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MAXIMUM AGE RULE — AN INFLEXIBLE REGULATION

(This is the second in a series of presentations designed to explain the purpose and rationale of CIF-SS rules. It is the intent that such information will bring greater understanding to school administrators and athletic staffs and assist them in their efforts to develop quality interscholastic athletic programs within guidelines structured by the CIF-SS Council—the legislative body representing all member schools.)

The maximum age rule of the CIF-SS is inflexible. Together with the eight semester rule, it has never been successfully challenged in the 60 year history of the section. The rule states that no one may participate in interscholastic athletics in the CIF-SS if he has reached the age of 19 before September 1st of that school year.

Two questions usually arise in a discussion of the maximum age rule:

1. Why such a rule in the first place?
2. Why not exceptions for special circumstances?

The answers to these questions, in order to be best understood, should be couched in the philosophy of the CIF.

One of the goals of the California Interscholastic Federation is the protection of the athlete—protection from negative factors wherever possible. Germane to this discussion is the aspect of physical protection. Without a maximum age restriction the door would be left open for individuals to compete in interscholastic athletics at an age equivalent to that of the average college athlete. Extending this line of logic beyond probability (but still within the bounds of possibility) we might have students competing who were the age and maturity of professional athletes.

It should stand uncontradicted that to permit such a disparity of ages, (and concomitantly a disparity in physical size and development) would not be in the best interests of the physical well being of the normal age athletes. The contact sports come to mind immediately, but the danger of injury would be increased in many of the other sports as well.

A line then must be drawn, arbitrarily to be sure, but it must be drawn nevertheless. And in this case it has been drawn at the age of 19.

This brings up the second point—why not exceptions? Many good cases may be given (and have been given through the years) for the relaxation of the maximum age rule. There is the example of the student who turned 19 on August 31 of his senior year in school. Why deny him his senior year of athletics? The answer is simple: If there is justification for a line to be drawn, then that line must never be erased unless it is erased for all.

Once an exception has been made for the student who misses the 19th birthday cut-off date by one day, the student who misses it by two days has virtually the same argument. To permit the latter a waiver is to continue the relaxation for others who miss it by a week, a month, and perhaps a year, making the rule both meaningless and unenforceable.

What about the athlete who was held back in elementary school due to illness, family problems, or other circumstances beyond his control? Should he be denied his final year of athletics because he turned 19 before September 1st? Should there be a special exception for the over age student who is not a "physical specimen?" And how about an exception for non-contact sports?

The CIF-Council and Executive Committee have wrestled with these arguments for many years. They are legitimate but if accepted would carry great implications. The final overbearing factor has continued to be the absolute impossibility of making exceptions. Once a single exception has been made, the concept of uniformity would be doomed, and the extinction of the rule would be only a matter of time. Rules on residence, amateurism, scholarship, among others, may be waived due to subjective evaluation of extenuating circumstances. But the maximum age rule, together with eight semester rule, remains beyond the limits of adjustment. Due to its uniqueness, it has been, and must continue to be, an inflexible rule.

MIRA COSTA HIGH SCHOOL RETAINS GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Encountering stronger opposition than in last year's winning effort, Mira Costa High School of Manhattan Beach, coached by Barbara Alexander, survived five rounds of match play to win the CIF-SS Girls' Volleyball Championship for the 2nd year in a row at Marina High School in Huntington Beach.

Their opponent in the Finals was Carolyn Quijano's Bishop Montgomery team from Torrance who by losing 15-12, 13-15, 15-10, extended the Mustangs to one more game than in last year's final between the two clubs. Third place honors went to Santa Monica High School coached by Martha Ruby, who defeated 4th place Santa Fe High School 15-7, 15-5.

A total of 34 schools were chosen to participate by the Tournament Selection Committee from among league champions, free lance teams, and strong
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND CIF-SS OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AVAILABLE FOR TALKS

Eighteen members of the CIF-SS Administration are available for speaking invitations from leagues or administrative classes. Commissioner J. Kenneth Fagans and Administrative Assistants Thomas Byrnes, Kendall Webb, and Phyllis Blatz, together with representatives of the Executive Committee, welcome the opportunity to appear before interested groups to explain and discuss policies and administration of the Southern Section. Recent visits have been made by Council Treasurer Dr. Hanford Rants to the Hacienda League, Commissioner Fagans to the Rio Hondo League, Mr. Byrnes to an athletic administration class at USC and Ms. Blatz to a meeting of women athletic directors. Interested administrators are advised to contact the CIF-SS Office for further information.

MATURITY IN COACHING

"But everybody else does it!" How many times did we use that excuse as a child? And how often have we, as adults, heard it from children? We understand the immature mind in the child who wishes to escape blame for a misdeed, and we often excuse the offensive act, but we don't condone it. At least we shouldn't.

Unfortunately, as physical and mental growth develop in some individuals, the moral and ethical development lags behind. We find adults in responsible positions who alibi for actions that are their responsibility. Their most frequent rationalization for justifying unethical or illegal actions is that they aren't the only ones—many others also "do it."

Regretably, such people are often in positions of leadership. For illustration, those of us in interscholastic athletics have to look no further than in our own house. The coach who abuses his privilege of trust by his peers and athletes is a case in point. While such an individual is in a distinct minority, his cavalier attitude toward observance of rules determined by fellow educators creates a severe handicap for all of us. His actions are unprofessional at best, criminal at worst.

All too frequently have we heard of, or received evidence of, undue influence, illegal practices, playing ineligible athletes—all by coaches who know better—or should. These men, up to whom look our next generation of leaders, have failed in their basic responsibility—that of preparing young minds and bodies for meaningful contributions to our society.

These coaches, in order to achieve selfish rewards, violate both spirit and letter of rules and regulations. It would be impossible to itemize every infraction that might occur in the conduct of interscholastic athletics. Therefore, the CIF-SS Council, in the evolution of its self-government, has attempted to embody within relatively few rules a broad "spirit of the rules" philosophy. The basic assumption is that our coaches and administrators are professional men of integrity who are not seeking devious means of circumventing the letter of the rule and thereby violating the spirit of the rule.

The coach who permits himself to succumb to the temptation of manipulating the rules, to any degree, has no place in our program. He needs to be counseled into action consistent with the goals of education. Failing that, his sphere of influence should be removed from that of his athletes.

If "everybody else" is in violation of our rules, then it is a dismal commentary on the integrity of our profession. The success of our inter-

MINUTES OF CIF-SS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

November 7, 1973

The November Executive Committee meeting of the Southern Section of the California Interscholastic Federation was called to order by Chairman Steve Miletich at 1:35 p.m. on Wednesday, November 7, 1973, at the CIF-SS Office. All members were present.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** It was moved seconded, and passed to approve the meeting of September 15, 1973, as published in the October, 1973, "Monthly Bulletin."

2. **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:** It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the application for Regular Membership in the CIF-SS for Baker High School and for Rexford High School of Beverly Hills, effective this date.

3. **BASEBALL REQUEST, LORRAINE HIGH SCHOOL:** Marina High School requested permission to participate in a high school baseball game as part of a double-header with two college teams during the 1974 season. After discussion it was moved, seconded, and passed to deny the request based upon evidence that any benefit derived from the double-header would be that of the colleges and not the high schools concerned.

4. **AQUATHLETICS SYMPOSIUM:** Permission was requested for selected water polo players and swimmers from the CIF-SS to attend a symposium sponsored by the Kalos Kagathos Foundation to be held in Tahiti for two weeks during the Christmas vacation period. In accordance with established policy governing learning situations such as this, it was moved, seconded, and passed to approve participation by student-athletes from the CIF-SS in activities under the jurisdiction of the clinic without jeopardizing their remaining eligibility for interscholastic athletics.

5. **STARTING TIME FOR CORONA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:** Special permission was requested from the Executive Committee by Corona High School to begin the first game of its

scholastic athletic program can be measured in many ways, but the most important gauge (and perhaps the most difficult to determine) is the moral and ethical impact that remains with the student athlete in later years as a member of our society. To produce a positive impact, we need positive men as coaches and leaders—not people who fail their students their athletes, their schools and themselves. "Because everybody else does it" can never be a justification; it can only be an immature excuse.

basketball tournament at 1:00 p.m. on December 11, 1973. After discussion relative to the need of such a time change, it was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the request in accordance with Article XXI Section 5-D, in order that the gymnasium be available for a special school activity later that evening.

6. **ELIGIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS:** Mr. Clarence Wood, Principal of Millikan High School, appeared before the Executive Committee for the purpose of appealing a previous denial by the Eligibility Committee for a waiver of the residence rule for a Swedish student at Millikan High School under the International Cultural Exchange Program. After thorough discussion it was moved, seconded, and passed to deny the appeal.

It was then moved, seconded, and passed to direct the Eligibility Committee to study the total problem, including ramifications and implications, of residential eligibility for interscholastic athletics for foreign students in CIF-SS high schools. After further discussion, it was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the International Cultural Exchange as a program carrying residential eligibility for its members such as the American Field Service, the Youth for Understanding and the International Fellowship Foreign Exchange Student programs presently do. It was also moved, seconded, and passed to inquire from the U.S. State Department which foreign student programs for high school age students it has authorized.

7. **SANCTIONED EVENT COMMITTEE REPORT:** Chairman Roger Weeks reported that the Sanctioned Event Committee was exploring a possible alternate plan for determining the maximum number of contests in a Sanctioned Event Tournament and (continued on page 4)

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FEMININE FOCUS

MIRA COSTA VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS—Captain Jane Hickney receives championship trophy from Phyllis Blatz, CIF-SS Administrative Assistant. This is 2nd championship in a row for Coach Barbara Alexander and her squad.

MIRA COSTA

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contenders. The first 2 rounds were held at Westminster High School with the Quarter-finals, Semi-finals, and Finals at Marina High School. Several hundred paid admissions on the last day indicated the growing interest and support for this fast action sport. Meet Director was Mollie Kavanagh, coach of Santa Fe High School team. CIF-SS Administrative Assistant Phyllis Blatz, made the presentation of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies.

Preliminary

Aviation def. John Glenn 15-2, 15-9
North Torrance def. Temple City 15-1, 15-5

1st Round

Mira Costa def. Riverside Poly 15-4, 15-2
San Marino def. Pius X 10-15, 10-18, 13-5
Redlands def. Yucca Valley 15-4, 19-17
Bellflower def. Palo Verdes Valley 15-12, 15-1
Laguna each def. Pomona Catholic 15-4, 15-0
Canyon (Saugus) def. Palm Springs 15-10, 15-7
Aviation def. Buena 12-15, 15-2, 14-5
Santa Monica def. Glendale 15-3, 15-5
Bishop Montgomery def. Oxnard 15-1, 15-5
El Segundo def. Valley Christian 8-15, 15-7, 15-13
Beverly Hills def. Colton 15-4, 14-9
Mary Star of Sea def. Covina 15-4, 15-3
Burbank def. North Torrance 13-11, 7-15, 15-4
Arcadia def. Loara 15-5, 15-13
Corona Del Mar def. Mayfair 15-2, 15-12
Santa Fe def. Los Altos 15-4, 15-1

2nd Round

Mira Costa def. San Marino 15-8, 15-4
Bellflower def. Redlands 15-6, 5-15, 15-0
Laguna def. Canyon 15-4, 15-4

Santa Monica def. Aviation 15-2, 15-13
Bishop Montgomery def. El Segundo 15-3, 15-13
Burbank def. Arcadia 15-4, 15-6
Santa Fe def. Corona Del Mar 15-6, 13-15, 15-8

Quarter-finals

Mira Costa def. Bellflower 15-3, 15-2
Santa Monica def. Laguna Beach 14-12, 12-14, 15-13
Bishop Montgomery def. Beverly Hills 15-6, 15-8
Santa Fe def. Burbank 15-13, 11-15, 15-13

Semi-finals

Mira Costa def. Santa Monica 15-7, 15-9
Bishop Montgomery def. Santa Fe 15-13, 11-15, 15-13

Third Place

Santa Monica def. Santa Fe 15-7, 15-15

Finals

Mira Costa def. Bishop Montgomery 15-10, 13-15, 15-12

ATHLETIC SEASONS

BOYS			GIRLS		
Season	Final		Season	Final	
Begins	Champ.	Sport	Begins	Champ.	
9-4	12-14	Football	—	—	
9-4	12-1	Cross County	—	—	
9-4	12-7	Water Polo	—	—	
11-15	2-23	Field Hockey	11-12	1-26	
11-1	3-8	Wrestling	—	—	
12-1	3-16	Soccer	—	—	
1-2	4-5	Basketball	1-28	4-4	
2-1	5-17	Swimming	4-1	6-7	
2-1	5-24	Track & Field	1-28	5-24	
2-1	5-29	Gymnastics	1-28	5-28	
—	—	Baseball	—	—	
—	—	Softball	—	—	
2-1	6-3	Golf	4-1	6-1	
3-1	6-5	Volleyball	9-10	11-17	
2-1	5-31	Tennis	9-10	12-15	
—	—	Badminton	4-1	6-8	

ALL SPORTS CLINIC
SATURDAY, JANUARY 5
AT CAL STATE L.A.

The second annual "Kaleidoscope of Sport" is scheduled for presentation at California State University at Los Angeles on Saturday, January 5, 1974, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This all-sports clinic, designed for both teachers and coaches, will cover seven of the present nine CIF-SS sanctioned sports for girls in addition to golf, archery, and flag football.

9:00- 10:25 a.m.
Volleyball, archery, and flag football

10:30-11:55 a.m.
Badminton, golf, and softball

12:00- 1:00 p.m.
Basketball, tennis, and track & field

9:00- 1:00 p.m.
Gymnastics

For further information, contact Dale Van Camp, Program Chairman, El Roble Intermediate School, 665 North Mountain, Claremont 91711. Phone: (714) 624-9041, Ex. 220.

MISSING: LEAGUE AND
DIRECTORY INFORMATION SHEET
ON GIRLS' ATHLETICS

Has your school returned the League and Directory Information Sheet on Girls' Athletics to the CIF-SS Office? One of these pink sheets was mailed to all schools in care of the Girls' Athletic Director last October 12. Member schools were supposed to have returned them by November 1.

Because a number of schools have not returned these important data sheets necessary for planning the 1974-75 CIF-SS girls' athletic program, this appeal is being made. Please contact the CIF-SS Office for another copy or mail the original immediately.

WANT TO BECOME A
VOLLEYBALL OFFICIAL?

Contact Gene Popko @ (213) 821-6081 for information regarding the Southern California Volleyball Officials Association.

WANTED:
A NAME FOR THIS PAGE

If you have a suggested title for this page of the "Monthly Bulletin" devoted to feminine features, please contact Kendall Webb at the CIF-SS Office.

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would report back at the next Executive Committee meeting.

8. **SURFING SANCTION:** Mr. Ben Garrett, teacher and Coordinator of Surfing for the Huntington Beach High School District, appeared before the Executive Committee for the purpose of presenting a proposal for the establishment of surfing as an approved sport. After considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded, and passed that the Commissioner of Athletics be directed to help in an unofficial capacity to provide assistance and service to an experimental surfing league and that he be further directed to prepare a questionnaire for the purpose of determining how many member schools are sponsoring teams and how many schools would be interested in surfing as a sanctioned sport.

9. **ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS:** Executive Committee member Ferren Christensen pointed out to the Committee members that the wording in Article XVIII of the CIF-SS By-laws now permits students to participate in any athletic practice without a physical examination prior to their first interscholastic competition. It was moved, seconded, and passed that a recommendation for an amendment to Article XVIII of the By-laws be drafted by Mr. Christensen to the effect that all students must have a physical examination before their first team practice (including conditioning period) rather than their first interscholastic competition.

It was further moved, seconded, and passed that a committee be established to study the problem of standardizing physical examinations for all prospective CIF-SS athletes.

10. **CHANGE IN BY-LAWS FOR WRESTLING:** In order to be consistent with the State CIF Constitution By-laws regarding wrestling weights, it was moved, seconded, and passed to recommend to the Council the amending of Article XXXIX, Section 1-A, (1), by deleting all but the first sentence. By so doing, CIF-SS wrestlers who weigh between 191 and 192 lbs. and presently are unable to compete in either the 191 lb. or the heavy-weight division (192-235 lbs.) during the season would be permitted to participate after the January 1 weight adjustment as high school wrestlers in other sections of the state presently do.

11. **FOOTBALL CONTRACTS:** As a result of action by the Council at its September meeting, many schools in the CIF, Southern Section, were relegated for the 1974-75 school year. Because of this, Hemet High School was required to cancel the second football game of two-year contracts with

Fallbrook and Rubidoux High Schools.

Because the contracts specified that the home school would retain all gate receipts, a problem arose when it became apparent that the second game of the contracts could not be played.

The Council action was above and beyond the control of Hemet High School. It therefore was the ruling of the Executive Committee that officials of the schools involved should meet to make an adjustment in regards to the games played this year. It was recommended that in each case the home school give to the visiting school one-half of the net receipts from the game played this year.

As a result of this problem, the Executive Committee recommended that guidelines be established to cover this type of situation and placed in the CIF-SS By-laws.

12. **ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY APPEAL:** At the request of Mrs. Margaret Hicks, reconsideration was given to a previous ruling which had declared Richard Hicks ineligible for varsity competition at Paraclete High School during the current school year.

After a thorough discussion of the matter it was moved, seconded, and passed to deny Mrs. Hicks' request to waive the transfer rule which would permit her son to be residually eligible at Paraclete High School during the current school year.

13. **ELIGIBILITY CASES:** It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve requests to waive the residence rule for the following students:

Don Ott, Indio HS
Viki Barker, Hawthorne HS
Tom Gentsch, Garden Grove HS
Dick Trujillo, Chaffey HS
Scott Nelson, Maranatha HS
Rex DeSpain, Owens Valley HS
John Buffington,
Charter Oak HS
Chris Horning, Lakewood HS
Kenneth Jenkins,
Mission Viejo HS
David Besiglio, Esperanza HS
Jim Norton, Esperanza HS
Mike Earl, Brea HS
Terry Herbert, Glendora HS
Paul Collins, Newport HS
Sam Hernandez, Tustin HS
Phil Anderson, Newbury Park HS
Mike Cobery, Bonita HS
Mike Pruitt, Eagle Mountain HS
Gary Cavazos, Western HS
Jerry Armstrong, California HS
Ken Ross, Millikan HS
Martin Kurger, Laguna Beach HS
Raul Troya, Kennedy HS
Michael Quirarte, Sierra HS
Tim Sall, Villa Park HS
Mark Vigil, Santa Ana Valley HS

It was moved, seconded, and passed to DENY requests to waive the residence rule for the following students:

Kurt Brungardt, Ramona HS
Chris Lafferty, Wilson HS, L.B.
Lewis Tucker, Poly HS
Ron Wilkins, South Torrance HS
Norman Kelly, Palos Verdes HS
Miguel Gracia-Medrano,
Rowland HS

Lynn Harris, San Luis Obispo HS
Kenneth Polk, Poly HS, L.B.
Jose Cunningham,
Santa Monica HS
Eric Lovinger, Estancia HS
Godfrey Baldez, Garey HS

14. **GARDEN GROVE CASE:** The Executive Committee received a letter from Robert O. Young, attorney retained by the CIF-SS, reporting on the progress of La Quinta High School, Garden Grove League case, scheduled for trial on February 19, 1974. Mr. Young stated that the case could be settled out of court at a saving of considerable expense if the CIF-SS Council would declare La Quinta High School the Football Champions of the Garden Grove League for 1971. However, he also stated that technicalities notwithstanding, the CIF-SS legal position is a very strong one. After discussion of the attorney's letter, it was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to instruct Mr. Young to proceed with the case because it was felt that the CIF-SS has made the correct ruling and has acted in accordance with proper procedure.

15. **BASKETBALL VIOLATION, LA SIERRA HIGH SCHOOL:** Mr. William Conlon, Principal, Mr. Leon Hardgrave, Vice-Principal, and Mr. James Forkum, Varsity Basketball Coach of La Sierra High School appeared before the Executive Committee to explain the circumstances surrounding an illegal basketball practice and a case of possible undue influence. It was reported to the committee that the San Andreas League, in their meeting of November 6, 1973, discussed the case and voted to take the following action against Mr. Forkum:

1. Placement on probation for one year commencing November 6, 1973.
2. Permission to continue coaching during this year.
3. Immediate removal from coaching if guilty of violating any San Andreas League or CIF-SS rules this year.
4. Placement of this information in personal file with copies sent to all San Andreas League members and to the CIF-SS Office.

After thorough discussion, it was moved, seconded, and passed to uphold the action of the San Andreas League and to send a letter of censure to Mr. Forkum for his poor judgment.

16. **CONDOR LEAGUE.** An official communication from the repre-

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sentative of the Condor League reported that four of the schools in his league were planning to drop their membership in the CIF-SS because they felt they could not adhere to all of the eligibility rules of the Southern Section. Thacher School, Cate School, and the Santa Barbara Seminary, however, wish to retain their membership in the CIF-SS and will follow all rules and regulations.

The Commissioner was directed to inform the league that if, and when, four of its member schools withdraw their membership from the Southern Section, the Condor League will be disbanded and will not, of course, be represented on the CIF-SS Council. The three schools remaining in the Southern Section will then be placed in a free lance status.

The Commissioner was further directed to work with the league in resolving its problem and to do everything possible to assist Cate, Thacher, and the Santa Barbara Seminary in securing representative athletic schedules. A further report of this matter will be made to the Council at its next meeting.

17. **RELEAGUING OF MONROVIA AND MONTEBELLO HIGH SCHOOLS:** The final report and recommendation of the Releagu-ing Committee was made. Because it was felt that inequities in ability levels presently exist in the Pacific and Mission Valley Leagues, the Committee recommended the placing of Montebello High School in the Mission Valley League and Monrovia in the Pacific League for the school year 1974-75. After thorough discussion, it was moved, seconded, and passed 12-1 to recommend such action by the CIF-SS Council at its next meeting.

18. **RELEAGUING COMMITTEE SELECTION:** Article III, Section 3E of the CIF-SS Constitution, pertaining to the selection of the Releagu-ing Committee membership was discussed. No action was taken, but further discussion will be held.

19. **LIMIT ON FREQUENCY OF ATHLETE'S COMPETITION:** It was brought to the attention of the Executive Committee that under the present By-laws to the CIF-SS Constitution, there are virtually no restrictions on the number of athletic contests in which a student may participate in one calendar week. After discussion on the disadvantages of a lack of such restrictions, Mr. Claire Van Hoorebeke and Mr. Thomas Byrnes were appointed as a committee to make a study and prepare recommendations for possible action by the

Executive Committee at its next meeting.

20. **RELEAGUING POLICY:** A letter was read from the principal of a member high school regarding CIF-SS policy in the identity of a league when its membership has been changed by action of the Releagu-ing Committee. It posed the question of when the restructured league is considered a continuing league with new members and when such a league is considered a new association. The Executive Committee took no action on the matter but will discuss it further in an attempt to formulate some guidelines for future reference.

21. **BASKETBALL REQUEST, MARY STAR OF THE SEA HIGH SCHOOL:** The basketball schedule submitted by Mary Star of the Sea High School was evaluated in regards to the school's request to be considered for possible qualification in the 1A Basketball Play-offs this school year. It was moved, seconded, and passed to require that the school win seven out of ten designated games, consistent with established policy, in order to be so considered.

22. **HACIENDA LEAGUE LETTER:** A letter thanking Dr. Hanford Rants, Treasurer of the CIF-SS Council for his appearance at the October meeting of the Hacienda League (for the purpose of explaining the current budget and financial policies of the CIF-SS) was read to the Committee by the Commissioner. Principals are advised that members of the Executive Committee and the Southern Section Office Administrative Staff are very interested in visiting league meetings when invited to explain or clarify policies and regulations governing our interscholastic athletic program.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kendall Webb
Administrative Assistant

Approved:
J. Kenneth Fagans
Commissioner of Athletics

SOCCER CLINIC

The largest soccer clinic on the West Coast will be presented December 15-16 at Homestead Restaurant in Duarte. Mike Eaton, Coach of the 1973 CIF-SS Soccer Championship Team from West Torrance High School, will be a featured speaker along with eight prominent college coaches. The latest in soccer equipment will also be displayed by manufacturers and distributors. For information, contact Roger Bryant at (213) 282-8735 or John Wilde at (213) 448-2175.

TOM BYRNES HONORED BY EL DORADO P.T.A.

Tom Byrnes, CIF-SS Administrative Assistant, was presented with a life membership pin recently by the El Dorado High School P.T.A. in recognition of his work with the youth in the Placentia area. It was stated in the award ceremony that "Tom Byrnes made an outstanding contribution to thousands of youth in Placentia, and we are very pleased that he is now working in a position where he has influence over hundreds of thousands of kids." "We were very pleased," remarked Dr. Marvin Stewart, Principal of El Dorado High School (where Byrnes served eight years as Athletic Director), "that Tom was selected for this award. It is indicative of the confidence and high esteem in which he is held in this community."

DID YOU KNOW . . .

. . . that the largest ADA of all CIF-SS schools is Fountain Valley with 4,311?
. . . that the first California State Championship for girls in any interscholastic sport will be in Track & Field and that it will be in Bakersfield on June 1, 1974, in conjunction with the State Track Meet for boys?
. . . that J. Kenneth Fagans has been CIF-SS Commissioner of Athletics for 20 years?
. . . that the boys in CIF-SS schools have a new interscholastic sport this school year and that it is volleyball?
. . . that the President of the CIF-SS Council is always the Chairman of the Executive Committee?
. . . that CIF-SS member school Lee Vining is in Mono County and is further north than San Francisco?
. . . that there are divisions (4A, 3A, etc.) in football, basketball, baseball, tennis, track, and cross country with schools competing on an equal basis in water polo, wrestling, soccer, swimming, gymnastics, golf, volleyball, and all girls' sports?
. . . that the last 6-man football game in the CIF-SS was played November 30 and that there will only be 8 and 11-man football scheduled in the future?
. . . that four of the five largest high schools in the CIF-SS are from the Huntington Beach High School District?

OCEANSIDE COACHING CLINIC

The 7th Annual Pirate Coaching Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, January 19 at Oceanside High School from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Topics to be covered include football, tennis, and training methods. Contact Clinic Director Herb Meyer at the high school address or phone (714) 722-8201.

Q & A BOX

This Month's Subject: STRUCTURE OF THE CIF-SS

- Q—How many sections are in the California Interscholastic Federation?
A—Ten.
- Q—Which is the largest?
A—The Southern Section, both in terms of square miles and number of schools.
- Q—How many schools are in the Southern Section?
A—448, including 363 California high schools.
- Q—What comprises the balance of the membership?
A—Associate membership status has been given to 72 junior high schools whose 9th grade teams participate in interscholastic athletics and 13 high schools in Nevada and Arizona whose teams compete with Southern Section schools on a fairly regular basis.
- Q—What is the next largest section?
A—The North Coast Section with 143 schools, less than 1/3 that of the CIF-SS.
- Q—What is the smallest section?
A—Oakland Section with 6 schools.
- Q—What are the geographical limits of the CIF-SS?
A—West to the Pacific Ocean, east to Arizona and Nevada, south to the Mexican border, and north to Paso Robles (west of the Sierras) and Lee Vining (east of the Sierras).
- Q—How many counties have schools in the Southern Section?
A—Ten.
- Q—What is the status of schools in L.A. County?
A—Schools within the Los Angeles City School System are members of the CIF-Los Angeles City Section. Other schools in the county are members of the CIF-Southern Section if they are current in their dues.
- Q—What are the dues of the CIF-SS?
A—8¢/ADA as of October 1st and are due by November 1st.
- Q—Are both public and private schools eligible for membership?
A—Yes.
- Q—What is the legislative body of the CIF-SS and how is it organized?
A—The Council is composed of one elected representative from each of the 48 leagues and the Commissioner of Athletics who acts as secretary.
- Q—What is the administrative body and how is it organized?
A—The 14-member Executive Committee is composed of the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer of the Council; eight elected members from the Council; one superintendent, one delegate to the State CIF Federated Council, and one athletic director—all elected by the Council.

WANTED: ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS FOR TV

KNBC-TV, as an integral feature of television coverage of high school athletic events, will include presentations dealing with topics of an academic nature. During half-times, these live or pre-taped segments will be shown to the viewing public as part of the public service content of the programs. Such areas as science projects, fine arts presentations, innovational educational programs, original student ventures, and unique educational policies and practices will be explored. Preferably, these presentations will accentuate the demonstration method rather than the lecture and will be the offering of a school or district not involved in the athletic activity covered on the same date.

School or district personnel who feel they have an academic program or project that would be of interest to the Southern California community are asked to contact Kendall Webb at the CIF-SS Office. Presentations should be of a portable nature and designed for five to ten minutes.

"GAMES WANTED"

This item will no longer appear in the "Bulletin" but will be typed separately and included in the monthly mailing of this periodical to all schools. Check with your principal for this mimeographed information, and please inform the CIF-SS Office when your date is filled.

APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL SWIMMING MARKS

Because California high schools contribute the dominant portion of national and international record holders at all levels of swimming, it is important that CIF-SS swim coaches are reminded of the proper procedure to be followed in applying for interscholastic swimming records.

Page 84 of the National Federation's rule book outlines the proper steps to be taken. In order to receive consideration by the Records Committee, a record application must be received within 28 days of the date of the performance. Only the winner in the individual event may be recognized for a record-breaking performance, even though other place finishers are recorded with the identical time.

ALUMINUM BATS, COWHIDE BASEBALLS NOW PERMITTED BY NATIONAL FEDERATION

As a result of the annual meeting this fall of the Baseball Rules Committee of the National Federation of State High School Associations, the use of aluminum bats and cowhide covered baseballs is now legalized for all high school competition. The Southern Section of the CIF has had permission the last two years for experimental use of the aluminum bat, but because of the new ruling all high school associations may now make regular use of it.

POLICY ON RADIO-TV BROADCASTS

Schools who wish radio or television coverage of any of their regular home season athletic contests may negotiate with the media concerned with no approval required by the CIF-SS or the visiting school.

Responsibility for admission and placement of such media personnel rests solely with the home school.

Fees shall be charged for the privilege of broadcasting any CIF-SS play-off contest except where such broadcasts are public service features and carry no commercial announcements. Fee schedules are found in the appropriate CIF-SS Play-Off Handbook.

Permission for telecasting play-off games must be secured from the Commissioner of Athletics and the Executive Committee of the CIF-SS.

CIF-SS PASSES

School officials are reminded that there are four passes issued by the CIF-SS Office for admission to interscholastic athletic events conducted by member schools.

These passes must be honored for authorized holders by home school personnel or its agents with the exceptions noted below:

1. Gold Life Pass—for distinguished contributors to CIF-SS athletics. (One guest permissible.) Valid for all events without exception.
2. Blue Courtesy Card—for head superintendents, principals, and designates. (One guest permissible.) Not valid for admission to the Championship Swim Meet or Basketball Play-offs games other than those at Long Beach Arena or L.A. Sports Arena.
3. Pink Press Card—for working members of commercial newspaper, radio, and television media. Also permits entrance to press box if room is available. (No guest permissible.) Not valid for admission to 4A Football Finals, 4A Basketball Quarter and Semi-Finals, all Baseball Finals, or Track Semi-Finals and Finals.
4. White Photo Card—for working photographers for commercial newspapers. Also permits entry to field at authorized locations. (No guest permissible.) Not valid for admission to 4A Football Finals, 4A Basketball Quarter and Semi-Finals, all Basketball Finals, or Track Semi-Finals, and Finals.

(Note: Special passes for the news media will be issued for major events conducted by the CIF-SS Office.)

BLOCKING SLED OFFERED

Schools interested in purchasing a Premier 7-Man Blocking Sled for \$200 should call Al Ashley of Walker Jr. High School @ (714) 956-6883.