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★★★ **OAKLAND SECTION** ★★★
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At the Oakland Section, our mission goes beyond the game. We are dedicated to delivering high-quality coaching, training, and competitive play, all while instilling the values of sportsmanship, integrity, commitment, and mutual respect. Our ultimate goal is to develop the next generation of student-athletes who not only excel on the court, field, pool, course & track but carry themselves with pride and purpose as leaders in their schools and communities.

Our Section is dedicated to offering top-tier coaching, skill development, and competitive play, while fostering the values of sportsmanship, honesty, dedication, self-respect, and respect for others. At the Oakland Section, our goal is to shape future generations of athletes who compete with heart, lead with character, and uplift their teams, schools, and communities.

SOFTBALL

The purpose of the sport of softball in the Oakland Section is to provide student-athletes, particularly young women, with opportunities to develop athletic skills, confidence, and teamwork in a competitive and supportive environment. Softball teaches discipline, strategic thinking, and resilience, while fostering leadership and sportsmanship both on and off the field. The sport encourages students to set goals, work collaboratively, and represent their schools with pride. Through participation in softball, athletes build a strong sense of community, create lasting friendships, and gain valuable experiences that support personal growth and academic success throughout their high school years.

TEAMS COMPETING: Fremont, KIPP King, Oakland HS, Oakland Tech, Skyline

1st Day of Practice - Saturday, January 31, 2026
1st Allowable Contest - Monday, February 16, 2026
Pre-Season Meeting - Monday, March 16, 2026
1st OAL Contest - Friday, March 20, 2026
Sit Out Period - Friday, March 27, 2026
Post Season Meeting - Friday, May 1, 2026
OAL Playoffs Begin - Saturday, May 9, 2026
OAL Championship - Saturday, May 16, 2026
Section Playoffs Begins - Monday, May 18, 2026
Section Championship - Saturday, May 23, 2026
CIF NorCal - June 2-6, 2026

CIF REGIONAL SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Div. I-V June 2,4,6, 2026 at
Host Sites



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CIF REGIONAL SOFTBALL REGULATIONS

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONAL PLACEMENT OF SCHOOLS

Softball Regional Championships will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. The CIF Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for their respective Regional tournament.

NOTE: Sections still determine their own criteria for placement and seeding of schools within their own local playoff system.

SECTION REGIONAL ENTRIES

(1) AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS

Northern Regional: Sac-Joaquin (10), Central Coast (9), North Coast (9), Northern (6), Central (4), Oakland (1), San Francisco (1)

Southern Regional: Southern (20), San Diego (10), Los Angeles (6), Central (4)

- Sections will forward their automatic qualifiers in true seed order to the committee
- All Section division champions advance to State/Regional playoffs
- No enrollment cap in any division

NOTE: The format is an eight (8)-team single-elimination tournament in each of five (5) competitive equity-based divisions DI-DV in both the North and the South.

QUALIFYING TO CIF STATE/REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Teams/Individuals must compete, and qualify through, their respective CIF Section Championships to participate in CIF State/Regional Championships.

SEEDING CRITERIA/PARAMETERS

The committee will use the seeding criteria (in no particular order: section rank order, overall record, head-to-head, strength of schedule, state or regional rankings) for each bracket.

The following adjustments may be made *during* the seeding process, but the changes must not impact the integrity of the bracket.

- Opening round games that are a repeat of a section final or semi-final may be adjusted.
- Travel considerations
- Regional bracketing options
- Teams from the same Section, but in different divisions, may play each other in the opening round
- The team with the higher seeding number will be the host school in all rounds
- Suitability to represent the State in a Championship with regards to Pursuing Victory with Honor and acceptable standards of sportsmanship.