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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **TORRANCE FORFEITS FIRST-ROUND BASEBALL WIN**

LOS ALAMITOS - After a review of evidence it has been determined that Torrance High School is in violation of CIF Southern Section Baseball Playoff Bylaws as they regard pregame batting practice prior to their first-round Division 4 contest versus Fullerton High School.

Due to this violation Torrance will forfeit their win. Fullerton, will now advance to the next round of the playoffs versus California High School on Tuesday, May 24.

This decision was based on the CIF-SS Bluebook Bylaw 1522.2 that states:

“Teams entered in the baseball playoffs will not be permitted to take batting practice on the day of a play-off game prior to the commencement of the contest.” Batting practice will be construed as ANY type of pitching motion with ANY type of ball from in front of the batter (including pitching machines and overhand throwing). With the consultation and support of the CIF Southern Section Baseball Coaches Advisory Committee, the rules are as follows... THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE BATTING WARMUP WILL BE SIDE SOFT TOSS, BATTING TEE WORK OR PEPPER.

A) For side soft toss, the guidelines are as follows: the tosser should be on a knee, to the side of the batter and the ball should be lifted, not pitched, to the batter.

B) For pepper, the guidelines are as follows: the maximum distance between the pitchers/fielders and the hitter is 40 feet and batted balls are to be directed toward the pitchers/fielders

C) To clarify any questions that may arise. “Tracking”, the idea that hitters will stand in a batter’s position, while pitchers throw overhand to a catcher, and “track” pitches as they come toward the plate, is not considered batting practice by definition and is allowable prior to playoff contests.

Batters who swing, or attempt to swing or bunt in any fashion, will be in violation of this rule and may face the consequences of that action. Coaches should be very careful to monitor any and all pregame activities.

THE PENALTY FOR BATTING PRACTICE WITH WIFFLE BALLS, SOFTBALLS, BASEBALLS, ETC. MAY BE FORFEITURE OF THE GAME.

CIF Section-Ford Division 4 Baseball Championship playoffs culminate with title game action on June 4 at San Manuel Stadium in San Bernardino.

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