



2025 SAN DIEGO CIF GIRLS' FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Championship Site: **Escondido High School**

1. QUALIFYING

The CIFSDS Girls' Flag Football Playoffs will consist of five divisions set by the sport specific advisory committee. Division One will be set at 8 Teams. Divisions Two - Five Playoff Brackets will consist of 12 teams in each division determined by the Advisory Committee in conjunction with the current MaxPreps Rankings for the San Diego Section. The Top Four (4) teams in divisions II - V will receive a bye for the first round, with teams ranked 5-12 playing at the home of the higher seed. All Designated League Champions will be placed into the playoff brackets, and any League Champion ranked outside the Top 56 teams in the Section will host a play-in game on Monday, October 27th.

Pairings will take place on Saturday, **October 25, 2025, @ 12:00 p.m.** at Via Zoom with the advisory members and football assignor.

If your team is an automatic qualifier or if you anticipate being selected at-large, you must complete/submit in its entirety your team schedule/results information via MaxPreps site by 9:00 p.m. on Friday, October 24, 2025.

Pairings will be posted on our website on **October 25, by 2:00 p.m.** All Home Teams are required to Contact Mr. Tom Ables via e-mail, assignsdcfoa@gmail.com or phone to set your game time.

2. DATES, SITES, TIMES, AND HOME TEAM DETERMINATION:

GAMES CAN BE PLAYED ON NATURAL GRASS OR TURF FIELDS

In all playoff contests, it is the responsibility of the home school to ensure that team benches are provided for both teams, there is adequate spectator seating, and the field is lined to the correct size: 40 Yards (width) x 80 Yards (Length)

First Round

Division V & Division III:

Date: Tuesday, October 28th

Division II & Division IV:

Date: Wednesday, October 29th

*Contests are to be hosted at the home site of the higher seed. By mutual agreement and after consulting with Assigner starting times may be adjusted by the home site.

Quarterfinals:

Division I:**Date: Saturday, November 1st @ 3pm****Division V & Division III:****Date: Saturday, November 1st @ 1pm****Division II & Division IV:****Date: Saturday, November 1st @ 5pm**

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Semifinals:**Divisions II & IV:****Date: Tuesday, November 4th**

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Divisions I, III, & V:**Date: Wednesday, November 5th**

*Contests are to be hosted at the home site of the higher seed. By mutual agreement and after consulting with Assigner starting times may be adjusted by the home site.

Championships:**Saturday, November 8, 2025 @ Escondido High School:**

Division V:	10:00 AM
Division IV:	12:00 PM
Division III:	2:00 PM
Division II:	4:00 PM
Division I:	6:00 PM

The designated home team shall be the higher seeded team.

3. OVERTIME PROCEDURES FOR PLAYOFFS

Tie Game - In case of a game ending in a tie score, the officials must bring the captains and coaches of both teams to the center of the field. They will discuss the tiebreaker procedures and answer all questions prior to the coin toss.

(A) A coin toss shall decide which team chooses first. The visiting team will call the toss.

(B) The coin toss winner can choose to be on offense first, defense or select the end of the field that overtime will be played on. The loser of the toss shall exercise the remaining option for the first extra period and have the first choice of options for subsequent even-numbered extra periods.

(C) Each team will receive one (1) timeout per extra period (offensive and defensive possession). Unused extra-period timeouts may not be carried over to other extra periods. Timeouts between periods shall be charged to the succeeding period.

(D) Each extra period shall consist of a two-possession series, with each team putting the ball in play by snapping on the designated 20-yard line (unless relocated by penalty), which becomes the opponent's 20-yard line. The line to gain is always the goal line, regardless of whether a penalty enforcement puts the ball more than 20 yards from the goal line to start a new series of downs.

(E) Possession series: Each team retains the ball during a possession series until it scores or fails to reach the endzone. The ball remains alive after a change of team possession until it is declared dead. However, Team A may not have a first down if it regains possession after a change of team possession.

(F) There shall be an equal number of possession series, as described in (E) above, in each extra period, unless Team B scores.

(G) By the regulation play procedures, teams may attempt a 1-point or a 2 point try after a touchdown is scored.

(H) Beginning in the 3rd and subsequent overtime periods, both teams must attempt a 2-point try after a successful score.

(I) The game clock is not needed during extra periods. Regulation play procedures will keep the 25/40 second play clock in effect.

(J) The ball is live after a turnover in overtime. Team B may return the ball for a touchdown.

(I) Fouls During a Try or in Overtime After a Change of Team Possession:

(i) A score by a team committing a foul during the down is canceled. Exception: Live-ball fouls are treated as dead-ball fouls.

(ii) If both teams foul during the down and the defensive team had not fouled before the change of possession, the fouls are canceled, and the down is not repeated.

(iii) Penalties against either team are declined by rule. 1. Exception: Penalties for flagrant personal fouls, unsportsmanlike conduct fouls, dead-ball personal fouls, and live-ball fouls treated as dead-ball fouls are enforced from the succeeding spot (20-yard line)

4. OFFICIAL SCORER AND TIMER

The home team shall supply the official scorer and timer in the First Round, Quarterfinal, & Semifinal Rounds. For the Championship games only: the official timer and scorekeeper will be provided by the officials association and paid by the CIFSDS section.

6. OFFICIALS

All game officials will be assigned by Mr. Tom Ables, Football Assignment Secretary. The home team will pay officials for all playoff games. - **visiting school pays for the Table Official except for finals.**

2025 Flag Football Officials Fees

Preliminary Rounds	\$83.00
Semifinals	\$83.00
Championships	\$98.00

7. TICKETS & ADMISSION

Quarterfinals & Semifinals: NOT REQUIRED TO CHARGE

Championships: CIFSDS will host championships, and each school will be provided a digital ticket link through GoFan. Ten complimentary tickets will be available through GoFan to each participating school and may be picked up at the section office or at the gate on the day of the game by a designated adult.

ADMISSION

The admission prices are as follows:

Championship Games only

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| a. Adults | \$15 |
| b. Students/Seniors | \$9 |

Please note that additional ticket fees may be applied by GoFan

8. ACCOMMODATIONS FOR MEDIA (PRESS / RADIO / TV / WEB CAST)

- [Please click here to view the CIFSDS/NFHS Streaming Agreement for all CIF San Diego Section Playoffs & Championships](#)
- Provide a seat at or close to the scorer's table for working members of the media.
- Keep in mind that the area should be used for working media and coaching staff only (if available).
- Media must write the story from the facility due to deadline restrictions. Please allow them the courtesy to complete their job without interruption.

9. PASSES: No deviation from the following shall be allowed:

Permitted- CIFSDS Courtesy Cards, CIFSDS and State CIF Life Passes, CIFSDS Media Passes

Not Permitted- CIFSDS Boys'/Girls' Scouting Passes, league passes, district passes, faculty passes, officials' association passes, college or university passes, etc.

**** CIFSDS COURTESY CARDS WILL BE PERMITTED FOR ENTRY INTO Flag Football CHAMPIONSHIPS!**

10. AWARDS: To be presented immediately following the championship games, respectively:

- Championship Team Trophy
- Individual Championship Patches (20)
- Runner-Up Team Trophy
- Individual Runner-Up Patches (20)

11. PLAYOFF PARTICIPATION PATCHES

Playoff participation patches may be purchased for **\$20.00** each. Orders will be accepted via the CIFSDS Home site, please visit our website at <https://cifsdsmysshopify.com/>.

ADDITIONAL RUNNER-UP PATCHES AND CHAMPIONSHIP PATCHES

Additional Runner-up and Championship patches may be purchased for **\$25.00** orders will be accepted via the CIFSDS Home site, please visit our website at <https://cifsdsmysshopify.com/>.

13. SPIRIT SIGNS

All signs, posters, banners, etc., by each competing school are to be utilized for the purpose of promoting its own team rather than downgrading its opponent. Therefore, no signs, banners, etc., will be permitted that refer to an opponent except in a positive manner.

15. FOOD AND PROGRAM CONCESSION

The 2025 food concession has been awarded to TBD.

16. CLEAN-UP

Each team shall be responsible for the clean-up of its own bench area immediately following the contest.

17. CIFSDS RECORD BOOK UPDATE

CIF Record Book information may be updated through the CIFSDS Home Site under New CIFSDS Records tab. Please visit our website at www.cifsd.org to log in. Please contact Ms. Stacy Candia at scandia@cifsd.org if you have any questions.

Thank you, & we wish you well as we continue to head into the Fall 2025 Championship Season!

Mr. Joe Heinz
Commissioner

Mr. Todd Cassen
Assistant Commissioner



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