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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-Inyo 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 our 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 MacLise, of China Lake be appointed as Commissioner of Officials for the 1956-57 school year. Mr. MacLise, 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 we 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 CIF Office for the use of our member schools. Schools may obtain these films at no cost, by submitting a written request indicating the date they 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

PROPOSED CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE VII

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 will not be eligible for re-election until one year has elapsed following his second term.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 2. Any vacancy in the Executive Committee that may occur during the school year shall be filled by the appointment of a representative from the area in which the vacancy occurs at the next meeting of the Executive Committee. This appointment to terminate at the regular Council meeting in May when a person shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.

*NOTE—Effective with the year 1957-1958, the members of the Executive Committee 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.

thorough knowledge of the codes under which the games are played, and a better appreciation of playing skills and problems of games administration.

These films are regarded as a valuable addition to the school and community program. They make an ideal assembly feature or may be used in boy's physical education classes. The films are 16-MM sound, black and white, and have a running time of 28 minutes.

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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 that there are many bad features to playoff contests that prolong a normal season of sport, but it has also been recognized that there are many values to be obtained from such activities.

Football playoffs present the greatest problem because it is a body contact sport and the smaller high schools simply cannot compete against the larger ones without danger of injury to the boys. With this in mind, the Council of the CIF, a few years ago divided 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, but with the increase in enrollment in some of our former 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 pitted against a small school from another league who do not have the manpower to compete against the larger school.

Another source of irritation to many of the small schools is a playoff arrangement that takes four weeks to decide 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 playoff for a long period of time it delays the proper start of the next sport.

Recognizing these problems and others 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 relegating planned for this year had been effected.

The committee will resume work on this important problem as soon as leaguings 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, 9, 1957—Santa Maria Spring Baseball Tournament

BASKETBALL

Nov. 28, 29, 30, Dec. 1, 1956—Long Beach Annual High Schools Invitational Basketball Tournament

Dec. 5, 6, 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, 15, 1956—San Gabriel Mission Invitational HS 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. 2, 3, 4, 5, 1957—12th Annual Compton Basketball Tournament

Jan. 2, 3, 4, 5, 1957—Beverly Hills Invitational Basketball Tournament

Dec. 5, 6, 7, 8, 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—19th 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 National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations announces the making of a football motion picture for use in the rules training program as sponsored by 47 member State High School Athletic Associations. The picture will be produced by the Official Sports Film Service and it will be the latest in their series of films which have been widely used in football meetings, coaching schools and on television. The filming will be on the high school and college fields at Redlands, California, during the week beginning November 18, 1956. Demonstrations will be by the Redlands High School team and a number of 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. Don Clarkson of San Diego, George Thorne of Chaffey HS, and Jim Tunney of Lincoln HS in Los Angeles, all outstanding California high school football officials will represent this state. Mr. Wm. Russell of the State CIF Office and Ken Fagans, Commissioner of Athletics for the Southern Section will assist as technical advisors.

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, Supt. of El Monte HS; Winston Nelson, Principal of Pomona HS; Oliver Corbin, Principal of Covina HS; Ben F. Jamison, Principal of Centennial HS; Douglas White, Principal of Santa Barbara HS; Keith Gunn, Principal of Victor Valley HS; Frank Williamson, Principal of Monrovia-Duarte HS; and Ken Fagans, Commissioner of Athletics.

1. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Minutes of June 18, 1956 Executive Committee meeting be approved as published in September, 1956, Monthly Bulletin.

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

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

4. Eligibility cases presented:

a. Culver City HS presented the case of a boy who left their high school in good standing in June, 1955, to accompany his parents to

Italy, where the father was engaged as an exchange teacher for the 1955-56 school year. The boy returned to Culver City HS this Fall, and a ruling was requested as to his eligibility to compete in athletics. It was moved, seconded, and carried that because the boy could not get a comparable course of study in Italy, and because his change of schools was necessitated by a move on the part of his parents, that the boy should be declared immediately eligible for athletic competition at Culver City HS.

b. Question was raised as to the eligibility status of a minor who marries and then changes his residence to another school district from that of which his parents reside. It was moved, seconded, and carried that when a boy gets married and leaves the home of his parents to establish his own residence he would be immediately eligible for athletics in the school district in which he takes up residence.

c. St. Francis de Sales HS presented the following case for interpretation: A boy attended St. Anthony HS in Long Beach until May of 1956, when he accompanied his father to Perris, California, where the boy enrolled in Perris HS for the balance of the school year. This September because he wanted to attend a parochial school 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 ineligible for athletics at St. Francis de Sales HS for one year because his transfer in September, from Perris HS to St. Francis de Sales HS was not necessitated by a change of residence on the part of his parents.

d. The case of a boy who travelled 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 out of the country would be immediately eligible for athletics if he was eligible when he left school, and if he returned to the school in the district in which his parents resided.

e. Holtville Union High School presented the following eligibility case for a ruling: "Ronald Bradley attended Central UHS, El Centro, California, last year. He competed in JV football. He lived with his mother who is a widow. After school ended last Spring she obtained work as a waitress in the Pine Valley Inn at Pine Valley, California, in San Diego County. Pine Valley is in the Mt. Empire School District, which maintains a school at Campo. Mrs. Bradley's job gave her only one room living quarters. Ronald came to Holtville to live with an aunt and uncle at the Imperial Valley Tuberculosis Sanitarium where they are employed. The TB sanitarium is eight miles from Holtville, but in the Holtville HS district. Since he does not have transportation to and from athletic practice sessions he has moved into town and his mother is paying for his board and room. 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 Holtville 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.

5. The meeting was attended by Dr. Robert Hilborn, Supt. of Barstow Unified School District, who requested clarification from the Executive Committee as "to what constitutes a high school". It appears that at Barstow HS, 9th grade students have been classified as being in the junior high school and under the control of a separate principal, but they have been permitted to participate in athletics representing Barstow HS, because they have been on the same campus as the senior high school; and because of similarly peculiar organizational set-ups in other high school districts, this clarification was requested. It was the ruling of the Executive Committee that a high school may be made up of 1, 2, 3, or 4 grades, but they must be under the same principal and located on the same campus.

6. The possibility of the purchase of training films in football, basketball, and baseball to be kept in the CIF Office for the use of member schools was discussed. It was unanimously agreed that this would be a great service to all schools and that such films should be purchased, and made available, free of charge, to member schools. It was moved, seconded, and carried that an item of \$300 be placed in the 1956-57 budget for the purchase of 6 films for the current year.

7. Representatives from the Tri-Valley League were in attendance and requested the Executive Committee to consider a change in the present "transfer rule" as it applies to privately supported boarding schools. This rule may be found in Article VIII, Paragraph 2, page 17, of the Blue Book. After much discussion it was moved, seconded, and carried that President Williamson be instructed to appoint a committee to study this problem and report back to the Executive Committee with a recommendation. The following committee was appointed: Dr. A. E. Konold, Santa Monica HS as Chairman, Mr. George Phelps, Jr., Principal of Arroyo HS, and Mr. Francis Parkman, Jr., Headmaster of Cate School.

8. Mr. Frank O. Hopkins, Chairman of the committee appointed to study problems connected with the reorganization of the C.I.F., SS made the following report:

a. It is the recommendation of this committee that the Executive Committee of the CIF, SS shall be enlarged to consist of 7 members elected from representative districts for a term of 4 years each. (Details of this change in the constitution may be found elsewhere in this Bulletin.)

b. It is recommended that the SS Office develop a library of League Constitutions, thereby making the information contained in these copies available to member schools for reference.

c. It was recommended that revision be made in Article III, Section 2, page 5 of the Blue Book, which refers to the election of a league representative from the various leagues.

PRESENT RULING: "Each established league shall at the beginning of every school year elect a faculty representative (other than a coach) to the Council for the current year. These representatives, together with the State Representatives and the Commissioner of Athletics, shall constitute the 'Council'."

PROPOSED REVISION: "Not later than the final league meeting of each school year, each established league shall elect to the Council for the succeeding year, a faculty representative (other than a coach)."

d. It is the unanimous opinion of this committee that the present quarters of the C.I.F., SS are totally inadequate and it is recommended that a special committee be appointed by the Executive Committee to study this matter with an aim towards securing more adequate and suitable office facilities.

e. It is recommended that the Constitution be changed to provide that Executive Committee members are official members of the SS Council.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the report of the committee on reorganization be accepted as presented. President Williamson appointed the following committee to study the problem of housing for the CIF, SS—Frank O. Hopkins, Chairman, Principal of Brea HS, H. C. Uhls, Principal of Mira Costa HS, and Harold Tonini, V-P of Paramount HS.

9. Mr. Nelson, Treasurer of the CIF, SS, presented a revised budget for the 1955-56 school year, and the Auditors Report for the 1955-56 school year. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Audit for the 1955-56 fiscal year, and the revised proposed budget for the 1956-57 fiscal year be accepted as presented.

10. It was moved, seconded, and carried that it be recommended to the Council that the authorized date for the starting of football practice be established as the first Monday in September, 1957.

11. A letter from the Tri-State League relative to the starting date of football practice was read to the committee. It appears that in the Tri-State League, composed of schools from three states, there is a difference in the authorized starting date of football practice. In Arizona and Nevada, schools begin their practice in the middle of August, which places the two California schools at a disadvantage in football because they are not allowed to begin practice until the 1st Monday in September. This matter was discussed and it was the opinion that a solution could be worked out that would ease the problem of the California schools, but that in the light of the unsettled leaguings situation the matter be deferred until after the releguing for the 1957-58 school year was completed.

12. It was moved, seconded, and carried that Mr. B. L. Bergstrom, and El Monte HS be thanked for hosting this meeting of the Executive Committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
KEN FAGANS
SECRETARY