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Regular Meeting of the Council

April 25, 2012

The Grand

4101 East Willow

Long Beach, California

Agenda

1. OPENING BUSINESS

DISPOSITION

ITEM

A. Call to order by Bill Dabbs, President of the Council

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

D. Adopt Agenda

Action

E. Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. Council – February 2, 2012

Action

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2. PUBLIC HEARING SESSIONS

A. Recognition of anyone wishing to address the Council.
Speakers must limit their remarks to three minutes.

3. ACTION SESSION

A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL

1. Revision of Bylaw 206: Residential Eligibility

Action

STATE431

2. Reorganization and Amplification of Bylaws 200-209

Action

STATE432

3. Revision of Bylaw 303.D: Small Learning Communities,
Small Schools, Alternative Schools and Charter Schools
Housed on a Member School Campus

Action

STATE433

4. Revision of Bylaw 207: Transfer Eligibility, Bylaw 208:
Hardship and Bylaw 510: Undue Influence

Action

STATE436

3. ACTION SESSION Cont.

DISPOSITION

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| 5. CIF State 2012-13 Proposed Budget | Action | STATE437 |
| 6. CIF State 2012-13 Executive Committee Nominations | Action | STATE438-439 |
| 7. Recommendation to Rescind Bylaw 1104 | Action | STATE440 |
| 8. Open Division Basketball Proposal | Action | STATE441 |
| 9. NorCal Boys Volleyball Championship Proposal | Action | STATE442 |
| 10. Revision of Bylaw 313: Concussion | Action | STATE449 |

B. SOUTHERN SECTION ACTION ITEMS

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| 1. 2012-13 Nominees to CIF Southern Section Executive Committee – ballots will be distributed at the meeting | Action | SS434 |
| 2. Approval of Proposed 2012-13 CIF Southern Section Budget | Action | SS435 |
| 3. Approval of Proposed 2012-2014 Playoff Groupings | Action | SS445 |
| a. Appeals to be heard from the following leagues: | | |
| i. Marmonte – Girls Water Polo and Football | | |
| ii. Santa Fe – Boys Soccer | | |
| iii. Victory – Baseball | | |
| iv. Sunbelt – Football | | |
| v. Pacific Coast – Football | | |
| vi. Century – Football | | |
| vii. Empire - Football | | |

4. NON-ACTION SESSION

A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL NON-ACTION ITEMS

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| 1. Revision of CIF State Football Championship Bowl Format | Discuss | STATE447 |
| 2. Remove all References to “Athletically Motivated” and “Transferring for Athletic Reasons” from the CIF Constitution and Bylaws | Discuss | STATE448 |

B. SOUTHERN SECTION NON-ACTION ITEMS

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| 1. Proposal from Boys and Girls Water Polo Advisory Committee to create a 16-Team Playoff Bracket, Seeded 1-16 to be presented by Ethan Demato and Eric Henninger | Discuss | SS446 |
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5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Update on Student Athlete Leadership Council (SALC)

6. REPORT SESSION

A. President's Report

Bill Dabbs

B. Commissioner's Report

Rob Wigod

C. Treasurer's Report

Reggie Thompson

7. ADVANCE PLANNING

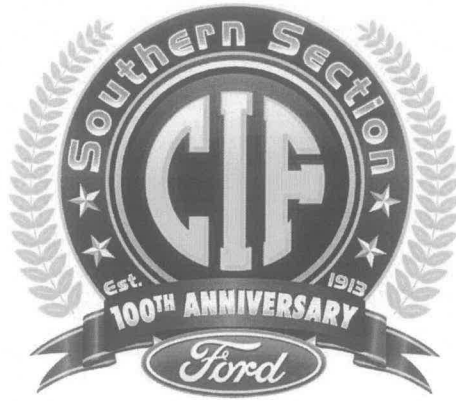
A. Dates

1. May 17, 2012 – CIF Southern Section Executive Committee Meeting, CIF Southern Section Office, Los Alamitos, California, 1:00 p.m.
2. June 19, 2012 – CIF Southern Section 8th Annual Champions for Character Golf Tournament, Rio Hondo Country Club, Downey, California, 12:00 p.m. shotgun

8. ADJOURNMENT

A. Time of adjournment: _____

April 13, 2012



Council Meeting

*For Your
Information*



February 16, 2012

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2012 - 2013 Meeting Dates

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting</u>
Thursday	August 16	Executive Committee Meeting Workshop and New Member Orientation
Sunday-Tuesday	September 16-18	National Federation Section 7 & 8 Meeting
Monday	October 1	Champions for Character Dinner
Thursday	October 11	Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday	October 25	Southern Section Council Meeting <i>Hall of Fame/Distinguished Service Award Luncheon immediately following Council Meeting in Presidential Room</i> <i>Deadline for Southern Section Proposals – October 4</i>
Monday	October 29	State Federated Council Meeting
Friday-Sunday	January 18-20	Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday	January 31	Southern Section Council Meeting <i>Deadline for Southern Section Proposals – January 10</i>
Friday-Saturday	February 1-2	State Federated Council Meeting
Wednesday	March 20	Executive Committee Meeting Teleconference
TND	April TBD	Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday	April 25	Southern Section Council Meeting <i>Deadline for Southern Section Proposals – April 4</i>
Wednesday-Sunday	April 17-21	State Athletic Directors Conference
Friday-Saturday	May 3-4	State Federated Council Meeting
Wednesday	May 15	Executive Committee Meeting
Sunday-Thursday	June 23-27	National Federation Summer Meeting



Council Meeting

Previous Meeting Minutes



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Minutes

1. OPENING BUSINESS

DISPOSITION

ITEM

A. Call to order by Bill Dabbs, President of the Council

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

D. Adopt Agenda

Action

- There was a motion and a second to adopt the agenda as written. The motion passed.

E. Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. Council – October 20, 2011

Action

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- There was a motion and a second to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as written. The motion passed.

2. PUBLIC HEARING SESSIONS

A. Recognition of anyone wishing to address the Council.
Speakers must limit their remarks to three minutes.

3. ACTION SESSION

A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL

1. CIF State Marketing Plan Revision

Action

STATE440

- There was a motion and a second to support STATE440. The motion passed.

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3. ACTION SESSION Cont.

DISPOSITION

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B. SOUTHERN SECTION ACTION ITEMS

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| 1. Proposal from Southwestern League regarding the State Football Bowl Game Format to be presented by Ray Moore | Action/Exec.
Cmte. Supports | SS426 |
| ▪ There was a motion and a second to support SS426. The motion passed. | | |
| 2. Proposal from the Trinity League regarding Bylaw 200, 206, 207, 208 and 510 and the wording "Athletically Motivated Transfer" and "Transferring for Athletic Reasons" to be presented by Michael Brennan | Action/Exec.
Cmte. No Position | SS428 |
| ▪ There was a motion and a second to support SS428. The motion passed with a vote of 41-33. | | |
| 3. Proposal from Boys and Girls Tennis Advisory Committee regarding Bylaw 2706, End of Competition to be presented by Howie Farer | Action/Exec
Cmte Supports | SS429 |
| ▪ There was a motion and a second to support SS429. The motion passed. | | |

4. NON-ACTION SESSION

A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL NON-ACTION ITEMS

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| 1. Revision of Bylaw 206: Transfer Eligibility | Discuss | STATE431 |
| ▪ Commissioner Wigod stated that the revisions contained within the 200 series was a year's worth of collaboration among the 10 section commissioners. While not all items are perfect, this is a starting point in adapting some of current rules to changing times. Increasing litigation, and costs resulting from that, is leading us toward looking at some of our rules more closely. | | |
| ▪ Rule 206- There are three options to choose from. 206-1 would allow a student who moves to have athletic eligibility at the school of enrollment. Currently, if a student athlete moves, they are eligible in the specific high school that their new address belongs to. Many districts have open enrollment. If students choose a high school within that district that isn't their school of residence, they are subject to limited eligibility. Choosing this option would equalize the public and private school choice. When students have a valid move, they may choose any private school. This would give a student that same dispensation if enrolling in a public school; any public school that would allow them to attend. | | |
| ▪ 206-2- Concern were brought about in limiting the choice of private school. If the home is geographically closets to a Catholic school and a student's faith is not Catholic, they wouldn't have varsity eligibility at another private school. This choice would add boundaries to private schools similar to what public schools have now. | | |
| ▪ 206-3- This is our existing rule. Choosing this option would keep the current practice in place. | | |

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| 2. Reformatting/Revision of Bylaws 200-209 | Discuss | STATE432 |
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- Some of the changes within this series is clean up language and not changes in the rules or their interpretations; merely a reorganization of material.
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| 3. Revision of Bylaw 207: Transfer Eligibility | Discuss | STATE436 |
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- This change reflects a “sit out period” for students who transfer without a valid change of residence. There are specific dates that a student seeking varsity eligibility would be able to participate when seeking varsity eligibility. If a student only wants limited eligibility, there would be no sit out period, simply the paperwork process in place currently. Students seeking eligibility at any level still have to be cleared through the section office regardless of the level. A caveat to the lower level choice, if a student chooses to play immediately upon transfer (at the JV level or lower), he/she may not move up to the varsity level AT ALL during that season of sport. In other words if you want to play varsity this season, you must complete the “sit-out” period and not play at any level until the sit-out period is over. Keep in mind that a student cannot play the same sport at two different schools (within the same season). Example: If I play football at School “A” and transfer (without a valid change of residence) to School “B” mid season, the football season is over. The only exception to this would be in the case of a valid change of residence.
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| 4. Revision of Bylaw 303.D: Small Learning Communities, Small Schools, Alternative Schools and Charter Schools Housed on a Member School Campus | Discuss | STATE433 |
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- There are high schools that house small learning communities, small schools, alternative schools and charter schools on their campuses. Our current bylaw states that students wishing to participate in athletics must do so at the school whose attendance boundary he/she resides in (with the implementation of a multi-campus agreement). In some areas, students travel from far away to attend these types of schools. Their ability to return to their school of residence is difficult. This would allow students to play for the school that their educational program takes place at.
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| 5. CIF State 2012-13 Projected Budget | Discuss | STATE437 |
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| 6. CIF State 2012-13 Executive Committee Nominations | Discuss | STATE438 |
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| 7. Rescinding of Bylaw 1104 | Discuss | STATE439 |
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- There is a concern that the existence of this bylaw makes the section susceptible to litigation without an appellate process for various decisions made by the commissioner. It is suggested that this rule be eliminated such that there is an appellate process available through the state executive director when decisions are rendered within a section.
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| 8. Open Division Basketball Proposal | Discuss | STATE441 |
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- This will create a new, “open” division in basketball (within the state tournament). This would be a 6th division. No section would be able to nominate more than 4 entries in the state “open” division. The Southern Section would maintain the 8 entries currently given in the other 5 divisions of state basketball. The entries for the “open division” would be evaluated based on specific criteria determined by the state basketball advisory committee.

- The North would like to have their championship tournaments the same time that the South has theirs. This item doesn't affect the Southern Section at all.

B. SOUTHERN SECTION NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. 2012-13 Nominees to CIF Southern Section Executive Committee

Discuss

SS434

- See your council packet for information regarding the current nominees.

2. 2012-13 CIF Southern Section Proposed Budget

Discuss

SS435

- The budget included in this packet is "proposed" to be approved at the next meeting. Historically the sport fees were included within the sports income accounts. They are now separated for a more true sense of where we stand within each sport. Each sport listed only includes playoff revenue. "Apparel" is merchandise sales from memorabilia available at championship events. "Publications" are rule books sold in the office. Schools do not pay for rule books. Rule books are now inventoried. The "Publications Expense" column represents the cost to provide publications to schools. By inventorying our publications, we can decrease the "Publications Waste" and get closer to exact numbers when we order and print materials. Building maintenance was increased due to an aging building where the standard "wear and tear" affects exist. Our investment interest is somewhat stagnant because of the section's conservative investment strategy. There is a 0% COLA to salaries. There is a 5% anticipated increase in medical premiums which is an estimate based on trend. The expense item "website technology" was significantly increased due to the development of a Southern Section based hub for athletic directors to use for all CIF business. This endeavor is at a zero cost to schools.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. CIF Southern Section Centennial Celebration Update

Susie Arce

- The centennial theme and logo have been chosen with Ford as the sponsor. Promotional materials have been sent out with questionnaires to the schools requesting history and ideas for the greatest athletes of all time. There will be a yearbook associated with this event to document that history. Fox Sports will be involved in the unveiling of the 100 greatest athletes.

6. REPORT SESSION

A. President's Report

Bill Dabbs

- The CIF-SS realized a fantastic fall sport season. The section is financially sound. There was a change in the next Council Meeting date, which is now April 25th, please mark your calendars accordingly. May 17th will be the last meeting of the Executive Committee for the 2011-2012 school-year.

B. Commissioner's Report

Rob Wigod

- Commissioner Wigod recognized the staff for their dedication and the Executive Committee for their continued guidance and support. Playoff grouping information will be out for preliminary review mid-March. Those will be the suggested alignments which will be voted on at the next

council meeting. Winter playoffs are on the horizon. Remember the importance of our sponsorship obligations. Those dollars are helping with the rising expenses in offering what we do. The revenue streams help us tremendously and are necessary in supporting the organization. Thank you in advance for following the guidelines and supporting our sponsors as they support us. The web-based system being rolled out by our office is forthcoming. This is an exciting system that will streamline the various tasks ADs are required to do daily. "Coffee with the Commissioners" is going to be a training opportunity for this system unveiling all its features. If you attend the CSADA conference in San Diego, make sure to attend that session. The "Hall of Fame" recognition process that usually takes place at our first council meeting of the year (in October) will now be a separate celebration. Please take time to nominate deserving individuals.

C. Treasurer's Report

Reggie Thompkins

- Audit was presented and approved. We are 99.8% collected on sports fees. Only one school not paid. Fall shirt sales are down 11%. Fall sports are complete. Football is up, volleyball was up, cross country was down a bit, and water polo was up, girls' golf was up, tennis was down a little. Total we are up for the fall by 1.79%. Revenue sharing was over \$600k.

7. ADVANCE PLANNING

A. Dates

1. April 17, 2012 – CIF Southern Section Executive Committee Meeting, Angels Stadium, Anaheim, California, 1:00 p.m.
2. ****April 25, 2012 (Wednesday)** – CIF Southern Section Council Meeting, The Grand, Long Beach, California, 9:00 a.m. ****Note date change****
3. May 17, 2012 – CIF Southern Section Executive Committee Meeting, CIF Southern Section Office, Los Alamitos, California, 1:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A. Time of adjournment: 10:45



Council Meeting

State Federated Council Action Items

RULES, RULES, RULES

Several months ago, there were some significant rules changes involving the 200 Series on Student Eligibility in the CIF Southern Section Blue Book, that were introduced to you from the Commissioner's Committee, which is a group made up of the 10 Section Commissioners in California. This committee is empowered, like the CIF State Executive Committee, a Section Council and a CIF State Sport Advisory Committee, to propose new rules to the CIF State Federated Council. The rules changes I am referring to were surfaced to you in November, introduced for first reading at the CIF Southern Section Council meeting on February 2 and will be voted upon at our final CIF Southern Section Council meeting of the year on April 25. As we get closer to April 25, I hope that there will be productive discussions taking place at the league level in preparation for your league's vote.

As the Commissioner of the CIF Southern Section, I serve in an advisory role, along with our staff, to our section membership in regard to rules proposals brought forward to the CIF Southern Section Council by our leagues and/or Sport Advisory Committees. We typically do not take positions on rules proposals because our governance at the Section level is based upon our leagues and/or our Sport Advisory Committees making the rules, not those of us who work for the CIF Southern Section. However, as the Commissioner of the CIF Southern Section, in my capacity as a member of the Commissioner's Committee, I take on a different role in relation to our section when rules proposals come forward from that committee. I have a responsibility to take a position on the rules changes that have been forwarded to you because I am part of the group who formulated them. Therefore, I want to be clear in letting you know that I support these rules changes and would like you to support them as well when your league votes on April 25.

Here are some compelling facts and a summery, courtesy of Roger Blake and Ron Nocetti from the CIF State Office, that have moved the ten Section Commissioners and the State CIF Executive Committee to support these proposed changes. These proposals came after months of work by the 10 Section Commissioners attempting to find a way to enforce the principles of the CIF and education-based athletics, while still retaining the integrity of the rules and regulations.

The transfer data for 2011-2012 as of March 16, 2012

Total number of CIF participating student-athletes as reported by schools last year: 736,727

Total number of Students who have transferred schools as reported by the section offices: 12,256

Percentage of students transferring: 1.6%

Of the 1.6% of students who transfer:

Number of transfer students approved for unlimited eligibility: 11,621 (94.8%)

Number of transfer students denied and/or given limited eligibility: 513 (4.2%)

Number of transfer students denied due to 510 violation: 122 (1%)

Total number of students denied or given limited eligibility: 635 (5.2%) or 0.08% of all CIF student-athletes.

Number of Foreign Students/boarding school approved: 730

Number of foreign students/boarding denied: 76

Number of foreign students 510 violation: 4

Number of appeals of section decision on eligibility held: 84

Number of section decisions overturned by appeal panel and eligibility granted: 28 (33%)

Number of section decisions upheld by appeal panel and eligibility denied: 56 (66%)

Number of appeals of section decision still to be heard: 7

CIF legal and liability expenses as of March 20, 2012: \$750,008

CIF legal and liability expense for 2010-2011: \$1,197,961

There are four very misunderstood parts to the proposed rule change.

- 1) Students would only be allowed to have a sit out period **once** in their high school career. A few athletic directors have stated that a student could move each sports season and that is incorrect. Any 2nd transfer will be under the strict transfer bylaw.
- 2) Hardships – There are real hardships for students but as you have seen, too often individuals review our rules and then attempt to gain eligibility using the hardship rule by looking “where can I find a hardship that fits my situation” when a real hardship doesn’t exist- they just want to change schools. The new proposal will significantly narrow the hardship guidelines. Hardships will still exist, but they will have to be supported by strong documentation from both the school and the family.
- 3) Transfers will increase – We only have a one year of data as the CIF-Sac-Joaquin Section had a similar rule before. What the SJS saw was a decrease in transfers as most kids and parents did not want to miss a significant portion of the season in order to change schools. Yes, some still did, but there was not the mass transfers so many envision. I would encourage you to call and talk with your peers in the SJS who have actually lived under a similar rule.
- 4) Many say the sit out period is only 30 days. That is incorrect. I urge you to look at your schedules and then review. Take Basketball as an example: Winter Sports would gain eligibility on January 1 yet most Winter sports now start games the week of Thanksgiving. If this is in effect next year the transfer student would have missed at least 38 days of competition. The same holds true on the other seasons of sport so 30 days is a misnomer and is inaccurate.

Summary

The data validates that the overwhelming number of CIF student-athletes **do not** transfer schools (98.4%). When those few students do transfer the vast majority are granted unlimited eligibility (94.8%) while only a small number were found to have violated 510 rules. We are on track to spend in excess of 1 million dollars on legal and liability issues for the second year in a row and our third time in the past four years.

The Los Angeles City Section schools just voted and agreed with the ten Section Commissioners and directed their representatives to support the proposed rule changes at the upcoming Federated Council meeting in May. Their schools had many of the same concerns that you may have, and maybe more so, as many of the LA City high schools are only blocks apart and the fear of mass transfers could impact them dramatically. But, they are willing to try something different as they too viewed our present rule is not fulfilling our mission.

I think everyone will agree that no rule is perfect (or someone would have proposed it years ago) but the proposed changes to the transfer rule is the attempt, given the data, to improve on our present rule that has not curbed transfers and has significantly eaten up resources that could be focused on more important issues that could benefit all 737,727 student-athletes.

Roger Blake and Ron Nocetti

As you prepare for the upcoming vote, I have included the Synopsis of Major Changes document that we have created for you to review. If you have any questions, or need clarification on any of these proposed rules changes, please contact our office and we will do our best to help you.

SYNOPSIS OF MAJOR CHANGES – CIF BYLAWS 206-209 + 510b

(Revised - 2/6/12)

Rule 206 – Valid Change of Residence (Choose one)

- 206-1 Proposal – Allows for student to choose any school: public, as long as the school district approves of their enrollment, private or charter.
- 206-2 Proposal – Allows for student to have eligibility at the public school where they move, a private school that is geographically closest to the new family residence, or a charter school within the boundaries of the public school attendance area the family has moved into.
- Existing rule. Student has eligibility at public school where the family moved or any private school, or charter school within the public school attendance area the family has moved into.

(There are 2 proposals to choose from here. The Council will be asked to vote for 206-1 or 206-2. If neither one passes with a majority vote, then the existing rule will stay intact. There is no longer a 206-3, that was just the existing rule.)

Rule 207 – Transfer Eligibility – Student Does Not Make a Valid Change of Residence

- Student would not be eligible for Varsity competition, in any sport the student participated in at their former school during the last 12 calendar months, until the following dates...
 - Fall - Monday of NFHS Week 14: October 1, 2012; October 6, 2013
 - Winter – Monday of NFHS Week 27: December 31, 2012; January 6, 2014
 - Spring – Monday of NFHS Week 40: April 1, 2013; April 7, 2014
- This concept is referred to as the Sit-Out Period (SOP).
- Student can be eligible immediately for non-varsity competition, in the sports they participated in at their former school during the last 12 calendar months. If the student chooses immediate non-varsity eligibility, the student cannot play varsity at any time during that season, including playoffs.
- Student cannot seek a Hardship Waiver to become immediately varsity eligible, student is not eligible for varsity competition until the SOP has passed.
- 1st Time Freshman Transfer is eliminated.

(There is a limit on the number of times a student can transfer under this bylaw. A student may transfer ONE time under this bylaw. Any subsequent transfers, without a Valid Change of Residence, will be subject to the existing rule in place: the student would be limited to non-varsity competition, in the sports they have played at their former school(s) during the last 12 calendar months, for one year from the date of transfer.

A student who is a multi-sport athlete would be under this bylaw for all of the sports they participated in during the last 12 calendar months at their former school(s). For example, a football, basketball and track athlete would be under the SOP bylaw for all 3 seasons of sport at their new school. They could be eligible for varsity competition after the SOP, or be eligible for non-varsity competition immediately. Finally, a multi-sport athlete could be a varsity athlete in one sport and a non-varsity in another, they do not all have to be the same level at the new school.)

Rule 208 – Hardship Waiver

- Specific Hardship Waiver categories, limited to 3 listed below...

- 1) Court Ordered Transfers – Court order or child protection order that moves a student from one location to another.
- 2) Children of Divorced Parents – Student changes residence for one parent to the other and the other and there is a court-ordered change of full physical custody.
- 3) Individual Student Safety Incidents – Student transferring because of a specific safety incident in which the student was involved. Incident must be documented from the former school and/or police records (if any).

Rule 209 – Foreign Students

- 209B – Moved into the 207

- Existing rule unchanged, in terms of students in an approved foreign exchange program having varsity eligibility.

- Students not part of an approved foreign exchange program are the same as all other 207 Transfer Eligibility students.

A) Unlimited Eligibility - If the student did not play any sports during the last 12 calendar months in their foreign country.

B) Limited Eligibility – If the student did play sports: high school, club, youth teams, community teams, national teams, or individual instruction for competition for developmental schools or programs.

- CIF Southern Section Rule 209.1 would be eliminated.

Rule 510b – Undue Influence

- Athletic Motivation – Narrowed to 1 category.

- 1) Student and/or parents/caregivers/guardians have had a verbal, written or physical altercation with the coach of the student's former school, prior to transferring.



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AGENDA ITEM:

V.A.6

TO: FEDERATED COUNCIL

FROM: Commissioner's Committee

THROUGH: CIF Executive Committee

DATE: October 31, 2011

RE: Revision of Bylaws 206: Residential Eligibility

Last year the Commissioner's spent a day and a half reviewing and revising the current transfer eligibility bylaws. A proposal (referred to as the "little minnow" rule for a lack of a better term) was forwarded by them. After review and further discussion by sections it became apparent there was not much support for this proposal. Rather than vote and reject this attempt, the proposal was tabled and sent back to commissioners for further discussion.

At their October 4-5, 2011 meeting, two proposals were presented. Both proposals address changes to Bylaw 206 that defines the choices for school enrollment a student may make in order to be residentially eligible, following their family's valid change of residence. (Bylaw 206)

First Reading: October 31, 2011

Discussion: February 3, 2012

Vote: May 4, 2012

STATE431

Please find below two competing proposals for changes to CIF Bylaw 206, Valid Change of Residence. Both of these proposals cannot be approved. If neither are approved, the current language of CIF Bylaw 206. C. B. (3) would remain.

206-1 PROPOSAL

This proposed language change gives the student more options of school choice after a valid change of residence. This language attempts to treat all schools the same (private and public) and is less restrictive than the current language.

RATIONALE: If a student can choose to go to any private school after a valid change of residence, why do we limit which public schools they can attend? If a public school district allows a student to enroll in a school other than the school into whose attendance area the family moved, why does the CIF try to restrict this?

- (i) student enrolls, attends, and/or is carried on the attendance roll at the new public school (School B) into whose attendance area the family moved, or another public school in accordance with the district(s) policies or a private school or a charter school; AND

OR

206-2 PROPOSAL

This proposed language change is more restrictive than 206-1 AND more restrictive than the current language. This language attempts to treat all school the same, but is more restrictive in limiting the choice of private schools as it does for public and charter schools.

RATIONALE: Student should only be eligible in the public school into whose attendance area they move. This restricts which private school(s) in which they can enroll, also restricts which charter schools in which they can enroll and gain athletic eligibility after a valid change of residence.

- (i) student enrolls, attends, and/or is carried on the attendance roll at the new public school (School B) into whose attendance area the family moved or a private school closer geographically to the new family residence than any other private school or a charter school within the boundaries of

School B's attendance area; AND

ARTICLE 20
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

206 VALID CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES PROPOSED FOR CHOICE OF SCHOOLS FOLLOWING A VALID CHANGE OF RESIDENCE-206.C.(6)

206. RESIDENTIAL ELIGIBILITY

C. VALID CHANGE OF RESIDENCE:

~~(6)~~ CHOICE OF SCHOOLS AFTER A VALID CHANGE OF RESIDENCE:

~~T~~A student choosing a school after making a valid change of residence in
~~E~~accordance with CIF's definition of valid change of residence has a
~~R~~choice for residential eligibility as follows:

~~A~~a. Remaining at the same School: OR

~~D~~b. Changing Schools: A student must make a valid change of
~~I~~residence out of the public school (School A) attendance area in
~~S~~which their former family residence was located and into another
~~C~~public school's attendance area (School B) (this is true even if the
~~P~~student was not attending public school A but was enrolled in a
~~L~~private school or a charter school). Changing schools following such
~~I~~a valid change of residence will result in full residential eligibility if the
~~N~~following conditions are met:

PROPOSALS 206-1 OR 206-2, IF APPROVED, WOULD
REPLACE CURRENT LANGUAGE:

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TO: FEDERATED COUNCIL

FROM: Commissioner's Committee

THROUGH: CIF Executive Committee

DATE: October 31, 2011

RE: Proposals for Reorganization & Amplification of CIF Article 20, 200-209

The attached Bylaws, 200-209 have been re-formatted, reorganized and re-written. The CIF Commissioners and CIF staff have reviewed the attached changes on three separate occasions and are presenting these bylaw changes to the CIF Federated Council as non-substantive, editorial changes.

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Commissioners request immediate implementation, if approved, in order to disseminate rule change to schools in order for a smooth transition effective Fall 2012.

First Reading: October 31, 2011

Discussion: February 3, 2012

Vote: May 4, 2012

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ARTICLE 20
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
(200 series revised May 2007 Federated Council)

NOTE: CIF provides questions and answers throughout Article 20 as a guide for parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and school personnel to aid them in understanding the intent and application of some of our bylaws. Many situations are unique and not every specific situation can be covered in the language of these bylaws or in every Q & A.

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- Adding in Rules references B. 1-16 from former 201.

200. CIF PHILOSOPHY ON STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC COMPETITION

A. **PHILOSOPHY:** The CIF, as the governing body of high school athletics, affirms that athletic competition is an important part of the high school experience and that participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege. The privilege of participation in interscholastic athletics is available to students in public or private schools who meet the democratically established standards of qualification as set forth by the CIF Federated Council. CIF Bylaws governing student eligibility are a necessary prerequisite to participation in interscholastic athletics because they:

- (1) Keep the focus on athletic participation as a privilege not a right;
- (2) Reinforce the principle that students attend school to receive an education first; athletic participation is secondary;
- (3) Protect the opportunities to participate for students who meet the established standards;
- (4) Provide a fundamentally fair and equitable framework in which interscholastic athletic competition can take place;
- (5) Provide uniform standards for all schools to follow in maintaining athletic competition;
- (6) Serve as a deterrent to students who transfer schools for athletic reasons and to individuals who recruit student athletes;
- (7) Serve as a deterrent to students who transfer schools to avoid disciplinary action;
- (8) Maintain an ethical relationship between high school athletic programs and others who demonstrate an interest in high school athletes;
- (9) Support the Principles of "Pursuing Victory with Honors®."

B. **RULES:** The CIF establishes the standards of eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics to include the following:

- (1) Philosophy statement (Bylaw 200)
- (2) Accurate information requirement (Bylaw 202)
- (3) Age requirement (Bylaw 203)
- (4) Eight Consecutive Semesters requirement (Bylaw 204)
 - a. Initial scholastic eligibility (Bylaw 205.A.)
 - b. Continuing scholastic eligibility (Bylaw 205.B.)
 - c. Summer School Credits (Bylaw 205.C.)
 - d. Non-Traditional Programs (Bylaw 205.D.)
 - e. Waivers of 20 semester credits requirement (Bylaw 205.E.)
- (5) Residential Eligibility (Bylaw 206)
 - a. Initial residential eligibility (Bylaw 206.A.)
 - b. Continuing residential eligibility (Bylaw 206.B.)
- (6) Transfer rule (Bylaw 207)
- (7) Hardship waivers of the transfer rule (Bylaw 208)
- (8) Foreign Exchange student eligibility (Bylaw 209)
- (9) Discipline eligibility (Bylaw 210)
 - a. Expulsion (Bylaw 210.A.)
 - b. Suspended Expulsion (Bylaw 210.B.)
 - c. Transfer Compelled for Disciplinary Reasons (Bylaw 210.C.)
- (10) Physical Assault (Bylaw 211)
- (11) Continuation School eligibility (Bylaw 212)
- (12) Amateur status requirement (Bylaw 213)
- (13) Hardship waivers of eligibility standards other than transfer (Bylaw 214)
- (14) Post-Injunctive Remedies (Bylaw 215)
- (15) Intercollegiate Competition (Bylaw 216)
- (16) Graduates (Bylaw 217)
 - a. Mid-Year/Spring Graduation (Bylaw 217.A.)
 - b. California High School Proficiency Exam (Bylaw 217.B.)

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201-Standards of Enrollment-NEW

There are no substantive changes in 201. It is virtually a new bylaw accurately & thoroughly defining, clarifying and establishing current interpretations and practice on these 5 important issues. The former content of 201 has been moved into 200.B.

201 Now becomes the bylaw that defines enrollment standards in general and in each of the five categories below:

- (1) What does it mean for a student to be enrolled full time, before they can practice or compete with a school team?
- (2) How and when do we determine that student's 8 semesters of eligibility has begun?
- (3) What enrollment standards determine when a student has "transferred" to a new school?
- (4) When is a student considered enrolled so that pre-enrollment contact does or does not have to be disclosed?
- (5) Enrollment in a multi campus reference...NO CHANGES

While this is a significant addition of new language, this language is reflective of current interpretations and past practice reflected in the minimal language we currently have addressing these issues.

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201. STANDARDS OF ELIGIBILITY

Only students, who are enrolled in public and private CIF member schools, grades 9-12 and who meet all standards of athletic eligibility established by CIF, their respective CIF/Section of membership, their respective League and District and School, in order to be considered a student in good standing and be eligible to compete for their school of enrollment.

~~Only students regularly enrolled in public and private CIF member schools, grades 9-12, shall be permitted to participate in the CIF and shall represent only that school of enrollment.~~

A. ENROLLMENT STANDARDS- See also CIF Bylaw 204, 206, 207 and 209

- (1) Enrollment standard required for participation: (CIF Bylaw 201 and 205)
 - a. Students must be enrolled full time (minimum 20 units) at the school for which they are competing. (See also CIF Bylaw 205.B.(1).a.. 217, 303, 304, 307 & 308)
 - b. Students will be considered enrolled in a school for purposes of participation in interscholastic athletics (205.B) when they have:
 1. been entered as a full-time student (20 units or equivalent in a non-traditional program-see also Bylaw 205.B.1.a and ii) on the attendance roll for 15 days or more in classes at that school, whether the student has physically been in attendance at these classes for all 15 days or not. OR
 2. participated in a fall sport, when the tryouts and/or practices of that team begin before classes at the school begin in the fall. Such a student will be considered to be enrolled during that practice time as long as they have registered for, and are enrolled, as a full-time student for the fall semester of that school year (20 units or equivalent in a non-traditional program-see also Bylaw 205.B.1.a and ii).

Question: *My son was not registered for any classes at any school, he was not attending school anywhere because we had just moved here. He enrolled in classes at the new school (CIF Member School A) two weeks after the first day of this school year. When does his 15 days begin?*

Answer: *Because he was not registered or currently scheduled for classes at any school he is not considered to have been on the attendance roll prior to his actual enrollment. His 15 days would begin on the day he enrolled at the new school, whether he began to attend immediately or whether he was*

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physically in attendance at those classes for all 15 days or not. He would not be eligible to practice or compete with any of this school's teams until two weeks after the first day of this school year when he was registered and currently scheduled for classes, since he would not have been considered enrolled in this school until that time.

Question: *My son was registered and scheduled in classes, but due to illness did not begin attending until 5 days after the school year/term began. When does his 15 days begin?*

Answer: *Because he was registered and scheduled in classes, even though he was not attending those classes, his 15 days begin the first day of that school year/term.*

- d. For eligibility purposes, students cannot have dual enrollment in two different schools at the same time. During the time a student, remains enrolled in their current school, but has registered for classes at a new school and/or paid a non-refundable registration fee at a new school, the student will be considered to be enrolled in the former school not the new school. Only at such time as the student has withdrawn from or has completed the courses in which they were enrolled at the former school, and is no longer enrolled in any way at the former school, shall that student be considered as being "enrolled" in the new school for eligibility purposes. This applies to 8th graders matriculating the following school year to 9th grade in a CIF member school.

NOTE: This is not intended to apply to traditional summer school coursework. Summer school is defined as a course of study that begins after the end of the previous school year and ends prior to the beginning of the fall term of the following school year.

Question: *My daughter will be transferring to a new school (School B) in the fall. She has registered for classes at that new school, but still remains enrolled in, and completing her coursework at, her current school (School A). For purposes of athletic eligibility, is she enrolled in both schools at this time?*

Answer: *Students may not have dual enrollment for eligibility purposes. Students may not have residential eligibility at two different schools at the same time. She is considered enrolled at, and therefore only eligible at, her current school (School A).*

- e. Students may not participate in any athletic meeting, practice or competition at a new school in which they have registered for classes and/or paid a non-refundable registration fee until they have been officially withdrawn from their former school, or stopped attending or the regular school year for their former school has concluded. This applies to 8th graders who are matriculating the following school year to a CIF member school.

Question: *My daughter will be transferring to a new school (School B) in the fall. She has registered for classes at that new school, but still remains enrolled in and completing her coursework at her current school (School A). Can she practice with her new school team during the current school year since she is registered for classes and will be attending the new school next term/year?*

Answer: *No, for eligibility purposes, she is not considered to be enrolled at the new school (School B) since she had not withdrawn from or stopped attending school A and therefore may not participate, practice or compete in any way with their athletic program. If she does, she may be declared to be in violation of CIF Bylaws 207.C.1 & 510 pre-enrollment contact with the new school (School B) which may jeopardize her athletic eligibility.*

- f. Students may not practice with or compete for any CIF-member school in which they are not enrolled as a full-time student regardless of the sports offerings, or lack thereof, at the school in which they are enrolled.

(2) **Enrollment standard establishing a semester of attendance:**
(CIF Bylaw 204)

- a. The first time any student has been entered on the attendance roll for 15 school days in the 9th grade, and/or in any classes taken subsequent to the completion of the 8th grade, at any school whether the student has physically been in attendance at those classes for all 15 days or not, or has played in an interscholastic athletic contest, the CIF will count that as the student's first semester of high school eligibility.