



TO: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PRINCIPALS/ ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

FROM: ROB WIGOD, COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS (RW)

SUBJECT: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION UPDATE

DATE: JULY 2, 2020

I hope you and your families are well. As we begin the month of July, there are some key dates coming up that I want to be sure and highlight for you.

Here is the latest update...

July 1, 2020 – Fiscal Year Begins – The fiscal year for the 2020-2021 school year began yesterday. As we closed the financial books on the 2019-2020 school year, I am very pleased to report that we finished 2019-2020 with a budget surplus of approximately \$75,000. That is a remarkable achievement considering when we had to make the decision to cancel Spring Sports on April 3, with the resulting loss of revenue from our Spring Championships, the reductions from other sources of income like the sale of championship apparel, no more broadcast/web rights fees for events that were not going to take place, etc., initial projections had us with a potential budget deficit of approximately \$300,000 for the year. Chief Financial Officer Mitch Carty did a tremendous job of leading us through these challenging times and is to be commended for his commitment to keeping us in a strong financial position, especially in difficult circumstances like these. Thank you to Mitch, and to our entire staff, for your outstanding work in making it all happen and congratulations on a job well done!

July 6, 2020 – Pre-Participation Physical Examination Waiver Form – As you are aware, CIF Bylaw 503.G that requires an annual pre-participation physical examination for every student-athlete prior to athletic competition now includes the opportunity for a 30-day waiver of that requirement, upon request by the student's parent to the school administration. The CIF State Office will have the necessary forms to request that waiver posted on their website, www.cifstate.org, on Monday, July 6. Reminder, CIF Bylaw 503.G only applies to the high school season of sport. The bylaw does not require the annual pre-participation physical examination to be completed before tryouts, Summer programs, etc., as that would be an individual school/school district/private school decision to mandate the pre-participation physical examination prior to those activities.

July 7, 2020 – Re-Opening of the Section Office – As we announced earlier this week, we will be re-opening our office on Tuesday, July 7, with normal operating hours of 7:30 am – 4:00 pm. Phone service will resume, but no walk-ins will be allowed until further notice. Visitors to our office must arrange for an appointment in advance and are required to wear a mask upon entering the building. I would strongly encourage email communications and virtual appointments prior to scheduling any in-person meetings for the health and safety of all involved.

July 20, 2020 – Announcement on Fall, Winter and Spring Sports for 2020-2021 – We are continuing to monitor the ever-changing situation involved with the COVID-19 pandemic in preparation for the announcement regarding the status of Fall, Winter and Spring sports for the 2020-2021 school year on July 20. As decision date approaches, I want you to be aware of how this information will be disseminated to you. The CIF State Office will announce the dates for CIF Regional and CIF State Championships for each sport. Once those dates are identified, the Southern Section will release our specific sports calendars, which will include dates of first interscholastic competition, Sit-Out Period dates for each sport, end of the regular season dates, section playoff dates and dates for our Southern Section Championship Finals.

It is evident to me that the clear and consistent message from all our stakeholders is a desire for us to deliver Fall, Winter and Spring sports this upcoming school year. For that to take place, it will require vision, creativity, flexibility, teamwork and unwavering commitment from all involved to answer this call to leadership. It is my sincere hope and expectation that you are ready to embrace the challenges that lie ahead of us in service to the young men and young women we are so fortunate to serve.

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.