



TO: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PRINCIPALS/ ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

FROM: ROB WIGOD, COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS

**SUBJECT: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION UPDATE**

DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

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

**1) The Latest** – As August leaves and September begins, there have hopefully been some developments moving us forward in the effort to resume our sports programs. Member schools are now conducting conditioning workouts on their campuses following the appropriate health and safety guidelines recommended by state and local health authorities. As these workouts continue to take place at more and more of our member schools, and prove to be done successfully, that is certainly a positive step in the right direction. I want to thank our principals, athletic directors and coaches for their ongoing commitment in guiding our student-athletes through these challenging times in a healthy and safe way. We must continue to vigorously follow the advice of our health professionals as we navigate through the critical weeks and months ahead as things hopefully open up even more. You have no doubt heard that there are some states around our nation who have begun their Fall seasons of sport, including allowing spectators in the stands. I have been asked if that makes us in the Southern Section and California feel we are being left behind. Quite the contrary, as I believe the lessons learned from the experiences in other states can be applied to the time period we have available to us prior to the beginning of our 2020-2021 Sports Calendars and will provide valuable information to us for what lies ahead.

**2) Last Chance for New Principal/Athletic Director Workshops** – There are two specific workshops designed for new principals and athletic directors scheduled this week and next week. They are as follows:

- Thursday, September 3, 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon
- Thursday, September 10, 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](mailto:susanm@cifss.org). A specific invitation will be emailed to you before your workshop.

**3) League Meetings** – I want to be sure and remind you that myself and/or our Assistant Commissioners are available to join your league meetings. To get one of us on your league meeting schedule, please email me at [robw@cifss.org](mailto:robw@cifss.org) and we will make it happen.

**4) Area Placement** – This school year, we will be going through the Area Placement process. This is the opportunity for member schools to request a change from their existing Releaguings Area to another one, or to affirm their desire to remain the Releaguings Area they are currently in. On Friday, September 11, we will be emailing every member high school principal the Area Placement Request Form for you to fill out and return to our office by Friday, October 9. In addition, in that same email on September 11, you will be provided with the timeline for Area Placement this school year and a current listing of every Releaguings Area of our section and the member schools within each one.

**5) Broadcast Rights Agreements** – Now that our 2020-2021 Sports Calendars are in place, we have been actively working on securing broadcast rights agreements from various entities that wish to showcase our outstanding product on television and through livestreaming platforms. Demand has never been higher, and we expect to have several entities confirmed soon. A reminder, per CIF Southern Section Blue Book Rule 149, the revenue from each of these broadcast rights agreements is shared directly with member schools. If your school is approached by any group to broadcast video content of any varsity athletic event, please direct them to Assistant Commissioner Thom Simmons, thoms@cifss.org, who will coordinate the facilitation of those broadcast rights to retransmit your athletic events. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Thom as well.

**6) NFHS Network – Pixellot Free for All Program** – The NFHS Network has announced an unprecedented offer for schools that are facing possible attendance restrictions at events during the 2020-2021 school year. Through its High School Support Program, the NFHS Network is offering up to two free Pixellot automated-production units for schools that lack production capabilities to stream events on the NFHS Network. The offer of two Pixellot units – one for indoor events and the other for outdoor contests – has been extended to all 565 CIF Southern Section member schools. In addition to receiving two free Pixellot production units, schools will receive a larger percentage of subscription revenue generated from their events, effective August 1, 2020, in an effort to help offset revenue losses from reduced attendance. For more information about the High School Support Program, please visit [www.nfhsnetwork.com/supportprogram](http://www.nfhsnetwork.com/supportprogram). Schools wishing to sign up for free Pixellot units should visit [www.nfhsnetwork.com/pixellot](http://www.nfhsnetwork.com/pixellot).

**7) Transfer Numbers** – The latest transfer numbers for July and August of this year, as well as those same months of the 2019-2020 school year, are attached to this update. Obviously, a marked contrast between the two years and we will continue to monitor the ongoing situation related to transfer numbers.

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.

## TRANSFER NUMBERS – JULY AND AUGUST – 2020 AND 2019

### Total Transfers

July, 2020 – 66 – July, 2019 – 258

Decreased by 192 = 74.42%

August, 2020 – 168 – August, 2019 – 1,673

Decreased by 1,505 = 89.96%

### Valid Residence Change

July, 2020 – 4 – July, 2019 – 47

Decreased by 43 = 91.49%

August, 2020 – 16 – August, 2019 – 423

Decreased by 407 = 96.22%

### Sit-Out Period

July, 2020 – 41 – July, 2019 – 123

Decreased by 82 = 66.67%

August, 2020 – 91 – August, 2019 – 648

Decreased by 557 = 85.96%

### Hardship

July, 2020 – 9 (Discontinued Program – 6, Financial – 2, Court – 1)

July, 2019 – 35 (Discontinued Program – 30, Safety – 3, Court – 1, Divorced Parents – 1)

Overall – Decreased by 26 = 74.29%

Without Discontinued Program – Increased by 2 = 40%

August, 2020 – 8 (Discontinued Program – 5, Financial – 2, Foster – 1)

August, 2019 – 56 (Discontinued Program – 25, Foster – 12, Court – 9, Safety – 6, Military – 3,  
Divorced Parents – 1)

Overall – Decreased by 48 = 85.72%

Without Discontinued Program – Decreased by 28 = 96.77%