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A NEW LEAGUE WILL BEGIN COMPETITION WITH BASKETBALL SEASON

For the past couple of years the Parochial League, although enjoying excellent competition, has had much difficulty because of the great distances between member schools of the league. Last winter the league invited in some free lance schools and other schools having problems to see if something could not be worked out in the matter of relegating which would best serve the interests of all concerned.

After a thorough study of the problem it was decided to cut the Parochial League down to six members and form a new league of six members to be known as the Olympic league. The makeup of the two leagues is as follows:

PAROCHIAL LEAGUE

Mary Star of the Sea, San Pedro
Mater Dei, Santa Ana
Mission, San Gabriel
Pomona Catholic
St. Francis, Flintridge
St. John Vianney, Los Angeles

OLYMPIC LEAGUE

Bell-Jefferson, Burbank
Chaminade, Los Angeles
Harvard School
Lutheran, Los Angeles
St. Agnes, Los Angeles
St. Monica's, Santa Monica

We wish these new leagues every success and are happy to welcome them into Southern Section competition.

WRESTLING RULE RELAXED

Coaches and high school athletes will be happy to learn that the State Council of the CIF has made a change in one of their regulations pertaining to wrestling. In our Southern Section Bluebook, paragraph 14, page 48, it states as follows: "Any boy who takes part in an exhibition of boxing or wrestling, not under the direct control of his school, shall be disbarred from further high school athletic competition of any kind for the period of one year from the date of the last offense."

The word "wrestling" should now be deleted

APPROVED SANCTIONED EVENTS

The following is a supplemental list of approved sanctioned events since publishing of September Bulletin:

BASKETBALL

Dec. 7, 8, 9, 10 1955 Mt. Carmel Invitational Tournament
Dec. 14, 15, 16, 17, 1955 San Gabriel Mission HS Invitational Basketball Tournament
Dec. 15, 16, 17, 1955 Sweetwater Union HS Invitational "B" Basketball Tournament
Dec. 17, 19, 20, 1955 Avalon Invitational Basketball Tournament
Dec. 20, 21, 22, 1955 Santa Maria HS Invitational Basketball Tournament
Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23, 1955 4th Annual Santa Ynez Valley UHS Invitational Basketball Tournament
Dec. 21, 22, 1955 Holtville Basketball Tournament
Dec. 26, 27, 28, 1955 Banning Invitational Basketball Tournament
Dec. 27, 28, 29, 30 5th Annual Basketball Tournament, Fillmore

CROSS COUNTRY

Nov. 4, 1955 13th Annual Aztec Invitational Cross Country Meet at San Diego Hoover HS

TRACK

March 23, 1956 Ventura HS 20-30 Club Relays at Ventura HS
Apr. 6, 1956 Desert-Inyo Relay Carnival at China Lake Burroughs HS
Apr. 14, 1956 Russell Cup Track and Field Meet at Carpinteria HS

from the above paragraph in the Blue Book. The Council was of the opinion that amateur wrestling as conducted by AAU groups and YMCA's was a wholesome activity and our high school boys should be permitted to participate without loss of eligibility. The rule still applies to boxing and of course wrestling in any form for money is not allowed. It is hoped that some of our fine young CIF wrestlers may someday represent Uncle Sam in the Olympic Games in this fine old sport.

In connection with wrestling, attention is called to an important meeting of wrestling coaches to be held at Whittier HS, on Saturday, November 5, at 10:00 AM.

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MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 26, 1955

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, B. L. Bergstrom, at Hoover HS, San Diego, Monday, September 26, 1955 at 10:00 AM. Those present were B. L. Bergstrom, El Monte HS; Oliver Corbin, Covina HS; Frank Hopkins, Brea-Olinda HS; B. F. Jamison, Centennial HS; Floyd Johnson, San Diego Hoover HS; Winston Nelson, Pomona HS; Douglas White, Santa Barbara HS; and Kenneth Fagans, Commissioner of Athletics.

1. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Minutes of the June meeting of the Executive Committee be approved as published in the September, 1955, Monthly Bulletin.

2. It was moved, seconded, and carried, that the Executive Committee recommend to the SS Council that the following schools be accepted as regular members of the CIF, SS: Arrowview Jr. HS of San Bernardino, Northridge Military Academy, Rancho High School of Las Vegas, San Bernardino Catholic Boys HS, Buena Park HS (1956), and Azusa HS (1956).

3. The Southern California Football Officials' Association submitted a list of retired members who are to receive gold life passes from the association. It was requested that our CIF, SS schools honor these passes at all athletic contests. It was moved, seconded, and carried, that because of the great service performed by these retired officials to our SS schools, the gold life passes would be honored for admission to any SS athletic contest.

4. The Long Beach Bowling Association requested an interpretation of our eligibility rules pertaining to our high school athletes who bowl on teams that win prize money. They specifically asked if the boys could bowl and retain their amateur status if they signed waivers ahead of time stating that they would not accept any monetary award. It was decided that our present rule

in the Blue Book, Article IV, par. B, page 13, defining an amateur, adequately covered the situation. The particular section that applies to this case is as follows "An amateur is one that has not competed in any game or contest where any member of his team receives compensation." With this rule in mind any boy who is a member of a bowling team where one or more members receive money would lose his amateur status.

5. Opening dates for football practice in 1956 and 1957 were discussed. The secretary was instructed to check past policies on this matter and present suggested dates at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

6. The football playoff financial regulations are basically the same as for the 1954 playoffs. A mimeographed Bulletin outlining the playoff regulations will be sent to principals of all schools early in November, whose football teams have an opportunity to qualify for the playoffs.

7. The Awards Committee made a report concerning a new type of award to replace the present plaque to be presented to schools winning CIF, SS championships. Three companies presented sample trophies for consideration. None of the trophies presented met with the approval of the Committee, and suggested changes were recommended. The secretary was instructed to notify the companies of these changes which were to be effected and presented at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

8. The Commissioner of Athletics brought up the problem of officials losing out on games due to clerical errors made by our schools, or by the CIF Office. In processing thousands of individual assignments, errors in time or date in scheduling of games is sometimes made, and the official who has accepted the game in good faith, arrives at the schools and finds that the game will be played on the following day, or was played on the previous day. This situation arises many times during the school year and there is no provision made to compensate the official for travel expenses or time lost. It was moved, seconded, and carried that when the CIF Office makes a clerical error in the assigning of an official, and the official makes the trip to the school and is not able to work the game, that the official shall be paid one half of the fee he would normally be entitled to if he had worked the game. It was also recommended by the Executive Committee that all schools adopt this policy when the error is directly the fault of one of the schools involved.

9. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Audit for the 1954-55 fiscal year be accepted as presented.

10. It was moved, seconded, and carried that at the end of this fiscal year, the auditor be instructed to take an inventory of all real property owned by the CIF, SS and write off any property no longer in existence.

11. An invitation was extended to the CIF, SS by the Los Angeles City Section, to engage in a Cross Country Meet on December 15th, at U.C.L.A. It was moved, seconded, and carried that this matter should be tabled, and referred to the SS Council at their meeting in December

for decision. The secretary was instructed to notify all league representatives concerning this proposed cross country meet so that the wishes of the leagues in this matter could be expressed at the Council meeting.

12. Mr. Fagans reported that football clinics were held for the benefit of officials, administrators, and coaches for all schools in the following central locations: El Centro, September 8; China Lake, September 10; and Ventura, Sept 12. These clinics were conducted by Mr. Ed Wagner, Instructional Chairman of the So. Calif. Football Officials' Assoc. The clinics were well received and will aid materially in promoting better football for our high schools. It was also reported that basketball clinics will be conducted this fall for any leagues that are interested. Basketball clinics have already been scheduled for Ventura on Dec. 7, and Lone Pine on Dec. 17. Any other areas interested in having the CIF Office conduct a clinic are urged to contact the CIF Office at the earliest possible date.

13. Chairman, B. L. Bergstrom set the date of Monday, October 24, 10:00 A.M., for the first meeting of the relegating committee for the 1955-56 school year, to be held in the Superintendents office at El Monte High School.

14. Eligibility cases presented:

a. Riverside Poly HS requested a ruling in the case of an Indian boy, a non-letterman, who came from a reservation in Arizona to live with his brother in Riverside. It was moved, seconded, and carried that because there had been no change of address on the part of the parent this boy would be ineligible for one semester.

b. Riverside Poly HS also requested a ruling on the following case: a boy was living with his father in San Bernardino last year and attended St. Bernadine's HS where he earned a "B" football letter. This September the boy came to live with his mother in Riverside and entered Riverside Poly HS. The parents were divorced over a year ago, and at that time the court awarded the custody of the boy to either parent. Is the boy eligible immediately at Riverside HS? It was moved, seconded, and carried that when the court awards the custody of the boy to either parent the boy would become immediately eligible at Riverside Poly HS when he establishes residence with his mother. It was pointed out however, that the CIF would not approve this boy's eligibility if he fluctuated between the two parents. In other words, he is eligible on this first move, but if any subsequent moves take place the boy would have to be declared ineligible.

c. Puente HS presented the following case for a ruling: David McBride lettered in B-football at Puente HS in the 1954 season. He transferred to El Monte HS in January, 1955, was ineligible at El Monte HS and returned to Puente HS in March, 1955. He is now asking about his eligibility for the current football season. It was moved, seconded, and carried, that McBride being a letterman, regardless of where he lettered, would come under the letterman rule regarding transfers. As this boy transferred from El Monte to Puente in March, 1955, without a change of address on the part of his parents he would be

ineligible for one year. He will become eligible for athletics at Puente HS in February, 1956.

d. Palm Springs HS presented the following case for interpretation: Bill Harrison was a student at Palm Springs HS in the school year 1953-54. At the conclusion of that year he and his folks moved to Texas. The boy attended a Texas HS during the 1954-55 school year, but did not participate in athletics. The past summer his parents moved to Colorado and Bill Harrison returned to Palm Springs HS where he is now residing with his aunt and uncle. It was moved, seconded, and carried that this boy would not be eligible at Palm Springs HS for one semester, because of a violation of the transfer rule.

15. It was moved, seconded, and carried that it be recommended to the SS Council that \$100 be donated to the 1956 Olympic Team Games Fund.

16. A clarification was requested concerning the payment of dues by member schools to the CIF, SS. At the present time dues are set at 4c per A.D.A., and are based on the previous year's attendance. A problem has arisen in Southern California due to the large number of new schools being established, and so many old schools losing attendance, therefore, it was the opinion of the Executive Committee that the present rule was not equitable. After much discussion, it was moved by Floyd Johnson, and seconded by Oliver Corbin to request the Council to change the present CIF regulation concerning dues to read as follows: "The annual dues shall not exceed five cents per pupil enrolled. The Executive Committee shall determine the dues for the year at the time of its September meeting. Dues shall be based on the enrollment figures as reported on October 31, in the Principal's October Report, of the current year.

17. The present transfer rule as found in the Blue Book, Article VIII, Paragraph 2, page 17, appears to need a clarification. It was moved, seconded, and carried that it be recommended to the Council that Paragraph 2 should be changed to read as follows:

"A pupil who transfers from one high school to another must have been eligible under the rules of the CIF, SS, in the school from which he transferred. He must bring evidence that he was compelled to transfer on account of change of address of his legal parents, or guardian; otherwise he must have been in the new school at least ten weeks of the semester immediately preceding before he becomes eligible. A BOY WHO HAS EVER PARTICIPATED IN AN INTERSCHOOL ATHLETIC CONTEST AND TRANSFERS FROM ONE SCHOOL TO ANOTHER, WITHOUT A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OF PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST BE IN THE SECOND SCHOOL ONE YEAR BEFORE HE BECOMES ELIGIBLE. THIS RULE APPLIES TO A BOY WHO HAS PLAYED AGAINST ANOTHER SCHOOL, EVEN FOR ONE MINUTE, IN A PRACTICE OR LEAGUE CONTEST

INVOLVING ANY TYPE OF SCHOOL TEAM."

The part of this rule that is to be changed appears in CAPS. You will note that instead of the term letterman, which is a difficult thing to define in most schools, it is the intent to have any boy who participates against another school come under what was formerly known as the letterman transfer rule. The above paragraph also eliminates specific mention of lettermen who are moving from one school to another, within the CIF, SS. The new wording would make the rule apply not only to lettermen moving within the SS, but to athletes who come from other sections, other states, and other countries. The above wording is subject to revision after discussion at the Council meeting.

18. It was moved, seconded and carried that the sending of a member of the Council to the National Federation Convention in June, be referred to the Council for action, at their meeting in December.

19. It was moved, seconded and carried that the matter of televising high school football games be referred to the Council for a thorough study so that a policy can be established for future years.

20. It was moved, seconded, and carried that Floyd Johnson, and Hoover HS of San Diego be thanked for hosting this meeting of the Executive Committee. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
KEN FAGANS
Commissioner of Athletics

ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICIALS

The Commissioner of Athletics Office performs a great many services for the member schools throughout the year. One of the many services which requires many hours of preparation is that of assigning officials for our inter-scholastic athletic program. Due to the tremendous increase in games and officials needed to work these games, the task is one which requires the full time attention of one person with additional clerical assistance from time to time.

In an effort to give our schools a more complete picture concerning the assignment of officials and the problems involved, we have compiled a number of statistics showing the increase in assignments over the past years, as follows:

	Football	Basketball	Baseball	Totals
1951	1570	976	589	3,135
1952	1638	966	608	3,212
1953	1734	1352	670	3,756
1954	2098	1527	797	4,422
1955*			1,013	

*Baseball is spring sport, therefore football and basketball statistics will not be compiled until Fall for 1955, but estimated total is 5,000.

The above statistics do not indicate the number of officials actually contacted to secure the necessary personnel to work the games. Approximately 30% of all the assignments made are turned down by officials due to previous commit-

ments. As an example, last year in football it was necessary to contact approximately 2800 officials to secure the 2098 to work the games. This again does not indicate any assignments that are made by phone, which is necessary when officials are still needed within three or four days of the game.

The detailed work which accompanies the assignment of officials is very time consuming. First of all, the schedules must be secured from the schools; and if changes are made after receipt of the schedule, these must be posted in our master assignment book. Then the coaches' preferred lists must be secured and the data recorded on personnel cards for each of the 420 football, 374 basketball, and 189 baseball officials that we use in making assignments. As the assignments are made, based on the coaches' preference lists, written invitations are mailed to each official, and he returns one copy indicating whether he accepts or rejects the invitation. This data is recorded on the master assignment sheet for each game.

Care must be taken in the selection of officials so a good working crew of men is assured. Some officials are qualified to officiate in football at any of the four positions; some are qualified at only one or two of the four positions; therefore we must secure men who are qualified to officiate at the position to which they are appointed.

After the crew is secured, notices and rating cards must be mailed to the schools so that checks may be prepared for the officials, and so the coaches may rate the officials on their work performance, giving constructive criticism which will aid in improving the educational program undertaken by the officials association. In an effort to assure our schools of better officiating the Commissioners' Office has devised a new rating card for the coming year which will allow the official to see the remarks made by the coaches regarding their officiating. The card will be so constructed that the name of the school and the coach signing the card can be removed and the remainder of the card, indicating the constructive remarks, can be given to the official. The Commissioner's Office will cut the cards and separate them into stacks for each official before mailing them to the secretary of the Officials Association for distribution to the officials.

The CIF Office works on the assignments well in advance of the game date, so that the invitations may be handled economically by postcard, rather than by the expense of telephone calls.

The service performed for these schools is a most valuable one, for it assures each school that the appointments are made by a person highly interested in the athletic program, by an office which represents both schools, and by an agency which has an opportunity to assist in the educational and training program for the officials. The next time you attend a Southern Section football game and note the assigned officials doing their job efficiently and quietly, give a thought to the tremendous amount of planning and detail that preceded their appearance on the field.