

NORTH COAST SECTION/LES SCHWAB TIRES FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
GAME ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

**Eligible Associations**

1. Associations must be accredited by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) and have attended the CIF Rule Interpreters Meeting for the current year in order to officiate NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship events.
2. Assignment of first round, second round, semi-final and final games is based upon the percentage of schools serviced by the association (percentage of schools serviced x number of playoff games x number of positions = number of assignments). The number of assignments is rounded up or down to the nearest whole number as determined by the NCS Coordinator of Officials or by the person designated by the NCS to allocate the assignments. Assignments are on a per-season basis and do not carry forward to the subsequent school year.
3. An association must service at least three schools during the season to receive a semi-final assignment and at least four schools to receive a final assignment.
4. Assignment of positions in final games shall be rotated among eligible associations that service schools in the assigned Classification. Pursuant to Section 507 of the NCS Constitution & General Bylaws, an association representative must attend all scheduled Football Officials Coordinating Committee Meetings.
5. Only nominated officials who meet the minimum criteria may be used in NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship games. The assigner of each association is responsible for avoiding conflicts between officials and the participating teams. Associations assigning non-nominated officials shall lose an assignment the following year in the round the official works.
6. Association assigners must provide the NCS Coordinator of Officials with the names of officials working each game at least 24 hours in advance of the game.

**Nominated Officials**

1. Each officials association shall post an alphabetical list of their recommended officials on the North Coast Section (NCS) website on or before **Friday, October 7, 2011** (Form A). Only nominated officials may be used in championship events. ([www.cifncs.org/officials/NCSchampionships/football](http://www.cifncs.org/officials/NCSchampionships/football))
2. Each nominated official shall complete and submit the Game Officials Assignment Eligibility Form posted on the NCS website on or before **Monday, October 24, 2011** (Form C).

## Game Assignments

1. Officials may be assigned to more than one playoff game and may be assigned to games by more than one officials association.
2. An official assigned to a final game should not be assigned to a first round, second round, or semi-final game involving the same classification.
3. An official assigned to a semifinal game may be assigned to a first round or second round game in the same classification if the game is in an opposite bracket.
4. All official assignments are subject to the review and approval of the North Coast Section.
5. Officials may not work a game involving a team where there is a conflict because of past or current employment, school attendance, etc. **Each official must complete a Game Officials Assignment Eligibility Form in order to officiate a NCS playoff game.** Only nominated officials may be used in NCS/Les Schwab Tires championship events.
6. The assigner of each officials association must avoid assigning officials who have a conflict with one of the participating teams, or to games where one of the participating teams has submitted a form indicating the official is unacceptable.
7. The assigner for each officials association is responsible for informing their officials as to the date, time and location of the assigned game and travel directions for getting to the game site. Directions to the schools can be obtained by logging on to the NCS website and going to “Directions” for the address of the school. Then go to [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com) for a map to the school/field.

## Game Administration

Arrival Time – Officials are to be at the game site at least one and a half (1-1/2) hours prior to the start of the game and are **to check in with the Site Administrator**. The Referee may replace an official who arrives less than 45 minutes before the scheduled game time with the alternate official. The Site Administrator will have game cards that the Referee should complete and give to each of the participating coaches. The Site Administrator will also have the payment voucher that each official must sign.

Game Fee – The officials will be paid \$87.00. The alternate official will be paid \$44.00. For championship games, the host association will provide two additional members for the chain crew who will be paid \$27.00. Flat rate mileage (\$25-90) is paid to officials traveling between certain areas.

Home Team – The home team is determined by the NCS and shall wear dark colored jerseys. The visiting team shall wear white jerseys.

Sportsmanship Meeting – Prior to the start of each game, a sportsmanship meeting will be held with the administrators-in-charge, coaches, captains of each team, officials, cheerleader advisors, cheerleader captains and student representatives of the participating teams. The home school administrator will conduct the sportsmanship meeting.

Administrator-In-Charge – Each school must have an Administrator-In-Charge. The Site Director will contact the NCS Office if a team does not have an Administrator-In-Charge. The officials shall not begin the game until the Site Director has contacted the NCS Office and thereafter directs the officials to begin the contest.

Physician/Ambulance/EMT or Certified Athletic Trainer - A physician, ambulance, EMT, Certified Athletic Trainer or Paramedic shall be in attendance at all NCS playoff games.

Game Ball – The official game ball for the 2011 NCS/Les Schwab Tires Football Championships is the Rawlings ST5 or any Rawlings ball that meets the National Federation Football Rules Book specifications. **The game must be played with an official game ball. No other ball may be used.**

Half-Time – If mutually agreeable to both teams, or adjusted by NCS staff, the half-time period may be extended from 15 to 20 minutes.

Mercy Rule – At the conclusion of the third quarter or any point thereafter, if there is a point differential of 35 or more points, a running clock shall be instituted for the remainder of the game regardless of the score. The game clock shall stop only for a score, a free kick following a fair catch or awarded fair catch, a charged team timeout, a coach-referee conference or an officials' timeout.

Overtime Procedure - In the event the game is tied after the fourth quarter, the overtime procedure set forth on pages 87-88 in the 2011 NFHS Football Rules Book shall be used to resolve the tie.

Ejected Players/Coaches – The number(s) of the player(s) and the name of coaches who are ejected from the game must be reported to the **NCS Associate Commissioner (Karen Smith)** within twenty-four (24) hours of the game. Please leave a message at (925) 263-2110 x20.