



Francisco Navarro, Oakland Section Commissioner



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.

BASKETBALL

The purpose of the sport of basketball in the Oakland Section is to empower student-athletes through competitive play while promoting physical health, teamwork, and personal development. Basketball provides a dynamic platform for students to build confidence, leadership skills, and a strong work ethic both on and off the court. The league fosters a sense of unity and school spirit, encouraging positive relationships among peers, coaches, and the wider community. By participating in basketball, students also gain valuable life lessons in discipline, resilience, and sportsmanship, all within an inclusive and supportive environment that reflects the diverse spirit of Oakland.

TEAMS COMPETING: Castlemont, Coliseum College Preparatory, Fremont, Madison Park, McClymonds, Oakland HS, Oakland Tech, Skyline

Pre-Season Meeting - Wednesday, October 29, 2025

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

1st Allowable Contest - Monday, November 17, 2025

Sit Out Period - Friday, December 26, 2025

OAL Jamboree - Saturday, January 3, 2026

1st OAL Contest - Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Post Season Meeting - Thursday, February 12, 2026

Section Playoffs Begin - Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Section Championship - Wednesday February 25, 2026

CIF NorCal - March 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 2026

CIF State - March 13-14, 2026



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NFHS rules and CIF modifications shall govern all contests.

The following are the rules for participation of junior varsity basketball competition:

- No senior student shall be eligible for the junior varsity team
- Eligibility rules shall be the same as for varsity teams.
- Playing any part of an OAL varsity game makes a player ineligible for the junior varsity that season.
- All junior varsity games shall be played in seven-minute quarters with 10 minutes between halves.

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

Basketball Play-Offs

- The top four teams in the final OAL league standings shall qualify for the Oakland Section play-offs. The top two teams in the final BACSAC league standings shall qualify for the Oakland Section playoffs.
- Seeding will be determined by win/loss record, common opponents, and strength of schedule.
- In the event that ties exist in the final league standings for first, second, or third, the following formula shall be applied:

CIF REGIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 2026 at Host Sites*

CIF STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, 2026

Golden 1 Center, Sacramento



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CIF STATE BASKETBALL 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

CCS – 21; CS – 16; LACS – 15; NCS – 25; NS – 12; OS – 2; SDS – 18; SFS – 2; SJS – 23; SS – 44

- Sections will forward their automatic qualifiers in true seed order to the committee
- All Section division champions advance to State/Regional playoffs
- The above numbers include the Division VI entries for NCS (4), NS (2) and SJS (2).
- No enrollment cap in any division, except Division VI

NOTE: The State Championship will include Divisions Open-V above. Division VI Regional Championship will be in NorCal only. Division VI, as determined by Section, but enrollment may not exceed 200 (Revised May 2014 Federated Council)

NOTE: Bracket Size - Open Division = 8 teams; Division I-V = 16 teams; Division VI = 8 teams

(2) OPEN DIVISION

There will be four regional Open Division brackets. Each regional Open Division bracket will have a maximum of eight (8) teams but could have less if the tournament committee feels that there are not eight qualified teams. The tournament committee will select the teams for the Open Division before they seed the five (5) divisions of the State Tournament. Teams selected by the committee for the Open Division will compete in the Open Division ONLY and cannot opt out. Competition among the teams in each gender will be held in one Open Division and six (6) competitive equity-based divisions. Tournament brackets will range from 8 to 16 team brackets (unless outbracket games are required) depending on the number of entries forwarded by each CIF Section.

QUALIFYING TO CIF STATE/REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Teams 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.