WHAT'S HAPPENIN' IN THE OTHER 49 STATES

(Editor's Note: This is another in a series of monthly articles covering items of interest from throughout California and other State Associations in their administration of high school athletics.)

ITEM: National Federation Headquarters To Move...

COMMENT: Kansas City, Missouri will become the new home for the headquarters building of the National Federation of State High School Associations. The move from the current location in Elgin, Illinois to the area of Kansas City International Airport is expected to be completed by mid-1979.

CAUSE OF THE MOVE is the National Federation's plan to print virtually all of the 2½ million publications which it publishes each year and most of which are presently sub-contracted. The National Federation will realize huge savings which will be passed on to its member associations and individual schools.

Kansas City was selected over other cities in the central United States after it was determined that building expansion in the greater Chicago area would be more costly in terms of construction and operations than relocating and rebuilding. The National Federation owns a beautiful six-year old building on three acres 30 miles west of Chicago's O'Hare Airport. Plans are to erect a building more than double the size of the Elgin building on four acres adjacent to Kansas City International Airport which will provide easier access to the more than twenty National Federation committees which meet at the headquarters office each year.

THE HEADQUARTERS OFFICE coordinates the efforts of the National Federation's member high school association in each state. This includes legal services, special programs for high school athletic directors, rules publications in twelve sports, and audio-visual aids in seven sports.

THE MOVE TO LARGER FACILITIES will permit the National Federation headquarters staff to provide the additional services which are being requested by the National Federation membership, such as a national insurance program for state association officers and members of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, and expanded programs in music and discussion and debate.

ITEM: Three Year Eligibility Rule Upheld Twice...

COMMENT: A rule of the Florida High School Activities Association, which limits each student to three consecutive years of athletic eligibility from the time the student enters the tenth grade, has been upheld by Florida courts in two separate actions.

In one case (Rutledge vs. FSHA), the student repeated the eleventh grade and wanted to play interscholastic basketball for a fourth consecutive year when he finally reached the twelfth grade.

In the other case (Cleare vs. Green), the student played baseball on his high school team in the Bahamas during his tenth grade year, then quit school to work full time for a year, then transferred to Miami Edison High School where he sat out a year to fulfill the one-year residency requirement prior to playing. When he entered twelfth grade, he was ineligible to play interscholastic basketball because he had been four years since he entered the tenth grade.

In both cases, temporary injunctions were denied.

ITEM: New officials assigned in L.A. City Section.

COMMENT: Dale Williams, a former teacher and counselor at Olive Vista Junior High School in Sylmar, has joined the staff of the Los Angeles Unified School district Interscholastic Athletics Office to assume the responsibility for assigning officials to athletic events. Mr. Williams is an experienced baseball, football, and basketball official who joins two other experienced officials in the Los Angeles district office. CIF-Los Angeles Section Secretary, Jim Cheffers, is a football referee and umpire, and assistant Lee Joseph is a football back judge and head linesman. All work football in the PAC-8.

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GIRLS CHALLENGE NATIONAL RECORDS
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1:06.11 performance, slightly one second faster than the old record of 1:07.582.

Boys swimmers turned in four national interscholastic record-setting performances at the California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section Class AAAA championships held at East Los Angeles College last April.

Mission Viejo high school made its name known in national record circles as the school identified with three national records. Brian Goodell, captured both the 200-freestyle and 500-freestyle records with times of 1:57.15 and 4:20.81 respectively. Teammate Jesse Vassillo set the new national best in the 200-yard individual medley with 1:53.03 clocking.

Greg Winchell of Wilson High School in Los Angeles, lowered the breaststroke record of 58.7 to 57.88 to complete the list of new record-holders.

The assault on the national inter-scholastic swimming records in recent years is revealed most clearly by the fact that the oldest boys high school record is a 1967 mark by Mark Spitz in the 100-yard butterfly (49.1) and oldest girls high school record was set as recently as two years ago. That was the 1:51.193 performance of the Pine Crest School of Fort Lauderdale, Florida in the 200-yard medley relay on February 1, 1973.

The swimming and diving rule committee determines the competitive rules and meets standards by which interscholastic swimming and diving competition is conducted. National Federation rules apply to over 210,000 boy and girl swimming and diving athletes. National records may only be established during competition which is in compliance with all National Federation rules.

NEW PREP MAGAZINE

Joe Namath's National Prep Sports Magazine has recently introduced a Southern California regional edition. Currently the magazine is published 6 times a year and offers comprehensive coverage of the nation's high school sports scene as well as complete coverage of outstanding teams, players, coaches and school programs in the Southern California area.
MOMMENTES OF THE CIF-SSES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 1977

The Executive Committee Meeting of the CIF-SSES Southern Section of California Intercollegiate Federation was called to order by Chairman, Dr. Lou Joseph, at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 15, 1977 at the Los Angeles University Hilton Hotel. All members were present with the exception of Dr. Donald Johnson, Dr. Donald Jackson, Dr. Lowery, Dr. Chaves and Frank J. (Té.) Byrnes.

1. GIRLS' ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT: Mrs. Barbara Wilson, Executive Director to the CIF-SSES, presented an update of the area in Girls' sports and the notification of the pending board of tournament. It was moved, seconded and passed that the compulsory events be eliminated, the Girls' Gymnastics Playoffs both team and individual (leagues have the option of continuing compulsory events at their level).

2. BOYS' ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT: Mr. Clyde Franci, newly elected representative to the Executive Committee presented a brief update of the area of boys' sports and an inquiry on the winter of the league baseball ratings.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S SYMPOSIUM: Commissioner Byrnes presented a summary of the Superintendent's Symposium and urged all Executive Committee members to encourage as large a turnout as possible.

4. CHANNEL LEAGUE PROPOSAL: The Channel League was calling for an optional ten football games on the 1978 season was discussed in detail and limited to the Football Advisory Committee for further input. The matter was an action item at the upcoming meeting of the CIF-SSES Council.

5. SERVITE HIGH SCHOOL APPEAL: It was presented that Servite High School had passed that Servite High School remain as a free lane entry in the 1977-78 season. Commissioner Byrnes was directed to the CIF-SSES Office to assist in league placement for its 1978-79 season.

6. NEW APPEALS PROCEDURE: Commissioner Byrnes reviewed with the Executive Committee a proposed modification of the CIF-SSES appeals procedure. Following discussion it was moved, seconded and passed to recommend the modification to the Council with the first reading to be held at the next monthly Council's regular meeting.

7. GIRLS' FIELD HOCKEY PROPOSAL: Margaret Davis, CIF-SSES Administrative Assistant reviewed with the Executive Committee the possible updating of field hockey rules as noted in the CIF-SSES Blue Book. Following discussion it was moved, seconded and passed to recommend to National Federation Field Hockey Rules and Regulations in terms of the CIF-SSES Blue Book.

8. NEEDLES HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST: It was moved, seconded and passed that Needles High School be granted a request to start its Girls' basketball season effective immediately, by permitting the scheduling of games at other schools.

9. FOREIGN EXCHANGE GRAM-Dr: Hamford Rants, Chairman of the Foreign Exchange Program reviewed with the Executive Committee results of a recent survey relative to the overall acceptance of various programs. Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to maintain present procedures and of sending each program not recognized in CIF-SSES Blue Book. The results of the survey is to be passed along to members of the CIF-SSES Council. It was further moved, seconded and passed to add the University of the Philippines to the list of recognized programs and to delete the University of California Extension Program from those approved by the CIF-SSES.

10. FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS: Commissioner Byrnes presented the upcoming football playoffs and for the upcoming 1977 football playoffs. Following discussion it was moved, seconded and passed that the CIF-SSES Office be given the authority to so designate any league's number one team, number two and three number three in cases where the league has not notified the CIF-SSES Office of such

11. TONY BALASMO ELECTED TO STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL POST

Tony Balasmo, Principal of Apple Valley High School and President-Elect of the CIF-SSES Southern Section Council has been elected to the Administrative Committee of the State CIF-SSES. A member of the CIF-SSES Executive Committee since 1976, Tony is born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, and was a three year veteran of the Marine Corps during World War II. He graduated from Arizona State University in 1951 where he won four letters in football.

He began his teaching and coaching career in 1951 as athletic director and head football coach at Palo Verde Junior College in Blythe. For four years he moved to New Mexico State University as head line coach. In 1959, he moved to the University of California where he assumed head football coaching duties at Victor Valley High School. He moved up to Assistant Principal and acted in this capacity until 1967 when he was appointed principal of Apple Valley High School.

With his strong background in athletics and administration, Mr. Balasmo knows well the problems that the principals in governing high school athletics and adds to the valuable addition to the state post.

12. JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Junior High Schools who need to change in sanctioned events, and need the state post.

13. TITLE IX PROBLEM: Mrs. Barbara Wilson reviewed with the Executive Committee before the Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

14. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Ray Plutko, Executive Director

Approved:

Thomas E. Byrnes
Commissioner of Athletics

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Attention Girls' Basketball Coaches

The annual survey of leagues to determine which type of ball the majority of leagues in each playoff division wish to have revealed that all divisions (A, B, C, and D) have elected to use leather balls for the upcoming 1978-79 season. Therefore, leather balls will be used in the 1978 Girls' Basketball Playoff rules.

SOFTBALL RULES

The Softball Rules Committee of the National Federation met September 20-21, 1977, at the National Federation office to discuss and revise softball rules for the upcoming season.

The nine member committee directed by Chairman Walter A. Smith reviewed and rewrote softball rules during the two day meeting. Each year the committee needs to study and discuss possible rule changes for improving softball at the high school level.

One revision placed into effect by the committee deals with unplayable-like conduct. The revision now states that no coach, player, substitute, or other person shall act in an unplayable-like manner, such as faking a throw or running away from the ball, Know nothing, or any other action that may, intentionally or accidentally, interfere with a fielder who is holding the ball, charging umpires on judgment calls, poor bench decorum, and poor field conduct.

Spectators watching softball games in the 1978 season may watch five inning unless a demand seven inning game, depending upon state association adoption. When a team is scored out and the number of runs, such as 5, 10, 15, or 20, and has completed its turn at bat, the game is stopped.

The softball rules committee is made up of experts and authorities on softball from the high school level. The committee works together to insure accurate and feasible rules writing program. Their efforts are directed toward improving and enhancing the great game of softball enjoyed by approximately 150,000 participants at the intramural level each year.

1978 INTERSCHOLASTIC SOFTBALL RULES REVISIONS

1. Diagram of field to be revised. (1-2)
2. There shall be a knob on the handle end of all bats. It is mandatory for all bats to have the handle knob securely fastened. (1-3-5)
3. The leather lacing in gloves and the first base mitt may be no longer than 5½ inches and may have no other extension or reinforcement. (1-3-5)
4. A player detected wearing a leather glove or mitt must remove it when ordered to do so by the umpire. A player who fails to comply with the order shall be suspended from the game. When discovery of the illegal mitt or glove occurs during or immediately following a play (prior to the next pitch), the team at bat may have the choice of replacing the glove, but the batter may bat again with the same count. (3-1-6)
5. The definition of a passed ball applies only to fast pitch softball (2-2-5). 6. Change the word "ballk" to "illegal pitch" in line 2. (2-5-4)
7. This item is revised. It now provide that no coach, player, substitute, or other person shall act in an unplayable-like manner such as faking a tag with the bat, hitting a fielder who is holding the ball, charging umpires on judgment calls, poor bench decorum, and poor field conduct. (3-1-4-1)
8. During a seven inning game each team is allowed one substitution, may be granted not more than three charged conferences without penalty to confer with a defensive player or players. In any extra inning, each team shall be permitted as many charged conferences permitted during the game with defense penalty. (3-1-1)

SANCTIONING PROGRAM REAFFIRMED AND EXPANDED

The Sanctioning Program of the National Federation of State High School Associations was reaffirmed, streamlined, and expanded by the National Federation membership last summer during its 50th Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, Wis.

Review of interstate contests was the principal focus at the National Federation as it was organized in 1920's when non-scholarship programs of high school teams and athletics was under marketing the educational basis of interscholastic programs. Over the years, sanctioning policies have been formed in response to the variety of problems that are inherent in events between schools of different states which often call for slightly different rules and regulations.

An ad-hoc committee on sanctioning was appointed and worked during the last school year to evaluate the need for the National Federation sanctioning program and the procedures by which the program was being conducted. The result of the ad-hoc committee work was submitted to the National Federation membership last summer for approval and received approval formally at the annual meeting.

The membership reaffirmed the need for a national program of interscholastic competition involving schools from three or more state high school association. The National Federation sanctioning program is a non-profit program for the benefit of the student-athletes. The program is supported by 50 State and local associations and over 1400 high schools.

BASEBALL COMMITTEE MAKES MINOR CHANGE

Baseball rules underwent several changes during the Baseball Rules Committee's recent meeting held September 6-7, 1977, at the National Federation headquarters office in Elgin, Illinois. The changes made by the Baseball Rules Committee will be included in the 1978 Baseball Rule and Case Books.

One interesting rule revision, which makes its debut, deals with catcher's assistance in the event of a pitch as help in fielding a batted ball. The assistance instead of being a penalty to the pitcher shall be a warning. In the event the pitcher is warned, no penalty will be assessed to the batter. In the event the batter is warn, one run will be scored for the opposing team. (1-5-3)

In an effort to reduce the frequency of delays in baseball games, the National Federation expanded the list of permissible substitutions to include two starters, two relievers, and two catchers. The number of permissible substitutions was increased to allow for more opportunities for players to participate in the game. (6-1-1)

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICES REPORT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS ATTENDANCES AT 10,268 IN 1976-77

It is not surprising, but it is extremely impressive.

Commissioners' offices reported, in connection with a survey which was conducted by Simmons Savings Athletic Foundation, that as many as 10,268, 403 persons attended Southern California High Schools Sports events during the school year 1976-77.

Reports were filed by the California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section, California Interscholastic Federation, San Diego Section, and the Los Angeles City Schools. In 1976-77, the C.I.F., Southern Section, comprised 74 high schools; C.I.F. San Diego Section, 67; and Angeles City Schools, 49 . . . a total of 159 high schools.

The combined reports noted that a total of 9,243,500 attended boys sports events, while 1,024,900 attended girls sports events.

CIF-SSF 6,518,500 797,000
CIF-SDFS 785,000 65,000
L.A. City Schools 1,940,000 162,900

9,243,500 1,024,900

1978-79 FALL/WINTER SPORTS DEPARTMENT MEETING

*Football topped the attendance list with 4,692,000
Basketball was second with 3,462,000
*In girls sports, Basketball topped the attendance list with 825,400
Track and Field was second with 133,000
Total Southern Calif. 1,024,900

10,268,400

THIRD ANNUAL USA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES CLINIC SET

U.S. Olympic Coach Billie Moore will head a list of fine speakers at the 3rd Annual U.S. Women's Basketball Coaches Clinic. This year's clinic promises to be laden with ideas, concepts, and strategies presented by

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BASEBALL
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run for the designated hitter, but if this happens, it shall terminate the designated hitter role for the remainder of the game. A designated hitter may be used defensively, but must continue to bat in the same position in the batting order as determined prior to the game. Once a designated hitter assumes a defensive position, this move shall terminate the designated hitter role for the remainder of the game. A designated hitter is "locked" into the batting order. No multiple substitutions may be made which will alter the batting rotation of the designated hitter. (3-1-4)
10. A coach, player, substitute, attendant or other bench personnel, shall not: use amplifiers or bull horns on the bench or on the field during the course of the game, or have any object in his possession in the coach's box other than a score book which shall be used for score keeping purposes only, or be outside the vicinity of the designated due out (bench) or bull pen area if not a bat, runner, on-deck bat, in the coach's box or one of the nine players on defense. (3-3-1)
11. By state association, any game terminated by artificial light failure or an automatic sprinkler system shall be played at a later date in a suspended game, unless agreed otherwise by the two teams concerned. (4-2-4 NOTE)
12. When the pitcher takes his sign and his feet are in the set position, the ball shall be either the gloved hand or his pitching hand. His pitching hand shall be at his side or behind his back. (6-1-1)
13. For an illegal pitch - (a) if there is no runner, a ball is called on the batter. (6-1-3 Penalty)
14. It is an illegal act to bring the pitching hand in contact with the mouth without distinctly wiping off the pitching hand before it touches the ball. For so defacing the ball, the penalty (2-6-2-1-f) is that the pitcher may be removed from the game. If such defaced ball is pitched, it is an illegal pitch with penalty as provided for in 6-1-1-4.
15. With bases unoccupied, failure to pitch within 20 seconds after there has been a reasonable time for the pitcher to receive the ball after the last pitch, a ball shall be called. (6-2-2)
16. When a runner is obstructed while advancing or returning to a base by a fielder who neither has the ball nor is attempting to field a batted ball, or while advancing only, a fielder without the ball makes a tag, the umpire shall award the obstructed runner and each other runner affected by the obstruction the bases they would have, in his opinion, reached had there been no obstruction. (5-3-2)
17. The batter-runner is out when he deliberately removes his head protector during playing action unless the ball becomes dead without being touched by any fielder or unless the head protector is removed after the ball becomes dead following its touching by a fielder. When a runner is declared out for removing his head protector, he is called out immediately. (8-4-1-b)
18. Any runner is out when he intentionally interferes with a throw or thrown ball; or he hinders a fielder who is attempting to field a batted ball; or his being put out is prevented by an illegal act by anyone connected with the team as in 2-5-3, 2-2-2 and 3, or by the batter-runner. (8-4-2-b)
SANCTIONING PROGRAMS
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The sanctioning bylaws of the National Federation were also expanded by the membership to include international competition, an area of responsibility which was implied in the past but now is explicitly stated in the National Federation Constitution. State high school associations will determine the scope of their member schools' participation in international competition, subject first to the approval of the National Federation and then of the national governing body of the sport involved. In addition, a list of criteria for the National Federation's evaluation of international competition was agreed upon by the membership.
The primary purpose of the sanctioning program of the National Federation is to protect the welfare of high school students. The National Federation membership believes the welfare of the student is best protected by insisting all competitors adhere to minimum standards concerning age, progress in school and success in academic work and the sanctioning program guarantees this.
A secondary purpose of sanctioning is to protect existing programs of member schools. No event may be sanctioned if it simply duplicates a school program which is in existence or if it detracts from that school program by luring outstanding competitors away from existing sports.
Bruce B. Durbin, Executive Director of the National Federation, has pledged the full cooperation and substantial resources of the headquarters office to conduct the expanded sanctioning program requested by the membership. The program will affect a high school association in each state and the more than 20,000 schools they represent.

SOFTWARE RULES
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9. The offensive team charged conference rule will begin after the first pitch of each half inning. (3-4-2)
10. By state association adoption, a game may end after five innings of a seven inning game when a team is behind by a specific number of runs, such as 5, 10, 15, or 20, and has completed its team at bat. (4-2-2 NOTE)
11. This note applies only to fast pitch softball. (5-1-1-a) NOTE
12. It is an illegal first pitch when the ball becomes dead after each strike or ball. (5-1-1-1)
13. In slow pitch softball, a batter is out when the ball is bunted or is chopped down and when a third strike is not called. (7-4-c)
14. Exception: If a runner is touching a base when struck by a batted ball, the runner is not out and the ball remains alive unless the runner intentionally interferes with the ball or a fielder making a play. (8-4-2-d)

WOMEN'S COACHES CLINIC
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coaches who are proven winners. Cypress High School will be the site of this fine clinic on December 17 & 18, 1977. Other speakers include the USC head coach Linda Sharp, LB State Men's coach Dwight Jones, Olympian Sue Rosemeyer, assistant at Stanford, and new Cal State Fullerton Head Coach Nanny Dunkel. Information on this clinic can be secured from Steve Kavalanski, 7119 El Paseo St., Long Beach, Calif. 90816 or (213) 596-9345.

Pat Haden Returns To CIF-Southern Section Championship

CIF-Big-Five Championship Game 1977