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TIME FOR FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS NEAR

Football champions of the 24 leagues of the C. I. F., Southern Section will be determined in the next few days. Calibre of the championship playoffs in the Central, Southern, and Northern Groups will be of the highest order, based on the excellent showing made by many of the teams to date.

The September Bulletin outlined the drawings for the Central Playoffs, which will start on November 25 and end December 16 with the Championship Game in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Northern and Southern Groups Playoffs will be arranged by the C. I. F. Office as soon as the winners of the various leagues are determined and reported to the Commissioner of Athletics. Playoffs for both Groups will start November 25 and end December 9. Schools winning their league championships are urged to contact the C. I. F. Office early Monday morning following the game in which they clinch their title.

Football playoffs regulations are listed in the Blue Book on pages 24 to 28. Paragraph 6 on page 28, pertaining to tie games in the playoffs, has been amended so that a tie in the final championship game will result in a dual championship. Officials for the playoffs will be named by the C. I. F. Office.

C. I. F. Southern Section Football Champions throughout the years have been:

1916 San Diego	1933 Inglewood
1917 Manual Arts	1934 Long Beach Poly
1918 Fullerton	1935 Santa Barbara
1919 Long Beach Poly	1936 Long Beach Poly
1920 Santa Monica	1937 Glendale
1921 Santa Ana	1938 Santa Barbara
1922 San Diego	1939 Alhambra
1923 Long Beach Poly	1940 Santa Barbara
1924 Glendale	1941 Santa Monica
1925 Covina	1942 Redondo
1926 Covina	1943 Redondo - Keppel
1927 Fullerton	1944 no playoff
1928 no playoff	1945 no playoff
1929 Long Beach Poly	1946 Alhambra
1930 Long Beach Poly	1947 Santa Monica
1931 Santa Ana	1948 St. Anthony's
1932 Inglewood	1949 Compton
1950 ? ? ? ? ?	

COUNCIL MEETING DEC. 16

The regular meeting of the C. I. F., Southern Section Council will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 9:30 A. M. in Room 418, the Senate Chambers of the Student Union Building, on the U. S. C. campus, in Los Angeles.

This will be the first meeting of the Council

this year. Several important items are already on the agenda, including suggestions for re-leaguings; report of the committee studying the problem of sanctioned tournaments and track meets; report of the committee on C. I. F., Southern Section track and field; applications for membership by new schools; and the rule that all teams must be coached by a certified teacher.

Coaches, Directors of Athletics, and Principals are always welcome at these important Council meetings. School representatives may take part in the deliberations; voting is limited to official league representatives.

The Council meetings will be concluded in time for attendance at the Championship Football game to be played at the Coliseum at 2:00.

ADDITIONAL APPROVED SANCTIONED EVENTS

Since our last Bulletin, the Commissioner's Office has received applications for sanctioned events, and approved them, for the following schools:

Dec. 5-8 Anaheim HS Orange County Class B Basketball Tournament

Dec. 13-16 Jordan HS, Long Beach, Basketball Tournament

Jan. 13, 1951 San Diego HS Novice Wrestling Tournament and meetings of C. I. F. Wrestling Coaches

Feb. 23-24 Santa Monica HS Invitational Class B Basketball Tournament

March 16 El Monte HS Track Relays

March 20-22 Puente HS Baseball Tournament

March 21-24 Santa Monica HS 36th Dudley Tennis Tournament

May 17-18 Black-Foxe Military Academy 14th Annual Invitational Preparatory Schools Swimming and Diving Meet.

CROSS COUNTRY

December 1 and 8 are the dates for the running of 1950 C. I. F., Southern Section Cross Country Championships, at the Long Beach Recreation Park course.

Entry blanks are in the mail to all track coaches. They must be returned to the C. I. F. Office by Wednesday, November 22, the closing day for entries. Based on enrollment as of October 31, 1950, five or six teams will be grouped into races starting at 2:00. Plaques will be awarded to each group winner, and these teams will go on to the finals December 8. Individual boys winning first place in their groups will also qualify for the finals.

In addition to the winning team and boy in

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each group race, the two second place teams with the fastest total elapsed running time will qualify for the finals. Similarly, the two fastest second place boys of the preliminary races will qualify to run in the finals. This provision will eliminate the possibility of a school with the second best team of all thirty or forty entries being eliminated in one of the preliminary group races on December 1.

The best time in the finals last year was made by Bonham of Whittier, 9:25.9, and his fine effort helped Whittier High School to win the team championship.

VETERAN COACH URGES CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

Mr. Ernst F. Hartmann, track and cross country coach at Compton High School, is one of our most ardent boosters for cross country competition. Always willing to get in and work to make track and field activities bigger and better, Hartmann believes that cross country is a wonderful way to interest more boys in the distance races.

We publish herewith a letter we recently received from Mr. Hartmann, and endorse it wholeheartedly.

"During the last two or three years I have heard the following remarks from several of the track and cross country coaches: 'Why is it that we cannot create an interest in cross country?' And 'Why is it that we cannot interest more boys in distance races?'"

"In regard to creating interest in cross country, several of the coaches close the door to interest when they refuse to complete a full schedule. I personally believe each league should have a schedule and hold a league meet and then enter the C. I. F. Championships.

"I have heard from two coaches already this year, stating that they did not plan to enter a team because they did not have a chance for the championship. How are you going to build up interest if you refuse to let the boys get into the top meets of the year? Checking back over the past records of some of our top cross coun-

try teams, I believe one will find that the going was tough at the start. My boys look forward to the C. I. F. Cross Country Championships as a climax to the season; I believe that every coach in southern California with a cross country team should enter this event no matter how strong his team might be.

"Give the boy a chance to compete as well as to see what the other boys can do.

"Kindest regards,"

B. F. Hartmann
Compton High School

1950-51 BASKETBALL RULES

The National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada, the official name of the group that yearly modifies basketball rules, has some changes for us again this year. The major change in the 50-51 rules is the elimination of the so-called two-minute rule. The National Basketball Committee is composed of representatives of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations, the AAU, the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association, the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union, the NCAA, and the YMCA.

The two-minute rule is gone. Once more there is a 32 minute game (forty for college) so far as playing rules are concerned. There is no longer any special penalty for personal fouls in the last part of the game, and no clock-stopping on all dead balls.

Excessive substitutions by coaches seeking to lengthen the playing period led to the clock-stopping rule in effect last year. A new rule for substitutions will be in effect, and substitutions may be made only when the ball is dead and time is out. Time is out in 1950-51 rules for every jump ball. Substitutions, then, may be made when time is out for a jump ball, when time is out for a foul, when a time out has been granted, and when the official signals time out for unusual delay in getting the ball into play. Note that both the ball must be dead and time must be out when the scorers signal a substitute is ready to enter.

Another major change is the elimination of the official's time-out in the second and fourth quarters. Most of the coaches and officials agreed last year that the liberal time-out allowances and frequent substitutions make his provision unnecessary. Many times last year we saw the mandatory official's time out taken just a few seconds after a team had taken a charged time-out. The new modification will stop this needless delay of our basketball games.

Stopping the clock for jump balls will probably lengthen the time required for a basketball game. Last year, according to a national high school survey, there was an average of 18 jump balls in a game. For about 8 of these, the clock was stopped anyway. So 10 jump-ball clock-stopping situations will be added. It takes about 5 seconds to administer the jump, so the game may be lengthened by about a minute. There is more chance of lengthening the game through

the taking of several time-outs to get the clock stopped in the last few minutes. The present over-all time of a high school basketball game is about one hour and 14 minutes. It is suggested that if a Class B game is set for 7:00 P. M., the Varsity game should be scheduled for 8:30.

The penalty for personal foul rule, covered in Rule 10, Section 7, has been re-written. The purpose of re-writing is to encourage officials to award the extra free throw if (a) "the foul is committed for the purpose of profiting by it or when the offending player is in an unfavorable position with little chance to reach the ball and does not make reasonable effort to avoid contact; or (b) if the offended player is trying for field goal and is not successful." Note that under (a), even if the player tried for goal and was successful, it is permissible to give two free throws if the offending player has little chance to reach the ball and does not make reasonable effort to avoid contact.

H. V. Porter, Executive Secretary of the National Federation, and also Secretary of the National Basketball Committee, gives us this background information for the new 2 free-throws penalty:

"The foul which draws 2 free throws will cause much discussion. In presenting the matter it may be helpful to review the following statements. (a) The National Committee favored a rule which awarded 2 free throws for any personal foul. They adopted such a rule by overwhelming vote, but later rescinded it to give a year's trial of the present rule. All felt that the present penalty of one free throw is too light and does not balance the value of possible possession after the throw. If it is claimed that most fouls at the end of the game will draw 2 throws, so what? (b) The present rule backs up the Official if he awards 2 throws for practically any personal foul by the defense near the end of a game and especially if they are behind in the score. (c) The Official will award 2 free throws for any personal foul if there is any suspicion that it is intentional. (d) A player is expected to try to avoid contact just as much near the end of a game as he does earlier in the game."

The major rules changes for this coming basketball season will simplify basketball officiating. They tend to erase the few differences between the high school and the college games.

FOOTBALL RULES QUESTIONNAIRE

Football coaches in our high schools will have an opportunity to voice their opinion on the 1950 National Federation Football Rules, and to make recommendations to Federation National Rules Committee concerning the 1951 code. Just a few days ago, the C. I. F., Southern Section Office sent out a questionnaire to all football coaches; coaches are asked to return the questionnaire to the C. I. F. Office, 8760 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles 34, on or before December 1.

The Commissioner's Office will tabulate the results, advise Mr. Larry Houston, the California State Committeeman on the Rules Committee,

and forward the compilations to the National Federation Office for use at the National Committee meeting in Mobile, Alabama December 30, 1950. The 1949 meeting of this National Football Rules Committee was held in Santa Monica.

The questionnaire is divided into two parts. Part One checks opinion of the 1950 Rules; Part Two checks opinion on suggestions for the 1951 Rules. In the opinion of the Commissioner, the questionnaire might have included a query on the acceptance of the rule permitting down field blocking on a forward pass completed behind the line of scrimmage (Rule 7-5-6). It is suggested to our coaches that they comment on this provision on the back side of the questionnaire, if they wish.

We know from personal experience that these tabulations are carefully considered by the National Rules Committee. This feature of the National Federation is one of the several advantages in their program. If additional copies of the questionnaire are desired, they may be secured in limited quantity from the C. I. F. Office.

Football coaches, here is your chance to make your voice heard. Don't pass up the opportunity!

POLICIES OF C.I.F., SOUTHERN SECTION PARALLEL THOSE OF NATIONAL FEDERATION

The National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations, with headquarters in Chicago consists of 46 state associations which have united to secure the benefits of cooperative action to eliminate duplication of work and to increase efficiency in conducting high school athletic activities. California joined the National Federation in 1940.

It is interesting to compare the policies which have been established by this national association with those policies which were derived as our own organization grew from its small beginnings back at the turn of the century. Fundamentally, the two bodies developed as the need arose to protect the athletic interest of high schools, to stimulate a type of interscholastic athletics which is educational in both objective and method and which is a part of the high school curriculum, and to guard against exploitation of high school boys for purposes having no educational implications.

Over a period of years, the National Federation has taken specific action to encourage strict regulation of athletic events. It has developed what it calls the "Ten Cardinal Athletic Principles", which were drawn up by a committee representing the National Federation and the American Association of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. The principles were adopted at the annual Federation meeting held at St. Petersburg, Florida in 1947. The AAHPER adopted them at its Seattle meeting in 1948.

We quote from the National Federation Handbook:

"To be of maximum effectiveness, the athletic

program will:

"1. Be closely coordinated with the general instructional program and properly articulated with the other departments of the school.

"2. Be such that the number of students accommodated and the educational aims achieved justify the use of tax funds for its support and also justify use of other sources of income, provided the time and attention which is given to the collection of such funds is not such as to interfere with the efficiency of the athletic program or of any other department of the school.

"3. Be based on the spirit of non-professionalism so that participation is regarded as a privilege to be won by training and proficiency and to be valued highly enough to eliminate any need for excessive use of adulatory demonstrations or of expensive prizes or awards.

"4. Confine the school athletic activity to events which are sponsored and supervised by the proper use of authorities so that exploitation or improper use of prestige built up by school teams or members of such teams may be avoided.

"5. Be planned so as to result in opportunity for many individuals to explore a wide variety of sports and in reasonable season limits for each sport.

"6. Be controlled so as to avoid the elements of professionalism and commercialism which tend to grow up in connection with widely publicized "Bowl" contests, barnstorming trips and interstate or intersectional contests which require excessive travel expense or loss of school time or which are bracketed with educational travel claims in an attempt to justify privileges for a few at the expense of decreased opportunity for many.

"7. Be kept free from the type of contest which involves a gathering of so-called "all-stars" from different schools to participate in contests which may be used as a gathering place for representatives of certain colleges or professional organizations who are interested in soliciting athletic talent.

"8. Include training in conduct and game ethics to reach all non-participating students and community followers of the school teams in order to insure a proper understanding and appreciation of the sports skills and of the need for adherence to principles of fair play and right prejudices.

"9. To encourage a balanced program of intramural activity in grades below the ninth to make it unnecessary to sponsor contests of a championship nature in these grades.

"10. Engender respect for the local, state, and national rules and policies under which the school program is conducted."

Are there any policies in these Ten Cardinal Principles with which we do not fully agree?

16 mm FILMS AVAILABLE

Colored motion pictures of some of the C. I. F., Southern Section's outstanding athletic events are available to our member schools at

no cost. The films, taken by H. Lee Hansen, are 16 mm size. They are excellent for showing to student assemblies, as well as to create interest among boys who are practicing on our squads.

Football game films available are: Washington HS, Los Angeles vs Cathedral HS 1947 Sa.?

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San Diego HS vs Santa Monica HS, championship 1947

Catholic League Football Carnival 1947
St. Anthony's HS vs Santa Barbara HS, championship 1948

Compton HS vs Santa Barbara HS, championship 1949

Track championship event films available are:

C. I. F., Southern Section Track Finals 1947

C. I. F., Southern Section Track Finals 1948

C. I. F., Southern Section Track Finals 1949

C. I. F., Southern Section Track Finals 1950

Requests for these films will be services on a first come, first served basis. Plan for your showings of some of these films, and get on our reservation list now.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES ARE WORKING

Two committees of our C. I. F., Southern Section are hard at work on difficult problems. The committee on sanctioned events is headed by Mr. Robert Farrar, Principal of Santa Ana High School, who serves as chairman; members are Dr. Norman Scharer and Mr. John Wilson, Principals of Alhambra and Long Beach Jordan High Schools respectively. This committee is considering the advisability of continuing or modifying the policies under which the Commissioner's Office approved requests for tournaments and meets.

The C. I. F. Track Committee 1951 has already given much thought to various plans for conducting the 1951 Track Championships. Under the chairmanship of Mr. Bruce Lawson, Principal of Mark Keppel High School, the committee met November first in a day-long session. Two proposals have been outlined and mailed to the track coaches, who are asked to evaluate the plans and make further recommendations to the committee. The committee will meet again later this month.

Our school men who give their time and effort on these projects do so of their own free will, with no idea of recompense or thank you. Their enthusiasm and sincerity to make our program a better one for both the boys and the schools is of the highest order. Let us hope that the recommendations of our committees will be received in the same manner in which they are tendered. The committees and the C. I. F. Office will be most pleased to receive constructive criticism from anyone interested in improving the conduct of our athletic events.