

2018 CCLA Playoff Guidelines

The following provides information on CCLA league playoffs and championships. Scheduling these games is sometimes difficult due to the weather, school-related events and other conflicts that can arise during this time of year.

1. CCLA playoffs are held in the 12A, 12B, 14A & 14B divisions only. For any program that did not field a 12A team, their 12B team(s) are playoff ineligible. For any program that did not field a 14A team, their 14B team(s) are playoff ineligible.
2. The CCLA Executive Committee reserves the right to disqualify any team with unacceptable sportsmanship ratings from the playoffs.
3. The top 8 teams in each division will participate in the playoffs. In divisions with a North and South conference, the first place teams in each conference will be the #1 and # 2 seeds. Seeds #3-8 will be assigned to the other teams with the best records, without regard to conference affiliation.
4. Teams will be seeded by: (1) points ... a win is 2 points, a tie is 1 point, a loss is 0 points; (2) winning percentage; (3) head-to-head result; (4) average sportsmanship rating. Total goals scored or average margin of victory is not a factor in seeding determination. Games that are not played will count as a loss for each team, i.e. a team that's 11-0 with a rain out that wasn't made up has the same record as a team that played all 12 scheduled games and is 11-1.
5. Head coaches are responsible for making certain their team records are accurate on www.cclalax.org in the "Playoff Guidelines & Brackets" section. Any discrepancies must be reported to Don Merrill (dmerrill193@comcast.net). In the event of weather cancellations all games must be made up by **May 29**. Any games not played by **May 29** will count as a loss for both teams. ***Don't wait until the last minute to make up any games missed during the season!***
6. For each game the better seeded team (i.e. the #1 seed is better than the #2 seed) will be the home team. All games will be scheduled as 2 ref games.
7. Each team is responsible for paying one of the referees. Visiting coaches should be certain to have a check or cash for one of the refs.
8. 12A & 12B teams will play their first round game on **Wednesday May 30**, their second round game on **Saturday June 2** and their championship game on **Tuesday June 5 at Kelly Field** (12B at 6:30pm & 12A at 8:00pm).
9. 14A & 14B teams will play their first round game on **Thursday May 31**, their second round game on **Sunday June 3** and their championship game on **Wednesday June 6 at Kelly Field** (14B at 6:30pm & 14A at 8:00pm).
10. For any playoff game that is rained out, the expectation is that the game will be rescheduled for the next day.
11. For handling scheduling conflicts, if each team agrees they can change the date of their game so long as the re-scheduled date doesn't potentially interfere with the next round of games. If teams can't mutually agree on an alternative date that works for each of them, then they must play on the scheduled date with as good a team as they can put together. If a playoff game is not played before the next scheduled playoff round, then both teams in the unplayed game will be determined to have lost the game and their opponent in the next round will win that round by forfeit. ***Note – if a game is postponed for non-weather related reasons and the postponed game is then rained out, no consideration will be given to delaying the next round of games.***
12. If the better seeded team can't host a scheduled game due to field conditions or availability, and they can't offer a neutral site option, then the opposing team can demand that the game be played at their field or at a neutral site of their offering.
13. The mercy rule does not apply in any playoff games.
14. Borrowing players is strictly prohibited during the playoffs.
15. All games are subject to the whims of the weather, in which case the decision of CCLA's Executive Committee shall determine re-scheduling or forfeit. For all other playoff disputes, the decision of CCLA's Executive Committee is final.
16. Playoff results will be posted on the CCLA web site (www.cclalax.org).