OFFICIALS GET PAY RAISE

The SS Council, at their May meeting, took official action which raised the maximum fee which can be paid to officials for night athletic contests, from $12 to $15, effective with the opening contest of the 1956-57 school year. The $12 maximum for afternoon contests remains the same. Attention is called to a little known rule in the Blue Book, page 28, which provides that starters for track and swimming meets shall be furnished shells, or in lieu of shells, $2 per meet is due the official at the regular fee of $12 for afternoon and $15 for night meets.

B. L. BERGSTROM HONORED BY NATIONAL FEDERATION

For many years, Mr. B. L. Bergstrom, or "Bergy" as he is known to many in this multitude of friends, has devoted untold hours in his capacity as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the SS towards improving the high school athletic program in Southern California. So it was only fitting and proper that when "Bergy" attended the 37th Annual Convention of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations as an official delegate from the C.I.F., SS, held June 24-28, 1956, at Jackson Lake Lodge, in Moran, Wyoming, that he should be recognized and signally honored by this important organization in the field of interscholastic athletics.

It came as quite a surprise to "Bergy," and his lovely wife, when they were called to the platform during a business session of the convention to receive recognition for his outstanding service in the field of youth activities. The citation presented to Mr. Bergstrom contained the following statement:

"B. L. Bergstrom, Chairman of the CIF, SS Executive Committee, has for a number of years been a leader in development of the California Federation has unselfishly served the high schools of California for so many years that his influence has been built into the whole school structure of the state and especially of the SS where the school population has grown so rapidly that problems solved today become multiplied problems tomorrow. Mr. Bergstrom has been fortunate in having had broad and varied experience as coach, athletic director, principal and superintendent. This has made him a key figure in the solving of problems which arise in the complicated athletic program of the CIF, SS. His wise counsel has been an important factor in keeping the Section program progressive and effective."

Congratulations "Bergy," and we know that all of your friends in the SS will be most happy to learn that you have received National recognition for your outstanding work.

OFFICiating PROBLEMS RESolved IN DESERT AREA

For the past few years there have been three independent Officials Associations located in Barstow,Bishop, and China Lake, all for the purpose of training and assigning officials to work high school contests in the desert area. These groups have had different interpretations of rules and have many times employed different mechanics. They have also been in competition with each other in securing assignments for their own officials. All of this has hindered the development of officiating and has caused problems for the schools in the area served by these associations, particularly the desert- into-ino League.

At a meeting of the Desert-Inyo League held in September, representatives from all three associations met with the administrators of the league and the Commissioner of Athletics of the Southern Section in an effort to work out a satisfactory solution to the problem. After a thorough discussion of the existing problems, it was mutually agreed that to best serve the interests of all schools, all three associations should merge into one organization, with a Commissioner appointed to make all assignments for high school contests in that area.

Three names were submitted to the League for consideration as Commissioner, and it was the unanimous vote of the Desert-Inyo League that Mr. Deming Macline, of China Lake be appointed as Commissioner of Officials for the 1956-57 school year. Mr. Macline, who is an outstanding official, has the respect of both officials and administrators, and understands the problems of officiating as they affect our schools. We know that he will do an outstanding job in his new assignment, and wish him the best of luck in this important undertaking.

RULES FILMS AVAILABLE IN SOUTHERN SECTION OFFICE

The Executive Committee of the SS, at their last meeting, approved the purchase of two football, two basketball, and two baseball training films, to be kept in the C.I.F. Office for the use of our schools. Schools may obtain these films at no cost, by submitting a written request indicating that the school would like to use the film, and enumerating alternate dates in case the films are previously booked.

These pictures are designed to aid the coach in his teaching, the player in playing the game, and the official in administering the game. It gives students and the general public a more thorough knowledge of the codes under which the games are played, and a better appreciation of playing skills and problems of games administration.

PROPOned change In CONSTITUTION

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the CIF SS shall consist of seven members elected from representative districts for a term of four years each.

These districts and their allotted membership on the Executive Committee shall be, Southern, composed of San Diego and Imperial Counties, one member; Eastern, composed of San Bernardino, Inyo and Riverside Counties, one member; Northern, composed of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, one member; and Metropolitan, composed of Los Angeles and Orange Counties, four members. The election shall be by the Council, and a majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect. The election will occur at the annual meeting in May.

Section 2. A member of the Executive Committee who has served two consecutive terms of whatever length shall not be eligible for re-election until one year has elapsed following his second term.

NOTE: Effective with the year 1957-58, the membership and administrative officers shall be elected to the following terms of office; for four years, Southern area, one member, and Metropolitan area, one member; for three years, Eastern area, one member, and Metropolitan area, one member; for two years, Northern area, one member and Metropolitan area, one member; for one year, Metropolitan area, one member.
COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

With the football playoffs just around the corner it seems appropriate at this time to discuss briefly the playoffs as conducted by the Southern Section of the CIF. It is realized by all educators and football fans that many bad features of playoff contests that prolong a normal season of sport, but it has also been recognized that HS football is a many valued resource to be used for the good of the activity.

Football playoffs present the greatest problem because in their present form many small schools cannot compete against the larger ones. The bigger schools have an advantage of playing the best, with that in mind the Council of the CIF, a few years ago decided to divide the playoffs into three sections, with the large schools competing in the Central Group and the smaller schools participating in the Northern and Southern Groups.

This division worked well for a number of years with the increase in enrollment in many small schools in the outlying areas, a new problem was created. Some of these schools, because of their geographical location, must remain in a small league and yet when they win a league championship they are penalized a small school from another league who do not have the manpower to compete against the larger school.

Another problem of irritation to many of the small schools is a playoff arrangement that takes four weeks to do justice to a champion. In the smaller schools the same core of boys are the mainstay in all sports, and when a team is in a football playoffs for a long period of time it delays the proper start of the next sport.

Recognizing these problems and other that have arisen because of the rapid growth of Southern California, a special committee was appointed last year to study the problems of the small school football playoffs with an aim to developing a more realistic program. It was

the recommendation of the committee last May however, that a satisfactory playoff arrangement could not be developed until the major realigning for 1956 had been effected.

The committee will resume work on this important problem as soon as leaguing for next year has been accomplished and all of our schools can expect that a recommendation will be forthcoming that will improve the present arrangement for the playoffs.

APPROVED SANCTIONED EVENTS

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

BASEBALL

March 8, 19, 57—Santa Maria Spring Baseball Tournament

BASKETBALL

Nov. 28, 29, 30, Dec. 1, 1956—Long Beach Annual High Schools Invitational Basketball Tournament
Dec. 7, 8, 1956—Mt. Carmel Invitational Basketball Tournament
Dec. 7, 8, 1956—7th Annual Big Bear High School Tournament
Dec. 12, 13, 14, 1956—Paramount Sr. HS Annual Invitational Basketball Tournament
Dec. 12, 13, 14, 1956—San Gabriel Mission Invitational Basketball Tournament
Dec. 18, 19, 20, 21, 1956—San Diego Kiwanis Basketball Tournament
Dec. 27, 28, 29, 1956—Fillmore Invitational Basketball Tournament
Dec. 27, 28, 29, 1956—3rd Annual Inglewood Invitational Basketball Tournament
Jan. 3, 4, 5, 1957—11th Annual Compton Basketball Tournament
Jan. 3, 4, 5, 1957—Beverly Hills Invitational Basketball Tournament
Dec. 5, 6, 7, 1956—Pacific Shores Basketball Tournament @ Redondo HS and Mira Costa HS

CROSS COUNTRY

Nov. 21, 1956—Compton Invitational Cross Country Run

TENNIS

Feb. 9, 12, 1957—H. A. Keeley Tennis Tournament @ El Monte HS

TRACK

March 16, 1957—Santa Maria Track Meet
March 22, 23, 1957—Annual Laguna Trophy Meet
April 5, 1957—Desert-Inyo Relay Carnival @ Burroughs, China Lake HS

FOOTBALL TRAINING FILM TO BE MADE AT REDLANDS HS

The University of Redlands College of Business Administration announces the making of a football motion picture for use in the rules training program by 47 member schools of the State High School Athletic Associations. The picture will be produced by the Official Sports Films of Hollywood under the direction of the late John F. H. Sample. Demonstrations will be by the Redlands High School football team and its specialists in various departments of the game. A number of rules situations will be illustrated and good officiating and coaching procedures will be shown.

The playing situations will be grouped around a unifying theme which will involve the reaction of a traditional old graduate and his experience with a television quiz program involving a knowledge of football rules and strategy.

Prominent officials and coaches from several sections of the nation will serve as technical advisers during the filming of the picture. Don Clarkson of San Diego, George Thorner of Chaffey HS, and Jim Turney of Lincoln HS in Los Angeles, all outstanding California football officials will represent this state. Mr. Wm. Russell of the State Bureau of Athletic Fagons, Commissioner of Athletics for the Southern Section will assist as technical advisor.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING—September 24, 1956

The meeting was called to order by Mr. B. L. Bergstrom, Chairman, at El Monte HS, Monday, September 24, 1956, at 9:00 A.M. Those present were Messrs. B. L. Bergstrom, Sup't. of El Monte HS, President; Principal of Pomona HS; Oliver Cobbin, Principal of Covina HS; Ben F. Jani, Principal of Centennial HS; Douglas White, Principal of Santa Barbara HS; Frank Williamson, Principal of Monrovia-Duarte HS; Keith Gunn, Principal of Victor Valley HS; and Ken Faggn, Commissioner of Athletics.

Mr. Bergstrom called the meeting to order and carried that the Minutes of June 18, 1956 Executive Committee meeting be approved as published in September Bulletin.

2. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Executive Committee recommend to the SS Council that schools be accepted for membership: Upland Academy, Death Valley HS, and San Ysidro HS (1957).

3. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the 1956 football playoff rules and financial regulations be accepted as submitted by the Commissioner, and that a copy of these regulations be sent to the SS Council in the SS with an additional copy at a later date to all schools qualifying for the playoffs.

4. It was moved, seconded, and carried that:
   a. Calaveras HS presented the case of a boy who left their high school in good standing in June, 1953, to accompany his parents toItaly, where the father was engaged as an exchange teacher for the 1953-56 school year. The boy returned to Calaveras Fall, 1956, and a ruling was requested as to his eligibility to compete in athletics. It was moved, seconded, and carried that he be given a comparable course of study in Italy, and because his change of schools was necessitated by a move on the part of his family, he should be declared immediately eligible for athletic competition.
   b. Question was raised as to the eligibility status of a minor who marries and then changes his residence to another school district that of which his parents reside. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the boy would be immediately eligible for athletics in the school district in which he takes his residence.

5. St. Francis de Sales HS presented the following case for interpretation: A boy attended St. Anthony's HS in Long Beach until May of 1956, when he accompanied his father to Peru, California, where the boy enrolled in Peru HS for the balance of the school year. This September because he was a typical school boy the boy enrolled in St. Francis de Sales HS although there was no further change of address on the part of his father. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the boy would be immediately eligible for athletic participation.

6. St. Francis de Sales HS for one year because his transfer in September, from Peru HS to St. Francis de Sales HS was not necessitated by change of residence on the part of his parents.

7. The case of a boy who traveled with his parents outside the United States during the past school year was presented to the Committee for a ruling as to his eligibility to compete in athletics. It was moved, seconded, and carried that a boy who has been forced to accompany his parents on a trip outside the country would be immediately eligible for athletics if he was eligible when the trip began and he returned to the school in the district in which his parents resided.

8. Holtville Union High School presented the following eligibility case for a ruling: Ronald Bradley attended school in Holtville, California, last year. He competed in JV football. He lived with his mother who is a widow. After school ended, she obtained work as a waitress in the Pine Valley Inn at Pine Valley, California, in San Diego County. Pine Valley is in the Holtville school district, which maintains a school at Campo. Mrs. Bradley's job was living quarters. Ronald came to Holtville to live with an aunt and uncle at the Imperial Valley Tuberculosis Sanitarium where he was employed. The TB sanitarium is eight miles from Holtville, but in the Holtville district as they do not have transportation to and from athletic practice sessions he has moved into town and his mother is paying for his participation. We have received the CIT Athletic Transfer from Central HS and the boy is scholastically eligible. It was moved, seconded, and carried...
that the boy be declared ineligible for athletic competition at Holville HS because he transferred from one school to another without a change of address on the part of his parents which made necessary such a change of schools.

The matter was finally submitted to Dr. Robert Hillborn, Sept. of Bartow Unified School District, who requested clarification from the Executive Committee of the Bartow HS athletic program. This request was denied by the Bartow HS, because they felt that the change of school was a matter of personal concern and not of public interest.

The controversy continued and finally the HFA was invited to take part in the discussion. The HFA agreed to examine the matter and to make a recommendation.

At the next meeting of the Executive Committee, the following resolution was adopted:

"The Bartow HS athletic program shall be considered as a separate entity, and any rules or regulations that apply to other high schools shall not apply to Bartow HS.

The Bartow HS shall be allowed to participate in any athletic event that the HFA deems appropriate, provided that the Bartow HS agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the HFA and the state athletic association.

All correspondence between the Bartow HS and the HFA shall be handled by the Bartow HS athletic director.

The Bartow HS athletic program shall be administered by the Bartow HS athletic director and the Bartow HS athletic committee, and shall be subject to the approval of the HFA.

The HFA shall have the authority to suspend or prohibit any Bartow HS athletic event that it deems inappropriate or contrary to the best interests of the student-athletes or the HFA.

The HFA shall have the authority to issue rules and regulations, and to modify or amend the rules and regulations at any time it deems necessary for the good of the student-athletes or the HFA.

The HFA shall have the authority to impose sanctions on the Bartow HS athletic program, including fines, suspension of athletes, and suspension of the athletic program itself.

The HFA shall have the authority to declare the Bartow HS athletic program ineligible for participation in any athletic event that the HFA deems inappropriate or contrary to the best interests of the student-athletes or the HFA.

The HFA shall have the authority to regulate the conduct of the student-athletes and the Bartow HS athletic program at any time it deems necessary for the good of the student-athletes or the HFA.

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