

Gottschalk MCAL Soccer Report

WINTER 4.0

The fourth installment of winter soccer is upon us, but it will be nothing like the previous three. MCAL has made some changes that have seen a school leave the league, but the number of league games actually increase. Here is the breakdown of what's new in 2018/19.

The first change sees Justin-Siena depart the league. While they have been a source of points for many teams in the league, I doubt there are many that are disappointed that they won't "get" to drive to Napa for a league game. It also means the MCAL Final for both boys and girls, which has been held at Justin-Siena for the past three seasons, will finally be held in Marin again, now at San Rafael.

Despite losing a team from the league, the regular season schedule has actually become more congested as a result of the MCAL deciding to move to a double round-robin format, now seeing every school play home and away versus each school for a total of 16 games. The increase in games has some negative consequences, requiring two three-game weeks for teams. In past years many schools have played three game weeks, but they were always by choice, fitting in a non-conference game where a school felt they could. Now schools will have to play important league matches three times in a week.

The ability to schedule non-conference games has become incredibly difficult as well with the extra league games. In order to fit games in, schools will have to add more three-game weeks, putting the health of the players even more at risk. With club soccer not finishing until the week of thanksgiving, it is difficult for teams to schedule anything prior to thanksgiving because the club players would be unable to play in those games based on CIF regulations. Not being able to play as many non-conference matches could have a significant impact when it comes to getting into the NCS, and seeding for the NCS.

The other change necessitated by the increase in regular season games was the drop from six playoff teams down to four. On the one hand it does make it more competitive to get in, but on the other hand it takes away the opportunity for more players to experience the playoff atmosphere, something that could be very beneficial to that MCAL team's NCS hopes.

Some other changes of note:

- 1 - Home teams will now wear their school colors, rather than their whites.
- 2 - Junior Varsity matches will now have 40-minute halves, same as varsity.

Many things have changed, but what remains the same is the desire each squad will have to punch their ticket to the MCAL final under the lights at San Rafael.

Varsity Table

Team	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Overall
Branson									
Drake									
Marin Catholic									
Novato									
Redwood									
San Marin									
San Rafael									
Tamalpais									
Terra Linda									

Matchday 1 - Nov 28

Marin Catholic v Tamalpais
Novato v Branson
Redwood v San Marin
San Rafael v Drake
Bye - Terra Linda

Matchday 4 - Dec 8

Branson v Terra Linda
Novato v Redwood
San Rafael v Marin Catholic
Tamalpais v San Marin
Bye - Drake

Matchday 7 - Jan 5

Branson v San Rafael
Marin Catholic v Drake
Novato v Tamalpais
Terra Linda v Redwood
Bye - San Marin

Matchday 10 - Jan 12

Branson v Novato
Drake v San Rafael
San Marin v Redwood
Tamalpais v Marin Catholic
Bye - Terra Linda

Matchday 13 - Jan 21

Marin Catholic v San Rafael
Redwood v Novato
San Marin v Tamalpais
Terra Linda v Branson
Bye - Drake

Matchday 16 - Jan 29

Drake v Marin Catholic
Redwood v Terra Linda
San Rafael v Branson
Tamalpais v Novato
Bye - San Marin

Matchday 2 - Dec 1

Branson v Redwood
Drake v Terra Linda
Novato v San Marin
Tamalpais v San Rafael
Bye - Marin Catholic

Matchday 5 - Dec 15

Drake v Redwood
Marin Catholic v Novato
Tamalpais v Branson
Terra Linda v San Marin
Bye - San Rafael

Matchday 8 - Jan 8

Drake v Tamalpais
Marin Catholic v Terra Linda
San Marin v Branson
San Rafael v Redwood
Bye - Novato

Matchday 11 - Jan 16

Redwood v Branson
San Marin v Novato
San Rafael v Tamalpais
Terra Linda v Drake
Bye - Marin Catholic

Matchday 14 - Jan 23

Branson v Tamalpais
Novato v Marin Catholic
Redwood v Drake
San Marin v Terra Linda
Bye - San Rafael

Matchday 17 - Feb 2

Branson v San Marin
Redwood v San Rafael
Tamalpais v Drake
Terra Linda v Marin Catholic
Bye - Terra Linda

Matchday 3 - Dec 4

Drake v Novato
Redwood v Tamalpais
San Marin v Marin Catholic
Terra Linda v San Rafael
Bye - Branson

Matchday 6 - Jan 2

Branson v Marin Catholic
San Marin v Drake
San Rafael v Novato
Tamalpais v Terra Linda
Bye - Redwood

Matchday 9 - Jan 10

Drake v Branson
Redwood v Marin Catholic
San Marin v San Rafael
Terra Linda v Novato
Bye - Tamalpais

Matchday 12 - Jan 19

Marin Catholic v San Marin
Novato v Drake
San Rafael v Terra Linda
Tamalpais v Redwood
Bye - Branson

Matchday 15 - Jan 26

Drake v San Marin
Marin Catholic v Branson
Novato v San Rafael
Terra Linda v Tamalpais
Bye - Redwood

Matchday 18 - Feb 4

Branson v Drake - Dec 11th
Marin Catholic v Redwood
Novato v Terra Linda
San Rafael v San Marin
Bye - Tamalpais

League Leaders

(Top 15)

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	Shutouts	#
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	Team Fair Play Table	Pts
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	Team GAA	#
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	Hat-Tricks	#
1		

	PK Saves	#
1		

	Free-Kick Goals	#
1		

Junior Varsity Table

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Novato									
Redwood									
San Marin									
San Rafael									
Tamalpais									
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 Redwood at San Marin
 San Rafael at Drake
 Bye - Terra Linda

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 Drake at Terra Linda
 Novato at San Marin
 Tamalpais at San Rafael
 Bye - Marin Catholic

Matchday 3 - Dec 4

Drake at Novato
 Redwood at Tamalpais
 San Marin at Marin Catholic
 Terra Linda at San Rafael
 Bye - Branson

Matchday 4 - Dec 8

Branson at Terra Linda
 Novato at Redwood
 San Rafael at Marin Catholic
 Tamalpais at San Marin
 Bye - Drake

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Drake at Redwood
 Marin Catholic at Novato
 Tamalpais at Branson
 Terra Linda at San Marin
 Bye - San Rafael

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Branson at Marin Catholic
 San Marin at Drake
 San Rafael at Novato
 Tamalpais at Terra Linda
 Bye - Redwood

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 Terra Linda at Redwood
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 San Marin at Branson
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 Bye - Terra Linda

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 Bye - Tamalpais

MCAL COMBINED TABLE

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Branson					
Drake					
Marin Catholic					
Novato					
Redwood					
San Marin					
San Rafael					
Tamalpais					
Terra Linda					

A LOOK AHEAD AT THE NCS

(Will begin after week two of MCAL play)

MCAL

Overall Record

Notes

NCS Magic Number*

Others

Overall Record

Notes

NCS Magic Number*

*2 pts for a win, 1 for a draw. Team needs to be .500 overall, in league, or in classification to be eligible.

Varsity Non-Conference Tracker

Branson 11/26 v El Molino 12/5 v Urban 12/18 v Lowell	Drake 11/19 at Pinole 12/8 v Concord 11/21 at Marin Academy	Marin Catholic 11/30 at University 12/12 v Sacred Heart C.
Novato 11/19 v Rancho Cotate	Redwood 11/26 vs Montgomery	San Marin 11/27 v Tennyson 12/6 v Redwood Chr. 12/11 at Justin-Siena 12/21 v Berean Christian 1/4 v Sonoma Academy 1/28 v Petaluma
San Rafael 11/19 v DeAnza 11/26 at Concord 12/6 at Rancho Cotate 12/10 at Tennyson 12/13 at Encinal 12/15 v Elsie Allen	Tamalpais 12/6 v Windsor 12/10 v Casa Grande 12/12 at Montgomery 1/14 at Las Lomas	Terra Linda 11/27 v Rancho Cotate 12/10 at Petaluma 12/12 at Piner 12/20 at Urban
	MCAL v Others vs BCL West vs DFAL vs DVAL vs MVAL vs TCAL	

Other Contenders

<u>University</u>	<u>Head-Royce</u>	<u>Marin Academy</u>	<u>Lick-Wilmerding</u>	<u>Urban</u>
	11/29 v Sacred Heart Cath. 12/4 at Piedmont 12/7 at Marin Academy 12/12 at Urban 12/14 at University 1/3 v Lick-Wilmerding 1/5 v St. Joseph Notre Dame 1/11 v Marin Academy 1/15 at Berean Christian 1/17 at San Domenico 1/23 v Urban 1/25 at Convent Sacred H. 1/29 at Lick-Wilmerding 2/1 v University	11/29 v Cardinal Newman 12/1 v Sacred Heart Cath. 12/4 at Sonoma Academy 12/7 v Head-Royce 12/11 v St. Joseph ND 12/12 v San Domenico 1/3 v Urban 1/5 at Convent 1/9 v University 1/11 at Head-Royce 1/14 at Urban 1/16 v Lick-Wilmerding 1/19 v Petaluma 1/21 v Drake 1/25 at University 2/1 at Lick-Wilmerding		
<u>D4 - Piedmont</u>	<u>D4 - Cardinal Newman</u>	<u>D4 - Berean Christian</u>	<u>D3 - Campolindo</u>	<u>D3 - Miramonte</u>
		11/29 v San Domenico 12/4 at Ygnacio Valley 12/6 v Alhambra 12/8 v El Molino 12/11 v Concord 12/13 at Benicia 12/15 at Justin-Siena 12/21 at San Marin 1/5 at Saint Mary's 1/9 at Miramonte 1/11 v Northgate 1/15 v Head-Royce 1/18 at Las Lomas 1/23 v Clayton Valley Ch. 1/25 at Acalanes 1/28 v Redwood Chr. 1/30 v College Park 2/1 v College Park 2/6 at St. Patricks-St. Vin. 2/8 v Campolindo	11/30 v Hayward 12/4 v Las Lomas 12/6 at Northgate 12/11 at College Park 12/13 v Acalanes 12/14 v Oakland 12/20 at James Logan 12/21 v Skyline 1/9 v Concord 1/11 at Ygnacio Valley 1/14 v El Cerrito 1/16 v Granada 1/18 v Miramonte 1/23 at Benicia 1/25 at Clayton Vall. Ch. 1/28 at Acalanes 1/30 v Alhambra 2/6 v Mt. Diablo 2/8 at Berean Christian	11/27 v Acalanes 11/30 at Alameda 12/4 v Mt. Diablo 12/6 at Acalanes 12/8 v Encinal 12/11 v Clayton V. Ch. 12/13 at Las Lomas 12/20 v Deer Valley 1/9 v Berean Chr. 1/11 v Alhambra 1/17 v El Cerrito 1/18 at Compolindo 1/23 v Concord 2/1 v Northgate 2/6 at Benicia 2/8 at College Park
<u>D2 - Livermore</u>	<u>D2 - Las Lomas</u>	<u>D2 - Montgomery</u>	<u>SFS - Lowell</u>	<u>CCS - Mountain View</u>
11/28 v Heritage 11/30 v Moreau Catholic 12/4 v Newark Memorial 12/6 v Washington 12/8 at Windsor 12/11 at Foothill 12/13 v Northgate 12/15 at Alameda 12/18 v Amador Valley 12/20 v Dublin 1/5 at Acalanes 1/8 at Granada 1/10 v San Ramon Valley 1/15 at Dougherty Valley 1/17 at Carondolet 1/22 v California 1/24 v Foothill 1/29 v Monte Vista 1/31 at Amador Valley 2/5 at Dublin 2/7 v Granada	12/4 at Compolindo 12/6 v Clayton Valley Ch. 12/11 at Northgate 12/13 v Miramonte 1/9 at Mt. Diablo 1/11 v Concord 1/14 v Tamalpais 1/18 v Berean Christian 1/23 at Ygnacio Valley 1/25 at College Park 2/1 at Alhambra 2/6 v Acalanes 2/8 v Benicia	11/20 at Vintage 11/30 v Corona del Mar 12/1 v Oak Hills 12/1 at Newport Harbor 12/7 at Davis 12/12 v Tamalpais 12/15 at Casa Grande 1/4 v Northgate 1/8 at Maria Carrilo 1/10 at Ukiah 1/12 at Analy 1/15 at Cardinal Newman 1/17 at Windsor 1/19 at Sonoma Academy 1/25 at Maria Carrillo 1/29 at Ukiah 1/31 at Analy 2/2 at Cardinal Newmann 2/5 v Windsor 2/7 at Sonoma Academy		11/27 v Los Altos 12/1 v Christopher 12/3 at Gunn 12/6 v SI 12/8 v Menlo Atherton 12/11 at Carlmont 12/28 v San Benito 1/2 at Santa Clara 1/9 at Homestead 1/11 v Palo Alto 1/16 v Los Gatos 1/18 v Saratoga 1/23 at Fremont 1/25 v Homestead 1/30 at Palo Alto 2/4 at Fremont 2/6 v Los Gatos 2/8 v Saratoga 2/13 v Santa Clara