

SCCAL Policy Section

SCCAL Automatic Qualifiers to CCS

1. For any SCCAL sports that conduct an End-of-the-Season Tournament, the following guidelines will be used to determine the Automatic Qualifiers (hereinafter AQ):
 - a. The SCCAL regular season champion will receive an AQ
 - i. If there is a tie for the regular season champion, or for a 2nd place AQ, see tie-breaking criteria below (2.a.i.)
 - b. If an additional AQ is available, the End-of-Season Tournament winner will receive it
 - i. If the SCCAL regular season champion wins the End-of-Season Tournament, then the second place team in the SCCAL regular season earns the other AQ
 - ii. If there are additional AQ's available after the League Champion and Tournament Champion have received theirs, they will go to the next highest finishers in league play.
 - iii. Tie-breaking - see below.
 - c. Boys & Girls Tennis have their own tie-breaking rules for AQ's, see Article XLIII, Section E.6.
2. For any SCCAL sport that does not have an End-of-Season Tournament, the league's AQ's into the CCS Playoffs shall be determined as follows:
 - a. If the SCCAL receives only 1 Automatic Qualifier:
 - i. The 1st place team from SCCAL league play will receive the AQ.
 1. If there is a 2-way tie for 1st place, a tie-breaker will determine the AQ
 2. Tie-breaker criteria
 - a. Head-to-head competition against each other
 - i. If there is still a tie after examining the head-to-head league play, the outcome of their End-of-Season Tournament head-to-head will be the tie-breaker
 - b. If there is no End-of-Season Tournament, go to head-to-head competition against the remaining league finishers, in descending order
 - c. A coin toss, executed by the League Commissioner or designee
 3. If there is a 3-way tie for 1st place, use the tie-breaker criteria above to determine which team receives the 1 AQ
 - a. If 3 teams remain tied, instead of a coin toss, a drawing will be held, executed by the League Commissioner or designee
 - b. If the SCCAL receives 2 AQ's:
 - i. The 1st place and 2nd place teams from SCCAL play will each receive an AQ

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1. If there is a 2-way tie for 1st, both teams will receive an AQ, and the 2nd place team will not receive an AQ
 2. If there is a 3-way tie for 1st place, see the tie-breaking criteria above to determine the 2 AQ's
- c. If the SCCAL receives 3 AQ's:
- i. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams will each receive 1 AQ
 - ii. If there is a 2-way tie for 1st or 2nd, the 3rd place team(s) will not receive an AQ
 - iii. If there is a 3-way tie for 1st place, the 2nd and 3rd place teams will not receive an AQ
- d. If there are ties for 2nd or 3rd place with AQ's on the line, the following tie-breakers apply
- i. Head-to-head competition against each other
 - ii. Head-to-head competition against the league finishers above
 - iii. Head-to-head competition against the remaining league finishers in descending order
 - iv. A coin toss (or drawing if three or more teams), executed by the League Commissioner or designee
2. For any SCCAL sports that conduct an End-of-the-Season Tournament, the following guidelines will be used to determine the AQ's:
- d. The SCCAL regular season champion will be an AQ
 - i. If there is a tie for the regular season champion, see tie-breaking criteria above (1.a.i.2)
 - e. The End-of-Season Tournament winner will earn an AQ (if an additional one is available)
 - i. If the SCCAL regular season champion wins the End-of-Season Tournament, then the second place team in the SCCAL regular season earns the other AQ
 - ii. If there are additional AQ's available after the League Champion and Tournament Champion have received theirs, they will go to the next highest finishers in league play.
 - iii. Tie-breaking - see above.