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NEW GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE FORMED

In an effort to standardize rules and procedures for high school gymnastic meets, representatives from the Los Angeles City Section and the Southern Section of the CIF, met at Helms Hall on Tuesday, September 23, 1958. Supervisor of Athletics, Bill Lopez, Head of the Los Angeles City group, and the following gymnastics coaches were present: Al Arps, San Fernando HS; John Balen, San Pedro HS; Bob Crippin, Verdugo Hills HS; Frank Nobbe, Fremont HS; Jack Price, Garfield HS; Ted Caledrone, Poly HS; and Dick Bishop of Fairfax HS. The SS representatives present were Commissioner Ken Fagans, and coaches Randall Bryden, Santa Paula HS; Jerry Todd, Pasadena HS; Dick Flood, Lakewood HS; and Howard Hunt of San Gabriel HS. Mr. Ken Griffen, President of the Southern California Gymnastics Officials was also in attendance along with Bob Flanegin, a Consultant in the Los Angeles City School District.

With Al Arps serving as Chairman, a discussion was held relative to the possibility of standardizing gymnastics rules and establishing uniform procedures for the conducting of gymnastics meets for all high schools in Southern California. Considerable discussion disclosed that the entire group was in favor of this procedure, and a committee composed of Frank Nobbe, Dick Bishop, Jerry Todd, and Howard Hunt were authorized to meet and work out details of this new plan, and report back to the group which will meet on October 13, 1958.

This is the first attempt by the Los Angeles City and SS to standardize policies pertaining to a sport actively engaged in by member schools of both sections. It is hoped that this will lead to a closer working relationship between the two sections in other sports, for the benefit of coaches, officials, and competing schools.

APPROVED SANCTIONED EVENTS

All invitational meets or tournaments involving teams or individuals representing schools from more than one league, must be approved by the Commissioner of Athletics of the CIF, SS. So that member schools may know these events which have been duly sanctioned for the coming school year, the complete list of approved sanctioned events as of September 1, has been published in the DIRECTORY OF MEMBER SCHOOLS.

The following is a supplemental list of ap-

proved sanctioned events since publishing of the DIRECTORY:

BASKETBALL

Dec. 18, 19, 20, and 22—San Diego Kiwanis Club Basketball Tournament at San Diego HS

Feb. 18-21—2nd Annual Grossmont Invitational 9th Grade Basketball Tournament

TENNIS

Feb. 20 and 27, 1959—Orange County Tennis Tournament at Huntington Beach HS

TRACK

Mar. 14—Invitational Track and Field Meet @ Santa Maria

Mar. 31, Apr. 2—Laguna Beach Easter Meet

WRESTLING

Jan. 10—Arroyo Grande HS Wrestling Tournament @ Cal Poly

Dec. 4—Novice Wrestling Tournament @ Redlands H. S.

CLARIFICATION OF CIF ELIGIBILITY RULE

In response to many inquiries regarding the use of incomplete grades at the close of a semester and their relation to eligibility, the Executive Committee wishes to call attention to the CIF rule with regards to scholarship.

A student must be passing in four subjects as of the last day of the semester and receive credit in same, in order to be eligible the following semester. If a boy receives an incomplete grade in a subject on the last day of the semester he would not be receiving a passing grade.

If the principal or a teacher wish to use an incomplete designation in order to give the boy an opportunity to raise his grade within a given period of time, it must be recorded as an Incomplete B, an Incomplete C, etc., in order to insure that the boy is receiving a passing grade in the subject as of the last day of the semester.

In other words if a boy does not have a passing grade recorded in four subjects as of the last day of the semester, he becomes ineligible for interscholastic athletics the following semester, even though he makes up the work during the summer. Keep in mind that work taken in summer school counts neither for nor against a boy in determining his athletic eligibility.

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H. V. PORTER RETIRES AS NATIONAL FEDERATION EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

At the conclusion of the National Federation Convention held in Santa Barbara late in June, Mr. H. V. Porter, after eighteen years of outstanding and devoted service, retired as Executive Secretary of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations. Although Mr. Porter's resignation and retirement was not entirely unexpected, the news that he planned to retire as of August 1 surprised most of his friends and associates, for somehow to many of these men, the National Federation was Porter, and Porter was the National Federation.

Mr. Porter will be succeeded in his position by Clifford B. Fagan, former Executive Secretary of the Wisconsin Association, and since January 1, 1957, an assistant in the National Federation Office.

We in California knew Mr. Porter as a writer of poems about athletic lore, as a supreme authority of all athletic rules, and as firm advocate of a strong, but controlled, high school athletic program. Mr. Porter's contributions to the high school athletic scene are so varied and so numerous that space and time hardly permit even a partial listing. The fan-shaped basketball backboard, now standard equipment in most high school gymnasiums; the molded basketball, the first really round ball; a well-organized, understandable rules code for high school basketball players; football and basketball rules that are logical, systematic and adapted to the needs of high school boys—all these, and many others, are the product of H. V.'s inventive genius and were developed after years of patient and painstaking study and research.

We are certain that everyone in Southern California who knew Mr. Porter will want to join us in wishing him the very best of everything in his retirement. We also hope that if by chance he should pay a visit to this area he will find time to visit us in the beautiful Helms Athletic Foundation Building.

NEW BASKETBALL FILM AVAILABLE

A new basketball training film, BASKETBALL FOR MILLIONS, produced under the sanction of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations in cooperation with the National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada, and the National Association of Basketball Coaches has just been released for showing.

A fantastic dream sequence where impossible and nightmarish situations can and do arise is the continuity thread used throughout the film. Scenes show: Accepted officiating procedures—problems created by double fouls and false double fouls—tricky plays connected with front and back court—jump ball infractions and procedures—little understood distinction between player and team control—and a panorama of basic rule fundamentals.

This is a top quality film which is both entertaining and instructive for players, fans, coaches and officials. There is no charge for the use of this film and a phone call or post card to the CIF, Southern Section Office will reserve the film on the date you prefer. It is ideal for assemblies, physical education classes and for school or community basketball teams.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 29, 1958

The meeting was called to order by Mr. B. L. Bergstrom, Chairman, at the La Jolla Beach Tennis Club at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, September 29, 1958. Those present were Messrs. B. L. Bergstrom, Supt. of Schools at El Monte; Winston Nelson, Principal of Ganesha HS, Pomona; Oliver Corbin, Principal of Covina HS; Ben F. Jamison, Principal of Centennial HS; Keith Gunn, Principal of Victor Valley HS; Matt Korwin, Principal of San Dieguito HS; John Taylor, Principal of Nordhoff HS; Vaughn Cummings, Pasadena City Schools; and Ken Fagans, Commissioner of Athletics.

1. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Minutes of the June 24, 1958 Executive Committee meeting be approved as published in the September, 1958 Monthly Bulletin.

2. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Executive Committee recommend to the Southern Section Council that the following schools be accepted for membership into the CIF, SS: University HS of San Diego; Servite HS of Anaheim; Montclair HS of Ontario; Warren JHS of Solano Beach; Sequoia JHS of Fontana; and Kern Valley HS. Kern Valley HS has withdrawn membership from the Central Section, and having been accepted in the SS will be placed in the Desert-Inyo league.

3. After a review of the football schedule of the Black-Foxe Military Academy, it was moved, seconded, and carried that in order to qualify for the 1958 "A" football playoffs Black Foxe must win all but one of the following six games on their 1958 schedule: Oct. 4, Army & Navy; Oct. 11, Villanova Prep; Oct. 17, Northridge Academy; Oct. 31, San Miguel; Nov. 8, Don Bosco; and Nov. 15, Brown Military.

4. Mr. Fagans presented the Auditor's Report

for the CIF, SS for the period July 1, 1957, to June 30, 1958. It was moved, seconded, and carried that this report be accepted and filed.

5. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the 1958 football playoffs rules and financial regulations be adopted as presented by the Commissioner of Athletics, and that a copy of these regulations be mailed to the press, and the principals of all schools qualifying for the football playoffs. The regulations are the same as they were for the 1957 playoffs with the following two exceptions:

a) The General Admission price for all playoff contests has been raised from \$1 to \$1.25. Student pre-sale tickets will still be priced at 50¢, and General Admission tickets to the championship game will remain at \$1.50.

b) It will be necessary for the home school in football playoff contests to submit to the CIF Office for approval, prior to the game, a report indicating expenses involved in game management. A special form will be provided by the CIF Office to facilitate the reporting of the necessary information.

6. Mr. Winston Nelson, Treasurer of the CIF, SS, reported on the progress of plans to construct a new building to house the SS office. With clear title established to the vacant property located at 5445 W. Washington Blvd. in Los Angeles, an architect, Mr. Maynard Houston, was employed to draft plans for a one-story building having an area of approximately 2,000 square feet.

The proposed plans were studied by the committee and it was moved, seconded, and carried that it be recommended to the Council that the plans as presented be approved so that construction could begin at the earliest possible moment for the much needed facilities. At the direction of the Executive Committee, Mr. Vaughn Cummings, President of the CIF Council, authorized the secretary to call a special meeting of the Council for 3:00 P.M., October 7, 1958, for the purpose of approving or rejecting the building plans.

7. Mr. Darrell Smith, Director of Health and Physical Education for the San Diego City Schools, appeared before the committee to discuss the possible withdrawal of the San Diego City Schools from the SS for the purpose of establishing their own city section. Mr. Smith stated that although the administration of the San Diego City Schools was studying the possibilities of forming their own section there was no indication at the present time as to whether or not the San Diego schools would withdraw in the near future. Mr. Bergstrom informed Mr. Smith that if the San Diego City Schools, at any future date, requested permission to withdraw from the SS for the purpose of forming their own section, they would be given every consideration by the CIF, SS Council.

Mr. Smith requested that the Executive Committee consider an eligibility case involving a student now attending Crawford HS of San Diego. After a review of the facts in the case it was ruled that the boy's transfer violated the CIF, SS residence rule and that the boy would be ineligible for one year.

8. The Commissioner of Athletics reported on the recent football orientation meetings held on September 22, and 23, 1958, at El Monte and Compton high schools, respectively. One hundred twelve schools in the metropolitan area were invited to send their football coaches and one administrator to one of these meetings. An attendance check taken at these meetings revealed that 72 schools were represented by 246 coaches and 61 administrators. It was the general opinion of all concerned that these meetings were very worthwhile and benefited greatly those who were in attendance. Similar meetings will be conducted in December for basketball coaches, and it is hoped that all schools fielding basketball teams will cooperate by seeing that their basketball coaches are in attendance at one of the two meetings scheduled for San Marino and Compton high schools, respectively.

9. The problem of relegating was discussed by the committee and it was pointed out by Chairman Bergstrom that there were many trouble spots appearing this year. Mr. Bergstrom suggested that the members of the relegating committee meet in the near future to report progress on this important matter in the various areas of the SS. It was suggested that the first meeting of the relegating committee for the 1958-59 school year be held at 9:00 A.M., on Tuesday, October 21, 1958, in the Superintendent's office at 127 Eastmont Avenue in El Monte. The Commissioner was directed to notify all members of the relegating committee of this special meeting.

10. Mr. Corbin suggested that the CIF, SS, would gain many advantages by incorporating as a non-profit organization. The question was discussed, and Mr. Jamison was appointed as a committee of one to contact a lawyer relative to this situation and report his findings at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

11. The Commissioner informed the group that a special coordinating committee for high school gymnastics, representing coaches from both the Los Angeles and SS of the CIF, had met for the purpose of standardizing rules and regulations for the conduct of high school gymnastics meets. It was pointed out that this was a big step forward in improving the sport of gymnastics in our high schools, and the committee would like to receive the approval of the Executive Committee so that further work could be accomplished in this matter. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Los Angeles-SS CIF coordinating committee for high school gymnastics be approved by the SS and this committee be authorized to continue work towards the establishment of a uniform code of rules for gymnastics meets which would be used by all high schools in Southern California.

12. The Commissioner informed the committee of an unfortunate situation involving a senior boy who intended to transfer to Huntington Beach HS and who had registered for classes, purchased his student body card, checked out a football uniform, and attended football practice and then left the school to enroll at Mater Dei HS in Santa Ana. Huntington Beach HS raised the question as to whether or not, under

these circumstances, the boy would be eligible for athletics at Mater Dei HS. A letter of explanation from Father Montrose of Mater Dei HS was read to the committee, relative to Father Montrose and a Mater Dei coach visiting the boy's parents in an effort to get the boy to attend Mater Dei HS. As the boy had not yet attended any classes at Huntington Beach HS, Father Montrose felt that their actions were justifiable since the boy had previously attended a parochial school and they simply wanted to inform the family that Mater Dei HS was available and would be interested in having their son as a student. After some discussion of the case, it was moved, seconded, and carried that the boy was eligible for interscholastic athletics at Mater Dei HS because he had not attended classes at Huntington Beach HS. It was pointed out, however, that the committee did not believe that it was necessary, or quite ethical, for high school coaches to contact boys in an effort to interest them in enrolling at their school.

13. The 1958 "A" football playoffs, which is a combination of the old northern and southern groups of leagues playoffs, will have 13 league champions entered in this year's playoff competition. Two non-league schools have already applied for entrance into the "AA" playoffs and if they win the required number of games will be allowed to compete. The Commissioner pointed out that in all probability there would not be a full bracket of 16 teams, which was most desirable in conducting this playoff. After some discussion it was moved, seconded, and carried that the Commissioner should immediately contact the official representative in each league involved in the "AA" football playoffs and inquire as to whether their league would be interested in entering a second team in the playoffs if given the opportunity. If more than the necessary number of teams indicate an interest in entering the playoffs to complete a bracket of 16, the Executive Committee would review the record of each team and select those teams best qualified for playoff competition.

14. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Treasurer be authorized to transfer \$13,000 from the saving to the checking account of the CF, SS.

15. The following eligibility cases were presented for interpretation:—

a) Grossmont HS requested information as to the eligibility status of a boy who had attended for two years a school that did not conduct an athletic program, and who then transferred into their high school without a change of address on the part of the boy's parents. It was ruled that this boy would be ineligible for interscholastic athletics for a period of one semester because of the violation of our residence rule which provides that when a boy transfers from one high school to another his parents must have a change of address which necessitated the change of schools. The fact that one of the schools did not conduct an athletic program would have no bearing upon the case.

b) Pomona HS reported a case of a boy who

after the death of his mother on October 11, 1957, transferred at the end of that semester to Chino HS to reside with his brother. After attending Chino HS for two weeks the boy transferred back to Pomona HS, although he still resides with his brother in Chino. It was ruled that this was a violation of our transfer rule and that the boy would be ineligible for athletics at Pomona HS.

c) Brown Military Academy, which for many years was located in San Diego, sold their property and re-located their school near Glendora, California, as of September 1, 1958. This change of location for Brown Military made it necessary for many students to withdraw from Brown Military and transfer to other SS schools. It was moved, seconded, and carried that because of administrative necessity any boy who was attending Brown Military Academy in good standing, as of June, 1958, could transfer this September to any CIF, SS school and be immediately eligible.

d) Mr. Hobson, Principal of California HS, requested that the Executive Committee consider the case of a boy at his school who, because of personal problems existing between his mother, stepfather and himself, transferred on May 9, 1958, to Roosevelt HS and took up residence with his father. Upon straightening out the trouble that existed the boy returned during the summer to the home of his mother and stepfather and enrolled at California HS at the beginning of the current semester. As the boy had transferred from one high school to another without a change of address on the part of his parents it was ruled that this boy would be ineligible for athletic competition at California HS for a period of one year.

e) Pasadena HS requested an interpretation on the eligibility status of a boy who moved with his uncle from Hawaii to Pasadena and enrolled at Pasadena HS. After a thorough review of the evidence in the case it was determined that there was no violation of our eligibility rules and the boy should be declared eligible immediately for interscholastic athletics at Pasadena HS.

f) Mr. Corbin, SS representative to the State CIF Council, requested a review of the Cronin eligibility case which involved the 8-semester rule. Mr. Corbin informed the group of the recent passing of Mr. Ned Cronin, former columnist on the Los Angeles Times, and indicated that he would appreciate knowing the opinions of the Executive Committee in this matter so that he could properly represent them at the next State CIF Council meeting. Because of the unusual circumstances surrounding the case which involves a state rule, it was moved, seconded, and carried that our SS representative to the State Council go uninstructed in this matter to the State Council meeting.

16. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M., and it was moved, seconded, and carried to thank Mr. Korwin and San Dieguito HS for their courtesy in hosting this meeting of the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Kenneth Fagans,
Secretary