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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.

SOCCER

The purpose of the sport of soccer in the Oakland Athletic League is to promote teamwork, athleticism, and cultural unity among student-athletes through a globally celebrated sport. Soccer encourages physical fitness, communication, and strategic thinking, while teaching valuable life skills such as discipline, resilience, and mutual respect. As one of the most diverse sports in the league, soccer provides an inclusive space where students from various backgrounds can come together, represent their schools, and build lasting connections. Participation in soccer not only enhances individual and team development but also fosters school spirit and community engagement across Oakland.

BOYS 2025

TEAMS COMPETING: Castlemont, Coliseum College Preparatory, Fremont, impact, Life, Lionel Wilson, LPS-Hayward, LPS-Richmond, Madison Park, Oakland HS, Oakland Tech, Richmond Cal Prep, Skyline

GIRLS 2025

TEAMS COMPETING: Castlemont, Coliseum College Preparatory, Fremont, KIPP King, Life, LPS-Hayward, LPS-Richmond, Madison Park, Oakland HS, Oakland Tech, Richmond Cal Prep, Skyline

1st Day of Practice - Friday, October 31, 2025

1st Allowable Contest - Monday, November 17, 2025

Pre-Season Meeting - Thursday, December 4, 2025

Sit Out Period - Friday, December 26, 2025

1st OAL Contest - Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Post Season Meeting - Thursday, February 12, 2026

OAL Playoffs Begin - Friday, February 13, 2026

OAL Championships - Saturday February 21, 2026

Section Playoffs Begin - Monday, February 23, 2026

Section Championship - Saturday, February 28, 2026

CIF NorCal - March 3 - 7, 2026

CIF State - March 13-14, 2026



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CIF REGIONAL SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Div. I-V March 3, 5 & 7, 2026
at Host Sites**

CIF STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, 2026
Natomas High School, Sacramento**

CIF STATE SOCCER REGULATIONS

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONAL PLACEMENT OF SCHOOLS

Boys and Girls Regional and State 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 (8), North Coast (10), Northern (6), Central (4), Oakland (1), San Francisco (1)

Southern Regional: Southern (20), San Diego (9), Los Angeles (7), 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 State Championship will include Divisions I-V for both Boys & Girls.

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 (i.e. protecting the higher seeded teams)

- 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.