

# 700 Soccer

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## 701 GOVERNING BODY

National Federation Rule book is the governing authority in soccer.  
Some modifications may be made by the State CIF, NCS or the MCAL.

## 702 GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The soccer season shall be in the winter for boys and girls.
2. Soccer shall be a single round schedule.
3. Contests are held on Tuesday, Wednesdays, Thursdays and one Saturday.
4. Starting game times are for 3:15 during the week and 11am & 1 pm on Saturdays.
5. All attempts will be made to flip flop between boys and girls days of the week during the season.
6. Girls Varsity & JVs play the same day of the week as do the boys varsity & jvs.
7. On Saturdays the girls play at 1 pm, boys at 11 am. IF ACT/SAT on Saturday game times will be adjusted to 1 & 3 pm. Schools can decide to have all 4 matches at the same site.
8. Inclement weather: Home teams will be responsible for canceling games due to inclement weather. All games must be canceled by 1:00pm.
9. Cancelled or suspended games must be made up by the next available date. It is not necessary to make up non-varsity games after the season has officially ended (i.e., last varsity game date) unless they have a bearing on the league championship.
10. Suspended games: If more then half of the playing time has been completed and one team is ahead, the official will declare the game over and the team that is ahead, the winner. If less then half of the time is has been completed, contest to start over.
11. **Only** the athletic director or a site administrator may cancel or reschedule a Contest.

## 703 OFFICIALS

North Bay Soccer Referee Association is the organization contracted by the league to assign officials for soccer.

## 704 ADMISSION

Admission may be charged at any MCAL contest although it is not customary to charge for soccer games. See general rules for admission price guidelines.

## 705 LEAGUE RULES & GUIDELINES

1. Three points shall be awarded for a win, one for a tie and no points for a loss.
2. Varsity will play two 40-minute halves with a 10-minute interval between halves. JV's will play two 40-minute halves with a 5-minute interval between halves.
3. For league matches, fans should sit on opposite side of the field from the teams.
4. Teams must both be on the same side of the field leaving a 20 yard opening at mid field for the officials.
5. In soccer any student who receives two yellow cards which equals a "soft" red card--this does not go towards NCS ejection policy BUT the player is ineligible for the next contest.

## 706 PLAY-OFFS

6 schools are in the play-offs  
 #1 seed is the best league record  
 #2 seed is the second best league record  
 #3 seed is the third best league record, etc.  
 In case of a tie, tie-breaking criteria will be used.  
 All contests are held at home sites until the finals that is held at San Rafael.

Format:

<b>Day One</b> @ highest seed	<b>Day Two</b> @ highest seed	<b>Day Two</b> @ highest seed	<b>Day Three</b> @ San Rafael
<b>Monday/Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday/Thursday</b>	<b>Wednesday/Thursday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b><u>Game One</u></b>	<b><u>Game Three</u></b>	<b><u>Game Four</u></b>	<b><u>Game Five</u></b>
<b>#3 vs # 6</b>	<b>lowest seed (3-6) left in the tournament</b>	<b>highest seed (3-6) left in the tournament</b>	<b>winner Game Three vs winner Game Four</b>
<b><u>Game Two</u></b>	<b>vs</b>	<b>vs</b>	
<b>#4 vs #5</b>	<b># 1</b>	<b>#2</b>	

**Odd years: boys play Monday, Wednesday, Saturday Girls: Tuesday, Thursday Saturday**

**Even years: girls play Monday, Wednesday, Saturday Boys: Tuesday, Thursday Saturday**

**Game Time: 3:00 except finals boy's first on odd years, girls first on even years.**

- Administrators need to check in at the main gate and with the officials 15 minutes prior to the match. The match may not start without an administrator from each school being present.
- Administrators from each school are asked to deal with supervision of their fans.

## 707 TIE-BREAKING INFORMATION

Basic format used in the order that it appears:

1. **Head to head competition (Winning percentage)**
2. **Record above the tie (Winning percentage)**
3. **If a tie still exists between any two places. ...use numbers drawn for place\***

If two teams are tied for a play-off position EXCEPT for 4<sup>th</sup> place, the above criteria is used.

If more then two teams are tied for a play-off position EXCEPT for the 4<sup>th</sup> place, the above criteria will be used to seed a team. Once a team is seeded, the above criteria will start over between the remaining tied teams.

**For the final play-off spot if two teams are tied:**

**There will be a play in game to the play-offs if there is no head to head (2-0) advantage except in single round sports, where the one head to head will be used unless three teams are tied for the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place spots.**

If the tie cannot be broken using the above criteria, the numbers will be used to place a team in the 3<sup>rd</sup> seed.

The remaining 2 teams will have a play in contest using the criteria below:

- a. *host is the highest draw number*
  - b. *admission would be charged as it is a play-off contest*
- If more than two teams are tied for the last positions, 1 & 2 above will be used to break the three way tie to qualify the first play in game team. If the tie is not broken between the three teams using 1 & 2 above, then the draw numbers will be used to place the first team into the play in game. The criteria will start OVER to determine the second play in team.*

For the sports of soccer & field hockey, all ties will be broken using points—3 for a win & 1 for a tie.

For the 4th play off position, if points values are the same within the tie and there is no 2 head to head wins by one team, then a play in contest would be held using information denoted below

*In the case of more than three way tie for more than one spot which includes the 4<sup>th</sup> position. The criteria will be used to break the tie seeding one team. The criteria will start OVER again to complete the tournament using the criteria as stated previously.*

- *Numbers are drawn each spring for each school for each season of sport. It has been determined that a low number (1,2,3...) would be the top. The top number has priority!*

## 708 AWARDS & PENNANTS

After completion of the regular season play, the team with the best record will receive a pennant. If the winner of the play-offs is a different team than the round robin winner, a pennant will be awarded to the play-off winner.

## 709 ALL LEAGUE

Soccer all-league team shall consist of:

- Most Valuable player
  - 3 Forwards
  - 4 Mid-field
  - 4 Defense
  - 1 Goalie
1. Each coach via their athletic director may nominate players from their own team for any and all positions according to the formula presented in #14 to follow.
    - These nominations are to be presented (preferably via email) **no later** than the date announced at the pre-season meeting. **Failure to comply with this deadline will result in a coach only receiving four nominations if done before the meeting. Any coach who does not submit their nominations 24 hours before the meeting, will receive one honorable mention position ONLY!**
    - Coaches are asked that they submit the following information when submitting their nominations: A complete roster of all players on the team noting: A. Player's name B. Year in school C. Position
  2. No nominations will be honored at the all leagues selection meeting.

3. The Player of the Year\* shall be voted on first prior to any other voting. No discussion, just a vote.
4. For Player of the Year---if there are more than 4 nominees, a pre-vote will be done where all coaches would rank the players nominated and the top 2 will be eligible for the honor.
5. After the Player of the Year votes, each coach will be given 1 minute to speak about their players.
6. Each coach ranks the nominated players at each position on a ballot presented to them at the meeting.
7. The top-ranked player(s) in each position is (are) first team all league according to the formula above. The next ranked player(s) in each position is (are) the second team all league. The next player in rank order for each position is Honorable Mention. If a school does not have a player on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or honorable mention, they will be allowed to submit a name for HM in any position the coach wishes.
8. Coaches voting for Player of the Year **MAY** vote for their own players.
9. Coaches when ranking players **MAY NOT** vote for their own players.
10. Students are not to be penalized or omitted from consideration on All-League teams because the coach is not present at the meeting.
11. A coach should send a substitute he can not attend the meeting.
12. All league lists will be released by the Commissioner via the MCAL website.
13. All-League athletes will receive certificates.
14. Nomination formula (maximum a coach may nominate per position):  

5 forwards, 6 mid-fielders, 5 defense and 2 goalies
15. \*Player of the Year:  
If you feel you have a player who is qualified to be considered for top honors:
  - Coaches nominate their own player
  - Nominations are due the day you submit your position nominations. Please make sure that you also nominate this player for the position they would be nominated for. If selected the P of Y, the player's name will be removed from the original ballot