

San Diego Local League Rules- Local Playoff Overview

What is the purpose of the Local League Playoff?

In order to make sure we send the top team onto So Cal Sectionals, we will use Local Playoffs as needed.

- 1) In a 2 flight league, the top team from each flight will compete in a Local League Championship
- 2) In a one flight league, we may add a short round robin for the top teams in the standings after the first rotation of matches to further compete against each other for the top spot. Sometimes, teams might be having an off day or missing their best players when they play the other top teams and this is an opportunity for additional matches to be included. This will also allow for additional matches to be able to qualify players. All teams in the flight will have the option to play additional matches based on their initial results.

Format will be designated at the start of the season in the Schedule Notes.

When will the extra round robin be used?

This will be used selectively when we have a number of teams that results in a short season (i.e. 7 or 8 teams) and when we have enough weeks in the season to complete a short round robin. Some leagues may have a season extension of random matches added to their initial season instead of a playoff format to insure a good length season.

How will the top teams be determined?

In a single flight league (all teams in one flight), the top 2, 3 or 4 teams (depending on weeks remaining in the season after the first round of matches) will play each other one more time. The number of teams will be determined by the mid-point of the season.

In a multiple flight league (teams divided into two or more flights), the top team from each flight will compete in one Local Championship Playoff match. Players must have already played their qualifying matches in order to participate.

What will happen to teams not in the top level?

The teams not involved in the new flight for Local League Winner will be divided into groups of 2, 3 or 4 teams for additional match play. These flights will be scheduled at the same time as the top team flight and will give the teams additional matches in the season.

In a multiple flight league, teams from the flights will be recombined to allow some different competition.

Teams may opt in or out of these extra matches.

When and where will we see the schedule?

Schedules cannot be created until the first round of matches are complete. As soon as the flight is resolved (incomplete matches/ team defaults removed), the schedule will be created and you will be notified. Matches will be scheduled at facilities that should have open courts but need your help reserving with your clubs. Please also make sure that your players are available to complete the full season.