



TO: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PRINCIPALS
CIF SOUTHERN SECTION ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

FROM: ROB WIGOD, COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS (RW)

SUBJECT: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION UPDATE

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

Southern Section Championships – Season 2 Sports

Due to recent changes to the California Department of Public Health Guidelines for Youth Sports, we are excited to announce that we are prepared to go forward with Section Championships for the following Season 2 Team Sports ...

- Baseball
- Boys/Girls Basketball
- Boys/Girls Lacrosse
- Boys/Girls Soccer
- Softball
- Boys/Girls Team Tennis
- Boys Volleyball
- Boys/Girls Dual Meet Wrestling

For the Season 2 Individual Sports below, we are actively working on securing approvals from various county health departments to ensure that we can conduct championship events involving student-athletes from all 8 counties within the Southern Section footprint. More information will be coming soon as we attempt to finalize plans going forward for these Individual Sports.

- Boys/Girls Golf
- Boys/Girls Swimming/Diving
- Boys/Girls Individual Tennis
- Boys/Girls Track and Field

As for Boys/Girls Individual Wrestling, it is classified as a High-Contact Indoor Sport. Current CDPH Guidelines do not allow tournaments of any kind for Individual Wrestling and it has been that way since the 2020-2021 school year began. Without the opportunity for tournaments available to our member schools, and the limited time we have remaining before those championships are scheduled to be held, we will not be able to conduct Section Championships for Boys/Girls Individual Wrestling in Season 2.

Playoff Bulletins – Season 2 Team Sports – Playoff Bulletins for each Season 2 Team Sport are being developed and will be distributed accordingly. Information on dates, times, locations, spectators, financial matters, etc., will be included in those publications coming soon.

Playoff Bulletins – Season 2 Individual Sports – As this is an ongoing situation for Season 2 Individual Sports, once we can obtain the necessary approvals and confirm that they are taking place, we will distribute information related to those championships as soon as we possibly can. I ask for your patience and understanding as we proceed through the approval process for Individual Sports

Change/Adapt – As I have stated many, many times over the last year or so, the only constant thing we have had in this ever-changing environment is that things continue to change. Today is no exception, and as we navigate through these latest developments, I am committed to making sure you are informed of what changes will most certainly come forward and that you join me and our staff in doing your best to adapt to these changes in service to our student-athletes and our athletic programs.

Final Thought – We have stayed the course from the time that we announced our 2020-2021 Sports Calendars in July 2020. We told our student-athletes that we would do everything we possibly could to come through and deliver to them what they wanted so much. When we announced that calendar, we kept in mind that our Spring Sports had suffered tremendously with the shutdown of schools and athletic programs in March 2020. One of our most important goals was to provide full regular seasons and Section Championships for those who had lost those opportunities last year. We are now able see full regular seasons continue and Section Championships return for many of our Spring Sports in 2021. We are not done yet in completing this task, but it is a credit to all of you who have remained steadfast in your ongoing efforts to make it all happen. I am grateful to you for doing so and I know our student-athletes are as well.

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.