

HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA
INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION
SOUTHERN SECTION
(CIFSS)

18th historical “tidbits.”



PRIVATE-PUBLIC DEBATE, RUNNING, GIRLS SPORTS
POLO, FENCING, BOWLING, HANDBALL
6 MAN FOOTBALL, BADMINTON, RIFLE, CREW

The question and answer section of the Blue Book, popular today in explaining some the more difficult CIFSS rules, was started back in 1921, relative to rulings by the Chairman of the Council. Found in the minutes of November 12, 1921:

- “Can a League make a rule contrary to the rules of the CIFSS?

No – If the occasion should arise, the request should be made in Writing to the Council.”



Harvard
Private School

EARLY PRIVATE-PUBLIC SCHOOL DEBATE

The always popular discussion of private schools and their membership in CIFSS was present in the following antidote from the January 10, 1922, Council minutes:

- “Personally I believe that the CIF should not recognize private schools in any *shape, manner, or form...*”

G.M. Green, Principal of Inglewood High School

TRACK RUNNERS LIMITED IN THE NUMBER OF RACES THEY
CAN RUN

From the program of the March 27, 1926 Annual High School Relay Championship:

- “By CIF Rule, no boy may run more than one 440 or longer race in one meet.”



GIRLS ATHLETICS...who should be their trainers?



From the minutes of the April 20, 1929, Council meeting:

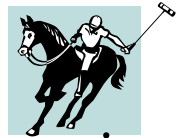
- "...if it seems advisable for girls to go into competitive athletics, that their training be in the hands of women directors instead of being in the hands of directors for boys..."

POLO – FENCING - BOWLING



From the April 27, 1935, Council Minutes:

- "...some of the preparatory schools had been holding competition in polo and fencing...Mr. Williams from the Southern California Bowling Alley Association spoke briefly to the council..."



HANDBALL

Mr. Wallace Stockton, Chairman of the A.A.U. Handball Committee spoke briefly to the Council on April 10, 1937:

- ...He urged the CIFSS to add handball to its sponsored activities and offered all aid and facilities at his disposal."



SIX MAN FOOTBALL

In 1938, there was a request from the San Luis Obispo League to be allowed to have two of its schools have spring practice in six man football and stage a demonstration.



1948 CIFSS ACTION IN 6 MAN FOOTBALL TAKEN FROM "MONTHLY BULLETINS"

SIX MAN FOOTBALL OFFICIALS

A meeting of Six Man Football Officials will be held at the Black-Foxe Military Institute at Melrose and Wilcox in South Hollywood. Anyone interested in officiating high school games of Six Man Football is invited to attend. Date: Wednesday, September 15,. Time: 3:00 P.M.

SIX MAN FOOTBALL

The first game of football to be officially reported to the C. I. F., Southern Section Office on the Post Cards sent out for that purpose was a six man game between Big Pine and Lone Pine on September 20. The final score was Big Pine 25, Lone Pine 64. What a game for thrills. Fourteen touchdowns!! Two points a minute. We know very little about six man football, but are certain that the fans got their moneys worth. The players too must have had a regular field day.

SIX MAN FOOTBALL

Mr. Van Patten reported that the Flintridge School were negotiating in regard to a match game between the teams of the two schools. These two schools were both league champions in the six man game.

Mr. Van Patten was directed to give any assistance he could in arranging the game. If the game is scheduled and played Mr. Van Patten was directed to secure a suitable trophy for the winner.

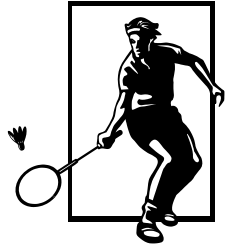
Trona High School Six Man Football Request

Trona High School requested recognition as the Southern California Six Man Football Champion, though it had played no inter-league games.

The Executive Committee recommended that it apply to its league to be recognized as league champion.

BADMINTON AS A HIGH SCHOOL SPORT

In 1938, badminton became a popular sport and the CIFSS office stated, “We are ready to sanction an Invitational Badminton Tournament should any school request one.” (Council minutes, September, 1939.) It is interesting to note how excited the badminton proponents were:



- “Its growth in popular esteem is probably as great as that of ‘soft ball.’ Men, women, and children join in the sport. Grandpa in his middle sixties is quite apt to take on the grandson of twelve and the game is *nip and tuck.*”

RIFLE TEAMS

From the February 1949, minutes:

- “...to confer with a committee of five from the Rifle Coaches to formulate plans for bringing the rifle team competition under the administration of the CIFSS.”



CREW

From the Annual Report of the CIFSS 1940-1941:

- “Three schools in CIFSS, have been carrying on work in boating and rowing, for several years. Compton, Long Beach Poly and Woodrow Wilson have developed crews...”

