

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

RAINER WULF



In this Message from the Commissioner, I would like to pay tribute to Assistant Commissioner Rainer Wulf. Rainer is retiring on July 1, after 15 years of dedicated and faithful service to our member schools, to our staff, and to our entire organization.



Rainer came to our office with a great background in education-based athletics. He was a graduate of Bishop

Amat High School, where he excelled in Basketball as an All-CIF Southern Section selection his Senior year. He continued to star at Citrus College for two years and then finished his collegiate career playing at the Division 1 level for the University of California, Irvine. During his Senior year, he served as Team Captain for the Anteaters. Ironically, I was a student at Long Beach State during that time and I remember seeing Rainer play against my 49ers a couple of times. Little did we know how our paths would cross again.

After college, Rainer served as a Graduate Assistant at UC Irvine for two years, before playing professional basketball for a year in Australia, but once that year was over, he knew he wanted to be a coach. He began as an assistant coach at University High School in Irvine, where one of his players at that time was actor/comedian Will Ferrell. Next, he was hired as Head Basketball Coach at Trabuco Hills High School, where he won two CIF Southern Section Championships, later became Athletic Director there, and served as President of the Orange County Athletic Directors Association, prior to coming to work for the CIF Southern Section in 2008. He was well prepared, ready to go and no question a perfect fit when he arrived in our office.

As an Assistant Commissioner, Rainer has performed brilliantly. He has done a tremendous job administering to the sports of Boys/Girls Basketball, Boys/Girls Cross-Country, Boys/Girls Tennis and Boys/Girls Track and Field. He has provided outstanding leadership and implemented many new concepts



that have had direct benefits to our student-athletes and to our member schools. For example, Boys/Girls Basketball was the first sport to place individual schools, instead of entire leagues, into playoff divisions, using a performance-based profile for every single school. This was the impetus behind creating the competitive equity playoff model for 14 sports that we have in place today. Also, he pioneered the idea of the Open Division for Basketball, and then Tennis, which has proven to be very successful and is now being utilized in several other sports as well. The first suggestion Rainer made when

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WULF (CONT.): he joined our staff was, we should have a way to compile school information into an electronic database, including team rosters, schedules, etc. We immediately began to explore that idea and what resulted was the creation of the CIFSSHome system that has revolutionized the way our member schools and our office do business together.

With all the demands on his time associated with being an Assistant Commissioner, Rainer's highest priority is being the consummate family man that he is with his wonderful wife Lynda, and two more superstars in daughter Taylor and son Austin. He has always made sure to be present in their lives and be the very best husband and father he can be, which I admire very much.



I want to sincerely thank Rainer Wulf for everything he has done throughout his career in education-based athletics. He is an honest, loyal, and trusted colleague, a valued and special friend to me and my family, and it has been my honor to have served with him over these last 15 years. I know I speak on behalf of myself, our staff, and our member schools in congratulating Rainer Wulf on a job well done!

Thank you very much for your continued help and support, it is truly appreciated.

All the best,
Rob Weigel

