



TO: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PRINCIPALS  
CIF SOUTHERN SECTION ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

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**SUBJECTS: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION UPDATE**

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

**Boys/Girls Cross-Country Competition Begins** – Last week, with the lifting of the Stay-at-Home Order in Southern California, and as a purple tier sport, Boys and Girls Cross Country was able to begin. For the first time since mid-March, student-athletes were engaged in interscholastic athletic competition and those first steps were significant for all of us moving forward. Congratulations to those who participated last week and best wishes to you as you continue on.

**CIF Southern Section Traditional Competitive Cheer Championships – Cancelled**

Today, I must regretfully announce that we are cancelling our 2020-2021 CIF Southern Section Traditional Competitive Cheer Championships scheduled for April 3, 2021, due to the COVID pandemic. We do so for the following reasons...

- 1) In consultation with our Cheer Advisory Committee, it was determined that we could not conduct our Traditional Competitive Cheer Championships in the manner they deserve. Current California Department of Public Health Guidelines for Youth Sports significantly limit our Cheer programs being able to adequately prepare for our championships and/or participate in competitions leading up to our championships.
- 2) The ability for us to host a Southern Section Championship in one location and have student-athletes from all 7 counties within the Southern Section footprint be allowed to travel to that single location is not realistic.
- 3) There was consideration regarding the idea of conducting this championship in a virtual format, however, the consensus of our Cheer Advisory Committee was that this option would not meet the standards of a CIF Southern Section Championship event.

**CIF Southern Section Council Meeting – Tuesday, February 2** – The next scheduled meeting of the CIF Southern Section Council will take place virtually tomorrow. CIF State Action Items include the proposal to add Beach Volleyball to the list of CIF-approved sports and 28 maximum allowable contests for Baseball and Softball. Southern Section Action Items include bylaw revisions to the criteria for Southern Section Hall of Fame/Distinguished Service Awards and a proposal to mandate an Altercation Plan for schools to be included in the Blue Book. CIF Non-

Action Items include the CIF State 2021-2022 Proposed Budget, CIF State Executive Committee Nominations and the proposal to provide an exception to CIF Bylaw 504.M allowing Traditional Competitive Cheer teams to compete on Sunday at the National High School Cheerleading Championships each year. Southern Section Non-Action Items include: the proposed 2021-2022 Southern Section Budget and Southern Section Executive Committee nominations for the Coast Area and Mt. SAC Area.

**CIF Federated Council Meeting – Friday, February 5** – The next scheduled meeting of the CIF Federated Council will take place virtually this Friday where votes will be cast on the CIF State Action Items listed above and discussions will be held on the CIF State Non-Action Items listed above.

**Transfer Numbers** – The latest transfer numbers for July through January of the 2020-2021 school year, as well as those same months of the 2019-2020 school year, are attached to this update. We will continue to monitor the ongoing situation related to transfer numbers.

I hope this information is useful to you in the time ahead and if you have any questions, or I can help you in any way at all, do not hesitate to contact our office. 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.