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Serving High School Athletics
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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
Make the Grade Elusive Scholarships

By Tom Triggs, President CIF-SSF Executive Committee

On that rumor-filled grapevine that somehow connects high school athletics throughout the country, one misconceived rumor which receives too much air play is that “the best way to obtain a university scholarship is to identify one sport in high school and concentrate religiously on it, to the exclusion of all other sports or activities.” It is further said that year-round participation, including the thou-
sands of dollars expended to participate in club teams, greatly improves one’s chances, if not guarantees, that athletic scholarship. This premise of paying the athletic discipline today in exchange for the university paying the tuition tomorrow may seem to make sense, be a good plan, and to a parent or coach, be reasonable.

Reality is different. Less than one percent (1%) of all high school athletes receive athletic scholarships to NCAA Division I schools, and these awards were made to students regardless of whether they concentrated on one, two, or even three sports. The reality is that the largest number of students receiving scholarships or financial aid is those students who were granted awards based on their grades.

The National Federation of High School Associations regularly reports on studies regarding participation in sports. Its recent findings indicate the following:

• Participants have “significantly higher” grade point averages and better attendance when compared to non-partici-
  pants.

• Participants in more than one sport experience higher academic perfor-
  mance.

It should be noted that the typical high school athlete is in school every day and, as a result of good attendance combined with classroom effort, that

See MAKE THE GRADE page 19.

CIF-SSF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 1997

The October meeting of the Southern Section Council was called to order by President Tom Triggs at 9:30 a.m. on October 21, 1997, at the Sequoia Athletic Club in Buena Park. All

leagues were present with the exception of the Agape, L.H. and Valley Valley ac-

1. MINUTES - It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the CFFC/SSF Council meeting of May 1, 1997. Additionally, the minutes of the CIF-SSF Executive Committee meeting of April 15, 1997, and the minutes of the CIF-SSF Council meeting of May 1, 1997, were submitted as informational items.

2. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD - Tom Trigg2, President and Dr. Wenon Green, Past Presi-

dent, introduced Tosie receiving the State CIF Distinguished Service Award. Recipients were named superintendents, Dr. Robert Packer, Duarte Unified School District and Dr. Cynthia Gnanam, Anaheim Union School District.

3. PUBLIC HEARING SESSION - Dan Hay, President and Dr. Edward Heald, Vice President, discussed concern guarding Orange County relegation. In addition, Thomas Wright, an Esperanza High School par-

ant, reviewed concerns regarding the proposed full season of sport for girls.

4. STATE CIF OCTOBER ACTION ITEMS - Marge Godfrey, President-Elect, presented the

following agenda items for the October State Federation Council in order to give delegates voting time:

a. Football Pre-season Bowl Games - proposal allowing the State CIF to conduct invita-

tional post-season bowl football games - vote to not support.

b. The Three Person Officializing Teams for Bas-

ketball - proposal requiring the use of three ofi-

cials at the NOL CAI and SO CAL Regional

Playoffs, semi-finals and finals and the State CIF Championships in basketball - vote to sup-

port.

C. Soccer Pre-Season Invitational - proposal permitting the State CIF to conduct an invita-

tional post-season soccer event - vote not to support.

5. 1996-97 RELEAGUEING - Ray Puddicott, Relaguing Chairman, presented the pre-

spective proposals for the 1996-97-98 re Kelleying cycle. Following discussion, these proposals for the Cal-

ifornia Interscholastic Southern Section

enemies were approved. An appeal from John Mcintosh, Principal Magic Los Alamitos High School, Dr. Tani Delu, Superintendent of Moorpark Unified School District, Mr. Windol, Assistant Principal Moorpark High School and Gary Cabralis, parent, in refer-

tence to Moorpark High School’s placement in the

See COUNCIL MEETING page 10.

The highlights of the league adoption pro-

gram include:

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• League trophy for the league champion.

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battles purchased through an authorized Wilson dealer.

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SS,” is also in its twelfth year of sponsorship. Located in Whittier, Conlin Bros. has

been in business for fifty-two years special-

izing in school and team sales through

out counties in Southern California.

“Many of our customers don’t know we have been manufacturing, installing and

repairing gym and playground equipment for 280 of the 385 districts,” said Ken Conlin,

Chairman of the Board of Conlin Bros. Sporting Goods. “We have a fully equipped

shop for the fabrication of worn or dam-

aged parts, and we have found that a

lack of replacement parts causes the lead of costly and unnecessary equipment re-

placement,” added Conlin.

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tion of new equipment and outfitting teams with equipment, uniforms and related

supplies for all events.

For more information or for a free multi

sports catalog, please contact Conlin Bros, at (800) 423-6499.

“On behalf of the CIF-Southern Section, I am pleased to be associated with these

fine organizations,” said Dean Crowley, CIF-SSF Commissioner. Through the years, both Wilson and Conlin Bros have shown their ability to promote participation and equal playing fiel-

d by providing quality products for all athletes. I salute them for their dedication and highly

encouraging our schools to consider these companies when purchasing goods and services,” added Crowley.

NIKE, Wilson and Conlin Bros. join state-

wide sponsors ARCO amethyst and Hoff

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Freeman Hospital, Gatorade, Pacific Bell,

Smart Yellow Pages, USC University Hospi-

tal, West Coast Sports Medicine Foun-

dation, Moorpark College, TCL Sportswear and Hansen Beverage Company.

SOUTHERN SECTION MARKETING UPDATE
TWO LONG TIME SUPPORTERS OF THE CIF-SSF, WILSON SPORTING GOODS AND CONLIN BROS. SPORTING GOODS

Thebettner of interscholastic athletics is the foundation on which the CIF-SSF Section has built its relationships with Wilson Sporting Goods and Conlin Bros. Sporting Goods, both long time supporters of the CIF-SSF.

Wilson is currently in its twelfth year as the "Official Ball of the CIF-SSF." Wilson fur-

nishes complimentary balls to all finalists in the sports of football, softball, baseball

and boys and girls volleyball, basketball, soccer, tennis and golf.

Said Bill Butler, Western Regional Manager of Wilson Sporting Goods, “Wilson is very grateful for our partnership with the CIF-SSF. In all our years, we are excited about our relationship with you, the schools. Wilson is committed to the support of the grassroots participants of sports. We have developed a league adoption program that assists each high school’s ability to increase the effec-

tiveness of their sport’s budget.”

By Dean Crowley, Commissioner of Athletics

We all know that parents want what is best for their students. When it comes to partici-

pating in high school athletics, parents are more than willing to let you know what they feel is best for their children. The only question is, in what form does that parent interest present itself to you, the admin-

istrator or coach? No matter how that interest is presented, it should not be ignored. This com-

munication can sometimes pose challenges for high school coaches and administrators.

It is not uncommon for many administra-

tors to now spend more time dealing with parents than taking care of any other aspect of

day-to-day business. With students gaining more power and more rights, today’s adminis-

trators are dealing with parents more now than ever and that is not neces-

sarily a bad thing. Parents that show more interest in their children’s daily pursuits have a greater understanding of what it is that athletic administrators are up against. Keeping parents involved can go a long way in helping to reduce the friction that can occur when problems do arise.

The first thing that can be done to help this process along is to include parents in all pre-season meetings. Let the parents know from the very beginning what that role is and what expectations that the school may have for them. Explain to them what their child will be going through during their campus season, and the physical, legal, and regu-

lations, lettering policies, practice and play-time information, as well as inter-

action between coaches, the parents and the players. Let the parents know what the kids are learning and how it will be taught so there will be no surprises later on. Encourage their ap-

See COMMISSIONER’S CORNER page 19.
The August meeting of the CIF-SS Executive Committee was called to order by President Tom Triggs at 5:55 p.m. on Saturday, August 9, 1997 at the Renaissance Inn by Marriott in Concord, California. All members were present with the exception of Karen Craig, Dr. Robert Gallagher and Dr. Henry Mercado.

1. BUSINESS - It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the June 18, 1997, CIF-SS Executive Committee meeting.

2. CULTURAL ISSUES WORKSHOP - Dean Cromwell, Commissioner and Harold Cebrun, Assistant Commissioner, presented the report.

3. ORANGE COUNTY LEAGUE - Dr. Fred Kennedy, Maple Superintendent of Schools and Board Chair, presented the report.

4. NEW SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP - It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the membership list for the 1997-98 season.

5. MINUTES - It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the August 9, 1997 Executive Committee meeting.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE 1996-97 AUDIT REPORT - Tom Triggs, President, introduced Shirley Fraser, CIF-SS Director of Budget and Finance, and auditor Clifford Tracy of the firm Balsat, Horwitz, Frank and Whale. Mr. Tracy reviewed the recently completed audit of the Southern Section financial records for the 1996-97 fiscal year. A motion to accept and file the financial statement as submitted was approved.

7. YOSEMITE HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY ISSUE - Tom Triggs introduced Ed Goldberg, Athletic Director Tom Fitzgerald, coach of Yosemite University High School, who reviewed a request regarding Saturday participation in Yosemite University High School in the Southern Section Cross Country Championships. Following discussion, a motion to deny the request was approved.

8. COMMISSIONER’S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - Dean Cromwell, Commissioner, reviewed with the Committee the goals and objectives for the 1997-98 school year. Following discussion it was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Commissioner’s goals and objectives for 1997-98 as amended.

9. SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP - It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the 1997-98 school year condition and set the orientation meeting in the CIF-SS Office.

10. COMMISSIONER’S UPDATE - Dean Cromwell, Commissioner, reported on high school sports promotion on television, the 1998 fall leadership regional, and the spring 1997 CIF-SS eligibility workshops.

11. ATHLETIC DIRECTORS’ REPORTS - Dean Dicken, Boys’ Athletic Directors’ Representative, reviewed the progress and completion of the Athletic Directors’ Handbook.

12. AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS - Executive Committee Area Representatives reported on student transfers, open enrollment, enrollment in league sportsmanship, foreign eligibility, Superintendent’s Symposium, Activities Directors’ Conference, CIF Coaching Education, public and private schools in same competitive division and school board of education presentations.

13. SOUTHERN SECTION MARKETING UPDATE - Daniel Holter, Sports Marketing Coordinator, updated the Committee on the status of CIF-SS Marketing Program.

14. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY DISCUSSION - Marge Godfrey, President-elect, addressed the Committee.

15. CLOSED SESSION - The Executive Committee went into closed session at 5:30 p.m. closed at 5:30 p.m. The Committee reconvened and returned to the agenda.

16. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION - Tom Triggs reported no action was taken on discussion of non-RIPING and issues of school financial management of high schools.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Submitted by:
KAREN HELLYER, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Approved by:
DEAN CROWLEY, COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS

The October meeting of the CIF-SS Executive Committee was called to order by President Tom Triggs at 11:00 a.m. on October 1, 1997 at the CIF-SS Office.

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10. COMMISSIONER’S UPDATE - Dean Cromwell, Commissioner, reported on the release of the CIF-SS budget as of June 30, 1997.

11. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - Dr. David Finger, presented the report of the CIF-SS Superintendent.

12. NATIONAL FEDERATION SUMMER MEETING UPDATE - Marge Godfrey reported on the National Federation Summer Meeting held in San Antonio, Texas.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Submitted by:
KAREN HELLYER, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Approved by:
DEAN CROWLEY, COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS

CIF Southern Section and Nike have joined forces to enhance Southland student-athletes’ opportunities to grow and achieve their goals. This partnership will promote both organizations’ philosophies. Nike believes that sports serves as an effective tool in teaching us all valuable lessons, which can be used during the game, in the classroom and later on in adulthood. Nike’s contributions and programs are all designed to give everyone who wants to play sports the chance to do so — from the casual after-school player to those dreaming of the big leagues.

Through this new relationship, Nike and the CIF-SS will showcase three new programs. The "Nike/Distinguished Service Award" will be awarded to community members who have given exemplary time and energy to the school and sports programs. Each year, all schools in the Southern Section will be asked to nominate the good deeds of their dedicated and supportive student-athletes. The first recipients will be awarded at the year’s CIF Southern Section Boys’ Basketball Championships on March 7. Nike’s "Pre-season Orientation Seminars" will take place before each of the fall/winter and spring sports seasons. As the title sponsor, Nike hopes to instill in each new high school athlete the spirit of true sportsmanship. The one-day curriculum will discuss athletic ethics, conflict resolution and team-building skills.

Nike’s "Leadership Symposium" will be held in fall 1998 for more than 2,000 invited student-athletes who are leaders in other extracurricular activities including student government. Student leaders will be treated to inspirational speeches, panel discussions, and training leadership tips. The Symposium’s slogan, "Respect the Game," helps kids remember that there’s more to a victory than just winning. With CIF-SS and Nike, life is about succeeding on and off the playing field.
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
November 19, 1997

The November meeting of the CIF-SS Executive Committee was called to order by President Tom Triggs at 11:20 a.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 1997, at the CIF-SS Office. All members were present with the exception of Dr. Ken Gunn, Dr. Harry Mercado and Tony Ottiga.

1. MINUTES - It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the October 1, 1997 minutes of the CIF-SS Executive Committee meeting.

2. BASEBALL REQUEST - Bill Clark, Assistant Commissioner, reviewed a request for a waiver of Rule 241 to allow Agoura High School to play baseball as part of a baseball professional doubleheader. Following discussion, a motion to deny the request was approved.

3. PUBLIC - PAROCHIAL SCHOOL ISSUES - Tom Triggs, President, reviewed concerns in reference to placement of parochial schools in public school leagues.

4. CIF-SS TECHNOLOGY - Dean Clewes, Commissioner, and Steve Davis, Assistant Commissioner, updated the Committee on the state of CIF-SS Office's computer technology and strategy for the future. Following discussion it was determined that the Technology Committee consisting of Clark Stephane, Dr. Lisa Daniels, Paul Breit and office staff would meet and present a report at the next Executive Committee meeting.

5. RULE REVIEW - Dean Clewes explained concerns regarding a mercy rule in football, the initial down rule and conducting practices on Sundays. Following discussion, a motion to have the Blue Book Committee formulate a mercy rule was passed. In addition, it was moved, seconded and passed to direct the Commissioner to write a letter to Birmingham High School regarding the running up of football scores.

6. NEWS-SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP - It was moved, seconded and passed to approve membership of Archer School for Girls (Pacific Palisades) based on their attendance at an orientation meeting at the CIF-SS Office.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Tom Triggs announced Don Clinkard the CIF-SS Boys' Athletic Directors' Representative has been named one of six high school athletic directors in the United States to receive the National Intercollegiate Athletic Associations Distinguished Service Award for 1997.

8. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - Dean Clewes, Commissioner, introduced to the Executive Committee Thom Simmons the new CIF-SS Sports Information Coordinator and secretary Anita Figueroa. In addition, the Commissioner reviewed the status of the High Desert League and a proposed corporate minutes for public relations.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. David Long, discussed the very successful 1997 Superintendents/Board Member Symposium.

10. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Sharon Caperton, Girls' Athletic Directors' Representative, reported on the CIF Coaching Education Program and shared concerns regarding charges by officials assigned for game changes. Don Clinkard, Boys' Athletic Directors' Representative, reported on the Athletic Administration Fundraising Handbook and a handbook on Athletic Directors' responsibilities to boards.

11. AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS - Executive Committee Area Representative discussed Reateguing, eligibility hearings, cable TV, league meetings and prevention programs on drug use.

12. STATE CIF FEDERATED COUNCIL REPORT - Marge Godfrey, President-Elect, reported on action items and results of the November State CIF Federated Council meeting.

13. HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE - Dr. Harold Caceres, Assistant Commissioner, reported on the status and responsibilities of the Human Relations Action Teams evaluating sportmanship during the CIF-SS football playoffs.

14. PERSONNEL SESSION - The Executive Committee went into closed session at 5:00 p.m. to discuss personnel. At 5:50 p.m., the Committee reconvened and returned to the agenda.

15. REPORT ON PERSONNEL SESSION - No action taken.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by:
KAREN HELLER
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Approved by:
DEAN CLEWES
COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS

JOHN WOODEN CLASSIC INCLUDES ONE DAY OF HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

For the first time ever in its four-year history, the John R. Wooden Classic basketball tournament's total donations expanded from one-day college doubleheader to a two-day event that featured high school teams leading off the festivities.

The John R. Wooden Classic High School Invitational was held on December 4 at the Arrowhead Pond of Anaheim and featured five Southern California schools. Ayala, Crespi, Glendora, Los Alamitos and Mater Dei. It also included national high school power DeMatha Catholic out of Hyattsville, MD.

The first game featured a battle of two teams that combined for 50 wins last season in Glendora and Ayala. Glendora used a balanced offense to control all four quarters and post a 62-43 win to open the classic. Mater Dei and Crespi tangled in game two as a young Monta Vista team used their muscles in a 61-39 victory from the Cheetahs. Game three was the featured game that pitted Los Alamitos vs. DeMatha. The Stage, led by legendary high school coach Morgan Wooden, jumped out to an eight-point lead at the half, but then had to hold off the charging Griffins for a 67-59 win.

Established in 1994, the John R. Wooden Classic is a national tribute to the legendary former UCLA coach and the excellence he personified. The Wooden Classic is a celebration of the game of basketball and the activities benefit the Children's Miracle Network, Children's Hospital Los Angeles and Southern California High School athletics. This year's events included the annual showcase doubleheader featuring Stanford vs. Georgia and UCLA vs. Near Mexico, December 6 at the Pond.

The classic also included a golf tournament at Newport Beach's Pacific Golf Club and the John R. Wooden Classic Banquet at the Anaheim Hilton & Towers.

THOM SIMMONS ADDED TO CIF SOUTHERN SECTION STAFF

Thom Simmons, former Long Beach State Assistant Director of Marketing, has been named the new CIF Southern Section Sports Information Coordinator. Simmons takes over for Art Mundo, who had one open position with the Southern California Section of the Professional Golfers Association.

A 1995 graduate of Long Beach State, Simmons had been in the university's Marketing Department since August. He served as Long Beach State's Assistant Sports Information Coordinator, coaching the football team from 1994 through July of 1996. Additionally, Simmons was the editor for the USC Report and the Media Relations Director for the Long Beach Barracuda Professional Baseball Club.

In his position with the CIF Southern Section, Simmons will be responsible for all media relations duties including the creation of the CIF-SS Weekly Press Release and the quarterly CIF-SS Bulletin. He will also manage press areas at major CIF-SS championship events.

"We are very excited to have someone with Thom's experience as Sports Information Coordinator," said Dean Clewes, Commissioner of Athletics. "Clewes added, "his knowledge and enthusiasm will definitely be an asset to our office."

FRIENDS OF GOLF DONATES $50,000 TO SOUTHERN SECTION SCHOOLS

As their support of high school and junior golf continues, the Friends of Golf has once again made a donation to the CIF Southern Section for distribution to member school golf programs. This year's donations was for $50,000, which makes Friends of Golf's total gift for the first five years some $195,000. The donation will be divided among 116 schools receiving portions of the $50,000. The awards to schools ranged from $300-750.

The Bel-Air Country Club-based organization also donated golf equipment to Southern Section member school golf and physical education programs. This year's golf equipment giveaway was held on October 1.

Friends of Golf President David Dib presented the Southern Section with the donation at the January 29 Council meeting at the Sequoia Athletic Club in Buena Park. With expected, both were greeted with a great round of applause.

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RULE REVIEW

Another Look For Open Enrollment

By Bill Clark

CIF-SS Assistant Commissioner

I'm sure all administrators now by now have had a chance to review CIF-SS' new enrollment forms for 214.1. The rule, essentially, allows students new transfer options, provided that the transfer meets specific guidelines. Additionally, this new form must be filed with the Southern Section office for the transfer to be processed.

The rule designates that for students transferring from one school to another, certain criteria must be met in order for the student to gain athletic eligibility. First, the intent to transfer must be made known by May 15 of the previous school year. Next, the transfer must be for non-athletic and non-disciplinary purposes and lastly, the transfer must take place during the first fifteen days of the school year.

For those transferring within a certain district, the May 15 deadline becomes inconsequential, but the student must transfer under the district's open enrollment policy. Again, the transfer must be for non-athletic and non-disciplinary in nature. Like interdistrict transfers, enrollment must take place prior to the first fifteen days of the school year.

Further, the rule allows students only one open enrollment transfer during their career in order to retain unrestricted eligibility. Therefore, if a student has made an enrollment transfer approved in his or her career, he or she can only gain unrestricted eligibility for subsequent transfers through a bona fide change of address or hardship (Rule 215).

Now, with the new provision, the students would have to file their forms during the first 15 days on or before May 15, that student's eligibility would be restricted for the sports they competed in the previous year, but starting the next Fall, that student would then be unrestricted.

For example, Johnny, on February 1, files the appropriate 214.1 transfer forms and is

See OPEN ENROLLMENT page 10.
JOHN KENTERA HIGHLIGHTS
1997 FOOTBALL PRESS CONFERENCE

The CIF Southern Section was again pleased to have one of the great supporters of high school sports in Southern California as its Master of Ceremonies at the 22nd Annual Football Press Conference Luncheon held at the Sequoia Athletic Club in Buena Park on December 8, 1997.

*The Coach* John Kentera CIF XTRA Sports Radio 960, emceed the conference, which is intended to bring together the coaches and several players who participated in the championship contests of the 12 divisions of football, with the representatives of the local media. In addition, the champions of the two 8-man divisions were in attendance.

Kentera hosts the top-rated high school sports show on XTRA Sports. He is a sideline reporter for XTRA's broadcasts of San Diego Charger football games and hosts Charger Talk, XTRA's post-game show. John now has his own general topic show on Monday through Friday, 10 to 12 p.m.

Kentera urged the students to continue their high level athletic progress while stressing the importance of maintaining an equally high level of academic excellence. Kentera also applauded the CIF Southern Section for the continued outstanding job the section does of putting on first-class championship events.

The press conference gives the media an excellent opportunity for advanced interviews, as well meeting the coaches and players of teams they may not usually cover. It is also a great way of promoting sportsmanship between the competing teams, by allowing the players to meet each other in a friendly environment.

Also on hand at the press conference were Tom Triggs, President of the CIF Southern Section Council, as well as Bill Clark, Karen Helley and Dr. Harold Cebun CIF-SS Assistant Commissioner, along with numerous Southern Section corporate sponsors.

"KEEPERS OF THE GAME"
by Dr. Harold L. Cebun, Sr.
CIF-SS Assistant Commissioner

Why do you continue to do what you do,
Perhaps, there is something seriously wrong with you;
You walk into the gym, shirt tucked in, shoes shined,
Only to find out that everyone there is not so kind.

Good teams, great teams, sometimes champions repeat,
Good days, bad days, through it all you take the heat;
Coaches, players and spectators tell you to be judicial,
You try to do what’s right, night after night, yes, you are the official.

Teams win – you’re good, teams lose – you’re bad,
Some say you are the worst, to others, you’re the best they’ve ever had;
Emotionally drained, physically spent, in the mirror who do you see,
You look real close and say to yourself, that person in the mirror is me.

You believe you’re doing right, someone else says you’re wrong,
After awhile, you’re wishing the game wasn’t so long;
Who you are and what you do is not for fortune and fame,
Truly it is your love of the sport, you are the “Keepers of the Game”.

THE CIF SOUTHERN SECTION
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the CIF Southern Section Human Relations Advisory Committee is to assist those involved with interscholastic athletics (school districts, principals, athletics and activity directors, coaches, officials, students, parents and the community) in creating and promoting standards of ethical conduct, sportsmanship and respect for cultural, racial and/or differences in high school sports and related activities. Essential to this effort is the establishment of standards of conduct, enforced by appropriate consequences and sustained by a reasonable review process.
TEACHING KIDS TO BE "GOOD SPORTS"

By Dr. Darrell J. Burnett

“Sports do not build character. They reveal it.”

- Heywood Hale Brown

Youth Sports: The Last Vestige of Sportmanship

We’re living in an age where the preservation of traditional values can no longer be taken for granted. It seems we need to have reminders (books, newspapers, articles, etc.) to maintain our awareness of the importance of preserving the basic human values which are essential to the survival of a community.

It’s no different in the world of sports. The traditional value of sportmanship is being challenged from all sides: coaches, newspapers, articles, etc. It is therefore important to remind ourselves of the essentials of sportmanship and strive to maintain the basics of sportmanship so it will gradually fade as other values have done in our society.

In the midst of all this, it seems doubly important that we recognize, admit to ourselves that sportmanship is all about, reassuring them for showing good sportsmanship and showing, by our actions, that sportmanship is still alive and valued in youth sports today.

Here’s a 10-item checklist for kids to follow as they try to develop a habit of good sportsmanship:

1. I abide by the rules of the game.
   - Good sportmanship is knowing the rules of the game and playing by them.
   - If a player decides to play a given sport, it is the responsibility of that player to learn not only how to play but also to play according to the rules which have been established and standardized at all competitive games to be played in an orderly fashion.
   - The more a player knows the rules, the more likely he can play his part.

2. I try to avoid arguments.
   - Part of good sportmanship is anger management.
   - Arguing with officials, coaches or other players is often simply a misguided effort at "letting off steam" in the heat of competition.
   - A good sport knows a game is won or lost based on fact and not by the emotional appeal of an argument and to stay focused on the game at hand.

3. I share in the responsibilities of the team.
   - Good sportmanship implies that they player on a team is a team player.
   - In other words, the player understands that his or her behavior reflects on the team as a whole.
   - A team player does not condone unsportsmanlike conduct from teammates and reminds players that they share in the responsibility of promoting good sportmanship.

4. I give everyone a chance to play according to the rules.
   - In youth recreational sports, the more talented players, if they are good sportsmanship, will look out and encourage the less talented players of the team, cooperating with coaching plans to let everybody play.
   - Unfortunately, some coaches may become so preoccupied with winning at all costs that they never play players, regardless of the time and effort they put in daily practices, even when the score warrants clearing the bench.

5. I always play fair.
   - Honesty and integrity should be an integral part of a sports. A player with good sportmanship does not want to lose (or win) by any means.
   - There is nothing wrong with trying to win or lose, but lying or cheating.

6. I follow the directions of the coach.
   - A player with good sportsmanship listens to and follows the directions of the coach, realizing that each player’s decisions affect the rest of the team.

7. If a player has disagreements with the coach, the player discusses the disagreements privately in a civil manner, away from the public eye.

8. I respect the other team’s effort.
   - Whether the other team plays better, or whether it plays worse, the player with good sportsmanship does not use the occasion to put the other team down.
   - In the spirit of competition, merit simply distills from the focus of our working together and gives the advantage to the opponent who develops a sense of confidence when seeing signs of weakness or a lack of unity in the competition.

9. I accept the judgment calls of the game officials.
   - Part of human condition is making mistakes.
   - Arguing with an official over a judgment call simply wastes energy.
   - The good player with good sportsmanship knows that mistakes are part of the game.
   - The more he knows the rules, the more likely he can play his part.

10. I never give up.
    - In the heat of competition, the good player does not give up.
    - He never gives up even when the odds are against him, but he never gives in when the odds are in his favor.

WHO DO WE BLAME FOR OUR LOSS?

I am writing this article in response to something I read in the paper from a coach, which I found very disturbing, especially in the light of our history as a country. However, when we do not blame the officials or anyone in particular for our loss, most of our involvement in the competition comes out looking better. It is not the loser’s fault, but it is the person or anyone’s fault that the loss occurred, the other athlete or team just out-performed us for the day, so give him credit for that effort.

Please keep in mind the difficulty the MHSFL is having getting new officials and the difficulty your athlete director has in getting officials for your contests. It is getting worse every year. One of the reasons for this is the verbal abuse officials receive from fans and players, and, in some cases it is physical abuse, which is on the rise. When coaches openly criticize officials, you are only reinforcing and legitimizing this type of behavior from fans.

Officials are on the field, just like boundary lines are on the field, to keep the contest fair for both sides. All the officials are involved, whether they are aware because they want all the athletes to have as good an experience as possible. If you have a legitimate complaint about an official, there is a process established, through the MHSFL, to file your complaint, visiting in public is not the way to do it.

Remember it is very hard to argue with a judgment call, you may not agree with it, but there is very little you can do to change it.

I feel that BLAMING people for our losses, whether it is officials, players, coaches or spectators, has become a bigger problem in high school athletics, and it really has no place there. I have offered some ideas in the past to get the officials to work together with us and share their colleagues we can create a situation in our athletic field that we can enjoy. Each of us can be like a winner in a contest, even if we are the team with the lower score on the scoreboard.

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SOUTHERN SECTION CIC ARCO am/pm
1997 GIRLS TENNIS POOL PLAYOFF RESULTS

SINGLES
First Round: Marise Irvin (Harvard-Westlake) def. Anne Clark-Olde (Rancho Cucamonga) 6-0, 6-0, Kaley Becker (Villa Park) def. Elsi Neguesa (Urban (CA)) 6-1, 6-0. Nadia Vaugham (Corona del Mar) def. Melissa Emerson (Motel Del) 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, Maureen Diaz (Mayfield) def. Olivia Garcia-McKean (Brentwood) 6-1, 6-2, Moriah Yang (West Torrance) def. Demi Santoro (Pasadena Poly) 6-1, 6-0. Nina Vaugham (Corona del Mar) def. Kelly Schmindo (San Marino) 6-0, 6-0, Shereen Seidah (Calabasas) def. Jessica Prusse (Laguna Hills) 6-2, 7-5, 6-0.
Quarterfinals: Marise Irvin (Harvard-Westlake) def. Katelyn Badger (Villa Park) 6-1, 6-2, Maureen Diaz (Mayfield) def. Nadia Vaugham (Corona del Mar) 6-1, 6-1, Moriah Yang (West Torrance) def. Nina Vaugham (Corona del Mar) 6-3, 6-1, Kim Nguyen (Saddlesback) def. Shereen Seidah (Calabasas) 6-2, 7-6 (7-2), 4-6, 6-2, Final: Nina Vaugham (Harvard-Westlake) def. Marise Irvin (Harvard-Westlake) 6-3, 7-6 (7-1),

DOUBLES
First Round: Romon/Trickman (Dana Hills) def. Maginnis/McKenna (St. Margaret) 6-3, 6-2, Rachael/Chiles (Riviera Poly) def. 6-2, 6-1, Harry/Heck (Woodbridge) def. O'Donnoly/Hunia (Simi Valley) 6-2, 6-7 (7-2), 6-2, 6-4, 6-2, 6-0.
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SOUTHERN SECTION CIF ARCO am/pm 1997 BOYS/GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

DIVISION I - BOYS
Team

1. Long Beach Poly - 50
2. Peninsula - 50
3. Santa Ana - 122
4. Temecula Valley - 141
5. Hoover - 158

Individual
1. Kirt Weibel, Ayala - 17:46
2. Lauren Fleshman, Canyon/CY - 17:58
3. Danielle Day, Quartz Hill - 18:19
4. Lakesha Jones, Rialto - 18:29
5. Jennifer Buure, Ayala - 18:36

DIVISION II - BOYS
Team
1. Saugus - 85
2. Mission Viejo - 94
3. Rubidoux - 110
4. Katella - 135
5. Arrow - 141

Individual
1. Ronnie Buchanan, Righetti - 15:08
2. Gabriel Hernandez, Rubidoux - 15:12
4. Jose Herrera, Laajas - 15:41
5. Irving Moreno, Riverside Poly - 15:50

DIVISION III - BOYS
Team
1. Don Bosco Tech - 43
2. Newport Harbor - 91
3. South Hills - 111
4. Temescal Canyon - 147
5. Rancho - 150

Individual
1. Dave Jackson, Rim of the World - 15:20
2. Heriberto Sarate, Sonora - 15:30
3. Armando Solis, Don Bosco Tech - 15:35
4. Daniel Piffer, Don Bosco Tech - 15:44
5. Fabian Ruelas, Sonora - 15:48

DIVISION IV - BOYS
Team
1. Nordhoff - 40
2. Estancia - 117
3. Notre Dame/Chaminade - 120
4. Moorpark - 124
5. Gabrielo - 147

Individual
1. Isaiah Feala, Moor Park - 15:03
2. Victor Cechia, Nordhoff - 15:14
3. Dusky Herman, Nordhoff - 15:19
5. Matt Weart, Yucaipa Valley - 16:07

DIVISION V - BOYS
Team
1. Maranatha - 75
2. Foothill Prep - 120
3. City of Industry - 142
4. Desert Christ/Lancaster - 138
5. Brentwood - 145

Individual
1. Jeff Tomlinson, Crossroads - 16:04
2. Doug Haid, Paramount - 16:06
3. Ashon Sharp, Santa Clara - 16:16
4. Steve Arna, Maranatha - 16:23
5. Mike Tomlinson, Crossroads - 16:36

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Addressing common concerns can also be a big part in setting the tone for the season. By far the most common concern for any parent is the athletes playing time. Make it clear to parents that athletic participation is not an intramural sport. In an ideal world all athletes on every team sport would get the opportunity to participate. Unfortunately, this is not a perfect world and players can and will be left on the bench. There is a lot at stake in high school athletics, a problem with a parent aware of that from the very beginning. Have your coaches give the parents realistic ideas of their children's roles so as to not raise unnecessary expectations. Perhaps have coaches announce the manner in which they will abide and let the parents decide with regard to playing time.

Establish a chain of command for the athlete, parents, coaches and administrators so as to be prepared for problems when they occur. If a student has a problem, the coach should first report it to the guidance counselor. If the problem is not taken care of, the athlete should then seek out the administration and not go to the coach. Make it a point, as an athletic administrator, to encourage the athlete and the parents to use that chain of command. Encourage parents to seek out their coach first, but to make sure the student is at the appropriate time (i.e. not right after a game). Suggest that parents and coaches set certain times to discuss possible concerns.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Sponsored by the Council. Speaking in opposition to the appeal and in support of the appeal was Doug Hukay, Principal of Royal High School. Following discussion, a motion to approve the request with the amendments: 1) Yeshiva High School's request be covered by the council and 2) the heat would be moderated for any additional matches and 3) the heat should be at an appropriate competition, was approved.

7. PLAYOFF ENROLLMENT FORMAT - Dean Crummy reviewed the Calculus parameters considering the CIF SS OSO developing the playoff groupings for the upcoming 1998-2002 cycle. This will be an action item at the January 29, 1999, meeting of the CIF SS Council.

8. SAN ANDREAS LEAGUE FORFEITURE AMENDMENT - Philip Ireland, Principal and John Powell Athletic Director, San Gorgonio High School, presented the San Andreas League's proposed amendment to Blue Book Article 5, Section 500.2 Pertinent to whether schools were eligible to forfeit players discovered after league play by league play theft or be eligible to forfeit. This amendment would not be required. This will be an action item at the January 29, 1999, meeting of the CIF SS Council.

9. GIRLS' TEAM GOLF - Jim Stauton, Principal of Huntington Beach High School, introduced a proposal from the South Coast and Sunset Leagues which calls for some form of financial assistance to the golf teams. The proposal will be an action item in the January 29, 1999, meeting of the CIF SS Council.

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