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TO: Athletic Directors and Boys Volleyball Coaches
FROM: Mike Middlebrook, Assistant Commissioner
DATE: August 1, 2019
RE: SAND VOLLEYBALL PARTICIPATION

As a reminder, student-athlete participation in Sand Volleyball (traditionally 2 v. 2 and including 3 v. 3 and/or 4 v. 4 competitions) during the season of sport is permitted as Sand Volleyball in its traditional format and is not considered the same sport as Indoor Volleyball.

Any indoor competition that involves more than half of the traditional 6 v. 6 that takes place during the season of sport (Fall: August 17, 2019 / Spring: February 22, 2020), would result in a violation of CIF Bylaw 600; competition on an “outside” team during the high school season of sport.

Any student-athlete violating Bylaw 600 will be subject to the penalties outlined in Bylaw 601. I have also included Bylaw 3010 which specifically addresses outside competition in the sport of volleyball for your records.

600. COMPETITION ON AN OUTSIDE TEAM

A student on a high school team becomes ineligible if the student competes in a contest on an “outside” team, in the same sport, during the student’s high school season of sport. (See Bylaw 504) The following exceptions apply:

A. If the outside team has half or more of the team members as stated in the National Federation rule book for that sport, it shall be considered the same sport. Examples: three on three basketball — outside team competition prohibited; two on two volleyball — outside team competition permitted.

601. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF BYLAW 600

A. Individual

(1) First Offense in High School Career in Any Sport

The student becomes immediately ineligible for participation with his/her high school team for a number of contests equal to twice the number of contests of outside competition in which the student participated.

(2) Any Subsequent Offense in High School Career in Any Sport

The student becomes immediately ineligible for one year (365 days) from the second infraction in all sports.

(3) Appeals

Upon written appeal to the Section commissioner, the student may petition his/her Section for reinstatement of his/her eligibility status.

3010. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

During Individual’s Season of Sport - A member of a high school volleyball team may not, during his or her season of sport, compete for an outside team in the sport of volleyball. This shall include any form of tryouts or player evaluations, occurring during the high school season of sport with a team, program, club, or any other outside organization other than the student-athlete’s high school team. Any such event is considered a violation of this Bylaw. A student shall become ineligible for CIF competition *in the sport of volleyball* if he/she participates in any tryout or *player evaluation* for a team, program, club, or any other outside organization. A season of sport (See Bylaw 504) is defined as that period which begins with a student’s first interscholastic competition (non-league, tournament or league game) and ends with that student’s last interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament, league or CIF Southern Section playoff).

QUESTION:	Can a member of a volleyball team participate in organized “two player” volleyball competition during his or her high school season of sport?
ANSWER:	Yes - Any volleyball player who participates in organized “two player” volleyball competition during his or her high school season of sport would not be in violation of the “outside competition” Bylaw 600.

Thank you in advance for your compliance with this issue. Good luck this season!

Mike Middlebrook
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