

2012 NORTH COAST SECTION/LES SCHWAB TIRES WINTER SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS PRESENTED BY FARMERS

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*** IMPORTANT WINTER SOCCER INFORMATION ***

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2012

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 JANUARY 23, 2012

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, FEBRUARY 11, 2012

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 (bnieni@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"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012

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, February 12, 2012, a hosting school representative must pick-up game materials at the NCS 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, team packets, soccer balls and team certificates for you and your opponent.

SCHEDULED DATES AND TIMES

Wednesday, February 15, 2012 - Boys' and Girls' First Round - league champions or highest seed host.

GAME TIMES: Single Game - 7:00 pm; Double Header - 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 18, 2012 - Boys' and Girl's Second Round - league champions or highest seed host.

GAME TIMES: Single Game - 7:00 p.m.; Double Header - 5:00 & 7:00 p.m. No lights - Afternoon Games 2:00 p.m.
Doubleheaders 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 22, 2012 - Boys' and Girls' Semi-Finals - league champions or highest seed host.

GAME TIMES: Single Game - 7:00 p.m.; Double Header - 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 25, 2012 - Boys' and Girls' Championships – sites are determined by NCS staff.

GAME TIMES: Single Game - 7:00 p.m.; Double Header - 5:00 & 7:00 p.m. No lights - Afternoon Games 2:00 p.m.
Doubleheaders 12:00 & 2:00 p.m.

DEFINITION OF A SCRIMMAGE

When two or more teams from different schools participate in a joint activity related to a given sport, this activity *shall* constitute *either* a game or a scrimmage and *shall* count against the maximum number of games or scrimmages allowed.

An activity may only be defined as a scrimmage when items a) through e) are followed.

- a) A scrimmage must be controlled by the coaches. Examples include: unlimited time periods, free substitution, coach may stop play and make individual instruction to players. Time periods, as specified by the appropriate rulebook, shall not be used.
- b) No score will be kept.
- c) A scrimmage must be listed on both (all, if more than two schools are participating) schools' season schedule and identified, in writing, as a scrimmage.
- d) Both coaches must concur in writing, that the activity is a scrimmage (identifying the activity as a scrimmage on the school's schedules shall satisfy this requirement). Under no circumstances will an activity that is conducted as a game be defined as a scrimmage.
- e) If the scrimmage is played against a team that does not belong to the North Coast Section, the opposing school's coach must be informed of the NCS definition of a scrimmage.
- f) Game officials are optional.
- g) Uniforms are optional.

Note 8: Teams may add additional scrimmages beyond the maximum amount by reducing the number of games by a corresponding number (e.g. 24 soccer games and 2 scrimmages are the maximum numbers. A school could have 22 soccer games and 4 scrimmages, etc.)

PENALTY: A school which violates the "Definition of a Scrimmage" policy must count the event as a game/match and counts against the number of maximum number of games/matches allowed. If a school exceeds the number of maximum number of games and scrimmages allowed, the school will be ineligible to apply for post-season competition in that sport.

DIVISIONS (PRIOR TO PETITIONING) - ACCORDING TO ENROLLMENT

The period for petitioning up in classification has ended. Divisions are posted on the NCS website. 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.

BRACKETING

The brackets for Division I and II Boys and Girls 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 above).

20.304H Automatic Qualification of League Champion

Each league's championship school shall automatically qualify for its (school's) respective NCS Soccer playoff classification.

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 division, or at least an equal number of wins and losses in its own league. Exception: league champions gain automatic entry. (*Board of Managers 5/1/06*)

- a. "Teams in its own division" is defined as **any team** whose grades 9-12 enrollment falls within the school's NCS Soccer Division (see NCS division ranges on the NCS website).

Schools with enrollments of 1,701 or more grades 9-12 Total Enrollment numbers – Division I (Winter Girls and Boys)
Schools with enrollments of 1,700 or less grades 9-12 Total Enrollment numbers - Division II (Winter Girls and Boys)

b. Games against teams outside of the United States will not be counted in determining the “equal number of wins and losses within a classification”.

c. When a team’s petition is approved to play in a division of greater enrollment, that division for which the team is approved shall be its division for the respective year.

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. (NCS Board of Managers 5/1/03)

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/Les Schwab Tires 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 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, second and semifinal rounds provided their facility meets the minimum site criteria. (BOM 1/22/99)

- a. League Champions will have the first option to host first, second 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.
- b. If neither team is seeded, then the team which defeated the highest seeded team will have the first option to host.
- c. 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.
- d. Staff will be allowed to adjust "sites" and site criteria for the maximum benefit of the respective tournament and/or due to lack of appropriate facilities in the areas of competing schools. Criteria to be considered are as follows: size of expected crowd, keeping school's boys' and girls' teams together, gender equity, balance of divisions/classifications and facility site management.

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 NCS website for hosting criteria.

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

North Coast Section 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 the officials' nomination form, roster and media information.

PASSES

Only the NCS Board of Managers, Management Committee, Superintendent, Honor Coach, NCS Media and Photo passes, NCS and CIF Lifetime Pass (metal) and CIF Courtesy Card will be honored at the gate. No league or school passes will be recognized for admission.

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 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.

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GAME BALL

A Molten soccer ball will be provided by the North Coast Section. The Official Ball for the 2011-12 NCS/Les Schwab Tires Soccer Championships – Presented by Farmers, is the Molten FX 1000 NFHS soccer ball.

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.

INTRODUCTION OF PLAYERS

All players from each team will be introduced over the public address system. Each coach will send a list of players, including first and last name, number, position and grade, to be introduced to the P.A. Announcer at least 40 minutes prior to kickoff time. The players to be introduced will gather behind their respective benches. Upon introduction each player will run to the center of the field at midfield and wait until all players have been introduced. Coaches will be introduced last.

AWARDS

A team plaque will be awarded to the first place team. Pennants will be awarded to the first and second place teams. Medals (25 per team) will be awarded to the individual players on the first and second place team.

SOUVENIRS

Schools may purchase NCS soccer apparel at the NCS office or online at www.cifnccs.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

Teams are NOT reimbursed for travel costs in winter soccer.

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:
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