

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

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As you know, since August 1, we have had a survey out to our member schools regarding our current transfer rules and whether we should consider making changes to them. The survey was open until Friday, September 7. We were very pleased to have 544 responses to our questions, out of our total of 570 member schools, and the results are as follows...

1) Do you believe the current transfer rules need to be adjusted?

- **Yes – 71.5%**

- **No – 28.5%**

2) If you answered Yes to #1, please rank the following options as your first choice.

Of the three options offered, the respondents chose in the following order...

First Time Freshman Transfer = 46.2%

(Students who transfer during their Freshman year, or after their Freshman year, regardless of the circumstances, will have Unlimited Eligibility at their new school, provided they enroll in their new school by the first day of their Sophomore year. All subsequent transfers, without a valid residence change or an approved Hardship Waiver, would result in the student having Limited Eligibility (non-varsity) for one year from the date of transfer, in any sport played at their former school during the last 12 calendar months prior to transfer.)

Limited Eligibility (If not a Valid Residence Change or a Hardship Waiver) = 40.8%

(Students who transfer schools without a valid residence change, or an approved Hardship Waiver, will have Limited Eligibility (non-varsity) for one year from the date of transfer, in any sport played at their former school during the last 12 calendar months prior to transfer.)

Move SOP to the second half of the season = 18.4%

(Students who transfer without a valid residence change, or an approved Hardship Waiver, are immediately eligible for Varsity level sports during the first half of the regular season but are no longer eligible for the second half of the regular season, and playoffs, after the Sit-Out Period date has passed.)

We also asked our member schools to provide any comments they wished to make regarding transfer rules, and as you can imagine, those comments covered a wide variety of issues related to this situation. This feedback is very helpful in allowing us to see how our membership truly feels about such an important part of what we do. The next step will be for me to take this information to this week's CIF Section Commissioner's Meeting in Sacramento, where a discussion will be held related to our current transfer rules. I look forward to updating you soon after I return from Sacramento.

Thank you very much for your help and support, it is truly appreciated, and good luck always.

Rob Wignel

