**TIE-BREAKER SYSTEM**

The “25-Yard Tie-Breaker System” is authorized for use in the Southern Section for playoffs as follows:

1. Respective leagues have the option of adopting the plan for use

2. If adopted, all ties within league must be resolved with the “25-Yard Tie-Breaker System”

3. If adopted, the plan may be used for the V, JV or Frosh/Soph levels, or any combination of

4. By mutual consent, the plan may be used for non-league contests

5. The “25-Yard Tie-Breaker System” will be used for all CIF-SS playoff contests

6. May not be used beyond the last allowable playing date to determine entry into the playoffs

**TIE GAMES**

The twenty-five yard line tiebreaker system will be used in all divisions and all games, (including finals), of the CIF Southern Section football playoffs, when games end in regulation time with the score tied. Although the ball will be placed on the 25-yard line for tiebreakers, we will adopt the National Federation 10-yard tiebreaker rules, with the exception that teams will be able to make first downs. Because of concerns regarding inconsistency WE WILL NOT BE USING NCAA RULES. Complete details for the 10-yard line tiebreaker are listed on pages 84 and 85 of the 2015 National Federation Official High School Football Rules. This will apply

to all playoff games including the championship games.

**HOW THE TIE-BREAKER WORKS**

If the score at the conclusion of regulation play is tied, there will be a timeout. The captains of the two squads will meet at midfield, with the officials, for a flip of the coin. The winner of the toss will have the option to defend a goal or to determine possession.

Then, each team will have the opportunity to score from the 25-yard line and the team which outscores the other in the “overtime” session will be the winner, following the rules of football. For example, the team on offense first will have one series of downs in which to score a touchdown (and try to kick for a one-point conversion or a run-pass for a two-point conversion) or kick a field goal. The other team will have one series of downs in which to equal, or surpass, the points scored by the first team. If the second team on offense does not equal or surpass the first team on offense, the first team on offense wins. If the second team scores more points than the first team, the second team wins. If the second team scores an equal number of points, the whole procedure is repeated until a winner is determined.