

REPORT OF THE WATER POLO COMMITTEE

The following Committee members were in attendance:

Tournament Director: Scott Blake
President Water Polo Coaches Association: Brian Krutzkamp
CCS STAFF: Nancy Lazenby Blaser (Commissioner), Duane Morgan (Assistant Commissioner), Steve Filios (Assistant Commissioner) and Ray Mialovich (CCS Events Coordinator)

I. TOURNAMENT GUIDE CHANGES – Non-Major changes

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 1st-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 2nd reading and final action.

(current language; ~~deletions~~; **new language**)

Section 1. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- A. Seeding:** ~~SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 09, 2008, @ the CCS office @ 11:00 am~~
~~League Commissioners only~~
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009, @ the CCS Office @ 11:00 am
Seeding Committee only
- B. Evaluation:** **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2009**, 12:00 noon, @ the CCS office
Staff only

Section 2. TOURNAMENT DATES

- A.** The 2009 CCS Water Polo Tournament is scheduled as follows:
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| 1st Round : | <u>Tue. / Wed.</u> | <u>NOVEMBER 10 / 11</u> |
| Quarter-Finals: | <u>Saturday,</u> | <u>NOVEMBER 14</u> |
| Semi-Finals: | <u>Tue. / Wed.</u> | <u>NOVEMBER 17/ 18</u> |
| Finals: | <u>Saturday,</u> | <u>NOVEMBER 21</u> |

II. PROPOSED MAJOR FORMAT CHANGE

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 1st-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 agendized at the next Board meeting for final discussion and action.

PROPOSAL #1:

Suspend the A,B,C classifications and the point system of seeding. The tournament entries will be determined as they are currently, by league entry. The seeding will then be subjectively determined by a seeding committee composed of:

Three coaches, two league commissioners, one CCS staff member; one Water Polo Official appointed by the CCS Commissioner

The criteria used by the seeding committee in determining seeds will consist of (in no particular order):

Head-to-head competition

Record vs. common opponents

League finish

Strength of schedule

Whenever possible, league mates will not meet in the first round.

Section 4. QUALIFYING FOR ENTERING TOURNAMENT

A. League/Division Champions & other Automatic Qualifiers from Leagues, as stipulated in Section 5.-C. below, are eligible to enter the Tournament, as long as a completed, correct season summary sheet is received in the CCS office prior to the beginning of the seeding meeting. (There will be NO At-Large entries.)

Section 5. SEEDING PROCEDURES

~~The league commissioners of all leagues that contest water polo~~ The seeding committee will convene for the seeding meeting in the CCS Office. The seeding committee will consist of three coaches, two commissioners, one CCS staff member, and one water polo official appointed annually by the CCS Commissioner The meeting will be closed to anyone except the Water Polo Seeding Committee and CCS Staff. After completing seeding and sighting of the first-round games, ~~in accordance with the point system listed below,~~ the CCS Water Polo playoff brackets will be posted on the CCS web site. These brackets as posted will be final. The following objective subjective criteria will be used for seeding of each Division (in no particular order):

Head-to head competition, record against common opponents, league finish, strength of schedule. League mates will not be meet in the first round whenever possible. If by seeding, league mates are meeting in the first round, the lower seeded league mate will be moved down one seed until they are not meeting a league mate. The higher seeded league mates will not be moved to accommodate this. No lower seeded league mate may be moved more than two spots to avoid this conflict. If the lower seeded league mate is the last seed in that division, they will be moved up no more than two seeds to avoid the conflict.

A. Qualifying Matches

1. ~~The last 70% of the regular season matches played against CCS teams will be used as the basis for awarding the objective criteria points to teams.~~
2. ~~If a team does not have the number of matches as outlined in A.1 against CCS teams, it will supplement with matches against non-CCS opponents, starting with the last match contested, to compile a total number of matches outlined in A.1 above.~~
3. ~~League Play-offs are not to be included in game count or in point totals.~~

B. Use the following point-system:

League Classifications >>>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
<u>WIN</u>	<u>4.0</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>2.0</u>
<u>LOSS</u>	<u>2.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<u>BONUS POINTS</u>			
<u>* BEING A LEAGUE CHAMPION</u>	<u>8.0</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>
<u>*# PLAYING A LEAGUE CHAMPION</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>2.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>

* These bonus points are to be pro-rated in case of competition with or being, a co- or tri-Champion (i.e. co-champ = 1@ of point value; tri-champ = 1/3 of point value, etc.)

* # these bonus points can be used a maximum of twice within league and twice in play conducted outside of league (e.g. tournament or pre-season contests)

- ~~Non-CCS opponents and CCS independent teams will be classified as "B" League teams.~~
- ~~Competition with non-CCS opponents that are League Champions may earn~~

~~the appropriate bonus points; however, verification of such League Championship status is the responsibility of the team requesting such bonus points.~~

C. League Classifications & Total Number of Automatic Qualifiers from Each League**1. Boys: 24 teams will enter the tournament as follows:**

~~"A" Leagues: WCAL - 5, "B" Leagues: PAL(Bay) - 3; DAL (SCVAL) - 4; MHAL (BVAL) - 3; SCCAL - 3; TCAL - 3, "C" Leagues: ECAL (SCVAL) - 1; PAL (Ocean) - 1; STAL (BVAL) - 1~~

2. Girls: 24 teams will enter the tournament as follows:

~~"A" Leagues: WCAL - 5; PAL(Bay) - 4, "B" Leagues: DAL (SCVAL) - 4; MHAL (BVAL) - 3; SCCAL - 2; TCAL - 3, "C" Leagues: ECAL (SCVAL) - 1; PAL (Ocean) - 1; STAL (BVAL) - 1~~

D. Tie-Breaker Criteria

~~The following criteria will be utilized in breaking any ties that occur during the seeding process:~~

- ~~1. Head-to-head competition;~~
- ~~2. Record vs. common opponents;~~
- ~~3. Record vs. CCS qualifying teams;~~
- ~~4. Coin-toss.~~

E. Significant Misplacement

- ~~1. If, after seeding all teams by all the points covered in **5-B** above, at least 60% of the League **Commissioners** present agree that significant misplacement has occurred in the seeding of the top six (6) teams for the Boys and Girls, then a subjective change in placement may occur, by agreement of at least 60% of the League **Commissioners** present.~~
- ~~2. The following criteria shall be used to examine and determine "significant misplacement" in rank order:
-Head to head competition;
-Time of season of above competition;
-Non-League points;
-Like opponents.~~
- ~~3. Seeded teams determined to be significantly misplaced may only be moved one [1] seeding position on the bracket.~~

Section 6. SEASON SUMMARY SHEET

~~All League Commissioners MUST attend the Seeding/Bracketing Meeting, and submit a completed **Season Summary Sheet** for each entry from their respective Leagues. Each coach is responsible for turning in the **Season Summary Sheet** to his/her League Commissioner the CCS office prior to the Seeding Meeting. Any team whose Season Summary Sheet is not received by the CCS or is incomplete at the time of the beginning of the seeding meeting, will be disqualified for entrance into the CCS Water Polo playoffs for that year.~~

~~(See APPENDIX for [SEASON SUMMARY SHEET -- WATER POLO](#))~~

III. 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

- 1. The first round will be played at sites determined by the CCS staff. Admission will be charged for these first-round games.**

IV. MISCELLANEOUS: Discussion Items

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.

A. Congratulations to the following 2008 CCS WATER POLO CHAMPIONS:

- Girls (Div. I): St. Francis High School
- Girls (Div. II): Sacred Heart Prep
- Boys (Div. I): St. Francis High School
- Boys (Div. II): Sacred Heart Prep

REVIEW / ACTION TAKEN BY OTHER CCS ENTITIES

ADAC: **RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT X**
 (non-major changes are approved by this action by the BOM)
MAJOR FORMAT CHANGE RECOMMENDATION:
PROPOSAL #1: Recommend APPROVAL

LEAGUE COMM: **RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT X**
 (non-major changes are approved by this action by the BOM)
MAJOR FORMAT CHANGE RECOMMENDATION:
PROPOSAL #1: Recommend APPROVAL

EXEC. COMM: **RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT X**
 (non-major changes are approved by this action by the BOM)
MAJOR FORMAT CHANGE RECOMMENDATION:
PROPOSAL #1: Recommend APPROVAL

CCS STAFF: **RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT X**
 (non-major changes are approved by this action by the BOM)
MAJOR FORMAT CHANGE RECOMMENDATION:
PROPOSAL #1: Recommend APPROVAL

COMMENTS: Report was accepted at the January 28, 2009 BOM meeting. That acceptance provides for all the Tournament Guide changes contained in this report for the 2009 season.

MAJOR FORMAT CHANGE: Proposal #1 was approved at the April 29, 2009 BOM meeting