



TO: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PRINCIPALS/ ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

FROM: ROB WIGOD, COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS (RW)

SUBJECT: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION UPDATE

DATE: MAY 22, 2020

I hope you and your families are well. Here is the latest update...

May 21 CIF Southern Section Council Meeting/Voting Results – Yesterday, our Southern Section Council held their final meeting of the school year by teleconference and cast their final votes on our Southern Section Action Items. Also, they voted on the CIF State Federated Council Action Items that will be voted on by that legislative body at their upcoming meeting on Friday, May 29. The voting results from both sets of Action Items are attached to this update.

May 29 CIF State Federated Council Meeting – The final CIF State Federated Council meeting of the school year will be held by teleconference on Friday, May 29, at 10:00 am. Our delegates to that meeting, per instructions from the CIF Southern Section Council through yesterday's votes, will vote accordingly on the CIF State Federated Council Action Items on the agenda next Friday.

Fall Sports – As we move through May, we are continuing to monitor the ongoing situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and most importantly, the recommendations of federal, state and local authorities, along with health professionals at every level, as it relates to the implementation of Fall Sports. We all certainly agree that we want high school sports back as soon as we can in a healthy and safe way. In terms of what must be done in moving forward, here is where we stand today...

1) The decisions to reopen our schools, and subsequently bring back athletic programs after they have started their academic year, will be made entirely by each local Superintendent/School Board from a public school district or each private school Head of School/School Board who have the authority to make those decisions. When to start school will be completely up to those local entities and I am sure they will follow the recommendations of state and local health authorities in arriving at the decisions that are in the best interests of their students and school communities.

2) Once we have enough schools reopen, and their athletic programs are back on campus, we can establish a calendar for CIF Southern Section regular season and championship competition. Right now, the original calendar we have already published for Fall Sports is still in place, but we have been working on several possible scenarios when we would have to move that calendar back for Fall Sports to start later, if developments warrant it. That is going to be our organization's biggest challenge, in a section as large as ours with 563-member high schools. We have a wide

variety of school start dates that our member schools have adopted this Fall, and there will also be a wide variety of start dates for athletic programs to return to our schools. There are all kinds of potential calendars ready to go, but until we have enough schools and athletic programs back in place, none of those calendars are realistic, nor can they be implemented. The CIF Southern Section and/or the CIF State Office cannot open schools and reinstitute athletic programs, we can only fully support our membership in the decisions they are empowered to make and be as prepared as we can be to fulfill our role in this process. That is how this situation is going to play out in the time ahead.

The message I want to convey to all of you is that all options for Fall, Winter and Spring Sports are being considered and are on the table. We want to give every consideration we can to be able to provide all three seasons of sport to our member schools and all our stakeholders that are viable, meaningful and include championship competition. We do not want to rush to judgment in either direction by cancelling seasons of sport prematurely or having sports return before it is safe for them to do so. With that in mind, we will continue to stay current on this ever-changing situation and do everything we can to assist our member schools in restoring education-based athletics programs when the time is right.

I hope this information is useful to you moving forward and if you have any questions, or I can help you in any way at all, do not hesitate to contact me. My staff and I are ready, willing and able to assist you in any way we possibly can.

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

Be well, stay safe, take care and all the best to you and your families.



Meeting of the CIF Southern Section Council

*May 21, 2020
9:00 a.m.*

Webinar/Teleconference – Voting Results

ACTION ITEMS

A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

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| 1. Proposed 2020-2021 State Budget | Approved 84-1-2 | STATE 600 |
| 2. CIF State Executive Committee Nominations | Approved 89-0-1 | STATE 601 |
| (Support Southern Section Candidates: Terry Barnum, Carter Paysinger; Uninstructed on all others.) | | |
| 3. Proposed Bylaw 503.M Revision – Ejection Policy | Approved 79-9-0 | STATE 602 |
| 4. Proposed Bylaw 303.B.(6)a and b Revision – Multi School Applications | Approved 86-1-0 | STATE 603 |
| 5. Proposed Bylaw 208.B Revision – CIF Student Study Abroad | Approved 90-0-1 | STATE 604 |
| 6. Proposed Bylaw 209.C.(1) Revision – Disciplinary Transfer | Approved 89-1-0 | STATE 605 |

B. SOUTHERN SECTION ACTION ITEMS

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| 1. Proposed 2020-2021 CIF Southern Section Budget | Approved 90-1-0 | SS 606 |
| 2. CIF Southern Section Executive Committee Nominations | Approved | SS 607 |

(The following candidates were elected to Executive Committee positions.)

President-Elect – Jim Perry, District Athletic Director, Huntington Beach Union High School District

Treasurer – Chris Calderwood, Vice-Principal/Athletic Director, Rancho Mirage High School

Activities Director Representative – Todd Arrowsmith, Activities Director, West Ranch High School

Boys Athletic Director Representative – Rich Imbriani, Athletic Director, Cajon High School

Girls Athletic Director Representative – Michelle Spencer, Athletic Director, Marina High School

Orange County Area Representative – Mary Jane Hibbard, Principal, Rancho Alamitos High School

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| 3. Proposed Bylaw 1212 Revision – Change of Due Date | Approved 90-0-0 | SS 608 |
| 4. Proposed Bylaws 3319, 3319.5, 3319.7 and 3314.1 Revision – Football Playoff Groupings | Approved 80-4-6 | SS 609 |
| 5. Proposed Bylaw 504.M Revision – Sunday Cheer Competition | Approved 46-39-5 | SS 610 |
| 6. Proposed Bylaw 3320.4 Revision – Swim Playoff Divisions – Proposal A | Failed 3-82-5 | SS 611 |
| 7. Proposed Bylaw 3320.4 Revision – Swim Playoff Divisions – Proposal B | Approved 77-7-6 | SS 612 |