

PRO'S AND CON'S OF CONFERENCE

Everything you ever wanted to know about conferences, but were afraid to ask . . .



- ▶ CIF Bluebook (Page 48 of the CIF SS Blue Book)
- ▶ Article 3 Council
- ▶ Re-leaguering Procedures: Criteria for the formation and maintenance of athletic conference
- ▶ 1. League configuration within a conference must be based on competition.
- ▶ 2. League configurations must be maintained for a minimum of two years.

WHAT IS A CONFERENCE ?



Century Conference

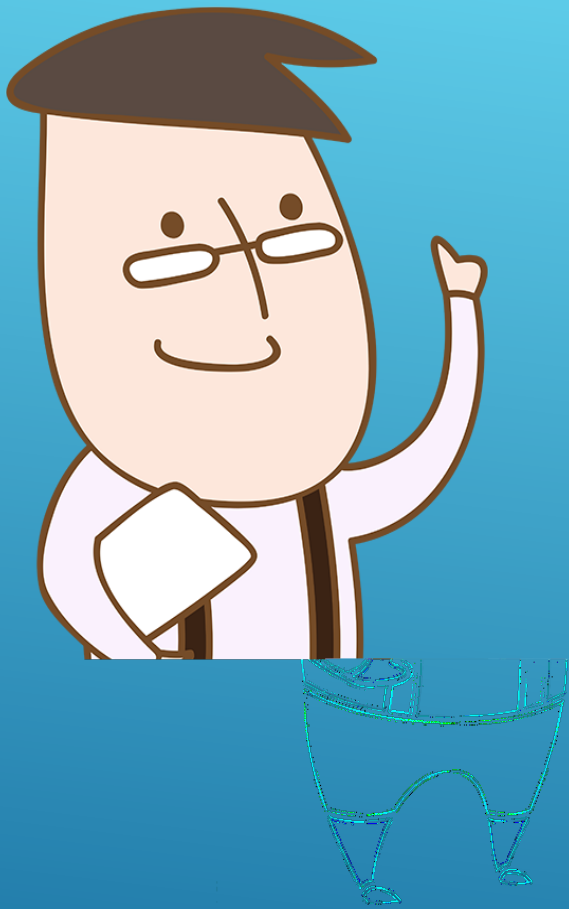
- Inequities of Football and Basketball compared to all our other sports
- Competitive alternative League choices required travel.
- Desire to stay with schools in our proximity
- Continue WORTHY rivalries in most sports
- Greater opportunities in football and basketball while continued regionalized competition amongst neighboring schools

Roincross Conference

- Most of league sought alternatives.
- Competitive in most sports but ...

STEVE'S HISTORY WITH CONFERENCE





Camino Del Rey Association

Nineteen Schools, three different leagues
Not a conference, provided the foundation

Century Conference

- Went to a seven-team league when Esperanza was provided relief
- Became an eight-team conference with the inclusion of Yorba Linda in 2014
- Had the choice of being a league or a conference
- Playoff guaranteed slots led to an investigation of a conference



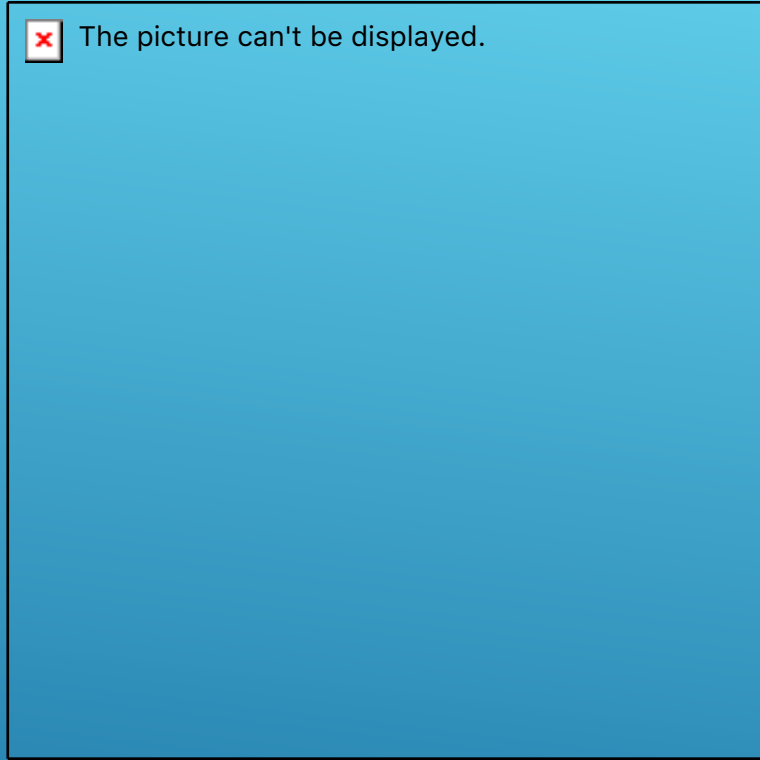
TOM'S HISTORY WITH CONFERENCE

PLAYOFF GROUPINGS

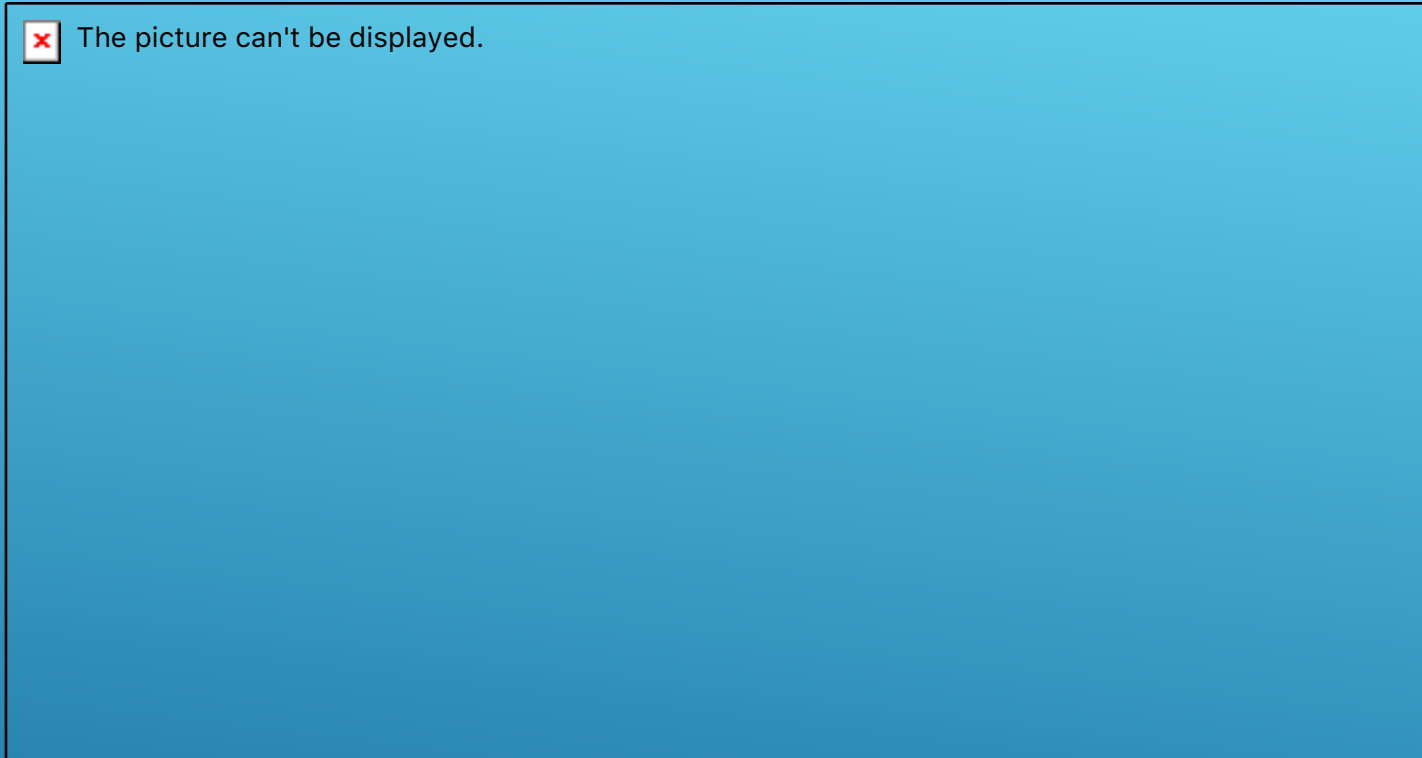
COMPETITIVE EQUITY



PRO: COMPETITIVE EQUITY IN
PREPARATION FOR CIF PLAYOFFS



CON: PENALIZES COMPETITIVE
PROGRAMS



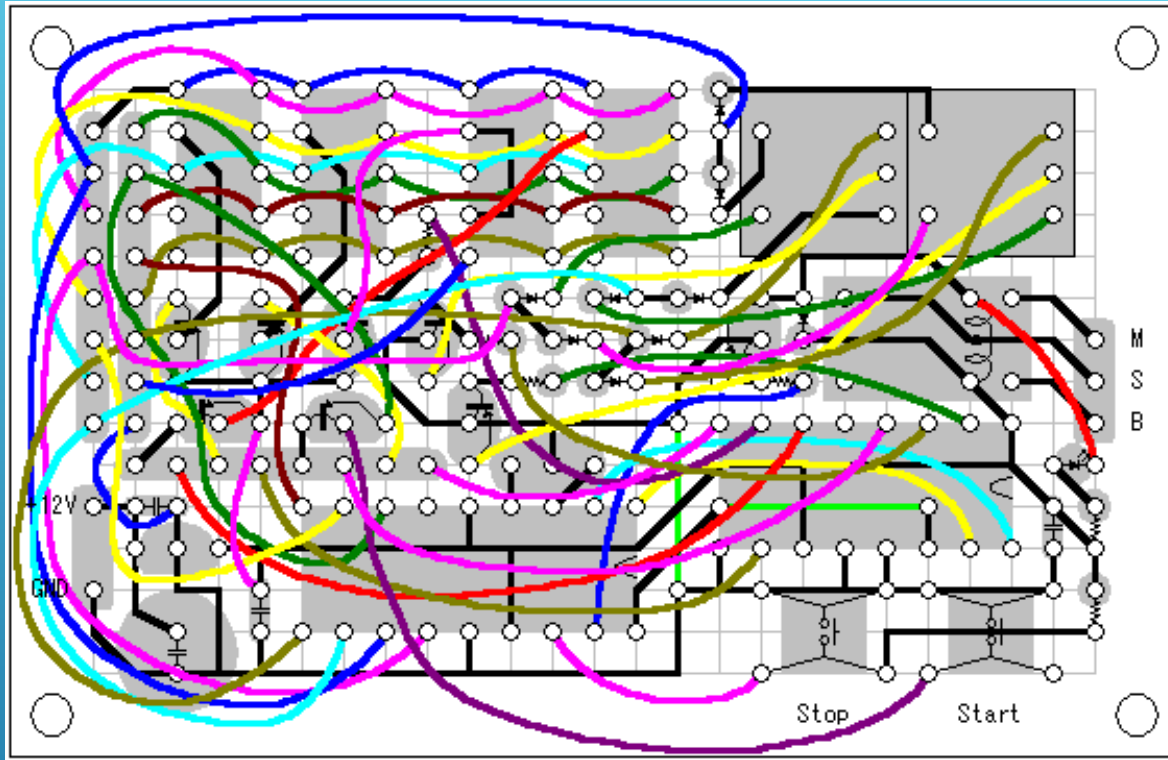
PRO: IMPROVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
STRUGGLING PROGRAMS



CON: ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS
INVOLVED IN DECISION MAKING CAN
CREATE MORE DISPUTES



PRO: SIMPLIFIED RELEGATION WITHIN
THE CONFERENCE



CONS: SCHEDULING



PRO: FAIR EVALUATION OF
PROGRAMS



CON: LOSS OF LEAGUE IDENTITY AND
RIVALRIES



**THERE IS
STRENGTH IN
NUMBERS**

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*PRO: THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE
CHANGE AND INFLUENCE DECISIONS
FROM A UNITED CONFERENCE IS
SIGNIFICANT.





WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO . . .

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em·pa·thy

noun \ˈem-pə-thē\

the action of understanding, being aware of, being sensitive to, and vicariously experiencing the feelings, thoughts, and experience of another of either the past or present without having the feelings, thoughts, and experience fully communicated in an objectively explicit manner



Athletes of Compassion

**SPORTS DO NOT
BUILD CHARACTER.
THEY REVEAL IT.**



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John Wooden
American basketball player
(1910-2010)



GAMECHANGER

TEAMWORK QUOTE

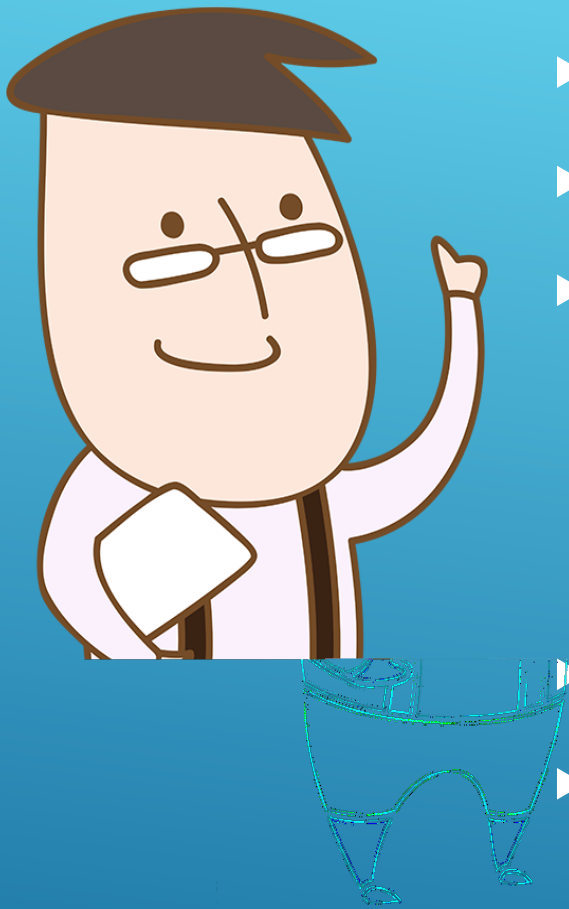
**"Ask not what your teammates
can do for you. Ask what you
can do for your teammates."**

- Irvin "Magic" Johnson



SEEDS OF TRUTH

**STEVE'S PHILOSOPHY AND HOW IT
EMBODIES THE CONFERENCE FORMAT**



- ▶ Tom's Philosophy as applied to conference creating
- ▶ Allegiance: My School, My District, My Conference
- ▶ My Philosophy on being an Educator coincides with my philosophy on creating a conference
 - ▶ Are we doing what's best for kids?
 - ▶ Do we have them ready for what's next?
- ▶ Many more examples of conferences today
- ▶ CIF Point system in most sports almost does the work for you

TOM'S PHILOSOPHY AND HOW IT RELATES TO CONFERENCE FORMAT

EVIDENCE

Century Conference: Football is the “Straw that stirs the drink” when it comes to re-leaguings

In five years of being a conference:

Century (Upper League) Villa Park and Yorba Linda Multiple second round or further playoff runs Yorba Linda CIF Champs 2016.

North Hills (Lower League) Brea Olinda, Canyon, El Modena Multiple runs to the finals.

Canyon CIF Champs 2015, El Modena CIF Champs 2017.

2018 and 2019 Seasons: All eight schools were ranked in their football perspective divisions at one point during the season.



► Regionalized conferences

A POSSIBLE FUTURE OF CIFSS CONFERENCE FORMAT

