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WHAT IS AN AMATEUR

We used to think we knew what people were talking about when they spoke of an amateur athlete. We now do not know what may be in the mind of the person who refers to an amateur. So many ideas are in circulation regarding amateur standing in athletics that if we had to rule on a particular case we might need to take the day off to study and consider current ideas on amateurism.

The A.A.U. definition of an amateur is, "one who engages in sport solely for the pleasure and the physical, mental and social benefits he derives therefrom."

The National Federation of High School Athletic Association says an amateur is, "one who has never used and is not now using his knowledge of athletics or his athletic skill for gain and who has always contested under his own name."

The State Constitution of the C.I.F. defines an amateur as one who has not:

- (1) "Coached or taught athletics for pay;
- (2) Competed in any game or contest where any member or members of his team received compensation;
- (3) Competed
 - (a) For cash, or merchandise, or for any other compensation;
 - (b) For a personal prize of any sort over \$35.00 in value;
 - (c) Under an assumed name".

It seems to us that the amateur ideal quoted above from the A.A.U. definition may be considered as the **Golden Rule** in sports much as the **Golden Rule from Holy Writ** is the ideal for all human relationships.

The United Lawn Tennis Association has very recently passed a rule to the effect that it does not in any way mitigate against a player's amateur standing if he accepts gifts of tennis rackets from manufacturers and distributors of tennis equipments. The angling for tennis rackets and other tennis equipment had become so much of a "Racket" that the manufacturers appealed to the U.S.L.T.A. to set a limit to the number of tennis rackets, restrings, etc., individual tennis stars might receive. The U.S.L.T.A. has passed a rule covering the subject of free tennis rackets.

Under this new rule, one of the U. S. Doubles Champions for 1940, and now a student at Stanford University, may receive 12 tennis rackets and 40 restrings during the year 1941. All of

the players ranked by the U.S.L.T.A. will be given a quota of free rackets, and others may be included, depending upon their adeptness as chisellers.

College and University athletes are the target for endless criticism as to their amateur standing.

Athletic club competitors are subject, and justly so, to much questioning as to what they collect for their efforts.

SO-called amateur boxers, are in many cases just the dupes of managers who manipulate a profitable "racket".

At the present time it can be said, we think, that high school athletes are about 99 44/100% pure if judged by the definitions of an amateur athlete given above.

We must stay amateur in the strictest meaning of the term. With those all about us falling from grace it behooves every Principal, every coach, and every other person interested in the finest in high school sports to be on guard to keep our athletics up to a strict amateur standard.

FOOTBALL RULES COMMITTEE MEETS

On March 12 the joint committee of the C.I.F., Southern Section and the C.I.F., Los Angeles City Section, met at the Polytechnic High School in Los Angeles.

There were present from the Los Angeles City Section, Mr. Wm. Lopez, Supervisor of Athletics for Los Angeles City high schools, Mr. John Shepard, Vice-Principal of Eagle Rock High School, Mr. Ralph Jesson, Registrar Polytechnic High School and Mr. Art Williams from Manual Arts High School. From the C.I.F., Southern Section, Mr. Charles Brown, Beverly Hills High School, Mr. Walter Bell, Long Beach Poly, Mr. Wm. Foote, Santa Ana High School, Mr. Clarence Schutte, Santa Barbara High School and Mr. Van Patten from the C.I.F. Office were the committee. Mr. M. H. Montgomery, football coach at Long Beach Poly, was also present.

Three general considerations were agreed upon at the start. The safety of the boys playing the game, the game as a sport and recreation for high school boys, and the interest of the spectators in the game were things the Committee agreed should be kept especially in mind in making any modifications in the Intercollegiate Football Rules as set up for 1941.

The Committee spent two hours in discussing changes that might be made and appointed Mr.

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Brown, Mr. Lopez and Mr. Jesson a committee to word and formulate the changes. The Committee adjourned to meet again on March 26 when the proposed changes were to be put in the form of a questionnaire and sent to all football coaches in the two Sections of the C.I.F. When the coaches reactions are received a third meeting of the Committee will be called to put the changes in shape to refer to the Policy Finding Committee of Los Angeles City and to the Council of the C.I.F., Southern Section for approval.

The sub-committee charged with wording and formulating changes met on March 20 and prepared the following statement of the proposed changes.

1. A player who has been disqualified because of illegal equipment may return to the game when said equipment has been legalized.

2. Between the second and third periods there shall be an intermission of 18 minutes (Class A, B, C), during which play is suspended and the team may leave the field. The last three minutes of the intermission MUST be used for physical warm up activities. The referee shall cause both teams to be notified 12 minutes after the end of the half. At 15 minutes after the end of the half the referee shall blow his whistle notifying both teams that physical warm up activities shall begin AT ONCE. These activities must be participated in by all members of both squads and must be organized group activity such as running signal practice by teams, calisthenics, group blocking, etc. One minute before the beginning of the second half the referee shall blow his whistle signalling immediate preparation for the start of the second half.

PENALTY: Failure to comply—Loss of 15 yards.

3. Coaches are to be held responsible for the

handling of substitutions with the greatest possible expediency. Substitutes are to be sent in as soon as time is out or the ball is dead. They shall, when possible, be sent in as a group if more than one man is substituted during the same time out. Hindering the progress of the game by delaying a substitution or making it when play is about to begin shall be deemed unnecessary delay. (Ordinarily, play is about to begin when the offensive team moves forward into scrimmage position.)

4. Substitutes must report to the Referee or Umpire.

5. One forward pass may be made during each scrimmage by the team which put the ball in play from scrimmage, provided the passer is **BEHIND THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE**.

6. Forward pass made by a player from **BEYOND** the line of scrimmage—Loss of down and 5 yards from the **SPOT OF PASS**.

7. When a runner is clearly out of bounds the opponents must make every effort to avoid contact. The defensive player is responsible for knowing when the runner has crossed the boundary line except in doubtful cases where the runner might step on the boundary line and continue parallel with it. (Safety clarification).

8. A passer who is standing or fading backwards is obviously out of the play after the ball has left his hand or hands and until he starts to move into a new defensive position. Officials must determine whether the B player had a reasonable chance to stop his momentum caused by an attempt to touch the ball or tackle the passer while he had the ball. (Safety clarification).

9. There shall be two minute intermissions between the first and second and between the third and fourth periods.

10. Any eligible receiver of a forward pass may legally complete the pass even though the ball has previously been touched by another eligible receiver of his team.

These changes will constitute the substance of a questionnaire to be sent to all coaches after the meeting on March 26.

THE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

MAY 16 and 17

Our final swimming meet has grown in numbers and in interest until it has become one of the biggest events of the high school athletic year. This season the meet is to be held, for the first time, at the Whittier High School Plunge.

There is a fine interest in swimming among our member schools and the number of entries

will doubtless be larger than ever. That the Meet may be organized the best possible, and that all new development in swimming may be used to the best advantage, Mr. Van Patten called a meeting of a few swimming coaches at the Whittier High School on March 20. Those who responded to the call were Mr. Ed Holston of Compton High School and Junior College, Mr. James Smith of Fullerton High School and Junior College and Mr. Heber Holloway of Whittier High School.

Some of the topics taken up and discussed at length were:

- (a) Starting technique, (b) officiating and officials, (c) publicity, (d) starting time of meet, (e) diving preliminaries and finals.

Officials

It was decided to ask Mr. Austin Clapp to act as Referee and Inspector and Mr. Dixon Fiske to act as Mr. Clapp's assistant. For Starter, Mr. Al Whitcomb, formerly swimming and water polo coach at Whittier High School, was chosen. To assist these three men it was decided to secure as many as possible of the officials who have handled the A.A.U. and college swimming meets.

Starting

Starting technique in swimming has seemingly not been as well standardized as it has in track. It was decided to outline the technique that seemed best suited to our swimmer's needs and ask Mr. Whitcomb as starter to follow the outline as closely as possible. The following points were decided upon:

- (a) Swimmers before being called to their marks will be required to stand near, within 12 inches of, the starting rail,

- (b) The starting commands will be:

"Timers and judges ready. Swimmers take your marks."

- (c) The gun will not be fired until the swimmers are standing flat-footed on the starting rail and are motionless.

- (d) In all races except the backstroke the starter will stand at the side of the pool and far enough in front of the swimmers to be seen by contestants.

In the backstroke the starter will stand at the end of the pool in sight of the swimmers.

Relays

Teams that qualify for the finals in any relay race must use the same swimmers in the final race that swam in the qualifying race.

Diving

Preliminaries in Class B diving will be held Friday afternoon, May 16, and in the Class A diving at 1:00 P. M., Saturday, May 17. Six divers will be qualified for the finals in each Class.

Starting Time

The preliminaries on Friday, May 16, will start at 1:30 P. M. The finals on Saturday, May 17, will start at 2:00 P. M.

THE SOUTHERN COUNTIES INVITATIONAL MEET

The Invitational Meet held on the Huntington Beach High School oval on March 22 was one of the biggest and best meets ever held in Southern California. Forty-three schools entered about 750 boys in the competition.

The schools were divided into two groups. Those of less than 500 enrollment were put in one group and those of over 500 enrollment in the other group. Class A competition only was had.

The meet started at 12:30 P. M. and closed according to schedule at 5:00 P. M. In most of the short races, three or four heats had to be run, and in the longer races double races were run to take care of the large number of entries.

The day was perfect. The track and field were in fine condition and the meet went off without a hitch of any sort. Shorty Smith of Brea-Olinda High School did a fine job of starting. He controlled the boys in fine shape even though this was the first meet of the year for many of them.

San Diego won the meet in the large school division and Tustin in the small group.

San Diego set the only new record for the meet when its team ran the 880 yard relay in 1 minute and 30 seconds.

ICE SKATING

The Midwinter number of the Ice Skating News contains a picture of the skating club of the Herbert Hoover (SD) High School. The picture shows about 100 boys and girls in the group as they appeared in the Glazier Garden at San Diego.

The growing popularity of ice skating would seem to indicate that inter high school skating activities may be a not very remote possibility.

LEUZINGER HIGH SCHOOL HAS OPEN DATE IN FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Leuzinger High School is in search of a game of football for the week end of November 1. They prefer to play Saturday, November 1, at night. George Thompson is in charge of athletics at Leuzinger. The P. O. address of the school is at Lawnsdale, California.

LONG BEACH RELAYS

Rain caused a postponement of the Long Beach Relays from March 15 to March 22. Eight schools entered 155 boys on the latter date. Bakersfield High School accumulated more points and more medals than any of the other high school competitors.

THE RIVERSIDE TRACK AND FIELD

Mr. F. L. McEuen, Vice-Principal of the Riverside High School, warns that the Riverside Track and Field will be put in best condition possible for the Divisional Meet on May 10. He declares emphatically that he will not cooperate if it seems necessary to spade up the track or put rock on the runways in order to satisfy those competing at other fields on May 10.

ATHLETICS AND POLITICS

ADDRESS BY DR. HAROLD D. LASSWELL: The principal address of the morning session was by Dr. Harold D. Lasswell, Political Scientist of the Washington School of Psychiatry and Visiting Sterling Lecturer in the Yale Law School. Dr. Lasswell spoke on the subject "Athletics, the Catalytic Agent". This address was one of the high-lights of the week for those attending the Atlantic City Convention. In an interesting and thought provoking manner the speaker called attention to the place athletics hold in the rapidly changing political affairs of the world. As far as athletics are concerned, the tremendous shift of interest to defensive activities and to the building of a social order which can compete against the present old world forces is resulting in an important shift toward politicizing athletics, i.e., toward considering them a tool of political influence. Ever since nations began a scientific use of propaganda, athletics have been recognized as a powerful means of indoctrinating youth with partisan ideas. In pre-Hitler Germany every political party was quick to direct the activities of youth along lines consistent with their ideology. The same thing applied in Russia where the Communist party undertook to control the energies of the entire younger generation. The same program was adopted in Italy when the Fascist party came into power.

In the United States we have thought of athletics as non-political. It has been considered a part of character training, equipping persons to meet defeat with composure and success with modesty. It has been a part of the cultural program of American society. Politicizing is a function of crises, of threat. The future of athletics in this country is plainly tied up with the larger current of world affairs. We may be sure that there will be a vigorous struggle for control of athletics. Partisan groups seek to take advantage of crises and make it an excuse to organize athletic units attractive to young people. Many innocent reasons may be given for such organization and many reputable individual and group names will be used but, of course, the purpose of such organization will be to indoctrinate youth with the partisan program of the leaders. The problem of the school leaders is to think through

the relationship of the athletic program to the crises and also to the long-term interests of a democratic system.—From National Press Service of the N.F.H.S.A.A.

CALIFORNIA CREW COACH APPRECIATES C. I. F. FILMS

The letter below was received recently from Mr. Ky Ebright, Crew Coach at the University of California at Berkeley.

This fine film will prove interesting to any group of high school students. It is available for booking at any time.

"Dear Mr. Van Patten:

Thank you very much for loaning me the fine film on crew. It is an excellent job, and I only wish I had one as good. I do have one in black and white, but it certainly does not show up to an advantage as this colored one does. I shall have to try to figure out some way to make one which will bring us up to date.

There are some good ideas in it; also certain angle shots I can use to an advantage in developing the next picture. That is pretty much what I hoped to get from the film, and was not disappointed.

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Ky Ebright,
Head Crew Coach"

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR APRIL

- April 5—Class C Tennis Tournament at Keppel High School
- April 5—Wrestling Championships at Whittier High School
- April 5—Russell Cup Meet at Carpinteria High School
- April 10, 11, 12—Pomona Baseball Tournament at Pomona High School
- April 9-12—Dudley Cup Tennis Tournament at Santa Monica High School
- April 12—Oxnard Invitational Meet at Oxnard High School
- April 16—Brea-Olinda Relays at the Brea-Olinda High School
- April 18—Bay League Relays at Inglewood High School (at night)
- April 19—Class B Tennis Tournament at South Pasadena High School
- April 19—Chaffey Invitational Meet at Chaffey High School
- April 19—Barstow Invitational Meet at Barstow High School
- April 19—Lompoc Relays at Lompoc High School
- April 19—Holtville Relays at Holtville High School
- April 26—Ojai Tennis Tournament at Ojai