HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION SOUTHERN SECTION



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FORMATION OF THE CIF LOS ANGELES CITY SECTION



The CIF Southern Section (CIFSS) was founded on March 29, 1913, and the CIF State organization had a founding date of March 28, 1914. The original leagues from the founding of the CIFSS were the Los Angeles County League, Suburban League, Orange County League, and the Los Angeles City League. The City League was represented by Earnest W. Oliver, the Vice Principal at Los Angeles High School who was one of the founding fathers of both the CIFSS and the State CIF. Most of the early meetings of the CIFSS were held on the campus of Los Angeles High School. A fifth league (the Citrus League) was added just after the founding of the State CIF.

The following football leagues were organized in 1915...from the September 17, 1915, CIFSS Council minutes:

The following football leagues were organized:

Suburban League: Licoln High School

Alhambra Santa Monica

Bay Section League:

Venice Compton Gardena

Fullerton

Valley League: Burbank Monrovia Citrus Union (zusa) South Pasadena Whittier Harvard Military

Inglewood San Pedro Redondo

San Fernando Huntington Park Orange Citrus League: Pomona San Bernardino Chaffee Corona

City League: Pasadena Santa Ana' Manual Arts Hollywood Redlands Riverside Colton

Long Beach Los Angeles Polytechnic The CIFSS continued to grow in size and scope as the depression years loomed ahead. Many of the founding members wanted to keep interscholastic athletics small due to financial considerations. League configurations continued to change and in a letter to the CIFSS Council in June, 1928, the Vice Principals who represented the City League wanted to limit the number of schools in the league to six city schools and play only five contests. From the CIFSS Council minutes of June 13, 1921:

"...it is moved that we ask our vice-principals who represent us in the C.I.F. to <u>insist</u> that our athletic league for next year be limited to six city Schools and five contests, to avoid multiplication of events. Also that we cannot to advantage arrange any schedule with a school in an outside city ...The reasons given were

- 1. Distractions
- 2. Expense

3 Chaperonage"

There was a general discussion held and the following was the response from the CIFSS Council (CIFSS Council minutes of June 13, 1921):

"...the schedule of leagues had been decided upon after an all day session in which twelve men representing 94 high schools had taken part; and that in the judgment of the Council of the C.I.F.S.S., the principals and vice principals of the high schools and intermediate schools of Los Angeles City should accept the leagues as they now stand or else take all of the high schools of Los Angeles City under their control. ...(Note by secretary—There are 14 city high schools now in four leagues; which six are they referring to and to which outside cities?)"

The feeling of the Los Angeles City schools was still upbeat and many of the early leaders of the CIFSS were members of City schools:

Presidents of the CIFSS Council from Los Angeles City Schools

1913/1920	Earnest W. Oliver	Los Angeles High
1921	T. E. Hughes	Hollywood High
1929	C. P. Honda	Manual Arts High



The Los Angeles Board of Education was often restrictive in the rules that applied to interscholastic sports. These restrictions became very difficult as indicated in the CIFSS Council minutes of May 18, 1935:

"Mr. Van Patten reported upon a conference he had had with Deputy Superintendent Arthur Gould of Los Angeles City relative to boys of the Los Angeles City High Schools entering the State Meet at Fresno on May 25 at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Van Patten stated that Mr. Gould had pointed out that night competition and overnight journeys for high school boys were contrary to the rules of Los Angeles City Board of Education that the Los Angeles school authorities would not waive these rules on this occasion, and that the Los Angeles City School Administration felt that the C.I.F. should not authorize unattached competition in the State Meet.

Moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Berlin that the request of the Los Angeles City School Administration in this matter be complied with and that Mr. Van Patten be instructed to certify only athletes from outside Los Angeles City for the State Meet. Carried."

It is sad to note that no athlete from the Los Angeles City Schools competed in the 1935 State Track Meet.

BIRTH OF THE C.I.F. LOS ANGELES CITY SECTION

The leaders realized that there needed to be a break with the Los Angeles City Schools and on February 9, 1935, at Central Junior High School, the following is noted in the CIFSS Council minutes:

"Moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Wolfe that we request the State Council of the C.I.F. to authorize the division of the C.I.F., Southern Section into two sections of the State C.I.F. That one section be composed of schools of the Los Angeles City High School District. That the rest of the high schools of Southern California be organized as the second section. That we recommend that the section composed of the Los Angeles City Schools be allowed one representative on the State Council and that the rest of the Southern California High Schools be allowed two representatives on the State Council. The President ordered a roll call on the motion which resulted as follows:

Yes - 11

No-6

Not voting -4

The President (Robert Blee of Bishop High School) ruled the motion carried"

Central Junior High School



At the meeting of the State C.I.F. Federated Council on May 25, 1935, in Fresno, the following was annotated:

Mr. Moore reported that the Southern Section had been divided into two parts; the City of Los Angeles becoming a separate section. The Council unanimously adopted the report, and seated Mr. Oliver as delegate from the Los Angeles Section, and Mr. S. Chester McIntosh, as the additional delegate from the Southern Section."

The following is the CIFSS new league configuration of 1936-1937 sans the Los Angeles City Schools:

C. I. F., SOUTHERN SECTION LEAGUE ORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR 1936-1937

BAY

Beverly Hills Compton Inglewood Redondo Santa Monica

CITRUS

Chaffey Pomona Redlands Riverside San Bernardino

COAST

Alhambra Long Beach Hoover (S. D.) San Diego Santa Ana Woodrow Wilson

DESERT

Barstow Needles Victorville

FOOTHILL

Covina Fullerton Glendale Hoover (Glen) Muir Tech South Pasadena Whittier

IMPERIAL

Brawley
Calexico
Calipatria
El Centro
Holtville
Imperial

INYO COUNTY

Big Pine Bishop Independence Lone Pine

METROPOLITAN

Army and Navy Coronado Escondido Grossmont La Jolla Oceanside Pt. Loma Sweetwater

ORANGE

Anaheim Brea-Olinda Capistrano Garden Grove Huntington Beach Laguna Newport Harbor Orange Tustin

PREPARATORY

Valencia

Harvard Oneonta Pacific Military So. Calif. Military St. Anthony Spanish American

RIVERSIDE Banning

Beaumont Coachella Elisnore Elsinore N. & M. Hemet Perris San Jacinto

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

Burbank
El Monte
Excelsior
Jordan (L. B.)
Monrovia
Montebello
Pasadena

SAN LUIS OBISPO

Arroyo Grande Atascadero Cambria Lompoc Paso Robles Santa Maria Santa Ynez Shandon San Luis Obispo Templeton

SOUTHERN

Fallbrook Julian Mountain Empire Ramona

TRI-COUNTY

Bonita
Chino
Citrus
Claremont
Colton
Corona
Downey
Puente

VENTURA

Lancaster
Fillmore
Oxnard
Santa Paula
Ventura Sr.

VENTURA MINOR

Carpinteria Moorpark Nordhoff Simi St. Claire Thatcher Villanova

FREE LANCE

Blythe St. Augustine Sherman Institute Santa Barbara

CONFIRMATION FROM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE NEW STATE CIF ORGANIZATION

JUNE 18, 1914

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

Los Angeles City School District

June 18,1914

Mr. E.W. Oliver, Los Angoles High School, City.

Dear Mr. Oliver :-

We have examined the constitution of the State Federation of Athletic Association and will be glad to co-operate and support the movement to the full extent. You may count upon our approval.

Sincerely yours,

"NEW DEAL" FOR C.I.F. SCHEDULED NEXT YEAR

San Francisco and Oakland Due to Compete in Annual Prep State Track Meet

BY IRVING ECKHOFF

That much talked of "new deal" reaching into the very depths of the country established a new high yesterday when it swept into the

California Interscholastic Federation, known as the C.I.F. From authentic cources it was talk regarding the sci learned that the C.I.F. will reorganize soon, gathering into its bosom the high schools of San Francisco, and Oakland. This group numbering close to thirty will form another C.I.F. section, bringing the total for the State to five.

Qualifying for the State meet will also be different. The Southern California section, admittedly the strongest, will keep its four qualifiers in each event, but other four will be limited to three apiece.

BERKELEY NEXT YEAR

The State meet next year goes to the north coast section and will probably be held at Berkeley, Every time the north coast boys have staged the State festival in past they have held it on the University of California oval, so, unless the "new deal" hits the north the Bears will have the privilege of watching the best prep athletes in the State cavort in 1934.

There has been a good deal of

talk regarding the schools of the Los Angeles city system droping out of the Southern California and State meets. reasons advanced are that their seasons are too long any way, and that the city schools haven't been fairly represented.

The representation will be larged next season, according to word from the C.I.F. headquarters which ought to take care of that part of the argument.

In all probability, the same five divisional Southern California preliminary meets will be staged in 1934 and the one in which the city teams participate will send a larger number to the finals than in past seasons.

NOT TOO LONG

Proof that the season isn't too long was given last week-end in the State meet when boys from the city schools did better than they had all season. If the season had been too long the athletes would have been stale and fallen belowtheir peak performances.

However, when Davey Siegel of Poly won the 100 in 10s. and pushed George Anderson to a 21.2s. record in the furlong, Jim Donaldson of Hollywood hurled the shot 54ft. 3in.; Gordon Miner of Belmont broke 50s. to take second in the quarter behind Myrel Gillett; Bill Comerford of Manual Arts and Lorenz Waldthausen of L.A. High ran faster than they ever did before to place second and third in the mile; Woodrow Strode of Jefferson tossed the shot 52ft. 5in. (his best performance) for second behind Donaldson; Skinner leaped 22ft. 8in. to win the broad jump and Corney Johnson cleared 5ft. 5 3-4in. for a new State high-jump recordthat proves that the laddies are just now reaching their top form.

And don't forget L.A. High's relay team which clicked off a 1m. 28.3s. half-mile one-tenth of a second behind the world's record held by Poly. As the Roman's mark averaged slightly better than .22.1s. per

man, that's traveling places in a hurry.

City League schools scored 711/2 points to overshadow by a large margin not only any other league, but any other section. Eight city teams took part, L.A. High, Jefferson, Poly, Hollywood, Manual Arts, Belmont, Fremont and Fairfax.

MORE YET

Six schools from outside leagues but in the city system tallied 32 to bring up the Los Angeles total to 931. The sextet included South Gate, Gardena, University, Jordan, Rlis and San Pedro.

If city officials prohibit Los Angeles athletes from taking part in the 1934 Southern California and State C.I.F. meets they will be "do-ing wrong" by our boys.

Good clean competition as afforded in these affairs is just what prep athletes should have. Officials at these meets have the boys in mind at all time.

For instance, in the State meet, one of our local coaches got excited and ran out to the track during a race yelling at his athle. trying to tell him he was in a "box" and to hurry up and get out of it. Inspectors reported this to the referee, C. L. Greer, who refused to penalize the boy by disqualifying him, but, rather, manded that the coach leave the

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California Interscholastic Federation Finally Splits With Los Angeles City Schools

BY JACK SINGER

Amicable athletic relations between the C. I. F. and the Los Angeles city school system—which had been held together by an elastic rubber band for several years—have split wide-open, it was ascertained yesterday.

The rupture of the athletic reaty was effected Saturday when the C. I. F. Southern Section countil passed a measure which will ask the state body to divide the Southand district into two divisions.

TWO SECTIONS

If the State pooh-bahs acknowledge the request, the Los Angeles Dity schools will comprise Section No. 1, with all the outside schools rom San Luis Obispo to San Diego as Section No. 2.

Harry Moore, principal of Woodtow Wilson High and president of the C. I. F. State council, introduced the motion for the split at Saturday's meeting. It was seconded by Eugene Woolf, Glendale High vice-principal, and almost unanimously ratified by the assembled delegates. Los Angeles was represented by six officials, who did not participate in the balloting.

LONG DISPUTE

It is a move that has long been contemplated by the rural C. I. F. members. The seeds of dissension were first planted many years ago when the city schools refused to enter the Southern California football playoff. Despite valiant efforts on behalf of the organization by Seth Van Patten, C. I. F. commissioner, the Los Angeles teams could not be induced to participate in the championships.

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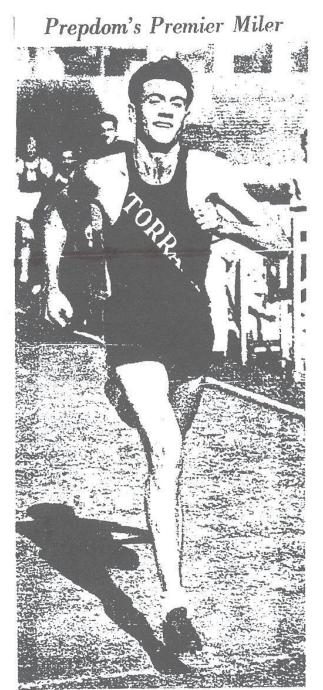
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Louie Zamperini, who holds the world's interscholastic mile record of 4m. 21.3s., will not be able to compete in the State meet at Fresno next week due to a ruling enforced by the Board of Education.

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Los Angeles city track and field athletes will not compete in the State meet Saturday night at

Arriving at the conclusion that they can be just as hardboiled as the city mognis, the California Interscholastic Federation council declared that the Los Angeles stars will not be allowed to participate unless the Board of Education rescinds its ruling which bars its athletes from entering the State meet.

STORM OF PROTEST

A storm of protest that threatens to surpass even last year's violent outburst, is expected from parents and friends of the souths con-

It is a replica of the odious situation that existed last year when the city decided not to send its athletes to the State meet at Berkeley. Pressure brought to bear by influential, interested and sympathetic parties finally forced the board to change its mind and permitted the prep performers to go north.

The two organizations are apparently at loggerheads this year. The city is determined not to send its athletes to Fresno and the CLF, has decided that it does not have to "beg" the board for any so-called "favors."

It's a wretched shame that such athletes as Louie Zamperini. Torrance's world's interscholastic mile record holder; Phil Graves of Hollywood, the fastest prep half-miler in the State, and Ray Young, defending champion in the shot put and State record holder, are not allowed to take the trip to Fresno—something which they have justly earned with their feats on the prep hattlefield this year.

PUNISH ATHLETES

The stubborn city fathers have no right to punish these athletes merely to justify some silly whim or steadfast law.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Governing

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETIC CONTESTS

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS
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SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS MARINE LEAGUE

High Schools El Segundo Leuzinger Gardena Narbonne Torrance San Pedro

Nick Names Golden Eagles Olympians Mohicans Gauchoes Tartars Pirates

School Colors Blue and Gold Royal Blue and White Green and White Green and Gold Crimson and Gray Black and Gold

NORTHERN LEAGUE

Belmont Franklin Garfield Lincoln Marshall Roosevelt Hilltoppers Panthers Bulldogs Tigers Barristers Rough Riders Green and Black Blue and Buff Crimson and Blue Burnt Orange and Black Prussian Blue and Sky Blue Cardinal, Gold and Blue

PACIFIC LEAGUE

Banning Bell Tordan Riis

South Gate

Red and Black Pilots Eagles Bulldogs Vikings The Ramblers

Purple and Burnt Orange Royal Blue and White Maroon and Orange Red and Black

SAN FERNANDO LEAGUE

Canoga Park Eagle Rock North Hollywood San Fernando Van Nuys

Hunters Eagles Huskies Tigers Wolves

Light Green and White Green and Gray Blue and Gray Black and Gold Crimson and Gray

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Fremont Huntington Park **Tefferson** Manual Arts Polytechnic Washington

Pathfinders Spartans Democrats Toilers Mechanics The Generals Cardinal and Gray Orange and Gray Green and Gold Purple and Gray Blue and Gold

Navy Blue and Cardinal Red

WESTERN LEAGUE

Fairfax Hamilton

Hollywood Los Angeles Venice University Metropolitan

Wiggins Trade School L. A. Junior College

Colonials Yankees

Foothillers Romans Gondoliers Warriers

Workers

Cubs

Crimson and Gold Russet Brown and Hunters Green

Crimson and White Sky Blue and White National Blue and White Persimmon and Royal Blue Royal Purple and Gold Black and Orange

Crimson and Harding Blue

ESTABLISHMENT OF (2) Residence is established at a school, except as provided in eligiREGISTRATION bility rules 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 when a student first completes
his registration thereat, to the point where he is eligible to attend
classes, or fails to withdraw therefrom on or before the first day of classes in the semester in
which he so registers. Registration is also established in a school if a student represents the school in athletics prior to the first day in which classes are held

Note: This rule generally will govern all cases where boys enroll at private schools prior to the annuing of the Los Angeles City High Schools.

TRANSFER OF (3) Registration established at a Los Angeles City High School is lost when RESIDENCE a student subsequently establishes residence at a private school of secondary

Rule 17.

TRANSFER WITHOUT

(1) When a student transfers from one high school to another, CHANGE OF RESIDENCE or from a private secondary school to a Los Angeles High School without a change of residence of his parent or legal guardian, he must attend the second school one semester before he becomes eligible. If he has made a Class A

letter in any sport he must remain in this second school one year before he becomes eligible. Upon

the written agreement of both principals involved, the league concurring this rule may be waived.

(2) When a student transfers to Jacob Riis High School with or without a change of residence of his parents or legal guardian, he is eligible to compete in athletics at once, provided he fulfills all other eligibility requirements as recorded in City Rules and Regulations and has established a satisfactory citizenship record at Riis High School. If he has made a Class A letter in any activity he is ineligible to play on any team that represents Riis High School until he has been in attendance there one school year, or has the written approval of both principals involved.

DEFINITION OF

Note: For the purpose of interpreting eligibility rules, a letterman is conducted to mean any boy who has participated enough times or won enough points to have earned a Class A. B or C letter whether or not he actually

received the letter. (Report of Principals and Vice-Principals Committee on Awards October 27, 1931)

TRANSFERS, WITH CHANGE OF RESIDENCE FROM OUTSIDE CITY

provided he is eligible under all other eligibility rules. When a student (letterman included) transfers, because of a change of residence of his parents or legal guardian, from a high school or a private secondary school outside the Los Angeles District to a city high school he may compete in athletics at once

Rule 19.

CITY TRANSFER WITH CHANGE OF RESIDENCE IN THE

a change of residence of his parent or legal guardian, from one city high school to another, or from a private secondary school within the City High School District, he is ineligible When a student (letterman included) transfers, on account of

to play on any team that represents the second school until he has been in attendance there one semester or has the written approval of both principals involved. If he has made a Class A letter in any sport he is ineligible to play on any team of the sport in which he made his letter until he has been in attendance at the second school one year or has the written approval of both principals involved and also the approval of the league to which he transfers.

Rule 20.

TRANSFERS FROM When a student transfers from the Part-Time High School, from the PART-TIME, ETC.

Trade School or from a Special School to a city high school until he eligible to play on any team that represents the second school until he has been in attendance there one semester. This rule does not disqualify students who are enrolled in a Senior High School but for administrative reasons are compelled to carry any part of their program at the Trade School (Wiggins and Metropolitan). Boys returning from Welfare Center to a School the Left. the school they left.

Rule 21.

TRANSFERS FROM

(1) A student who is officially transferred from the eighth grade in any JUNIOR HIGH

school is eligible to compete if he trar 'ets immediately to a high school is entitled to eight semesters of high school athletic competition.

(2) A student who is officially transferred from the minth grade of any junior high school to the tenth grade of a senior high school is eligible to compete if he transfers immediately to a TRANSFERS FROM JUNIOR HIGH

high school and is entitled to six semesters of high school athletic competition

Note: If a student in the above case does not transfer immediately, that is the next following semester, he will have to be in attendance in the senior high school one semester before he is eligible to compete in athletics.

(3) Special pupils enrolled are ineligible while so classified classified will be charged as a semester of enrollment and participation. Each semester while

Rule 22

charged with a semester of competition for the period of illness. OUT BECAUSE The Advisory Committee may restore a student's eligibility when it is proven that serious illness was the cause for dropping out of school, provided the student was eligible under all rules at the time of forced withdrawal and is

Rule 23.

GROUPS CERTIFICATE (1) A student enrolled in the certificate courses is eligible athletics when considered on the same basis as those enrolled courses to compete in in the diploma

SPECIAL AND OCCUPATIONAL permitted to compete in inter-school athletics upon the same basis as the diploma group, after one semester's satisfactory work, provided they are enrolled in subjects prescribed by the Counselor and approved by the Vice-(2) Students enrolled in "Special" and "Occupational Unit" basis as the

Principal of the school.

INFORMATION ABOUT If any teacher or official has any information that leads him to suspect that there is an ineligible player on the squad of any other high school he is under obligation to report the matter in writing to the vice-principal of the school concerned, the league president and the Physical Education Section. Any failure to make such a report shall be deemed as unprofessional conduct.

Rule 25.

PUPIL FALSIFYING INFORMATION OR regarding his eligibility to participate in athletics or who plays in any athletic contest when he knows he is ineligible to compete shall be de-(1) Any student who knowingly fails to give full correct information clared ineligible to represent his school in any sport for one year after

the date of the discovery of the offense and until reinstated by the Advisory Committee.

(2) Playing on any athletic team under an assumed name makes the player ineligible for

high school competition in any sport until reinstated by the Advisory Committee.

Rule 26.

BIRTH DATE

The birth date given by a student upon entering high school shall remain the official date during his attendance in high school and his age can not be reduced except in evidence in the form of a birth certificate or other evidence satisfactory to the vice-principals, the league concerned and the Advisory Committee on Athletics.

Rule 27.

VICE-PRINCIPALS RESPONSIBLE FOI ELIGIBILITY FOR

to the contest.

The vice-principal of each school shall be held responsible for the amateur standing and eligibility of his teams under these rules and shall certify to each member in the lineup. The Certificate of Eligibility as provided by the Physical Education Section shall be exchanged prior

PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER

(1) In the event that a member of a team is shown to have been ineligible for a contest in which he has participated, the entire school becomes liable to suspension from inter-school athletics for a year

country or gym club, only the points that he won shall be forfeited.

(3) Schools shall not play ineligible men at any time, even in practice contests. contest involving team play, such as football, basketball, baseball or water-polo, the contest must be forfeited. If an ineligible boy represents his school in track, swimming, tennis, golf, cross-(2) If a school plays an ineligible student, knowingly or unknowingly, in any athletic

or other extreme ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL All students to be eligible for inter-school activities must be in school at least two (2) class hours, exclusive of the lunch hour, the same day previous to a practice or league contest unless prevented by death in the family, court order