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STATE CIF ANNOUNCES 2008-09 ACADEMIC TEAM CHAMPIONS

ALAMEDA – The State CIF is pleased to release its 28 state academic team champions for the 2008-09 school year, CIF Executive Director Marie M. Ishida announced today.

Los Gatos (Central Coast Section) and Mission San Jose (North Coast Section) each earned top honors in four sports while St. Margaret's (Southern Section) claimed three. Harker School (Central Coast Section), Santa Rosa Christian (North Coast Section), and Whitney (Southern Section) each claimed two.

Mission San Jose posted the highest grade-point average in both badminton and boys track and field for the third straight year while its girls track and field team maintained its title from last year. The Bishop's School (San Diego Section) repeated in field hockey while Whitney maintained its title in boys water polo.

Overall, six different Southern Section schools combined for nine titles, while Central Coast Section schools picked up eight. North Coast and San Diego Sections claimed seven and three, respectively, as the Northern Section took home one.

This marks the fifth year that all CIF-approved sports are eligible for consideration. CIF Academic State Championships are offered for 27 teams in 17 sports. Previously, only teams in state championship sports were eligible for team academic honors.

“We continue to be impressed with the academic success of students throughout the state. The academic state championship program recognizes those teams that truly have embodied the CIF's belief in educational athletics,” said Ishida.

The CIF Academic State Championships (formerly the Scholastic State Championships) were initiated in 1996 as a way to reward teams with the highest collective grade-point averages, based on an unweighted 4.0 scale, in their respective sport. Championship teams will receive a banner, suitable for display in their school gym, to recognize this accomplishment.

All nominees were their respective CIF Section academic team champion. Section offices forwarded their local winners in all sports for statewide consideration.

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2008-09 CIF STATE ACADEMIC CHAMPIONS

Sport	School	Section	GPA
Badminton	Mission San Jose, Fremont	North Coast	3.86
Baseball	Harker School, San Jose; Santa Rosa Christian	Central Coast; North Coast	3.64
Boys Basketball	Santa Rosa Christian	North Coast	3.88
Girls Basketball	Los Gatos	Central Coast	3.85
Boys Cross Country	Big Bear, Big Bear Lake	Southern	3.97
Girls Cross Country	Woodcrest Christian, Riverside	Southern	3.95
Field Hockey	The Bishop's School, La Jolla	San Diego	3.74
Football	St. Margaret's, San Juan Capistrano	Southern	3.61
Boys Golf	Archbishop Mitty, San Jose	Central Coast	3.86
Girls Golf	University, Irvine	Southern	3.83
Gymnastics	Los Altos	Central Coast	3.79
Boys Lacrosse	La Costa Canyon, Carlsbad	San Diego	3.49
Girls Lacrosse	Los Gatos	Central Coast	3.76
Boys Soccer	St. Margaret's, San Juan Capistrano	Southern	3.79
Girls Soccer	University City, San Diego	San Diego	3.84
Softball	San Luis Obispo	Southern	3.80
Boys Swimming	Los Gatos	Central Coast	3.87
Girls Swimming	St. Margaret's, San Juan Capistrano	Southern	3.91
Boys Tennis	Harker School, San Jose	Central Coast	3.80
Girls Tennis	Arroyo, San Lorenzo	North Coast	3.93
Boys Track & Field	Mission San Jose, Fremont	North Coast	3.86
Girls Track & Field	Mission San Jose, Fremont	North Coast	3.89
Boys Volleyball	Whitney, Cerritos	Southern	3.75
Girls Volleyball	Hamilton Union	Northern	3.90
Boys Water Polo	Whitney, Cerritos	Southern	3.69
Girls Water Polo	Los Gatos	Central Coast	3.98
Wrestling	Mission San Jose, Fremont	North Coast	3.71