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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 league 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.

BASEBALL

The purpose of the sport of baseball in the Oakland Section is to offer student-athletes a structured environment to develop athletic ability, teamwork, and leadership skills while fostering a strong sense of community and school pride. Baseball teaches essential values such as discipline, perseverance, and sportsmanship through both practice and competition. By participating in the league, students gain opportunities for personal growth, academic motivation, and potential pathways to higher levels of play. The sport also serves as a unifying force, bringing together diverse communities within Oakland to support and celebrate youth achievement.

TEAMS COMPETING: Castlemont, Oakland HS, Oakland Tech, Skyline, Fremont

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 Championship - Saturday, May 23, 2026

CIF NorCal - June 2-6, 2026



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Oakland Section Baseball

- NFSHSA rules and CIF/Oakland Section modifications shall govern all contests
- Where there is a need for special ground rules it shall be the duty of the coach of the home team to explain these regulations to the visiting team and umpire. In the event the two coaches cannot agree on these special ground rules the umpire shall act as the final authority.
- There shall be no batting practice by either team.

The time schedule for fielding practice shall be as follows

Home Team Fielding	15 Minutes
Visiting Team Fielding	15 Minutes
Discussion of Ground Rules	5 Minutes

- The Oakland Section Ejection Policy applies to practice, league, and playoff games.



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CIF REGIONAL BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

CIF REGIONAL BASEBALL REGULATIONS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONAL PLACEMENT OF SCHOOLS

Baseball 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 eligible 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.