

REPORT OF THE CCS CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE

<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>
BVAL-MHAL	Scott Young – Santa Teresa	PAL-Ocean	Ron DiMaggio - Westmoor
BVAL-STAL	Clint Pappadakis – Oak Grove	PSAL	absent
BVAL-WVAL	absent	SCCAL	absent
MBL-Gabilan	Roger Chagnon-Salinas	SCVAL-DAL	Paul Armstrong - Cupertino
MBL-Pacific	absent	SCVAL-ECAL	Walt Van Zant - Wilcox
MTAL	Mike Raggett-Santa Catalina	WBAL	Albert Caruana – Crystal Springs Uplands
PAL-Bay	Bill Daskarolis-Aragon	WCAL	Roberta Chisam – St. Francis
# Members on Committee: 14 # Members Present at Meeting: 10		Report respectfully submitted by: Steve Filios, Assistant CCS Commissioner	

GUESTS & STAFF PRESENT: Terry Ward, Committee Chair/ADAC Rep; Steve Filios, CCS Assistant Commissioner; John Nardone, Santa Catalina HS; Scott Chisam, Harker School/USATF; Hank Lawson, LynbrrokSports.com; Mark Foyer-PAL Meet Director

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 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.

Section 1. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Organization: TBD: AUGUST, 2014 7:00 PM @ CCS Office
(prior to all league organizational meetings)

Evaluation: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014
7:00 PM, @ CCS Office

Section 2. MEETS DATES / SITES

A. The 2015 CCS Boys and Girls Cross Country Championships are scheduled as follows:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2014

@ Crystal Springs Cross Country Course, Belmont

<u>Division</u>		<u>Time</u>		<u>Time</u>
Division V	Girls	10:00 am	Boys	10:35 am
Division I	Girls	11:10 am	Boys	11:45 am
Division II	Girls	12:20 pm	Boys	12:55 pm
Division III	Girls	1:30 pm	Boys	2:05 pm
Division IV	Girls	2:40 pm	Boys	3:15 pm

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.

A. Review of Section Meet

1. *Thank you to:*

Meet Management Team including, but not limited to: Alan Green, Richard Green, Roger Chagnon, Francisco Cornejo, Justin Corneau. Results & Timing Coordinator Sean Laughlin; and the many volunteers from Palma, North Salinas and Salinas High Schools.

2. The use of chip timing was well received and acknowledged. It was also noted, however, that Meet Management might consider a different location for the "split" clock and mat to avoid any possible confusion with the finish line.
3. That Meet Management consider additional ways to communicate the protocol for bus drop off and parking.

B. Review of State Meet

1. The Meet staff was recognized for conducting a great meet.
2. The CIF Meet Medical Staff (from Fresno State) was commended for outstanding service.
3. Several logistical suggestions were provided to forward to CIF State Meet Management through the State CIF Cross Country Committee.

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.

A. Congratulations to the 2014 CCS Cross Country Champions:

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Division I	Bellarmino College Prep	Homestead HS
Division II	Los Gatos HS	Archbishop Mitty HS
Division III	St. Ignatius HS	Aptos HS
Division IV	King City HS	Half Moon Bay HS
Division V	Crystal Spring Uplands School	Crystal Spring Uplands School

B. Congratulations to the 2014 CIF State Cross Country Top 5 placers:

Teams: D4 boys: King City (2), Scotts Valley (3); D3 girls: Aptos (5)

Ind Boys: Steve Sum, Saratoga (2nd D3), Chris Foster, Los Gatos (5th D2)

Ind Girls: Elizabeth Lacy, Menlo (3rd, D4), Cate Ratliff, Santa Cruz (4th, D4); Niki Iyer, Harker (5th D4); Elena Kamas, Homestead (5th, D1)

- C. Division Placement:** After extensive discussion it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to recommend the continued use of the current system for division placement.
- D. Coach present with athletes:** During extensive discussion regarding the designated school coach being present with their athletes at all competitions it was recommended that CCS Staff continue to articulate to members schools the CIF requirements as well as the sanctions that can be levied on athletes and school programs for non-compliance.

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 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: Repeal the ban on bandanas: It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to repeal CCS Cross Country Bylaw Section 6. Athletes will not be allowed to run while wearing a bandana that covers the head.

Section 6. RULES

~~**B. Athletes will not be allowed to run while wearing a bandanna that covers the head.**~~

Rationale: It was noted that this rule only applies to the CCS Championship Meet and is contrary to NFHS Cross Country rules which do not prohibit the use of any type of headwear.

Proposal 2: Hardship Provision: It was **MOVED**, **SECONDED** and **CARRIED** (8-1-1) to establish a hardship provision, similar to the one used by Track & Field, for individual athletes who have a documented hardship that does not enable them to participate in their League championship event that qualifies them to the CCS Meet.

Section 5. HARDSHIP APPEALS

- A. Hardships may only be considered for qualification from League to the CCS Meet;**
- B. Hardships only applies to an illness/accident that is non-sports related;**
- C. The athlete must be under a medical doctor's care;**
- D. Any request for hardship must be presented to the League Meet Director, IN WRITING, before the start of the athlete's race in the League meet;**
- E. The athlete must have posted a previous mark in that season at an official meet on the course that is being used for that athlete's league meet that is better than the last individual qualifier's mark;**
- F. The hardship hearing will be held on or before the second working day following the request for hardship;**
- G. Appeals shall be conducted according to the respective League's By-Laws.**
- H. If approved, the athlete will be added to the field of individual qualifiers from that league into the CCS Meet.**

Rationale: Although there is a process for hardship appeals in the sport of Track & Field, the CCS Cross Country bylaws do not have a procedure for hardship appeals for individuals that are not on a qualifying team to qualify for the CCS Cross Country Meet. Since athletes can only qualify for the CCS Meet through their League Championship event, the CCS Cross Country Committee sees a need for this hardship appeal process which mirrors the CCS Track & Field bylaw for deserving athletes who have experienced a hardship on the day of their League Championship.

REVIEW / ACTION TAKEN BY OTHER CCS ENTITIES	
ADAC:	RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT <u> X </u> (non-major changes will be approved by this action by the BOM) Proposal #1: Recommend: APPROVE Proposal #2: Recommend: APPROVE
LEAGUE COMM:	RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT <u> X </u> (non-major changes will be approved by this action by the BOM) Proposal #1: Recommend: APPROVE (7-1-0) Proposal #2: Recommend: APPROVE(7-0-1)
EXEC. COMM:	RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT <u> X </u> (non-major changes will be approved by this action by the BOM) Proposal #1: Recommend: APPROVE Proposal #2: Recommend: APPROVE
CCS STAFF:	RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT <u> X </u> (non-major changes will be approved by this action by the BOM) Proposal #1: Recommend: APPROVE Proposal #2: Recommend: APPROVE
COMMENTS:	
I. TOURNAMENT GUIDE CHANGES—UPDATES FOR NEXT YEAR	
Report accepted by the CCS Board of Managers on January 28, 2015. (this makes all tournament guide changes in this report final)	
IV. PROPOSED MAJOR FORMAT CHANGES	
Proposals #1 & #2 was presented as a first read item at the CCS Board of Managers on January 28, 2015, Second reading by CCS Board of Managers and action anticipated on April 29, 2015.	