

# C. I. F., SOUTHERN SECTION MONTHLY BULLETIN

Vol. 9

DECEMBER, 1945

No. 4

## RULE MODIFICATION REQUESTED

In the October Bulletin we published a request made by the Long Beach City School system for a change in our rules of eligibility which would make it possible for a boy who had changed schools without his parents having changed residence to compete if both Principals approved the change of schools and agreed that the boy was not changing for athletic reasons.

The following letter from the Assistant Principal of Beverly Hills presents the same proposition.

These requests will be presented to the Council at the February 2, 1946, meeting.

November 12, 1945

"We have a problem in our district that has arisen regarding the definition of 'Residence'. As you know, we have a number of students in Beverly Hills High School who live outside the district. As we are a city surrounded by Los Angeles, and the Beverly Hills High School campus is located on the edge of the Beverly Hills Unified School District, a great many students live within a few blocks of Beverly Hills High School but are in the Los Angeles district. By special arrangement with Los Angeles these students are allowed to attend Beverly by a permit.

Just recently we have received a communication from a neighboring non-Bay League School giving us a list of 17 of our boys and stating that they are not eligible under C. I. F. regulations. As near as I can tell, the point in question seems to be the definition of the term, 'Residence'.

I would like to suggest a definition of 'residence' to include students who are in attendance by a permit. A student is not allowed to attend a school by permit out of his residential district unless agreed by both districts concerned. This suggestion could easily be covered by adding a paragraph 5 to article 8 of the C. I. F. by-laws as follows:

'In the above cases where the word 'residence' is used, it is understood to include students who are attending a school out of their residential district by permit.'

Or if there would be a question regarding the possibility of collusion between two districts widely separated, the word adjacent could be added as follows:

'In the above cases where the word 'residence' is used it is understood to include students who are attending a school adjacent to their residential district by permit.'

Our problem in this respect is probably unusual. The original purpose of the 'residential' ruling was to prevent a **tramp** athlete. In our case, not one of the boys in question could in any way be classified as a **tramp**. Or are they attending Beverly primarily for athletic purposes. In case the C. I. F. Board would not choose to change the rulings in these cases, perhaps it could suggest another solution to this problem.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Harry M. Alter  
Assistant Principal  
Beverly Hills High School"

## JAPANESE BOYS CREATE PROBLEM

November 16, 1945

"Mr. Seth Van Patten  
C.I.F. Commissioner  
1955 Fremont  
So. Pasadena, California

Dear Van:

With the return of a considerable number of Japanese boys to Southern California, it will be necessary for the C. I. F. to come to some decision regarding the eligibility of these boys for next semester.

In checking with these boys, I find that the federal government closed down the government schools attended by Japanese in June of last year. The schools were not re-opened this fall and the Japanese children have missed one-half of the first semester's work. Burbank Senior High School has established a policy of not allowing these pupils to take any academic subjects because it would be impossible for them to make up the nine weeks' work that they have missed. To make it possible for these students to make some credit this semester, they are being placed in two hours of non-academic subjects; i.e. a boy will be placed in two hours of Machine shop for the remainder of this semester. Providing he does satisfactory work, he will



## CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION, SOUTHERN SECTION

**THE ONEONTA SCHOOL**  
1955 Fremont Avenue South Pasadena, Calif.  
Telephone CLevland 6-2336

Frank M. Chase, Jr., Principal Sweetwater High School, President of the Council

### Executive Committee

Kinter Hamilton, Principal Harvard School, President.

B. L. Bergstrom, Principal El Monte High School

Ernest W. Fischer, Principal Chaffey High School

Normal C. Hayhurst, Principal Herbert Hoover High School (Glendale)

A. R. Veenker, Vice-Principal, Santa Monica High School

Seth F. Van Patten, Commissioner of Athletics

receive one-half unit of credit at the end of the semester.

Since Burbank Senior High School has six periods a day, the maximum amount of credit that a student could earn would be 1 1/8 credits although he would be in full attendance for ten weeks, six hours a day. According to the C. I. F. ruling, a boy to be eligible must have passed in three subjects and gym. These students will have met the residence requirements but will have passed in only two subjects and gym.

A number of Japanese boys have asked whether they would be eligible for athletics next semester. I have told them that under the present ruling they will not be eligible. This problem should be of interest to a number of high schools in Southern California. Since the majority of the students who are in Burbank probably will be transferred to other high schools in the next few months, Burbank is a re-location center and the parents of these students will stay here only until they can find a permanent location.

Yours very truly,

(Signed)

Theo. Kopp

Registrar and Asst. Principal  
Burbank Senior High School."

This problem will be referred to the Council at its meeting on February 2.

## PROGRAM AT MT. CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL

The C. I. F., Southern Section Schools that have carried on a program of swimming and wrestling for years past will, we are sure, be pleased to learn that the Mt. Carmel High School will enter competition in both of these sports.

Father Richard A. Nagle, Director of Physical Education, at Mt. Carmel, can be reached by phoning Thornwall 7427. Mt. Carmel is located at 7011 So. Hoover St., Los Angeles.

## BASKETBALL CROWDS

If the interest in basketball takes an upsurge as has been the case in football during the season just closing, we anticipate many crowded gymnasiums, at basketball contests. Overflow crowds at football games can often spill over into a vacant lot or into the street. At a basketball game the overflow crowd can spill over in only one spot and that is the area next to the playing space. Feet, legs, and heads get across the line frequently and create bad situations for players, spectators, and officials.

Officiating a basketball game is a tough assignment under the most favorable conditions. When the crowd is right up to the edge of the playing space the situation often makes good officiating almost impossible.

For the safety of the players and the spectators and in fairness to the officials every effort possible should be made to keep the crowd back from the sidelines. Administrators and Directors of Athletics are urged to plan carefully to control crowding along the sidelines at basketball games. The school that is so arranged that no spectators are near the sidelines is fortunate.

## RELEAGUING QUESTIONNAIRE

A large number of persons have made inquiries of the C. I. F., Southern Section Office regarding the probable league set-up for next year. We have quoted to them rule (d), page 5, of our 1945 Blue Book which reads as follows: "Divide the schools of the C. I. F., Southern Section into leagues. This shall be done at the February meeting of the Council and shall be official for the following school year. If relegating is not completed at the regular meeting of the Council on the first Saturday the Council shall continue to meet each week until relegating is completed."

In order that thought and planning may be given to the subject of relegating for 1946-1947, a questionnaire is enclosed with this Bulletin.

Every Principal is urged to fill out this pink sheet and return it to the C. I. F., Southern Section.

## COUNCIL MEETING

The first regular Council meeting for the 1945-1946 school year will occur Saturday, February 2, 1946, at the Compton College, at 9:30 A. M. Coaches and Principals are invited to attend this meeting. Their views are always welcomed.

## CROSSCOUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

The C. I. F., Southern Section, Crosscountry Championship race is scheduled for Saturday, December 8, at 10:30 A. M., around the Recreational Park golf grounds at Long Beach. Interest seems strong in this event this year and the race will probably have to be run in three sections.

## BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

Chino High School, Compton College, Lower Division, and the Huntington Beach High School are each staging an invitational Class A Basketball tournament the week before Christmas. This will be the Eighteenth Annual Tournament for Huntington Beach. Chino is reviving their tournament which was discontinued during the War. This will be the first tournament staged by Compton. We know these tournaments will all be well handled. If the players do their part the events will be a marked success.

## FOOTBALL PLAY-OFF GAMES

In the major league play-off series the first round, the following teams are to meet:

Alhambra vs Inglewood (Gilmore Stadium)

Loyola vs Glendale (Rose Bowl)

Pomona vs Santa Ana (Santa Ana Bowl)

W. Wilson vs San Diego (Balboa Stadium)

In addition to the major league series, Downey and Garden Grove will meet in the Santa Ana Bowl and Bonita will journey to El Centro for a match.

The winner of the above major league matches will be rated by the public as the C. I. F., Southern Section Champion for 1945. The winners of the two games among the smaller schools will be awarded a C. I. F., Southern Section plaque, the engraving on the plaque will be decided upon by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

## SEASON'S CALIBER OF FOOTBALL

The Commissioner of Athletics has seen a large number of our football games this season. He has seen one, two, or three games each week. It is his considered judgement that the caliber of the average player this season is as good as any year since he has been in the C. I. F. Office. The teams have been unusually well coached, and all in all, it has been a fine season.

## STATE COUNCIL MEETING

The State Council meets at Salinas on Saturday, December 1. The Commissioner of Athletics for the C. I. F., Southern Section will attend this meeting and report on a study of the rela-

tions of professional baseball to the high school game. A working agreement between the professionals and the high schools that will protect our boys from the temptation to leave school before graduation and go into professional baseball is in prospect.

## BASKETBALL GAMES WANTED

Las Vegas, Nevada, High School, an associate member of the C. I. F., Southern Section, wants to arrange several basketball games at Southern California high schools during the Christmas holidays. Any high school interested in a match with Las Vegas should contact Mr. D. D. Keller, Coach.

Santa Barbara High School would like to schedule some basketball games with the schools in the Los Angeles vicinity during the basketball season. If any school is interested, communicate with Mr. Charles Diehr, Santa Barbara High School Coach.

## BASEBALL RECOMMENDATIONS

On Tuesday, November 27, 1945, a committee of the C. I. F. met with a committee from the Pacific Coast Professional Baseball League to discuss baseball problems. Those present were Clarence Rowland, President of the Pacific Coast League; Oscar Reichow, of the Hollywood Stars; Don Stewart, of the Angels; Russell Johnson, of the C. I. F., Los Angeles City Section; and Kinter Hamilton and Seth F. Van Patten, of the C. I. F., Southern Section.

The proposed agreement between professional baseball and the high schools of the nation given below was discussed at length.

The C. I. F. committee agreed to recommend strongly to our State Council at its meeting on December 1, at Salinas, the adoption of the agreement. The Pacific Coast baseball men on their part agreed to recommend the approval of the agreement by the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues at a meeting which occurs at Columbus, Ohio, starting Monday, December 3.

## PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL AND THE HIGH SCHOOLS

The Joint Baseball Committee made up of representatives of the Major and Minor Leagues and of the National High School Federation recommends: That Professional Baseball and the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations enter into an agreement to protect the eligibility of a boy who is attending high school and of a boy who has been eligible in high school and whose class has not yet graduated. For such boy, no official or representative of any professional baseball club shall initiate or participate in any negotiations which would in-



terfere with such boy's high school athletic eligibility. **Exception:** For unusual cases where a boy's principal and his parents jointly agree that emergency circumstances are such that the boy's best interest would be served through alignment with Professional Baseball, a professional baseball club may offer a contract. In such cases, written statement must be secured from both parent and principal and be made available to the proper Professional Baseball and High School authorities so that, if any question is raised about the case, adequate records will be on file to clear the contracting club of any violation of agreement.

#### Penalties for Violation

- a. **For Professional Baseball Official:** Any contract which is made in violation of the above agreement will be declared null and void, and the offending club will be permanently prohibited from using such player. Also, any club which fails to establish that it did not know, and by exercising reasonable care and diligence, could not have known, that the player was connected with high school baseball and was still eligible therefor or that the negotiations interfered with the boy's eligibility, will be fined \$500.00. Any club official or employee conducting any such negotiations and who does not establish that he did not know, and by exercising reasonable care and diligence could not have known of such interference with the player's eligibility, will be ineligible for one year.
- b. **For High School Official:** Any school whose employee or official encourages or collaborates in such negotiations will be suspended from its state high school association and made ineligible to compete with other high schools or will be penalized in a similar manner in accordance with the state high school association policy relative to penalties.

#### Additional High School Federation Responsibility

The high schools, through their National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations, shall use their best efforts to promote a uniform set of eligibility rules as such rules are related to professional baseball activity. The National Federation will further assist through providing a summary of those parts of the state high school eligibility rules which apply to baseball activities, and they will make these summaries available for distribution by all Professional Baseball Clubs so that representatives of such clubs will be familiar with the limits under which negotiations may be made in any given state.

#### Agreement Period and Parties to the Agreement

This agreement shall be in effect for the years 1946 and 1947, if and when accepted by Organized Baseball and by the National Federation

and shall apply to those member state associations of the National Federation whose athletic officers become parties to the terms of the agreement. Interpretations of this agreement will be made by the Commissioner of Professional Baseball acting in conjunction with the High School Federation Executive Officer.

\* \* \* \* \*

The question of baseball clinics staged by professional baseball clubs was also discussed. The C.I.F. committee recommended that a working agreement for the control of such clinics be established between the C.I.F. and professional baseball in California. This question was left for future negotiations if the general agreement set forth above is approved.

#### CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Several Principals and directors of athletics have suggested the desirability of changes in our rules to meet post war conditions.

Anyone expecting to propose an amendment to our Constitution or our By-laws should read Article I, Page 9 and Article XVIII, Page 41, of our 1945 Blue Book.

Proposed amendments to our Constitution and Rulings if submitted by January 1, 1946, will be printed in our January Bulletin.

#### SWIMMING COACHES TO MEET

A meeting of swimming coaches was called in October and only two came. Another meeting will be called soon after January 1. Watch for announcement in the January Bulletin. We should revive our entire pre war swimming program.

#### TIE SCORES IN FOOTBALL GAMES

A large number of tie games of football have been played among our member schools this year. Two of the eight leagues having teams in the major league play-off ended in a percentage tie in league standing.

Were our "first downs" rule to be applied during the regular season we believe the teams and the public would like it better than the present regulation.

There is nothing sacred about our football rules. Why should they not be discussed and made understandable by the public? The present plan followed by many of our leagues in awarding the championship to the one of the two tying teams that won in the game played by the two teams is a "headache" to most fans. If you do not think so try to abbreviate and simplify the preceding sentence, and yet get the idea over to the inquiring fan.