

Baseball

A brief playoff history

Save for a playoff in 1949, Sac-Joaquin Section baseball playoffs did not begin in earnest until the mid-1970s. Amazingly, the first playoff was not Division I (as we know it today), but a Division III playoff. Division I did not start until the following year. When playoffs began in the '70s, playoffs were not divided by divisions (I, II, III, etc.) but by classes (A, AA and AAA with AAA being the big boys). It was not until the spring of 1986 that the playoffs were given Roman numerals.

Many different formats have been used over the years including single elimination, double elimination, single elimination (Suicide Saturday) in the first round and then double elimination for the following rounds, a north-south setup with the winners meeting in a 2-out-of-3 final, or a one-game final.

Below is a brief description of how the playoffs were contested by division over time.

DIVISION I

In 1949 (May 24 @ Grass Valley), Stockton defeated Grass Valley 10-0 to win the first-ever baseball championship. That was discontinued until 1976.

When the playoffs resumed in 1976, the tournament was a double elimination tournament for three years. In 1979, the Section changed to a North-South format with a Subsection winner from each area. The North and South winners meet in a best 2-out-of-3. However, in 1992, Woodland and Downey played in the only one-game final between the North and South winners.

Elk Grove has won the most Division I championships with six. Jesuit follows with five, and Cordova has won four times. St. Mary's has three titles, while Stagg, Del Campo, Merced and Davis Sr. have all won two apiece.

DIVISION II

Division II has been played out in many variations of double elimination. In the beginning (1980), it was a straight double elimination format.

In the years 1993 and '94, with the tournament featuring only four teams, the two first-round winners met in a two-out-of-three final.

In 1995, single elimination in the first round (Suicide Saturday)

and double elimination in the following rounds was adopted and was used through the 2002 season.

Starting in 2003, Divisions II-V utilized a new format. There are eight teams in the tournament with the first-round losers going home. The two sets of winners play each other in a 2-out-of-3 with the two winners meeting in a one-game final.

Mesa Verde, Oakmont, Rocklin and Roseville (three each) have won the most championships.

DIVISION III:

Other than the 1949 championship, Division III (or Class A as it was then called) is the oldest playoff division in baseball. This division had always been played as a single elimination tournament until 2003 (See D2 above).

Vanden has dominated D3 competition with nine championships,

while Yuba City has won four titles.

DIVISION IV:

This division was created in 1995 and was played as a single elimination tournament from inception until 2003 (See D2 above).

Central Catholic and Oakdale have won four titles apiece.

DIVISION V:

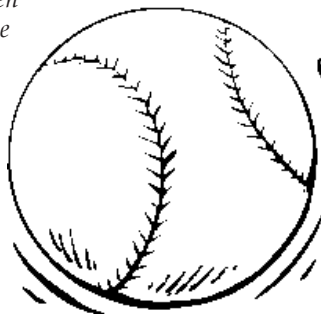
Division V was created in the realignment cycle of 2002-06. It is played using the same format as Divisions II-IV. Central Catholic won the first seven championships. Escalon has won the past two.

DIVISION VI:

Division VI was created in the realignment cycle of 2006-10. It is played using the same format as Divisions II-V. Mariposa has won two titles.

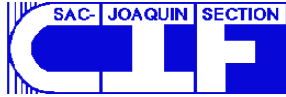
DIVISION VII:

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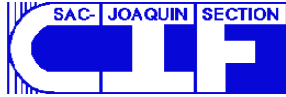
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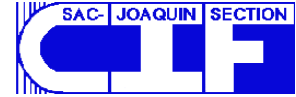
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BASEBALL CHAMPIONS
DIVISION I**



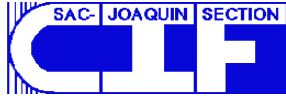
YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE(S)
1949	Stockton	Grass Valley	10-0
1976	Stagg	Cordova	4-7, 4-3
1977	Stagg	Napa	1-4, 5-4
1978	Merced	Yuba City	5-6, 9-3
1979	Lincoln-S (S)	Valley (N)	7-2, 3-1
1980	Sacramento (N)	Vintage (S)	1-2 (8), 7-3, 7-2
1981	Cordova (N)	Tokay (S)	11-2, 2-1
1982	St. Mary's (S)	Cordova (N)	3-2, 5-1
1983	Cordova (N)	St. Mary's (S)	7-4, 5-7, 7-1
1984	Cordova (N)	Hogan (S)	2-0, 9-4
1985	Del Campo (N)	Beyer (S)	5-2, 2-1
1986	Casa Roble (N)	Tokay (S)	3-2, 5-2
1987	Cordova (N)	Turlock (S)	7-4, 8-4
1988	Napa (S)	Christian Brothers (N)	6-0, 5-1
1989	Grant (N)	Franklin (S)	0-2, 17-3, 11-1
1990	Elk Grove (N)	Turlock (S)	5-3, 12-8
1991	Vallejo (S)	Johnson (N)	11-4, 21-3
1992	Woodland (N)	Downey (S)	15-10
1993	Casa Roble (N)	Lincoln-S (S)	4-3, 4-3
1994	Jesuit (N)	Grace Davis (S)	3-5, 1-0, 4-2
1995	Del Campo (N)	Merced (S)	6-5, 3-5, 9-6
1996	Jesuit (N)	Beyer (S)	9-5, 2-0
1997	Elk Grove (N)	Turlock (S)	8-4, 11-1
1998	McClatchy (N)	Vallejo (S)	8-6, 0-12, 5-3
1999	Fairfield (S)	Woodland (N)	6-5 (9), 4-2
2000	Davis Sr. (N)	Beyer (S)	7-4, 8-2
2001	Jesuit (N)	Bear Creek (S)	6-0, 5-4
2002	Merced (S)	Elk Grove (N)	6-4, 0-2, 7-4
2003	Elk Grove (N)	Lincoln-S (S)	7-3, 5-4 (8)
2004	Davis Sr. (N)	Lincoln-S (S)	3-0, 5-1
2005	Elk Grove (N)	Tokay (S)	13-3 (5), 11-5
2006	Elk Grove (N)	Pitman (S)	8-1, 4-2
2007	Elk Grove (N)	St. Mary's (S)	9-7, 11-4
2008	Jesuit (N)	Buhach Colony (S)	5-2, 2-5, 9-2
2009	Jesuit (N)	St. Mary's (S)	10-7, 10-4
2010	St. Mary's (S)	Elk Grove (N)	10-7, 20-13
2011	St. Mary's (S)	Jesuit (N)	6-2, 0-10 (6), 6-1



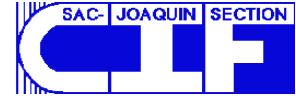
**SAC-JOAQUIN SECTION
BASEBALL CHAMPIONS
DIVISION III**



YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE(S)
1975	Le Grand	Bret Harte	6-4
1976	Washington	Livingston	9-4 (8)
1977	Livingston	Mariposa	8-1
1978	Amador	Le Grand	3-2
1979	Riverbank	Benicia	7-6 (8)
1980	Dixon	Benicia	5-2
1981	Vanden	Hughson	6-1
1982	Riverbank	Amador	3-2
1983	Benicia	Mariposa	11-3
1984	Ripon	Le Grand	9-5
1985	Folsom	Vanden	3-2
1986	St. Patrick-St. Vincent	Oak Ridge	4-2
1987	Vanden	River City	5-2
1988	Rio Vista	St. Patrick-St. Vincent	3-2
1989	Folsom	Escalon	3-0
1990	Argonaut	Le Grand	7-0
1991	Escalon	Hughson	8-3
1992	Argonaut	Galt	13-1
1993	Patterson	Galt	6-5
1994	Vanden	Escalon	6-3
1995	Vanden	Patterson	13-3
1996	St. Patrick-St. Vincent	Vanden	7-2
1997	St. Patrick-St. Vincent	Amador	13-5
1998	Vanden	Amador	7-1
1999	Vanden	Colfax	8-4
2000	Justin-Siena	Calaveras	4-1
2001	Amador	Ripon	3-1
2002	Vanden	River City	6-4
2003	Vanden	Rio Linda	11-1 (5)
2004	Buhach Colony	East Union	10-6
2005	Buhach Colony	Oakdale	7-6
2006	Vanden	Oakmont	3-0
2007	Yuba City	Bella Vista	9-4
2008	Yuba City	Benicia	3-2
2009	Yuba City	Benicia	8-0
2010	Yuba City	Benicia	4-1
2011	Benicia	Rodriguez	8-5



SAC-JOAQUIN SECTION BASEBALL CHAMPIONS BY DIVISION



Division I Section Titles	Division III Section Titles	Division V Section Titles
6 Elk Grove	9 Vanden	7 Central Catholic
5 Jesuit	4 Yuba City	2 Escalon
4 Cordova	3 St. Patrick-St. Vincent	
3 St. Mary's	2 Riverbank	Division VI Section Titles
2 Stagg	2 Folsom	2 Mariposa
2 Del Campo	2 Argonaut	1 Golden Sierra
2 Merced	2 Amador	1 Capital Christian
2 Davis Sr.	2 Buhach Colony	1 Bradshaw Christian
1 Lincoln-S	2 Benicia	
1 Sacramento	1 Le Grand	Division VII Section Titles
1 Napa	1 Washington	3 Valley Christian
1 Grant	1 Livingston	1 Brookside Christian
1 Vallejo	1 Ripon	1 Bradshaw Christian
1 Woodland	1 Rio Vista	
1 Casa Roble	1 Escalon	
1 McClatchy	1 Patterson	
1 Fairfield	1 Justin-Siena	
	1 Dixon	
Division II Section Titles		
3 Mesa Verde	Division IV Section Titles	
3 Oakmont	4 Central Catholic	
3 Rocklin	4 Oakdale	
3 Roseville	2 Le Grand	
2 San Juan	2 Linden	
2 Folsom	1 Victory Christian	
1 Elk Grove	1 Mariposa	
1 Marysville	1 Patterson	
1 Rio Linda	1 Pioneer	
1 Sonora	1 Placer	
1 Ceres		
1 Del Oro		
1 Placer		
1 Los Banos		
1 Rio Americano		
1 East Union		
1 Granite Bay		
1 Casa Roble		
1 Woodcreek		
1 Benicia		
1 Woodland		
1 Ponderosa		

