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: N.F.L. Networks named in complaint

COMMENT: The Arizona High School Activities Association has filed a complaint in Federal court against the National Football League and the United States District Court requesting the courts to enjoin the NFL from using its professional football games in conflict with scheduled Arizona high school and college games on Friday nights and Saturdays.

Item: Commissioner Ray Bell noted: "I have difficulty understanding the N.F.L.'s reasons for wanting to jettison high school football, which is already struggling for survival through increasing costs for equipment, particularly helmets. Without high school football, there would be no college football, especially not professional football."

ITEM: Energy: Cost of Production

COMMENT: School administrators in Michigan figured with the problem of taking steps to reduce energy usage have come up with these suggestions: Redline athletic conferences from traveling distance, divide teams into small and large and meet at one site, create an "incentive" ticket price for students who ride the bus to athletic events in lieu of driving their own cars, pep bands at home games only if space on bus is limited.

ITEM: Go Metric

COMMENT: A survey of state high school associations indicates the vast majority of states conducted their state track meets at metric distances this spring. With 47 states responding, only four (4) indicated they have no plans at this time to conduct their state final track meets in metric distances.

Eighty-five percent (85%) of those responding are running the 1600 and 3200 meter runs in metric distances. Seventeen states - Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin - have not yet converted their 1600 and 3200 meter runs to metric distances.

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Survey indicated that the metric system was adopted because it was faster, easier to compute and easier to score. The 8K cross-country race for girls consists of 2 miles or 3000 meters.

ITEM: GIRLS' BASKETBALL

COMMENT: This was heard from a veteran basketball official in one of the "other 49." I've mentioned that all officials know they miss one entire in a while. Not true! I referred basket ball thirty years and never made a mistake, and I can prove it. In any game I ever refereed, they kept a scorebook and a stat sheet. At the end of the game you could check the scorebook and if I called a foul there was a foul marked against you. If I called a foul and no foul was marked against you, I was double-dribbling.

I said that a player traveled, double dribbled, or stayed in the lane too long, the stat sheet showed that player had committed a turnover. For thirty years, the scorebook and stat sheet agreed with everything I ever called. So, there you have it. I refereed thirty years and never made a mistake and I have proof in black and white.

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COMMISSIONERS CORNER

Ray Plutko

It’s been just five months, but it seems like the better portion of a lifetime. However, in this instance, the “better half” had indeed been just that in my role as your new Commissioner of Athletics. Needless to say, the experiences have been numerous, but without question, the most rewarding have been my visits to the various leagues and the direct contact with them as principals, athletic directors and coaches.

Those 23 league meetings to date, 2 ACSA superintendent in-focs and a bevy of contests each weekend have crystallized the point that, collectively, the CIF Southern Section is in the forefront of the realm of interscholastic athletics across the United States.

Interestingly enough, you provided your own critique at an open hearing of the Rules Committee a few weeks back and the testimony of your personal and professional efforts as a member of an organization which dates back 67 years was indeed fitting.

It would be difficult to duplicate the sincere comments from the likes of Dennis Evans, Brian DeMar, Jil Wright of Upland, Colin Hughes of St. Bernard, Karen Helvey of University, Dr. Warren Stephenson of Long Beach Poly, Leron Kearney of Los Angeles Baptist, Sheila Wilson of Valencia and countless others.

If there is a CIF-SSF story, you voiced it so eloquently that day.

But I would be remiss in failing to acknowledge those administrators who during the current fall play-offs, contacted our Office to report on ineligible player at their respective schools.

Their task was not a simple one, but their efforts to foster the growth of this voluntary organization cannot be matched elsewhere.

Each of you possess invaluables traits that “make the deal” – the combined spanning of an interscholastic athletic program for these boys and girls entrusted to us.

A tip of the ‘ol hat would be in order, but the section is from this日趋 to that of yours.

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OUTSIDE COMPETITION RULE
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rule on the eligibility of a student athlete who competes on an “outside team” in the same sport during the student’s high school season of sport. The pros and cons...

Statements which support discontinuation of these rules:
- To allow students and their parents to make decisions which deem them most appropriate regarding participation on non-school teams, during non-school time.
- To allow students to form relationships and friends through athletics, other than those available to them through school teams.
- To allow students the opportunity to participate in athletics more fully in intramurals in which they may have limited or no opportunity within their school teams.
- To allow school team coaches to encourage or discourage on a selective basis the participation of a student on a non-school team.
- To provide greater opportunity for students to participate in any sport to participate on non-school teams.
- Statements which support continuation of these rules:
- To attempt to avoid conflict of interest and allegiance by students which may be caused by participation on both school and non-school teams.
- To attempt to protect the physical well-being of students which may be abused through excessive competition.
- To attempt to protect the student from conflicting athletic philosophies, techniques and attitudes which may be caused by dual competition.
- To attempt to provide a more uniform base of students to participate in athletics by limiting participation to either a school or a non-school team.
- To attempt to protect the interest of other team members who may be affected by dual competition of one or more of their team-mates.

FINAL RESULTS – OUTSIDE COMPETITION SURVEY

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MINTES OF THE CIF-SSF EXECUTIVE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 1980

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section was called to order by Chairman Dr. Harford Rants at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, November 1, 1980, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Los Angeles. All members were present with the exception of Mr. C. DeSoto. Ron Bradley.

1. WELCOME — Dr. Harford Rants, president of the CIF-Southern Section, officially welcomed Mr. Paul Galdo, principal of Los Altos High School and new CIF-SSF Executive Committee member.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the September 23, 1980 meeting of the CIF-Southern Section Executive Committee.

3. COMMISSIONER’S UPDATE — Commissioner Ray Plutko gave a brief overview of the CIF-Southern Section High School Athletics press conference, reviewed the number of leagues visited by the commissioner’s single member, and commented on the CIF-SSF Alumni Committee.

4. BOYS’ ATHLETIC DIRECTORS REPORT — Mr. Chip Francis, boys’ athletic directors representative, reviewed some concerns relating to game contracts and trash cans and expressed results positively on the recently concluded Administrative Symposium.

5. GIRLS’ ATHLETIC DIRECTORS REPORT — Mrs. Barbara Wilson, girls’ athletic directors representative, reviewed the growth in numbers of teams and participants in girls’ soccer and softball and also the growth of the Athletic Administration Symposium was well received and reported. She then continued with the athletic directors.

6. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL — Rules Commissioner, Mrs. Barbara Wilson updated the Executive Committee regarding the format for the public hearing set for November 13 in El Segundo.

Dr. Maury Ross, superintendents representative, reviewed the information packet sent to all schools on the Rules Commission report.

Election of Southern Section Representatives: Dr. Harford Rants reported that Mr. Tony Balsamo, principal at Apple Valley High School had been elected to the post of president-elect of the State CIF Federated Council, and that Mrs. Barbara Wilson, assistant principal at Beverly Hills High School, was elected to the Administrative Committee of the State CIF Federated Council.

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CIF STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL REPORT

Items of Interest:
- Girls Track — Effective for the 1981 State Track Meet, the 300 meter low hurdles meet for girls will be held. Hurdlers scoring for this race will be the same as the scoring for the boys’ event.

State Basketball Tournament — A proposal for the 1982 California Basketball Championships for boys and girls was presented to the Federation. The format is to be sent to each CIF Section for review. Briefly, the plan calls for a regional playoff to both the North and South, culminating in four State Championship games (Large School Boys, Large School Girls, Small School Boys and Small School Girls).
- Cal Coaches Association — an additional voting member for Cal Coaches was requested by Cal Coach president, Gale Murnill. Currently, Cal Coaches has one voting member on the CIF State Federated Council. The additional vote, if passed, would stipulate that it be a woman coach.

Added Liability Coverage — The State CIF has provided the Southern Section and other Sections throughout the State a comprehensive general liability policy which does not exclude athletes injured while participating in CIF sanctioned activities, nor spectators, a policy previously held by the policy, with Lincoln Insurance Company, provides a $500,000 combined bodily injury and damage aggregate liability coverage subject to a $50 deductible for each occurrence. In addition, there is a coverage individual liability of $1,000,000 for a total comprehensive liability coverage of $1,500,000. This includes premises, personal liability and products, with the coverage being provided this year at no cost to the Southern Section.

State Basketball Tournament: Mr. Ray Plutko, commissioner, outlined the proposal from the State CIF for the 1982 State CIF Basketball Championships for Boys and Girls. The State Basketball Championships will be an action item for the CIF-SSSF Council at the January meeting. Additionally, the Office was directed to continue to develop the calendar for all sports utilizing the State Championship dates, which develop backwards from those dates in setting the Southern Section calendar.

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CIF SAN DieG0 SOCKET COSTUMES
12TH ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE OF THE CALIFORNIA ATHLETIC DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION

MAY 2, 3 & 4, 1981
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Conference Fee: $20.00 ($15.00 for members of the C.S.A.D.A., I.A.S., I.B.S.A.)*

Conference Theme: "The Future of Student Athletics" - With a focus on interscholastic and intercollegiate competition.

ATTENTION PHOTOGRAPHERS
The CIF-SS is seeking quality black and white presentation of sports action shots for future issues. Photos illustrating sportsmanship displays by athletes, coaches or fans are particularly desirable. Please send your photos to CIF-SS, P.O. Box 488, Cerritos, Ca. 90701.

REMOVAL OF TEAM SERIOUS OFFENSE
One of the most serious breaches of good sportsmanship occurs when coaches take it upon themselves to remove teams from the field, court, pool, etc., prior to the conclusion of an interscholastic contest.

In most cases the coach will resort to this action because he or she is dissatisfied with the officiating or believes it is being biased against the Nether team. This is obviously outrageous. (It is interesting to note that this concern seems rarely to be brought up when the coach's team is ahead in the score, but only behind.)

Because of the serious nature of such action, it has been the practice of the CIF-SS Southern Section Executive Committee to expect the principal of the school to relieve the coach from his or her responsibilities if such action is taken by a coach is a direct slap at the officials, the opponents, and the coach's own team, since after all, the young people involved here are who the game is for, and not the coach.

Additionally, such an action by a coach creates an atmosphere where if there is no crew in attendance, could spark a serious crowd control problem.

With the hundreds of thousands of contests that are played in the Southern Section each year, a situation close to anarchy would develop unless principals took strong measures.

Because of the serious nature of a coach removing teams from play an additional duty of each Southern Section principal was added to the 1980-81 CIF-SS Blue Book Rule 4.1 (Accountability Rule) — "Upon the request of a coach from any CIF-SS contest and or the removal of a coach by his or her team from the playing surface prior to the conclusion of a contest, it would be incumbent upon the Principal of said school to file a letter of explanation with the CIF Southern Section Office which includes the circumstances surrounding the matter and what action the Principal has taken to prevent a recurrence. Such correspondence is to be filed before allowing a coach to return to his or her role at the next contest. Failure to accomplish this would make such contest subject to forfeit until said task is completed."

Coaches are urged to consider such consequences before removing any athletic team prior to the conclusion of the contest. Regardless of the reasons, such action could almost never be justified, and results in strained relations between schools, loss of respect for the coach, and an example of poor sportsmanship for the youngsters on both teams.

COLLEGE AUDITIONS FOR FEMALE STUDENT ATHLETES
The Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) permits member institutions to conduct auditions. An audition is a session designed to give student athletes an opportunity to be evaluated by coaches who are interested in recruiting them to their programs. The CIF-SS believes the best way to assess sports talent is to watch the student in actual high school competition; however, since the AIAW permits colleges to use the audition method, we wish to inform athletic directors and coaches of girls sports that there is no CIF-SS or State CIF rule which would prevent a female high school athlete from participating in an audition.

The CIF-SS suggests that coaches review the AIAW audition rule with their students and make them aware of the opportunity for possible auditions. Also, we recommend that coaches inform the college to verify in writing that an official audition is taking place.

For more information on AIAW rules, write to AIAW, 1206 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

ATTENTION COACHES
CLINIC ON TOP
Judi Garman's 7th Annual Softball Clinic for coaches will be held January 24 and 25 at Cal State Fullerton, Fullerton, California.

The two-day clinic will cover topics ranging from hitting techniques of stretching, mental motivation, technique, philosophy, practice and application, infield and outfield fundamentals, catching and pitching, role interpretations, and offensive strategy.

Clinic will conclude with Cal State Fullerton full team demonstration on the field. Emphasis is on coaching a competitive team.

Guest clinicians include Don Sarno, Hall of Fame pitcher; Bob Anderson, author of book on "stretching" and top authority in the country; Linda Sprandel, All American catcher; Angie Guadalupe, Cal State Fullerton Baseball Coach; Denise Yeomans, National Official and President, Southern California Board of Softball Officials; Jim Reach, Santa Ana Baseball Coach; and Cal State Fullerton Softball coaching staff, headed by Judi Garman, Jan Dunlap and John Campbell.

The clinic will begin at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, January 24, and end at the same time Monday, January 26. Registration fee is $30.00 and includes lunch on Saturday as well as printed syllabus. Checks should be made to Judi Garman's Softball Clinic. After January 14, the registration fee is $35.00.

For further information contact Judi Garman, Athletic Department, California State University, Fullerton, California 92634 or call 714-733-3499.

Softball Officiating Clinics

Beginning Umpires' Clinics — For anyone interested in obtaining a softball Federation rating or if you are a baseball conversion official and wish to obtain a NAGWS rating you must attend a current clinic. In addition, it is strongly recommended that no high school umpire wanting to obtain a NAGWS rating attend one of these clinics as a review.

CERRITOS — Cerritos High School Gymnasium; Saturday, January 16, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21; Fee: $30.00; Instructor: Joyce Hill.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY — Kennedy High School; Date: Wednesday, January 18, 19, 25, 31, February 4, Time: 9-10 a.m.; Registration fee: $30.00; Instructor: Bonnie Mohnen (310) 225-6537.

SOUTH BAY — Aviation High School; Date: Wednesday, January 7, 14, 21, 28, 1 February 4, Time: 9-10 a.m.; Instructor: Joyce Hill.

TECHNICALS — T.B.A. Date: T.B.A.; T.B.A. Instructor: Joyce Hill.


T.B.A. — All clinics will be finalized by November 1, 1980. Call the clinic for more information.

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

DID YOU KNOW?
1915 . . . A California state championship in rugby football was established.
1916 . . . A rule was adopted in 1916 that no student may play on any team other than the high school team during the school season of that sport.
1919 . . . The official order of events adopted for the State CIF track and field meet with no exceptions were as follows: 888 yards, 180 yards, 440 yards, 120 yard hurdles, 220 yard hurdles, 220 yard low hurdles, mile and relay. Field events included high jump, pole vault, broad jump, discus, shot, and javelin.
1919 . . . No state football or basketball championships were held because the Southern Section and Monterey Section asked for exceptions from completing their schedules.
1919 . . . It was recommended that the hand grenade throw be introduced in school track meets with the expectation that it may be introduced as a nationwide track event in 1921.

T.I.M.E.S. HAVE CHANGED — ATTITUDES NEED TO CHANGE ALSO
NOTE: It takes a big person to admit present-day track & field coach, director of the Idaho High School Activities Association and author of this column, is such a man — big physically and professionally. The leadership of high school activities programs on all levels should heed his advice.

About eight years ago, while I was coaching track in a small high school, the girls track coach came to me and asked if I would work with some of her track athletes. I told her I would if I could do it at a time when it would not interfere with the coaching of the boys team. Very limited assistance was given to the girls by my assistant or myself.

Later the coach asked if she could have one of my meets when her team would not have a meet — which I agreed to, but not without reservations. After the meet I convinced myself that I would never conduct a meet again.

I am thankful state has had enough track coaches who have seen the wisdom in helping the girls when they needed it the most. We are now having track meets in schools that is, naturally, up to you. I am not suggesting you telling your boys athletes to keep the opposite sites concept or any other format. I am suggesting that you do it in a manner that creates the attitude that exists in our schools and that is perpetuated by our coaches of boys and girls programs.

Let me buck up a moment — for a number of reasons now. Under the old system a particular school's cross country teams (both boys and girls) arrive on the same bus, get their start and return home on the same bus. Their girls team and boys team have both had equally supportive cheerers cheering them on than any other team because the girls cheered for the boys and the boys cheered for the girls. The support they give to each other and the games are very visible. I'm afraid that is just the frosting on the cake; I would guess that some of those young athletes from previous teams also served to enhance the local scene without the use of this scheme.

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CIF-SS BULLETIN—5
COMMUNICATION... an ever increasing challenge to our member schools! As an aid in this regard, each month the CIF-SS directs a newsletter to each boy's and girl's athletic director.

The newsletter highlights sports, includes professional growth listings, games wanted and coaching vacancies, directory of schools changes and a feature article or two of interest to our professionals.

Although our Blue Book states that the building principal is the individual charged with the overall responsibility of the rules and regulations, we also realize that the Athletic Director is charged with the everyday implementation of those policies. So it is in your direction that schedule requests, questionnaires and informational bulletins are sent via the CIF-SS newsletter.

We hope the newsletter enables you to be more effective in your job and with your staff.

TONY BALSAMO  BARBARA WILSON

BALSAMO AND WILSON NAMED TO NEW POSTS

Congratulations are in order for Southern Section State CIF representatives, Tony Balsamo and Barbara Wilson.

Balsamo, principal of Apple Valley and past president of the Southern Section, has been elected to the position of President-Elect of the State Federation of Coaches.

Wilson, assistant principal at Beverly Hills and CIF-SS Executive Committee member, is the first woman to be elected to the State CIF Administrative Committee.

Both Balsamo and Wilson have strong backgrounds in athletics and administration and as new welds the problems which exist in governing high school athletics and will make a valuable addition to their respective state bodies.

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now tax payers. They will have no problem supporting the total program in the future because they have been taught to support the total program.

All of us have witnessed the same enthusiasm displayed in coed track. Does your school have the same contagious enthusiasm in basketball? We all could cite examples where the opposite attitude exists. Times have changed—and now our attitudes need to change.

Allow me to restate my point. I am not concerned how schools schedule games or practices; but rather the attitude of the coach of boys basketball toward girls basketball and vice versa.

The attitude in our young people today will either make us or break us tomorrow.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES (continued from page 3)

7. TREASURER’S REPORT — Mr. James Faul, treasurer, updated the Executive Committee on dues requirements and the support income area.

8. ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS SYMPOSIUM — Commissioner Ray Plutko and Administrative Assistant Margaret Davis reported on the response from Southern Section athletic directors on the Athletic Administrators Symposium. Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to direct the CIF-SS Office to conduct the symposium as a yearly event.

9. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DATE CHANGE — It was moved, seconded and passed to cancel the previously scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee of February 19, 1981 and combine it with the meeting of March 5, 1981.

10. GIRLS’ THREE MILE CROSS COUNTRY DISTANCE FOR 1981-82 — Mr. Dean Crowley, administrative assistant, reported the results of a coaches’ survey in cross country, noting that the State CIF had just approved the three mile distance for girls. It was moved, seconded and passed to increase the distance from two miles to three miles in girls’ cross country for CIF-SAC championships beginning the 1981-82 season. Leagues still retain the option, however, of conducting their meets at the two mile distance should they so desire.

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that sport only a couple months of the year, hockey has both winter and summer seasons and basketball slows down little in the spring but is in full bloom in the summer and doesn’t even take a breather in the fall. By their nature, some sports don’t fit in the above categories although that doesn’t necessarily mean specialization isn’t in the picture. Baseball is a spring-summer activity as are softball and golf. Football doesn’t have anything besides a school season in the fall unless you consider the year-round weight-training of a lot of boys as specialization. Tennis, on the other hand, is more toward year-round dimensions while gymnastics always could be given that description. And between them, track and cross country take up virtually the entire year.

Back to the question: What about specialization?

It cannot be denied that for some youngsters — no matter how much anyone might — involvement in a single sport is their “piece of cake.” Some kids simply aren’t interested in doing anything but running, whirling around a high bar, swinging a tennis racket, etc. The vast majority of them are self-motivated although they may be influenced by coaches, parents or some other person. Perhaps, for their own benefit, they ought to give another activity a chance. But, it would be unfair to say that the kind of ‘‘specialists’’ are involved in something bad as long as they’re happy in what they’re doing and not somebody else’s (that they do this one thing all the time.

On the other hand, there are students today — too many students in too many sports at too many of our schools — who are concentrating on one activity not because this is what they want but because of one or two or both of these reasons: (a) influence; coercion, prodding or whatever you want to call it on the part of a coach, parent or some other person to “stick” to one sport because that’s the only way to get to the top.” and (b) Overly organized kid programs (pre-high school) with levels of competition going far beyond the local community all the way to state and national championships.

The athletic director, principal or whoever it is with the basic responsibility in the school (in addition to the coaches) to make sure athletics is an educational experience can’t solve all the problems of specialization. Maybe he can try to keep the marts rolled up and the basketballs locked up in the gym; the kids can’t cross-country and often he is challenged with the banner of “open gym.”

The coach, on the other hand, appears to be the key to the problem. If the coach truly concerned about the total boy and the total man or she will not allow these boys and girls to concentrate on (continued on page 4)

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sport. The coach who is interested in the total person will encourage that student to get involved in at least one more activity. It is a sad thing to realize that some youngsters never get the chance to know how great an experience another activity might have been simply because they were influenced to stay with one sport.

We must remember that high school athletics never were intended to provide boys and girls with the one-in-a-million chance to make the grade in professional sports or gain a berth on an Olympic team. And equally important, we must strike out of our minds that high school athletes ever were intended to provide opportunities for boys and girls to receive scholarships to colleges even though most (continued on page 8)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING 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: ALCOHOL & DRUGS — AN ISSUE IN VIRGINIA

COMMENT: The Virginia High School State Association wants their member schools to take a strong stand against participants or personnel who possess or use alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, calling for schools who fail to take appropriate action to be subject to possible disciplinary action by the Virginia State Association.

ITEM: BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT FOR COACHES IN KANSAS

COMMENT: All coaches in Kansas are required to take an "open book" exam in their respective sports if they fail to attend the Kansas State High School Association sponsored mandatory rules meetings.

ITEM: MUSIC IS NOT IN MICHIGAN

COMMENT: Band leaders beware! By action of the Michigan Representative Council, all musical instruments are NOT to be allowed at district, regional, quarter-final or semi-final tournaments. This regulation was needed says Michigan to conserve space, lessen expense to schools and avoid unnecessary confusion. The same council eliminated all halftime performances.

ITEM: "WALK ON COACH" UNHEARD OF PROBLEM IN MISSOURI

COMMENT: With the growing popularity of "walk on" coaches becoming more and more prevalent in California schools, can you imagine a state which requires all coaches to be certified teachers or administrators? Such is the case in the state of Missouri where only fully certified teachers are eligible to assume coaching duties.

ITEM: JUST MOVE 'EM INDOORS!

COMMENT: It never rains in California but when it does, our competitions are postponed, delayed or cancelled. However, under Kansas State Girls Tennis Tournament regulations we find this rule, "In case of rain, the meet may be moved indoors." Now that's a facility!

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GROUND MATERIAL RELATED TO SOCCER AND A REQUEST BY SEVERAL SMALL SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FALL SEASON.

Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to approve such a waiver provided the schools did not field a football team and that the school involved not be eligible for CIF-SS playoffs.

12. THOUSAND OAKS, NEWBURY PARK, HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL PROGRAM

Mr. Robert Davis, administrative assistant, presented an overview of the situation involving a violation of the CIF-SS Outside Competition Rule. Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to discontinue the case involved to appear before the CIF-SS Executive Committee at its next meeting of December 4, 1980.

13. OUTSIDE ASSOCIATION RULE VIOLATIONS

The commissioner raised a question concerning the criteria schools using "walk on" coaches should adopt. It was moved, seconded and passed to require that schools involved to appear before the CIF-SS Executive Committee at its next meeting for discussion.

14. L.A. BAPTIST HIGH SCHOOL

The meeting notified the Commissioner that the Religious Area representative, reviewed a request for Girls' reclassification from L.A. Baptist H.S. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the request.

15. C.F. NEW WORLD CORPORATION

Mr. Tony Balamaci and Commissioner Plutko presented information on the New World Corporation indicating that this fund raising group did have "雷锋" national Federation of Mathematics and Science approval and would be approaching Southern Section H.S. schools with details of this optional program.

16. DESERT AREA RELAQUEENING

Mr. Ray Plutko reclassified for Desert Area reclassification on the status of the Desert Area reclassification program. The program was received and passed to support the interpretation of the reclassifying process as outlined by Commissioner Plutko.

17. JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

Next meeting was set for December 15 at 7:45 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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APPROVED BY:

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When it comes to athletics, sportsmanship is essential. It helps create a positive environment in which athletes can thrive and enjoy the game. It also promotes a sense of camaraderie and mutual respect among players, coaches, and officials. By demonstrating good sportsmanship, individuals can help foster a culture of integrity and respect in sports, which can extend beyond the playing field to other aspects of life.

This commitment is even more crucial in the context of the CIF-SS Products, which play a significant role in high school athletics. These products are designed to support athletes, coaches, and administrators in their efforts to create meaningful and enjoyable experiences for all participants. By upholding the principles of good sportsmanship, we can ensure that these products are used in ways that promote educational and personal growth, and that they contribute to a positive athletic environment.