



**HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA
INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION
SOUTHERN SECTION
(CIFSS)**



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FORMATION OF THE SAN DIEGO CIF SECTION

There are ten sections in the California Interscholastic Federation dating back to 1913. The first sections were Southern, Central, North Coast, and Northern. Los Angeles was added in 1935, Oakland in 1940, Sac Joaquin in 1942, San Francisco in 1945, San Diego in 1960, and Central Coast in 1965. The Los Angeles Section schools had initially been part of the Southern Section (CIF-SS) from its inception and had been referred to as Los Angeles City Schools (controlled by the Los Angeles City Schools Board of Education). That collaboration had been "held together for years by an elastic rubber band" and finally ruptured in 1935 over the fact that the Board of Education wanted complete control of their athletic programs. The Los Angeles schools could never be induced to participate in the football play-offs, did not like night athletic events and were very concerned about their athletes traveling long distances. At the 1935 California State Track and Field Finals held in Fresno there were no Los Angeles City School athletes participating including the famous miler Louie Zamperini who had won the mile title the year before.

The San Diego schools, which had been members of the Southern Section since 1913, had a much more amicable relationship with the CIF-SS than the Los Angeles City Schools. Early San Diego members included the Army Navy Academy, Coronado, Escondido, Grossmont, La Jolla, Oceanside, Sweetwater, and San Diego High Schools. Hoover, Point Loma and St. Augustine would join during the formative years of the CIF-SS. The San Diego High School "Caveman" have been a dominate force in the CIF-SS since its inception winning four major school football titles in addition to two National Football Titles in 1916 and 1955. The

smaller San Diego high schools won seven football titles from 1913 to 1960. San Diego High School was also dominating in other sports to include wrestling where they won the CIF-SS title for a historic 18 times. There were many famous San Diego prep stars which included the like of Ted “Splendid Splinter” Williams, star baseball player for San Diego Hoover in 1936.

The first thought of creating a separate San Diego County Section occurred at the end of World War II in 1945. During the war years there were travel restrictions due to gas rationing and some of the San Diego schools felt they could operate their own section and still affiliate with the State CIF and all their rules and regulations. Most of the San Diego school administrators had expressed their satisfaction with the CIF-SS (“San Diego Union” January 10, 1945).

The move to separate San Diego schools from the CIF-SS can best be summarized by the following concerns:

- *The greatest concern was always the travel distance and time aspect affecting the educational process of the student/athlete.*
- *The need for “local control” where San Diego schools know what is best for them...need to “control their own destiny”. San Diego will become a planet of their own and not a satellite of Los Angeles.*
- *The feeling that San Diego schools could have been treated more favorably in alignment of play-off games and locations.*
- *Concern for the large size of the CIF-SS, eligibility rules and the length of play-offs. The need to be free of the “giant to the North.”*
- *The safety issue of playing games at night as opposed to afternoon games.*
- *Academic standards for San Diego High School student/athletes were higher than those of the CIF-SS (2.0 GPA requirement was instituted in San Diego prior to becoming a rule in the CIF-SS).*
- *The ability to control their own section as opposed to the dictates of the CIF-SS.*
- *The feeling expressed by some in the San Diego area that CIF-SS Commissioner Ken Fagans had too much control that did not favor San Diego Schools.*

The movement to separate began in earnest in 1958 when San Diego Unified School District Superintendent Ralph Dailard called a meeting of the local Superintendents. Richard Grihalva, Board Member and local car dealership owner, had urged the meeting and was critical of the CIF-SS. He stated, "Ken Fagans is building quite an empire...and is trying to get everything as far east as Phoenix, Arizona, to as far north as possible." Grossmont School District Superintendent Lewis Smith was very much in favor of a new section and a "Free San Diego" movement. Darrell Smith, Director of Health and Physical Education for the San Diego City Schools, appeared before the CIF-SS Executive Committee to discuss withdrawal in October, 1958. The Executive Committee gave their full understanding and every consideration to their desire to separate. There appeared to be no animosity from the CIF-SS and their only concerns dealt with changing the CIF-SS Blue Book (rules and regulations) and play-off bracketing and divisions of play.

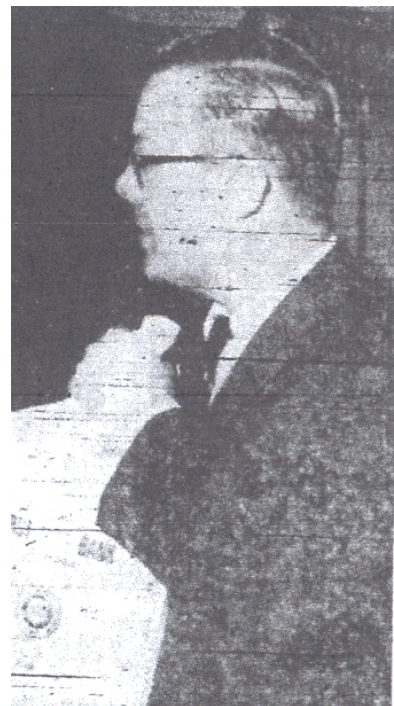


CHECKING CIF SECTION BYLAWS

For interested parties check the constitution of the new San Diego section of the California Inter-scholastic Federation following formation of the group at the San Diego Education Center yesterday. Left to right

are Ralph Dailard, superintendent of the San Diego Unified School District; Very Rev. John Aherne, St. Augustine principal; Supt. Lewis Smith of the Grossmont school district and Joseph Rindone, Jr., Sweetwater school district superintendent. Twenty-six schools are in new section.

Richard Grihalva





ORGANIZERS—Meeting today at city schools' Education Center to form San Diego section of California Interscholastic Federation were, from left, superintendents Ralph Dailard, San Diego Unified School District; David Davidson, San Dieguito;

Bud Quade, Escondido; Joe Rindone, Sweetwater Union; Dr. Charles James, assistant superintendent Coronado Unified, and Fr. John Abernethy, St. Augustine. Twenty-six schools are covered in new alignment, subject to approval of the CIF.

The feeling amongst the San Diego coaches was almost 100% against the move because of wanting to play the best, being able to schedule CIF-SS schools more readily, lack of competition in the play-offs, less State CIF meet qualifiers, San Diego becoming isolated and the effect on minor sports. The student/athletes voiced the same concerns. There was local protest from booster groups and others, but in November of 1959, the Superintendents of the 26 schools representing three leagues voted to send to the State CIF their application of withdrawal starting with the 1960-1961 school year. The final proposal to the state included 32 schools (plus one free lance school) with future consideration given to the Southern Prep League and area independents. The initial San Diego proposal to the State Federated Council was defeated because it did not deal with the whole San Diego County. A revised proposal was discussed for a short 30 minutes in Sacramento

and a unanimous vote for the new San Diego Section was taken on December 5, 1959. The official date of creation being July 1, 1960.

LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP 1960-61

No. Schools in League	32
No. Free Lance Schools	<u>1</u>
Total Number Schools	33
Total Number Leagues	5

AVOCADO

Carlsbad
Coronado
Mar Vista
Oceanside
San Dieguito
Vista

METROPOLITAN-Southern

Chula Vista
Grossmont
Helix
Mount Miguel
Sweetwater

EASTERN

Crawford
Hoover
Lincoln
St. Augustine
San Diego

SOUTHERN

Army & Navy
Julian
Ramona
San Miguel
San Diego Military
University

METROPOLITAN - Northern

El Cajon Valley
El Capitan
Escondido
Granite Hills
Hilltop

WESTERN

Clairemont
Kearny
La Jolla
Mission Bay
Point Loma

FREE LANCE

Snyder

WITH THE PREPS

Matador Boosters Protest SCIF Bolt

By PAUL COUB

A drive to halt the Grossmont Union high school districts' avowed plan to join San Diego city schools in a new San Diego section of the California Interscholastic Federation has been launched by the Mount Miguel Boosters' Club.

The club last week called a meeting of parents from the district's five schools to discuss the proposed withdrawal from the SCIF in favor of the San Diego section. Petitions protesting the move are being circulated by the boosters, according to Mrs. Marti Titmas, club president. The group has asked for a place on the Nov. 9 business agenda of the school board. At that time the boosters will air their opposition.

The parent organization wants the Grossmont district to remain a part of the SCIF family, where its sister schools in the Metropolitan League — Sweetwater, Chula Vista, Hilltop and Escondido — plan to remain.

Speaking of booster clubs there are new ones forming at Kearny and El Capitán.

Claremont coach Don Henson is hurting in more ways than one. His Chief-

tains have lost four out of five games, for one thing. And the club's roster reads like sick call with the following suffering from assorted ailments: John Wolfe, Mike Smith, Doug Page, Ed Shoemaker, Tom LeCours and Tommy Wood.

The Chieftains, who figured to battle Point Loma for the Western League title, have been a disappointment. Henson has shaken up the offense, going to a single wing in the 14-0 loss to the Pointers last week.

Nothing went right for Hoover's Cardinals against Lincoln last Friday night. They fumbled away the ball numerous times and, to top it off, wound up kicking off both halves.

The new SCIF football playoff plan, placing the Eastern, Western and Metropolitan Leagues in the Southern group, will put the area's schools in some fast football company again.

Riverside Poly and Redlands of the Citrus Belt League and Santa Ana of the Sunset look to be the best of possible Southern teams San Diego-area clubs will face. The Northern group, which includes Long Beach Poly, the defending big schools champion, appears stronger, however.

Preps Move in Right Direction

By GENE GREGSTON

EVENING TRIBUNE Executive Sports Editor

Superintendent of schools Dr. Ralph Dailard has a favorite expression. "We must control our own destiny."

The "we" refers to the San Diego area. And Dailard, along with other superintendents of the county's public school systems, believes formation of a San Diego section for the conduct of athletics is a step in that direction.

I agree. In the overall sports picture of this area the establishment of a county section is another stroke of the brush toward the day when San Diego becomes a planet in its own orbit rather than a satellite of Los Angeles.

Major league baseball, professional football, more interest in college football, and additional outstanding events in all other sports—these eventually will come in San Diego and no longer will fans have to look North for the best in athletic competition.

It will take time, of course, and there will be disappointment, frustration and fighting among ourselves before it's done. But the growth of the San Diego area will be a mandate overwhelming all arguments.

Formation of the San Diego section of the California Interscholastic Federation took time. It was two years in the planning and preparation stage. And there was considerable criticism of the idea, and the superintendents haven't heard the last of it, no doubt.

But this is further evidence of the growth and growth prospectus of San Diego County.

"We feel that the problems of a rapidly growing area can best be solved in this manner," said Dr. Dailard. "In the foreseeable future there will be 35 schools in this section. We must therefore remain in a state of flux, ready to change as necessary."

"The intent is far removed from de-emphasis," said Very Rev. John Aherne, principal of St. Augustine. "It's just as conceivable that there could be more emphasis on athletics. Minor sports will get more emphasis now."

"We feel that many more students will be involved in competitive athletics," added Joe Rindone, the Sweetwater superintendent.

"We believe athletic competition is a necessary part of the adolescent's education," stated Dailard. "The essential part is that someone who weighs 99 pounds shouldn't be deprived of a chance to play in some competitive event."

These school men, nine in all, are sincere, dedicated individuals charged with the tremendous responsibility of educating your children and mine in the most complete manner possible.

They cannot permit themselves to be unduly influenced by a faction which wants more emphasis on Southern California football playoff participation, or a faction which would curtail all prep sports.

There is the task of searching out the highest medium and determining the role of athletics in education. And the problems involved in that determination are numerous.

These men did not sound like advocates

of de-emphasis in talking to the press the other day. They spoke like men who are quite aware of the need for athletic competition among our youth.

Those who work only in or about athletics occasionally let their thinking flow in narrow channels. Some have feared San Diego's representation on the field will suffer through a "twilight zone" and mediocrity will set in for a few years because of the absence from SCIF playoffs and the concentration thereon. Others saw this as a de-emphasis trend.

The constitution of the new section did not provide for playoffs, nor rule against them. This is one of many factors the board of managers (superintendents) will decide later. Their conversation indicated they favor section playoffs.

I hope so. This would be very good. The playoffs are vital as an ultimate goal beyond that of winning each regular game. They create and solidify fan and student interest.

If the machinery for playoffs to determine a county champion is set up, I predict that within five years that championship will mean much more to students of city and county schools and adult fans than the present SCIF playoffs.

"In 22 years here I've seen considerable progress," mused Dailard. "San Diego isn't a city yet, we don't have the unity of a city, like those in the East, for example. But we're going in that direction."

The San Diego section of the CIF is one more chunk of mortar in the building of a city.

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More Emphasis Foreseen For Minor Sports

By JERRY MAGEE

These things can be expected as outgrowths of the formation of the San Diego section of the California Interscholastic Federation:

There'll be an increased emphasis on such sports as wrestling, swimming and golf. Ralph Dailard, superintendent of the San Diego Unified School District, is a champion of sports which put no premium on the participant's size and these activities fit into that category.

The Grossmont area will experiment with Saturday afternoon football games. Lewis Smith, superintendent in that area, said at the section's organizational meeting last week that the district has been studying Saturday games. Most working people are off on Saturday afternoons and could attend games then, Smith said. He prefers Friday night games to Friday afternoon contests, he added.

The Metro League is going to grow out of existence within a year or two. Six is considered an ideal number of schools in a league. The Metro already has nine. Next season, with the addition of El Granito, it'll have 10. With the Grossmont area soon to add two more schools and the Sweetwater District to build two within four years, the formation of separate leagues within these areas is likely.

The Metro League has not split yet. Although a division had been planned for 1960, it was decided to keep all 10 schools—counting El Granito—in one alignment for next year.

Night Games Will Be Continued

City League football teams will continue to play night games to the extent that facilities permit. Dailard said he favors night games, even though gate receipts from these efforts have been dwindling in recent years.



CIF Approves Separate San Diego Section

Special to The San Diego Union
SACRAMENTO, Dec. 5 —
With surprising swiftness,
the federated council of the
California Interscholastic
Federation unanimously
approved San Diego County's
request for a separate
section in the CIF here Fri-
day night — after only 30
minutes of discussion.
The action becomes effective
July 1, 1980.
The plan as passed by the
11-member board, includes
one exception to the proposal
originally submitted by Dar-
rell Smith, superintendent of
Physical Education for San
Diego City schools, and
Lewis Smith, superintendent

of the Grossmont School dis-
trict, the area's two repre-
sentatives to the meeting.
"The new section will in-
clude all of the schools in
San Diego County," Darrell
Smith reported. "The small
schools and independent
schools will be given the
right of self-determination
as to whether they want to
remain in the Southern Section
or be included in the
San Diego Section.
"We had requested that
the small schools and inde-
pendents be permitted to
stay in the Southern Section,"
continued Smith.
"Bill Russell (CIF com-
missioner) will no doubt

meet with the small schools
later in the winter at which
time there will probably be
a vote whether these
schools will remain in the
Southern Section."
Darrell Smith called the
action "the biggest thing
that's happened in the
state since Los Angeles got
its section in the 30's."
The infant San Diego sec-
tion will be given one vot-
ing delegate in the CIF fed-
erated council along with
four of the present eight sec-
tions. The North, Sac-Joa-
quin, San Francisco and
Oakland sections have one
vote under the current
structure.

Two votes are enjoyed by
the large Central Section,
Los Angeles, the North
Coast (Oregon Border to
San Luis Obispo) and the
Southern Sections.
In addition, one vote each
is given to Carson Conrad,
the state's chief of health,
recreation and physical edu-
cation, and to Willard
Knowles, immediate past
president of the CIF.
"We had expected the
plan to be handed to com-
mittee for lengthy study,"
noted Darrell Smith. "We
were extremely surprised
at the agreeability of the
whole meeting."
"Generally, a good feel-

ing prevailed over the oc-
casion." The new San Di-
ego section encompasses
32 schools pending the vote
by Southern Prep League
schools and area independ-
ents.

26 High Schools Join Together In San Diego Section of CIF

By PAUL COUR

Twenty-six high schools today joined
together for the formation of a proposed
San Diego Section of the California In-
terscholastic Federation.

Superintendents of the 26 schools, rep-
resenting three existing leagues, met to-
day in the Education Center to found
the new section. Formation of the sec-
tion is subject to the approval of the
CIF. The districts represented in the
new section must petition the Southern
Section of the CIF (SCIF) for withdrawal
Nov. 21. Application for the San Diego
Section will be made to the CIF Council
in Sacramento Dec. 4-5.

The following districts (number of
schools in parentheses) are included in
the proposed San Diego Section:

San Diego Unified School District (10),
Grossmont Union High School District
(5), Sweetwater Union High School Dis-
trict (4), Coronado Unified School Dis-
trict (1), San Dieguito (1), Vista (1),
Oceanside-Carlsbad, (2), Escondido (1),
districts and St. Augustine High.

Under the proposed section, league
alignments will remain the same. The
Metropolitan League will expand to 10
teams next fall with the addition of
new El Granito High of El Cajon, on
which construction will start soon. The
schedule will be patterned after the Big
Ten with schools playing less than a
round-robin schedule.

El Cajon, El Capitan, Grossmont, He-
lix and Mount Miguel of the Grossmont
district, Escondido and Hilltop, Chula
Vista and Sweetwater of the Sweetwater
district are other Metro members.

Dr. Ralph Dailard, superintendent of
San Diego Unified School District, was
chairman of the founding meeting. He
pointed out that the section "was not an
attempt to curb athletics."

"We realize the importance of compe-

tion and the necessity of a strong high
school athletic program," Dailard said.

Dailard pointed out that the desire for
local control of athletics was a driving
force behind the formation of a separate
CIF section here.

Dailard explained the section is taking
no stand against playoffs, which was con-
sidered a key issue in San Diego's de-
cision to leave the SCIF. He also said
that there is no policy against relea-
guing, indicating that in the future this
might be necessary. The section consti-
tution requires unanimous consent of the
board of directors to move a school
from one league to another.

If the San Diego Section is approved, and
Dailard said he saw no reason why it
wouldn't be, the state will be made up
of nine sections.

The Eastern and Western Leagues of
San Diego will remain intact. So will the
Avocado League.

St. Augustine, San Diego, Hoover,
Crawford and Lincoln make up the East-
ern League, and Point Loma, La Jolla,
Mission Bay, Clairemont and Kearny
form the Western League. Vista, San
Dieguito, Oceanside, Mar Vista, Carls-
bad and Coronado are together in the
Avocado.

Organization of the 26 schools in the
San Diego Section leaves only Southern
Prep league schools, Ramona, Army-
Navy Academy, Mountain Empire, Ran-
cho del Campo, Julian and San Miguel,
and Fallbrook of the DeAnza League
left in the SCIF from this county.

District superintendents (or rep-
resentative) at the meeting were: A. E.
Schaefer, Coronado; Guilford (Bud)
Quade, Escondido; Lewis Smith, Gross-
mont; Frank M. Chase Jr., Oceanside-
Carlsbad; Rev. John Aherne, St. Augus-
tine; Ralph Dailard, San Diego; David
N. Davidson, San Dieguito, and Joe Rin-
done, Sweetwater.

METRO LOOP SPLIT

26 Schools Form San Diego CIF

(Continued)

of the San Diego area's growth. There is such a trend
throughout the nation, he
added.

"We can see 35 schools
in the foreseeable future,"
said Ralph Dailard, super-
intendent of the San Diego
Unified School District.
Dailard said the "Gross-
mont District soon will add
two schools. Sweetwater
plans to open two in the
next four years and that
San Diego "has plans on
the board" for two now.

Joseph Rindone Jr., su-
perintendent of the Sweet-
water Union High School
District, said the San Diego
section starts with more
members than did Los An-
geles. The L.A. section
started with 20 schools and
now numbers some 40.

Dailard emphasized that
the formation of the San
Diego section has no rela-
tionship with any emphasis
or deemphasis of high
school athletics.

"We all believe in com-
petition as a necessary part
of the adolescent's educa-
tion," he said, "and we are
not attempting to curb
this. We see an opportunity
for an improved competi-
tive situation."

"It is conceivable there
will be more emphasis on
it," he said. "It is conceiv-
able it will be less,"
said James, rep-
resenting Coronado.

"The intent of this sec-
tion is as far removed as
possible from deemphasis,"
said Vary Rev. John R.
Aherne, OSA, St. Augustine
principal.

Dailard said he did not
know whether breaking
away from the SCIF would
be popular with students
and athletes. He met with
joint student body represen-
tatives at Hoover High
School yesterday to inform
them of the action.

The section will not at-
tempt to control whether a
school should hold its foot-
ball games during the day
or at night, Dailard said.

The matter is primarily
beyond the control of every-
one," he said. "It's a mat-
ter of facilities: whether the
school district can afford to
put up stands and install
lights for night events."

"The income to San Diego
schools from night football
games has been dropping
each year, Dailard said.

Under the San Diego sec-
tion's jurisdiction, schools
in this area will be exempt
from the playoffs in sports
which are conducted by the
Southern section, now made
up of over 300 schools. The
S.D. section plans to hold
playoffs within its member-
ship.

"Although the matter of
playoffs is not written into
the constitution," Father
Aherne said, "no stand has
been taken against play-
offs."

Realignment of leagues
was discussed but not im-
plemented for 1981, Chase
said, because schedules for
that year already have
been drawn.

The S.D. section has re-
ceived no request for con-
sideration of the Southern
Prep League, Dailard said.
"It's our assumption those
schools will remain with the
Southern section," he said.

Present, in addition to
Dailard, Rindone, Chase,
Father Aherne and James,
were Guilford Quade, su-
perintendent of the Escon-
dido High School District;
Lewis Smith, superintendent
of the Grossmont
Union High School District;
and David N. Davidson, su-
perintendent of the San
Dieguito Union High School
District.

Minutes from the State...note the two proposals and two votes taken:

CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FEDERATED COUNCIL

December 4-5, 1959, El Dorado Motel, Sacramento

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Winston Nelson.

1. Roll Call was taken with the following CIF Section representatives present:

Central Section	Norman McDonald, Keith Waite
Los Angeles Section	Bruce Kirkpatrick, Bryce Schurr
North Coast Section	J. Elwin LeTendre, Floyd Russell
Northern Section	Ed Hendrix
Oakland Section	David P. Snyder (proxy for Elwood Hess)
Sac-Joaquin Section	Frank Stocking
San Francisco Section	Otto Schmaelzle
Southern Section	Oliver Corbin, Winston Nelson
State Department of Education	C. Carson Conrad
Immediate past President	Willard B. Knowles

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17. Lewis Smith, Superintendent of the Grossmont UHS District, and Darrell J. Smith, Supervisor of PE for the San Diego Unified School District, appeared before the Council to make a detailed presentation on the proposed formation of a new CIF Section. The two men presented a request from the following school districts to form a new San Diego area Section as of July, 1960: Coronado USD, Escondido UHSD, Grossmont UHSD, Oceanside-Carlsbad UHSD, St. Augustine HS, San Diego USD, San Dieguito UHSD, Sweetwater UHSD, and Vista USD. After considerable discussion it was moved, and seconded to authorize the creation of a ninth CIF Section in accordance with the request. The motion lost by a vote of 3 to 11.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried to authorize a creation of a ninth CIF Section on the principle of a general geographic area of San Diego County. The Commissioners of the State CIF and the CIF Southern Section were authorized to meet with other schools in the San Diego County area to arrange for their membership in the new San Diego CIF Section or for their continued membership in the CIF Southern Section.

(NOTE: Subsequently the following schools' representatives met to form the Southern League of the San Diego CIF Section: Army & Navy Academy, Julian HS, Ramona HS, San Miguel HS, San Diego Military Academy, and University HS. Fallbrook HS will remain in the De Anza League of the CIF Southern Section. Mt. Empire HS and Rancho del Campo HS join a new Mountain-Desert League of the CIF, Southern Section.)

It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote that as of July 1, 1960, the San Diego Section shall have one representative on the CIF Federated Council, amending the CIF Constitution, Article II, Section 1.