

2011 NORTH COAST SECTION/LES SCHWAB TIRES SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS PRESENTED BY FARMERS

5 Crow Canyon Court, Suite 209, San Ramon, CA 94583

t 925.263.2110 x15

f 925.263.2120

w www.cifncs.org

e bniemi@cifncs.org

TO: SOCCER COACHES, PRINCIPALS, ATHLETIC DIRECTORS,
LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS, and NCS STAFF
FROM: BRI NIEMI, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
DATE: AUGUST 2011



* * * IMPORTANT FALL SOCCER INFORMATION * * *

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2011

Deadline for each **officials' association** to electronically submit Form A, their association's alphabetized list of recommended officials, using the interactive form on the NCS website (www.cifncs.org/officials/). NCS will post the list of recommended officials on the soccer home page so that coaches may complete Form B to submit to the NCS Office.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2011

DEADLINE for the following items:

- TEAM ROSTER submitted via website
- EVALUATION OF OFFICIALS' FORM (Form B) (www.cifncs.org/sports/soccer/)

NOTE: Two (2) bonus complimentary tickets will be provided to those coaches that comply with the deadline of returning their team roster and officials' evaluation form in the proper format and according to the instructions.

STEPS TO SUBMIT ROSTER:

- Go to the soccer homepage at www.cifncs.org/sports/soccer/
- Click on ROSTER INPUT
- Input ALL information and submit
- Check to ensure that the NCS has received your roster by going to the soccer home page (www.cifncs.org/sports/soccer/) and clicking on "Championship Forms Verification"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2011

Final date for league competition. Deadline for determining league champions.

Final date for submission of automatic/at-large applications to the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championships (ALL APPLICATIONS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED VIA THE WEB BY 10:00 PM FOR CONSIDERATION).

STEPS TO SUBMIT AUTOMATIC/AT-LARGE APPLICATION:

- Go to the soccer homepage at www.cifncs.org/sports/soccer/
- Click on AUTOMATIC/AT-LARGE APPLICATION
- Input ALL information and submit
- Email (bniemi@cifncs.org) or fax (925-263-2120) application to host (www.cifncs.org/sports/soccer/)
- Check to ensure that the NCS has received your forms by going to the soccer home page (www.cifncs.org/sports/soccer/) and clicking on "Championship Forms Verification"



FARMERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2011

At-Large & Seeding Meeting – COACHES DO NOT ATTEND. The selection and seeding meeting will be conducted as a closed meeting. NCS member schools have authorized the use of one committee comprised of representatives from NCS conferences. Each committee will be responsible for the selection of the at-large teams and seeding of each tournament. The committees have been selected and committee members are currently monitoring the soccer competition of NCS member schools. Tournament brackets will be posted on the NCS website as they are developed.

MATERIALS FOR HOSTING

When brackets are posted Sunday, October 30, 2011, a hosting school representative (except CMC or HDNL hosting schools) must pick-up game materials at the NCS Alcosta office (12925 Alcosta Blvd., Suite 8, San Ramon) between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Game materials include the gate bag for the game you are hosting, your school's team packet, soccer balls for your school and the visiting school's team certificates. CMC and HDNL teams should refer to the progress letter sent out mid-season to determine how their materials will be picked up.

Any team not hosting in the first or quarterfinal round must print their team packet using the link on the NCS soccer homepage; OR a school may pick-up their team packet and souvenirs on Sunday, October 30, 2011 at the NCS office.

NCS/LES SCHWAB TIRES FALL SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 2 – First Round
Saturday, November 5 – Quarterfinals
Wednesday, November 9 – Semifinals
Saturday, November 12 – Championships

See NCS 518H and 519H on hosting requirements, specifically Article 8 on lighted fields. Single games will be played at 7 PM and doubleheaders will be played at 5 PM and 7 PM on school and weekend nights, unless otherwise approved by NCS. If there are insufficient sites with lights in the vicinity of the appropriate host school, games may be scheduled during the afternoon. NCS staff will determine afternoon game times.

DIVISIONS

SCHOOLS WISHING TO MOVE TO A DIVISION OF HIGHER ENROLLMENT MUST DECLARE BY PETITION TO THE NORTH COAST SECTION OFFICE. PETITIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE NCS OFFICE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2011. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS. Petitions will be mailed to all principals in August. Note: schools who petition up in division will remain at that division during the current year and future years. Schools who petition up in division may move back to their actual division in accordance with the time schedule set by the NCS Board of Managers.

The North Coast Section/Les Schwab Tires Fall Soccer Championships shall be conducted in three divisions for boys (I, II and III) and two divisions for the girls (I and III). See NCS website for divisional breakdown.

BRACKETING

The brackets for all divisions will be up to 16 teams. All tournaments are single elimination.

QUALIFICATION TO EVENT

Maximum number of games is 24 contests and 2 scrimmages.

(See definition of a scrimmage in the 2011-2012 NCS Sports & General Rulings Handbook.)

21.303H Minimum Qualifying Record

To be accepted as a participant in the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Soccer Championships, a team shall have compiled an overall record of at least an equal number of wins and losses or an overall record of at least an equal number of wins and losses against teams in its own classification, or at least an equal number of wins and losses in its own league. (*Board of Managers 5/1/06*) Exception: league champions gain automatic entry.

- a. "Teams in its own classification" is defined as **any team** whose grades 9-12 enrollment fall within the school's NCS Fall Soccer Classification.
- b. Games against teams outside of the United States will not be counted in determining the "equal number of wins and losses record within a classification".
- c. When a team's petition is approved to play in a classification of greater enrollment, that classification for which the team is approved shall be its classification for the respective year.

PROCESS OF SELECTING AT-LARGE BERTHS

The process of selection of at-large berths and the seeding of the tournament are outlined in the NCS Sports & General Rulings Handbook, bylaws 510H-516H.

CRITERIA FOR AT-LARGE SELECTION

The criteria for selection of at-large teams for NCS Championship Series in soccer shall be a balance between:

Record overall

- a. League/Place co-champion
- b. League playoff record, if any
- c. Non-league (pre-season/tournament/other)

Strength of Schedule

- a. Record against top 6 opponents
- b. Record against teams in the same classification
 1. List your most significant victories/defeats
- c. Record against teams in a higher classification
 1. List your most significant victories/defeats
- d. Head-to-head against teams which have qualified or are being considered
- e. Record against common opponents
- f. Coach's Rating

SEEDING

The respective Seeding Committee shall be responsible for the pairing and seeding of the soccer NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship Series Events per the format as adopted by the Board of Managers. The At-Large and Seeding Committee will place the selected teams in the tournament bracket applying the criteria found in the 2011-12 Sports & General Rulings Handbook, bylaw 515H. Each bracket will be pure seeded. Seeds may not be changed (see page 23 of the 2011-12 Sports & General Rulings Handbook for more seeding information).

SITE SELECTION

In the sport of soccer, NCS member schools host home contests during first, quarter and semifinal rounds, provided their facility meets the minimum site criteria. (BOM 1/22/99)

1. League champions will have the first option to host first, quarter and semifinal games, provided the league champion is able to comply with the facility, personnel and sponsorship criteria stated on the Application to Host form. If two league champions are competing, the higher seeded team will have the first option to host. If two non-league champions are competing, the higher seed will have the first option to host.
2. Finals will be played at sites determined by the NCS office. Staff will be allowed to adjust "sites" and site criteria for the maximum benefit of the respective tournament and to address the lack of appropriate facilities in the areas of the competing schools.

NOTE: NCS Sports and General Rulings handbook Bylaw 524H Neutral Site Adjustment

When a school(s) provide(s) a site for NCS/Les Schwab Tires Soccer Championships that meets the criteria for site selection and agree to host playoff games regardless of whether or not their team(s) will be involved, the site will be treated as a designated site. Thus, the host school, provided it proceeds through the elimination process and is the highest seeded team in the respective contest, could play a championship contest on its own facility.

HOSTING FIRST, QUARTER AND SEMIFINAL ROUND GAMES

League champions will have the first option to host first, quarter and semifinal round games, provided the league champion's facility meets the minimum NCS host site criteria. See application to host for hosting criteria.

ADMINISTRATOR-IN-CHARGE

An administrator-in-charge (certificated for public schools, contracted faculty member for private schools) from each participating school, who is not involved in the team's operation is responsible for crowd control, student behavior, injury care and must, upon arrival, check-in with the Site Director at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the school's game. The administrator-in-charge must present a letter signed by the principal authorizing the bearer to act as administrator-in-charge. The game will not start until both administrators-in-charge have reported to the site director.

ADMISSION

Participating schools will list team party members on a gate list. Team Party - includes coaches, administrators, faculty supervisors, team doctor, managers, statisticians and team drivers. Players listed on the gate list will be admitted as a group without a ticket. The coach must be present at the gate to identify the players.

Admission Fees: General Admission (adults) \$9.00; Special \$6.00 (seniors, students, & children with adults).

Complimentary Tickets: The NCS does not issue complimentary tickets to non-participating schools in the sport of soccer. Bonus complimentary tickets will be provided to those coaches who comply with the deadlines for returning (1) the roster and (2) Officials' Form B, in the proper format as outlined on page 1 of this bulletin for all requested information.

SOUVENIRS

Schools may purchase NCS soccer apparel at the NCS office or online at www.cifncs.org. Coaches may use check, cash, credit card, school purchase order, requisition form and school billing to purchase souvenirs. See the souvenir order form in the back of this packet for more information.

TEAM TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

Team Transportation Reimbursement: Schools will receive travel expenses in excess of the first 100 miles round trip per game. The rate will be .50 cents per mile for maximum of four (4) cars or \$2.00 per mile for buses. (STANDBY TIME IS NOT REIMBURSED.) (NCS Board of Managers 4/30/04)

Per Diem: Schools may be reimbursed for each eligible member of the traveling party at a maximum rate of \$15.00, per diem. A maximum of one day of per diem expenses will be reimbursed for eligible members of the schools traveling party for each NCS, CIF Championship soccer series event game if travel is 150 miles or more one way. (NCS Board of Managers 4/30/04)

Reimbursement Deadlines: Schools will only be reimbursed after actual copies of transportation receipts are received by the NCS Office. Schools which do not submit written requests for reimbursement of allowable expense incurred for NCS Championship Series competition participation **WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE EVENT** will not receive 100% of the approved reimbursement. (*Board of Managers 4/26/96*)

Reimbursement will be based on the following scale:

- 1 - 30 days - 100% of the approved request
- 31 - 45 days - 75% of the approved request
- 46 - 60 days - 50% of the approved request
- past 60 days - 0% of the approved request

GAME ADMINISTRATION

Home Team - NCS staff and/or designee will determine which team is the home team. Although it is necessary that one team be designated as the home team, it must be kept in mind that each game belongs equally to both competing schools.

Tied Games - When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team areas. There will be five minutes during which both teams may confer with their coaches, and the head referee will instruct both teams as to the proper procedure.

1. There shall be two, if necessary, 10-minute "sudden win" overtime periods. The first team to score during either 10-minute "sudden win" overtime period will be declared the winner.
2. If the score still remains tied after the two (10-minute overtime periods), all coaches, officials and team captains shall assemble at the midfield line to review the procedure as outlined for penalty kicks in the NFHS Soccer Rulebook until a winner is declared.

Roster - In NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship Series competition, each coach shall turn in a complete roster with name and jersey numbers to the game's center official 15 minutes before the scheduled game time.

Soccer official timer - There shall be a three-person officiating team. The official timer shall use a visible timing device. The center official will keep the official time.

Suspended Games - In the event a game must be suspended because of conditions which make it impossible to continue play and less than one complete half has been played, the game will be rescheduled by NCS staff and the game will be started from the point of suspension of play.

Ejection Policy - Any act by an athlete or coach, which is unsportsmanlike or dangerous conduct, shall subject the student-athlete or coach to ejection from the contest and application of the NCS Ejection Policy will apply. The student or coach shall sit out the next game, at a minimum, according to the NCS Ejection Policy.

OFFICIAL GAME BALL

The official soccer ball of the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Fall Soccer Championships is the Molten FX 1000 NFHS soccer ball.

The game ball shall be designated by the NCS Commissioner. The NCS official ball for soccer is any Molten, Inc. ball that meets NFHS Soccer Rule Book specifications. NCS official game balls shall be provided for all NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championships.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION: Any school that provides a game ball other than the NCS Official Ball for the respective sport will be subject to one or more of the following penalties as determined by NCS staff:

- a. The school shall be fined \$150.00 for each infraction.
- b. The head coach, athletic director and principal will be required to write a letter of apology to the NCS Executive Committee for their use of an unofficial game ball in the respective NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship Series Event.
- c. Head coach will be disqualified from the next NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship Series Event.
- d. Head coach will be disqualified from all further NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship Series Events for one calendar year.
- e. Loss of privilege for the school to host NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship Series Events in the respective sport for two years.

INTRODUCTION OF PLAYERS

All players from each team will be introduced over the public address system. Each coach will send the list of players, including first and last names, number, position and grade, to be introduced to the P.A. announcer at least 40 minutes prior to kickoff time.

AWARDS

Participants shall receive a participation certificate. A plaque will be awarded to first place teams. Pennants will be awarded to the first and second place teams. Medals (25 per team) will be awarded to the individual players on first and second place teams.

NCS Order Form SOCCER

(Payment must accompany all orders)

DEADLINE TO ORDER: MAY 25, 2012
THERE IS NO DEADLINE FOR ORDERING PATCHES

Description	Sizes					Unit Price	Unit Total	Shipping	Shipping Total	TOTAL
	S	M	L	XL	XXL (add \$2.00)					
T-Shirt						\$17.00		\$3.50each		
Sweatshirt (Hooded)						\$33.00		\$4.80 each		
Long Sleeve T-Shirt						\$20.00		\$3.50each		
NEW Cinch Sack						\$10.00		\$1.50 Each		
Patch, Sport (sport/year: _____)						\$17.00		\$1.50each		
Patch, Scholar (sport/year: _____)						\$17.00		\$1.50each		
Patch, Scholastic (sport/year: _____)						\$17.00		\$1.50each		
NCS Hat (circle color: Black, Navy, Tan, Red)						\$17.00		\$1.50each		
NCS Visor (circle color: Black, Navy, Grey, Red)						\$13.00		\$1.50each		
Program (sport: _____) (not available in Tennis, Golf, Badminton)						\$3.00		\$1.50each		
NCS Blanket						\$28.00		\$3.50each		
Polar Tec Vest (circle color: Black, Grey)						\$48.00		\$3.50each		
Polo Shirts (circle color: Tan, Navy, Black, Green)						\$28.00		\$3.50each		
Windshirts (circle color: Tan, Navy, Black, Green)						\$48.00		\$3.50each		
Tax (INCLUDED)										
TOTAL										

Merchandise subject to availability. All prices subject to change without notice.
***Shipping and Handling charges on TEAM orders shall not exceed actual shipping charges plus 1.5%.**

When filling out credit card orders please complete all of the following. Credit Cards will be processed the day the merchandise is shipped.

Method of Payment (circle one)	Name on card	Expiration Date	Card Number	Zip Code
Cash, Check, VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER				

Home phone	Date	Authorized Signature if using P.O. or school requisition

Receipt:
Name:
Payment method:
Sport/location:
Sales person:
Date:



Address label (Please Print)
NAME:
ADDRESS:
City, State ZIP:

Send to: North Coast Section, CIF
 5 Crow Canyon C., Ste. 209
 San Ramon, Ca 94583
 (925) 263-2110
 Fax: (925) 263-2120
www.cifncs.org