



TO: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PRINCIPALS/ ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

FROM: ROB WIGOD, COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS

SUBJECT: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION UPDATE

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

1) Opening of School – Over the next few weeks, our schools will be opening for academic instruction. We know that there are a wide variety of options being considered regarding what the actual educational models will look like, as well as the many challenges you are facing in getting that job done. I want to wish you the very best in starting your school year and appreciate all the efforts you and your staffs are making to serve your students in the best way possible. With that in mind, we are proceeding with our opening of school activities as follows:

- A) Fall Eligibility Workshops** – We will be conducting our Fall Eligibility Workshops virtually this year on the following dates and times:
- Thursday, August 6, 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon
 - Tuesday, August 11 – 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon
 - Wednesday, August 19 – 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon

- B) CIFSSHome Trainings** – For new athletic administrators, and those interested in getting more information on the CIFSSHome system and how to utilize it more effectively, we will be holding two virtual training sessions on the following dates and times:
- Tuesday, August 4, 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon
 - Tuesday, August 18, 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon

These workshops are valuable tools in helping athletic administrators prepare for the 2020-2021 school year. Guidelines for communication, new rules, review of eligibility, suggestions and best practices for your athletic programs, are just a few of the topics that will be covered. To register for one of these workshops, please email Susan Miller at susanm@cifss.org. A specific invitation will be emailed to you before your workshop.

2) Welcome Letter/Sport Fees – We recently sent a Welcome Letter to every member school that mentioned several items for your attention. One of those items is related to CIF Southern Section Bylaw 140, Sport Fees, which are the method in which member schools pay their annual dues each year. Sport Fees/Membership Dues are due by October 1, based upon the intended sports you will field within the current 2020-2021 Southern Section Sports Calendars. Sports Fees are not refundable, as they are an obligation that our schools assume by being members of the CIF Southern Section. We hope you will fulfill this obligation soon, and once you do so, your 2020-2021 Courtesy Cards will be mailed to you.

3) CIF Bylaws – Frequently Asked Questions – Since the announcement of our 2020-2021 Sports Calendars on July 20, we have received many questions related to various CIF Bylaws. Here are some of the most common ones...

- A) CIF Bylaw 207, Transfer Eligibility, Sit-Out Period** – The Sit-Out Period provision contained in CIF Bylaw 207 remains in place. The fact that the beginning of a particular sport season may begin more than 12 months after the student’s transfer of school, does not exempt the student from the Sit-Out Period provision in that bylaw. Each sport has a published Sit-Out Period date for that sport and those dates will be applied during the 2020-2021 school year.

- B) CIF Bylaw 504.M – Sunday Rule** –The prohibition on practices, competition or any association of any kind between student-athletes and their coaches on a Sunday during the high school season of sport remains in effect. With the suspension of CIF Bylaws 600-605, allowing student-athletes to participate on outside teams during the high school season of sport, the prohibition on Sunday activities is unchanged. Coaches who coach both high school and club/travel programs are not permitted to associate with their high school student-athletes on a Sunday during the high school season of sport under the guise of a club/travel program.

- C) CIF Bylaw 506.A – Multiple – Sport Athletes/Maximum of 18 Hours Per Week** – There are no bylaws that prohibit students from participating in two sports during the same season of sport. In scenarios where a student is participating in two sports within the same season, per CIF Bylaw 506.A, the student has a maximum of 18 total hours per week of practices and competitions each week of the high school season. They do not have a maximum of 18 hours per week in each sport. Reminder, competitions count as 3 hours per day.

4) Athletic Administrators Summit/MVP AD Program – With the uncertainty that lies ahead, we have had to make the decision to suspend the CIF Southern Section Athletic Administrators Summit, scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2020, and the MVP AD program, for the 2020-2021 school year. We hope to restore both programs at the start of the 2021-2022 school year and come back stronger than ever at that time.

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.