



MEN'S SOCCER SUPPLEMENT-2009/2010

Article 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Section 1 Conference Eligibility

A. General Guideline

1. All Conference colleges will recognize and abide by the State Athletic Constitution and the decisions of the California Community College League of California and the Commission on Athletics.

B. Eligibility

1. To be eligible to participate in all non-conference and conference contests all student athletes must be registered in classes according to the requirements set forth in the State Athletic Constitution and By-Laws and the BIG 8 CONFERENCE Constitution and By-Laws.
2. Conferences shall require each college to certify athletic eligibility by submitting Form 1, Student Eligibility, and Form 3, Team Eligibility, to the conference commissioner's office postmarked or emailed prior to the first game, meet, or match. Addendums to Form 3 may be submitted at a later date, but the athletes listed on the addendums are not eligible until the postmarked date.
3. An ineligible player is defined as a player who has not completed or adhered to all the requirements of the State Athletic Constitution and Conference By-Laws.
 - a. Any college that allows an ineligible player to participate in a contest, whether team or individual shall forfeit the contest and/or are subject to disciplinary action by the conference commissioner. Such disciplinary action may include sanctions as described in Article 7.4.3 of the State Athletic Constitution.
 - b. During the season of competition, all member colleges shall check the eligibility status of student athletes at a minimum of once per week. Per COA requirements, each student athlete must meet eligibility requirements before competing in any contest.

Section 2 Sport Chairperson

- A. Elected among the respective coaches of each men's and women's sport for a 2 year term starting July 1.
- B. The duties of the sports chairperson shall be to:
 1. Establish coaches meeting dates in conjunction with the sports administrative representative. The end of season meeting of the conference coaches shall take place immediately after the completion of conference play.

2. Attend and chair all said coaches' meetings for the purpose of developing a conference schedule, outlining procedures to be recommended to the conference for consideration, developing and modifying the sport supplement, and selecting all-conference and MVP recipients.
3. Compile a master contest schedule and sports supplement to be forwarded to the sports administration representative for presentation at the appropriate conference meeting.
4. Collect league standings, and other relevant information, and communicate them to fellow coaches and the sport administrative representative on a minimum of once per week.

Section 3 Sport Administrative Representative

- A. Appointed by the president, in consultation with the conference commissioner, from among the conference assembly athletic directors.
- B. The duties of the sports administrative representative shall be to:
 1. Set coaches meeting dates in conjunction with the sports chairperson;
 2. Attend all such meetings for the purpose of developing a conference schedule, outlining procedures to be recommended to the conference for consideration, facilitating the development and modification of the sport guide, report all-conference selections and MVP information to the conference commissioner.
- C. Present conference contest schedules and sports supplements at the appropriate conference meeting for approval. Fall sport schedules and supplements should be presented at the regular spring meeting. Spring sport schedules and supplements should be presented at the regular fall meeting.
- D. Maintain records of league standings and all other matters pertaining to each sport.
- E. Submit a year-end report to the conference commissioner no later than two weeks after the State Championship for that specific sport.

Section 4 Meetings

- A. Coaches will meet a minimum of two times each year.
 1. Post-conference - at the completion of conference competition
 2. Off-season - at least 3 weeks prior to the BIG 8 Assembly meeting
- B. Meeting times and locations should facilitate attendance by all coaches of the BIG 8 including hosted colleges.
- C. Hosted college will be invited to send representation to the coaches' meetings.
- D. The post-conference meeting shall address the following issues:
 1. All-conference awards, MVP, etc.
 2. Post conference information
 3. Completion of statistics
 4. Recommendations for substantive BIG 8 Sport Supplement changes
 5. Input for COA/BIG 8 legislative issues
 6. Election of next Sport Chair
- E. The off-season meeting shall address the following issues:
 1. Competitive schedules (complete with dates and times)
 2. Specific amendments to the sport supplement

- Section 5 3. Input for COA/BIG 8 legislative issues
Sport Supplement Revisions
- A. Recommended revisions of the sport supplement shall be finalized and distributed to the administrative representative for that sport two weeks prior to the scheduled assembly meeting.
 - 1. Fall semester sport supplements shall be presented at the spring conference meeting.
 - 2. Spring semester sport supplements shall be presented at the fall conference meeting.
 - 3. Proposed changes to the sport supplement that affect the competition format and scheduling be presented 1 full year prior to their proposed implementation.
 - 4. If conference or COA hosting problems occur-must have emergency consent of commissioner.
 - B. All proposed changes should be provided on a cover sheet attached to the revised sport supplement. The administrative representative shall distribute the cover sheet and revised sport supplement to all member or hosted colleges that sponsor that sport one week prior to the scheduled assembly meeting.
 - C. The administrative representative will make sure the supplement and schedule are included on the consent agenda at the designated conference meeting.
 - D. Once approved by the conference assembly, final approved copies of the sport supplement shall be distributed to all member or hosted colleges that sponsor that sport.
 - E. All sections of the supplement and cover sheet must be dated and identified as draft/approved in the upper right hand corner.
- Section 6 College/Competition Venue Information
- A. It is the responsibility of the host college athletic director to distribute /competition venue information to all conference and hosted colleges.
 - B. The following items should be addressed:
 - 1. directions to campus/competitive venue
 - 2. map
 - 3. parking regulations/permits or other campus site regulations
 - 4. dressing room accommodations
 - 5. equipment and supplies provided
 - 6. contest supervision specifics
 - 7. athletic training services
 - 8. emergency contact information
- Section 7 Decorum
- A. General decorum, including playing within the rules, showing good sportsmanship, treating players, coaches, officials and fans with respect, and conducting all activities with class and professionalism, is the responsibility of all participants of both the host and visiting colleges. Decorum at California community college events is the responsibility of all participants. Decorum rules apply to all conference and non-conference contests. Individual sport supplements may be more strict, but not more lenient, than the decorum rules listed in Article IX of the BIG 8 Constitution/By-Laws.

- B. The responsibility for the on-site enforcement of decorum shall be specifically addressed within each sport's supplement.

Article 2 Men's Soccer Guidelines

Section 1 Personnel and Dates for 2009 season

- A. Sport Chair 2009-2010 – Ron Preble, Cosumnes River College, 916.691.7208
- B. Fall meeting date: Monday 10th November 2009 @ 5:00 PM @ Cosumnes River College
- C. Important season dates/information:
 - 1. Practice begins: 15th August 2009
 - 2. Matches begin: 27th August 2009
 - 3. Maximum number of games: 21 games
 - 4. Conference games end: Two (2) Tuesdays prior to Thanksgiving
 - 5. Post Conference ends: 3 Sundays after Thanksgiving
- D. It is the responsibility of each team's head coach to report all game scores and statistics to ccsoccernews.com. Head coach to pay the CCCSCA dues in order to gain access to the website.

Section 2 Schedule/Competition format

- A. Home and away round robin
- B. For 2009 the number of conference games shall be Eight (8)
- C. Conference games shall be played on Fridays. Any game changes must be submitted and agreed upon by the athletic directors and the BIG 8 Commissioner.
- D. Games shall start at 4:00pm prior to 26th October. On, and/or after, 26th October games shall start at 3:00pm.
- E. For colleges that only have one field and have a men's and women's game scheduled on the same date – the host college shall determine which team plays first, the start time of the first game shall be 1:00pm.
- F. The field shall be available at least 45 minutes ahead of game time for warm ups.
- G. A team arriving late and that has notified the home team head coach (using the published phone list) that they are delayed will be allowed 15 minutes to warm up given adequate daylight time.
- H. Changes in schedule – suspended games, forfeits, defaults, rain outs etc...
 - 1. Rain outs: Athletic Directors shall make a decision regarding a rain out prior to 10am on the day of a game.
 - 2. Forfeit:
 - i. A forfeit shall be imposed on a team when they do not arrive within 30 minutes of kick-off time.
 - ii. An inability to finish a match in the case of having less than seven players shall result in a forfeit.
 - iii. A team cannot begin a match without an official designated coach of the college present. If an official coach of the college is not present within 30 minutes of game time a forfeit shall be the result.
 - iv. If the coach is ejected or disqualified, the match shall be forfeited unless an official representative of the college is present.
 - 3. Make up matches: Tuesday games to be made up shall be played the following Thursday. Friday games to be made up shall be played

the following Wednesday. Conference game shall take precedence over non-conference games.

4. All contests MUST be completed by last date of conference play (see Section 1.D.4)

Section 3 Rules of Competition

Exceptions to the rules MUST be obtained in writing from the BIG 8 Commissioner prior to the official start date of the Conference season.

- A. Rule Guide: All matches shall be played under F.I.F.A rules with the following exceptions:
 1. Unlimited substitution are permitted and may only be made during the following: kickoffs, goal kicks, your throw-ins, your corner kicks, cautions (yellow cards), injuries, or any time the other team substitutes.
 2. A match that is tied at the end of regulation time shall remain tied.
 3. Fields must be a minimum of 70 yards wide and 110 yards long.
 4. Once a referee halts play for an injured player, the attending medical personnel shall assume authority regarding the disposition of the injured player.
- B. Game jerseys: The teams shall wear dark jerseys at home and light when away. In case of a conflict, the home team shall change jerseys. All teams will list their uniform colors for home and away contests on their schedules and submit them to all the colleges on the schedule. Every effort shall be made to have shirt and sock colors match.
- C. Equipment:
 1. Game balls: Three (3) F.I.F.A approved game balls shall be provided by the home team.
 2. All equipment (goals, corner flags, boots etc...) shall be in accordance with F.I.F.A. rules
 3. It is the responsibility of the officials to decide on uniform matters, their decision is final.
- D. Field Layout and facilities:
 1. Bleachers/fan areas shall be on the opposite side of the field to the team bench areas. There shall be at least 10 yards, marked with a white line or physical barrier, to separate the spectators from the playing surface.
 2. The field should be clearly marked in accordance with F.I.F.A. rules with special attention paid to marking the technical areas for the benches.
 3. In the case on conflicting lines from another sport (e.g. American football), the lines for soccer shall be different in color and highly contrasting for the soccer lines.
 4. Team benches shall be provided for both home and visiting teams.
 5. Each site shall have a scoreboard that shows elapsed time and score at a minimum.
 6. Home team shall provide dressing rooms with a portable chalk/white board and writing implements
- E. Game management: A home game site administrator from the host school is required to be present for the entire games. They shall introduce themselves to the officials and visiting team coach 20 minutes prior to kick off
- F. Statistics: It is the responsibility of each team's head coach to report all game scores and statistics to ccsoccernews.com.

Section 4

Decorum

Refer to the COA Rules on Decorum - below.

4.3 Decorum

4.3.1 Decorum at California community college events is the responsibility of all participants. For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions apply:

A. PARTICIPANT - is a player, coach, team member, team attendant, official, or college staff member.

B. DISQUALIFICATION - is removal from an event for an accumulation of personal or technical fouls, yellow cards, etc. and is not under the jurisdiction of this policy. For Soccer only: all disqualifications (including those not covered under this Bylaw) are subject to a one (1)-game suspension.

C. EJECTION - is defined as the immediate removal from further participation in an event as a result of abusive, verbal or physical behavior.

D. VERBAL OR ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR - is defined as, but not limited to: unsportsmanlike tactics, such as using profanity or vulgarity, taunting, spitting on an opponent, ridiculing, pointing a finger, making obscene gestures, throwing gang signs, baiting of opponents, or inciting undesirable crowd reactions which results in ejection.

E. PHYSICAL ABUSE - is defined as any physical act that results in ejection.

F. EVENT - is defined as the time a visiting team or participant arrives at the site until the time the visiting team or participant leaves the site.

4.3.2 Where official playing rules and COA decorum rules differ, the most stringent rules shall be enforced.

4.4 Punishment for Ejection

4.4.1 FIRST OFFENSE: In addition to immediate ejection from the contest, the individual shall be suspended from the following contest.

4.4.2 SECOND OFFENSE (SAME INDIVIDUAL): In addition to immediate ejection from the contest, the individual shall be suspended from all remaining contests including PC.

4.5 Punishment for Physically Assaulting Officials

Physically assaulting or attempting to physically assault an official shall result in immediate ejection and the individual shall be disqualified from participation in

California community college athletic activities for a period of sixty (60) months.

4.6 Punishment for Leaving Bench Area

Coaches or participants entering the field of play from the bench area in reaction to a confrontation shall be ejected and punished as outlined in Bylaw 4.4. If, in the opinion of the officials, a coach going onto the field of play was helpful to the officials in the effort to control players, the penalty against the coach may be waived.

4.7 Punishment for Violation of the Tobacco and Substance Abuse Policy

4.7.1 The use or possession of any form of tobacco, alcohol, or other controlled substances by any participant during California community college-sponsored athletic activity shall be punished by ejection.

4.7.2 Ejection for violation of Bylaw 4.7 shall be the same as those outlined in Bylaw 4.4.

4.8 Reporting of Ejections

4.8.1 Within 24 hours after a contest where there has been an ejection of a player or a participant, the coach of the team shall report the names and circumstances to the athletic director who, in turn, shall immediately inform the conference commissioner. Failure by a coach to report shall be penalized the same as in Bylaw 4.4 and 4.5. Failure of an athletic director to report may be referred to the conference commissioner for disciplinary action. Conference commissioners shall cause the report of ejections to be sent to the next team on the college's schedule.

4.8.2 Coaches or team attendants penalized by any of the above rules are prohibited from participation during a game only, not from carrying out assigned non-game responsibilities.

4.8.3 Each person participating in a California community college athletic event shall receive a copy of this decorum policy and provide a written acknowledgment of understanding.

Coaching Ethics: The NCSAA Code of Ethics shall be followed (see below):

1. Soccer is the players' game. The paramount concern of coaches is the holistic development, welfare, enjoyment and safety of their players.
2. Coaches bear responsibility for teaching their players to strive for success while playing fairly, observing the Laws of the Game and the highest levels of sportsmanship.
3. Coaches shall treat officials with respect and dignity, and shall teach their players to do the same.
4. Our opponents are worthy of being treated with respect. Coaches will model such respect for opponents and expect their players to do likewise.
5. In both victory and defeat, the behavior of a coach shall model grace, dignity and composure.
6. Coaches shall adhere to the highest standards and the regulations of the institutions they represent: clubs, schools, sponsoring organizations and sports governing bodies.
7. Coaches have a responsibility to promote the interests of soccer, including treating media with courtesy, honesty and respect.

8. Coaches shall model inclusive behavior, actively supporting cultural diversity while opposing all types of discrimination, including, but not limited to, racism and sexism, at all levels of soccer.
9. Coaches are responsible for taking an active role in education about, and prevention and treatment of, drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse, both in their own lives and in the lives of their players.
10. Coaches shall refrain from all manner of personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual, and shall oppose such abuse and harassment at all levels of soccer.
11. Coaches shall respect the declared affiliations of all players, and shall adhere to all guidelines and regulations on recruiting established by the governing bodies having oversight of their teams and leagues.
12. Coaches shall seek to honor those who uphold the highest standards and principles of soccer and shall use appropriate protocol to oppose and eliminate all behavior that brings disrepute to the sport - violence, abuse, dishonesty, disrespect and violations of the Laws of the Game and rules governing competition.

Section 5 Championship/Tournament/Playoff Procedures

- A. Determination of a Champion
 1. The first place team in the BIG 8 is determined by the team having the most total points at the conclusion of the conference season. Three (3) points are awarded for a conference win, One (1) point for a conference tie and zero (0) points for a conference loss.
 2. If more than one team has the same number of points, for the determination of Conference Champion only, they shall be declared co-champions.
 3. If more than one team has the same number of points, for the determination of seeding purposes only, the following tie breakers shall be used in the order they are presented:
 - i. Head to head results of games played between teams
 - ii. Goal difference between the teams tied in head to head competition done by aggregate (the two totals added together)
 - iii. How the teams competed in the remaining teams in the conference in order of finish in the league, down the order until the tie(s) is(are) broken.
 - iv. Most total goals scored against the teams tied in head to head competition
 - v. Most total goals scored against the remaining teams in the conference in order of finish in the league, down the order until the tie(s) is (are) broken.

Section 6 Officials

- A. Officials: Each college shall arrange for officials from the BIG 8 contracted officials association. Officials should arrive 45 minutes before kick-off.
 1. Three officials – one center and two assistants
 2. If only two (2) officials show up, the game shall be played and the senior official takes the center, one the line and a club line shall be used if an appropriate individual is approved by the senior referee.

3. If only one (1) official shows up and it is the designated center referee the game shall be played. The official takes the center and two (2) club lines shall be used if appropriate individuals are approved by the center referee.
4. If any of A.1 – A.3 are not met then the game will be rescheduled in accordance with Section 2.

Section 7 Statistics

- A. Statistics: It is the responsibility of each team's head coach to report all game scores and statistics to ccsoccernews.com.

Section 8 Awards

- A. Academic All-Conference Team
Freshman and sophomores with an overall G.P.A. of at least 3.00 and a recommendation of their coach as a significant contributor to their team. Number not limited. Selections made at February meeting.
- B. Selection of All-Star Team
 1. All-Conference and All-Conference Academic Certificates: The Coaches chairperson compiles the lists and forwards them to the conference commissioner.
All-Conference is done at the post-season meeting, and All-Conference Academic is done at the January meeting.
 2. Conference Champions: The trophy will be a BIG 8 plaque in which the team picture can be placed. A BIG 8 banner will also be presented.
 3. Twenty-two (22) players selected for all-conference team.

Finish Place	First Team	Second Team
1 st	4	3
2 nd	3	3
3 rd	2	2
4 th	1	2
5 th	1	1

4. Conference Most Valuable Player awarded separately, nominated by own coach and elected by simple majority of coaches.
5. Offensive Player of the year awarded separately, nominated by own coach and elected by simple majority of coaches.
6. Goalkeeper of the Year awarded separately, nominated by own coach and elected by simple majority of coaches.
7. Defensive Player of the Year awarded separately nominated by own coach and elected by simple majority of coaches.
8. Schools receiving all-star selections must be represented at the Big 8 Conference meeting. Coaches or representatives who are unable to attend must fax the Conference chairperson their selections before the meeting. Any unrepresented slots will be allocated according to

league standings. One per team in order, first team selections allocated first followed by second team selections.
9. Coaches shall be paid up members of the CCCSCA

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2. Conference League Champions: The trophy will be a BIG 8 plaque in which the team picture can be placed. A BIG 8 banner will also be presented.
3. Coach of the Year: as voted upon by the conference Head Coaches.
4. A BIG 8 Men's Soccer Player of the week shall be selected in each of the following categories: GK, Offensive and Defensive and forwarded to the media.