and agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns and representatives and next of kin (collectively "Spectator") that:

1. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** The risk of personal injury or property damage from using the golf course and participating in the sport is significant, **INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL FOR PERMANENT PARALYSIS AND DEATH**. Spectator is aware and familiar with the game of golf, the rules and etiquette of the game and the risks involved in participating in the sport, including but not limited to the use of clubs, balls, carts and other equipment, natural or man-made hazards, and variations in terrain and surface conditions. Spectator also recognizes that golfers pose a danger to Spectator, including but not limited to errant golf balls and the close proximity of golfers practice swings. Spectator also understands and accepts that surface conditions on the golf course, walkways, stairs, parking lot and any other areas exposed to the elements of nature are subject to the deposit of rain, water from sprinklers, natural habitat/animals, and other elements such that walking or other daily activities may become dangerous. Such risks and dangers are accepted whether they are marked or unmarked, hidden, latent or obvious. **SPECTATOR FREELY ASSUMES ANY AND ALL RISKS, BOTH KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF AGC OR OTHERS, AND ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SPECTATOR'S BEING ON THE GOLF COURSE.**

2. **COMPLIANCE WITH RULES:** Spectator agrees to comply with and abide by the rules and etiquette of the game, and the rules, instructions and policies of the golf course.

3. **RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE:** Spectator agrees to **FOREVER DISCHARGE AND RELEASE FROM ANY LEGAL LIABILITY AND TO NOT SUE AGC** for any injuries, disability, death, loss or damage to person or property arising out of Spectator's access to the golf course, **INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO INCIDENTS ARISING OUT OF AGC'S ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE** or by marked, unmarked, hidden, latent or obvious defects on the premises or in the equipment used, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

4. **INDEMNITY AGREEMENT:** Spectator agrees to **INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD HARMLESS** AGC from any and all losses, allegations, claims, legal actions, proceedings, damages, judgments and liabilities of any kind ("Losses") that arise out of being a spectator on the golf course, except to the extent such Losses are caused by AGC's gross negligence or willful misconduct. I agree to assume liability and responsibility for my conduct, including any personal injury or property damage that may result from my conduct.

SPECTATOR IS AWARE THAT THIS AGREEMENT IS LEGALLY BINDING AND THAT HE/SHE IS RELEASING LEGAL RIGHTS FOR HIMSELF/HERSELF AND HIS/HER HEIRS BY SIGNING IT.

SPECTATOR UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES THAT THIS AGREEMENT IS INTENDED TO BE AS BROAD AND INCLUSIVE AS IS PERMITTED BY LAW AND THAT IF ANY PORTION OR PARAGRAPH IS HELD INVALID, THE BALANCE SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL LEGAL FORCE AND EFFECT.

SPECTATOR HAS READ, UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED WITH ALL OF THE ABOVE, AND SIGNS THIS CONTRACT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Dated _____

By _____
Signature

Print Name

APPENDIX A – COACHING RULES

The coach(es) may provide instruction, encouragement and information to his/her golfers without interfering with play or the conduct of the event under the following regulations:

- Each high school with a team entered in the event is allowed to appoint two (2) coaches who may communicate advice.
- Each high school with one or more individuals entered in the event is allowed to appoint one (1) coach who may communicate advice.
- Between the play of holes, a coach is allowed to communicate advice to his/her players.
 - Between the play of holes is defined as starting when the player has completed play of the hole and ending when the player places the ball on the tee on the next hole. Coaches may not be on the putting green or on the teeing ground while communicating with their players.
- The communication of advice may not impede the pace of play.
- Coaches are NOT allowed to communicate any advice (verbal or non-verbal) during the play of the hole. A violation of this would result in the player being penalized under Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf.
- Coaches who are in violation of this policy are subject to the following consequences:
 - 1st Breach: Warning
 - Subsequent Breach: Removal from the golf course (coach must remain in the clubhouse/practice area)
- The golf coach(es) as specified under Bylaw 503 (E,F) must be listed on file at his/her respective high school as the golf coach or an employee of the high school or school district in order to communicate advice to his/her players.
- The golf coach(es) must complete the appropriate form in the event handbook and sign in at the event with the tournament committee to receive their credentials and be authorized to coach. The CIF will provide the credentials.
- As a reminder, players are still prohibited from communicating advice, as defined by Rule 8, to other players at any time during their round. Any player who gives or asks for advice will be penalized according to Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf.

Any head coach, assistant coach, or school employee who is found to be in violation of the regulations outlined above may be denied entry at future CIF championship events and may cause his/her team or individual players to be disqualified from the event. Any issues relating to the Rules of Golf (penalty strokes or disqualification) will be determined by the NCGA/SCGA in conjunction with the CIF. Any decisions regarding removal or suspensions will be determined by the CIF. The decision rendered will be considered final.

Please completing the information below and signing this document, I understand the rules stated above and agree to comply with any consequences resulting from a breach these rules. Please bring a copy of this completed form to the competition.

School: _____

Check if team or individual:

Team: _____ **Individual:** _____

Coach #1: _____	_____
Print Name	Signature

Coach #2: _____	_____
(Team Only) Print Name	Signature

TO: ALL ADMINISTRATORS, COACHES AND ATHLETES

FROM: ROGER BLAKE, CIF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DATE: April 2018

RE: EXPECTATIONS FOR SCHOOLS, COACHES AND STUDENT-ATHLETES IN PURSUING VICTORY WITH HONOR

The CIF was formed, and had its humble beginning, during the 1914-1915 school year with only 65,927 high school students in California; it has been estimated that less than 8,000 boys were participating on their high school athletic teams. Today, California high schools boast over 1.8 million students and this past school year more than 800,000 students participated in education-based athletics in California.

During the past century, education-based athletics transformed from an important local community event to one that is frequently on broadcast television and the Internet with full-time websites dedicated to recruiting and blogging about teams, student-athletes and coaches. Most however, still refer to education-based athletics as the last “true amateur sport” venue in America, because our mission and value system is based upon the core foundation of student participation, sportsmanship and fair play. While professional sports, collegiate athletics and even most youth programs have moved toward a business model where finances, income and winning is the sole mission, education-based sports still remains dedicated to providing opportunities for kids to compete in a safe and fair environment.

Sports add richness to a school culture by providing opportunities for any student who wants them. It is the largest “elective” program on any high school campus. Nationally, and here in California, participation by students in high school sports programs is at its highest level in history proving the desire and need is vast. In the process of deriving enjoyment from participation in athletics (Number one reason kids play sports: Fun), our students are learning life-long skills that help them develop into healthy adults and productive citizens. National research continues to validate that students involved in extra-curricular activities attend more days of school, perform better in the classroom, and have less behavioral issues at school; lower dropout rates and lower alcohol and drug abuse rates, than students who do not participate. The data and the lists of participation benefits are endless.

It is true that we occasionally see acts of poor sportsmanship and behavior by a player or a coach, but the overwhelming majority of school contests reflect the positive elements of Pursuing Victory with Honorsm. True, the goal is always to win the contest, but education-based athletics, when done correctly, places the value of life lessons, character and sportsmanship ahead of winning. It is this ability of education-based sports leaders to keep athletics in its proper perspective that helps separate us from the rest.

It is vital that as parents, fans and education-based sports leaders that we remember that less than 2% of our participating students will go on and compete in college athletics. Kids participate in sports because it’s fun and the athletic fields and gymnasium classrooms our schools provide gives adults the opportunity to teach valuable lessons that might not be learned in any other environment. Creating life-long skills and helping create better citizens through participation in education-based athletics is the greatest gift we can give to the future.

We acknowledge that education-based, high school sports are enhancing students’ lives, and ours, in ways that few other activities could. And we agree that, regardless of what side of the field we sit on, attending a high school sporting event is an uplifting, enriching, family-friendly experience for all of us. We would be remiss if the CIF did not thank our CIF family of corporate sponsors who contribute and allow for all of us to experience the joy of education-based athletics.

Help us create an atmosphere where the students of California gain a love of competition and personal growth that will help them mature into productive and caring citizens through their participation in sports. As you enjoy these Championship contest, please help by teaching and demonstrating respect. Displays of good sportsmanship will say positive things about you and your school community, and hopefully remind us all that in the end, sports are meant to be fun and enjoyed by not only those participating, but those in attendance also.