

## REPORT OF THE BASEBALL COMMITTEE

The following Committee members were in attendance:

<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>
BVAL-MHAL	Jake Hernandez-Pioneer	PSAL	absent
BVAL-STAL	absent	SCCAL	Bob Kittle- Santa Cruz
BVAL-WVAL	absent	SCVAL-DAL	Tim Thompson, Gunn
CPSAL	Matt Selway- Thomas More	SCVAL-ECAL	Chuck Blair, Santa Clara
MBL	absent	TCAL	Art Hunsdorfer, Salinas
MTAL	Mike Kelly-Carmel	PAL-Bay	Craig Schoof, Menlo
PAL-Lake	Matt Schaukowitch, South San Francisco	WCAL	Bill Hutton, Mitty
PAL-Ocean	absent	CAL	
# Members on Committee: 15 # Members Present at Meeting: 10		Respectfully submitted by: Ray Mialovich, CCS Events Coordinator	

**GUESTS & STAFF PRESENT:** Commissioner Nancy Lazenby Blaser; Troy Felice

### I. TOURNAMENT GUIDE CHANGES--UPDATES FOR NEXT YEAR

This section contains non-major format changes. The CCS Board of Managers will review and, by its acceptance of this report, approve these housekeeping changes. If, at 1<sup>st</sup>-reading, the Board deems any of these as "Major" changes, it may pull them out and send them back to Leagues for further discussion and review. The item will then be returned to the CCS Board at its next meeting for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and final action.

**Section 1. SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

- A. Seeding: **SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2008**, @ CCS office, 4:00 PM
- B. Evaluation: **WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2008**, @ CCS office, 4:30 PM

**Section 2. TOURNAMENT DATES**

The 2008 CCS Baseball Championships are scheduled as follows:

	<u>Division I</u>	<u>Division II</u>	<u>Division III</u>	<u>Site</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Round:	<b><u>WED., MAY 14</u></b>	<b><u>THU., MAY 15</u></b>		Home site high seed
Qtr.-Finals:	<b><u>SAT., MAY 17</u></b>	<b><u>SAT., MAY 17</u></b>	<b><u>FRI./SAT., MAY 16/17</u></b>	TBA
Semi-Finals:	<b><u>WED., MAY 21</u></b>	<b><u>THU., MAY 22</u></b>	<b><u>TUE., MAY 20</u></b>	TBA
Finals:	<b><u>SAT., MAY 24</u></b>	<b><u>SAT., MAY 24</u></b>	<b><u>SAT., MAY 24</u></b>	TBA

-OR-

**If Proposal #2 (under "Proposed Major Format Changes" below) is approved**

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## **II. RECOMMENDATIONS**

This section includes general recommendations to the CCS Board of Managers or staff that are not Tournament format related. Recommendations are just that, implemented or not at the discretion of the staff or the CCS Board. Acceptance of this Sport Committee Report does no more than acknowledge these recommendations. These are not action items. If a recommendation is to be approved, and/or the Board wants to direct staff to institute a particular recommendation, the CCS Board must pull out and vote upon that specific recommendation.

**NONE**

## **III. MISCELLANEOUS**

This section contains congratulations to Section winners and Honor Coaches or other items the Committee wishes to have recorded in its annual report. Acceptance by the Board of this Sport Committee Report simply acknowledges the items in this section. These are not action items.

### **Congratulations to the 2007 CCS Baseball Champions:**

**Division I – Valley Christian High School;  
Division II – Los Altos HS;  
Division III – Carmel HS**

## **IV. PROPOSED MAJOR FORMAT CHANGES**

This section contains any proposal that the staff has determined to be a major change in the core format of the CCS Play-offs in this sport. As such, any item listed below will be reviewed as a 1<sup>st</sup>-reading at the CCS Board of Managers meeting following the Sport Committee meeting. The Board will return the item(s) to the Leagues for review and discussion; the item(s) will be agendaized at the next Board meeting for final discussion and action.

### **Proposal #1 – Reclassify the SCCAL from a “B” to an “A” (Committee vote: 7-2-1);**

#### **Section 5. SEEDING / BRACKETING / AT-LARGE SELECTION PROCEDURES**

##### **C. League Classifications**

- 1. “A” Leagues** – Bay (PAL); DAL (SCVAL); MHAL (BVAL); TCAL; WCAL; **SCCAL**
- 2. “B” Leagues** – ECAL (SCVAL); MBL; MTAL; Ocean (PAL); ~~SCCAL~~; STAL (BVAL)
- 3. “C” Leagues** – CPSAL; Lake (PAL); PSAL; WVAL (BVAL)

Rational: Data was presented to show that the combined over-all records of the teams from the SCCAL since 2000 is equal to or better than the combined team records of the other “A” leagues.

No financial impact.

**Proposal #2: The Baseball Sports Committee proposes a change in Bylaw, Section 3-A, Tournament Format to expand the CCS Play-offs to 48 teams of 3 equal size divisions. The number of automatic qualifiers is also adjusted. (Committee vote: 10-0-0)**

**Section 3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

**A.** The ~~40~~ **48** teams qualifying for this Tournament will be divided into three (3) brackets, as follows:

- one (1) 16-team Division I bracket;
- one (1) 16-team Division II bracket;
- and one (1) ~~8-team~~ **16-team** Division III bracket.

The current school year's grade 9-12 CBEDS enrollment figures (to be posted November, 2007) will be the determining factor in placing teams in the appropriate Divisions. Except as noted in Section 3-B, below, the 16 schools with the highest enrollment (~~WCAL exception~~) will play in Division I; the 16 schools with the next highest enrollment will play in Division II; and the remaining ~~eight (8)~~ **16** schools will play in Division III.

**B.** If there are less than ~~40~~ **48** teams eligible for the Tournament in a given year, ~~then the Division I and/or Division II team(s) with the highest point-total(s) in each division will receive a BYE in the 1st Round (Division III not applicable).~~ The ~~existing~~ Point-System and Tie-Breaking procedures, outlined in Section 5 below, will be utilized, as needed, to determine the team(s) with the highest point-total(s).

**Section 4. QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR TOURNAMENT**

**A.** ~~Teams eligible for CCS Tournament competition will be:~~

**Thirty-nine (39) teams will be entered into the tournament as automatic qualifiers. The following are the number of automatic qualifiers by league:**

**PAL- 6; SCVAL-6; BVAL-8; TCAL-3; SCCAL-3; MBL-2; CPSAL-1; PSAL-2; MTAL-3; WCAL-5**

**1. 15 League Champions;**

**2. 12 League Runners-Up and/or other Automatic Qualifiers from Leagues, as follows: BVAL-3; CPSAL-0; MBL-1; MTAL-1; PSAL-1; PAL-1; SCCAL-1; SCVAL-2; TCAL-1; WCAL-1. (The CPSAL's League Champion is its only Automatic Qualifier.)**

**3. Nine (9) additional at-large teams will need to be selected. Additional At-Large teams needed to fill the brackets. In order to apply, teams must have at least a .500 record in one of the following: (a) League schedule; OR (b) Overall schedule; OR (c) Over the last 22 games.**

**Rational:**

1. There is a need to create a more competitive Division III. Division III has historically contained the same schools year after year.
2. With the addition of some smaller schools playing baseball and the recent realignment of leagues, this proposal will provide more entries to accommodate these changes.
3. In baseball, due to the limitations on the number of innings a week a pitcher is allowed to pitch, having byes or play-in games creates an unfair advantage. Therefore, the brackets in baseball need to be of 8 or 16. Increasing 2 or 4 or 6 teams creates byes in the brackets causing the unfair impact of the pitching rule. Therefore, baseball has not asked to increase their tournament entries for a long time. They believe it is now time due to a number of new small schools and thus, the request to increase the brackets to 16.
4. The creation of the three divisions and the allocation of the automatic qualifier number for leagues puts more emphasis on league play

Financial impact: This proposal will increase the number of CCS games by 4 games. These games would be held at home sites with no "gate" being charged. The increase in expenses would be:

- a. Eight umpires @ \$82.35 each = \$658.80
- b. Travel subsidy for 4 teams... cost unknown

**Proposal #3: The Baseball Sports Committee proposes a change in Bylaw, Section 3-A, Tournament Format to give teams the opportunity to opt to play up to Division I. (Committee vote: 10-0-0)**

**Section 3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT \*\*\* See Note**

A. The 40 teams qualifying for this Tournament will be divided into three (3) brackets, as follows:

- one (1) 16-team Division I bracket;
- one (1) 16-team Division II bracket;
- and one (1) 8-team Division III bracket.

The current school year's grade 9-12 CBEDS enrollment figures (to be posted at the end of November) will be the determining factor in placing teams in the appropriate Divisions.

Except as noted in Section 3.-B & 3.C. below, the 16 schools with the highest enrollment (~~WCAL exception~~) will play in Division I; the 16 schools with the next highest enrollment will play in Division II; and the remaining eight (8) schools will play in Division III.

~~(EXCEPTION: WCAL schools will play only in Division I, UNLESS they notify the CCS office, on or before **FEBRUARY 1st** of the current year's season, that they wish to be placed in the Division wherein their enrollment falls.)~~

B. Any school wishing to play in Division I may opt to Division I by notifying the CCS in writing by April 1 of their current season.

1. If fewer than 16 teams apply to opt up to Division I, the Division I bracket will be filled by the schools entered into the tournament that have the next largest enrollments.
2. If more than 16 teams apply to opt up to Division I, the teams will be chosen to remain in Division I based on their CCS points. The 16 teams who opted to Division I with the highest point totals will comprise Division I. The other teams will be entered into their respective division of enrollment as outlined in Section A above and #3 immediately following.
3. Once Division I teams are established, all remaining teams will be placed in the remaining divisions by enrollment as outlined in Section A. above.

**\*\*\*NOTE: If proposal #2 passes, the bracket sizes in A above would change to 1-16 team Division I bracket, 1-16 team Division II bracket and 1-16 team Division III bracket.**

**OLD B. Becomes New C.**

Rational: All teams should be given the chance to play Division I if they so desire.

No financial impact.

**REVIEW / ACTION TAKEN BY OTHER CCS ENTITIES****ADAC:****RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE  X** 

(non-major format changes are approved by this action by the BOM)

**PROPOSAL #1: RECOMMEND APPROVAL****PROPOSAL #2: RECOMMEND APPROVAL****PROPOSAL #3: RECOMMEND DISAPPROVAL****LEAGUE COMM:****RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE  X** 

(non-major format changes are approved by this action by the BOM)

**PROPOSAL #1: RECOMMEND APPROVAL****PROPOSAL #2: RECOMMEND APPROVAL****PROPOSAL #3: RECOMMEND APPROVAL****EXEC. COMM:****RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE  X** 

(non-major-format changes are approved by this action by the BOM)

**PROPOSAL #1: RECOMMEND APPROVAL****PROPOSAL #2: RECOMMEND APPROVAL****PROPOSAL #3: RECOMMEND APPROVAL****CCS STAFF:****RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE  X** 

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**PROPOSAL #1: RECOMMEND APPROVAL****PROPOSAL #2: RECOMMEND DISAPPROVAL****PROPOSAL #3: RECOMMEND APPROVAL****COMMENTS:**

Report accepted at the October 18, 2007 Board of Managers meeting. That acceptance provides for all the Tournament Guide changes contained in this report for the 2008 season.

**MAJOR FORMAT CHANGES:**

**Proposals #1, #2, and #3 were approved at the January 24, 2008 CCS Board of Managers meeting. All changes will be effective with the 2008 baseball season.**