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NEWBURY PARK FORFEITS FIRST-ROUND CIF-SS BOYS WATER POLO PLAYOFF WIN - CARPINTERIA ADVANCES

LOS ALAMITOS – Newbury Park High School had an ineligible player participate during their Division 2 varsity boys' water polo team contest yesterday versus Carpinteria High School. Due to that fact Newbury Park will be forfeiting that contest and is immediately removed from the playoffs.

CIF Southern Section Constitution and Bylaws Rule 500.2 states:

Forfeiture Status - Any athletic contest in which an ineligible student has participated either intentionally or unintentionally, must be forfeited unless provided for otherwise in the adopted playing rules of that sport. When a school must forfeit any games, a win and a tie must be counted as losses in the standings. This would apply to any practice, league, or playoff game, match, meet or sanctioned event. Report of such forfeiture must be filed with the CIF Southern Section Office and the opposing school.

As this situation regards playoffs **CIF-SS Bylaw 3211 states:**

An ineligible player is one who is in violation of any State CIF or Section scholastic residence, transfer, age, semesters of attendance, or other eligibility rules.

A. Games in which the student participated, after the occurrence of the violation shall be forfeited (See Bylaw 500.2)

C. Violations discovered after the first round of any playoff will result in disqualification of the ineligible player's team from the playoffs and forfeiture of its last playoff competition. In such cases, the losing team will advance provided the date of the next scheduled contest has not elapsed.

Carpinteria will advance to the next round where they will travel to Palm Desert tomorrow.

The CIF Southern Section will have no further comment on this matter and will direct all inquiries back to Newbury Park High School for comment.

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