

PCAL Policy re Covid Related Postponed Contests: Spring Sports 2022

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PROCESS FOR RESCHEDULING CONTESTS: The following process shall be used for Covid related postponements of Varsity League scheduled contests for Spring Sports 2022:

- **OVERRIDING PRIORITY:** To complete Varsity league contests before season end if at all possible.

The process to be used when any Spring Sport League VARSITY contest where one team is unable to compete due to Covid related protocols:

- Affected school immediately notifies other school and League Commissioner (LC).
- Home team immediately phones or texts officials association and follows with an email confirming the game cannot be played as scheduled.
- Schools confer re reschedule date and choose earliest available date after end of protocols. LC shall be involved by the schools immediately if schools cannot agree on date. If needed, LC chooses date.
- Home team contacts officials to ensure officials will be available on date in question.
- Once the officials confirm, home team advises other team and LC of confirmed rescheduled date.
- The Varsity league contest is played as rescheduled.
- In the event that the league contest cannot or is not played as rescheduled, it shall count as a “no contest” unless the League Commissioner determines that the failure to play the contest resulted from unreasonable and unwarranted actions by one of the schools, in which case the League Commissioner shall declare the contest a “forfeit” by the school so acting unreasonably.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP AND CCS QUALIFIER PROVISIONS: In the event that all teams in a league division compete and complete the full league schedule, the league division championship and CCS Automatic Qualifier determinations will be made in accordance with existing PCAL By-Laws and Sports Rules. In the event that one or more teams in a league division are unable to complete the full league schedule, the league division championship and CCS Automatic Qualifier determinations will be made in accordance with the further modifications set forth for each sport in the attachments that follow. In all cases, if there is a tie for any CCS qualifier position, the PCAL League Tie Breaker Rules set forth in Article 23 of the PCAL By-Laws shall be applied. If a situation arises that is not clearly covered by these policies, the League Commissioner is granted authority to make any decisions he deems reasonable and necessary.

See Attachments for specific Sport related provisions.

Sport Specific Impact of PCAL League Championship and CCS Auto Qualifier Determinations

Sports: Baseball, Softball, Boys Volleyball, Boys Tennis, Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse

The following rules apply to each of the sports listed above if any of teams in a division has not played the full Varsity league schedule due to Covid related issues.

League Championship and Team CCS Qualifiers, Minimum Contests

For each of the above listed sports, in order to be considered for League Championship or CCS Auto Qualifiers in final standings, a team must have competed a number = to the next whole number greater than 50% of the total number of contests included for each school in the approved league schedule. Examples: if a 10 game league schedule, must compete in 6; if a 14 game schedule, must compete in 8; if a 15 game schedule, must compete in 8.

Process for Determining League Championship and Team CCS Auto Qualifiers

Final League Standings shall be determined by relative Winning percentages rounded up or down to the fourth decimal place. For example, a % of 0.8333 will be rounded up or down using the 4th decimal place. 0.8333 equals an 83.3 winning percentage. A % of 0.8335 will be rounded up or down using the 4th decimal place. 0.8335 equals an 83.4 winning percentage.

The PCAL auto qualifier tie breaker rules will be applied to any ties in those standings.

If at the top of the standings, two or more teams have the same number of losses but a different number of wins, the League Commissioner shall consult with the AD Committee for the sport involved concerning the possibility of a shared league championship under all the circumstances (record against each other and common league opponents, who each has played or not played, etc). The League Commissioner shall thereafter declare a league champion based on the winning percentage or a shared championship specifying the factors leading to said shared championship.

In sports involving play-in contests, a shared league championship as above, will require a tie breaker application to determine which team participates in the play-in contest.

If NO schools have played the minimum number of contests then the Commissioner will work directly with the AD rep Committee for that gender to determine a league champion using records, head-to-head outcomes, and common opponents to deem a league or co-champion. It is recommended that schools playing the most scheduled league contests be considered first and down the line.

All schools who meet the minimum criteria for a league championship will be considered first for automatic berths to the CCS playoffs. They will be considered in the rank order as determined by the guidelines listed in the League Championship recommendations (and as outlined in PCAL By-laws for automatic berth determination across all four divisions).

If there are automatic berths available and there are not enough schools who meet the minimum requirements as listed above, then the Commissioner will work directly with the AD reps for that sport to determine remaining automatic berths using records, head-to-head outcomes, and common

opponents to grant an automatic berth. The PCAL will fill all allotted automatic CCS berths. It is recommended that schools playing the most scheduled league contests be considered first and down the line.

Note re Boys Tennis: In Boys Tennis, there are both team and individual qualifiers to CCS Championships. Nothing herein changes the manner in which PCAL individuals qualify for the CCS Individual Boys Tennis Championships.

More to follow re other sports.

Sport Specific Impact of PCAL League Championship and CCS Auto Qualifier Determinations

Sports: Boys Golf, Swimming and Diving, Track and Field

The following rules apply to PCAL Spring Sports 2022 in the sports of Boys Golf, Swim and Dive and Track and Field, if any of teams in a division has not competed the full Varsity league schedule due to Covid related issues.

League Championship. Required number league regular season matches; Required Participation at the League Finals.

Unless otherwise determined by the League Commissioner as set forth below in this section, in order to be considered for League Championship, a team:

1. Must have competed a number = to the next whole number greater than 50% of the total number of contests included for each school in the approved league schedule.
Examples: if a 6 date league schedule, must compete in 4; if a 7 date league schedule, must compete in 4; if an 8 date league schedule, must compete in 5; AND
2. Must have competed with a in the League Finals at season end.

If the League Commissioner determines that Covid related missed regular season contests have been suffered by a substantial number of teams in a division, he may determine and declare that the League Championship in any given sport will be based solely on the results of the League Finals in the sport/division in question.

In each of these sports, the League Championship determination will be based on the method set forth in the Sports Rules for the sport, with an AVERAGE regular season total for each school based on the number of regular season contests competed by the school.

Process for Determining CCS Auto Qualifiers

The Sports Rules or CCS rules for each of these sports determine how teams or individuals qualify to CCS Championships:

Boys Golf: teams and individuals qualify at the League Finals tournament;

Swimming and Diving: individual qualification only done by making qualifying marks set by CCS;

Track and Field: individual qualification only by placement in PCAL Masters Meet at season end.

There are no changes or exceptions in these qualification methods related to Covid.

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