

PCAL SPORTS RULES

GOLF (BOYS)

Amended and approved by PCAL Board of Managers May 2025

1.1 Season of Sport

This sport shall be conducted in the Spring season as defined by the Central Coast Section and State CIF by-laws. See Article V of the By-Laws of the Central Coast Section.

1.2 Start Dates for Practices, Scrimmages and Contests

Dates for the start of practices, of scrimmages, and of contests shall be as set forth in Article V of the By-Laws of the Central Coast Section.

1.3 Contest Limits per Season

Limitations on the number of contests in which a team or athlete may compete shall be as set forth in Article V of the By-Laws of the Central Coast Section.

1.4 Divisions

League play in this sport shall be conducted in three divisions formed according to league by-laws and policies concerning Division Placement (See Article 19 of the League By-Laws as well as the League's Division Placement Policy as published on the League website. Those three divisions shall be named as follows: PCAL-Gabilan; PCAL-Mission; and PCAL-Cypress.

1.5 League Schedules

1.5.1 Round Robin

The league schedule for each Division shall be constructed as follows: each team in the Division shall host one match that will include all teams in the division.

1.5.2 Minimum Number of Players [New May 2025]

In order to be included on the league schedule, a school must have at least 3 players. If a school knows at any time that they cannot guarantee at least 3 players at the scheduled league matches, then that school shall so advise the League Commissioner and shall be dropped from the formal league schedule.

1.5.3 Preparation and Approval of Schedules

League schedules shall be prepared by the League Commissioner and sent to the League Athletic Directors Council for review, modification as needed. The Athletic Directors Council then send a recommended schedule to the League Board of Managers who consider, change as they deem necessary and vote approval of a final schedule.

1.5.4 Obligation of Schools to Compete According to Schedule

See Article 19 in the League By-laws regarding the obligation of all league schools to compete according to the approved league schedule.

1.6 Contests

The following provisions shall govern all regular season Boys Golf contests hosted by a League School. Tournaments or Invitational events may be conducted under differing rules not in conflict with the rule book for this sport.

1.6.1 Rules

Contests in this sport shall be governed by the rules of the rules of Golf as published by the United States Golf Association and in accordance with any additional rules set forth in this Section 1.6.

1.6.2 League Contest Start Times

League contests and JV start times will be as set by the host school.

1.6.3 **Equipment and Dress; Range Finders**

1. A suitable dress code shall be observed. No blue jeans or tee shirts. Collared shirts are required and if the course allows shorts can be worn as long as they meet golf course requirements. Shirts with collars, tucked in at all times. Hats to be worn forward at all times around the golf course.
2. Remember, we are guests of the golf course.
3. The use of drugs, smoking, profanity, or abuse of the golf course will not be tolerated. With the exception of range finders as set forth in subsection 6.b. below, the use of cell phones or any other electronic devices are prohibited. Any abuse of the above will result in immediate disqualification.
4. The use of pull or motorized push carts will be allowed under all circumstances. There shall be no caddies allowed under any circumstances.
5. Coaches are to be marshals when play begins and cannot offer advice.
6. Range Finders and Electronic Devices: In all PCAL play, including the league finals, the following shall apply:
 - a. The use of cell phones is strictly prohibited.
 - b. Players may obtain distance information using a device that measures distance only. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect that player's play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3 for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.
 - i. iPhones and most other smartphones contain a compass and other applications which make them non-conforming distance measuring devices; thus, distance measuring applications on cell phones are not permitted under penalty of disqualification.
 - ii. If any player in a group uses a distance measuring device, then the player is **encouraged** to share distance information with all other players in the group.

1.6.4 **Scoring**

1.6.4.1 **Medal Play**

Five of six scores will be used to determine tournament winner. Fewer than five scores will result in disqualification of the team for that match. A team may elect to use a maximum score of 10 for its individual players. However, teams and individuals wishing to compete for a division title, an individual title or a CCS qualifier spot must use full scoring for all of their five scoring players for each league contest throughout the league season and at the league tournament. The league standings will be determined by first considering those teams who used full scoring throughout the league season, with other teams and individuals who used "max scoring" finishing the league standings below those who used full scoring.

1.6.4.2 **Scorecards and Verification**

All scorecards will be mutually verified at the conclusion of the round. The players will sit at the scoring table as a group and go over each score by hole before scorecards are turned in. Any disputes shall be rectified at that point in time. Once a player leaves the designated scoring area the results are final and all disputes will be null and void.

At the conclusion of each hole all players will announce their score out loud to the group as a numeral (e.g. 3, 4, or 5—not par or bogey or birdie).

Each Division will have a scoring representative who will be responsible for record keeping in all League Events. This scoring representative will use the NCGA method of adjusted scores on a team and individual basis to assist in the CCS at-large seeding meeting. There are six “at large” team and six “at large” individual spots available for CCS Regional Tournament. Non-automatic qualifying teams will be presented for “at Large” worthiness, based on these averages, along with their entire resume. The scoring representative will assist the division team coach in preparing their adjusted scoring totals prior to submission to the CCS Seeding committee. All PCAL schools are encouraged to schedule a representative number of contests to aid in the seeding process. The order of seeding worthiness for non-automatic qualifiers at the completion of the League Tournament will be determined by comparative differential scores.

For all scoring matches (not scrimmages) each coach must keep accurate records according to **CCS at Large Scoring Sheet provided on the CCS website.**

1.6.5 Galleries

Members of Galleries shall not give any advice whatsoever to any players and shall comport themselves in a courteous manner at all times. Violation of these rules of comportment shall be grounds for the marshals to request that the offending member of the gallery leave the premises.

1.7 League Championship Meet/Tournament

There shall be a League Championship meet/tournament that shall be conducted as follows: it shall be the final league event of the season and consist of an 18 hole event.

1.8 League Championship Determination

Each of the three Divisions shall have a champion, determined by the league round robin results and league championships, as follows:

League Round Robin Match points (as determined by lowest team scores)

First place	= 1 point
Second place	= 2 points
Third place	= 3 points
Fourth place	= 4 points
Fifth place	= 5 points
Sixth place	= 6 points
Seventh place	= 7 points

If there is a tie, team placement points will be split equally between tied teams.

PCAL League tournament – 18 holes – The team points will double and be determined by division (as determined by lowest team scores in each division, with ties splitting placement points)

First place	= 2 points
Second place	= 4 points
Third place	= 6 points
Fourth place	= 8 points
Fifth place	= 10 points
Sixth place	= 12 points

Seventh place = 14 points

PCAL League Division champions will be determined by the lowest cumulative points earned in combined Round Robin and Tournament standings. In the case of a first place tie between two teams, those teams shall be Co-Champions of the Division. In the case of a first place tie between three teams, those teams shall be Tri-Champions of the Division.

1.9 League Team Qualifiers to the CCS Playoffs

PCAL is allotted two (2) Automatic Qualifier spots to the CCS Boys Golf Championships. The Gabilan division champion will receive one of those two spots. The recipient of the second spot shall be one of these three teams, Gabilan #2 (as determined in 1.8), Mission #1 (Champion as determined in 1.8) and Cypress #1 (Champion as determined in 1.8) determined as follows:

- a. In the event that there is a League Championship tournament with all 3 teams on the same course at the same time to determine their division championships, then the second Automatic Qualifier spot shall go to that team of the three with the lowest team 18-hole score at that Championship tournament; or
- b. In the event that all divisions do not conduct a Championship tournament on the same course at the same time, then the second Automatic Qualifier spot shall be that team winning a 9-hole three way team play-in contest between Gabilan #2 team, the Mission #1 team (champion), and the Cypress #1 team (champion), said contest to be played no later than the second day after the PCAL League Tournament.

Ties for any of these spots shall be broken in accordance with the PCAL tie breaker by-laws.

1.10 All League Selections

Each division shall have six (6) first team and six (6) second team individual all-league recipients. PCAL All League individuals for each division will be selected by the coaches at the league postseason seeding meeting using their differentials for the entire season. The PCAL All League second team selection for each division will be determined by a combination of the seeding meeting and the PCAL League Tournament results.

1.11 Season Long Play

In Boys Golf, an individual athlete will be unable to participate in the CCS playoffs due to failure to meet the CCS Playoff Policy regarding "Season Long Play (at least ½ the regular season league events), that athlete will be ineligible to participate in the League meet on behalf of his/her school. The League Commissioner shall make the final determination with respect to an individual's eligibility, including the exceptions involved in that CCS Playoff Policy.

End PCAL Boys Golf Sports Rules.

History:

September 2018 : Original

September 2019: Amend 1.9 to make separate play-in match unnecessary if league-wide year end tournament.

May 2025: Added new 1.5.2 requiring minimum 3 golfers to be on league schedule.