



# *Meeting of the Executive Committee*

*September 21, 2023*

*1:00 p.m.*

*CIF Southern Section Office, Los Alamitos, CA*  
*Agenda*

<b><u>1. OPENING BUSINESS</u></b>	<b><u>DISPOSITION</u></b>	<b><u>ITEM</u></b>
A. Call to order by Jim Perry, President of the Council		
B. Pledge of Allegiance		
C. Roll Call		
D. Introduction of Guests		
E. Adopt Agenda	Action	
F. Approval of Minutes		
1. Minutes of the August 10, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting	Action	1F1
<b><u>2. PUBLIC COMMENT</u></b>		
A. Recognition of anyone wishing to address the Executive Committee. Speakers must limit their remarks to three minutes.		
<b><u>3. ACTION ITEMS</u></b>		
A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS		
1. State CIF Executive Committee Vacancy	Action	STATE 658
B. SOUTHERN SECTION ACTION ITEMS		
1. Releguing Appeals - Orange County Area		
A. Troy High School	Action	SS 655 A
B. Fullerton Union High School	Action	SS 655 B

### **3. ACTION ITEMS (Cont.)**

#### **B. SOUTHERN SECTION ACTION ITEMS (Cont.)**

##### **1. Releaguings Appeals - Orange County Area (Cont.)**

C. La Habra High School	Action	SS 655 C
D. Sunny Hills High School	Action	SS 655 D
E. Sonora High School	Action	SS 655 E

### **4. NON-ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL NON-ACTION ITEMS**

1. Weighted Voting Revision 2023-24	Informational Only	4A1
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#### **B. SOUTHERN SECTION NON-ACTION ITEMS**

1. Proposed Revision to Bylaw 1904 - Cross County Start Date	Non-Action	SS 656
2. Proposed Revision to Bylaws 3519.1-3519.7, 3520.2 - Competitive Equity Playoffs	Non-Action	SS 657

### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Financial Report	Mitch Carty
B. Marketing Report	Jacquelyn Gibson
C. Communications Report	Thom Simmons

### **6. REPORTS**

A. President's Report	Jim Perry
B. Treasurer's Report	Rich Imbriani
D. Commissioner's Report	Mike West
E. Executive Committee Member Reports	

## **7. ADVANCE PLANNING**

### **A. DATES**

1. September 25, 2023 – Champions for Character Awards Dinner, The Grand Conference Center, Long Beach, CA 6:00 p.m.
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6. January 30, 2024 – CIF Southern Section Council Meeting, The Grand Conference Center, Long Beach CA 9:00 a.m.

### **B. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

A. Time of Adjournment \_\_\_\_\_



# *Meeting of the Executive Committee*

*August 10, 2023*

*1:00 p.m.*

*CIF Southern Section Office, Los Alamitos, CA*

*Minutes*

<b>1. OPENING BUSINESS</b>	<b>DISPOSITION</b>	<b>ITEM</b>
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A. Call to order by Jim Perry, President of the Council

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm. Jim Perry welcomed everyone back and proceeded with introductions.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

The following members of the Executive Committee were not present: Mitch Brunyer, Dr. Monica Colunga, Ann Fitzgerald, and Mary Jane Hibbard. Mike Middlebrook (CIF Southern Section Assistant Commissioner) was not in attendance.

President Jim Perry asked that members participate in introductions, stating their area of representation.

D. Introduction of Guests

Eric Sondheimer, columnist from the Los Angeles Times was in attendance.

E. Adopt Agenda

Adopted

President Jim Perry requested a motion to move Item 5A1 before Item 1F1 to approve the appointment of a new member to the Executive Committee. There was a motion and second to adopt the revised agenda. The motion carried 15-0-0.

The result of Item 5A1 can be found in their original place in the agenda.

F. Approval of Minutes

Approved

There was a motion and second to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting. The motion carried 15-0-0.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A. Recognition of anyone wishing to address the Executive Committee. Speakers must limit remarks to three minutes.

There was no one present wishing to present during Public Comment.

## **3. NON-ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL NON-ACTION ITEMS**

Currently there are no CIF State Federated Council non-action items.

### **B. SOUTHERN SECTION NON-ACTION ITEMS**

There are no CIF Southern Section Council non-action items currently.

## **4. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

Currently there are no CIF State Federated Council action items.

### **B. SOUTHERN SECTION ACTION ITEMS**

Currently there are no CIF Southern Section Council action items.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Appointment for 2023-2024 Executive Committee**

Approved 15-0-0

#### **1. ACSA Representative**

5A1

There was a motion and second to approve the appointment of Erika Tejeda, Principal, Liberty High School, as the ACSA Representative for the 2023-2024 school year. The motion carried 15-0-0.

### **B. 2023-2024 CIF Southern Section Goals**

Approved 15-0-0

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Commissioner of Athletics Mike West presented the CIF Southern Section Goals for the 2023-24 school year, highlighting the new goals for the year. The goals can be found in the Executive Committee Agenda for this meeting. There was a motion and a second to accept the goals as written. The motion carried 17-0-0. It should be noted, Cleveland Johnson and Dr. Thompkins requested information about De Pauw University study being conducted in examination of the use of backstroke start ledges (swimming). In addition, he asked about the continuing relations with the officials' organizations and where we stand currently. The Southern Section has agreed to, in conjunction with the NFHS, conduct a study through the research department at De Pauw University in Indiana, that will examine the depth at which backstroke ledges may be used. The result of this study will affect a potential rule change at the national level in the sport of swimming. We continue to foster relations between our officials' groups and schools by enforcing the CIF statewide sportsmanship policy as well as assisting in the growth of organizations.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS (Cont.)**

### **C. Financial Report**

Mitch Carty

Mitch Carty distributed the latest Profit and loss for the 2022-2023 school year, and it appears at the end of these minutes. This information is pre-audit and will be updated at the January meeting. Revenue met or exceeded most budget items. Many of expenses on the P&L were paid for by the grant we received from the state of California. While some sport expenses were over the forecasted budget, it is due to the anticipation of larger crowds thus costing more to execute the events themselves.

### **D. Marketing Report**

Jacquelyn Gibson

Gearing up on ordering awards and Gatorade. New divisions have been added in many sports. Our corporate sponsorship obligations are being inventoried and executed as football will be starting within a week.

### **E. Communications Report**

Thom Simmons

Information is forthcoming regarding the corporate sponsorship deal signed yesterday, August 9, 2023. More details in relation to this contract will be shared at the next Executive Committee meeting. The CIF Southern Section historical database is being created and digitized. A plethora of information will be accessible from our public website (via link) for all consumers to enjoy.

## **6. REPORTS**

### **A. NFHS Summer Meeting Reports**

Monica Colunga  
Jim Perry  
Mike West  
Dr. Paula Hart Rodas

Dr. Paula Hart Rodas attended the “Executive Round Table” breakout session at the NFHS Summer Meeting where conversation focused on competitive equity playoffs. Other states sought information from her on our processes which she was happy to share. She also attended the “Benching Bad Behavior” session which encouraged schools to enlist kids with “social capital” as influencers in driving crowd behavior at high school sporting events.

Mike West (for Dr. Monica Colunga, absent) Officials Fees...in certain states, official’s fees mirror percent increases of teachers eliminating the need for “negotiations”. Other states have individual leagues determine the official’s fees for their schools. Across the board there is a variety of ways those fees are determined. Activity associations are prevalent across the country and more states are moving toward the “Athletics and Activities Association” model. This is a current goal of Ron Nocetti and the State CIF.

## **6. REPORTS (Cont.)**

### **A. NFHS Summer Meeting Reports (Cont.)**

Mike West reported on the need for emergency procedures, especially the creation of Emergency Action Plans on all campuses which will be a major focus this year. He reported the existence of important updated information regarding concussion protocol he encouraged the group to review the new standards. Commissioner West will assist in bringing some of the current information to the CIF Southern Section Symposium for consumption.

Jim Perry reported on the many ways divisions are being determined per sport across the country. We are leading the charge in the department of competitive equity with our processes being sought after by other states. He also attended “Bench Bad Behavior” and believes in the power of student influence to help manage our fan bases in gyms, on fields and in stadiums.

### **B. President’s Report**

Jim Perry

Thanked Mitch Carty for his involvement in the contractual negotiations for the incoming and outgoing commissioners. Rob Wigod was retained to finish work on negotiations involving TV contracts for the upcoming years which were finished on August 9. Mr. Perry is presenting in school districts seeking guidance on CIF Southern Section issues. The audiences consist of administrators, athletic personnel, and coaches.

### **C. Treasurer’s Report**

Rich Imbriani

Rich Imbriani thanked Mitch Carty for his work over the summer during the hiring process of the new CIF Southern Section Commissioner and also for his detailed in the information provided for the treasurer’s report (contained at the end of these minutes). Courtesy cards will be issued to schools who have completed the registration process for the 2023-2024 school year. CIF Southern Section school dues will be covered by the grant as will golf entry fees and various venue expenses for championships. The CIF Southern Section is encouraging schools to sign up for ACH accounting as it will streamline the process for which monies are exchanged between the schools and the Southern Section Office.

### **D. Commissioner’s Report**

Mike West

Commissioner West welcomed Jerry DeFabiis as the newest Assistant Commissioner of the CIF Southern Section. He also thanked former Commissioner Rob Wigod for his work in setting up the organization for success financially and otherwise ensuring a smooth transition for the new staff and for our member schools. Commissioner West encourages and emphasizes the presence of Certified Athletic Trainer on every campus. Providing enhanced opportunities and a better salary will make the position more professionally attractive. The Commissioner expressed the importance of the student experience with a focus on sportsmanship, so students are remembering high school athletics as a positive experience. The NASO conference was hosted by California in the Southern Section. Our continued attendance and support of the organization will be important moving forward. Commissioner West would like to expand the offerings at our Southern Section Symposium to include more offerings for the various staff members who service athletics. By extending the conference across two days, we may be able to include an official’s and/or athletic secretary track within. Commissioner West appreciates the continued support and patience as he grows into his current position.

## **6. REPORTS (Cont.)**

### **D. Executive Committee Member Reports**

Todd Arrowsmith attended the National Conference and wanted to highlight the magnitude of what the CIF Southern Section provides students and the difference those opportunities make in a student's high school experience. He was touched by the recipients and presentation of the "Spirit of Sport" and "Heart of the Arts" awards and appreciated the reminder of how students are affected by what we do as educators.

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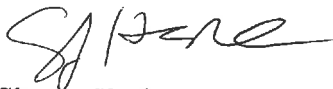
### **B. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no items suggested for the next agenda.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sharon Hodge  
Executive Assistant

Approved by:



Mike West  
Commissioner of Athletics



## Council Voting Report

			Adopt Agenda Vote	Item 5A1 Appointment – ACSA Rep	Item 1F1 Approval of May 11, 2023 Minutes	Item 5B CIF Southern Section Goals
First Name	Last Name	Keypad	1	2	3	4
Jamal	Adams	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Todd	Arrowsmith	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dr. Alexis	Barile	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mitch	Brunyer	4				
Dr. Monica	Colunga	5				
Rob	Dearborn	6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ann	Fitzgerald	7				
Gil	Gomez	8	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mary Jane	Hibbard	9				
Demetre	Howard	10	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rich	Imbriani	11	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Cleveland	Johnson	12				Yes
Kai	Lyles	13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Matt	Maeda	14	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
David	Parkes	15	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jim	Perry	16	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dr. Paula Hart	Rodas	17	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Alicia	Seevers	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Erika	Tejeda	19	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reggie	Thompkins	20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total 1 = Yes			15	15	15	15
Total 2 = No			0	0	0	0
Total 3 = Abstain			0	0	0	0
Total Voters			15	15	15	15
Total Yes + No			15	15	15	15
% Yes			100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
% No			0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Pass Threshold			50.00%	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%
Pass/Fail			Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

**C.I.F. SOUTHERN SECTION**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual (NOT FINAL)**  
 July 2022 through June 2023

	Actual	Budget	+ / - Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
SPORTS REVENUE	4,689,145.82	4,245,700.00	443,445.82
APPAREL CONTRACT	150,000.00	132,300.00	17,700.00 New Leduc contract
FRIENDS OF GOLF GRANT	47,000.00	47,000.00	0.00
INTEREST (Investments)	155,391.86	65,000.00	90,391.86 Long term investments
PUBLICATIONS	62,378.66	62,400.00	-21.34
SPORTS FEES	765,225.00	725,500.00	39,725.00 Grant off-set
SUPPORT/MARKETING INCOME	1,370,524.06	1,365,000.00	5,524.06 In-Kind estimated
TV -WEB RIGHTS CONTRACTS	648,249.00	410,700.00	237,549.00 NFHS incentive \$150K
CHAMPIONS FOR CHARACTER	91,868.00	68,900.00	22,968.00 Golf tournament +++
SPECIAL EVENTS	87,150.00	67,600.00	19,550.00 Summit + Grant off-set + HOF
Total Income	8,066,932.40	7,190,100.00	876,832.40
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Goods Sold	52,555.52	51,168.00	1,387.52
Total COGS	52,555.52	51,168.00	1,387.52
Gross Profit	8,014,376.88	7,138,932.00	875,444.88

**C.I.F. SOUTHERN SECTION**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual (NOT FINAL)**  
July 2022 through June 2023

	Actual	Budget	+ / - Budget	
Expense				
SPORTS EXPENSE	3,257,378.12	3,005,214.00	252,164.12	Venues + officials + game expenses
AREA LIAISONS	44,890.13	43,700.00	1,190.13	
AUDITOR	21,700.00	20,000.00	1,700.00	Contract set post budget approval
AWARDS	85,894.29	41,300.00	44,594.29	UPGRADE: Medals & Runner Up patches
BANK/INVESTMENT CHARGES	7,368.24	6,800.00	568.24	
BUILDING MAINT. & UTILITIES	40,658.22	37,200.00	3,458.22	
COUNCIL	85,740.97	53,200.00	32,540.97	Exec Comm expenses
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	80,000.00	75,600.00	4,400.00	Not yet final
DONATIONS	47,376.00	49,600.00	-2,224.00	
GENERAL OFFICE	36,277.50	27,600.00	8,677.50	Cash on hand to be moved into 23-24
INSURANCE & LEGAL EXPENSE	28,332.18	32,200.00	-3,867.82	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	14,336.95	2,374.00	11,962.95	Arbiter \$11K, History Project \$1.5K
OFFICE SUPPLIES & SERVICES	114,357.62	122,700.00	-8,342.38	Supplies & Services
OFFICE TRAVEL	72,487.13	38,500.00	33,987.13	NFHS 7/8 in Hawaii
PENSION EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	Post audit entry
PRESS/MEDIA	31,787.64	12,400.00	19,387.64	Scorebook Live \$30K
PRINTING/DUPLICATING	18,654.31	18,700.00	-45.69	
PUBLICATIONS EXPENSE & WASTE	31,394.41	28,300.00	3,094.41	Rule books to schools, committees & disposal
SALARIES, MEDICAL, RETIREMENT, PAYROLL TAXES	3,126,232.05	3,089,144.00	37,088.05	Vacation accrual + OT + Scale adjust
SALES/USE TAX EXPENSE	1,700.69	2,100.00	-399.31	
SPECIAL EVENTS EXPENSE	94,441.24	71,100.00	23,341.24	Potential Grant off-set
SUPPORT/MARKETING EXPENSE	168,332.43	174,200.00	-5,867.57	In-Kind estimated
TAXES - GENERAL	1,801.20	3,100.00	-1,298.80	Property
TV TO SCHOOLS	157,000.00	125,800.00	31,200.00	Good thing, more \$ to schools
CHAMPIONS FOR CHARACTER EXPENSE	50,330.71	58,100.00	-7,769.29	
Total Expense	7,618,472.03	7,138,932.00	479,540.03	
Net Ordinary Income	395,904.85	0.00	395,904.85	
Net Income	395,904.85	0.00	395,904.85	

**C. I. F. SOUTHERN SECTION**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
Executive Committee Meeting  
August 10, 2023

**I. CIF-SS ANNUAL AUDIT (2022-23):**

- A. Auditors will be on site for fieldwork in October.
- B. Mitch shared “pre-audit” profit & loss earlier.

**II. 2022-23 FINANCIAL NOTABLE**

- A. GoFan partnership
  - 1. 2022-23 online tickets sold = 518,604 (\$207,442 revenue share)
- B. State of California Grant Distribution
  - 1. \$991,325 distributed in 2022-23
  - 2. \$1,721,000 to distribute in 2023-24

**III. MEMBERSHIP SPORTS FEES 2023-24**

- A. Dues are forgiven again for fiscal 2024-24, but schools still required to create list of sports and sport fee invoice at \$0 balance.
- B. Sport Fees covered by the State of California Grant distribution (approx. \$775K).
- C. Courtesy Cards issued once sports invoice is created and CIF-SS new year “splash page” items are complete.

**IV. FORECAST/GOALS FOR 2023-24**

- A. Athletic Administrators Summit registration now open.
  - 1. Again, NO cost to attendees.
  - 2. Covered by State of California Grant distribution (~\$50-70K).
- B. B&G Golf playoff entry fees covered by State of California Grant distribution (~\$85-90K).
- C. Select playoff venue expenses covered by State of California Grant distribution.
- D. Electronic Banking Relationship Project
  - 1. CIF-SS continues goal to “on-board” as many section schools as possible to accept ACH transfers (from CIF-SS to school) in an effort to reduce physical checks, mailing and stale checks.
  - 2. Third-party vendor is Bill.com

**V. HAVE A GREAT YEAR!!!**

Prepared by:  
*MITCH CARTY, Chief Financial Officer*

**CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION**

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**To: Federated Council****Date: September 7, 2023****Re: Executive Committee Special Election****Type: Election**

**Proposal Summary:** As per the CIF Article 70.G.(1), when there is a vacancy on the CIF Executive Committee, that committee member shall be replaced at the next Executive Committee meeting with the individual receiving the next highest vote during the last regularly held election. Since all candidates at the last election are serving on the current Executive Committee, the next step is to conduct an election at the October 2023 Federated Council meeting in order to fill the vacancy. Nominations were sought from eligible Sections and Allied Organizations and the following Federated Council members have volunteered to be candidates to serve the remainder of the two-year term on the CIF Executive Committee.

**The following candidates have been nominated and have agreed to place their name for consideration to serve a two-year term on the CIF Executive Committee:**

Dr. Paula Hart Rodas, Southern Section

Robert Poyer, Los Angeles City Section

Doug Williams, Northern Section

**70.G. Change in Status or in Workplace, Vacancy****(1) Change in Status**

With the exception of the Past-President, the representative from the State Department of Education and representatives of Allied Organizations, any committee member whose status changes so as not to be directly accountable to, or a voting member of, a local board of education or school(s) governing body shall not continue to be a voting member of the Executive Committee. With the exception of the current officers, that committee member shall be replaced at the next Executive Committee meeting by the individual (if eligible) receiving the next highest vote during the last regularly held election, or in the case of an at-large representative, a new representative will be appointed by the Executive Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting. In the event there is no one eligible, an election will be held to fill the vacancy at the next regularly scheduled Federated Council meeting.



## **CIF State Executive Committee Nominee**

**Name:** Dr. Paula Hart Rodas

**Organization/Position:** Director of Secondary Educational Services, Monrovia USD

**CIF Section:** Southern Section

### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **Education Administration/ Teaching Positions:**

**Director of Secondary Educational Services**, Monrovia Unified School District, 2022 – present

**Principal**, Lawndale High School, Centinela Valley Union High School District, 2014 - 2022

**Associate Principal of Athletics**, Leuzinger High School, Centinela Valley Union High School District, 2013 - 2014

**Vice Principal & Director of Athletics**, Mira Costa High School, Manhattan Beach Unified School District, 2008 - 2012

**Vice Principal, Manhattan Beach Middle School**, Manhattan Beach Unified School District, 2007 - 2008

**Microbiology Professor**, Marymount College, Palos Verdes, 2006 - 2007

**Science Teacher & Department Chair**, Miraleste Intermediate School, Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District, 1998 - 2007

**Science Teacher & Volleyball Coach**, David Starr Jordan High School, Long Beach Unified School District, 1996 - 1998

#### **Athletic Administration/Oversight:**

**NFL Chargers/Rams League of Champions Girls' Flag Football Head Coach**, Lawndale High School, 2021 - 2022

**United States Youth Volleyball League, Head Coach**, 11 & Under (Co-Ed), 2013

**Director of Athletics & Vice Principal**, Mira Costa High School, 2007- 2012

**David Starr Jordan High School Volleyball Coach**

Girls Volleyball Head Coach; Boys Volleyball Assistant Coach, 1996 – 1998

#### **Other professional positions related to education-based athletics:**

**CIF Pursuing Victory with Honor Trainer Certification**, 2009

**CIF Southern Section Athletics Administrators Summit**, Principal's Roundtable Panelist, 2021

**CIF Southern Section Executive Committee, President-Elect**, 2023 - present

**CIF Federated Council, Southern Section Representative**, 2018 - present

**CIF Southern Section Executive Committee, Coast Area Representative**, 2014 - 2022

**CIF Southern Section, Athletic Trainer Task Force**, 2018 - 19

**CIF Southern Section, Public/Private Committee**, 2013 – present

**California PBIS Coalition Annual Conference**, Presenter: *Building School Culture & Community*, 2018

**Citrus Belt Area Athletic Directors' Association, Women in Sports Conference Presenter**, 2018

**Girls Got Game: Women in Sports Celebration & Conference Speaker**, 2017

**Los Angeles Rams Women's History Month Youth Empowerment Webinar Panelist, 2023**

**NFHS Coaching Principles and First Aid for Coaches Trainer Certification, 2011**

**NCAA Division II National Tournament, Women's Volleyball, Regis College, 1989**

**Southern California Commission for Women Annual Convening Panelist, Los Angeles County  
Commission for Women, 2023**



## **CIF State Executive Committee Nominee**

**Name:** Robert Poyer

**Organization/Position:** University Prep Vaue High School

**CIF Section:** CIF City Section

### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **Education Administration/ Teaching Positions**

#### **Athletic Administration/Oversight**

Current high school principal for 7 years and 19 years in the Value Schools Charter Management Organization. Served as Dean of Students, Assistant principal in charge of Athletics, Special Education teacher, PE Teacher, Athletic Director and Basketball Coach for 14 seasons before moving into the Principal role. I am currently the President of the CIF City Section Board of Managers.

#### **Other professional positions related to education-based athletics**

Served on the Board of Managers for the CIF City Section for over 10 years and the executive committee for over 4 years. I am honored to be considered for the executive committee of the CIF Federated Council.





## **CIF State Executive Committee Nominee**

**Name:** Douglas J. Williams

**Organization/Position:** Principal, Chico High School, NCIF Federated Council Representative

**CIF Section:** Northern Section

### **EXPERIENCE:**

**Teaching/Admin.:** Social Science Teacher 14 yrs., HS Asst. Principal 4 yrs., HS Principal 10 Yrs.

**Athletic Admin./Oversite:** AP over Athletics, E.A.L. President 2 terms, NCIF Section President Elect, President and Past President, NCIF Federated Council, NCIF Executive Committee.

**Education-based Athletics Positions:** CIF Coach Football, Baseball 14 yrs., NCIF rules Committee, NCIF League Alignment Chair, NCIF Playoff Committee Chair, Athlete Committed program implementation.

I am proud to be a life-long example of education-based athletics.

**Player:** As a student athlete in high school I played on multiple sports teams at a CIF participating school and maintained a high academic GPA while holding student leadership positions. I continued these characteristics at U.C. Davis where I played Football as a defensive back and graduated with a B.A.

**Coach:** The focus of my 14 years as a Baseball and Football coach at CIF High Schools centered around student athlete successes both on and off the field.

**School Site Admin:** I continue to be involved in site, league and section level athletic leadership committees and I work to implement State level programs within our section.

**Parent:** I was proud to watch all of my four children excel as student athletes in high school in multiple sports with league, section and State level victories/awards.

# TROY HIGH SCHOOL

*A 21<sup>ST</sup> Century National Blue Ribbon High School  
A National New American High School  
A California Distinguished High School*

2200 East Dorothy Lane, Fullerton, California 92831  
WILLIAM V. MYNSTER, Ph.D., PRINCIPAL

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STEVE McLAUGHLIN, Ed. D., SUPERINTENDENT

## **BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION-SOUTHERN SECTION ON RELEAGUING COMMENCING 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

**In the matter of CIF-SS Releagu  
Configuration regarding Troy High  
School**

**APPEAL – TROY HIGH  
SCHOOL, Fullerton, CA**

**September 7, 2023**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

Troy High School (“TRHS”), Fullerton, CA, appeals the non-football re-leagu  
decision of the Orange County Area Placement (“OCAP”) and California Interscholastic  
Federation Southern Section (“CIF-SS”) on May 15, 2023. This appeal is based upon “the re-  
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criteria and process” that violated the following Orange County Area Schools  
Releagu  
Bylaws, 2024-2026 (“Bylaws”) (Attachment “A”):

1. Bylaws 24.0 and 40.0, mandating that the re-leagu  
proposals must affect the least  
amount of member schools as reasonably possible;
2. Bylaw 40.0, mandating that Principals of schools requesting relief begin the meeting with  
a five-minute presentation that may include their school information and one (1) new  
2024-2026 re-leagu  
proposal;
3. Bylaw 22.0, mandating that all “Releagu  
Proposals must be written on the Orange  
County Area Releagu  
Proposal Form”;
4. The introductory section of the Releagu  
Bylaws also states that “Releagu  
Proposals  
protocols and procedures will not discriminate against one or more member schools”; and
5. Bylaws 23.0 and 40.0, mandating that re-leagu  
proposals must provide reasonable and  
equal application of the following three criteria: competitive equity (strength of program),  
geography (travel time), and enrollment (school population).

Important Note: Bylaw 24.0 states, “\*Any reference in this document to the word ‘leagu  
’ refers  
to a duly constituted league or conference formed in the last Releagu  
cycle.”

### **II. PROCEDURAL VIOLATIONS**

Procedural violations were committed during the OCAP re-leagu  
process that require  
granting this TRHS appeal and nullifying TRHS’s placement with respect to the final non-

football re-leaguings proposal set to commence with the 2024-2025 year. This appeal does not pertain to re-leaguings with respect to “football only” Orange County conferencing decision.

The 2024-2026 CIF Releaguings Cycle consolidated all Orange County area schools’ football teams into one county-wide conference. During the process, member schools were required to vote on football-only re-leaguings proposals before considering the re-leaguings of all other CIF sports. As the push to consolidate all Orange County area school’s football teams into one football-only conference reflected a larger trend, TRHS agreed to the final Football-Only Releaguings Proposal at the May 15, 2023 meeting. TRHS agreed to move the football program into this larger conference because discussion around football placement has always been the driving factor behind any re-leaguings conversations in the past. All other sports receive secondary consideration. TRHS decided that by removing football from the discussions, member schools could focus more clearly on the other sports. The TRHS decision was also a show of goodwill and a way to pilot TRHS’s participation in a larger conference prior to re-leaguings all other sports. Despite this agreement, TRHS made it abundantly clear throughout the process, however, that they did not want to join another league or conference for all other CIF sports.

From the beginning, the 2024-2026 Orange County Area Placement process appeared to be explicitly motivated by factors outside the three criteria allowed for consideration under Bylaw 23.0 and by discrimination toward member schools in violation of the Introduction of the Bylaws against intentional or unintentional discrimination against any member schools. During the February 8 and April 24, 2023 re-leaguings meetings, an athletic director from another member school openly and blatantly campaigned for the Freeway League’s elimination and subsequent placement of TRHS in another league despite no request by TRHS for relief or alternative placement. For example, the athletic director bitterly stated, “The Freeway League has been together 42 years. It’s time for you guys to play ball and join the rest of us.” This athletic director demonstrated other illegitimate reasons in support of the 2024-2026 placement by saying, “[His conference’s] goal is to expand. We have 9 teams and would like to get to 15.” Furthermore, his and others’ supported proposals discriminated against private schools. This was made clear in statements by him and others during the multiple meetings that stated, “We do not want schools without borders.”

This same athletic director also repeatedly advocated to disband the Freeway League schools under the pretense that Buena Park High School needed relief with statements such as, “If I were student or family at Buena Park [High School], I would sue the District for not providing relief.” Buena Park High School, however, never requested relief and competes well within the Freeway League from year to year. His conference representatives and others, who supported the ultimate re-leaguings proposal, demonstrated their complete disregard for the three criteria required in Bylaw 23.0 throughout the series of re-leaguings committees that took place from February to May 2023. Their open discrimination against private schools was a determining factor in the ultimate passage of a proposal that placed TRHS in a different league specifically to create a larger conference that would benefit those schools already in that conference.

On April 24, 2023, the Athletic Directors approved three Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals for non-football sports that were posted in advance of the May 15, 2023 re-leaguings meeting. In violation of Bylaw 22.0, not all of these proposals were submitted on the “Orange County Area Releaguings Proposal Form” (Attachment B is the only form available on the OCAP website). At least three different forms were used for these proposals.

At the May 15, 2023 meeting for Principals, member schools voted on the final 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal based on incomplete information in violation of Bylaw 40. Per Bylaw 39.0, the purpose of the May 15, 2023 meeting is for Principals (“Orange County Area Representatives”) to “review recommended Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals (from April 24, 2023) and provide time for member school Principals seeking relief, new member school Principals, and each league/conference an opportunity to present one (1) new Relief Releaguings Proposal.” At the beginning of this meeting, as required by Bylaw 40, the Principals of schools requesting relief were to receive five minutes to present school information regarding their reasons for requesting relief as well as 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal. This mandated procedure was entirely neglected as the May 15 meeting agenda (Attachment C) and meeting minutes (Attachment D) exhibit.

Instead of following this procedure in the Bylaws and giving schools requesting relief five minutes to present, the meeting began with a clear focus on solving the Football-Only Conferencing question first. The non-football proposals and counterproposals were addressed only after the Football-Only issue was resolved, and member schools requesting relief were denied time to present. Without this key information, Principals decided on proposals not knowing which schools were requesting relief nor how the proposals would provide relief. As far as TRHS knew, the creation of the football-only conference may have solved these relief questions but there was no way to know.

At the May 15, 2023 meeting, Principals were presented with three additional non-football counterproposals that had been compiled during private, informal meetings leading up to May 15. As stated above, none of the original non-football proposals nor counterproposals indicated which schools were requesting relief nor how that relief was being satisfied. The discussions following each proposal at the May 15 meeting clearly demonstrated that certain existing leagues and conferences supported proposals based on the creation or expansion of conferences to benefit their members, without concern for other impacted schools. However, expanding a conference is not one of the criteria for re-leaguings as required by Bylaw 23.0. The resulting proposed conferences also failed to affect the least number of schools as reasonably possible as required in Bylaws 24.0 and 40.0.

Several member schools also directly expressed during the May 15 meeting that they would not support proposals that added private schools, or “schools without borders” as they referred to them, to their league or conference. This clear discrimination of private schools not only violated the Bylaws, but also severely limited the process of finding the best possible relief proposals that would impact the least schools. The only way to increase conference sizes without

adding private schools and while addressing schools that requested relief was to break up a league whose member schools did not request relief.

For example, one of the new counterproposals, non-Football Proposal 4 (Attachment E), that would ultimately become the final 2024-2026 Placement, affected 100% of member schools across Orange County. The proposal breached Bylaws 24.0 and 40.0, which state that “Releaguings Proposals should affect the least amount of member schools as reasonably possible.” When leagues or conferences affected by any of the proposals could submit new counterproposals, the Freeway League representatives, including TRHS, created and presented an alternate proposal, non-Football Proposal 7 (Attachment F), in an attempt to affect the least schools reasonably possible while also working to satisfy the desire of certain conferences to expand or be created. The Freeway League’s counterproposal not only addressed all schools that requested relief, but also affected a smaller number of member schools. The counterproposal also expanded the conferences that wanted expansion and created conferences for member schools who wanted it. Again, some member schools and leagues spoke out against the Freeway League counterproposal using the plainly discriminatory reasoning that they did not want private schools in their league or conference.

Over the objections of TRHS and other Orange County schools, the non-Football Proposal 4 (Attachments G and H) passed although Proposal 4 was the result of meetings that failed to comply with the required procedures set forth in multiple Bylaws indicated above. Additionally, during the voting process, member schools expressed that they were unable to support non-Football Proposal 7 because they were pressured not to upset schools within their respective school districts. However, Bylaw 23.0 mandates that schools consider only three criteria, one of which does not include a fear of upsetting other schools within their district.

The 2024-2026 OCAP is the unfortunate outcome of a loose process driven by a few outspoken participants rather than the Bylaws’ stated intention of preventing “inconsistent and unequal application of protocol, procedures, and guidelines that would intentionally or unintentionally discriminate against one or more than one member school” while also providing reasonable and equal application of the accepted criteria—competitive equity (strength of program), geography (travel time), and enrollment (school population). Creating conferences and keeping “schools without borders” out of one’s respective conference were prioritized over focusing on the schools that requested relief, making sure proposals affected the least number of schools, and considering of the three accepted criteria.

### **III. SECONDARY CONSIDERATIONS**

Though TRHS never requested relief, TRHS will be adversely impacted by the significant resources it must divert to accommodate the re-leaguings resulting from the 2024-2026 OCAP process to ensure its students can safely participate. For 42 years, TRHS students traveled within a five-mile radius to attend games at schools within their own school district (Fullerton Joint Union High School District or “FJUHS”). As a result of short travel times and ease of coordination among FJUHS schools, TRHS could start their games after class hours

(8:30 AM – 3:30 PM) and share their resources to participate in CIF-SS. Now in a new placement, TRHS student athletes and teachers who coach will potentially have to miss up to three classes during away games. TRHS will have to fund increased transportation, purchase athletic equipment, and build out their athletic facilities at an incredible expense to maintain competitive equity.

Applying the Bylaw's process for developing Orange County area schools re-leaguage requires the reasonable and equal application of three accepted criteria. TRHS finds that the 2024-2026 placement decreases its competitive equity, increases travel time, and affects enrollment. Therefore, TRHS must implement costly changes having been re-leagued without having requested relief for a placement that improves its own competitive equity, geography, or enrollment.

### **1. Competitive Equity Impacts**

There are many examples of competitive equity throughout the 24 sports in the Freeway League including, Baseball, Boys/Girls Basketball, Boys/Girls Soccer, Softball, Boys/Girls Swimming & Diving, Boys/Girls Tennis, Boys/Girls Volleyball, Boys/Girls Water Polo, Boys/Girls Wrestling, Football, Boys/Girls Golf, Boys/Girls Cross Country, Boys/Girls Track & Field.

Troy High School has been very successful with a high percentage of teams making CIF playoffs each year. For the last two years, here are the Troy High School playoff statistics:

#### **2021/22**

- Football
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Soccer
- Boys and Girls Golf
- Boys and Girls XC
- Boys and Girls Swim
- Boys Water Polo
- Girls Soccer
- Boys Volleyball
- Boys and Girls Track and Field
- Boys and Girls Tennis

(70% of teams made CIF playoffs)

#### **2022/23**

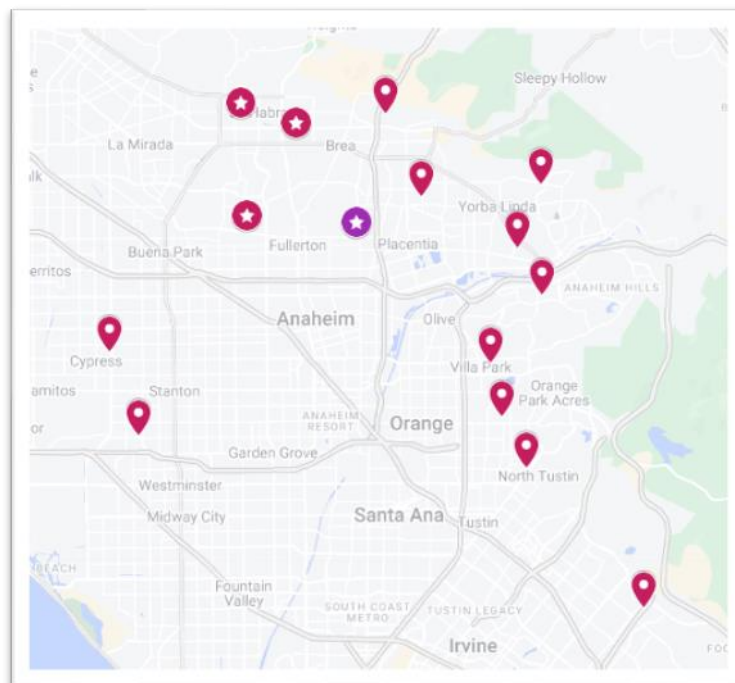
- Football
- Girls Basketball
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- Boys and Girls Golf
- Boys and Girls XC
- Boys and Girls Swim

- Boys Water Polo
  - Girls Soccer
  - Boys Volleyball
  - Boys and Girls Track and Field
  - Boys and Girls Tennis
- (70% of teams made CIF playoffs)

## 2. Geography/Distance

With the proposed re-leaguing placement, TRHS will now be required to travel longer distances to athletic contests causing unnecessary attendance issues for both student athletes and coaching staff members.

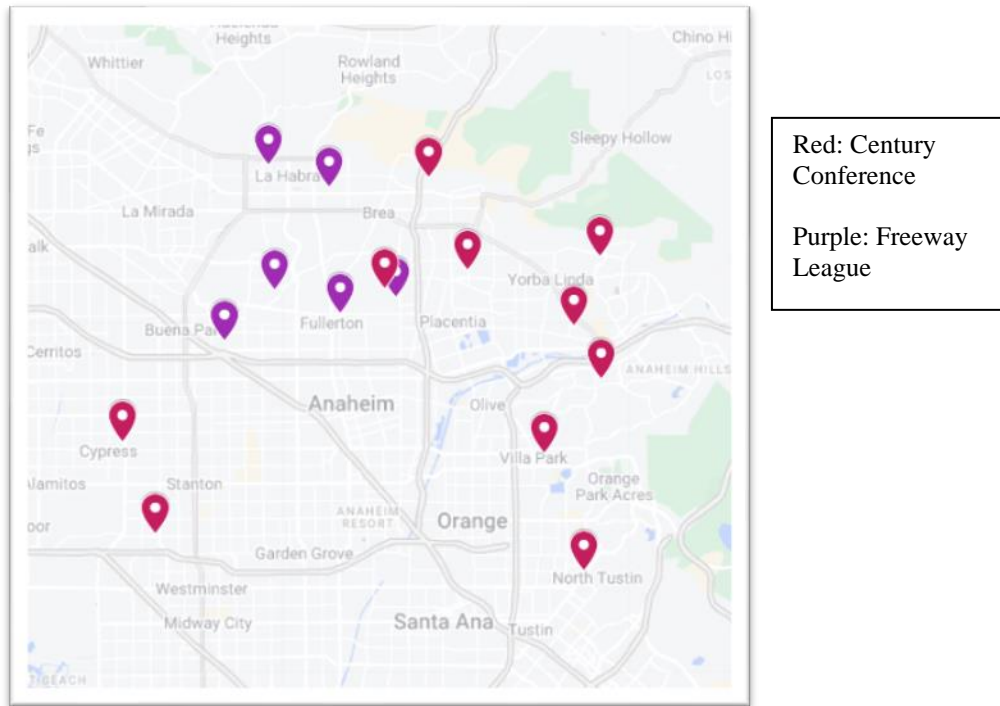
Map 1. Contested 2024-2025 Century Conference.



Purple: TRHS

Star icon: Former  
Freeway League

Map 2. Freeway League's Alternate Plan, 2024-2025 Conferences.



Century Conference Schools	Roundtrip to TRHS (mi)
Crean Lutheran	41 mi
Esperanza	12 mi
Yorba Linda	14 mi
Pacifica	25 mi
Brea Olinda	8 mi
El Dorado	6 mi
El Modeno	22 mi
Villa Park	16 mi
Canyon	18 mi
Foothill	28 mi
Cypress	25 mi

TRHS student athletes and teachers will have less time in the classroom because of earlier game times and because they will have to travel longer distances for the games. With this change that the 2024-2025 Placement imposes on TRHS, TRHS student athletes and teachers will have to miss up to three classes and even lunch, depending on what time the game begins. As of now, student athletes already use their lunch period to ask teachers for assignments and make up quizzes and exams. TRHS students are not on a block schedule, meaning they do not have a free period in the day that can be used for those purposes instead. Both athlete students and non-athlete students will be affected alike by their teachers frequent and prolonged absence from class.

The 2024-2025 Placement will require TRHS to rely on and pay for charter buses to travel to their games. Currently, TRHS requires transportation for athletics from 1pm-10pm and



is part of a high school-only district that does not provide bussing except for special education students. FJUHSD does not own or control a fleet of buses that are available for use after school hours like other unified school districts with large bus fleets. To date, FJUHSD made do with fewer cars because it will “double up” transportation among the Freeway League’s various schools and teams. For example, after an FJUHSD bus drops off Sonora High School’s baseball team at TRHS, the same bus will pick up and transport TRHS’s basketball team to their game. Traveling short distances between schools has also contributed to making TRHS’s participation in the Freeway League possible despite FJUHSD’s shortage on buses. If TRHS competes in the Century Conference, using available FJUHSD transportation will be completely untenable, and there will be no way to participate in CIF without paying for charter buses throughout the year for all teams.

### 3. Enrollment Impacts

A league/conference’s competitive equity increases with greater similarity among the schools’ size and resources. Larger schools have greater talent pools than smaller schools, and school districts in higher-income areas are more advantaged.

The current CIF-SS Placement will place TRHS in a league that has greater disparities in enrollment size. In the Freeway League, the difference between schools with the most and least students enrolled was 865. In the 2024-2025 Century Conference, however, the range in school enrollment between schools with the most and least students enrolled is 1,861. Even after taking outlier private school, Crean Lutheran, out of the calculation, the difference is still large at 1,384.

Table 1. Century Conference and Golden Empire Student Enrollment

High School	Proposed 2024-26 Placement	2022-2023 Enrollment
Crean Lutheran	Century	959
Esperanza	Century	1436
Yorba Linda	Century	1568
Pacifica	Century	1648
Brea Olinda	Century	1681
Sonora	Century	1730
Buena Park	Golden Empire	1804
Fullerton	Golden Empire	1880
El Dorado	Century	2034
El Modena	Century	2040
La Habra	Century	2054
Villa Park	Century	2110
Canyon	Century	2131
Foothill	Century	2276
Sunny Hills	Century	2429
Troy	Century	2594
Cypress	Century	2820

California Department of Education, Annual Enrollment Data, SY 2022-2023, available at:

<https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/page2.asp?level=School&subject=Enrollment&submit1=Submit>

Demographic differences between schools must also be considered when taking enrollment into account as overall numbers of students is not a completely accurate indicator of helping to provide competitive equity.

#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

Troy High School thanks you for your consideration of its appeal. We would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

Attachment A – Orange County Area Placement Bylaws

Attachment B – Orange County Area Releaguings Proposal Form from [OCAP Website](#)

Attachment C – May 15, 2023 Meeting Agenda

Attachment D – May 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Attachment E – Non Football Proposal 4 from May 15, 2023

Attachment F – Freeway League Counterproposal from May 15, 2023 (Non Football Proposal 7)

Attachment G – May 15, 2023 Voting Results to Determine Final Proposal

Attachment H – May 15, 2023 Final Voting Result on Non Football Proposal #4

## Attachment A

### Process:

#### Orange County Area Schools Releaguings Bylaws 2024-2026

The process for developing Orange County Area Schools Releaguings shall:

1. Provide reasonable and equal application of **accepted criteria**:
  - **Competitive Equity (strength of program)**
  - **Geography (travel time)**
  - **Enrollment (student population)**
2. Maintain Brown Act Compliance (“intended to provide public access to meetings”)
3. Follow CIF Southern Section Blue Book rules and policies

Orange County Area Placement is a two-year releaguings cycle for all sports. (Approved March 13, 2017).

**Releaguings Proposals:** All Releaguings Proposals must provide evidence of the above-accepted criteria.

Releaguings Proposals protocols and procedures will not discriminate against one or more member schools. Releaguings Proposal protocols, procedure and guidelines must be inclusive and applied with consistency and equality (same opportunity when policy is applied). We must prevent the inconsistent and unequal application of Releaguings Proposal protocols, procedures and guidelines that would intentionally or unintentionally discriminate against one or more than one member school while creating single sport alignment, leagues or conferences.

Releaguings Proposals must include all member schools.

**Blue Book Sections:** CIFSS Section Bylaw 32 (pages 37-40) - Area Placement and Releaguings Process/Appeals  
CIFSS Section Bylaw 507 (page 109)- Section Alignment of Leagues

### Bylaws:

#### Chairperson, Parliamentarian, Secretary and Dues

1.0 Mr. Michael P. Brennan will preside as Chairperson with the assistance of Dr. John Dahlem (Parliamentarian) and Mr. Joel Hartmann (Secretary).

2.0 Releaguings Dues will be \$50.00 per school. Dues may be used to pay for expenses such as snacks, water, location and parking. Checks should be made out to **“Trinity League” and mailed to Mater Dei High School c/o Mr. Joel Hartmann 1202 West Edinger Ave. Santa Ana, California 92707**. If expenses are greater than revenue, a simple majority vote will increase Releaguings Dues. Dues is to be paid on or before April 3, 2023, for this Releaguings Cycle.

#### Membership and Voting Privileges

3.0 Orange County Area Representative Principals are committee members and thus have voting privileges.

4.0 Voting is restricted to schools that are members of the organization and in operation with students. This includes new member schools recently approved by the CIF SS for Orange County Placement.

5.0 Schools (not yet opened but have plans to open/no students) assigned through area placement may participate in Releaguings (voting privileges) provided a simple majority of voting members approve.

6.0 If a Principal cannot attend a meeting, he or she must send an Administrative Designee from the same school. The Administrative Designee from the same school will have voting privileges based on written authorization. Therefore, schools must be present to exercise voting privileges (**no proxy votes**).

7.0 If a Principal is unable to attend, the principal must provide written authorization for the Administrative Designee (from the same school) to have voting privileges. For voting privileges to occur, written authorization must be received in advance of the scheduled meeting start time. If written authorization arrives after the scheduled meeting

begins, the Administrative Designee will forfeit voting privileges for that meeting only, unless a simple majority of voting members vote to reinstate voting privileges. Written authorization must be on school letter head, include the Principal’s signature and Administrative Designees name and position. Written authorization must be emailed to the Releaguings Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org).

8.0 At the April 24<sup>th</sup> Athletic Directors meeting, only Athletic Directors will have voting privileges to determine three (3) Athletic Director proposals. Schools must be present to exercise voting privileges (no proxy voting). If an Athletic Director cannot attend he/she must send an Athletic Director Designee (from the same school) to have voting privileges. For voting privileges to occur, written authorization must be received in advance of the scheduled meeting start time. If written authorization arrives after the scheduled meeting begins, the Athletic Director Designee will forfeit voting privileges for that meeting only, unless a simple majority of voting members vote to reinstate voting privileges. Written authorization must be on school letterhead, include the Athletic Director signature, Athletic Director Designees name and position. Written authorization must be emailed to the Releaguings Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org). After this meeting, all voting privileges will return to Principals. This is the only meeting that Athletic Directors have voting privileges.

### **Media, Brown Act, Roberts Rules of Order, Agendas, Videotape and Minutes/Notes**

9.0 Meetings are open to the media. Each media representative must introduce him or herself to the Chairperson, Parliamentarian or Secretary.

10.0 Meetings are subject to the Brown Act and will follow an agenda.

11.0 Meetings will be conducted and based upon Robert's Rules of Order.

12.0 Meeting agendas will be provided five (5) working days before each scheduled meeting.

13.0 Meeting minutes or notes will be distributed to all Principals within seventy-two (72) hours. 14.0 Agendas must be posted at each school site seventy-two (72) hours before scheduled meetings.

### **Quorum, Voting and Passage of Motion**

15.0 A simple majority of Orange County Area Representatives will constitute a quorum for all meetings. Alphabetical Roll Call by member school will be obtained verbally.

16.0 Alphabetical Roll Call (by member school) voting will be verbally stated by each member school. Each member school verbally states their vote so that all member schools have the opportunity to hear the official vote of other member schools. Schools must be present to exercise voting privileges (**no proxy voting**). Minutes or notes will reflect the yeas, nays and abstentions for each vote taken. A record of each Roll Call vote will be attached to the minutes and sent to the CIF SS office. Secret ballots are prohibited. The Chairperson will request that an administrative designee from each member school verbally state their official vote or votes.

17.0 The Releaguings Secretary and the Parliamentarian will tabulate Roll Call voting separately. It is recommended that each member school tabulate Roll Call voting (auditing).

18.0 Voting shall be conducted by a 1) Motion 2) Second 3) Discussion 4) Call for Vote 5) Vote.

19.0 Passage of any motion (not the Final (1) Proposal) to approve requires a majority of those present (50% plus 1 of casted votes) to vote yea. In the case of a tie, the motion will not be approved. Abstentions are considered a casted and official vote.

20.0 Passage of a motion to vote upon the Final (1) Releaguings Proposal requires a majority vote of those member school administrative designees present. Once the motion to vote upon the Final (1) Releaguings Proposal is approved, a motion will be made to approve the Final (1) Releaguings Proposal. The Final (1) Releaguings Proposal must obtain a sixty percent (60%) majority yea vote of those member school administrative designees present. Abstentions are considered a casted vote.

### **School Profile, Area Placement Questionnaire and Releaguings Proposal**

21.0 Schools will digitally send (email) a completed official School Profile Form and their Area Questionnaire to the Releaguings Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org). This must occur on or before 11:59 p.m. April 3, 2023. The Releaguings Secretary will post the official School Profile Form and Area Placement Questionnaire on the Orange County Area Placement website under resources. Schools must utilize the official School Profile Form and Area Placement Questionnaire provided by the Releaguings Secretary. Schools requesting Orange County Area Placement or Relief must submit a New League Proposal to Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org) by April 14, 2023, 11:59 p.m. 22.0 Releaguings Proposals must be written on the Orange County Area Releaguings Proposal Form. This form is located on the Orange County Area Placement Website. If a proposal is created at either the Athletic Directors or Principals meetings, the Releaguings Proposal Form must be completely filled out. Upon request, Releaguings Proposal Form(s) will be sent to the Releaguings Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org). The Releaguings Secretary will post Releaguings Proposal Forms (Orange County Placement Website) for all member schools to view. 23.0 Releaguings Proposals must provide reasonable and equal application of **accepted criteria and must include all member schools:**

- • **Competitive Equity (strength of program)**

- • **Geography (travel time)**
- • **Enrollment (school population)**

**See “Process and Releaguining Proposals” page 1 of this document. Athletic Directors Releaguining Proposal Meeting**

24.0 Athletic Directors will meet on April 24, 2023 (beginning at 9:00a.m.) Diocese of Orange. At this meeting, Athletic Directors/New Member School Athletic Directors are Orange County Area Representative voting members. The purpose of this meeting is for Athletic Directors to collegially create a maximum of three (3) Releaguining Proposals. The three (3) Releaguining Proposals are based (only) on those schools requesting relief or new member schools requesting a league. \*Any reference in this document to the word “league” refers to a duly constituted league or conference formed in the last Releaguining cycle. All conferences are permitted one vote regardless of how many leagues are within said conference. The meeting will begin with (only) member schools Athletic Directors requesting relief and new member schools Athletic Directors having five (5) minutes to present their school information and Releaguining Proposals. Only one representative per school is permitted to speak. Athletic Directors seeking relief will present first, followed by new member school Athletic Directors. Each school may include a maximum of two (2) new 2024-2026 Releaguining Proposals. Releaguining Proposals should affect the least amount of member schools as reasonably possible. Releaguining Proposals must include all member schools. All member schools have voting privileges. Releaguining Proposals must be sent to the Releaguining Secretary, Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org) on or before April 14, 2023, 11:59p.m. The Releaguining Secretary will post Releaguining Proposals on the Orange County Area Placement Website by 12:00p.m. on April 16, 2023.

25.0 If a school seeking relief or a new member school creates a proposal for Football Only, all member schools must be included within a Football Only Releaguining Proposal(s). All CIF criteria will be followed. All member schools will be treated consistently and with equality (same opportunity when policy is applied). All member schools are permitted to vote for or against a Football Only Releaguining Proposal(s) per CIF SS. The process, beginning with 24.0, will be used to determine if a Football Only Releaguining Proposal(s) is/are approved or not approved by member schools. It must be noted that a Football Only Releaguining Proposal(s) will be voted upon and approved/not approved before all other Sports Releaguining Proposals can be discussed. Football Only Releaguining Proposal(s) will be kept separate from all other Sports Releaguining Proposals. At the end of the Releaguining Process, two separate Releaguining Proposals must obtain 60 percent (60%) member school approval to be sent to CIF SS as our Final Releaguining Proposals (Football Only and all other Sports). Again, if there is a Football Only Releaguining Proposal(s), we will follow the process for both Football Only and other Sports Releaguining Proposals.

26.0 All Leagues/Conferences/Member Schools will have ten (10) minutes to reflect and discuss Releaguining Proposals. Upon request, the Releaguining Chairperson may grant more time (5-minute periods).

27.0 League/Conference Presidents or a League/Conference Designee (must be an Athletic Director) from impacted leagues/conferences have three (3) minutes to speak for or against presented Releaguining Proposals. One representative

per league/conference may present. At the conclusion of League/Conference Presidents or League/Conference Designees speaking, one representative from schools requesting relief and new member schools will have (3) minutes to speak for or against.

28.0 If member schools requesting relief and new member schools are accepted into league/conference of their choice, a Releaguining Proposal will be created and then voted upon. Passage of a motion to approve will require a simple majority of those member schools or Athletic Directors present. In this case, only one (1) Releaguining Proposal would be created and recommended to principals. Final one (1) Athletic Director proposal will immediately be placed on the Orange County Releaguining Website.

29.0 If one (1) or more than one (1) member school requesting relief or new member school(s) is/are not accepted into the league/conference of their choice, the Chairperson will call for a twenty (20) minute caucus. The purpose is to allow Athletic Directors (from the same league/conference) the opportunity to communicate and develop Releaguining Counterproposals. Releaguining Counterproposals must be aligned to the accepted criteria and must include schools that requested relief or are new members.

30.0 Each league/conference will have the opportunity to create one (1) Releaguining Counterproposal. Upon request, the Releaguining Chairperson may grant more time (5-minute periods). Releaguining Counterproposals must include the league/conference name and league/conference vote in support of the league Releaguining Counterproposal. If a league/conference does not approve a Releaguining Proposal by a simple majority, the Releaguining Counterproposal will not be included and considered obsolete.

31.0 Upon request, Releaguings Counterproposals must be emailed to the Releaguings League Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org). Releaguings Counterproposals will then be posted on the Orange County Releaguings Website.

32.0 League/Conference Presidents or Athletic Directors from leagues/conferences that created a Releaguings Counterproposal will have three (3) minutes to speak. There will be only one representative per league/conference presenting. Releaguings counterproposals must include member schools requesting relief and new member schools requesting a league.

33.0 New member school Principals, League/Conference Presidents, or a League/Conference Designee (must be an Athletic Director) from impacted leagues, an Athletic Director from schools requesting relief and new member schools Athletic Directors will have three (3) minutes to speak for or against Releaguings Counterproposals. There will only be one representative per impacted league/conference, member schools requesting relief and new member schools speaking. 34.0 Releaguings Counterproposals will have a numbered representation. The Releaguings Secretary will number each Releaguings Proposal beginning with one (1).

35.0 Chairperson will call for a vote. Alphabetical Roll Call voting will begin. Each member school will verbally communicate their official vote by stating the school they represent, the numbered Releaguings proposal(s) they are supporting and the amount of votes per Releaguings proposal. Each member school will have the opportunity to vote for one half (50% rounding down) of total Releaguings Proposals. Therefore, if there were eight (8) Releaguings Proposals, each member school would have four (4) votes. If there were nine (9) Releaguings Proposals, each member school would have four (4) votes. A member school may use all votes in support of one (1) Releaguings Proposal. The top three (3) Releaguings Proposals will be announced. In the case of a tie, there may be more than three (3) Releaguings Proposals recommended to member school Principals. Both the Releaguings Secretary and the Parliamentarian will tabulate votes. All Athletic Directors are encouraged to tabulate votes (audit).

36.0 Chairperson will call for a vote. Roll call and verbal voting will begin and each member school including new member schools will verbally vote to approve the top three (3) Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals. There is no proxy voting.

37.0 Passage of a motion to approve the top three (3) Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals will require a simple majority of those member schools or Athletic Directors present. Each member school will have one (1) vote to approve the motion.

38.0 Final three (3) Athletic Director proposals will immediately be placed on the Orange County Releaguings Website. Releaguings Proposals will be recommended to member school Principals.

### **Principals Releaguings Proposal and Final Recommended CIF Orange County Releaguings Placement**

39.0 The second and potential final meeting will be May 15, 2023 (9:00 a.m.) Location TBA. At this meeting, Principals are considered Orange County Area Representatives. The purpose of this meeting is to review recommended Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals (from April 24, 2023) and provide time for member school Principals seeking relief, new member school Principals, and each league/conference an opportunity to present one (1) new Relief Releaguings Proposal. Principals seeking relief, new member school Principals (only those schools that requested relief or new member schools requesting a league/conference at the April 24, 2023 Athletic Director meeting) and leagues/conferences must send their one (1) new 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal to the Releaguings Secretary, Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org) on or before May 5, 2023 11:59p.m. The Releaguings Secretary will post all new Releaguings Proposals on the Orange County Area Placement Website by 12:00p.m. May 7, 2023.

40.0 The meeting will begin with member school Principals requesting relief and new member school Principals having five (5) minutes to present. In their presentation, they may include school information and one (1) new 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal. Relief and new member schools Releaguings Proposals must affect the least amount of member schools as reasonably possible. Releaguings proposals must include all member schools. Releaguings Proposals must follow accepted criteria. All member schools have voting privileges.

41.0 If a school seeking relief or a new member school creates a proposal for Football Only, all member schools must be included within a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s). All CIF criteria will be followed. All member schools will be treated consistently and with equality (same opportunity when policy is applied). All member schools are permitted to vote for or against a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) per CIF SS. The process, beginning with 40.0, will be used to determine if a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) is/are approved or not approved by member schools. It must be noted that a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) will be voted upon and approved/not approved before all other Sports Releaguings Proposals can be discussed. Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) will be kept separate from all other Sports Releaguings Proposals. At the end of the Releaguings Process, two separate Releaguings Proposals must obtain 60 percent (60%) member school approval to be sent to CIF SS as our Final Releaguings Proposals (Football Only and all other Sports). Again, if there is a Football Only Releaguings

Proposal(s), we will follow the process for both Football Only and other Sports Releaguings Proposals.

42.0 All leagues/conferences will have ten (10) minutes to discuss Releaguings Proposals. Upon request, the Releaguings Chairperson may grant more time (5-minute periods).

43.0 League/Conference Presidents or a League/Conference Designee from impacted leagues/conferences have three (3) minutes to speak for or against presented Releaguings Proposals. One representative per league/conference may present. At the conclusion of League/Conference Presidents or League/Conference Designees speaking, one representative from schools requesting reliefs and new member schools will have (3) minutes to speak for or against.

44.0 Individual League/Conference 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposals will be presented. Each League/Conference President or League/Conference Designee will have (5 minutes) to present their 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal. Releaguings Proposals must be aligned to accepted criteria and must include schools seeking relief and new member schools requesting a league/conference.

45.0 All leagues/conferences will have ten (10) minutes to discuss Individual League Releaguings Proposals. Upon request, the Releaguings Chairperson may grant more time (5-minute periods).

46.0 League/Conference Presidents or a League/Conference Designee from impacted leagues/conferences have three (3) minutes to speak for or against presented Releaguings Proposals. One representative per league/conference may present. At the conclusion of League/Conference Presidents or League/Conference Designees speaking, one representative from schools requesting reliefs and new member schools will have (3) minutes to speak for or against.

47.0 Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals (April 24, 2023) will be reviewed by the Releaguings Secretary.

48.0 Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals will be numbered as one (1), two (2) and three (3).

49.0 Relief Releaguings Proposals and new member Proposals will begin with the number four (4), unless there were more than three (3) Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals. The new League proposals will begin with the number that immediately follows Relief and new member proposals. Releaguings Secretary Joel Hartmann will number new Proposals under the observation of the parliamentarian (Dr. John Dahlem).

50.0 Chairperson will call for a vote. Alphabetical Roll Call voting will begin. Each member school Principal will verbally state their official vote by stating the school they represent, the numbered Releaguings proposal(s) they are supporting and the number of votes per Releaguings proposal (no proxy voting). Each member school will have the

opportunity to vote for one half (50% rounding down) of total Releaguings Proposals. For example, if there were six (6) total first round proposals, each school would have three (3) votes. If there were five (5) total first round proposals, each school would have two (2) votes. A member school may use all votes in support of one (1) Releaguings Proposal or may divide their votes and vote for more than one proposal. At the end of the first round, the top three (3) proposals will move forward to round two (2). Round two (2) will move from three (3) to two (2) Releaguings Proposals. During round two and following rounds, each school will have one (1) vote. Round three (3) will move from two (2) Releaguings Proposals to the Final (1) CIF Releaguings Proposal. The Releaguings Secretary and the Parliamentarian will tabulate votes. All member schools are encouraged to tabulate votes (audit).

51.0

Passage of a motion and voting to approve the top three (3) Releaguings Proposals (round 1), final two (2) Releaguings Proposals (round 2) and the final CIF Releaguings Proposal (round 3) will be as follows. If we begin this process with less than four (4) Releaguings Proposals, we will move directly to the final (2) or possibly the final (1) depending on the number of Releaguings Proposals submitted:

The top three (3) Releaguings Proposals will be those proposals that receive the highest amount of votes. Therefore, the highest amount is number one (1); the second highest amount is number two (2), and the third highest amount is number three (3).

The final two (2) Releaguings Proposals will be those proposals which receive the highest amount of votes. Therefore, the highest amount is number (1) and the second highest amount is number two (2).

The final (1) 2022-2024 Releaguings Proposal will be the proposal that receives the highest amount of votes from the final two (2). Therefore, the highest amount (out of the final two) will be the Final (1) 2022-2023 Releaguings Proposal.

Passage of a motion to vote on the Final (1) CIF Proposal will be approved by a majority vote. Once approved, a motion will be made to approve the Final (1) 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal. The final proposal must be approved with a sixty percent (60%) majority vote. If the Final one (1) Releaguings Proposal receives a sixty percent (60%) majority vote, voting ceases and that proposal will represent the area as its selection and will be immediately forwarded to the CIF Southern Section office.

52.0

Releaguings Proposals will be included in the top three (3) or final two (2). For example, if there are two (2)

Releaguings Proposals tied for first when determining the top three (3), the top three (3) Releaguings Proposals will include the two (2) tied for first plus the second place Releaguings Proposal only.

53.0 If the Final Releaguings Proposal does not receive a sixty percent (60%) majority vote, there will be a League representative caucus for twenty (20) minutes. Per request, the Releaguings Chairperson may approve more time (5 minute-periods). League Representatives will meet and prepare a compromise to the Final (1) CIF Proposal. The compromise will create a new counterproposal. This new counterproposal must follow the accepted criteria and must include schools requesting relief and new member schools requesting a league/conference. Passage of a motion to vote on the Final (1) Releaguings Proposal (League Representative Counterproposal) will be approved by a majority vote of League Representatives. Once League Representatives approve, a motion will be made to approve the Final (1) 2024- 2026 Releaguings Proposal. The Final (1) proposal must be approved with a sixty percent (60%) member schools vote. If the Final One Releaguings Proposal receives a sixty percent (60%) majority member school vote, voting ceases and that proposal will represent the area as its selection and will be immediately forwarded to the CIF Southern Section office.

54.0 All appeals must be in accordance with the CIF Blue Book Page 40 "Releaguings Appeal Procedures."



## Attachment B

### 2022-2024 OC League Alignment

Century Conference		Coastview Conference		Empire League	
Brea Olinda		Aliso Niguel		Crean Lutheran	
Canyon		Capistrano Valley		Cypress	
El Dorado		Dana Hills	No Football	Kennedy	
El Modena		El Toro		Pacifica, GG	
Esperanza		Mission Viejo		Tustin	
Foothill		San Clemente		Valencia, Placentia	
Villa Park		San Juan Hills			
Yorba Linda		Tesoro			
		Trabuco Hills			

Freeway League		Garden Grove League		Golden West Conference	
Buena Park		Bolsa Grande		Garden Grove	
Fullerton		La Quinta		Godinez	
La Habra		Loara		Katella	
Sonora		Los Amigos		Ocean View	
Sunny Hills		Rancho Alamitos		Segerstrom	
Troy		Santiago, GG		Westminster	
				Laguna Beach	FB Only
				Marina	FB Only

Orange League		Orange Coast League		Pacific Coast Conference	
Anaheim		Calvary Chapel		Beckman	
Century		Costa Mesa		Irvine	
Magnolia		Estancia		Northwood	
Santa Ana Valley		Orange		Portola	
Savanna		Saddleback		University	
Western		Santa Ana		Woodbridge	
		St. Margaret's		Laguna Hills	
				Sage Hill	No Football
				Dana Hills	FB Only

Sunset Conference		Trinity League		New League	
Corona del Mar		JSerra			
Edison		Mater Dei			
Fountain Valley		Orange Lutheran			
Huntington Beach		Rosary Academy			
Los Alamitos		Santa Margarita			
Newport Harbor		Servite			
Laguna Beach	No Football	St. John Bosco			
Marina	No Football				

## Attachment C

CIF Southern Section  
Orange County Area Placement Meeting 2024 - 2026 Releaguings Cycle Agenda  
May 15, 2023  
9:30 a.m.  
Diocese of Orange  
13280 Chapman Avenue Garden Grove, California 92840

- 1.0
- 2.0 Flag Salute
- 3.0 Moment of Reflection "It is never wrong to do the right thing." Mark Twain
- 4.0 Purpose of the Meeting
- 5.0 Introduction of Guests/Media
- 6.0 Public Hearing Session-Members of the Public
- 7.0 Roll Call (simple majority will constitute a quorum)
- 8.0 Approval of Minutes April 23, 2023 (Athletic Directors Meeting)
- 9.0 Review 2024-2026 Bylaws and Protocol for Principals Meeting.
- 10.0 Review CIFSS Blue Book Page 39 Bylaw 32 B 4 A (Conference vs. Leagues)
- 11.0 Member Schools Relief Proposals
  - a. Football Only Conference (FOC) Athletic Directors Relief Proposal presentations (Top three), discussion, and vote.
  - b. If a simple majority approves FOC top three Athletic Director Relief Proposals, FOC new relief proposals and counterproposals will be presented and discussed.
  - c. FOC Relief Proposal will be numbered and then a vote to choose the number one FOC proposal.
  - d. If FOC is approved, and the number one FOC proposal has been chosen, All Other Sports Relief Athletic Director Proposals (top three) will be presented and discussed. (Does not include Football)
  - e. All Other Sports new relief proposals and counterproposals (does not include Football) will be presented and discussed.  
Date: Time: Location:  
Welcome/Call to Order. All Other Sports will be numbered and then a vote to choose the number one All Other Sports Proposal. (Does not include Football)
  - g. Two Votes-FOC (60% approval) and All Other Sports (60% approval).
  - h. If FOC is opposed, All Other Sports (including Football) Relief Proposal presentations and discussion, numbering, and voting.
- 12.0 Reminders and Information
- 13.0 Motion/Approval to Adjourn if necessary TBA.  
92840  
Next Meeting: Only Principals/AD's  
Diocese of Orange  
13280 Chapman Avenue Garden Grove, California

## Attachment D

Date: Time: Location:  
CIF Southern Section  
Orange County Area Placement Meeting 2024 - 2026 Releaguings Cycle Minutes  
May 15, 2023  
9:00 a.m.  
Diocese of Orange  
13280 Chapman Avenue Garden Grove, California 92840

### 1.0 Welcome/Call to Order

- Michael Brennan (Chairperson) called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.
- Michael Brennan introduced Joel Hartman (secretary) and Sharon Hodge (CIF SS). He stated that Dr. John Dahlem was not feeling well and would not be present.

### 2.0 Flag Salute

- Michael Brennan led the Pledge of Allegiance

### 3.0 Moment of Reflection

- "It is never wrong to do the right thing." Mark Twain
- Michael Brennan asked member schools to reflect on the quote (1 minute).

### 4.0 Purpose of the Meeting

- Michael Brennan stated, "the purpose of the meeting was to review the three Football Only Conference (FOC) proposals and the three All-Sports Proposals recommended by Athletic Directors, as well as listen to potential counter proposals. All proposals will be heard. We will then discuss and vote to reduce the options for FOC and All Other Sports to one proposal each. These proposals will be forwarded to the CIFSS." Michael Brennan thanked athletic directors and principals for attending today's meeting and ensured that all member schools would have an opportunity to be represented in the re-leaguings process.

### 5.0 Introduction of Guests/Media

- Joel Hartmann announced that Jim Perry was present to represent CIF SS. Michael Brennan welcomed Mr. Perry to the meeting.

### 6.0 Public Hearing Session-Members of the Public

- There were no members of the public present.

### 7.0 Roll Call (simple majority will constitute a quorum)

- See attached Excel Spreadsheet
- There was a quorum present by a simple majority of schools. 76 member schools present; 39 member schools represented a simple majority; and 46 schools equal a 60% threshold.
- Michael Brennan explained the proxy process by stating, "some schools present today are represented by proxy letters signed by the principal of the school."

### 8.0 Approval of Minutes April 23, 2023 (Athletic Directors Meeting)

- Sage Hill High School asked for a correction of the 4-24-23 minutes, stating that they were in support of Option D and opposed to Option E. Michael Brennan state, "I will revise the 4-24-23 minutes."
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to approve the April 24, 2023 minutes with this correction. Villa Park High School moved to approve the April 24, 2023 minutes. Sunny Hills High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved the April 24, 2023. 76-0-0
- Joel Hartmann announced member schools represented by proxy:
  - Santa Margarita High School
  - Servite High School
  - Western High School
  - Irvine (Monica Colunga, Principal of Irvine came late) Santa Ana High School
  - Yorba Linda High School Tustin High School Saddleback High School Capistrano
  - Valley High School Aliso Niguel High School
  - Brea Olinda High School

Corona del Mar High School

- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to begin the meeting. San Clemente High School motioned to begin the meeting. Saddleback High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved the beginning of the meeting. 76-0-0

9.0 Review 2024-2026 Bylaws and Protocol for Principals Meeting.

- Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions regarding the bylaws. There were no questions or concerns.

10.0 Review CIFSS Blue Book Page 39 Bylaw 32 B 4 A (Conference vs. Leagues)

- Michael Brennan presented and the above bylaw. He presented and verified that all member school understood the difference between a conference and a league.
  - Conference
  - One Criteria-Equity
  - League
  - Three criterion-Equity, Geography and Enrollment

- Michael Brennan asked for questions. There were no questions.

11.0 Member Schools Relief Proposals

- Michael Brennan stated that there are three approved FOC proposals (AD meeting). There were two additional FOC proposals provided to Mr. Hartmann. Mike Brennan reviewed the protocol for the day:
  - a. Football Only Conference (FOC) Athletic Directors Relief Proposal presentations (Top three), discussion, and vote.
  - b. If a simple majority approves FOC top three Athletic Director Relief Proposals, FOC new. relief proposals and counterproposals will be presented and discussed.
  - c. FOC Relief Proposal will be numbered and then a vote to choose the number one FOC. proposal.
  - d. If FOC is approved, and the number one FOC proposal has been chosen, All Other Sports Relief Athletic Director Proposals (top three) will be presented and discussed.  
(does not include Football)
  - e. All Other Sports new relief proposals and counterproposals (does not include Football) will be presented and discussed.
  - f. All Other Sports will be numbered and then a vote to choose the number one All Other Sports Proposal. (Does not include Football)
  - g. Two Votes-FOC (60% approval) and All Other Sports (60% approval).
  - h. If FOC is opposed, All Other Sports (including Football) Relief Proposal presentations and discussion, numbering, and voting.

Football Only Conference

- Tustin High School presented FOC proposal #1. Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Estancia High presented FOC proposal #2. Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- The Freeway League presented FOC proposal #1. Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Michael Brennan stated that approval was necessary from principals before we move forward with FOC proposals. Anaheim High School motion to approve a FOC. Godinez High School seconded the motion. A hand vote approved the Football Only Conference approval by principals. 75-0-1
- Los Amigos High School represented the Garden Grove League (counterproposal #4). Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this FOC counterproposal. In support:
  - San Clemente High School
  - Against:
    - Edison High School
    - Los Alamitos School
- Portola High School represented the Pacific Coast League (counterproposal #5).

- Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this FOC counterproposal. In support:  
     San Clemente High School Against:  
     Edison High School  
     Los Alamitos High School
- Michael Brennan asked for additional counterproposals. There were no additional counterproposals.
- Ten minutes plus five additional minutes were permitted for discussion within individual leagues regarding the five FOC proposals.
- Joel Hartmann asked for additional counterproposals. There were no additional counterproposals.
- Newport Harbor High School entered the meeting. Michael Brennan stated that a motion was necessary to reinstate voting privileges to Newport Harbor High School. San Clemente High School motioned to reinstate voting privileges to Newport Harbor High School. Valencia High seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to reinstate Newport Harbor High School voting privileges. 76-0-0.
- Michael Brennan stated, "it is now time to vote on the FOC options. The final proposals must be approved with a 60% (46-member school) vote. He asked for a motion to move forward with the vote to choose the number one FOC proposal. Newport Harbor High School made a motion to move forward with the vote. San Clemente High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to move forward with the vote. 77-0-0.
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to begin the voting process to reduce the FOC proposals from five to three. Villa Park High School moved to begin the voting process to reduce the FOC proposals from five to three FOC proposals. Laguna Beach High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to begin the voting process. 77-0-0
- A roll call vote reduced the number from five FOC proposals to three FOC proposals, with each school getting two votes – FOC proposals #1, #4 and #5 were moved forward. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to begin the voting process to reduce the FOC proposals from three to two FOC proposals. JSerra High School motioned to vote. El Dorado High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved. 77-0-0
- A roll call vote reduced the number from three to two FOC proposals, with each school getting one vote– #1 and #4 were the top two FOC proposals. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- A request was approved to allow a 5-minute discussion within each league to discuss the two final FOC proposals. Time was granted permitting an additional 15 minutes to discuss (3 five-minute intervals).
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to begin the voting process to reduce FOC proposals from two to one FOC proposal. JSerra High School motioned to move from two to one FOC proposal. El Toro High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to begin the voting process. 77-0-0.
- A roll call vote reduced the number from two FOC proposals to one FOC proposal, with each school getting one vote. Proposal #4 received a majority of votes. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to approve Proposal #4 as the final FOC proposal. JSerra High School motioned to approve. El
- Dorado High School seconded the motion. The motion was approved with over 60%. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to vote on forwarding Proposal
- #4 (final FOC proposal) to CIF SS. Sonora High School motioned that FOC Proposal #4 be forwarded to CIF SS. Anaheim seconded this motion. The motion was approved by a majority. (See Excel Spreadsheet)

All-Other Sports Proposals

- Michael Brennan stated, it is time to discuss All-Other Sports Proposals. All-Other Sports Proposals #1, #2 and #3 were created and recommended by Athletic Directors. There are three additional options proposed by the Golden West League, Orange High School, and the Empire League.”
- Kennedy High reviewed proposal #1.
- Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Estancia High School reviewed proposal #2
- Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Orange High School reviewed proposal #3.
- Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Segerstrom High School represented the Garden Grove League (counterproposal #4). Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this All-Sports counterproposal). In support:
  - San Clemente High School El Dorado High School Calvary Chapel High School
  - Garden Grove High School Crean Lutheran High School Estancia High School
  - Santa Ana High School
- Against:
  - Portola High School represented the Pacific Coast League.
  - Beckman High School Buena Park High School Newport Harbor High School Troy High School University High School Fullerton High School Sonora High School
- Orange High School presented (counterproposal #5). Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this All-Sports counterproposal. In support: None
- Against:
  - Estancia High School
  - University High School represented the Pacific Coast League.
  - Crean Lutheran High School
  - Anaheim High School
  - Beckman High School
- Pacifica High School represented the Empire League (counterproposal #6). Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this All-Sports counterproposal. In support:
  - Crean Lutheran High School El Dorado High School
- Against:
  - Sunny Hills High School represented the Freeway League Beckman High School
  - Northwood High School represented the Pacific Coast League.
- A ten-minute discussion period was permitted to discuss proposals and prepare league/conference counterproposals. An extra five minutes was granted for a total of 15 minutes.
- Michael Brennan asked for league or conference counterproposals. Joel Hartmann stated that there was one counterproposal developed during this time period.
- The Freeway League presented counterproposal #7. Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against:
  - In support:
    - Beckman High School
    - Sage Hill High School Rosary High School
  - Against:
    - El Dorado High School representing the Century Conference
- Bylaws were referred to regarding the presentation of All Sports Counterproposal #5 by Orange High School. The principal stated that they were seeking relief. Per the Bylaws, the counterproposal was permitted.
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to vote to reduce the seven proposals to three proposals. Capistrano Valley High School motioned to move from seven to three All-Sports Proposals. OLU seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to reduce the number of options from seven to three. 77-0-0
- A roll call vote (each school had three votes) reduced the number of All-Sports Proposals to three (proposals #2, #4, and #7). (See Excel Spreadsheet)

- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to reduce the number of proposals from three to two All- Sports Proposals. Laguna Beach High School motioned to reduce the proposals from three to two All-Sports Proposals. Anaheim High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to reduce the number of options from three to two. 77-0-0.
  - A roll call vote (each school had one vote) reduced the number of All-Sports Proposals to two proposals #4 and #7). (See Excel Spreadsheet)
  - Michael Brennan asked for a motion to reduce the All-Sports Proposals from two to one proposal. El Toro High School motioned to move from two to one All-Sports Proposal. Villa Park High School seconded the motion. Five minutes were allowed for each member school to discuss and review the final two options. An additional five minutes was granted. Both All-Sports Proposals were viewed via technology on a large white screen above the stage.
  - Michael Brennan presented All-Sports Proposals #4 and #7 for review and asked for further discussion. There was no further discussion. A motion to vote had previously been made. A hand vote unanimously approved to reduce the number of All-Sports Proposals from two to one All-Sports Proposal. 77-0-0
  - A roll call vote (each school had one vote) reduced the number to one All-Sports Proposal. The proposal selected was #4. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
  - Michael Brennan asked for a motion to approve Proposal #4 as the final All-Sports proposal. Villa Park High School motioned to approve. Costa Mesa High School seconded the motion. The motion was approved with over 60%. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
  - Michael Brennan asked for a motion to vote on forwarding Proposal #4 (Final All-Sports proposal) to CIF SS. Corona Del Mar High School motioned that the final All-Sports Proposal #4 be forwarded to CIF SS. Godinez High School seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a majority. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
  - A roll call vote approved to forward the All-Sports to the CIF SS. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- 12.0 Reminders and Information
- Michael Brennan thanked Joel Hartmann and Sharon Hodge for their assistance with the releguing process. He asked for everyone to pray for Dr. Dahlem. There was a one-minute time period where all members schools prayed for or reflected upon Dr. Dahlem.
- 13.0 Motion/Approval to Adjourn
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Villa Park High School motioned to adjourn. Laguna Beach High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. 77-0-0.
  - Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

## Attachment E

### Century Conference - 15

Brea Olinda
Canyon
Crean Lutheran
Cypress
El Dorado
El Modena
Esperanza
Foothill
La Habra
Pacifica
Sonora
Sunny Hills
Troy
Villa Park
Yorba Linda

### Golden Empire Conference - 15

Buena Park
Calvary Chapel
Costa Mesa
Fullerton
Garden Grove
Godinez
Katella
Kennedy
Laguna Hills
Ocean View
Santa Ana
Segerstrom
Tustin
Valencia
Westminster

### Trinity League - 6 Boys / 4 Girls

Bosco
J Serra
Mater Dei
Orange Lutheran
Santa Margarita
Servite

### Golden West League

#### Coastview Conference - 10

Aliso Niguel
Beckman
Capo Valley
Dana Hills
El Toro
Mission Viejo
San Clemente
San Juan Hills
Tesoro
Trabuco Hills

#### Orange Grove Conference - 15

Anaheim
Bolsa Grande
Century
Estancia
La Quinta
Loara
Los Amigos
Magnolia
Orange
Rancho Alamitos
Saddleback
Santiago
Savanna
Valley
Western

### Pacific Coast Conference - 9 Girls / 8 Boys

Irvine
Laguna Beach
Northwood
Portola
Rosary
Sage Hill
St Margarets
University
Woodbridge

### Sunset League - 7

Corona Del Mar
Edison
Fountain Valley
Huntington Beach
Los Alamitos
Marina
Newport Harbor



# Attachment F

FWL Counter 5\_15\_23

## Century Conference - 10 guys / 11 girls

Foothill	12
Villa Park	13
Cypress	15
El Dorado	21
Rosary	23
Canyon	24
Yorba Linda	28
Esperanza	30
St Margarets	40
Brea Olinda	41
El Modena	54

## Coastview Conference - 10

San Clemente	7
San Juan Hills	7
Aliso Niguel	11
Tesoro	14
Capo Valley	20
Mission Viejo	22
Trabuco Hills	25
El Toro	32
Dana Hills	33
Crean Lutheran	36

## Pacific Coast League - 7

Woodbridge	25
Laguna Beach	31
Northwood	37
University	42
Portola	44
Irvine	50
Beckman	18

## Golden West Conference - 15

Pacific	39
Tustin	45
Kennedy	46
Garden Grove	48
Segerstrom	49
Laguna Hills	51
Valencia	52
Calvary Chapel	53
Ocean View	55
Sage Hill	57
Katella	59
Westminister	62
Godinez	63
Santa Ana	64
Costa Mesa	65

## Orange Grove Conference - 15

Santiago	56
Anaheim	58
Estancia	61
La Quinta	66
Savanna	67
Saddleback	68
Bolsa Grande	69
Los Amigos	70
Western	71
Valley	72
Rancho Alamitos	73
Loara	74
Orange	75
Magnolia	76
Century	77

## Sunset League - 7

Los Alamitos	2
Huntington Beach	6
Newport Harbor	9
CDM	16
Edison	17
Fountain Valley	29
Marina	35

## Freeway League - 6

Sunny Hills	27
Sonora	34
Troy	38
La Habra	42
Fullerton	47
Buena Park	60

## Trinity

Mater Dei	1
Servite	3
Santa Margarita	4
Orange Lutheran	5
J Serra	9
Bosco	19

## Attachment G

Non Football Proposal Vote to 1			
School	Proposal 4 Golden West Lg	Proposal 7 Freeway Lg	Abstain
Aliso Niguel	1		
Anaheim	1		
Beckman		1	
Bolsa Grande	1		
Brea Olinda	1		
Buena Park		1	
Calvary Chapel	1		
Canyon	1		
Capistrano Valley	1		
Century		1	
Corona del Mar	1		
Costa Mesa	1		
Crean Lutheran		1	
Cypress	1		
Dana Hills	1		
Edison	1		
El Dorado	1		
El Modena	1		
El Toro	1		
Esperanza	1		
Estancia	1		
Foothill	1		
Fountain Valley	1		
Fullerton		1	
Garden Grove	1		
Godinez	1		
Huntington Beach	1		
Irvine		1	
JSerra		1	
Katella	1		
Kennedy	1		
La Habra		1	
La Quinta	1		
Laguna Beach		1	
Laguna Hills		1	
Loara	1		
Los Alamitos		1	
Los Amigos	1		
Magnolia	1		
Marina	1		
Mater Dei		1	
Mission Viejo	1		
Newport Harbor	1		
Northwood		1	
Ocean View	1		
Orange	1		
Orange Lutheran		1	
Pacifica, GG	1		
Portola		1	
Rancho Alamitos	1		
Rosary Academy		1	
Saddleback	1		
Sage Hill		1	
San Clemente	1		
San Juan Hills	1		
Santa Ana	1		
Santa Ana Valley	1		
Santa Margarita		1	
Santiago, GG	1		
Savanna	1		
Seegerstrom	1		
Servite		1	
Sonora		1	
St Margarets	1		
St. John Bosco		1	
Sunny Hills		1	
Tesoro	1		
Trabuco Hills	1		
Troy		1	
Tustin	1		
University		1	
Valencia, Placentia	1		
Villa Park	1		
Western		1	
Westminster	1		
Woodbridge		1	
Yorba Linda	1		
TOTALS	51	26	0

## Attachment H

Non Football Proposal #4 - Final Approval Vote (60%)			
School	YES	NO	Abstain
Aliso Niguel	1		
Anaheim	1		
Beckman		1	
Bolsa Grande	1		
Brea Olinda	1		
Buena Park		1	
Calvary Chapel	1		
Canyon	1		
Capistrano Valley	1		
Century	1		
Corona del Mar	1		
Costa Mesa	1		
Crean Lutheran			1
Cypress	1		
Dana Hills	1		
Edison	1		
El Dorado	1		
El Modena	1		
El Toro	1		
Esperanza	1		
Estancia	1		
Foothill	1		
Fountain Valley	1		
Fullerton		1	
Garden Grove	1		
Godinez	1		
Huntington Beach			1
Irvine		1	
JSerra	1		
Katella	1		
Kennedy	1		
La Habra		1	
La Quinta	1		
Laguna Beach	1		
Laguna Hills	1		
Loara	1		
Los Alamitos	1		
Los Amigos	1		
Magnolia	1		
Marina	1		
Mater Dei	1		
Mission Viejo	1		
Newport Harbor	1		
Northwood		1	
Ocean View	1		
Orange	1		
Orange Lutheran			1
Pacifica, GG	1		
Portola		1	
Rancho Alamitos	1		
Rosary Academy	1		
Saddleback	1		
Sage Hill	1		
San Clemente	1		
San Juan Hills	1		
Santa Ana	1		
Santa Ana Valley	1		
Santa Margarita			1
Santiago, GG	1		
Savanna	1		
Segerstrom	1		
Servite	1		
Sonora		1	
St Margarets	1		
St. John Bosco	1		
Sunny Hills		1	
Tesoro	1		
Trabuco Hills	1		
Troy		1	
Tustin	1		
University		1	
Valencia, Placentia	1		
Villa Park	1		
Western	1		
Westminster	1		
Woodbridge		1	
Yorba Linda	1		
TOTALS	61	12	4



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To Whom It May Concern,

### INTRODUCTION

Buena Park High School ("BPHS"), Buena Park, CA, is offering a letter of support for the five Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHS) schools who are appealing the "other sports Releaguings" decision of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section ("CIF-SS") on May 15, 2023. This letter of support is based upon ensuring "the releaguings criteria and process" follows the CIF-SS Purpose and Operating Principles as outlined on pages 21-22 in the Constitution of the California Interscholastic Federation. While many of the outlined principals concern the conduct of student-athletes and all parties who support student-athletes, it is imperative that any process that falls under the purview of CIF-SS ensures all members be afforded the proper processes at all times to ensure their programs are not placed in systems that could adversely affect the development of the programs designed for student-athlete growth and development. The unique and unprecedented nature of the releaguings efforts during this current cycle warranted a more in-depth, inclusive processes than what occurred during, and leading up to the May 15th releaguings meeting. Because this current cycle involved massive changes to the southern section configuration, it is imperative that all members be afforded the ability to not only advocate, but also have an equal voice in determining the large-scale shifts that resulted from the May 15, 2023 meeting. Trying to utilize bylaws and processes designed to make small-scale releaguings shifts, and applying those to the large-scale conferencing configurations, created a scenario where members of our district felt like the process had been done "to them" and not "with them."

### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

As outlined in the minutes and agendas from the Athletic Director meeting on April 24, 2023, and during the May 15, 2023 Principal meeting, it was very evident that the CIF Southern Section was on the precipice of major shifts to the configuration of leagues and conferences for its members. The current procedures for the releaguings cycles that occurred every two years were designed to accomplish small scale tweaks to a 77-member system, not a wholesale redesign of the system into larger conferences, essentially dissolving up to 5 entire leagues in one cycle. The process can be acceptable if the leagues in question are utilizing the mechanism of "relief" to dissolve their leagues to accomplish conferencing, but when entire leagues not seeking dissolution are affected and placed in conferences, the procedures in place are not adequate to ensure an equitable process for a redesign of that magnitude.

During the releaguings meeting on May 15, the elements of time, openness, collegiality, and collaboration were not present, the process was rushed given the magnitude of the changes, and the backdoor deals did not allow for all parties involved to feel like there was an ethical process with the interests of students at the center of the discussion. Unlike the football discussion of the releaguings process, which was out in the open and discussed for months, if not

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the previous year, the subsequent discussions for relegating, sans football, left schools and leagues feeling attacked, used, and not part of the overall discussion.


The 2024-2026 CIF Relegating cycle consolidated all Orange County Area Schools' football teams into one conference. Member schools were required to vote on the Football-Only Relegating Proposal before considering the relegating of all other CIF sports. Prior to the meeting, there was ample discussion, time, proposals, and evidence that all schools knew and understood not only the purpose, but the equity-based model being presented as a better design for the southern section. As the push to consolidate all Orange County Area Schools football teams into one football conference reflected a larger CIF trend, BPHS agreed to the Football-Only Relegating Proposal. BPHS understood and agreed that moving the football program into a larger conference was not only in the best interest of BPHS's football program, but also a show of good will and a way to pilot BPHS's participation in a larger conference prior to relegating all other sports. However, once the conversations turned to the elimination of five different leagues and the creation of conferences for all other sports, BPHS voted "no" to join another conference for all other CIF sports.

The "no" vote was due more to the process of how the relegating effort was being conducted, and less of the actual result of the placement for BPHS. While BPHS understands the benefit of conferencing, and its placement into the Golden Empire Conference provides equity across the board for its athletic teams, the process used to accomplish such tasks did not provide the necessary time and collaboration to ensure all parties involved in the moves were part of the decision-making process. It became apparent through the second half of the meeting that the agenda of some in the room was to create larger 15-team conferences, regardless if all schools being moved were on-board, or even privy to the agenda. The goal of relegating in the past had always been to affect the least amount of schools as possible, however, this move was a wholesale overhaul of the southern section into as many large conferences as possible. The feeling among some member schools was that proposals and counter proposals were compiled during private, informal meetings, not involving all parties affected. At no time during the months leading up to the May 15th meeting had BPHS been involved in discussions about dissolving the freeway league in order to accomplish the task of forming larger conferences.

## CONCLUSION

In closing, I feel that because the process of, and leading up to, May 15th was not a small-scale relegating effort, but rather a large-scale conferencing effort, CIF-SS officials should not only be present and integral in the conversations and management of the conferencing meeting, but the effort should be a better collaborative effort between CIF-SS and all member schools with an appropriate amount of time given for discussion and solutions. Buena Park High School thanks you for your consideration and would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have.

Respectfully,



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## **BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION-SOUTHERN SECTION ON RELEAGUING COMMENCING 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

**In the matter of CIF-SS Releagu  
Configuration regarding Fullerton Union  
High School**

**APPEAL – FULLERTON UNION  
HIGH SCHOOL, Fullerton, CA**

**September 7, 2023**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

Fullerton Union High School (“FUHS”), Fullerton, CA, appeals the non-football releagu  
decision of the Orange County Area Placement (“OCAP”) and California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section (“CIF-SS”) on May 15, 2023. This appeal is based upon “the re-leagu  
criteria and process” that violated the following Orange County Area Schools Releagu  
Bylaws, 2024-2026 (“Bylaws”) (Attachment A):

1. Bylaws 24.0 and 40.0, mandating that the releagu  
proposals must affect the least amount of member schools as reasonably possible; and
2. Bylaw 40.0, mandating that Principals of schools requesting relief begin the meeting with a five-minute presentation that may include their school information and one (1) new 2024-2026 releagu  
proposal; and
3. Bylaw 22.0, mandating that all “Releagu  
Proposals must be written on the Orange County Area Releagu  
Proposal Form;” and
4. The introductory section of the Releagu  
Bylaws also states that “Releagu  
Proposals protocols and procedures will not discriminate against one or more member schools;” and
5. Bylaws 23.0 and 40.0, mandating that releagu  
proposals must provide reasonable and equal application of the following three criteria: competitive equity (strength of program), geography (travel time), and enrollment (school population).

Important Note: Bylaw 24.0 states, “\*Any reference in this document to the word ‘league’ refers to a duly constituted league or conference formed in the last Releagu  
cycle.”

### **II. PROCEDURAL VIOLATIONS**

Procedural violations were committed during the OCAP releagu  
process that require granting this FUHS appeal and nullifying FUHS’s placement with respect to the final “non-football” releagu  
proposal set to commence with the 2024-2025 year. This appeal does not pertain to releagu  
with respect to “football only” Orange County conferencing decision.



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The 2024-2026 CIF Releaguings Cycle consolidated all Orange County area schools' football teams into one county-wide conference. During the process, member schools were required to vote on football-only releaguings proposals before considering the releaguings of all other CIF sports. As the push to consolidate all Orange County area school's football teams into one football-only conference reflected a larger trend, FUHS agreed to the final Football-Only Releaguings Proposal at the May 15, 2023 meeting. FUHS agreed to move the football program into this larger conference because discussion around football placement has always been the driving factor behind any releaguings conversations in the past. All other sports receive secondary consideration. FUHS decided that by removing football from the discussions, member schools could focus more clearly on the other sports. The FUHS decision was also a show of goodwill and a way to pilot FUHS's participation in a larger conference prior to releaguings all other sports. Despite this agreement, FUHS made it abundantly clear throughout the process, however, that they did not want to join another league or conference for all other CIF sports.

The 2024-2025 Placement was explicitly motivated by factors outside the three criteria that are required under Bylaw 23 as well as sections of the Introduction of the Bylaws aimed at preventing intentional or unintentional discrimination against any member schools. During the February 8 and April 24, 2023 releaguings meetings, an athletic director in the Century Conference blatantly campaigned for the Freeway League's elimination and, therefore, subsequent placement of FUHS in another league despite no request by FUHS for relief or alternative placement. For example, he bitterly stated, "The Freeway League has been together 42 years. It's time for you guys to play ball and join the rest of us." This athletic director demonstrated other illegitimate reasons in support of the 2024-2025 Placement by saying, "[Century Conference's] goal is to expand. We have 9 teams and would like to get to 15." His proposal additionally discriminated against private schools, which was made clear in his statements like, "We do not want private schools," or "schools without boundaries." Finally, the same athletic director repeatedly advocated to disband the Freeway League schools under the pretense that Buena Park High School needed relief with statements such as, "If I were Buena Park High School, I would sue." Buena Park High School, however, never requested relief and excels within the Freeway League year-to-year. Century Conference representatives, whose releaguings proposal ultimately prevailed, failed to consider competitive equity, geography, and enrollment. The 2024-2025 Placement was proposed by Century Conference representatives who demonstrated their complete disregard for the three criteria throughout the series of releaguings committees that took place from February to May 2023.

On April 24, 2023, the Athletic Directors approved three Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals for non-football sports that were posted in advance of the May 15, 2023 releaguings meeting. In violation of Bylaw 22.0, not all of these proposals were submitted on the "Orange



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County Area Releaguings Proposal Form” (Attachment B is the only form available on the OCAP website). At least three different forms were used for these proposals.

At the May 15, 2023 meeting for Principals, member schools voted on the final 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal based on incomplete information in violation of Bylaw 40. Per Bylaw 39, the purpose of the May 15, 2023 meeting is for Principals (“Orange County Area Representatives”) to “review recommended Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals (from April 24, 2023) and provide time for member school Principals seeking relief, new member school Principals, and each league/conference an opportunity to present one (1) new Relief Releaguings Proposal.” At the beginning of this meeting, as required by Bylaw 40, the Principals of schools requesting relief were to receive five minutes to present school information regarding their reasons for requesting relief as well as 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal. This mandated procedure was entirely neglected as the May 15 meeting agenda (Attachment C) and meeting minutes (Attachment D) exhibit.

Instead of following this procedure in the Bylaws and giving schools requesting relief five minutes to present, the meeting began with a clear focus on solving the Football-Only Conferencing question first. The non-football proposals and counterproposals were addressed only after the Football-Only issue was resolved, and member schools requesting relief were denied time to present. Without this key information, Principals decided on proposals not knowing which schools were requesting relief nor how the proposals would provide relief. As far as FUHS knew, the creation of the football-only conference may have solved these relief questions, but there was no way to know.

At the May 15, 2023 meeting, Principals were presented with three additional non-football counterproposals that had been compiled during private, informal meetings leading up to May 15. As stated above, none of the original non-football proposals nor counterproposals indicated which schools were requesting relief nor how that relief was being satisfied. The discussions following each proposal at the May 15 meeting clearly demonstrated that certain existing leagues and conferences supported proposals based on the creation or expansion of conferences to benefit their members, without concern for other impacted schools. However, expanding a conference is not one of the criteria for re-leaguings as required by Bylaw 23.0. The resulting proposed conferences also failed to affect the least number of schools as reasonably possible as required in Bylaws 24.0 and 40.0.

Several member schools also directly expressed during the May 15 meeting that they would not support proposals that added private schools, or “schools without borders” as they referred to them, to their league or conference. This clear discrimination of private schools not only violated the Bylaws, but also severely limited the process of finding the best possible relief





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proposals that would impact the least schools. The only way to increase conference sizes without adding private schools and while addressing schools that requested relief was to break up a league whose member schools did not request relief.

For example, one of the new counterproposals, non-Football Proposal 4 (Attachment E), that would ultimately become the final 2024-2026 Placement, affected 100% of member schools across Orange County. The proposal breached Bylaws 24.0 and 40.0, which state that “Releaguings Proposals should affect the least amount of member schools as reasonably possible.” When leagues or conferences affected by any of the proposals could submit new counterproposals, the Freeway League representatives, including FUHS, created and presented an alternate proposal, non-Football Proposal 7 (Attachment F), in an attempt to affect the least schools reasonably possible while also working to satisfy the desire of certain conferences to expand or be created. The Freeway League’s counterproposal not only addressed all schools that requested relief, but also affected a smaller number of member schools. The counterproposal also expanded the conferences that wanted expansion and created conferences for member schools who wanted it. Again, some member schools/leagues spoke out against the Freeway League counterproposal using the plainly discriminatory reasoning that they did not want private schools in their league/conference.

Over the objections of FUHS and other Orange County schools, the non-Football Proposal 4 (Attachments G and H) passed though it was the result of meetings that failed to comply with the required procedures set forth in multiple Bylaws indicated above. Additionally, during the voting process, member schools expressed that they were unable to support the non-Football Proposal 7 because they were pressured not to upset schools within their respective school districts. However, Bylaw 23.0 mandates that schools consider only three criteria, none of which include a fear of upsetting other schools within their district.

The 2024-2026 OCAP is the unfortunate outcome of a loose process driven by a few outspoken participants rather than the Bylaws’ stated intention of preventing “inconsistent and unequal application of protocol, procedures, and guidelines that would intentionally or unintentionally discriminate against one or more than one member school” while also providing reasonable and equal application of the accepted criteria—competitive equity (strength of program), geography (travel time), and enrollment (school population). Creating conferences and keeping “schools without borders” out of one’s respective conference were prioritized over focusing on the school that requested relief, making sure proposals affected the least number of schools, and considering of the three accepted criteria.



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### **III. SECONDARY CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE IMPACT ON THE THREE CRITERIA**

Though FUHS never requested relief, FUHS will be adversely impacted by the significant resources it must divert to accommodate the releguing resulting from the 2024-2026 OCAP process to ensure its students can safely participate. For 42 years, FUHS students traveled within a five-mile, tri-city radius to attend games at schools within their own school district (Fullerton Joint Union High School District or “FJUHS”). As a result of short travel times and ease of coordination among FJUHS schools, FUHS could start their games after class hours (8:30 AM – 3:30 PM) and share their resources to participate in CIF-SS. Now in a new placement, FUHS student athletes and teachers who coach will potentially have to miss up to three classes during away games. FUHS will have to purchase increased transportation, purchase athletic equipment, and build out their athletic facilities at an incredible expense to maintain competitive equity.

Applying the Bylaw’s process for developing Orange County area schools releguing requires the reasonable and equal application of three accepted criteria. FUHS finds that the 2024-2026 placement decreases its competitive equity, increases travel time, and affects enrollment. Therefore, FUHS must implement costly changes having been relegated without having requested relief for a placement that does not improve its own competitive equity, geography, or enrollment.

#### **1. Competitive Equity Impacts**

There are many examples of competitive equity throughout the 24 sports in which FUHS participates in the Freeway League including close to consistent playoff participation from the following sports, Baseball, Boys, Boys Soccer, Softball, Boys/Girls Swimming & Diving, Boys/Girls Tennis, Boys/Girls Volleyball, Boys/Girls Water Polo, Boys/Girls Wrestling, Football, Boys/Girls Golf, Boys/Girls Cross Country, Boys/Girls Track & Field. Competitive equity also goes beyond athletic success and needs to be considered with respect to athletic facilities and athletics costs as well.

#### **2. Geography/Distance Impacts**

With the proposed releague, FUHS will now be required to travel longer distances.

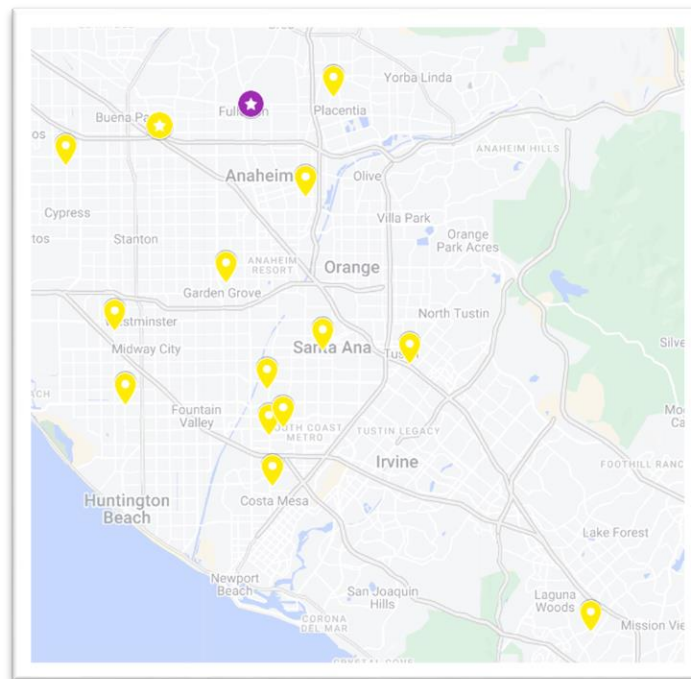


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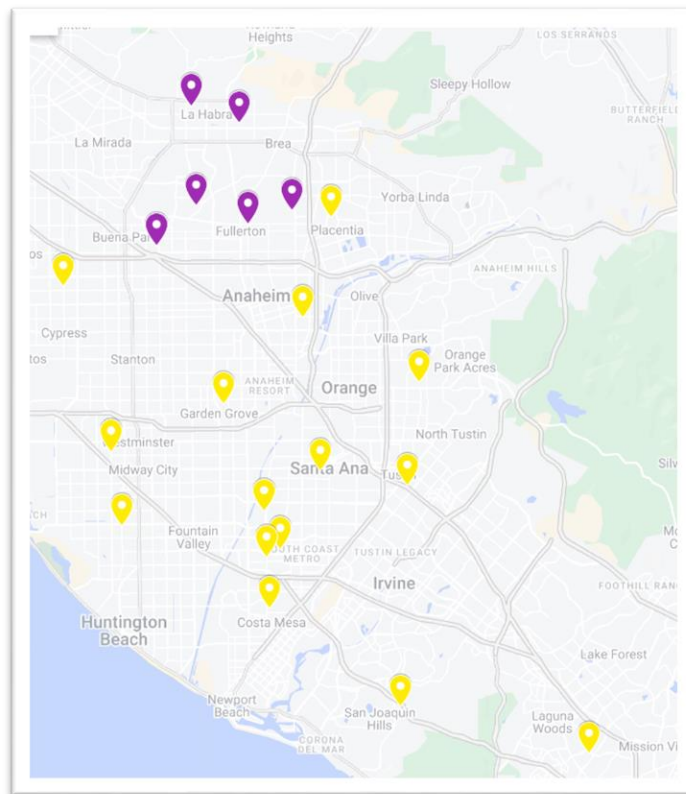
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Map 1. Contested 2024-2025 Golden Empire Conference.



Purple: FUHS  
Star icon: Former  
Freeway League

Map 2. Freeway League's Alternate Plan, 2024-2025 Conferences.



Yellow: Golden  
Empire  
Purple: Freeway  
League



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<b>Golden Empire Schools</b>	<b>Roundtrip to FUHS (mi)</b>
Calvary Chapel	32 mi
Ocean View	33 mi
Laguna Hills	52 mi
Costa Mesa	41 mi
Tustin	28 mi
Godinez	30 mi
Kennedy	19 mi
Garden Grove	16 mi
Seegerstrom	31 mi
Valencia	7 mi
Katella	12 mi

Games will be scheduled earlier, prior to the end of the school academic day. All Freeway League students end class at 3:30 pm. In the Golden Empire Conference, FUHS athletes may miss up to three class periods. FUHS student athletes and teachers will have less instructional time because of earlier game times and because they will have to travel longer distances for the games. With this change that the 2024-2025 Placement imposes on FUHS, student athletes and teachers will have to miss up to two classes and even lunch, depending on what time the game begins. As of now, student athletes already use their lunch period to ask teachers for assignments and make up quizzes and exams. FUHS students are not on a block schedule, meaning they do not have a free period in the day that can be used for those purposes. Some coaches on our staff are also full-time teachers and along with student athletes, non-athlete students will be affected alike by their teachers frequent and prolonged absence from class.

The 2024-2025 Placement will require FUHS to spend a considerable amount more to outsource transportation costs. Currently, FUHS needs athletics transportation from 1pm-10pm and is part of a high school-only district that does not provide bussing except for special education students. FJUHS does not own or control a fleet of buses that are available for use after school hours like other unified school districts with large bus fleets. To date, FJUHS made do with fewer buses because it “doubles up” transportation among the Freeway League’s various schools and teams. For example, after an FJUHS bus drops off Sonora High School’s baseball team at FUHS, the same bus will pick up and transport FUHS’s basketball team to their game. Traveling short distances between schools has also contributed to making FUHS’s participation in the Freeway League possible despite FJUHS’s shortage on buses. If FUHS competes in the Golden Empire Conference, using available FJUHS transportation will be completely untenable, and there will be no way to participate in CIF without paying for higher



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fees and having to contract with outside bus companies throughout the year for all teams.

FUHS will need increased security prior to the end of the school day as rival teams and their guests/fans will arrive on FUHS campus for games that begin before the end of the school day. To host events in the Golden Empire Conference, games will have to start earlier than when in the Freeway League.

There are a certain number of campus staff that must be present for every sport, and FUHS must also hire substitute teachers for up to two class periods for each coach who teaches class. The earlier game start times and the additional travel time to Golden Empire Conference schools that are up to 16 miles away, as opposed to Freeway League schools that are a maximum of 5 miles away, will take coaches away from the classrooms they teach.

FUHS is a Title I school. Attending games in the Golden Empire Conference that not only start earlier, but also take place further away, will be prohibitively burdensome for many parents to attend. Having fewer parents, and likely fewer students attend, not only will alter school culture, but will also result in lower gate fees. Currently, within the Freeway League, FJUHS high schools work collaboratively to ensure its Title I high school sports are resourced.

### **3. Enrollment**

A league/conference's competitive equity increases with greater similarity among the schools' size and resources. Larger schools have greater talent pools than smaller schools, and school districts in higher-income areas are more advantaged. The CIF-SS Placement for the 24-25 season, will place FUHS in a conference that has greater disparities in enrollment size. In the Freeway League, the difference between schools with the most and least students enrolled was 865. In the 2024-2025 Century Conference, however, the range in school enrollment between schools with the most and least students enrolled is 1,861. Even after taking outlier private school, Crean Lutheran, out of the calculation, the difference is still large at 1,384.

Table 1. Golden Empire Conference Student Enrollment

High School	Conference	2022-2023 Enrollment
Calvary Chapel	Golden Empire	1,000
Ocean View	Golden Empire	1258
Laguna Hills	Golden Empire	1434
Costa Mesa	Golden Empire	1776
Buena Park	Golden Empire	1804
Fullerton	Golden Empire	1880
Tustin	Golden Empire	1990
Godinez	Golden Empire	2026



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Kennedy	Golden Empire	2080
Garden Grove	Golden Empire	2247
Segerstrom	Golden Empire	2489
Valencia	Golden Empire	2543
Katella	Golden Empire	2587
Westminster	Golden Empire	2637
Santa Ana	Golden Empire	3134

California Department of Education, Annual Enrollment Data, SY 2022-2023, available at:

<https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/page2.asp?level=School&subject=Enrollment&submit1=Submit>

## **IV. Conclusion**

Fullerton Union High School thanks you for your consideration of its appeal. We would be pleased to respond any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Laura Rubio

Principal, Fullerton Union High School

### Attachments:

Attachment A – Orange County Area Placement Bylaws

Attachment B – Orange County Area Releaguings Proposal Form from [OCAP Website](#)

Attachment C – May 15, 2023 Meeting Agenda

Attachment D – May 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Attachment E – Non Football Proposal 4 from May 15, 2023

Attachment F – Freeway League Counterproposal from May 15, 2023 (Non Football Proposal 7)

Attachment G – May 15, 2023 Voting Results to Determine Final Proposal

Attachment H – May 15, 2023 Final Voting Result on Non Football Proposal #4



## Attachment A

### Process:

#### Orange County Area Schools Releaguings Bylaws 2024-2026

The process for developing Orange County Area Schools Releaguings shall:

1. Provide reasonable and equal application of **accepted criteria**:
  - **Competitive Equity (strength of program)**
  - **Geography (travel time)**
  - **Enrollment (student population)**
2. Maintain Brown Act Compliance (“intended to provide public access to meetings”)
3. Follow CIF Southern Section Blue Book rules and policies

Orange County Area Placement is a two-year releguing cycle for all sports. (Approved March 13, 2017).

**Releaguings Proposals:** All Releaguings Proposals must provide evidence of the above-accepted criteria.

Releaguings Proposals protocols and procedures will not discriminate against one or more member schools. Releaguings Proposal protocols, procedure and guidelines must be inclusive and applied with consistency and equality (same opportunity when policy is applied). We must prevent the inconsistent and unequal application of Releaguings Proposal protocols, procedures and guidelines that would intentionally or unintentionally discriminate against one or more than one member school while creating single sport alignment, leagues or conferences.

Releaguings Proposals must include all member schools.

**Blue Book Sections:** CIFSS Section Bylaw 32 (pages 37-40) - Area Placement and Releaguings Process/Appeals  
CIFSS Section Bylaw 507 (page 109)- Section Alignment of Leagues

### Bylaws:

#### Chairperson, Parliamentarian, Secretary and Dues

1.0 Mr. Michael P. Brennan will preside as Chairperson with the assistance of Dr. John Dahlem (Parliamentarian) and Mr. Joel Hartmann (Secretary).

2.0 Releaguings Dues will be \$50.00 per school. Dues may be used to pay for expenses such as snacks, water, location and parking. Checks should be made out to **“Trinity League” and mailed to Mater Dei High School c/o Mr. Joel Hartmann 1202 West Edinger Ave. Santa Ana, California 92707**. If expenses are greater than revenue, a simple majority vote will increase Releaguings Dues. Dues is to be paid on or before April 3, 2023, for this Releaguings Cycle.

#### Membership and Voting Privileges

3.0 Orange County Area Representative Principals are committee members and thus have voting privileges.

4.0 Voting is restricted to schools that are members of the organization and in operation with students. This includes new member schools recently approved by the CIF SS for Orange County Placement.

5.0 Schools (not yet opened but have plans to open/no students) assigned through area placement may participate in Releaguings (voting privileges) provided a simple majority of voting members approve.

6.0 If a Principal cannot attend a meeting, he or she must send an Administrative Designee from the same school.

The Administrative Designee from the same school will have voting privileges based on written authorization.

Therefore, schools must be present to exercise voting privileges (**no proxy votes**).

7.0 If a Principal is unable to attend, the principal must provide written authorization for the Administrative Designee (from the same school) to have voting privileges. For voting privileges to occur, written authorization must be received in advance of the scheduled meeting start time. If written authorization arrives after the scheduled meeting

begins, the Administrative Designee will forfeit voting privileges for that meeting only, unless a simple majority of voting members vote to reinstate voting privileges. Written authorization must be on school letter head, include the

Principal's signature and Administrative Designees name and position. Written authorization must be emailed to the Releaguings Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org).

8.0 At the April 24<sup>th</sup> Athletic Directors meeting, only Athletic Directors will have voting privileges to determine three (3) Athletic Director proposals. Schools must be present to exercise voting privileges (no proxy voting). If an Athletic Director cannot attend he/she must send an Athletic Director Designee (from the same school) to have voting privileges. For voting privileges to occur, written authorization must be received in advance of the scheduled meeting start time. If written authorization arrives after the scheduled meeting begins, the Athletic Director Designee will forfeit voting privileges for that meeting only, unless a simple majority of voting members vote to reinstate voting privileges. Written authorization must be on school letterhead, include the Athletic Director signature, Athletic Director Designees name and position. Written authorization must be emailed to the Releaguings Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org). After this meeting, all voting privileges will return to Principals. This is the only meeting that Athletic Directors have voting privileges.

### **Media, Brown Act, Roberts Rules of Order, Agendas, Videotape and Minutes/Notes**

9.0 Meetings are open to the media. Each media representative must introduce him or herself to the Chairperson, Parliamentarian or Secretary.

10.0 Meetings are subject to the Brown Act and will follow an agenda.

11.0 Meetings will be conducted and based upon Robert's Rules of Order.

12.0 Meeting agendas will be provided five (5) working days before each scheduled meeting.

13.0 Meeting minutes or notes will be distributed to all Principals within seventy-two (72) hours. 14.0 Agendas must be posted at each school site seventy-two (72) hours before scheduled meetings.

### **Quorum, Voting and Passage of Motion**

15.0 A simple majority of Orange County Area Representatives will constitute a quorum for all meetings.

Alphabetical Roll Call by member school will be obtained verbally.

16.0 Alphabetical Roll Call (by member school) voting will be verbally stated by each member school. Each member school verbally states their vote so that all member schools have the opportunity to hear the official vote of other member schools. Schools must be present to exercise voting privileges (**no proxy voting**). Minutes or notes will reflect the yeas, nays and abstentions for each vote taken. A record of each Roll Call vote will be attached to the minutes and sent to the CIF SS office. Secret ballots are prohibited. The Chairperson will request that an administrative designee from each member school verbally state their official vote or votes.

17.0 The Releaguings Secretary and the Parliamentarian will tabulate Roll Call voting separately. It is recommended that each member school tabulate Roll Call voting (auditing).

18.0 Voting shall be conducted by a 1) Motion 2) Second 3) Discussion 4) Call for Vote 5) Vote.

19.0 Passage of any motion (not the Final (1) Proposal) to approve requires a majority of those present (50% plus 1 of casted votes) to vote yea. In the case of a tie, the motion will not be approved. Abstentions are considered a casted and official vote.

20.0 Passage of a motion to vote upon the Final (1) Releaguings Proposal requires a majority vote of those member school administrative designees present. Once the motion to vote upon the Final (1) Releaguings Proposal is approved, a motion will be made to approve the Final (1) Releaguings Proposal. The Final (1) Releaguings Proposal must obtain a sixty percent (60%) majority yea vote of those member school administrative designees present. Abstentions are considered a casted vote.

### **School Profile, Area Placement Questionnaire and Releaguings Proposal**

21.0 Schools will digitally send (email) a completed official School Profile Form and their Area Questionnaire to the Releaguings Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org). This must occur on or before 11:59 p.m. April 3, 2023. The Releaguings Secretary will post the official School Profile Form and Area Placement Questionnaire on the Orange County Area Placement website under resources. Schools must utilize the official School Profile Form and Area Placement Questionnaire provided by the Releaguings Secretary. Schools requesting Orange County Area Placement or Relief must submit a New League Proposal to Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org) by April 14, 2023, 11:59 p.m. 22.0 Releaguings Proposals must be written on the Orange County Area Releaguings Proposal Form. This form is located on the Orange County Area Placement Website. If a proposal is created at either the Athletic



Directors or Principals meetings, the Releaguings Proposal Form must be completely filled out. Upon request, Releaguings Proposal Form(s) will be sent to the Releaguings Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org). The Releaguings Secretary will post Releaguings Proposal Forms (Orange County Placement Website) for all member schools to view. 23.0 Releaguings Proposals must provide reasonable and equal application of **accepted criteria and must include all member schools**:

- **Competitive Equity (strength of program)**
- **Geography (travel time)**
- **Enrollment (school population)**

**See “Process and Releaguings Proposals” page 1 of this document. Athletic Directors Releaguings Proposal Meeting**

24.0 Athletic Directors will meet on April 24, 2023 (beginning at 9:00a.m.) Diocese of Orange. At this meeting, Athletic Directors/New Member School Athletic Directors are Orange County Area Representative voting members. The purpose of this meeting is for Athletic Directors to collegially create a maximum of three (3) Releaguings Proposals. The three (3) Releaguings Proposals are based (only) on those schools requesting relief or new member schools requesting a league. \*Any reference in this document to the word “league” refers to a duly constituted league or conference formed in the last Releaguings cycle. All conferences are permitted one vote regardless of how many leagues are within said conference. The meeting will begin with (only) member schools Athletic Directors requesting relief and new member schools Athletic Directors having five (5) minutes to present their school information and Releaguings Proposals. Only one representative per school is permitted to speak. Athletic Directors seeking relief will present first, followed by new member school Athletic Directors. Each school may include a maximum of two (2) new 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposals. Releaguings Proposals should affect the least amount of member schools as reasonably possible. Releaguings Proposals must include all member schools. All member schools have voting privileges. Releaguings Proposals must be sent to the Releaguings Secretary, Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org) on or before April 14, 2023, 11:59p.m. The Releaguings Secretary will post Releaguings Proposals on the Orange County Area Placement Website by 12:00p.m. on April 16, 2023.

25.0 If a school seeking relief or a new member school creates a proposal for Football Only, all member schools must be included within a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s). All CIF criteria will be followed. All member schools will be treated consistently and with equality (same opportunity when policy is applied). All member schools are permitted to vote for or against a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) per CIF SS. The process, beginning with 24.0, will be used to determine if a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) is/are approved or not approved by member schools. It must be noted that a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) will be voted upon and approved/not approved before all other Sports Releaguings Proposals can be discussed. Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) will be kept separate from all other Sports Releaguings Proposals. At the end of the Releaguings Process, two separate Releaguings Proposals must obtain 60 percent (60%) member school approval to be sent to CIF SS as our Final Releaguings Proposals (Football Only and all other Sports). Again, if there is a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s), we will follow the process for both Football Only and other Sports Releaguings Proposals.

26.0 All Leagues/Conferences/Member Schools will have ten (10) minutes to reflect and discuss Releaguings Proposals. Upon request, the Releaguings Chairperson may grant more time (5-minute periods).

27.0 League/Conference Presidents or a League/Conference Designee (must be an Athletic Director) from impacted leagues/conferences have three (3) minutes to speak for or against presented Releaguings Proposals. One representative

per league/conference may present. At the conclusion of League/Conference Presidents or League/Conference Designees speaking, one representative from schools requesting relief and new member schools will have (3) minutes to speak for or against.

28.0 If member schools requesting relief and new member schools are accepted into league/conference of their choice, a Releaguings Proposal will be created and then voted upon. Passage of a motion to approve will require a simple majority of those member schools or Athletic Directors present. In this case, only one (1) Releaguings Proposal would be created and recommended to principals. Final one (1) Athletic Director proposal will immediately be placed on the Orange County Releaguings Website.

29.0 If one (1) or more than one (1) member school requesting relief or new member school(s) is/are not accepted into the league/conference of their choice, the Chairperson will call for a twenty (20) minute caucus. The purpose is to allow Athletic Directors (from the same league/conference) the opportunity to communicate and develop

Releaguings Counterproposals. Releaguings Counterproposals must be aligned to the accepted criteria and must include schools that requested relief or are new members.

30.0 Each league/conference will have the opportunity to create one (1) Releaguings Counterproposal. Upon request, the Releaguings Chairperson may grant more time (5-minute periods). Releaguings Counterproposals must include the league/conference name and league/conference vote in support of the league Releaguings Counterproposal. If a league/conference does not approve a Releaguings Proposal by a simple majority, the Releaguings Counterproposal will not be included and considered obsolete.

31.0 Upon request, Releaguings Counterproposals must be emailed to the Releaguings League Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org). Releaguings Counterproposals will then be posted on the Orange County Releaguings Website.

32.0 League/Conference Presidents or Athletic Directors from leagues/conferences that created a Releaguings Counterproposal will have three (3) minutes to speak. There will be only one representative per league/conference presenting. Releaguings counterproposals must include member schools requesting relief and new member schools requesting a league.

33.0 New member school Principals, League/Conference Presidents, or a League/Conference Designee (must be an Athletic Director) from impacted leagues, an Athletic Director from schools requesting relief and new member schools Athletic Directors will have three (3) minutes to speak for or against Releaguings Counterproposals. There will only be one representative per impacted league/conference, member schools requesting relief and new member schools speaking. 34.0 Releaguings Counterproposals will have a numbered representation. The Releaguings Secretary will number each Releaguings Proposal beginning with one (1).

35.0 Chairperson will call for a vote. Alphabetical Roll Call voting will begin. Each member school will verbally communicate their official vote by stating the school they represent, the numbered Releaguings proposal(s) they are supporting and the amount of votes per Releaguings proposal. Each member school will have the opportunity to vote for one half (50% rounding down) of total Releaguings Proposals. Therefore, if there were eight (8) Releaguings Proposals, each member school would have four (4) votes. If there were nine (9) Releaguings Proposals, each member school would have four (4) votes. A member school may use all votes in support of one (1) Releaguings Proposal. The top three (3) Releaguings Proposals will be announced. In the case of a tie, there may be more than three (3) Releaguings Proposals recommended to member school Principals. Both the Releaguings Secretary and the Parliamentarian will tabulate votes. All Athletic Directors are encouraged to tabulate votes (audit).

36.0 Chairperson will call for a vote. Roll call and verbal voting will begin and each member school including new member schools will verbally vote to approve the top three (3) Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals. There is no proxy voting.

37.0 Passage of a motion to approve the top three (3) Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals will require a simple majority of those member schools or Athletic Directors present. Each member school will have one (1) vote to approve the motion.

38.0 Final three (3) Athletic Director proposals will immediately be placed on the Orange County Releaguings Website. Releaguings Proposals will be recommended to member school Principals.

### **Principals Releaguings Proposal and Final Recommended CIF Orange County Releaguings Placement**

39.0 The second and potential final meeting will be May 15, 2023 (9:00 a.m.) Location TBA. At this meeting, Principals are considered Orange County Area Representatives. The purpose of this meeting is to review recommended Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals (from April 24, 2023) and provide time for member school Principals seeking relief, new member school Principals, and each league/conference an opportunity to present one (1) new Relief Releaguings Proposal. Principals seeking relief, new member school Principals (only those schools that requested relief or new member schools requesting a league/conference at the April 24, 2023 Athletic Director meeting) and leagues/conferences must send their one (1) new 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal to the Releaguings Secretary, Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org) on or before May 5, 2023 11:59p.m. The Releaguings Secretary will post all new Releaguings Proposals on the Orange County Area Placement Website by 12:00p.m. May 7, 2023.

40.0 The meeting will begin with member school Principals requesting relief and new member school Principals having five (5) minutes to present. In their presentation, they may include school information and one (1) new 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal. Relief and new member schools Releaguings Proposals must affect the least amount of

member schools as reasonably possible. Releaguings proposals must include all member schools. Releaguings Proposals must follow accepted criteria. All member schools have voting privileges.

41.0 If a school seeking relief or a new member school creates a proposal for Football Only, all member schools must be included within a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s). All CIF criteria will be followed. All member schools will be treated consistently and with equality (same opportunity when policy is applied). All member schools are permitted to vote for or against a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) per CIF SS. The process, beginning with 40.0, will be used to determine if a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) is/are approved or not approved by member schools. It must be noted that a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) will be voted upon and approved/not approved before all other Sports Releaguings Proposals can be discussed. Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) will be kept separate from all other Sports Releaguings Proposals. At the end of the Releaguings Process, two separate Releaguings Proposals must obtain 60 percent (60%) member school approval to be sent to CIF SS as our Final Releaguings Proposals (Football Only and all other Sports). Again, if there is a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s), we will follow the process for both Football Only and other Sports Releaguings Proposals.

42.0 All leagues/conferences will have ten (10) minutes to discuss Releaguings Proposals. Upon request, the Releaguings Chairperson may grant more time (5-minute periods).

43.0 League/Conference Presidents or a League/Conference Designee from impacted leagues/conferences have three (3) minutes to speak for or against presented Releaguings Proposals. One representative per league/conference may present. At the conclusion of League/Conference Presidents or League/Conference Designees speaking, one representative from schools requesting reliefs and new member schools will have (3) minutes to speak for or against.

44.0 Individual League/Conference 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposals will be presented. Each League/Conference President or League/Conference Designee will have (5 minutes) to present their 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal. Releaguings Proposals must be aligned to accepted criteria and must include schools seeking relief and new member schools requesting a league/conference.

45.0 All leagues/conferences will have ten (10) minutes to discuss Individual League Releaguings Proposals. Upon request, the Releaguings Chairperson may grant more time (5-minute periods).

46.0 League/Conference Presidents or a League/Conference Designee from impacted leagues/conferences have three (3) minutes to speak for or against presented Releaguings Proposals. One representative per league/conference may present. At the conclusion of League/Conference Presidents or League/Conference Designees speaking, one representative from schools requesting reliefs and new member schools will have (3) minutes to speak for or against.

47.0 Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals (April 24, 2023) will be reviewed by the Releaguings Secretary.

48.0 Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals will be numbered as one (1), two (2) and three (3).

49.0 Relief Releaguings Proposals and new member Proposals will begin with the number four (4), unless there were more than three (3) Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals. The new League proposals will begin with the number that immediately follows Relief and new member proposals. Releaguings Secretary Joel Hartmann will number new Proposals under the observation of the parliamentarian (Dr. John Dahlem).

50.0 Chairperson will call for a vote. Alphabetical Roll Call voting will begin. Each member school Principal will verbally state their official vote by stating the school they represent, the numbered Releaguings proposal(s) they are supporting and the number of votes per Releaguings proposal (no proxy voting). Each member school will have the

opportunity to vote for one half (50% rounding down) of total Releaguings Proposals. For example, if there were six (6) total first round proposals, each school would have three (3) votes. If there were five (5) total first round proposals, each school would have two (2) votes. A member school may use all votes in support of one (1) Releaguings Proposal or may divide their votes and vote for more than one proposal. At the end of the first round, the top three (3) proposals will move forward to round two (2). Round two (2) will move from three (3) to two (2) Releaguings Proposals. During round two and following rounds, each school will have one (1) vote. Round three (3) will move from two (2) Releaguings Proposals to the Final (1) CIF Releaguings Proposal. The Releaguings Secretary and the Parliamentarian will tabulate votes. All member schools are encouraged to tabulate votes (audit).

51.0

Passage of a motion and voting to approve the top three (3) Releaguings Proposals (round 1), final two (2) Releaguings Proposals (round 2) and the final CIF Releaguings Proposal (round 3) will be as follows. If we begin this process with less than four (4) Releaguings Proposals, we will move directly to the final (2) or possibly the final (1) depending on the number of Releaguings Proposals submitted:

The top three (3) Releaguings Proposals will be those proposals that receive the highest amount of votes. Therefore, the highest amount is number one (1); the second highest amount is number two (2), and the third highest amount is number three (3).

The final two (2) Releaguings Proposals will be those proposals which receive the highest amount of votes. Therefore, the highest amount is number (1) and the second highest amount is number two (2).

The final (1) 2022-2024 Releaguings Proposal will be the proposal that receives the highest amount of votes from the final two (2). Therefore, the highest amount (out of the final two) will be the Final (1) 2022-2023 Releaguings Proposal.

Passage of a motion to vote on the Final (1) CIF Proposal will be approved by a majority vote. Once approved, a motion will be made to approve the Final (1) 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal. The final proposal must be approved with a sixty percent (60%) majority vote. If the Final one (1) Releaguings Proposal receives a sixty percent (60%) majority vote, voting ceases and that proposal will represent the area as its selection and will be immediately forwarded to the CIF Southern Section office.

52.0

Releaguings Proposals will be included in the top three (3) or final two (2). For example, if there are two (2) Releaguings Proposals tied for first when determining the top three (3), the top three (3) Releaguings Proposals will include the two (2) tied for first plus the second place Releaguings Proposal only.

53.0 If the Final Releaguings Proposal does not receive a sixty percent (60%) majority vote, there will be a League representative caucus for twenty (20) minutes. Per request, the Releaguings Chairperson may approve more time (5 minute-periods). League Representatives will meet and prepare a compromise to the Final (1) CIF Proposal. The compromise will create a new counterproposal. This new counterproposal must follow the accepted criteria and must include schools requesting relief and new member schools requesting a league/conference. Passage of a motion to vote on the Final (1) Releaguings Proposal (League Representative Counterproposal) will be approved by a majority vote of League Representatives. Once League Representatives approve, a motion will be made to approve the Final (1) 2024- 2026 Releaguings Proposal. The Final (1) proposal must be approved with a sixty percent (60%) member schools vote. If the Final One Releaguings Proposal receives a sixty percent (60%) majority member school vote, voting ceases and that proposal will represent the area as its selection and will be immediately forwarded to the CIF Southern Section office.

54.0 All appeals must be in accordance with the CIF Blue Book Page 40 "Releaguings Appeal Procedures."

## Attachment B

### 2022-2024 OC League Alignment

Century Conference		Coastview Conference		Empire League	
Brea Olinda		Aliso Niguel		Crean Lutheran	
Canyon		Capistrano Valley		Cypress	
El Dorado		Dana Hills	No Football	Kennedy	
El Modena		El Toro		Pacifica, GG	
Esperanza		Mission Viejo		Tustin	
Foothill		San Clemente		Valencia, Placentia	
Villa Park		San Juan Hills			
Yorba Linda		Tesoro			
		Trabuco Hills			

Freeway League		Garden Grove League		Golden West Conference	
Buena Park		Bolsa Grande		Garden Grove	
Fullerton		La Quinta		Godinez	
La Habra		Loara		Katella	
Sonora		Los Amigos		Ocean View	
Sunny Hills		Rancho Alamitos		Seegerstrom	
Troy		Santiago, GG		Westminster	
				Laguna Beach	FB Only
				Marina	FB Only

Orange League		Orange Coast League		Pacific Coast Conference	
Anaheim		Calvary Chapel		Beckman	
Century		Costa Mesa		Irvine	
Magnolia		Estancia		Northwood	
Santa Ana Valley		Orange		Portola	
Savanna		Saddleback		University	
Western		Santa Ana		Woodbridge	
		St. Margaret's		Laguna Hills	
				Sage Hill	No Football
				Dana Hills	FB Only

Sunset Conference		Trinity League		New League	
Corona del Mar		JSerra			
Edison		Mater Dei			
Fountain Valley		Orange Lutheran			
Huntington Beach		Rosary Academy			
Los Alamitos		Santa Margarita			
Newport Harbor		Servite			
Laguna Beach	No Football	St. John Bosco			
Marina	No Football				

## Attachment C

CIF Southern Section  
Orange County Area Placement Meeting 2024 - 2026 Releaguings Cycle Agenda  
May 15, 2023  
9:30 a.m.  
Diocese of Orange  
13280 Chapman Avenue Garden Grove, California 92840

- 1.0
- 2.0 Flag Salute
- 3.0 Moment of Reflection "It is never wrong to do the right thing." Mark Twain
- 4.0 Purpose of the Meeting
- 5.0 Introduction of Guests/Media
- 6.0 Public Hearing Session-Members of the Public
- 7.0 Roll Call (simple majority will constitute a quorum)
- 8.0 Approval of Minutes April 23, 2023 (Athletic Directors Meeting)
- 9.0 Review 2024-2026 Bylaws and Protocol for Principals Meeting.
- 10.0 Review CIFSS Blue Book Page 39 Bylaw 32 B 4 A (Conference vs. Leagues)
- 11.0 Member Schools Relief Proposals
  - a. Football Only Conference (FOC) Athletic Directors Relief Proposal presentations (Top three), discussion, and vote.
  - b. If a simple majority approves FOC top three Athletic Director Relief Proposals, FOC new relief proposals and counterproposals will be presented and discussed.
  - c. FOC Relief Proposal will be numbered and then a vote to choose the number one FOC proposal.
  - d. If FOC is approved, and the number one FOC proposal has been chosen, All Other Sports Relief Athletic Director Proposals (top three) will be presented and discussed. (Does not include Football)
  - e. All Other Sports new relief proposals and counterproposals (does not include Football) will be presented and discussed.  
Date: Time: Location:  
Welcome/Call to Order. All Other Sports will be numbered and then a vote to choose the number one All Other Sports Proposal. (Does not include Football)
  - g. Two Votes-FOC (60% approval) and All Other Sports (60% approval).
  - h. If FOC is opposed, All Other Sports (including Football) Relief Proposal presentations and discussion, numbering, and voting.
- 12.0 Reminders and Information
- 13.0 Motion/Approval to Adjourn if necessary TBA.  
92840  
Next Meeting: Only Principals/AD's  
Diocese of Orange  
13280 Chapman Avenue Garden Grove, California

## Attachment D

Date: Time: Location:  
CIF Southern Section  
Orange County Area Placement Meeting 2024 - 2026 Releaguings Cycle Minutes  
May 15, 2023  
9:00 a.m.  
Diocese of Orange  
13280 Chapman Avenue Garden Grove, California 92840

### 1.0 Welcome/Call to Order

- Michael Brennan (Chairperson) called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.
- Michael Brennan introduced Joel Hartman (secretary) and Sharon Hodge (CIF SS). He stated that Dr. John Dahlem was not feeling well and would not be present.

### 2.0 Flag Salute

- Michael Brennan led the Pledge of Allegiance

### 3.0 Moment of Reflection

- "It is never wrong to do the right thing." Mark Twain
- Michael Brennan asked member schools to reflect on the quote (1 minute).

### 4.0 Purpose of the Meeting

- Michael Brennan stated, "the purpose of the meeting was to review the three Football Only Conference (FOC) proposals and the three All-Sports Proposals recommended by Athletic Directors, as well as listen to potential counter proposals. All proposals will be heard. We will then discuss and vote to reduce the options for FOC and All Other Sports to one proposal each. These proposals will be forwarded to the CIFSS." Michael Brennan thanked athletic directors and principals for attending today's meeting and ensured that all member schools would have an opportunity to be represented in the releaguings process.

### 5.0 Introduction of Guests/Media

- Joel Hartmann announced that Jim Perry was present to represent CIF SS. Michael Brennan welcomed Mr. Perry to the meeting.

### 6.0 Public Hearing Session-Members of the Public

- There were no members of the public present.

### 7.0 Roll Call (simple majority will constitute a quorum)

- See attached Excel Spreadsheet
- There was a quorum present by a simple majority of schools. 76 member schools present; 39 member schools represented a simple majority; and 46 schools equal a 60% threshold.
- Michael Brennan explained the proxy process by stating, "some schools present today are represented by proxy letters signed by the principal of the school."

### 8.0 Approval of Minutes April 23, 2023 (Athletic Directors Meeting)

- Sage Hill High School asked for a correction of the 4-24-23 minutes, stating that they were in support of Option D and opposed to Option E. Michael Brennan state, "I will revise the 4-24-23 minutes."
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to approve the April 24, 2023 minutes with this correction. Villa Park High School moved to approve the April 24, 2023 minutes. Sunny Hills High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved the April 24, 2023. 76-0-0
- Joel Hartmann announced member schools represented by proxy:
  - Santa Margarita High School
  - Servite High School
  - Western High School
  - Irvine (Monica Colunga, Principal of Irvine came late) Santa Ana High School
  - Yorba Linda High School Tustin High School Saddleback High School Capistrano
  - Valley High School Aliso Niguel High School
  - Brea Olinda High School

Corona del Mar High School

- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to begin the meeting. San Clemente High School motioned to begin the meeting. Saddleback High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved the beginning of the meeting. 76-0-0

9.0 Review 2024-2026 Bylaws and Protocol for Principals Meeting.

- Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions regarding the bylaws. There were no questions or concerns.

10.0 Review CIFSS Blue Book Page 39 Bylaw 32 B 4 A (Conference vs. Leagues)

- Michael Brennan presented and the above bylaw. He presented and verified that all member school understood the difference between a conference and a league.
  - Conference
  - One Criteria-Equity
  - League
  - Three criterion-Equity, Geography and Enrollment

- Michael Brennan asked for questions. There were no questions.

11.0 Member Schools Relief Proposals

- Michael Brennan stated that there are three approved FOC proposals (AD meeting). There were two additional FOC proposals provided to Mr. Hartmann. Mike Brennan reviewed the protocol for the day:
  - a. Football Only Conference (FOC) Athletic Directors Relief Proposal presentations (Top three), discussion, and vote.
  - b. If a simple majority approves FOC top three Athletic Director Relief Proposals, FOC new. relief proposals and counterproposals will be presented and discussed.
  - c. FOC Relief Proposal will be numbered and then a vote to choose the number one FOC. proposal.
  - d. If FOC is approved, and the number one FOC proposal has been chosen, All Other Sports Relief Athletic Director Proposals (top three) will be presented and discussed.  
(does not include Football)
  - e. All Other Sports new relief proposals and counterproposals (does not include Football) will be presented and discussed.
  - f. All Other Sports will be numbered and then a vote to choose the number one All Other Sports Proposal. (Does not include Football)
  - g. Two Votes-FOC (60% approval) and All Other Sports (60% approval).
  - h. If FOC is opposed, All Other Sports (including Football) Relief Proposal presentations and discussion, numbering, and voting.

Football Only Conference

- Tustin High School presented FOC proposal #1. Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Estancia High presented FOC proposal #2. Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- The Freeway League presented FOC proposal #1. Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Michael Brennan stated that approval was necessary from principals before we move forward with FOC proposals. Anaheim High School motion to approve a FOC. Godinez High School seconded the motion. A hand vote approved the Football Only Conference approval by principals. 75-0-1
- Los Amigos High School represented the Garden Grove League (counterproposal #4). Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this FOC counterproposal. In support:
  - San Clemente High School
  - Against:
    - Edison High School
    - Los Alamitos School
- Portola High School represented the Pacific Coast League (counterproposal #5).



- Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this FOC counterproposal. In support:  
     San Clemente High School Against:  
     Edison High School  
     Los Alamitos High School
- Michael Brennan asked for additional counterproposals. There were no additional counterproposals.
- Ten minutes plus five additional minutes were permitted for discussion within individual leagues regarding the five FOC proposals.
- Joel Hartmann asked for additional counterproposals. There were no additional counterproposals.
- Newport Harbor High School entered the meeting. Michael Brennan stated that a motion was necessary to reinstate voting privileges to Newport Harbor High School. San Clemente High School motioned to reinstate voting privileges to Newport Harbor High School. Valencia High seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to reinstate Newport Harbor High School voting privileges. 76-0-0.
- Michael Brennan stated, "it is now time to vote on the FOC options. The final proposals must be approved with a 60% (46-member school) vote. He asked for a motion to move forward with the vote to choose the number one FOC proposal. Newport Harbor High School made a motion to move forward with the vote. San Clemente High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to move forward with the vote. 77-0-0.
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to begin the voting process to reduce the FOC proposals from five to three. Villa Park High School moved to begin the voting process to reduce the FOC proposals from five to three FOC proposals. Laguna Beach High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to begin the voting process. 77-0-0
- A roll call vote reduced the number from five FOC proposals to three FOC proposals, with each school getting two votes – FOC proposals #1, #4 and #5 were moved forward. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to begin the voting process to reduce the FOC proposals from three to two FOC proposals. JSerra High School motioned to vote. El Dorado High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved. 77-0-0
- A roll call vote reduced the number from three to two FOC proposals, with each school getting one vote– #1 and #4 were the top two FOC proposals. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- A request was approved to allow a 5-minute discussion within each league to discuss the two final FOC proposals. Time was granted permitting an additional 15 minutes to discuss (3 five-minute intervals).
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to begin the voting process to reduce FOC proposals from two to one FOC proposal. JSerra High School motioned to move from two to one FOC proposal. El Toro High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to begin the voting process. 77-0-0.
- A roll call vote reduced the number from two FOC proposals to one FOC proposal, with each school getting one vote. Proposal #4 received a majority of votes. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to approve Proposal #4 as the final FOC proposal. JSerra High School motioned to approve. El
- Dorado High School seconded the motion. The motion was approved with over 60%. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to vote on forwarding Proposal
- #4 (final FOC proposal) to CIF SS. Sonora High School motioned that FOC Proposal #4 be forwarded to CIF SS. Anaheim seconded this motion. The motion was approved by a majority. (See Excel Spreadsheet)

All-Other Sports Proposals

- Michael Brennan stated, it is time to discuss All-Other Sports Proposals. All-Other Sports Proposals #1, #2 and #3 were created and recommended by Athletic Directors. There are three additional options proposed by the Golden West League, Orange High School, and the Empire League.”
- Kennedy High reviewed proposal #1.
- Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Estancia High School reviewed proposal #2
- Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Orange High School reviewed proposal #3.
- Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Segerstrom High School represented the Garden Grove League (counterproposal #4). Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this All-Sports counterproposal). In support:
  - San Clemente High School El Dorado High School Calvary Chapel High School
  - Garden Grove High School Crean Lutheran High School Estancia High School
  - Santa Ana High School
- Against:
  - Portola High School represented the Pacific Coast League.
  - Beckman High School Buena Park High School Newport Harbor High School Troy High School University High School Fullerton High School Sonora High School
- Orange High School presented (counterproposal #5). Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this All-Sports counterproposal. In support: None
- Against:
  - Estancia High School
  - University High School represented the Pacific Coast League.
  - Crean Lutheran High School
  - Anaheim High School
  - Beckman High School
- Pacifica High School represented the Empire League (counterproposal #6). Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this All-Sports counterproposal. In support: Crean Lutheran High School El Dorado High School
- Against:
  - Sunny Hills High School represented the Freeway League Beckman High School
  - Northwood High School represented the Pacific Coast League.
- A ten-minute discussion period was permitted to discuss proposals and prepare league/conference counterproposals. An extra five minutes was granted for a total of 15 minutes.
- Michael Brennan asked for league or conference counterproposals. Joel Hartmann stated that there was one counterproposal developed during this time period.
- The Freeway League presented counterproposal #7. Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against:
  - In support:
    - Beckman High School
    - Sage Hill High School Rosary High School
  - Against:
    - El Dorado High School representing the Century Conference
- Bylaws were referred to regarding the presentation of All Sports Counterproposal #5 by Orange High School. The principal stated that they were seeking relief. Per the Bylaws, the counterproposal was permitted.
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to vote to reduce the seven proposals to three proposals. Capistrano Valley High School motioned to move from seven to three All-Sports Proposals. OLU seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to reduce the number of options from seven to three. 77-0-0

- A roll call vote (each school had three votes) reduced the number of All-Sports Proposals to three (proposals #2, #4, and #7). (See Excel Spreadsheet)
  - Michael Brennan asked for a motion to reduce the number of proposals from three to two All-Sports Proposals. Laguna Beach High School motioned to reduce the proposals from three to two All-Sports Proposals. Anaheim High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to reduce the number of options from three to two. 77-0-0.
  - A roll call vote (each school had one vote) reduced the number of All-Sports Proposals to two proposals #4 and #7). (See Excel Spreadsheet)
  - Michael Brennan asked for a motion to reduce the All-Sports Proposals from two to one proposal. El Toro High School motioned to move from two to one All-Sports Proposal. Villa Park High School seconded the motion. Five minutes were allowed for each member school to discuss and review the final two options. An additional five minutes was granted. Both All-Sports Proposals were viewed via technology on a large white screen above the stage.
  - Michael Brennan presented All-Sports Proposals #4 and #7 for review and asked for further discussion. There was no further discussion. A motion to vote had previously been made. A hand vote unanimously approved to reduce the number of All-Sports Proposals from two to one All-Sports Proposal. 77-0-0
  - A roll call vote (each school had one vote) reduced the number to one All-Sports Proposal. The proposal selected was #4. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
  - Michael Brennan asked for a motion to approve Proposal #4 as the final All-Sports proposal. Villa Park High School motioned to approve. Costa Mesa High School seconded the motion. The motion was approved with over 60%. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
  - Michael Brennan asked for a motion to vote on forwarding Proposal #4 (Final All-Sports proposal) to CIF SS. Corona Del Mar High School motioned that the final All-Sports Proposal #4 be forwarded to CIF SS. Godinez High School seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a majority. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
  - A roll call vote approved to forward the All-Sports to the CIF SS. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- 12.0 Reminders and Information
- Michael Brennan thanked Joel Hartmann and Sharon Hodge for their assistance with the releguing process. He asked for everyone to pray for Dr. Dahlem. There was a one-minute time period where all members schools prayed for or reflected upon Dr. Dahlem.
- 13.0 Motion/Approval to Adjourn
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Villa Park High School motioned to adjourn. Laguna Beach High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. 77-0-0.
  - Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

## Attachment E

### Golden West League

#### Century Conference - 15

Brea Olinda
Canyon
Crean Lutheran
Cypress
El Dorado
El Modena
Esperanza
Foothill
La Habra
Pacifica
Sonora
Sunny Hills
Troy
Villa Park
Yorba Linda

#### Coastview Conference - 10

Aliso Niguel
Beckman
Capo Valley
Dana Hills
El Toro
Mission Viejo
San Clemente
San Juan Hills
Tesoro
Trabuco Hills

#### Pacific Coast Conference - 9 Girls / 8 Boys

Irvine
Laguna Beach
Northwood
Portola
Rosary
Sage Hill
St Margarets
University
Woodbridge

#### Golden Empire Conference - 15

Buena Park
Calvary Chapel
Costa Mesa
Fullerton
Garden Grove
Godinez
Katella
Kennedy
Laguna Hills
Ocean View
Santa Ana
Segerstrom
Tustin
Valencia
Westminister

#### Orange Grove Conference - 15

Anaheim
Bolsa Grande
Century
Estancia
La Quinta
Loara
Los Amigos
Magnolia
Orange
Rancho Alamitos
Saddleback
Santiago
Savanna
Valley
Western

#### Sunset League - 7

Corona Del Mar
Edison
Fountain Valley
Huntington Beach
Los Alamitos
Marina
Newport Harbor

#### Trinity League - 6 Boys / 4 Girls

Bosco
J Serra
Mater Dei
Orange Lutheran
Santa Margarita
Servite

## Attachment F

### FWL Counter 5\_15\_23

#### Century Conference - 10 guys / 11 girls

Foothill	12
Villa Park	13
Cypress	15
El Dorado	21
Rosary	23
Canyon	24
Yorba Linda	28
Esperanza	30
St Margarets	40
Brea Olinda	41
El Modena	54

#### Coastview Conference - 10

San Clemente	7
San Juan Hills	7
Aliso Niguel	11
Tesoro	14
Capo Valley	20
Mission Viejo	22
Trabuco Hills	25
El Toro	32
Dana Hills	33
Crean Lutheran	36

#### Pacific Coast League - 7

Woodbridge	25
Laguna Beach	31
Northwood	37
University	42
Portola	44
Irvine	50
Beckman	18

#### Golden West Conference - 15

Pacifica	39
Tustin	45
Kennedy	46
Garden Grove	48
Seegerstrom	49
Laguna Hills	51
Valencia	52
Calvary Chapel	53
Ocean View	55
Sage Hill	57
Katella	59
Westminister	62
Godinez	63
Santa Ana	64
Costa Mesa	65

#### Orange Grove Conference - 15

Santiago	56
Anaheim	58
Estancia	61
La Quinta	66
Savanna	67
Saddleback	68
Bolsa Grande	69
Los Amigos	70
Western	71
Valley	72
Rancho Alamitos	73
Loara	74
Orange	75
Magnolia	76
Century	77

#### Sunset League - 7

Los Alamitos	2
Huntington Beach	6
Newport Harbor	9
CDM	16
Edison	17
Fountain Valley	29
Marina	35

#### Freeway League - 6

Sunny Hills	27
Sonora	34
Troy	38
La Habra	42
Fullerton	47
Buena Park	60

#### Trinity

Mater Dei	1
Servite	3
Santa Margarita	4
Orange Lutheran	5
J Serra	9
Bosco	19

## Attachment G

Non Football Proposal Vote to 1			
School	Proposal 4 Golden West Lg	Proposal 7 Freeway Lg	Abstain
Aliso Niguel	1		
Anaheim	1		
Beckman		1	
Bolsa Grande	1		
Brea Olinda	1		
Buena Park		1	
Calvary Chapel	1		
Canyon	1		
Capistrano Valley	1		
Century		1	
Corona del Mar	1		
Costa Mesa	1		
Crean Lutheran		1	
Cypress	1		
Dana Hills	1		
Edison	1		
El Dorado	1		
El Modena	1		
El Toro	1		
Esperanza	1		
Estancia	1		
Foothill	1		
Fountain Valley	1		
Fullerton		1	
Garden Grove	1		
Godinez	1		
Huntington Beach	1		
Irvine		1	
JSerra		1	
Katella	1		
Kennedy	1		
La Habra		1	
La Quinta	1		
Laguna Beach		1	
Laguna Hills		1	
Loara	1		
Los Alamitos		1	
Los Amigos	1		
Magnolia	1		
Marina	1		
Mater Dei		1	
Mission Viejo	1		
Newport Harbor	1		
Northwood		1	
Ocean View	1		
Orange	1		
Orange Lutheran		1	
Pacifica, GG	1		
Portola		1	
Rancho Alamitos	1		
Rosary Academy		1	
Saddleback	1		
Sage Hill		1	
San Clemente	1		
San Juan Hills	1		
Santa Ana	1		
Santa Ana Valley	1		
Santa Margarita		1	
Santiago, GG	1		
Savanna	1		
Seegerstrom	1		
Servite		1	
Sonora		1	
St Margarets	1		
St. John Bosco		1	
Sunny Hills		1	
Tesoro	1		
Trabuco Hills	1		
Troy		1	
Tustin	1		
University		1	
Valencia, Placentia	1		
Villa Park	1		
Western		1	
Westminster	1		
Woodbridge		1	
Yorba Linda	1		
TOTALS	51	26	0

## Attachment H

Non Football Proposal #4 - Final Approval Vote (60%)			
School	YES	NO	Abstain
Aliso Niguel	1		
Anaheim	1		
Beckman		1	
Bolsa Grande	1		
Brea Olinda	1		
Buena Park		1	
Calvary Chapel	1		
Canyon	1		
Capistrano Valley	1		
Century	1		
Corona del Mar	1		
Costa Mesa	1		
Crean Lutheran			1
Cypress	1		
Dana Hills	1		
Edison	1		
El Dorado	1		
El Modena	1		
El Toro	1		
Esperanza	1		
Estancia	1		
Foothill	1		
Fountain Valley	1		
Fullerton		1	
Garden Grove	1		
Godinez	1		
Huntington Beach			1
Irvine		1	
JSerra	1		
Katella	1		
Kennedy	1		
La Habra		1	
La Quinta	1		
Laguna Beach	1		
Laguna Hills	1		
Loara	1		
Los Alamitos	1		
Los Amigos	1		
Magnolia	1		
Marina	1		
Mater Dei	1		
Mission Viejo	1		
Newport Harbor	1		
Northwood		1	
Ocean View	1		
Orange	1		
Orange Lutheran			1
Pacific, GG	1		
Portola		1	
Rancho Alamitos	1		
Rosary Academy	1		
Saddleback	1		
Sage Hill	1		
San Clemente	1		
San Juan Hills	1		
Santa Ana	1		
Santa Ana Valley	1		
Santa Margarita			1
Santiago, GG	1		
Savanna	1		
Segerstrom	1		
Servite	1		
Sonora		1	
St Margarets	1		
St. John Bosco	1		
Sunny Hills		1	
Tesoro	1		
Trabuco Hills	1		
Troy		1	
Tustin	1		
University		1	
Valencia, Placentia	1		
Villa Park	1		
Western	1		
Westminster	1		
Woodbridge		1	
Yorba Linda	1		
TOTALS	61	12	4



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To Whom It May Concern,

### INTRODUCTION

Buena Park High School ("BPHS"), Buena Park, CA, is offering a letter of support for the five Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHS) schools who are appealing the "other sports Releaguings" decision of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section ("CIF-SS") on May 15, 2023. This letter of support is based upon ensuring "the releaguings criteria and process" follows the CIF-SS Purpose and Operating Principles as outlined on pages 21-22 in the Constitution of the California Interscholastic Federation. While many of the outlined principals concern the conduct of student-athletes and all parties who support student-athletes, it is imperative that any process that falls under the purview of CIF-SS ensures all members be afforded the proper processes at all times to ensure their programs are not placed in systems that could adversely affect the development of the programs designed for student-athlete growth and development. The unique and unprecedented nature of the releaguings efforts during this current cycle warranted a more in-depth, inclusive processes than what occurred during, and leading up to the May 15th releaguings meeting. Because this current cycle involved massive changes to the southern section configuration, it is imperative that all members be afforded the ability to not only advocate, but also have an equal voice in determining the large-scale shifts that resulted from the May 15, 2023 meeting. Trying to utilize bylaws and processes designed to make small-scale releaguings shifts, and applying those to the large-scale conferencing configurations, created a scenario where members of our district felt like the process had been done "to them" and not "with them."

### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

As outlined in the minutes and agendas from the Athletic Director meeting on April 24, 2023, and during the May 15, 2023 Principal meeting, it was very evident that the CIF Southern Section was on the precipice of major shifts to the configuration of leagues and conferences for its members. The current procedures for the releaguings cycles that occurred every two years were designed to accomplish small scale tweaks to a 77-member system, not a wholesale redesign of the system into larger conferences, essentially dissolving up to 5 entire leagues in one cycle. The process can be acceptable if the leagues in question are utilizing the mechanism of "relief" to dissolve their leagues to accomplish conferencing, but when entire leagues not seeking dissolution are affected and placed in conferences, the procedures in place are not adequate to ensure an equitable process for a redesign of that magnitude.

During the releaguings meeting on May 15, the elements of time, openness, collegiality, and collaboration were not present, the process was rushed given the magnitude of the changes, and the backdoor deals did not allow for all parties involved to feel like there was an ethical process with the interests of students at the center of the discussion. Unlike the football discussion of the releaguings process, which was out in the open and discussed for months, if not

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the previous year, the subsequent discussions for relegating, sans football, left schools and leagues feeling attacked, used, and not part of the overall discussion.

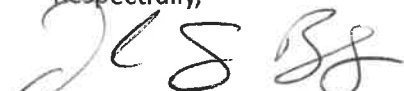
The 2024-2026 CIF Relegating cycle consolidated all Orange County Area Schools' football teams into one conference. Member schools were required to vote on the Football-Only Relegating Proposal before considering the relegating of all other CIF sports. Prior to the meeting, there was ample discussion, time, proposals, and evidence that all schools knew and understood not only the purpose, but the equity-based model being presented as a better design for the southern section. As the push to consolidate all Orange County Area Schools football teams into one football conference reflected a larger CIF trend, BPHS agreed to the Football-Only Relegating Proposal. BPHS understood and agreed that moving the football program into a larger conference was not only in the best interest of BPHS's football program, but also a show of good will and a way to pilot BPHS's participation in a larger conference prior to relegating all other sports. However, once the conversations turned to the elimination of five different leagues and the creation of conferences for all other sports, BPHS voted "no" to join another conference for all other CIF sports.

The "no" vote was due more to the process of how the relegating effort was being conducted, and less of the actual result of the placement for BPHS. While BPHS understands the benefit of conferencing, and its placement into the Golden Empire Conference provides equity across the board for its athletic teams, the process used to accomplish such tasks did not provide the necessary time and collaboration to ensure all parties involved in the moves were part of the decision-making process. It became apparent through the second half of the meeting that the agenda of some in the room was to create larger 15-team conferences, regardless if all schools being moved were on-board, or even privy to the agenda. The goal of relegating in the past had always been to affect the least amount of schools as possible, however, this move was a wholesale overhaul of the southern section into as many large conferences as possible. The feeling among some member schools was that proposals and counter proposals were compiled during private, informal meetings, not involving all parties affected. At no time during the months leading up to the May 15th meeting had BPHS been involved in discussions about dissolving the freeway league in order to accomplish the task of forming larger conferences.

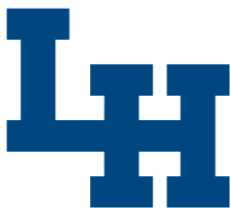
## CONCLUSION

In closing, I feel that because the process of, and leading up to, May 15th was not a small-scale relegating effort, but rather a large-scale conferencing effort, CIF-SS officials should not only be present and integral in the conversations and management of the conferencing meeting, but the effort should be a better collaborative effort between CIF-SS and all member schools with an appropriate amount of time given for discussion and solutions. Buena Park High School thanks you for your consideration and would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have.

Respectfully,



Sonje Berg, Ed. D., Principal  
Buena Park High School



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## BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION-SOUTHERN

### SECTION ON RELEAGUING COMMENCING 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

In the matter of CIF-SS Releaguings  
Configuration regarding La Habra High  
School

APPEAL – LA HABRA HIGH  
SCHOOL, LA HABRA, CA

September 7, 2023

#### I. INTRODUCTION

La Habra High School (“LHHS”), La Habra, CA, appeals the non football releaguings decision of the Orange County Area Placement (“OCAP”) and California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section (“CIF-SS”) on May 15, 2023. This appeal is based upon “the releaguings criteria and process” that violated the following Orange County Area Schools Releaguings Bylaws, 2024-2026 (“Bylaws”) (Attachment “A”):

1. Bylaws 24.0 and 40.0, mandating that the releaguings proposals must affect the least amount of member schools as reasonably possible; and
2. Bylaw 40.0, mandating that Principals of schools requesting relief begin the meeting with a five-minute presentation that may include their school information and one (1) new 2024-2026 releaguings proposal; and
3. Bylaw 22.0, mandating that all “Releaguings Proposals must be written on the Orange County Area Releaguings Proposal Form;” and
4. The introductory section of the Releaguings Bylaws also states that “Releaguings Proposals protocols and procedures will not discriminate against one or more member schools;” and
5. Bylaws 23.0 and 40.0, mandating that releaguings proposals must provide reasonable and equal application of the following three criteria: competitive equity (strength of program), geography (travel time), and enrollment (school population).

Important Note: Bylaw 24.0 states, “\*Any reference in this document to the word ‘league’ refers to a duly constituted league or conference formed in the last Releaguings cycle.”



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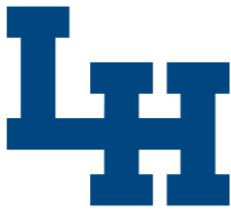
### **II. PROCEDURAL VIOLATIONS**

Procedural violations were committed during the OCAP releguing process that require granting LHHS this appeal and nullifying LHHS's placement with respect to the final "non-football" releguing proposal set to commence with the 2024-2025 year. This appeal does not pertain to releguing with respect to "football only" Orange County conferencing decision.

The 2024-2026 CIF Releguing Cycle consolidated all Orange County area schools' football teams into one county-wide conference. During the process, member schools were required to vote on football-only releguing proposals before considering the releguing of all other CIF sports. As the push to consolidate all Orange County area school's football teams into one football-only conference reflected a larger trend, LHHS agreed to the final Football-Only Releguing Proposal at the May 15, 2023 meeting. LHHS agreed to move the football program into this larger conference because discussion around football placement has always been the driving factor behind any re-leaguings conversations in the past. All other sports receive secondary consideration. LHHS decided that by removing football from the discussions, member schools could focus more clearly on the other sports. The LHHS decision was also a show of goodwill and a way to pilot LHHS's participation in a larger conference prior to releguing all other sports. Despite this agreement, LHHS made it abundantly clear throughout the process, however, that they did not want to join another league or conference for all other CIF sports.

From the beginning, the 2024-2026 Orange County Area Placement process appeared to be explicitly motivated by factors outside the three criteria that are required under Bylaw 23 and Introduction of the Bylaws aimed at preventing intentional or unintentional discrimination against any member schools. During the February 8 and April 24, 2023 re-leaguings meetings, an athletic director from another member school openly and blatantly campaigned for the Freeway League's elimination and subsequent placement of LHHS in another league despite no request by LHHS for relief or alternative placement. For example, the athletic director bitterly stated, "The Freeway League has been together 42 years. It's time for you guys to play ball and join the rest of us." This athletic director demonstrated other illegitimate reasons in support of the 2024-2026 placement by saying, "[His conference's] goal is to expand. We have 9 teams and would like to get to 15." Furthermore, his and others' supported proposals discriminated against private schools. This was made clear in statements by him and others during the multiple meetings that stated, "We do not want schools without or borders."

This same athletic director also repeatedly advocated to disband the Freeway League schools under the pretense that Buena Park High School needed relief with statements such as,



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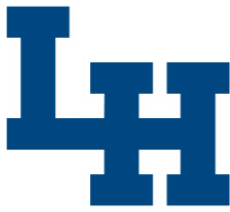
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“If I were student or family at Buena Park [High School], I would sue the District for not providing relief.” Buena Park High School, however, never requested relief and competes well within the Freeway League from year to year. His conference representatives and others, who supported the ultimate re-leaguings proposal, demonstrated their complete disregard for the three criteria required in Bylaw 23 throughout the series of re-leaguings committees that took place from February to May 2023. Their open discrimination against private schools was a determining factor in the ultimate passage of a proposal that placed LHHS in a different league specifically to create a larger conference that would benefit those schools already in that conference.

On April 24, 2023, the Athletic Directors approved three Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals for non-football sports that were posted in advance of the May 15, 2023 releaguings meeting. In violation of Bylaw 22.0, not all of these proposals were submitted on the “Orange County Area Releaguings Proposal Form” (Attachment B is the only form available on the OCAP website). At least three different forms were used for these proposals.

At the May 15, 2023 meeting for Principals, member schools voted on the final 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal based on incomplete information in violation of Bylaw 40. Per Bylaw 39, the purpose of the May 15, 2023 meeting is for Principals (“Orange County Area Representatives”) to “review recommended Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals (from April 24, 2023) and provide time for member school Principals seeking relief, new member school Principals, and each league/conference an opportunity to present one (1) new Relief Releaguings Proposal.” At the beginning of this meeting, as required by Bylaw 40, the Principals of schools requesting relief were to receive five minutes to present school information regarding their reasons for requesting relief as well as 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal. This mandated procedure was entirely neglected as the May 15 meeting agenda (Attachment C) and meeting minutes (Attachment D) exhibit.

Instead of following this procedure in the Bylaws and giving schools requesting relief five minutes to present, the meeting began with a clear focus on solving the Football-Only Conferencing question first. The non-football proposals and counterproposals were addressed only after the Football-Only issue was resolved, and member schools requesting relief were denied time to present. Without this key information, Principals decided on proposals not knowing which schools were requesting relief nor how the proposals would provide relief. As far as LHHS knew, the creation of the football-only conference may have solved these relief questions but there was no way to know.



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At the May 15, 2023 meeting, Principals were presented with three additional non-football counterproposals that had been compiled during private, informal meetings leading up to May 15. As stated above, none of the original non-football proposals nor counterproposals indicated which schools were requesting relief nor how that relief was being satisfied. The discussions following each proposal at the May 15 meeting clearly demonstrated that certain existing leagues and conferences supported proposals based on the creation or expansion of conferences to benefit their members, without concern for other impacted schools. However, expanding a conference is not one of the criteria for re-leaguings as required by Bylaw 23.0. The resulting proposed conferences also failed to affect the least number of schools as reasonably possible as required in Bylaws 24.0 and 40.0.

Several member schools also directly expressed during the May 15 meeting that they would not support proposals that added private schools, or “schools without borders” as they referred to them, to their league or conference. This clear discrimination of private schools not only violated the Bylaws, but also severely limited the process of finding the best possible relief proposals that would impact the least schools. The only way to increase conference sizes without adding private schools and while addressing schools that requested relief was to break up a league whose member schools did not request relief.

For example, one of the new counterproposals, non-Football Proposal 4 (Attachment E) that would ultimately become the final 2024-2026 Placement, affected 100% of member schools across Orange County. This violates Bylaws 24.0 and 40.0, which expressly state that “Releaguings Proposals should affect the least amount of member schools as reasonably possible.” When leagues/conferences affected by any of the proposals could submit new counterproposals, the Freeway League representatives, including LHHS, created and presented an alternate proposal, non-Football Proposal 7 (Attachment F), in an attempt to affect the least schools reasonably possible while also working to satisfy the desire of certain conferences to expand or be created. The Freeway League’s counterproposal not only addressed all schools that requested relief but also affected a smaller number of member schools, which is mandated by Bylaws 24.0 and 40.0. The counterproposal also expanded the conferences that wanted expansion and created conferences for member schools who wanted it. Again, some member schools and leagues spoke out against the Freeway League counterproposal giving the explicit, discriminatory reasoning that they did not want “schools without borders” (i.e. private schools) in their league or conference.

Over the objections of LHHS and other Orange County schools, the non-Football Proposal 4 (Attachments G and H) passed though it was the result of meetings that failed to



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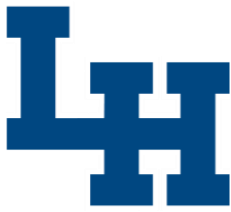
comply with the required procedures set forth in multiple Bylaws indicated above. Additionally, during the voting process, member schools expressed that they were unable to support the non-Football Proposal 7 because they were pressured not to upset schools within their respective school districts. However, Bylaw 23.0 mandates that schools consider only three criteria, none of which include a fear of upsetting other schools within their district.

The 2024-2026 OCAP is the unfortunate outcome of a loose process driven by a few outspoken participants rather than the Bylaws' stated intention of preventing "inconsistent and unequal application of protocol, procedures, and guidelines that would intentionally or unintentionally discriminate against one or more than one member school" while also providing reasonable and equal application of the accepted criteria—competitive equity (strength of program), geography (travel time), and enrollment (school population). Creating conferences and keeping "schools without borders" out of one's respective conference were prioritized over focusing on the school that requested relief, making sure proposals affected the least number of schools, and considering of the three accepted criteria.

### **III. SECONDARY CONSIDERATIONS**

Though LHHS never requested relief, LHHS will be adversely impacted by the significant resources it must divert to accommodate the releguing resulting from the 2024-2026 OCAP process to ensure its students can safely participate. For 42 years, LHHS students traveled within a five-mile radius to attend games at schools within their own school district (Fullerton Joint Union High School District or "FJUHSD"). As a result of short travel times and ease of coordination among FJUHSD schools, LHHS could start their games after class hours (8:30 AM – 3:30 PM) and share their resources to participate in CIF-SS. Now in a new placement, LHHS student athletes and teachers who coach will potentially have to miss up to three classes during away games. LHHS will have to purchase increased transportation, purchase athletic equipment, and build out their athletic facilities at an incredible expense to maintain competitive equity.

Applying the Bylaw's process for developing Orange County area schools releguing requires the reasonable and equal application of three accepted criteria. LHHS finds that the 2024-2026 placement decreases its competitive equity, increases travel time, and affects enrollment. Therefore, LHHS must implement costly changes having been relegated without having requested relief for a placement that improves its own competitive equity, geography, or enrollment.



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### **1. Competitive Equity Impacts**

There are many examples of competitive equity throughout the 23 non-football sports in the Freeway League as 87% (20 of 23) of our athletic programs (Baseball, Boys/Girls Basketball, Boys/Girls Soccer, Softball, Boys/Girls Swimming & Diving, Girls Volleyball, Boys/Girls Water Polo, Boys/Girls Wrestling, Boys/Girls Golf, Boys/Girls Cross Country, and Boys/Girls Track & Field, Cheer) demonstrated competitive equity in their current league placement as they have qualified or had individuals qualify for the CIF playoffs in the last three years.

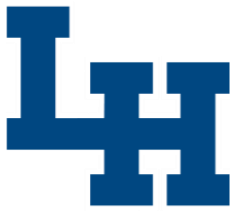
Competitive equity also goes beyond athletic success and needs to be considered with respect to athletic facilities and athletics costs as well. Though LHHS does have a District stadium, it does not have an all-weather track nor is it equipped with the field lights necessary for safely hosting non-football/soccer games. Competing intra-district allowed LHHS to use facilities at other schools within the Freeway League when necessary. Under the 2024-2026 Placement, however, the only two Freeway League schools equipped with field lights and all-weather tracks, Buena Park High School and Fullerton High School, are no longer placed in a league with LHHS. Whereas before, LHHS would have used the field lights and all-weather tracks at Buena Park High School or Fullerton High School, now LHHS must purchase and install field lights and all-weather tracks in time for the 2024-2025 year. Otherwise, the events will either take place in the dark or be moved to earlier in the day, which will remove student athletes and coaches from additional classroom time for home games.

### **2. Geography/Distance Impacts**

With the proposed releguing placement, LHHS will now be required to travel longer distances (round trip) to athletic contests causing unnecessary attendance issues for both student athletes and coaching staff members.

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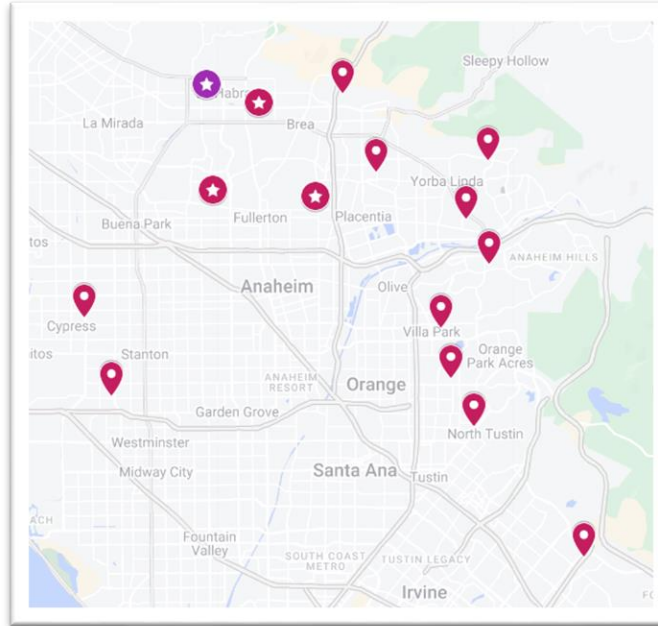
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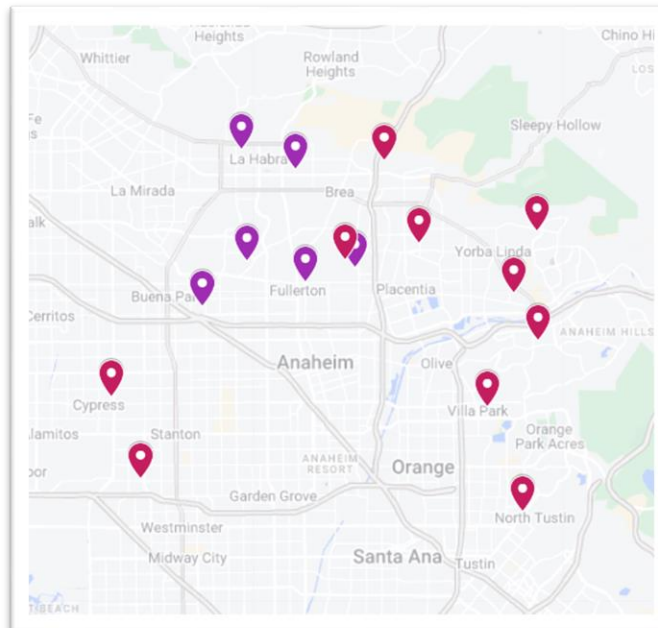
Map 1. Contested 2024-2025 Century Conference.



Red: Century  
Conference

Purple: Freeway  
League

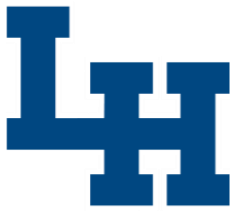
Map 2. Freeway League's Alternate Plan, 2024-2025 Conferences.



Purple: LHHS

Star icon: Former  
Freeway League





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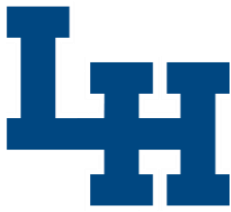
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Century Conference School	Roundtrip to LHHS (mi)
Crean Lutheran	56 mi
Esperanza	24 mi
Yorba Linda	22 mi
Pacifica	26 mi
Brea Olinda	12 mi
El Dorado	18 mi
El Modena	38 mi
Villa Park	32 mi
Canyon	32 mi
Foothill	42 mi
Cypress	22 mi

LHHS student athletes and teachers will have less time in the classroom because of earlier game times and because they will have to travel longer distances for the games. With this change that the 2024-2026 Placement imposes on LHHS, LHHS student athletes and teachers will have to miss up to two classes and even lunch, depending on what time the game begins. As of now, student athletes already use their lunch period to ask teachers for assignments and make up quizzes and exams. LHHS students are not on a block schedule, meaning they do not have a free period in the day, that can be used for those purposes instead. Both athlete students and non-athlete students will be affected alike by their teachers' frequent and prolonged absence from class.

The 2024-2026 Placement will place stress on LHHS from a transportation perspective as well since it may require LHHS to rely on and pay for charter buses to travel to their games. Currently, LHHS needs athletics transportation from 1pm-10pm and is part of a high school-only district that does not provide bussing except for special education students. FJUHS does not own or control a fleet of buses that are available for use after school hours as a unified school districts with large bus fleets. To date, FJUHS made do with fewer buses because it will "double up" transportation among the Freeway League's various schools and teams. For example, after an FJUHS bus drops off Sonora High School's baseball team at LHHS, the same bus will pick up and transport LHHS's baseball team to their game. Traveling short distances between schools has also contributed to making LHHS's participation in the Freeway League possible despite FJUHS's shortage on buses. If LHHS competes in a new league, using available FJUHS transportation will be completely untenable, and there will be no way to participate in CIF without paying for charter buses throughout the year for all teams.



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There are a certain number of campus staff that must be present for every sport, and LHHS must also hire substitute teachers for up to two class periods for each coach who teaches class. The earlier game start times and the additional travel time to Century Conference schools that are up to 32 miles away, as opposed to Freeway League schools that are a maximum of 5 miles away, will take coaches away from the classrooms they teach.

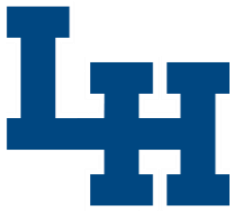
### 3. Enrollment Impacts

A league/conference's competitive equity increases with greater similarity among the schools' size and resources. Larger schools have greater talent pools than smaller schools, and school districts in higher-income areas are more advantaged. The new placement will place LHHS in a league that has greater disparities in enrollment size. In the Freeway League, the difference between schools with the most and least students enrolled was 865. In the 2024-2026 placement, however, the range in school enrollment between schools with the most and least students enrolled is 1,861. Even after taking the outlier school, Crean Lutheran, out of the calculation, the difference is still large at 1,384.

Table 1. Century Conference and Golden Empire Conference Student Enrollment

High School	Proposed 2024-26 Placement	2022-2023 Enrollment
Crean Lutheran	Century	959
Esperanza	Century	1436
Yorba Linda	Century	1568
Pacifica	Century	1648
Brea Olinda	Century	1681
Sonora	Century	1730
Buena Park	Golden Empire	1804
Fullerton	Golden Empire	1880
El Dorado	Century	2034
El Modena	Century	2040
La Habra	Century	2054
Villa Park	Century	2110
Canyon	Century	2131
Foothill	Century	2276
Sunny Hills	Century	2429
Troy	Century	2594
Cypress	Century	2820

California Department of Education, Annual Enrollment Data, SY 2022-2023, available at:



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Demographic differences between schools must also be considered when taking enrollment into account as overall numbers of students is not a completely accurate indicator of helping to provide competitive equity.

#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

La Habra High School thanks you for your consideration of its appeal. We would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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Principal, La Habra High School

#### Attachments:

- Attachment A – Orange County Area Placement Bylaws
- Attachment B – Orange County Area Releaguings Proposal Form from [OCAP Website](#)
- Attachment C – May 15, 2023 Meeting Agenda
- Attachment D – May 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- Attachment E – Non Football Proposal 4 from May 15, 2023
- Attachment F – Freeway League Counterproposal from May 15, 2023 (Non Football Proposal 7)
- Attachment G – May 15, 2023 Voting Results to Determine Final Proposal
- Attachment H – May 15, 2023 Final Voting Result on Non Football Proposal #4

## Attachment A

### Process:

#### Orange County Area Schools Releaguings Bylaws 2024-2026

The process for developing Orange County Area Schools Releaguings shall:

1. Provide reasonable and equal application of **accepted criteria**:
  - • **Competitive Equity (strength of program)**
  - • **Geography (travel time)**
  - • **Enrollment (student population)**
2. Maintain Brown Act Compliance (“intended to provide public access to meetings”)
3. Follow CIF Southern Section Blue Book rules and policies

Orange County Area Placement is a two-year releaguings cycle for all sports. (Approved March 13, 2017).

**Releaguings Proposals:** All Releaguings Proposals must provide evidence of the above-accepted criteria.

Releaguings Proposals protocols and procedures will not discriminate against one or more member schools. Releaguings Proposal protocols, procedure and guidelines must be inclusive and applied with consistency and equality (same opportunity when policy is applied). We must prevent the inconsistent and unequal application of Releaguings Proposal protocols, procedures and guidelines that would intentionally or unintentionally discriminate against one or more than one member school while creating single sport alignment, leagues or conferences.

Releaguings Proposals must include all member schools.

**Blue Book Sections:** CIFSS Section Bylaw 32 (pages 37-40) - Area Placement and Releaguings Process/Appeals  
CIFSS Section Bylaw 507 (page 109)- Section Alignment of Leagues

### Bylaws:

#### Chairperson, Parliamentarian, Secretary and Dues

- 1.0 Mr. Michael P. Brennan will preside as Chairperson with the assistance of Dr. John Dahlem (Parliamentarian) and Mr. Joel Hartmann (Secretary).
- 2.0 Releaguings Dues will be \$50.00 per school. Dues may be used to pay for expenses such as snacks, water, location and parking. Checks should be made out to **“Trinity League” and mailed to Mater Dei High School c/o Mr. Joel Hartmann 1202 West Edinger Ave. Santa Ana, California 92707**. If expenses are greater than revenue, a simple majority vote will increase Releaguings Dues. Dues is to be paid on or before April 3, 2023, for this Releaguings Cycle.

#### Membership and Voting Privileges

- 3.0 Orange County Area Representative Principals are committee members and thus have voting privileges.
- 4.0 Voting is restricted to schools that are members of the organization and in operation with students. This includes new member schools recently approved by the CIF SS for Orange County Placement.
- 5.0 Schools (not yet opened but have plans to open/no students) assigned through area placement may participate in Releaguings (voting privileges) provided a simple majority of voting members approve.
- 6.0 If a Principal cannot attend a meeting, he or she must send an Administrative Designee from the same school. The Administrative Designee from the same school will have voting privileges based on written authorization. Therefore, schools must be present to exercise voting privileges (**no proxy votes**).
- 7.0 If a Principal is unable to attend, the principal must provide written authorization for the Administrative Designee (from the same school) to have voting privileges. For voting privileges to occur, written authorization

must be received in advance of the scheduled meeting start time. If written authorization arrives after the scheduled meeting

begins, the Administrative Designee will forfeit voting privileges for that meeting only, unless a simple majority of voting members vote to reinstate voting privileges. Written authorization must be on school letter head, include the Principal's signature and Administrative Designees name and position. Written authorization must be emailed to the Releaguings Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org).

8.0 At the April 24<sup>th</sup> Athletic Directors meeting, only Athletic Directors will have voting privileges to determine three (3) Athletic Director proposals. Schools must be present to exercise voting privileges (no proxy voting). If an Athletic Director cannot attend he/she must send an Athletic Director Designee (from the same school) to have voting privileges. For voting privileges to occur, written authorization must be received in advance of the scheduled meeting start time. If written authorization arrives after the scheduled meeting begins, the Athletic Director Designee will forfeit voting privileges for that meeting only, unless a simple majority of voting members vote to reinstate voting privileges. Written authorization must be on school letterhead, include the Athletic Director signature, Athletic Director Designees name and position. Written authorization must be emailed to the Releaguings Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org). After this meeting, all voting privileges will return to Principals. This is the only meeting that Athletic Directors have voting privileges.

### **Media, Brown Act, Roberts Rules of Order, Agendas, Videotape and Minutes/Notes**

9.0 Meetings are open to the media. Each media representative must introduce him or herself to the Chairperson, Parliamentarian or Secretary.

10.0 Meetings are subject to the Brown Act and will follow an agenda.

11.0 Meetings will be conducted and based upon Robert's Rules of Order.

12.0 Meeting agendas will be provided five (5) working days before each scheduled meeting.

13.0 Meeting minutes or notes will be distributed to all Principals within seventy-two (72) hours. 14.0 Agendas must be posted at each school site seventy-two (72) hours before scheduled meetings.

### **Quorum, Voting and Passage of Motion**

15.0 A simple majority of Orange County Area Representatives will constitute a quorum for all meetings. Alphabetical Roll Call by member school will be obtained verbally.

16.0 Alphabetical Roll Call (by member school) voting will be verbally stated by each member school. Each member school verbally states their vote so that all member schools have the opportunity to hear the official vote of other member schools. Schools must be present to exercise voting privileges (**no proxy voting**). Minutes or notes will reflect the yeas, nays and abstentions for each vote taken. A record of each Roll Call vote will be attached to the minutes and sent to the CIF SS office. Secret ballots are prohibited. The Chairperson will request that an administrative designee from each member school verbally state their official vote or votes.

17.0 The Releaguings Secretary and the Parliamentarian will tabulate Roll Call voting separately. It is recommended that each member school tabulate Roll Call voting (auditing).

18.0 Voting shall be conducted by a 1) Motion 2) Second 3) Discussion 4) Call for Vote 5) Vote.

19.0 Passage of any motion (not the Final (1) Proposal) to approve requires a majority of those present (50% plus 1 of casted votes) to vote yea. In the case of a tie, the motion will not be approved. Abstentions are considered a casted and official vote.

20.0 Passage of a motion to vote upon the Final (1) Releaguings Proposal requires a majority vote of those member school administrative designees present. Once the motion to vote upon the Final (1) Releaguings Proposal is approved, a motion will be made to approve the Final (1) Releaguings Proposal. The Final (1) Releaguings Proposal must obtain a sixty percent (60%) majority yea vote of those member school administrative designees present. Abstentions are considered a casted vote.

## **School Profile, Area Placement Questionnaire and Releaguings Proposal**

21.0 Schools will digitally send (email) a completed official School Profile Form and their Area Questionnaire to the Releaguings Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org). This must occur on or before 11:59 p.m. April 3, 2023. The Releaguings Secretary will post the official School Profile Form and Area Placement Questionnaire on the Orange County Area Placement website under resources. Schools must utilize the official School Profile Form and Area Placement Questionnaire provided by the Releaguings Secretary. Schools requesting Orange County Area Placement or Relief must submit a New League Proposal to Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org) by April 14, 2023, 11:59 p.m. 22.0 Releaguings Proposals must be written on the Orange County Area Releaguings Proposal Form. This form is located on the Orange County Area Placement Website. If a proposal is created at either the Athletic Directors or Principals meetings, the Releaguings Proposal Form must be completely filled out. Upon request, Releaguings Proposal Form(s) will be sent to the Releaguings Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org). The Releaguings Secretary will post Releaguings Proposal Forms (Orange County Placement Website) for all member schools to view. 23.0 Releaguings Proposals must provide reasonable and equal application of **accepted criteria and must include all member schools:**

- **Competitive Equity (strength of program)**
- **Geography (travel time)**
- **Enrollment (school population)**

**See “Process and Releaguings Proposals” page 1 of this document. Athletic Directors Releaguings Proposal Meeting**

24.0 Athletic Directors will meet on April 24, 2023 (beginning at 9:00a.m.) Diocese of Orange. At this meeting, Athletic Directors/New Member School Athletic Directors are Orange County Area Representative voting members. The purpose of this meeting is for Athletic Directors to collegially create a maximum of three (3) Releaguings Proposals. The three (3) Releaguings Proposals are based (only) on those schools requesting relief or new member schools requesting a league. \*Any reference in this document to the word “league” refers to a duly constituted league or conference formed in the last Releaguings cycle. All conferences are permitted one vote regardless of how many leagues are within said conference. The meeting will begin with (only) member schools Athletic Directors requesting relief and new member schools Athletic Directors having five (5) minutes to present their school information and Releaguings Proposals. Only one representative per school is permitted to speak. Athletic Directors seeking relief will present first, followed by new member school Athletic Directors. Each school may include a maximum of two (2) new 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposals. Releaguings Proposals should affect the least amount of member schools as reasonably possible. Releaguings Proposals must include all member schools. All member schools have voting privileges. Releaguings Proposals must be sent to the Releaguings Secretary, Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org) on or before April 14, 2023, 11:59p.m. The Releaguings Secretary will post Releaguings Proposals on the Orange County Area Placement Website by 12:00p.m. on April 16, 2023.

25.0 If a school seeking relief or a new member school creates a proposal for Football Only, all member schools must be included within a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s). All CIF criteria will be followed. All member schools will be treated consistently and with equality (same opportunity when policy is applied). All member schools are permitted to vote for or against a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) per CIF SS. The process, beginning with 24.0, will be used to determine if a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) is/are approved or not approved by member schools. It must be noted that a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) will be voted upon and approved/not approved before all other Sports Releaguings Proposals can be discussed. Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) will be kept separate from all other Sports Releaguings Proposals. At the end of the Releaguings Process, two separate Releaguings Proposals must obtain 60 percent (60%) member school approval to be sent to CIF SS as our Final Releaguings Proposals (Football Only and all other Sports). Again, if there is a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s), we will follow the process for both Football Only and other Sports Releaguings Proposals.

26.0 All Leagues/Conferences/Member Schools will have ten (10) minutes to reflect and discuss Releaguings Proposals. Upon request, the Releaguings Chairperson may grant more time (5-minute periods).

27.0 League/Conference Presidents or a League/Conference Designee (must be an Athletic Director) from impacted

leagues/conferences have three (3) minutes to speak for or against presented Releaguings Proposals. One representative

per league/conference may present. At the conclusion of League/Conference Presidents or League/Conference Designees speaking, one representative from schools requesting relief and new member schools will have (3) minutes to speak for or against.

28.0 If member schools requesting relief and new member schools are accepted into league/conference of their choice, a Releaguings Proposal will be created and then voted upon. Passage of a motion to approve will require a simple majority of those member schools or Athletic Directors present. In this case, only one (1) Releaguings Proposal would be created and recommended to principals. Final one (1) Athletic Director proposal will immediately be placed on the Orange County Releaguings Website.

29.0 If one (1) or more than one (1) member school requesting relief or new member school(s) is/are not accepted into the league/conference of their choice, the Chairperson will call for a twenty (20) minute caucus. The purpose is to allow Athletic Directors (from the same league/conference) the opportunity to communicate and develop Releaguings Counterproposals. Releaguings Counterproposals must be aligned to the accepted criteria and must include schools that requested relief or are new members.

30.0 Each league/conference will have the opportunity to create one (1) Releaguings Counterproposal. Upon request, the Releaguings Chairperson may grant more time (5-minute periods). Releaguings Counterproposals must include the league/conference name and league/conference vote in support of the league Releaguings Counterproposal. If a league/conference does not approve a Releaguings Proposal by a simple majority, the Releaguings Counterproposal will not be included and considered obsolete.

31.0 Upon request, Releaguings Counterproposals must be emailed to the Releaguings League Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org). Releaguings Counterproposals will then be posted on the Orange County Releaguings Website.

32.0 League/Conference Presidents or Athletic Directors from leagues/conferences that created a Releaguings Counterproposal will have three (3) minutes to speak. There will be only one representative per league/conference presenting. Releaguings counterproposals must include member schools requesting relief and new member schools requesting a league.

33.0 New member school Principals, League/Conference Presidents, or a League/Conference Designee (must be an Athletic Director) from impacted leagues, an Athletic Director from schools requesting relief and new member schools Athletic Directors will have three (3) minutes to speak for or against Releaguings Counterproposals. There will only be one representative per impacted league/conference, member schools requesting relief and new member schools speaking. 34.0 Releaguings Counterproposals will have a numbered representation. The Releaguings Secretary will number each Releaguings Proposal beginning with one (1).

35.0 Chairperson will call for a vote. Alphabetical Roll Call voting will begin. Each member school will verbally communicate their official vote by stating the school they represent, the numbered Releaguings proposal(s) they are supporting and the amount of votes per Releaguings proposal. Each member school will have the opportunity to vote for one half (50% rounding down) of total Releaguings Proposals. Therefore, if there were eight (8) Releaguings Proposals, each member school would have four (4) votes. If there were nine (9) Releaguings Proposals, each member school would have four (4) votes. A member school may use all votes in support of one (1) Releaguings Proposal. The top three (3) Releaguings Proposals will be announced. In the case of a tie, there may be more than three (3) Releaguings Proposals recommended to member school Principals. Both the Releaguings Secretary and the Parliamentarian will tabulate votes. All Athletic Directors are encouraged to tabulate votes (audit).

36.0 Chairperson will call for a vote. Roll call and verbal voting will begin and each member school including new member schools will verbally vote to approve the top three (3) Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals. There is no proxy voting.

37.0 Passage of a motion to approve the top three (3) Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals will require a simple

majority of those member schools or Athletic Directors present. Each member school will have one (1) vote to approve the motion.

38.0 Final three (3) Athletic Director proposals will immediately be placed on the Orange County Releaguings Website. Releaguings Proposals will be recommended to member school Principals.

### **Principals Releaguings Proposal and Final Recommended CIF Orange County Releaguings Placement**

39.0 The second and potential final meeting will be May 15, 2023 (9:00 a.m.) Location TBA. At this meeting, Principals are considered Orange County Area Representatives. The purpose of this meeting is to review recommended Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals (from April 24, 2023) and provide time for member school Principals seeking relief, new member school Principals, and each league/conference an opportunity to present one (1) new Relief Releaguings Proposal. Principals seeking relief, new member school Principals (only those schools that requested relief or new member schools requesting a league/conference at the April 24, 2023 Athletic Director meeting) and leagues/conferences must send their one (1) new 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal to the Releaguings Secretary, Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org) on or before May 5, 2023 11:59p.m. The Releaguings Secretary will post all new Releaguings Proposals on the Orange County Area Placement Website by 12:00p.m. May 7, 2023.

40.0 The meeting will begin with member school Principals requesting relief and new member school Principals having five (5) minutes to present. In their presentation, they may include school information and one (1) new 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal. Relief and new member schools Releaguings Proposals must affect the least amount of member schools as reasonably possible. Releaguings proposals must include all member schools. Releaguings Proposals must follow accepted criteria. All member schools have voting privileges.

41.0 If a school seeking relief or a new member school creates a proposal for Football Only, all member schools must be included within a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s). All CIF criteria will be followed. All member schools will be treated consistently and with equality (same opportunity when policy is applied). All member schools are permitted to vote for or against a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) per CIF SS. The process, beginning with 40.0, will be used to determine if a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) is/are approved or not approved by member schools. It must be noted that a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) will be voted upon and approved/not approved before all other Sports Releaguings Proposals can be discussed. Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) will be kept separate from all other Sports Releaguings Proposals. At the end of the Releaguings Process, two separate Releaguings Proposals must obtain 60 percent (60%) member school approval to be sent to CIF SS as our Final Releaguings Proposals (Football Only and all other Sports). Again, if there is a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s), we will follow the process for both Football Only and other Sports Releaguings Proposals.

42.0 All leagues/conferences will have ten (10) minutes to discuss Releaguings Proposals. Upon request, the Releaguings Chairperson may grant more time (5-minute periods).

43.0 League/Conference Presidents or a League/Conference Designee from impacted leagues/conferences have three (3) minutes to speak for or against presented Releaguings Proposals. One representative per league/conference may present. At the conclusion of League/Conference Presidents or League/Conference Designees speaking, one representative from schools requesting reliefs and new member schools will have (3) minutes to speak for or against.

44.0 Individual League/Conference 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposals will be presented. Each League/Conference President or League/Conference Designee will have (5 minutes) to present their 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal. Releaguings Proposals must be aligned to accepted criteria and must include schools seeking relief and new member schools requesting a league/conference.

45.0 All leagues/conferences will have ten (10) minutes to discuss Individual League Releaguings Proposals. Upon request, the Releaguings Chairperson may grant more time (5-minute periods).

46.0 League/Conference Presidents or a League/Conference Designee from impacted leagues/conferences have three (3) minutes to speak for or against presented Releaguings Proposals. One representative per league/conference may present. At the conclusion of League/Conference Presidents or League/Conference Designees speaking, one representative from schools requesting reliefs and new member schools will have (3) minutes to speak for or against.

47.0 Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals (April 24, 2023) will be reviewed by the Releaguings Secretary.

48.0 Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals will be numbered as one (1), two (2) and three (3).

49.0 Relief Releaguings Proposals and new member Proposals will begin with the number four (4), unless there were more than three (3) Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals. The new League proposals will begin with the number that immediately follows Relief and new member proposals. Releaguings Secretary Joel Hartmann will number new



Proposals under the observation of the parliamentarian (Dr. John Dahlem).

50.0 Chairperson will call for a vote. Alphabetical Roll Call voting will begin. Each member school Principal will verbally state their official vote by stating the school they represent, the numbered Releaguings proposal(s) they are supporting and the number of votes per Releaguings proposal (no proxy voting). Each member school will have the

opportunity to vote for one half (50% rounding down) of total Releaguings Proposals. For example, if there were six (6) total first round proposals, each school would have three (3) votes. If there were five (5) total first round proposals, each school would have two (2) votes. A member school may use all votes in support of one (1) Releaguings Proposal or may divide their votes and vote for more than one proposal. At the end of the first round, the top three (3) proposals will move forward to round two (2). Round two (2) will move from three (3) to two (2) Releaguings Proposals. During round two and following rounds, each school will have one (1) vote. Round three (3) will move from two (2) Releaguings Proposals to the Final (1) CIF Releaguings Proposal. The Releaguings Secretary and the Parliamentarian will tabulate votes. All member schools are encouraged to tabulate votes (audit).

51.0

Passage of a motion and voting to approve the top three (3) Releaguings Proposals (round 1), final two (2) Releaguings Proposals (round 2) and the final CIF Releaguings Proposal (round 3) will be as follows. If we begin this process with less than four (4) Releaguings Proposals, we will move directly to the final (2) or possibly the final (1) depending on the number of Releaguings Proposals submitted:

The top three (3) Releaguings Proposals will be those proposals that receive the highest amount of votes. Therefore, the highest amount is number one (1); the second highest amount is number two (2), and the third highest amount is number three (3).

The final two (2) Releaguings Proposals will be those proposals which receive the highest amount of votes. Therefore, the highest amount is number (1) and the second highest amount is number two (2).

The final (1) 2022-2024 Releaguings Proposal will be the proposal that receives the highest amount of votes from the final two (2). Therefore, the highest amount (out of the final two) will be the Final (1) 2022-2023 Releaguings Proposal.

Passage of a motion to vote on the Final (1) CIF Proposal will be approved by a majority vote. Once approved, a motion will be made to approve the Final (1) 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal. The final proposal must be approved with a sixty percent (60%) majority vote. If the Final one (1) Releaguings Proposal receives a sixty percent (60%) majority vote, voting ceases and that proposal will represent the area as its selection and will be immediately forwarded to the CIF Southern Section office.

52.0

Releaguings Proposals will be included in the top three (3) or final two (2). For example, if there are two (2) Releaguings Proposals tied for first when determining the top three (3), the top three (3) Releaguings Proposals will include the two (2) tied for first plus the second place Releaguings Proposal only.

53.0 If the Final Releaguings Proposal does not receive a sixty percent (60%) majority vote, there will be a League representative caucus for twenty (20) minutes. Per request, the Releaguings Chairperson may approve more time (5 minute-periods). League Representatives will meet and prepare a compromise to the Final (1) CIF Proposal. The compromise will create a new counterproposal. This new counterproposal must follow the accepted criteria and must include schools requesting relief and new member schools requesting a league/conference. Passage of a motion to vote on the Final (1) Releaguings Proposal (League Representative Counterproposal) will be approved by a majority vote of League Representatives. Once League Representatives approve, a motion will be made to approve the Final (1) 2024- 2026 Releaguings Proposal. The Final (1) proposal must be approved with a sixty percent (60%) member schools vote. If the Final One Releaguings Proposal receives a sixty percent (60%) majority member school vote, voting ceases and

that proposal will represent the area as its selection and will be immediately forwarded to the CIF Southern Section office.

54.0 All appeals must be in accordance with the CIF Blue Book Page 40 "Releaguings Appeal Procedures."

## Attachment B

### 2022-2024 OC League Alignment

Century Conference		Coastview Conference		Empire League	
Brea Olinda		Aliso Niguel		Crean Lutheran	
Canyon		Capistrano Valley		Cypress	
El Dorado		Dana Hills	No Football	Kennedy	
El Modena		El Toro		Pacifica, GG	
Esperanza		Mission Viejo		Tustin	
Foothill		San Clemente		Valencia, Placentia	
Villa Park		San Juan Hills			
Yorba Linda		Tesoro			
		Trabuco Hills			

Freeway League		Garden Grove League		Golden West Conference	
Buena Park		Bolsa Grande		Garden Grove	
Fullerton		La Quinta		Godinez	
La Habra		Loara		Katella	
Sonora		Los Amigos		Ocean View	
Sunny Hills		Rancho Alamitos		Segerstrom	
Troy		Santiago, GG		Westminster	
				Laguna Beach	FB Only
				Marina	FB Only

Orange League		Orange Coast League		Pacific Coast Conference	
Anaheim		Calvary Chapel		Beckman	
Century		Costa Mesa		Irvine	
Magnolia		Estancia		Northwood	
Santa Ana Valley		Orange		Portola	
Savanna		Saddleback		University	
Western		Santa Ana		Woodbridge	
		St. Margaret's		Laguna Hills	
				Sage Hill	No Football
				Dana Hills	FB Only

Sunset Conference		Trinity League		New League	
Corona del Mar		JSerra			
Edison		Mater Dei			
Fountain Valley		Orange Lutheran			
Huntington Beach		Rosary Academy			
Los Alamitos		Santa Margarita			
Newport Harbor		Servite			
Laguna Beach	No Football	St. John Bosco			
Marina	No Football				

## Attachment C

CIF Southern Section  
Orange County Area Placement Meeting 2024 - 2026 Releaguings Cycle Agenda  
May 15, 2023  
9:30 a.m.  
Diocese of Orange  
13280 Chapman Avenue Garden Grove, California 92840

- 1.0
- 2.0 Flag Salute
- 3.0 Moment of Reflection "It is never wrong to do the right thing." Mark Twain
- 4.0 Purpose of the Meeting
- 5.0 Introduction of Guests/Media
- 6.0 Public Hearing Session-Members of the Public
- 7.0 Roll Call (simple majority will constitute a quorum)
- 8.0 Approval of Minutes April 23, 2023 (Athletic Directors Meeting)
- 9.0 Review 2024-2026 Bylaws and Protocol for Principals Meeting.
- 10.0 Review CIFSS Blue Book Page 39 Bylaw 32 B 4 A (Conference vs. Leagues)
- 11.0 Member Schools Relief Proposals
  - a. Football Only Conference (FOC) Athletic Directors Relief Proposal presentations (Top three), discussion, and vote.
  - b. If a simple majority approves FOC top three Athletic Director Relief Proposals, FOC new relief proposals and counterproposals will be presented and discussed.
  - c. FOC Relief Proposal will be numbered and then a vote to choose the number one FOC proposal.
  - d. If FOC is approved, and the number one FOC proposal has been chosen, All Other Sports Relief Athletic Director Proposals (top three) will be presented and discussed. (Does not include Football)
  - e. All Other Sports new relief proposals and counterproposals (does not include Football) will be presented and discussed.  
Date: Time: Location:  
Welcome/Call to Order. All Other Sports will be numbered and then a vote to choose the number one All Other Sports Proposal. (Does not include Football)
  - g. Two Votes-FOC (60% approval) and All Other Sports (60% approval).
  - h. If FOC is opposed, All Other Sports (including Football) Relief Proposal presentations and discussion, numbering, and voting.
- 12.0 Reminders and Information
- 13.0 Motion/Approval to Adjourn if necessary TBA.  
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Next Meeting: Only Principals/AD's  
Diocese of Orange  
13280 Chapman Avenue Garden Grove, California

## Attachment D

Date: Time: Location:  
CIF Southern Section  
Orange County Area Placement Meeting 2024 - 2026 Releaguings Cycle Minutes  
May 15, 2023  
9:00 a.m.  
Diocese of Orange  
13280 Chapman Avenue Garden Grove, California 92840

### 1.0 Welcome/Call to Order

- Michael Brennan (Chairperson) called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.
- Michael Brennan introduced Joel Hartman (secretary) and Sharon Hodge (CIF SS). He stated that Dr. John Dahlem was not feeling well and would not be present.

### 2.0 Flag Salute

- Michael Brennan led the Pledge of Allegiance

### 3.0 Moment of Reflection

- "It is never wrong to do the right thing." Mark Twain
- Michael Brennan asked member schools to reflect on the quote (1 minute).

### 4.0 Purpose of the Meeting

- Michael Brennan stated, "the purpose of the meeting was to review the three Football Only Conference (FOC) proposals and the three All-Sports Proposals recommended by Athletic Directors, as well as listen to potential counter proposals. All proposals will be heard. We will then discuss and vote to reduce the options for FOC and All Other Sports to one proposal each. These proposals will be forwarded to the CIFSS." Michael Brennan thanked athletic directors and principals for attending today's meeting and ensured that all member schools would have an opportunity to be represented in the releaguings process.

### 5.0 Introduction of Guests/Media

- Joel Hartmann announced that Jim Perry was present to represent CIF SS. Michael Brennan welcomed Mr. Perry to the meeting.

### 6.0 Public Hearing Session-Members of the Public

- There were no members of the public present.

### 7.0 Roll Call (simple majority will constitute a quorum)

- See attached Excel Spreadsheet
- There was a quorum present by a simple majority of schools. 76 member schools present; 39 member schools represented a simple majority; and 46 schools equal a 60% threshold.
- Michael Brennan explained the proxy process by stating, "some schools present today are represented by proxy letters signed by the principal of the school."

### 8.0 Approval of Minutes April 23, 2023 (Athletic Directors Meeting)

- Sage Hill High School asked for a correction of the 4-24-23 minutes, stating that they were in support of Option D and opposed to Option E. Michael Brennan state, "I will revise the 4-24-23 minutes."
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to approve the April 24, 2023 minutes with this correction. Villa Park High School moved to approve the April 24, 2023 minutes. Sunny Hills High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved the April 24, 2023. 76-0-0
- Joel Hartmann announced member schools represented by proxy:  
Santa Margarita High School  
Servite High School  
Western High School

Irvine (Monica Colunga, Principal of Irvine came late) Santa Ana High School  
Yorba Linda High School Tustin High School Saddleback High School Capistrano  
Valley High School Aliso Niguel High School  
Brea Olinda High School  
Corona del Mar High School

- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to begin the meeting. San Clemente High School motioned to begin the meeting. Saddleback High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved the beginning of the meeting. 76-0-0

#### 9.0 Review 2024-2026 Bylaws and Protocol for Principals Meeting.

- Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions regarding the bylaws. There were no questions or concerns.

#### 10.0 Review CIFSS Blue Book Page 39 Bylaw 32 B 4 A (Conference vs. Leagues)

- Michael Brennan presented and the above bylaw. He presented and verified that all member school understood the difference between a conference and a league.
  - Conference
  - One Criteria-Equity
  - League
  - Three criterion-Equity, Geography and Enrollment

- Michael Brennan asked for questions. There were no questions.

#### 11.0 Member Schools Relief Proposals

- Michael Brennan stated that there are three approved FOC proposals (AD meeting). There were two additional FOC proposals provided to Mr. Hartmann. Mike Brennan reviewed the protocol for the day:
  - a. Football Only Conference (FOC) Athletic Directors Relief Proposal presentations (Top three), discussion, and vote.
  - b. If a simple majority approves FOC top three Athletic Director Relief Proposals, FOC new. relief proposals and counterproposals will be presented and discussed.
  - c. FOC Relief Proposal will be numbered and then a vote to choose the number one FOC. proposal.
  - d. If FOC is approved, and the number one FOC proposal has been chosen, All Other Sports Relief Athletic Director Proposals (top three) will be presented and discussed.  
(does not include Football)
  - e. All Other Sports new relief proposals and counterproposals (does not include Football) will be presented and discussed.
  - f. All Other Sports will be numbered and then a vote to choose the number one All Other Sports Proposal. (Does not include Football)
  - g. Two Votes-FOC (60% approval) and All Other Sports (60% approval).
  - h. If FOC is opposed, All Other Sports (including Football) Relief Proposal presentations and discussion, numbering, and voting.

#### Football Only Conference

- Tustin High School presented FOC proposal #1. Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Estancia High presented FOC proposal #2. Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- The Freeway League presented FOC proposal #1. Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Michael Brennan stated that approval was necessary from principals before we move forward with FOC proposals. Anaheim High School motion to approve a FOC. Godinez

High School seconded the motion. A hand vote approved the Football Only Conference approval by principals. 75-0-1

- Los Amigos High School represented the Garden Grove League (counterproposal #4). Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this FOC counterproposal. In support:
  - San Clemente High SchoolAgainst:
  - Edison High School
  - Los Alamitos School
- Portola High School represented the Pacific Coast League (counterproposal #5).
- Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this FOC counterproposal. In support:
  - San Clemente High SchoolAgainst:
  - Edison High School
  - Los Alamitos High School
- Michael Brennan asked for additional counterproposals. There were no additional counterproposals.
- Ten minutes plus five additional minutes were permitted for discussion within individual leagues regarding the five FOC proposals.
- Joel Hartmann asked for additional counterproposals. There were no additional counterproposals.
- Newport Harbor High School entered the meeting. Michael Brennan stated that a motion was necessary to reinstate voting privileges to Newport Harbor High School. San Clemente High School motioned to reinstate voting privileges to Newport Harbor High School. Valencia High seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to reinstate Newport Harbor High School voting privileges. 76-0-0.
- Michael Brennan stated, "it is now time to vote on the FOC options. The final proposals must be approved with a 60% (46-member school) vote. He asked for a motion to move forward with the vote to choose the number one FOC proposal. Newport Harbor High School made a motion to move forward with the vote. San Clemente High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to move forward with the vote. 77-0-0.
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to begin the voting process to reduce the FOC proposals from five to three. Villa Park High School moved to begin the voting process to reduce the FOC proposals from five to three FOC proposals. Laguna Beach High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to begin the voting process. 77-0-0
- A roll call vote reduced the number from five FOC proposals to three FOC proposals, with each school getting two votes – FOC proposals #1, #4 and #5 were moved forward. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to begin the voting process to reduce the FOC proposals from three to two FOC proposals. JSerra High School motioned to vote. El Dorado High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved. 77-0-0
- A roll call vote reduced the number from three to two FOC proposals, with each school getting one vote– #1 and #4 were the top two FOC proposals. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- A request was approved to allow a 5-minute discussion within each league to discuss the two final FOC proposals. Time was granted permitting an additional 15 minutes to discuss (3 five-minute intervals).
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to begin the voting process to reduce FOC proposals from two to one FOC proposal. JSerra High School motioned to move from two to one

FOC proposal. El Toro High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to begin the voting process. 77-0-0.

- A roll call vote reduced the number from two FOC proposals to one FOC proposal, with each school getting one vote. Proposal #4 received a majority of votes. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to approve Proposal #4 as the final FOC proposal. JSerra High School motioned to approve. El
- Dorado High School seconded the motion. The motion was approved with over 60%. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to vote on forwarding Proposal
- #4 (final FOC proposal) to CIF SS. Sonora High School motioned that FOC Proposal #4 be forwarded to CIF SS. Anaheim seconded this motion. The motion was approved by a majority. (See Excel Spreadsheet)

#### All-Other Sports Proposals

- Michael Brennan stated, it is time to discuss All-Other Sports Proposals. All-Other Sports Proposals #1, #2 and #3 were created and recommended by Athletic Directors. There are three additional options proposed by the Golden West League, Orange High School, and the Empire League.”
- Kennedy High reviewed proposal #1.
- Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Estancia High School reviewed proposal #2
- Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Orange High School reviewed proposal #3.
- Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Segerstrom High School represented the Garden Grove League (counterproposal #4). Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this All-Sports counterproposal). In support:  
San Clemente High School El Dorado High School Calvary Chapel High School  
Garden Grove High School Crean Lutheran High School Estancia High School  
Santa Ana High School  
Against:  
Portola High School represented the Pacific Coast League.  
Beckman High School Buena Park High School Newport Harbor High School Troy  
High School University High School Fullerton High School Sonora High School
- Orange High School presented (counterproposal #5). Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this All-Sports counterproposal. In support: None  
Against:  
Estancia High School  
University High School represented the Pacific Coast League.  
Crean Lutheran High School  
Anaheim High School  
Beckman High School
- Pacifica High School represented the Empire League (counterproposal #6). Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this All-Sports counterproposal. In support:  
Crean Lutheran High School El Dorado High School  
Against:  
Sunny Hills High School represented the Freeway League Beckman High School  
Northwood High School represented the Pacific Coast League.



- A ten-minute discussion period was permitted to discuss proposals and prepare league/conference counterproposals. An extra five minutes was granted for a total of 15 minutes.
  - Michael Brennan asked for league or conference counterproposals. Joel Hartmann stated that there was one counterproposal developed during this time period.
  - The Freeway League presented counterproposal #7. Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against:
    - In support:
      - Beckman High School
      - Sage Hill High School
      - Rosary High School
    - Against:
      - El Dorado High School representing the Century Conference
  - Bylaws were referred to regarding the presentation of All Sports Counterproposal #5 by Orange High School. The principal stated that they were seeking relief. Per the Bylaws, the counterproposal was permitted.
  - Michael Brennan asked for a motion to vote to reduce the seven proposals to three proposals. Capistrano Valley High School motioned to move from seven to three All-Sports Proposals. OLU seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to reduce the number of options from seven to three. 77-0-0
  - A roll call vote (each school had three votes) reduced the number of All-Sports Proposals to three (proposals #2, #4, and #7). (See Excel Spreadsheet)
  - Michael Brennan asked for a motion to reduce the number of proposals from three to two All-Sports Proposals. Laguna Beach High School motioned to reduce the proposals from three to two All-Sports Proposals. Anaheim High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to reduce the number of options from three to two. 77-0-0.
  - A roll call vote (each school had one vote) reduced the number of All-Sports Proposals to two proposals #4 and #7). (See Excel Spreadsheet)
  - Michael Brennan asked for a motion to reduce the All-Sports Proposals from two to one proposal. El Toro High School motioned to move from two to one All-Sports Proposal. Villa Park High School seconded the motion. Five minutes were allowed for each member school to discuss and review the final two options. An additional five minutes was granted. Both All-Sports Proposals were viewed via technology on a large white screen above the stage.
  - Michael Brennan presented All-Sports Proposals #4 and #7 for review and asked for further discussion. There was no further discussion. A motion to vote had previously been made. A hand vote unanimously approved to reduce the number of All-Sports Proposals from two to one All-Sports Proposal. 77-0-0
  - A roll call vote (each school had one vote) reduced the number to one All-Sports Proposal. The proposal selected was #4. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
  - Michael Brennan asked for a motion to approve Proposal #4 as the final All-Sports proposal. Villa Park High School motioned to approve. Costa Mesa High School seconded the motion. The motion was approved with over 60%. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
  - Michael Brennan asked for a motion to vote on forwarding Proposal #4 (Final All-Sports proposal) to CIF SS. Corona Del Mar High School motioned that the final All-Sports Proposal #4 be forwarded to CIF SS. Godinez High School seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a majority. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
  - A roll call vote approved to forward the All-Sports to the CIF SS. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- 12.0 Reminders and Information

- Michael Brennan thanked Joel Hartmann and Sharon Hodge for their assistance with the releaguering process. He asked for everyone to pray for Dr. Dahlem. There was a one-minute time period where all members schools prayed for or reflected upon Dr. Dahlem.

#### 13.0 Motion/Approval to Adjourn

- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Villa Park High School motioned to adjourn. Laguna Beach High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. 77-0-0.
- Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

## Attachment E

### Golden West League

#### Century Conference - 15

Brea Olinda
Canyon
Crean Lutheran
Cypress
El Dorado
El Modena
Esperanza
Foothill
La Habra
Pacifica
Sonora
Sunny Hills
Troy
Villa Park
Yorba Linda

#### Coastview Conference - 10

Aliso Niguel
Beckman
Capo Valley
Dana Hills
El Toro
Mission Viejo
San Clemente
San Juan Hills
Tesoro
Trabuco Hills

#### Pacific Coast Conference - 9 Girls / 8 Boys

Irvine
Laguna Beach
Northwood
Portola
Rosary
Sage Hill
St Margarets
University
Woodbridge

#### Golden Empire Conference - 15

Buena Park
Calvary Chapel
Costa Mesa
Fullerton
Garden Grove
Godinez
Katella
Kennedy
Laguna Hills
Ocean View
Santa Ana
Segerstrom
Tustin
Valencia
Westminister

#### Orange Grove Conference - 15

Anaheim
Bolsa Grande
Century
Estancia
La Quinta
Loara
Los Amigos
Magnolia
Orange
Rancho Alamitos
Saddleback
Santiago
Savanna
Valley
Western

#### Sunset League - 7

Corona Del Mar
Edison
Fountain Valley
Huntington Beach
Los Alamitos
Marina
Newport Harbor

#### Trinity League - 6 Boys / 4 Girls

Bosco
J Serra
Mater Dei
Orange Lutheran
Santa Margarita
Servite

## Attachment F

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### Century Conference - 10 guys / 11 girls

Foothill	12
Villa Park	13
Cypress	15
El Dorado	21
Rosary	23
Canyon	24
Yorba Linda	28
Esperanza	30
St Margarets	40
Brea Olinda	41
El Modena	54

### Coastview Conference - 10

San Clemente	7
San Juan Hills	7
Aliso Niguel	11
Tesoro	14
Capo Valley	20
Mission Viejo	22
Trabuco Hills	25
El Toro	32
Dana Hills	33
Crean Lutheran	36

### Pacific Coast League - 7

Woodbridge	25
Laguna Beach	31
Northwood	37
University	42
Portola	44
Irvine	50
Beckman	18

### Golden West Conference - 15

Pacifica	39
Tustin	45
Kennedy	46
Garden Grove	48
Seegerstrom	49
Laguna Hills	51
Valencia	52
Calvary Chapel	53
Ocean View	55
Sage Hill	57
Katella	59
Westminister	62
Godinez	63
Santa Ana	64
Costa Mesa	65

### Orange Grove Conference - 15

Santiago	56
Anaheim	58
Estancia	61
La Quinta	66
Savanna	67
Saddleback	68
Bolsa Grande	69
Los Amigos	70
Western	71
Valley	72
Rancho Alamitos	73
Loara	74
Orange	75
Magnolia	76
Century	77

### Sunset League - 7

Los Alamitos	2
Huntington Beach	6
Newport Harbor	9
CDM	16
Edison	17
Fountain Valley	29
Marina	35

### Freeway League - 6

Sunny Hills	27
Sonora	34
Troy	38
La Habra	42
Fullerton	47
Buena Park	60

### Trinity

Mater Dei	1
Servite	3
Santa Margarita	4
Orange Lutheran	5
J Serra	9
Bosco	19

## Attachment G

Non Football Proposal Vote to 1			
School	Proposal 4 Golden West Lg	Proposal 7 Freeway Lg	Abstain
Aliso Niguel	1		
Anaheim	1		
Beckman		1	
Bolsa Grande	1		
Brea Olinda	1		
Buena Park		1	
Calvary Chapel	1		
Canyon	1		
Capistrano Valley	1		
Century		1	
Corona del Mar	1		
Costa Mesa	1		
Crean Lutheran		1	
Cypress	1		
Dana Hills	1		
Edison	1		
El Dorado	1		
El Modena	1		
El Toro	1		
Esperanza	1		
Estancia	1		
Foothill	1		
Fountain Valley	1		
Fullerton		1	
Garden Grove	1		
Godinez	1		
Huntington Beach	1		
Irvine		1	
JSerra		1	
Katella	1		
Kennedy	1		
La Habra		1	
La Quinta	1		
Laguna Beach		1	
Laguna Hills		1	
Loara	1		
Los Alamitos		1	
Los Amigos	1		
Magnolia	1		
Marina	1		
Mater Dei		1	
Mission Viejo	1		
Newport Harbor	1		
Northwood		1	
Ocean View	1		
Orange	1		
Orange Lutheran		1	
Pacifica, GG	1		
Portola		1	
Rancho Alamitos	1		
Rosary Academy		1	
Saddleback	1		
Sage Hill		1	
San Clemente	1		
San Juan Hills	1		
Santa Ana	1		
Santa Ana Valley	1		
Santa Margarita		1	
Santiago, GG	1		
Savanna	1		
Segerstrom	1		
Servite		1	
Sonora		1	
St Margarets	1		
St. John Bosco		1	
Sunny Hills		1	
Tesoro	1		
Trabuco Hills	1		
Troy		1	
Tustin	1		
University		1	
Valencia, Placentia	1		
Villa Park	1		
Western		1	
Westminster	1		
Woodbridge		1	
Yorba Linda	1		
TOTALS	51	26	0

## Attachment H

Non Football Proposal #4 - Final Approval Vote (60%)			
School	YES	NO	Abstain
Aliso Niguel	1		
Anaheim	1		
Beckman		1	
Bolsa Grande	1		
Brea Olinda	1		
Buena Park		1	
Calvary Chapel	1		
Canyon	1		
Capistrano Valley	1		
Century	1		
Corona del Mar	1		
Costa Mesa	1		
Crean Lutheran			1
Cypress	1		
Dana Hills	1		
Edison	1		
El Dorado	1		
El Modena	1		
El Toro	1		
Esperanza	1		
Estancia	1		
Foothill	1		
Fountain Valley	1		
Fullerton		1	
Garden Grove	1		
Godinez	1		
Huntington Beach			1
Irvine		1	
JSerra	1		
Katella	1		
Kennedy	1		
La Habra		1	
La Quinta	1		
Laguna Beach	1		
Laguna Hills	1		
Loara	1		
Los Alamitos	1		
Los Amigos	1		
Magnolia	1		
Marina	1		
Mater Dei	1		
Mission Viejo	1		
Newport Harbor	1		
Northwood		1	
Ocean View	1		
Orange	1		
Orange Lutheran			1
Pacific, GG	1		
Portola		1	
Rancho Alamitos	1		
Rosary Academy	1		
Saddleback	1		
Sage Hill	1		
San Clemente	1		
San Juan Hills	1		
Santa Ana	1		
Santa Ana Valley	1		
Santa Margarita			1
Santiago, GG	1		
Savanna	1		
Seegerstrom	1		
Servite	1		
Sonora		1	
St Margarets	1		
St. John Bosco	1		
Sunny Hills		1	
Tesoro	1		
Trabuco Hills	1		
Troy		1	
Tustin	1		
University		1	
Valencia, Placentia	1		
Villa Park	1		
Western	1		
Westminster	1		
Woodbridge		1	
Yorba Linda	1		
TOTALS	61	12	4



# Buena Park High School

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To Whom It May Concern,

### INTRODUCTION

Buena Park High School ("BPHS"), Buena Park, CA, is offering a letter of support for the five Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHS) schools who are appealing the "other sports Releaguings" decision of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section ("CIF-SS") on May 15, 2023. This letter of support is based upon ensuring "the releaguings criteria and process" follows the CIF-SS Purpose and Operating Principles as outlined on pages 21-22 in the Constitution of the California Interscholastic Federation. While many of the outlined principals concern the conduct of student-athletes and all parties who support student-athletes, it is imperative that any process that falls under the purview of CIF-SS ensures all members be afforded the proper processes at all times to ensure their programs are not placed in systems that could adversely affect the development of the programs designed for student-athlete growth and development. The unique and unprecedented nature of the releaguings efforts during this current cycle warranted a more in-depth, inclusive processes than what occurred during, and leading up to the May 15th releaguings meeting. Because this current cycle involved massive changes to the southern section configuration, it is imperative that all members be afforded the ability to not only advocate, but also have an equal voice in determining the large-scale shifts that resulted from the May 15, 2023 meeting. Trying to utilize bylaws and processes designed to make small-scale releaguings shifts, and applying those to the large-scale conferencing configurations, created a scenario where members of our district felt like the process had been done "to them" and not "with them."

### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

As outlined in the minutes and agendas from the Athletic Director meeting on April 24, 2023, and during the May 15, 2023 Principal meeting, it was very evident that the CIF Southern Section was on the precipice of major shifts to the configuration of leagues and conferences for its members. The current procedures for the releaguings cycles that occurred every two years were designed to accomplish small scale tweaks to a 77-member system, not a wholesale redesign of the system into larger conferences, essentially dissolving up to 5 entire leagues in one cycle. The process can be acceptable if the leagues in question are utilizing the mechanism of "relief" to dissolve their leagues to accomplish conferencing, but when entire leagues not seeking dissolution are affected and placed in conferences, the procedures in place are not adequate to ensure an equitable process for a redesign of that magnitude.

During the releaguings meeting on May 15, the elements of time, openness, collegiality, and collaboration were not present, the process was rushed given the magnitude of the changes, and the backdoor deals did not allow for all parties involved to feel like there was an ethical process with the interests of students at the center of the discussion. Unlike the football discussion of the releaguings process, which was out in the open and discussed for months, if not

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the previous year, the subsequent discussions for relegating, sans football, left schools and leagues feeling attacked, used, and not part of the overall discussion.

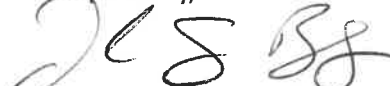
The 2024-2026 CIF Relegating cycle consolidated all Orange County Area Schools' football teams into one conference. Member schools were required to vote on the Football-Only Relegating Proposal before considering the relegating of all other CIF sports. Prior to the meeting, there was ample discussion, time, proposals, and evidence that all schools knew and understood not only the purpose, but the equity-based model being presented as a better design for the southern section. As the push to consolidate all Orange County Area Schools football teams into one football conference reflected a larger CIF trend, BPHS agreed to the Football-Only Relegating Proposal. BPHS understood and agreed that moving the football program into a larger conference was not only in the best interest of BPHS's football program, but also a show of good will and a way to pilot BPHS's participation in a larger conference prior to relegating all other sports. However, once the conversations turned to the elimination of five different leagues and the creation of conferences for all other sports, BPHS voted "no" to join another conference for all other CIF sports.

The "no" vote was due more to the process of how the relegating effort was being conducted, and less of the actual result of the placement for BPHS. While BPHS understands the benefit of conferencing, and its placement into the Golden Empire Conference provides equity across the board for its athletic teams, the process used to accomplish such tasks did not provide the necessary time and collaboration to ensure all parties involved in the moves were part of the decision-making process. It became apparent through the second half of the meeting that the agenda of some in the room was to create larger 15-team conferences, regardless if all schools being moved were on-board, or even privy to the agenda. The goal of relegating in the past had always been to affect the least amount of schools as possible, however, this move was a wholesale overhaul of the southern section into as many large conferences as possible. The feeling among some member schools was that proposals and counter proposals were compiled during private, informal meetings, not involving all parties affected. At no time during the months leading up to the May 15th meeting had BPHS been involved in discussions about dissolving the freeway league in order to accomplish the task of forming larger conferences.

## CONCLUSION

In closing, I feel that because the process of, and leading up to, May 15th was not a small-scale relegating effort, but rather a large-scale conferencing effort, CIF-SS officials should not only be present and integral in the conversations and management of the conferencing meeting, but the effort should be a better collaborative effort between CIF-SS and all member schools with an appropriate amount of time given for discussion and solutions. Buena Park High School thanks you for your consideration and would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have.

Respectfully,



Sonje Berg, Ed. D., Principal  
Buena Park High School



**BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION-SOUTHERN  
SECTION ON RELEAGUING COMMENCING 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

**In the matter of CIF-SS Releagu  
Configuration regarding Sunny Hills  
High School**

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**APPEAL – SUNNY HILLS HIGH  
SCHOOL, Fullerton, CA**

**September 7, 2023**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Sunny Hills High School (“SHHS”), Fullerton, CA, appeals the non football releagu  
decision of the Orange County Area Placement (“OCAP”) and California Interscholastic Federal  
Southern Section (“CIF-SS”) on May 15, 2023. This appeal is based upon “the re-leagu  
criteria and process” that violated the following Orange County Area Schools Releagu  
Bylaws, 2024-2026 (“Bylaws”) (Attachment A):

1. Bylaws 24.0 and 40.0, mandating that the releagu  
amount of member schools as reasonably possible; and
2. Bylaw 40.0, mandating that Principals of schools requesting relief begin the meeting with  
a five-minute presentation that may include their school information and one (1) new  
2024-2026 releagu  
proposal; and
3. Bylaw 22.0, mandating that all “Releagu  
County Area Releagu  
Proposal Form;” and
4. The introductory section of the Releagu  
Bylaws also states that “Releagu  
protocols and procedures will not discriminate against one or more member schools;” and
5. Bylaws 23.0 and 40.0, mandating that releagu  
proposals must provide reasonable and  
equal application of the following three criteria: competitive equity (strength of program),  
geography (travel time), and enrollment (school population).

Important Note: Bylaw 24.0 states, “\*Any reference in this document to the word ‘league’ refers  
to a duly constituted league or conference formed in the last Releagu  
cycle.”

## **II. PROCEDURAL VIOLATIONS**

Procedural violations were committed during the OCAP releguing process that require granting SHHS appeal to nullify SHHS's placement with respect to the final "non-football" releguing proposal set to commence with the 2024-2025 year. This appeal does not pertain to releguing with respect to "football only" Orange County conferencing decision.

The 2024-2026 CIF Releguing Cycle consolidated all Orange County area schools' football teams into one county-wide conference. During the process, member schools were required to vote on football-only releguing proposals before considering the releguing of all other CIF sports. As the push to consolidate all Orange County area school's football teams into one football-only conference reflected a larger trend, SHHS agreed to the final Football-Only Releguing Proposal at the May 15, 2023 meeting. Moving the football program into this larger conference was agreed to by SHHS since discussion around football placement has always been the driving factor behind any releguing conversations in the past with secondary consideration given to all other sports. SHHS decided that by removing football from the discussions, member schools could focus more clearly on the other sports. The SHHS decision was also a show of goodwill and a way to pilot SHHS's participation in a larger conference prior to releguing all other sports. Despite this agreement, SHHS made it abundantly clear throughout the process, however, that they did not want to join another league or conference for all other CIF sports.

From the beginning, the 2024-2026 Orange County Area Placement process appeared to be explicitly motivated by factors outside the three criteria that are required under Bylaw 23 as well as sections of the Introduction of the Bylaws aimed at preventing intentional or unintentional discrimination against any member schools. During the February 8 and April 24, 2023 releguing meetings, an athletic director from another member school openly and blatantly campaigned for the Freeway League's elimination and, therefore, subsequent placement of SHHS in another league despite no request by SHHS for relief or alternative placement. For example, he bitterly stated, "The Freeway League has been together 42 years. It's time for you guys to play ball and join the rest of us." This athletic director demonstrated other illegitimate reasons in support of the 2024-2026 placement by saying, "[His conference's] goal is to expand. We have 9 teams and would like to get to 15." Furthermore, his and other's supported proposals discriminated against private schools. This was made clear in statements by him and others during multiple meetings that stated, "We do not want schools without borders." Finally, the

same athletic director repeatedly advocated to disband the Freeway League schools under the pretense that Buena Park High School needed relief with statements such as, “If I were a student or family at Buena Park [High School], I would sue the District for not providing relief.” Buena Park High School, however, never requested relief and competes well within the Freeway League from year-to-year. His conference representatives and others, who supported the ultimate releguing proposal, demonstrated their complete disregard for the three criteria required in Bylaw 23 throughout the series of releguing committees that took place from February to May 2023. Their open discrimination against private schools was a determining factor in the ultimate passage of a proposal that disregarded SHHS and placed SHHS in a different league expressly to create a larger conference that would benefit those schools already in that conference.

On April 24, 2023, the Athletic Directors approved three Athletic Director Releguing Proposals for non-football sports that were posted in advance of the May 15, 2023 releguing meeting. In violation of Bylaw 22.0, not all of these proposals were submitted on the “Orange County Area Releguing Proposal Form” (Attachment B is the only form available on the OCAP website). At least three different forms were used for these proposals.

At the May 15, 2023 meeting for Principals, member schools voted on the final 2024-2026 Releguing Proposal based on incomplete information in violation of Bylaw 40. Per Bylaw 39, the purpose of the May 15, 2023 meeting is for Principals (“Orange County Area Representatives”) to “review recommended Athletic Director Releguing Proposals (from April 24, 2023) and provide time for member school Principals seeking relief, new member school Principals, and each league/conference an opportunity to present one (1) new Relief Releguing Proposal.” At the beginning of this meeting, as required by Bylaw 40, the Principals of schools requesting relief were to receive five minutes to present school information regarding their reasons for requesting relief, as well as a 2024-2026 Releguing Proposal. This mandated procedure was entirely neglected as can be shown by the May 15 meeting agenda (Attachment C) and meeting minutes (Attachment D). Instead of following this procedure in the Bylaws and giving these schools the opportunity to speak, the meeting began with a clear focus on solving the Football-Only Conferencing question first. The non-football proposals and counterproposals were addressed only after the Football-Only issue was resolved, and member schools requesting relief were denied time to present. Without this key information being presented, there was no clear indication of what schools were requesting relief nor how they proposed achieving this relief for the Principals to consider when deciding on proposals. As far as SHHS knew, the

creation of the football-only conference may have solved these relief questions, but there was no way to know.

At the May 15, 2023 Principals meeting, member schools were presented with three additional non-football counterproposals to consider that had been compiled during private, informal meetings leading up to May 15. Again, none of the original non-football proposals or counterproposals explicitly explained who the schools were that were requesting relief or how that relief was being satisfied with each proposal. The ensuing discussions about each proposal made it clear that certain existing leagues and conferences expressly cared about expanding or creating conferences only to benefit their members without regard to which other member schools were impacted. As discussed previously, expanding a conference is not one of the criteria for relegating as required by Bylaw 23.0 nor do the types of placements proposed affect the least amount of schools as reasonably possible as required in Bylaws 24.0 and 40.0. It was during these discussions that several member schools also directly expressed that they would not support proposals which added private schools, or “schools without borders” as they referred to them, to their league or conference. This clear discrimination of private schools not only violated the Bylaws, but also severely limited the process of finding the best possible relief proposals that would impact the least amount of schools. The only way to increase conference sizes without adding private schools and while addressing schools that requested relief was to break up a league whose member schools did not request relief.

For example, one of the new counterproposals, non-Football Proposal 4 (Attachment E) which would ultimately become the final 2024-2026 Placement, affected 100% of member schools across Orange County. Again, this is a violation of Bylaws 24.0 and 40.0, which expressly state that “Relegating Proposals should affect the least amount of member schools as reasonably possible.” When leagues/conferences affected by any of the proposals could submit new counterproposals, the Freeway League representatives, including SHHS, created and presented an alternate proposal, non-Football Proposal 7 (Attachment F) in an attempt to affect the least amount of schools reasonably possible while also working to satisfy the desire of certain conferences to expand or be created. The Freeway League’s counterproposal not only addressed all schools that requested relief but also affected a smaller number of member schools, which is mandated by Bylaws 24.0 and 40.0. The counterproposal also expanded the conferences that wanted expansion and created conferences for member schools who wanted it. Again, some member schools/leagues spoke out against the Freeway League counterproposal giving the

explicit, discriminatory reasoning that they did not want “schools without borders” (i.e. private schools) in their league or conference.

Over the objections of SHHS and other Orange County schools, the non-Football Proposal 4 passed (Attachments G and H) yet that result does not overcome the failure of the meetings to comply with the required procedures set forth in multiple Bylaws indicated above. Additionally, during the voting process, member schools expressed their inability to support the non-Football Proposal 7 due to being pressured to not upset schools within their respective school districts. However, Bylaw 23.0 mandates that schools consider only three criteria, none of which include a fear of upsetting other schools within their district.

The 2024-2026 OCAP is the unfortunate outcome of a loose process driven by a few outspoken participants rather than the Bylaws’ stated intention of preventing “inconsistent and unequal application of protocol, procedures, and guidelines that would intentionally or unintentionally discriminate against one or more member school” while also providing reasonable and equal application of the accepted criteria—competitive equity (strength of program), geography (travel time), and enrollment (school population). It is clear from above that a focus on conference creation and keeping “schools without borders” out of one’s respective conference took a priority over focusing on the school who requested relief, making sure proposals affected the least number of schools, and proper consideration of the three accepted criteria.

### **III. SECONDARY CONSIDERATIONS**

Though SHHS never requested relief, SHHS will be adversely impacted by the significant resources it must divert to accommodate the relegating resulting from the 2024-2026 OCAP process to ensure its students can safely participate. For 42 years, SHHS students traveled within a five-mile radius to attend games at schools within their own school district (Fullerton Joint Union High School District or “FJUHS”). As a result of short travel times and ease of coordination among FJUHS schools, SHHS could start their games after class hours (8:30 AM – 3:30 PM) and share their resources to participate in CIF-SS. Now in a new placement, SHHS student athletes and teachers who coach will potentially have to miss up to three classes during away games. SHHS will have to purchase increased transportation, purchase athletic equipment, and build out their athletic facilities at an incredible expense to maintain competitive equity.

Applying the Bylaw's process for developing Orange County area schools relegating requires the reasonable and equal application of three accepted criteria decreases. SHHS finds that the 2024-2026 placement decreases its competitive equity, increases travel time, and affects enrollment. Therefore, SHHS must implement costly changes having been relegated without having requested relief for a placement that improves its own competitive equity, geography, or enrollment.

### **1. Competitive Equity Impacts**

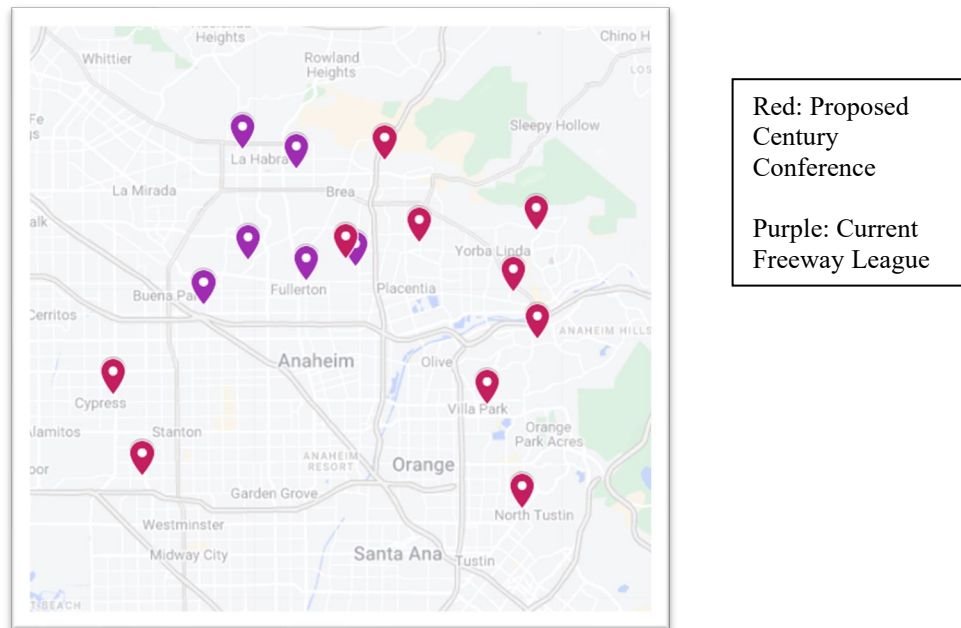
There are many examples of competitive equity throughout the 24 non-football sports in the Freeway League including, Baseball, Boys/Girls Basketball, Boys/Girls Soccer, Softball, Boys/Girls Swimming & Diving, Boys/Girls Tennis, Boys/Girls Volleyball, Boys/Girls Water Polo, Boys/Girls Wrestling, Football, Boys/Girls Golf, Boys/Girls Cross Country, Boys/Girls Track & Field. Over the past three years, SHHS athletics teams demonstrated very solid competitive equity in their current league placement with 47%, 56%, and 60% of their teams making the playoffs in the last three years respectively.

Competitive equity also goes beyond athletic success and needs to be considered with respect to athletic facilities and athletics costs as well. SHHS is not equipped with the field lights or all-weather tracks necessary for safely hosting games. Competing intra-district allowed SHHS to use facilities at other schools within the Freeway League when necessary. Under the 2024-2026 Placement, however, the only two Freeway League schools equipped with field lights and all-weather tracks, Buena Park High School and Fullerton High School, are no longer placed in a league with SHHS. Whereas before, SHHS would have used the field lights and all-weather tracks at Buena Park High School or Fullerton High School, now SHHS must purchase and install field lights and all-weather tracks in time for the 2024-2025 year. Otherwise, the events will either take place in the dark or be moved to earlier in the day, which will remove student athletes and coaches from additional classroom time for home games.

## 2. Geography/Distance Impacts

With the proposed releguing placement, SHHS will now be required to travel longer distances to athletic contests causing unnecessary attendance issues for both student athletes and coaching staff members.

Map. Freeway League vs. 2024-2026 Conferences.



Century Conference School	Roundtrip to SHHS (mi)
Crean Lutheran	28 mi
Esperanza	22 mi
Yorba Linda	20 mi
Pacifica	24 mi
Brea Olinda	14 mi
El Dorado	14 mi
El Modena	30 mi
Villa Park	27 mi
Canyon	28 mi
Foothill	32 mi
Cypress	20 mi

SHHS student athletes and teachers will have less time in the classroom because of earlier game times and because they will have to travel longer distances for the games. With this change that the 2024-2026 Placement imposes on SHHS, SHHS student athletes and teachers will have to miss up to two classes and even lunch, depending on what time the game begins. As of now, student athletes already use their lunch period to ask teachers for assignments and make up quizzes and exams. SHHS students are not on a block schedule, meaning they do not have a free period in the day that can be used for those purposes instead. Both student athletes and non-student athletes will be affected alike by their teachers' frequent and prolonged absence from class.

The 2024-2026 Placement will place stress on SHHS from a transportation perspective as well, since it may require SHHS to rely on and pay for charter buses to travel to their games. Currently, SHHS needs athletics transportation from 1:00 pm-10:00pm and is part of a high school-only district that does not provide bussing except for special education students. FJUHSD does not own or control a large enough fleet of buses that are available for use after school hours as a other unified school district with large bus fleets. To date, FJUHSD made do with fewer buses because it could "double-up" transportation among the Freeway League's various schools and teams. For example, after an FJUHSD bus drops off Sonora High School's baseball team at SHHS, the same bus will pick up and transport SHHS's baseball team to their game. Traveling short distances between schools has also contributed to making SHHS's participation in the Freeway League possible despite FJUHSD's shortage on buses. If SHHS competes in a new league, using available FJUHSD transportation will be completely untenable, and there will be no way to participate in CIF without paying for charter buses throughout the year for all teams.

There are a certain number of campus staff that must be present for every sport, and SHHS must also hire substitute teachers for up to two class periods for each coach who teaches class. The earlier game start times and the additional travel time to Century Conference schools that are up to 16 miles away, as opposed to Freeway League schools that are a maximum of 5 miles away, will take coaches away from the classes they teach.



### 3. Enrollment Impacts

A league/conference's competitive equity increases with greater similarity among the schools' size and resources. Larger schools have greater talent pools than smaller schools, and school districts in higher-income areas are more advantaged. The new placement will place SHHS in a league that has greater disparities in enrollment size. In the Freeway League, the difference between schools with the most and least students enrolled was 865. In the 2024-2026 placement, however, the range in school enrollment between schools with the most and least students enrolled is 1,861. Even after taking the outlier school, Crean Lutheran, out of the calculation, the difference is still large at 1,384.

#### Century Conference and Golden Empire Conference

Table 1. Student Enrollment

High School	Proposed 2024-26 Placement	2022-2023 Enrollment
Crean Lutheran	Century	959
Esperanza	Century	1436
Yorba Linda	Century	1568
Pacifica	Century	1648
Brea Olinda	Century	1681
Sonora	Century	1730
Buena Park	Golden Empire	1804
Fullerton	Golden Empire	1880
El Dorado	Century	2034
El Modena	Century	2040
La Habra	Century	2054
Villa Park	Century	2110
Canyon	Century	2131
Foothill	Century	2276
Sunny Hills	Century	2429
Troy	Century	2594
Cypress	Century	2820

California Department of Education, Annual Enrollment Data, SY 2022-2023, available at:

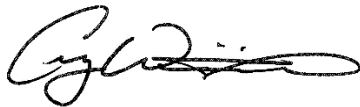
<https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/page2.asp?level=School&subject=Enrollment&submit1=Submit>

Demographic differences between schools must also be considered when taking enrollment into account, as the overall number of students is not a completely accurate indicator of helping to provide competitive equity.

#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

Sunny Hills High School thanks you for your consideration of its appeal. We would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Craig Weinreich  
Principal, Sunny Hills High School

#### Attachments:

Attachment A – Orange County Area Placement Bylaws

Attachment B – Orange County Area Releaguings Proposal Form from [OCAP Website](#)

Attachment C – May 15, 2023 Meeting Agenda

Attachment D – May 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Attachment E – Non Football Proposal 4 from May 15, 2023

Attachment F – Freeway League Counterproposal from May 15, 2023 (Non Football Proposal 7)

Attachment G – May 15, 2023 Voting Results to Determine Final Proposal

Attachment H – May 15, 2023 Final Voting Result on Non Football Proposal #4

**Releaguings Bylaws****2024-2026**

**Process:** The process for developing Orange County Area Schools Releaguings shall:

1. Provide reasonable and equal application of **accepted criteria**:
  - **Competitive Equity (strength of program)**
  - **Geography (travel time)**
  - **Enrollment (student population)**
2. Maintain Brown Act Compliance (“intended to provide public access to meetings”)
3. Follow CIF Southern Section Blue Book rules and policies

Orange County Area Placement is a two-year releguing cycle for all sports. (Approved March 13, 2017).

**Releaguings Proposals:** All Releaguings Proposals must provide evidence of the above-accepted criteria.

Releaguings Proposals protocols and procedures will not discriminate against one or more member schools. Releaguings Proposal protocols, procedure and guidelines must be inclusive and applied with consistency and equality (same opportunity when policy is applied). We must prevent the inconsistent and unequal application of Releaguings Proposal protocols, procedures and guidelines that would intentionally or unintentionally discriminate against one or more than one member school while creating single sport alignment, leagues or conferences.

Releaguings Proposals must include all member schools.

**Blue Book Sections:** CIFSS Section Bylaw 32 (pages 37-40) - Area Placement and Releaguings Process/Appeals CIFSS Section Bylaw 507 (page 109)- Section Alignment of Leagues

**Bylaws:****Chairperson, Parliamentarian, Secretary and Dues**

- 1.0 Mr. Michael P. Brennan will preside as Chairperson with the assistance of Dr. John Dahlem (Parliamentarian) and Mr. Joel Hartmann (Secretary).
- 2.0 Releaguings Dues will be \$50.00 per school. Dues may be used to pay for expenses such as snacks, water, location and parking. Checks should be made out to **“Trinity League” and mailed to Mater Dei High School c/o Mr. Joel Hartmann 1202 West Edinger Ave. Santa Ana, California 92707**. If expenses are greater than revenue, a simple majority vote will increase Releaguings Dues. Dues is to be paid on or before April 3, 2023, for this Releaguings Cycle.

**Membership and Voting Privileges**

- 3.0 Orange County Area Representative Principals are committee members and thus have voting privileges.
- 4.0 Voting is restricted to schools that are members of the organization and in operation with students. This includes new member schools recently approved by the CIF SS for Orange County Placement.
- 5.0 Schools (not yet opened but have plans to open/no students) assigned through area placement may participate in Releaguings (voting privileges) provided a simple majority of voting members approve.
- 6.0 If a Principal cannot attend a meeting, he or she must send an Administrative Designee from the same school. The Administrative Designee from the same school will have voting privileges based on written authorization. Therefore, schools must be present to exercise voting privileges (**no proxy votes**).
- 7.0 If a Principal is unable to attend, the principal must provide written authorization for the Administrative Designee (from the same school) to have voting privileges. For voting privileges to occur, written authorization must be received in advance of the scheduled meeting start time. If written authorization arrives after the scheduled meeting

begins, the Administrative Designee will forfeit voting privileges for that meeting only, unless a simple majority of voting members vote to reinstate voting privileges. Written authorization must be on school letter head, include the Principal's signature and Administrative Designees name and position. Written authorization must be emailed to the Releaguings Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org).

8.0 At the April 24<sup>th</sup> Athletic Directors meeting, only Athletic Directors will have voting privileges to determine three (3) Athletic Director proposals. Schools must be present to exercise voting privileges (no proxy voting). If an Athletic Director cannot attend he/she must send an Athletic Director Designee (from the same school) to have voting privileges. For voting privileges to occur, written authorization must be received in advance of the scheduled meeting start time. If written authorization arrives after the scheduled meeting begins, the Athletic Director Designee will forfeit voting privileges for that meeting only, unless a simple majority of voting members vote to reinstate voting privileges. Written authorization must be on school letterhead, include the Athletic Director signature, Athletic Director Designees name and position. Written authorization must be emailed to the Releaguings Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org). After this meeting, all voting privileges will return to Principals. This is the only meeting that Athletic Directors have voting privileges.

### **Media, Brown Act, Roberts Rules of Order, Agendas, Videotape and Minutes/Notes**

9.0 Meetings are open to the media. Each media representative must introduce him or herself to the Chairperson, Parliamentarian or Secretary.

10.0 Meetings are subject to the Brown Act and will follow an agenda.

11.0 Meetings will be conducted and based upon Robert's Rules of Order.

12.0 Meeting agendas will be provided five (5) working days before each scheduled meeting.

13.0 Meeting minutes or notes will be distributed to all Principals within seventy-two (72) hours.

14.0 Agendas must be posted at each school site seventy-two (72) hours before scheduled meetings.

### **Quorum, Voting and Passage of Motion**

15.0 A simple majority of Orange County Area Representatives will constitute a quorum for all meetings. Alphabetical Roll Call by member school will be obtained verbally.

16.0 Alphabetical Roll Call (by member school) voting will be verbally stated by each member school. Each member school verbally states their vote so that all member schools have the opportunity to hear the official vote of other member schools. Schools must be present to exercise voting privileges (**no proxy voting**). Minutes or notes will reflect the yeas, nays and abstentions for each vote taken. A record of each Roll Call vote will be attached to the minutes and sent to the CIF SS office. Secret ballots are prohibited. The Chairperson will request that an administrative designee from each member school verbally state their official vote or votes.

17.0 The Releaguings Secretary and the Parliamentarian will tabulate Roll Call voting separately. It is recommended that each member school tabulate Roll Call voting (auditing).

18.0 Voting shall be conducted by a 1) Motion 2) Second 3) Discussion 4) Call for Vote 5) Vote.

19.0 Passage of any motion (not the Final (1) Proposal) to approve requires a majority of those present (50% plus 1 of casted votes) to vote yea. In the case of a tie, the motion will not be approved. Abstentions are considered a casted and official vote.

20.0 Passage of a motion to vote upon the Final (1) Releaguings Proposal requires a majority vote of those member school administrative designees present. Once the motion to vote upon the Final (1) Releaguings Proposal is approved, a motion will be made to approve the Final (1) Releaguings Proposal. The Final (1) Releaguings Proposal must obtain a sixty percent (60%) majority yea vote of those member school administrative designees present. Abstentions are considered a casted vote.

### **School Profile, Area Placement Questionnaire and Releaguings Proposal**

21.0 Schools will digitally send (email) a completed official School Profile Form and their Area Questionnaire to the Releaguings Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org). This must occur on or before 11:59 p.m. April 3, 2023. The Releaguings Secretary will post the official School Profile Form and Area Placement Questionnaire on the Orange County Area Placement website under resources. Schools must utilize the official School Profile Form and Area Placement Questionnaire provided by the Releaguings Secretary. Schools requesting Orange County Area Placement or Relief must submit a New League Proposal to Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org) by April 14, 2023, 11:59 p.m.

22.0 Releaguings Proposals must be written on the Orange County Area Releaguings Proposal Form. This form is located on the Orange County Area Placement Website. If a proposal is created at either the Athletic Directors or Principals meetings, the Releaguings Proposal Form must be completely filled out. Upon request, Releaguings Proposal Form(s) will be sent to the Releaguings Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org). The Releaguings Secretary will post Releaguings Proposal Forms (Orange County Placement Website) for all member schools to view.

23.0 Releaguings Proposals must provide reasonable and equal application of **accepted criteria and must include all member schools:**

- **Competitive Equity (strength of program)**
- **Geography (travel time)**
- **Enrollment (school population)**

See “Process and Releaguings Proposals” page 1 of this document.

### **Athletic Directors Releaguings Proposal Meeting**

24.0 Athletic Directors will meet on April 24, 2023 (beginning at 9:00a.m.) Diocese of Orange. At this meeting, Athletic Directors/New Member School Athletic Directors are Orange County Area Representative voting members. The purpose of this meeting is for Athletic Directors to collegially create a maximum of three (3) Releaguings Proposals. The three (3) Releaguings Proposals are based (only) on those schools requesting relief or new member schools requesting a league. \*Any reference in this document to the word “league” refers to a duly constituted league or conference formed in the last Releaguings cycle. All conferences are permitted one vote regardless of how many leagues are within said conference. The meeting will begin with (only) member schools Athletic Directors requesting relief and new member schools Athletic Directors having five (5) minutes to present their school information and Releaguings Proposals. Only one representative per school is permitted to speak. Athletic Directors seeking relief will present first, followed by new member school Athletic Directors. Each school may include a maximum of two (2) new 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposals. Releaguings Proposals should affect the least amount of member schools as reasonably possible. Releaguings Proposals must include all member schools. All member schools have voting privileges. Releaguings Proposals must be sent to the Releaguings Secretary, Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org) on or before April 14, 2023, 11:59p.m. The Releaguings Secretary will post Releaguings Proposals on the Orange County Area Placement Website by 12:00p.m. on April 16, 2023.

25.0 If a school seeking relief or a new member school creates a proposal for Football Only, all member schools must be included within a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s). All CIF criteria will be followed. All member schools will be treated consistently and with equality (same opportunity when policy is applied). All member schools are permitted to vote for or against a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) per CIF SS. The process, beginning with 24.0, will be used to determine if a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) is/are approved or not approved by member schools. It must be noted that a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) will be voted upon and approved/not approved before all other Sports Releaguings Proposals can be discussed. Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) will be kept separate from all other Sports Releaguings Proposals. At the end of the Releaguings Process, two separate Releaguings Proposals must obtain 60 percent (60%) member school approval to be sent to CIF SS as our Final Releaguings Proposals (Football Only and all other Sports). Again, if there is a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s), we will follow the process for both Football Only and other Sports Releaguings Proposals.

26.0 All Leagues/Conferences/Member Schools will have ten (10) minutes to reflect and discuss Releaguings Proposals. Upon request, the Releaguings Chairperson may grant more time (5-minute periods).

27.0 League/Conference Presidents or a League/Conference Designee (must be an Athletic Director) from impacted leagues/conferences have three (3) minutes to speak for or against presented Releaguings Proposals. One representative

per league/conference may present. At the conclusion of League/Conference Presidents or League/Conference Designees speaking, one representative from schools requesting relief and new member schools will have (3) minutes to speak for or against.

28.0 If member schools requesting relief and new member schools are accepted into league/conference of their choice, a Releaguings Proposal will be created and then voted upon. Passage of a motion to approve will require a simple majority of those member schools or Athletic Directors present. In this case, only one (1) Releaguings Proposal would be created and recommended to principals. Final one (1) Athletic Director proposal will immediately be placed on the Orange County Releaguings Website.

29.0 If one (1) or more than one (1) member school requesting relief or new member school(s) is/are not accepted into the league/conference of their choice, the Chairperson will call for a twenty (20) minute caucus. The purpose is to allow Athletic Directors (from the same league/conference) the opportunity to communicate and develop Releaguings Counterproposals. Releaguings Counterproposals must be aligned to the accepted criteria and must include schools that requested relief or are new members.

30.0 Each league/conference will have the opportunity to create one (1) Releaguings Counterproposal. Upon request, the Releaguings Chairperson may grant more time (5-minute periods). Releaguings Counterproposals must include the league/conference name and league/conference vote in support of the league Releaguings Counterproposal. If a league/conference does not approve a Releaguings Proposal by a simple majority, the Releaguings Counterproposal will not be included and considered obsolete.

31.0 Upon request, Releaguings Counterproposals must be emailed to the Releaguings League Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org). Releaguings Counterproposals will then be posted on the Orange County Releaguings Website.

32.0 League/Conference Presidents or Athletic Directors from leagues/conferences that created a Releaguings Counterproposal will have three (3) minutes to speak. There will be only one representative per league/conference presenting. Releaguings counterproposals must include member schools requesting relief and new member schools requesting a league.

33.0 New member school Principals, League/Conference Presidents, or a League/Conference Designee (must be an Athletic Director) from impacted leagues, an Athletic Director from schools requesting relief and new member schools Athletic Directors will have three (3) minutes to speak for or against Releaguings Counterproposals. There will only be one representative per impacted league/conference, member schools requesting relief and new member schools speaking.

34.0 Releaguings Counterproposals will have a numbered representation. The Releaguings Secretary will number each Releaguings Proposal beginning with one (1).

35.0 Chairperson will call for a vote. Alphabetical Roll Call voting will begin. Each member school will verbally communicate their official vote by stating the school they represent, the numbered Releaguings proposal(s) they are supporting and the amount of votes per Releaguings proposal. Each member school will have the opportunity to vote for one half (50% rounding down) of total Releaguings Proposals. Therefore, if there were eight (8) Releaguings Proposals, each member school would have four (4) votes. If there were nine (9) Releaguings Proposals, each member school would have four (4) votes. A member school may use all votes in support of one (1) Releaguings Proposal. The top three (3) Releaguings Proposals will be announced. In the case of a tie, there may be more than three (3) Releaguings Proposals recommended to member school Principals. Both the Releaguings Secretary and the Parliamentarian will tabulate votes. All Athletic Directors are encouraged to tabulate votes (audit).

36.0 Chairperson will call for a vote. Roll call and verbal voting will begin and each member school including new member schools will verbally vote to approve the top three (3) Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals. There is no proxy voting.

37.0 Passage of a motion to approve the top three (3) Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals will require a simple majority of those member schools or Athletic Directors present. Each member school will have one (1) vote to approve the motion.

38.0 Final three (3) Athletic Director proposals will immediately be placed on the Orange County Releaguings Website. Releaguings Proposals will be recommended to member school Principals.

- 39.0 The second and potential final meeting will be May 15, 2023 (9:00 a.m.) Location TBA. At this meeting, Principals are considered Orange County Area Representatives. The purpose of this meeting is to review recommended Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals (from April 24, 2023) and provide time for member school Principals seeking relief, new member school Principals, and each league/conference an opportunity to present one (1) new Relief Releaguings Proposal. Principals seeking relief, new member school Principals (only those schools that requested relief or new member schools requesting a league/conference at the April 24, 2023 Athletic Director meeting) and leagues/conferences must send their one (1) new 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal to the Releaguings Secretary, Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org) on or before May 5, 2023 11:59p.m. The Releaguings Secretary will post all new Releaguings Proposals on the Orange County Area Placement Website by 12:00p.m. May 7, 2023.
- 40.0 The meeting will begin with member school Principals requesting relief and new member school Principals having five (5) minutes to present. In their presentation, they may include school information and one (1) new 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal. Relief and new member schools Releaguings Proposals must affect the least amount of member schools as reasonably possible. Releaguings proposals must include all member schools. Releaguings Proposals must follow accepted criteria. All member schools have voting privileges.
- 41.0 If a school seeking relief or a new member school creates a proposal for Football Only, all member schools must be included within a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s). All CIF criteria will be followed. All member schools will be treated consistently and with equality (same opportunity when policy is applied). All member schools are permitted to vote for or against a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) per CIF SS. The process, beginning with 40.0, will be used to determine if a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) is/are approved or not approved by member schools. It must be noted that a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) will be voted upon and approved/not approved before all other Sports Releaguings Proposals can be discussed. Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) will be kept separate from all other Sports Releaguings Proposals. At the end of the Releaguings Process, two separate Releaguings Proposals must obtain 60 percent (60%) member school approval to be sent to CIF SS as our Final Releaguings Proposals (Football Only and all other Sports). Again, if there is a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s), we will follow the process for both Football Only and other Sports Releaguings Proposals.
- 42.0 All leagues/conferences will have ten (10) minutes to discuss Releaguings Proposals. Upon request, the Releaguings Chairperson may grant more time (5-minute periods).
- 43.0 League/Conference Presidents or a League/Conference Designee from impacted leagues/conferences have three (3) minutes to speak for or against presented Releaguings Proposals. One representative per league/conference may present. At the conclusion of League/Conference Presidents or League/Conference Designees speaking, one representative from schools requesting reliefs and new member schools will have (3) minutes to speak for or against.
- 44.0 Individual League/Conference 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposals will be presented. Each League/Conference President or League/Conference Designee will have (5 minutes) to present their 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal. Releaguings Proposals must be aligned to accepted criteria and must include schools seeking relief and new member schools requesting a league/conference.
- 45.0 All leagues/conferences will have ten (10) minutes to discuss Individual League Releaguings Proposals. Upon request, the Releaguings Chairperson may grant more time (5-minute periods).
- 46.0 League/Conference Presidents or a League/Conference Designee from impacted leagues/conferences have three (3) minutes to speak for or against presented Releaguings Proposals. One representative per league/conference may present. At the conclusion of League/Conference Presidents or League/Conference Designees speaking, one representative from schools requesting reliefs and new member schools will have (3) minutes to speak for or against.
- 47.0 Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals (April 24, 2023) will be reviewed by the Releaguings Secretary.
- 48.0 Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals will be numbered as one (1), two (2) and three (3).
- 49.0 Relief Releaguings Proposals and new member Proposals will begin with the number four (4), unless there were more than three (3) Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals. The new League proposals will begin with the number that immediately follows Relief and new member proposals. Releaguings Secretary Joel Hartmann will number new Proposals under the observation of the parliamentarian (Dr. John Dahlem).
- 50.0 Chairperson will call for a vote. Alphabetical Roll Call voting will begin. Each member school Principal will verbally state their official vote by stating the school they represent, the numbered Releaguings proposal(s) they are supporting and the number of votes per Releaguings proposal (no proxy voting). Each member school will have the

opportunity to vote for one half (50% rounding down) of total Releaguings Proposals. For example, if there were six (6) total first round proposals, each school would have three (3) votes. If there were five (5) total first round proposals, each school would have two (2) votes. A member school may use all votes in support of one (1) Releaguings Proposal or may divide their votes and vote for more than one proposal. At the end of the first round, the top three (3) proposals will move forward to round two (2). Round two (2) will move from three (3) to two (2) Releaguings Proposals. During round two and following rounds, each school will have one (1) vote. Round three (3) will move from two (2) Releaguings Proposals to the Final (1) CIF Releaguings Proposal. The Releaguings Secretary and the Parliamentarian will tabulate votes. All member schools are encouraged to tabulate votes (audit).

- 51.0 Passage of a motion and voting to approve the top three (3) Releaguings Proposals (round 1), final two (2) Releaguings Proposals (round 2) and the final CIF Releaguings Proposal (round 3) will be as follows. If we begin this process with less than four (4) Releaguings Proposals, we will move directly to the final (2) or possibly the final (1) depending on the number of Releaguings Proposals submitted:

The top three (3) Releaguings Proposals will be those proposals that receive the highest amount of votes. Therefore, the highest amount is number one (1); the second highest amount is number two (2), and the third highest amount is number three (3).

The final two (2) Releaguings Proposals will be those proposals which receive the highest amount of votes. Therefore, the highest amount is number (1) and the second highest amount is number two (2).

The final (1) 2022-2024 Releaguings Proposal will be the proposal that receives the highest amount of votes from the final two (2). Therefore, the highest amount (out of the final two) will be the Final (1) 2022-2023 Releaguings Proposal.

Passage of a motion to vote on the Final (1) CIF Proposal will be approved by a majority vote. Once approved, a motion will be made to approve the Final (1) 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal. The final proposal must be approved with a sixty percent (60%) majority vote. If the Final one (1) Releaguings Proposal receives a sixty percent (60%) majority vote, voting ceases and that proposal will represent the area as its selection and will be immediately forwarded to the CIF Southern Section office.

- 52.0 If there is a tie when determining the top three (3) or the final two (2) Releaguings Proposals, all tied Releaguings Proposals will be included in the top three (3) or final two (2). For example, if there are two (2) Releaguings Proposals tied for first when determining the top three (3), the top three (3) Releaguings Proposals will include the two (2) tied for first plus the second place Releaguings Proposal only.

- 53.0 If the Final Releaguings Proposal does not receive a sixty percent (60%) majority vote, there will be a League representative caucus for twenty (20) minutes. Per request, the Releaguings Chairperson may approve more time (5 minute-periods). League Representatives will meet and prepare a compromise to the Final (1) CIF Proposal. The compromise will create a new counterproposal. This new counterproposal must follow the accepted criteria and must include schools requesting relief and new member schools requesting a league/conference. Passage of a motion to vote on the Final (1) Releaguings Proposal (League Representative Counterproposal) will be approved by a majority vote of League Representatives. Once League Representatives approve, a motion will be made to approve the Final (1) 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal. The Final (1) proposal must be approved with a sixty percent (60%) member schools vote. If the Final One Releaguings Proposal receives a sixty percent (60%) majority member school vote, voting ceases and that proposal will represent the area as its selection and will be immediately forwarded to the CIF Southern Section office.

- 54.0 All appeals must be in accordance with the CIF Blue Book Page 40 "Releaguings Appeal Procedures."



## Attachment B

### 2022-2024 OC League Alignment

Century Conference		Coastview Conference		Empire League	
Brea Olinda		Aliso Niguel		Crean Lutheran	
Canyon		Capistrano Valley		Cypress	
El Dorado		Dana Hills	No Football	Kennedy	
El Modena		El Toro		Pacifica, GG	
Esperanza		Mission Viejo		Tustin	
Foothill		San Clemente		Valencia, Placentia	
Villa Park		San Juan Hills			
Yorba Linda		Tesoro			
		Trabuco Hills			

Freeway League		Garden Grove League		Golden West Conference	
Buena Park		Bolsa Grande		Garden Grove	
Fullerton		La Quinta		Godinez	
La Habra		Loara		Katella	
Sonora		Los Amigos		Ocean View	
Sunny Hills		Rancho Alamitos		Seegerstrom	
Troy		Santiago, GG		Westminster	
				Laguna Beach	FB Only
				Marina	FB Only

Orange League		Orange Coast League		Pacific Coast Conference	
Anaheim		Calvary Chapel		Beckman	
Century		Costa Mesa		Irvine	
Magnolia		Estancia		Northwood	
Santa Ana Valley		Orange		Portola	
Savanna		Saddleback		University	
Western		Santa Ana		Woodbridge	
		St. Margaret's		Laguna Hills	
				Sage Hill	No Football
				Dana Hills	FB Only

Sunset Conference		Trinity League		New League	
Corona del Mar		JSerra			
Edison		Mater Dei			
Fountain Valley		Orange Lutheran			
Huntington Beach		Rosary Academy			
Los Alamitos		Santa Margarita			
Newport Harbor		Servite			
Laguna Beach	No Football	St. John Bosco			
Marina	No Football				

## Attachment C

CIF Southern Section  
Orange County Area Placement Meeting 2024 - 2026 Releaguings Cycle Agenda  
May 15, 2023  
9:30 a.m.  
Diocese of Orange  
13280 Chapman Avenue Garden Grove, California 92840

- 1.0
- 2.0 Flag Salute
- 3.0 Moment of Reflection "It is never wrong to do the right thing." Mark Twain
- 4.0 Purpose of the Meeting
- 5.0 Introduction of Guests/Media
- 6.0 Public Hearing Session-Members of the Public
- 7.0 Roll Call (simple majority will constitute a quorum)
- 8.0 Approval of Minutes April 23, 2023 (Athletic Directors Meeting)
- 9.0 Review 2024-2026 Bylaws and Protocol for Principals Meeting.
- 10.0 Review CIFSS Blue Book Page 39 Bylaw 32 B 4 A (Conference vs. Leagues)
- 11.0 Member Schools Relief Proposals
  - a. Football Only Conference (FOC) Athletic Directors Relief Proposal presentations (Top three), discussion, and vote.
  - b. If a simple majority approves FOC top three Athletic Director Relief Proposals, FOC new relief proposals and counterproposals will be presented and discussed.
  - c. FOC Relief Proposal will be numbered and then a vote to choose the number one FOC proposal.
  - d. If FOC is approved, and the number one FOC proposal has been chosen, All Other Sports Relief Athletic Director Proposals (top three) will be presented and discussed. (Does not include Football)
  - e. All Other Sports new relief proposals and counterproposals (does not include Football) will be presented and discussed.  
Date: Time: Location:  
Welcome/Call to Order. All Other Sports will be numbered and then a vote to choose the number one All Other Sports Proposal. (Does not include Football)
  - g. Two Votes-FOC (60% approval) and All Other Sports (60% approval).
  - h. If FOC is opposed, All Other Sports (including Football) Relief Proposal presentations and discussion, numbering, and voting.
- 12.0 Reminders and Information
- 13.0 Motion/Approval to Adjourn if necessary TBA.  
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Next Meeting: Only Principals/AD's  
Diocese of Orange  
13280 Chapman Avenue Garden Grove, California

## Attachment D

Date: Time: Location:  
CIF Southern Section  
Orange County Area Placement Meeting 2024 - 2026 Releaguings Cycle Minutes  
May 15, 2023  
9:00 a.m.  
Diocese of Orange  
13280 Chapman Avenue Garden Grove, California 92840

### 1.0 Welcome/Call to Order

- Michael Brennan (Chairperson) called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.
- Michael Brennan introduced Joel Hartman (secretary) and Sharon Hodge (CIF SS). He stated that Dr. John Dahlem was not feeling well and would not be present.

### 2.0 Flag Salute

- Michael Brennan led the Pledge of Allegiance

### 3.0 Moment of Reflection

- "It is never wrong to do the right thing." Mark Twain
- Michael Brennan asked member schools to reflect on the quote (1 minute).

### 4.0 Purpose of the Meeting

- Michael Brennan stated, "the purpose of the meeting was to review the three Football Only Conference (FOC) proposals and the three All-Sports Proposals recommended by Athletic Directors, as well as listen to potential counter proposals. All proposals will be heard. We will then discuss and vote to reduce the options for FOC and All Other Sports to one proposal each. These proposals will be forwarded to the CIFSS." Michael Brennan thanked athletic directors and principals for attending today's meeting and ensured that all member schools would have an opportunity to be represented in the releaguings process.

### 5.0 Introduction of Guests/Media

- Joel Hartmann announced that Jim Perry was present to represent CIF SS. Michael Brennan welcomed Mr. Perry to the meeting.

### 6.0 Public Hearing Session-Members of the Public

- There were no members of the public present.

### 7.0 Roll Call (simple majority will constitute a quorum)

- See attached Excel Spreadsheet
- There was a quorum present by a simple majority of schools. 76 member schools present; 39 member schools represented a simple majority; and 46 schools equal a 60% threshold.
- Michael Brennan explained the proxy process by stating, "some schools present today are represented by proxy letters signed by the principal of the school."

### 8.0 Approval of Minutes April 23, 2023 (Athletic Directors Meeting)

- Sage Hill High School asked for a correction of the 4-24-23 minutes, stating that they were in support of Option D and opposed to Option E. Michael Brennan state, "I will revise the 4-24-23 minutes."
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to approve the April 24, 2023 minutes with this correction. Villa Park High School moved to approve the April 24, 2023 minutes. Sunny Hills High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved the April 24, 2023. 76-0-0
- Joel Hartmann announced member schools represented by proxy:  
Santa Margarita High School  
Servite High School  
Western High School

Irvine (Monica Colunga, Principal of Irvine came late) Santa Ana High School  
Yorba Linda High School Tustin High School Saddleback High School Capistrano  
Valley High School Aliso Niguel High School  
Brea Olinda High School  
Corona del Mar High School

- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to begin the meeting. San Clemente High School motioned to begin the meeting. Saddleback High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved the beginning of the meeting. 76-0-0

#### 9.0 Review 2024-2026 Bylaws and Protocol for Principals Meeting.

- Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions regarding the bylaws. There were no questions or concerns.

#### 10.0 Review CIFSS Blue Book Page 39 Bylaw 32 B 4 A (Conference vs. Leagues)

- Michael Brennan presented and the above bylaw. He presented and verified that all member school understood the difference between a conference and a league.
  - Conference
  - One Criteria-Equity
  - League
  - Three criterion-Equity, Geography and Enrollment

- Michael Brennan asked for questions. There were no questions.

#### 11.0 Member Schools Relief Proposals

- Michael Brennan stated that there are three approved FOC proposals (AD meeting). There were two additional FOC proposals provided to Mr. Hartmann. Mike Brennan reviewed the protocol for the day:
  - a. Football Only Conference (FOC) Athletic Directors Relief Proposal presentations (Top three), discussion, and vote.
  - b. If a simple majority approves FOC top three Athletic Director Relief Proposals, FOC new. relief proposals and counterproposals will be presented and discussed.
  - c. FOC Relief Proposal will be numbered and then a vote to choose the number one FOC. proposal.
  - d. If FOC is approved, and the number one FOC proposal has been chosen, All Other Sports Relief Athletic Director Proposals (top three) will be presented and discussed.  
(does not include Football)
  - e. All Other Sports new relief proposals and counterproposals (does not include Football) will be presented and discussed.
  - f. All Other Sports will be numbered and then a vote to choose the number one All Other Sports Proposal. (Does not include Football)
  - g. Two Votes-FOC (60% approval) and All Other Sports (60% approval).
  - h. If FOC is opposed, All Other Sports (including Football) Relief Proposal presentations and discussion, numbering, and voting.

#### Football Only Conference

- Tustin High School presented FOC proposal #1. Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Estancia High presented FOC proposal #2. Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- The Freeway League presented FOC proposal #1. Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Michael Brennan stated that approval was necessary from principals before we move forward with FOC proposals. Anaheim High School motion to approve a FOC. Godinez

High School seconded the motion. A hand vote approved the Football Only Conference approval by principals. 75-0-1

- Los Amigos High School represented the Garden Grove League (counterproposal #4). Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this FOC counterproposal. In support:
  - San Clemente High SchoolAgainst:
  - Edison High School
  - Los Alamitos School
- Portola High School represented the Pacific Coast League (counterproposal #5).
- Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this FOC counterproposal. In support:
  - San Clemente High SchoolAgainst:
  - Edison High School
  - Los Alamitos High School
- Michael Brennan asked for additional counterproposals. There were no additional counterproposals.
- Ten minutes plus five additional minutes were permitted for discussion within individual leagues regarding the five FOC proposals.
- Joel Hartmann asked for additional counterproposals. There were no additional counterproposals.
- Newport Harbor High School entered the meeting. Michael Brennan stated that a motion was necessary to reinstate voting privileges to Newport Harbor High School. San Clemente High School motioned to reinstate voting privileges to Newport Harbor High School. Valencia High seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to reinstate Newport Harbor High School voting privileges. 76-0-0.
- Michael Brennan stated, "it is now time to vote on the FOC options. The final proposals must be approved with a 60% (46-member school) vote. He asked for a motion to move forward with the vote to choose the number one FOC proposal. Newport Harbor High School made a motion to move forward with the vote. San Clemente High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to move forward with the vote. 77-0-0.
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to begin the voting process to reduce the FOC proposals from five to three. Villa Park High School moved to begin the voting process to reduce the FOC proposals from five to three FOC proposals. Laguna Beach High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to begin the voting process. 77-0-0
- A roll call vote reduced the number from five FOC proposals to three FOC proposals, with each school getting two votes – FOC proposals #1, #4 and #5 were moved forward. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to begin the voting process to reduce the FOC proposals from three to two FOC proposals. JSerra High School motioned to vote. El Dorado High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved. 77-0-0
- A roll call vote reduced the number from three to two FOC proposals, with each school getting one vote– #1 and #4 were the top two FOC proposals. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- A request was approved to allow a 5-minute discussion within each league to discuss the two final FOC proposals. Time was granted permitting an additional 15 minutes to discuss (3 five-minute intervals).
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to begin the voting process to reduce FOC proposals from two to one FOC proposal. JSerra High School motioned to move from two to one

FOC proposal. El Toro High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to begin the voting process. 77-0-0.

- A roll call vote reduced the number from two FOC proposals to one FOC proposal, with each school getting one vote. Proposal #4 received a majority of votes. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to approve Proposal #4 as the final FOC proposal. JSerra High School motioned to approve. El
- Dorado High School seconded the motion. The motion was approved with over 60%. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to vote on forwarding Proposal
- #4 (final FOC proposal) to CIF SS. Sonora High School motioned that FOC Proposal #4 be forwarded to CIF SS. Anaheim seconded this motion. The motion was approved by a majority. (See Excel Spreadsheet)

#### All-Other Sports Proposals

- Michael Brennan stated, it is time to discuss All-Other Sports Proposals. All-Other Sports Proposals #1, #2 and #3 were created and recommended by Athletic Directors. There are three additional options proposed by the Golden West League, Orange High School, and the Empire League.”
- Kennedy High reviewed proposal #1.
- Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Estancia High School reviewed proposal #2
- Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Orange High School reviewed proposal #3.
- Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Segerstrom High School represented the Garden Grove League (counterproposal #4). Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this All-Sports counterproposal). In support:
  - San Clemente High School El Dorado High School Calvary Chapel High School
  - Garden Grove High School Crean Lutheran High School Estancia High School
  - Santa Ana High School
- Against:
  - Portola High School represented the Pacific Coast League.
  - Beckman High School Buena Park High School Newport Harbor High School Troy High School University High School Fullerton High School Sonora High School
- Orange High School presented (counterproposal #5). Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this All-Sports counterproposal. In support: None
- Against:
  - Estancia High School
  - University High School represented the Pacific Coast League.
  - Crean Lutheran High School
  - Anaheim High School
  - Beckman High School
- Pacifica High School represented the Empire League (counterproposal #6). Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this All-Sports counterproposal. In support:
  - Crean Lutheran High School El Dorado High School
- Against:
  - Sunny Hills High School represented the Freeway League Beckman High School
  - Northwood High School represented the Pacific Coast League.

- A ten-minute discussion period was permitted to discuss proposals and prepare league/conference counterproposals. An extra five minutes was granted for a total of 15 minutes.
  - Michael Brennan asked for league or conference counterproposals. Joel Hartmann stated that there was one counterproposal developed during this time period.
  - The Freeway League presented counterproposal #7. Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against:
    - In support:
      - Beckman High School
      - Sage Hill High School
      - Rosary High School
    - Against:
      - El Dorado High School representing the Century Conference
  - Bylaws were referred to regarding the presentation of All Sports Counterproposal #5 by Orange High School. The principal stated that they were seeking relief. Per the Bylaws, the counterproposal was permitted.
  - Michael Brennan asked for a motion to vote to reduce the seven proposals to three proposals. Capistrano Valley High School motioned to move from seven to three All-Sports Proposals. OLU seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to reduce the number of options from seven to three. 77-0-0
  - A roll call vote (each school had three votes) reduced the number of All-Sports Proposals to three (proposals #2, #4, and #7). (See Excel Spreadsheet)
  - Michael Brennan asked for a motion to reduce the number of proposals from three to two All-Sports Proposals. Laguna Beach High School motioned to reduce the proposals from three to two All-Sports Proposals. Anaheim High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to reduce the number of options from three to two. 77-0-0.
  - A roll call vote (each school had one vote) reduced the number of All-Sports Proposals to two proposals #4 and #7). (See Excel Spreadsheet)
  - Michael Brennan asked for a motion to reduce the All-Sports Proposals from two to one proposal. El Toro High School motioned to move from two to one All-Sports Proposal. Villa Park High School seconded the motion. Five minutes were allowed for each member school to discuss and review the final two options. An additional five minutes was granted. Both All-Sports Proposals were viewed via technology on a large white screen above the stage.
  - Michael Brennan presented All-Sports Proposals #4 and #7 for review and asked for further discussion. There was no further discussion. A motion to vote had previously been made. A hand vote unanimously approved to reduce the number of All-Sports Proposals from two to one All-Sports Proposal. 77-0-0
  - A roll call vote (each school had one vote) reduced the number to one All-Sports Proposal. The proposal selected was #4. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
  - Michael Brennan asked for a motion to approve Proposal #4 as the final All-Sports proposal. Villa Park High School motioned to approve. Costa Mesa High School seconded the motion. The motion was approved with over 60%. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
  - Michael Brennan asked for a motion to vote on forwarding Proposal #4 (Final All-Sports proposal) to CIF SS. Corona Del Mar High School motioned that the final All-Sports Proposal #4 be forwarded to CIF SS. Godinez High School seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a majority. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
  - A roll call vote approved to forward the All-Sports to the CIF SS. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- 12.0 Reminders and Information

- Michael Brennan thanked Joel Hartmann and Sharon Hodge for their assistance with the releaguering process. He asked for everyone to pray for Dr. Dahlem. There was a one-minute time period where all members schools prayed for or reflected upon Dr. Dahlem.

#### 13.0 Motion/Approval to Adjourn

- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Villa Park High School motioned to adjourn. Laguna Beach High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. 77-0-0.
- Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.



## Attachment E

### Golden West League

#### Century Conference - 15

Brea Olinda
Canyon
Crean Lutheran
Cypress
El Dorado
El Modena
Esperanza
Foothill
La Habra
Pacifica
Sonora
Sunny Hills
Troy
Villa Park
Yorba Linda

#### Coastview Conference - 10

Aliso Niguel
Beckman
Capo Valley
Dana Hills
El Toro
Mission Viejo
San Clemente
San Juan Hills
Tesoro
Trabuco Hills

#### Pacific Coast Conference - 9 Girls / 8 Boys

Irvine
Laguna Beach
Northwood
Portola
Rosary
Sage Hill
St Margarets
University
Woodbridge

#### Golden Empire Conference - 15

Buena Park
Calvary Chapel
Costa Mesa
Fullerton
Garden Grove
Godinez
Katella
Kennedy
Laguna Hills
Ocean View
Santa Ana
Segerstrom
Tustin
Valencia
Westminister

#### Orange Grove Conference - 15

Anaheim
Bolsa Grande
Century
Estancia
La Quinta
Loara
Los Amigos
Magnolia
Orange
Rancho Alamitos
Saddleback
Santiago
Savanna
Valley
Western

#### Sunset League - 7

Corona Del Mar
Edison
Fountain Valley
Huntington Beach
Los Alamitos
Marina
Newport Harbor

#### Trinity League - 6 Boys / 4 Girls

Bosco
J Serra
Mater Dei
Orange Lutheran
Santa Margarita
Servite

## Attachment F

### FWL Counter 5\_15\_23

#### Century Conference - 10 guys / 11 girls

Foothill	12
Villa Park	13
Cypress	15
El Dorado	21
Rosary	23
Canyon	24
Yorba Linda	28
Esperanza	30
St Margarets	40
Brea Olinda	41
El Modena	54

#### Coastview Conference - 10

San Clemente	7
San Juan Hills	7
Aliso Niguel	11
Tesoro	14
Capo Valley	20
Mission Viejo	22
Trabuco Hills	25
El Toro	32
Dana Hills	33
Crean Lutheran	36

#### Pacific Coast League - 7

Woodbridge	25
Laguna Beach	31
Northwood	37
University	42
Portola	44
Irvine	50
Beckman	18

#### Golden West Conference - 15

Pacific	39
Tustin	45
Kennedy	46
Garden Grove	48
Seegerstrom	49
Laguna Hills	51
Valencia	52
Calvary Chapel	53
Ocean View	55
Sage Hill	57
Katella	59
Westminster	62
Godinez	63
Santa Ana	64
Costa Mesa	65

#### Orange Grove Conference - 15

Santiago	56
Anaheim	58
Estancia	61
La Quinta	66
Savanna	67
Saddleback	68
Bolsa Grande	69
Los Amigos	70
Western	71
Valley	72
Rancho Alamitos	73
Loara	74
Orange	75
Magnolia	76
Century	77

#### Sunset League - 7

Los Alamitos	2
Huntington Beach	6
Newport Harbor	9
CDM	16
Edison	17
Fountain Valley	29
Marina	35

#### Freeway League - 6

Sunny Hills	27
Sonora	34
Troy	38
La Habra	42
Fullerton	47
Buena Park	60

#### Trinity

Mater Dei	1
Servite	3
Santa Margarita	4
Orange Lutheran	5
J Serra	9
Bosco	19

## Attachment G

Non Football Proposal Vote to 1			
School	Proposal 4 Golden West Lg	Proposal 7 Freeway Lg	Abstain
Aliso Niguel	1		
Anaheim	1		
Beckman		1	
Bolsa Grande	1		
Brea Olinda	1		
Buena Park		1	
Calvary Chapel	1		
Canyon	1		
Capistrano Valley	1		
Century		1	
Corona del Mar	1		
Costa Mesa	1		
Crean Lutheran		1	
Cypress	1		
Dana Hills	1		
Edison	1		
El Dorado	1		
El Modena	1		
El Toro	1		
Esperanza	1		
Estancia	1		
Foothill	1		
Fountain Valley	1		
Fullerton		1	
Garden Grove	1		
Godinez	1		
Huntington Beach	1		
Irvine		1	
J Serra		1	
Katella	1		
Kennedy	1		
La Habra		1	
La Quinta	1		
Laguna Beach		1	
Laguna Hills		1	
Loara	1		
Los Alamitos		1	
Los Amigos	1		
Magnolia	1		
Marina	1		
Mater Dei		1	
Mission Viejo	1		
Newport Harbor	1		
Northwood		1	
Ocean View	1		
Orange	1		
Orange Lutheran		1	
Pacific, GG	1		
Portola		1	
Rancho Alamitos	1		
Rosary Academy		1	
Saddleback	1		
Sage Hill		1	
San Clemente	1		
San Juan Hills	1		
Santa Ana	1		
Santa Ana Valley	1		
Santa Margarita		1	
Santiago, GG	1		
Savanna	1		
Seegerstrom	1		
Servite		1	
Sonora		1	
St Margarets	1		
St. John Bosco		1	
Sunny Hills		1	
Tesoro	1		
Trabuco Hills	1		
Troy		1	
Tustin	1		
University		1	
Valencia, Placentia	1		
Villa Park	1		
Western		1	
Westminster	1		
Woodbridge		1	
Yorba Linda	1		
TOTALS	51	26	0

## Attachment H

Non Football Proposal #4 - Final Approval Vote (60%)			
School	YES	NO	Abstain
Aliso Niguel	1		
Anaheim	1		
Beckman		1	
Bolsa Grande	1		
Brea Olinda	1		
Buena Park		1	
Calvary Chapel	1		
Canyon	1		
Capistrano Valley	1		
Century	1		
Corona del Mar	1		
Costa Mesa	1		
Crean Lutheran			1
Cypress	1		
Dana Hills	1		
Edison	1		
El Dorado	1		
El Modena	1		
El Toro	1		
Esperanza	1		
Estancia	1		
Foothill	1		
Fountain Valley	1		
Fullerton		1	
Garden Grove	1		
Godinez	1		
Huntington Beach			1
Irvine		1	
JSerra	1		
Katella	1		
Kennedy	1		
La Habra		1	
La Quinta	1		
Laguna Beach	1		
Laguna Hills	1		
Loara	1		
Los Alamitos	1		
Los Amigos	1		
Magnolia	1		
Marina	1		
Mater Dei	1		
Mission Viejo	1		
Newport Harbor	1		
Northwood		1	
Ocean View	1		
Orange	1		
Orange Lutheran			1
Pacifica, GG	1		
Portola		1	
Rancho Alamitos	1		
Rosary Academy	1		
Saddleback	1		
Sage Hill	1		
San Clemente	1		
San Juan Hills	1		
Santa Ana	1		
Santa Ana Valley	1		
Santa Margarita			1
Santiago, GG	1		
Savanna	1		
Segerstrom	1		
Servite	1		
Sonora		1	
St Margarets	1		
St. John Bosco	1		
Sunny Hills		1	
Tesoro	1		
Trabuco Hills	1		
Troy		1	
Tustin	1		
University		1	
Valencia, Placentia	1		
Villa Park	1		
Western	1		
Westminster	1		
Woodbridge		1	
Yorba Linda	1		
TOTAL S	61	12	4



# Buena Park High School

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*Brian Cuevas, Assistant Principal*

To Whom It May Concern,

### INTRODUCTION

Buena Park High School ("BPHS"), Buena Park, CA, is offering a letter of support for the five Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHS) schools who are appealing the "other sports Releaguings" decision of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section ("CIF-SS") on May 15, 2023. This letter of support is based upon ensuring "the releaguings criteria and process" follows the CIF-SS Purpose and Operating Principles as outlined on pages 21-22 in the Constitution of the California Interscholastic Federation. While many of the outlined principals concern the conduct of student-athletes and all parties who support student-athletes, it is imperative that any process that falls under the purview of CIF-SS ensures all members be afforded the proper processes at all times to ensure their programs are not placed in systems that could adversely affect the development of the programs designed for student-athlete growth and development. The unique and unprecedented nature of the releaguings efforts during this current cycle warranted a more in-depth, inclusive processes than what occurred during, and leading up to the May 15th releaguings meeting. Because this current cycle involved massive changes to the southern section configuration, it is imperative that all members be afforded the ability to not only advocate, but also have an equal voice in determining the large-scale shifts that resulted from the May 15, 2023 meeting. Trying to utilize bylaws and processes designed to make small-scale releaguings shifts, and applying those to the large-scale conferencing configurations, created a scenario where members of our district felt like the process had been done "to them" and not "with them."

### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

As outlined in the minutes and agendas from the Athletic Director meeting on April 24, 2023, and during the May 15, 2023 Principal meeting, it was very evident that the CIF Southern Section was on the precipice of major shifts to the configuration of leagues and conferences for its members. The current procedures for the releaguings cycles that occurred every two years were designed to accomplish small scale tweaks to a 77-member system, not a wholesale redesign of the system into larger conferences, essentially dissolving up to 5 entire leagues in one cycle. The process can be acceptable if the leagues in question are utilizing the mechanism of "relief" to dissolve their leagues to accomplish conferencing, but when entire leagues not seeking dissolution are affected and placed in conferences, the procedures in place are not adequate to ensure an equitable process for a redesign of that magnitude.

During the releaguings meeting on May 15, the elements of time, openness, collegiality, and collaboration were not present, the process was rushed given the magnitude of the changes, and the backdoor deals did not allow for all parties involved to feel like there was an ethical process with the interests of students at the center of the discussion. Unlike the football discussion of the releaguings process, which was out in the open and discussed for months, if not

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the previous year, the subsequent discussions for relegating, sans football, left schools and leagues feeling attacked, used, and not part of the overall discussion.

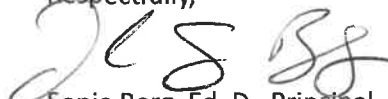
The 2024-2026 CIF Relegating cycle consolidated all Orange County Area Schools' football teams into one conference. Member schools were required to vote on the Football-Only Relegating Proposal before considering the relegating of all other CIF sports. Prior to the meeting, there was ample discussion, time, proposals, and evidence that all schools knew and understood not only the purpose, but the equity-based model being presented as a better design for the southern section. As the push to consolidate all Orange County Area Schools football teams into one football conference reflected a larger CIF trend, BPHS agreed to the Football-Only Relegating Proposal. BPHS understood and agreed that moving the football program into a larger conference was not only in the best interest of BPHS's football program, but also a show of good will and a way to pilot BPHS's participation in a larger conference prior to relegating all other sports. However, once the conversations turned to the elimination of five different leagues and the creation of conferences for all other sports, BPHS voted "no" to join another conference for all other CIF sports.

The "no" vote was due more to the process of how the relegating effort was being conducted, and less of the actual result of the placement for BPHS. While BPHS understands the benefit of conferencing, and its placement into the Golden Empire Conference provides equity across the board for its athletic teams, the process used to accomplish such tasks did not provide the necessary time and collaboration to ensure all parties involved in the moves were part of the decision-making process. It became apparent through the second half of the meeting that the agenda of some in the room was to create larger 15-team conferences, regardless if all schools being moved were on-board, or even privy to the agenda. The goal of relegating in the past had always been to affect the least amount of schools as possible, however, this move was a wholesale overhaul of the southern section into as many large conferences as possible. The feeling among some member schools was that proposals and counter proposals were compiled during private, informal meetings, not involving all parties affected. At no time during the months leading up to the May 15th meeting had BPHS been involved in discussions about dissolving the freeway league in order to accomplish the task of forming larger conferences.

## CONCLUSION

In closing, I feel that because the process of, and leading up to, May 15th was not a small-scale relegating effort, but rather a large-scale conferencing effort, CIF-SS officials should not only be present and integral in the conversations and management of the conferencing meeting, but the effort should be a better collaborative effort between CIF-SS and all member schools with an appropriate amount of time given for discussion and solutions. Buena Park High School thanks you for your consideration and would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have.

Respectfully,



Sonje Berg, Ed. D., Principal  
Buena Park High School



**BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION-SOUTHERN  
SECTION ON RELEAGUING COMMENCING 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

**In the matter of CIF-SS Releagu  
Configuration regarding Sonora High  
School**

**APPEAL – SONORA HIGH  
SCHOOL, La Habra, CA**

**September 7, 2023**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Sonora High School (“SOHS”), La Habra, CA, appeals the “other sports releagu  
decision of the Orange County Area Placement (“OCAP”) and California Interscholastic  
Federation Southern Section (“CIF-SS”) on May 15, 2023. This appeal is based upon “the re-  
leagu  
criteria and process” that violated the following Orange County Area Schools  
Releagu  
Bylaws, 2024-2026 (“Bylaws”) (Attachment A):

1. Bylaws 24.0 and 40.0, mandating that the releagu  
proposals must affect the least  
amount of member schools as reasonably as possible;
2. Bylaws 24.0 and 40.0, mandating that Principals of schools requesting relief begin the  
meeting with a five-minute presentation that may include their school information and  
one (1) new 2024-2026 releagu  
proposal;
3. Bylaws 23.0 and 40.0, mandating that releagu  
proposals must provide reasonable and  
equal application of the following three criteria: competitive equity (strength of program),  
geography (travel time), and enrollment (school population);
4. Bylaw 22.0, mandating that all “Releagu  
Proposals must be written on the Orange  
County Area Releagu  
Proposal Form;” and
5. The introductory section of the Releagu  
Bylaws also states that “Releagu  
Proposals  
protocols and procedures will not discriminate against one or more member schools.”

Important Note: Bylaw 24.0 states, “\*Any reference in this document to the word ‘league’ refers  
to a duly constituted league or conference formed in the last Releagu  
cycle.”

**II. PROCEDURAL VIOLATIONS**

Significant procedural violations were committed during the releagu  
process that  
require granting this appeal and nullifying SOHS’s placement in the Century Conference with  
respect to “other sports” commencing with the 2024-2025 year.

The 2024-2026 CIF Releaguings cycle consolidated all Orange County Area Schools' football teams into one conference. Member schools were required to vote on the Football-Only Releaguings Proposal before considering the releaguings of all other CIF sports. As the push to consolidating all Orange County Area Schools football teams into one football conference reflected a larger CIF trend, SOHS agreed to the Football-Only Releaguings Proposal. Moving the football program into a larger conference was SOHS's show of good will and a way to pilot SOHS's participation in a larger conference prior to releaguings all other sports. SOHS refused, however, to join another conference for all other CIF sports. SOHS never formally requested relief, yet, along with the other members of the Freeway League, was moved in order to create a conference. Throughout the process, SOHS has maintained it does not want to join another league or conference for all other CIF sports.

The 2024-2026 Orange County Area Placement process was explicitly motivated by factors outside the three criteria allowed for consideration under Bylaw 23.0 as well as by discrimination toward member schools in violation of the Introduction of the Bylaws against intentional or unintentional discrimination against any member schools. During the February 8 and April 24, 2023 releaguings meetings, an athletic director in the Century Conference blatantly campaigned for the Freeway League's elimination. For example, he bitterly stated, "The Freeway League has been together 42 years. It's time for you guys to play ball and join the rest of us." This athletic director demonstrated other illegitimate reasons in support of the 2024-2025 Placement by saying, "[Century Conference's] goal is to expand. We have 9 teams and would like to get to 15." Furthermore, his and others' supported proposals discriminated against private schools. This was made clear by him and others during multiple meetings in which they stated, "We do not want schools without boundaries [or borders]." Finally, the same athletic director repeatedly advocated to disband the Freeway League schools under the pretense that Buena Park High School needed relief with statements like, "If I were student or family at Buena Park [High School], I would sue the District for not providing relief." Buena Park High School, however, never requested relief and excels within the Freeway League year-to-year. Century Conference representatives, who supported the ultimate releaguings proposal, demonstrated their complete disregard for the three criteria throughout the series of releaguings committees that took place from February to May 2023.

On April 24, 2023, the Athletic Directors approved three Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals for non-football sports that were posted in advance of the May 15, 2023 releaguings meeting. In violation of Bylaw 22.0, not all of these proposals were submitted on the Orange County Area Releaguings Proposal Form. (Attachment B is the only form available on the OCAP website). According to Bylaw 24.0, these proposals should also have affected "the least amount of member schools as reasonably possible." Yet, the ultimate releaguings proposal in fact impacted all schools in Orange County.



At the May 15, 2023 meeting for Principals, member schools voted on the final 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal based on incomplete information in violation of Bylaw 40.0. Per Bylaw 39.0, the purpose of the May 15, 2023 meeting was for Principals (“Orange County Area Representatives”) to “review recommended Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals (from April 24, 2023) and provide time for member school Principals seeking relief, new member school Principals, and each league/conference an opportunity to present one (1) new Relief Releaguings Proposal.” At the beginning of this meeting, as required by Bylaw 40, the Principals of schools requesting relief were to receive five minutes to present school information regarding their reasons for requesting relief as well as 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal. This mandated procedure was entirely neglected as the May 15 meeting agenda (Attachment C) and meeting minutes (Attachment D) exhibit.

Instead of following this procedure in the Bylaws and giving schools requesting relief five minutes to present, the meeting began with a clear focus on solving the Football-Only Conferencing question first. The non-football proposals and counterproposals were addressed only after the Football-Only issue was resolved, and member schools requesting relief were denied time to present. Without this key information, Principals decided on proposals not knowing which schools were requesting relief nor how the proposals would provide relief.

At the May 15, 2023 meeting, Principals were presented with three additional non-football counterproposals that had been compiled during private, informal meetings leading up to May 15. As stated above, none of the original non-football proposals nor counterproposals indicated which schools were requesting relief nor how that relief was being satisfied. The discussions following each proposal at the May 15 meeting clearly demonstrated that certain existing leagues and conferences supported proposals based on the creation or expansion of conferences to benefit their members, without concern for other impacted schools. However, expanding a conference is not one of the criteria for re-leaguings as required by Bylaw 23.0. The resulting proposed conferences also failed to affect the least number of schools as reasonably possible as required in Bylaws 24.0 and 40.0.

Several member schools also directly expressed that they would not support proposals which added private schools, or “schools without borders” as they referred to them, to their league or conference. This expressed discrimination of private schools not only violated the Bylaws but also severely limited the process of finding the best possible relief proposals. The only way to increase conference sizes without adding private schools and while addressing schools that requested relief was to break up a league whose member schools did not request relief.

For example, one of the new counterproposals, non-Football Proposal 4 (Attachment E) that ultimately became the final 2024-2026 Placement, affected 100% of member schools across

Orange County. The proposal breached Bylaws 24.0 and 40.0, which state that “Releaguings Proposals should affect the least amount of member schools as reasonably possible.” When leagues or conferences affected by any of the proposals could submit new counterproposals, the Freeway League representatives, including SOHS, created and presented an alternate proposal, non-Football Proposal 7 (Attachment F), to affect the least schools reasonably possible while also working to satisfy the desire of certain conferences to expand or be created. The Freeway League’s counterproposal not only addressed all schools that requested relief, but also affected a smaller number of member schools. The counterproposal also expanded the conferences that wanted expansion and created conferences for member schools who wanted it. Again, some member schools or leagues spoke out against the Freeway League counterproposal giving the explicit, discriminatory reasoning that they did not want “schools without borders” (i.e. private schools) in their league or conference.

The 2024-2026 OCAP is the unfortunate outcome of a free-wheeling process driven by a few outspoken participants rather than the Bylaws’ process of providing reasonable and equal application of the accepted criteria—competitive equity (strength of program), geography (travel time), and enrollment (school population). Though SOHS never requested relief, SOHS will be adversely impacted by the significant resources it must divert to accommodate the releaguings 2024-2026 OCAP process to ensure its students can safely participate. For 42 years, SOHS students traveled within a five-mile radius to attend games at schools within their own school district (Fullerton Joint Union High School District or “FJUHS”). As a result of short travel times and ease of coordination among FJUHS schools, SOHS could start their games after class hours (8:30 AM – 3:30 PM) and share their resources to participate in CIF-SS. Now in the Century Conference, SOHS student athletes will have to miss up to three classes during away games. SOHS will have to purchase increased transportation, purchase athletic equipment, and build out their athletic facilities at an incredible expense to maintain competitive equity.

### **III. THREE CRITERIA**

Applying the Bylaw’s process for developing Orange County Area Schools Releaguings requires the reasonable and equal application of three accepted criteria. SOHS finds that the 2024-2026 OCAP decreases its competitive equity, increases travel time, and affects enrollment.

#### **1. Competitive Equity**

There are many examples of competitive equity throughout the 24 sports in the Freeway League including, Baseball, Boys/Girls Basketball, Boys/Girls Soccer, Softball, Boys/Girls Swimming & Diving, Boys/Girls Tennis, Boys/Girls Volleyball, Boys/Girls Water Polo, Boys/Girls Wrestling, Football, Boys/Girls Golf, Boys/Girls Cross Country, Boys/Girls Track &

Field. Over the past two years, SOHS athletic teams have demonstrated a fair competitive equity in the current league placement with 43% and 39% have qualified or had individuals qualify for the CIF playoffs respectively.

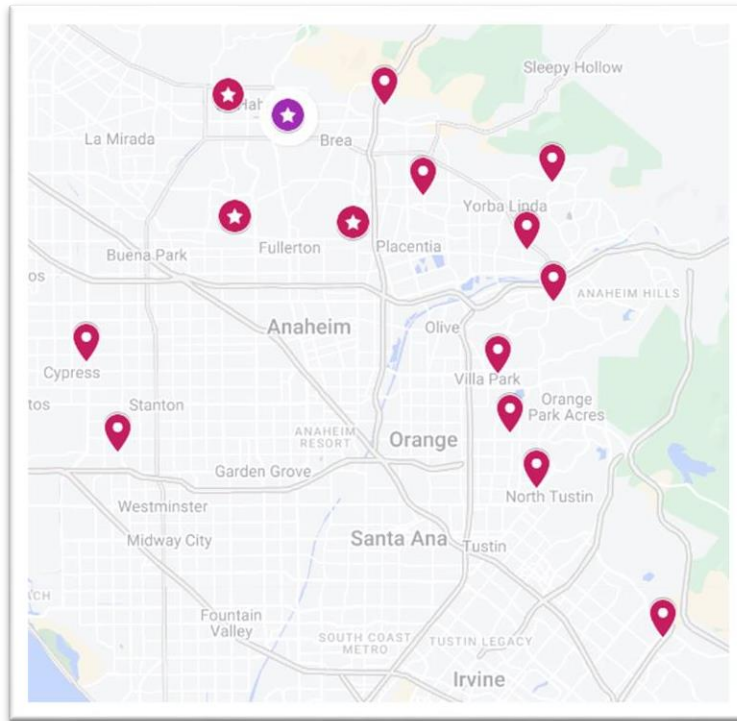
Competitive equity also goes beyond athletic success and needs to be considered with respect to athletic facilities and athletics costs as well. SOHS is not equipped with the field lights or all-weather tracks necessary for safely hosting games. Those were the only schools in the Freeway League that had all-weather tracks and field lights. Competing intra-district allowed SOHS to use facilities at other schools within the Freeway League when necessary. Under the 2024-2026 Placement, however, the only two Freeway League schools equipped with field lights and all-weather tracks, Buena Park High School and Fullerton High School, are no longer placed in a league with SOHS. Whereas before, SOHS would have used the field lights and all-weather tracks at Buena Park High School or Fullerton High School, now SOHS must purchase and install field lights and all-weather tracks in time for the 2024-2025 year. Otherwise, the events will either take place in the dark or be moved to earlier in the day, which will remove student athletes and coaches from additional classroom time for home games.

## **2. Geography/Distance**

With the proposed relegating placement, SOHS will now be required to travel longer distances to athletic contests causing unnecessary issues for both student athletes and coaching staff members.

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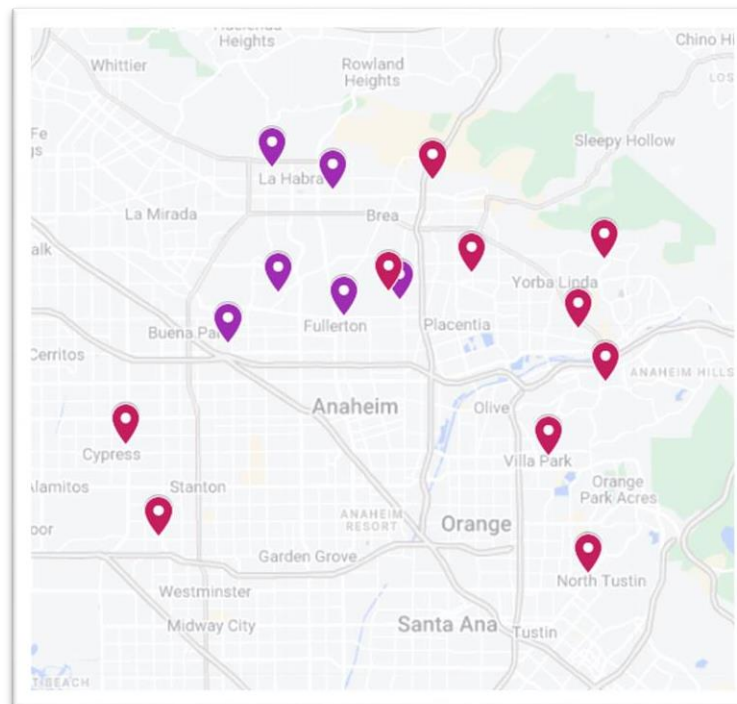
Map 1. Contested 2024-2025 Century Conference.



Purple: SOHS

Star icon:  
Former Freeway  
League

Map 2. Freeway League's Alternate Plan, 2024-2025 Conferences.



Red: Century  
Conference

Purple:  
Freeway

<b>Century Conference School</b>	<b>Roundtrip to SOHS (mi)</b>
Crean Lutheran	52 mi
Esperanza	19 mi
Yorba Linda	18 mi
Pacifica	43 mi
Brea Olinda	7 mi
El Dorado	13 mi
El Modena	33 mi
Villa Park	27 mi
Canyon	28 mi
Foothill	36 mi
Cypress	25 mi

SOHS student athletes and teachers will have less time in the classroom because of earlier game times and because they will have to travel longer distances for the games. With this change that the 2024-2026 Placement imposes on SOHS, SOHS student athletes and teachers will have to miss up to two classes and even lunch, depending on what time the game begins. As of now, student athletes already use their lunch period to ask teachers for assignments and make up quizzes and exams. SOHS students are not on a block schedule, meaning they do not have a free period in the day that can be used for those purposes instead. Both athlete students and non-athlete students will be affected alike by their teachers' frequent and prolonged absence from class.

The 2024-2026 Placement will place stress on SOHS from a transportation perspective as well since it may require SOHS to rely on and pay for charter buses to travel to their games. Currently, SOHS needs athletics transportation from 1pm-10pm and is part of a high school-only district that does not provide bussing except for special education students. FJUHSd does not own or control a fleet of buses that are available for use after school hours as a unified school districts with large bus fleets. To date, FJUHSd made do with fewer cars because it will "double up" transportation among the Freeway League's various schools and teams. For example, after an FJUHSd bus drops off Sonora High School's baseball team at SOHS, the same bus will pick up and transport SOHS's baseball team to their game. Traveling short distances between schools has also contributed to making SOHS's participation in the Freeway League possible despite FJUHSd's shortage on buses. If SOHS competes in a new league, using available FJUHSd transportation will be completely untenable, and there will be no way to participate in CIF without paying for charter buses throughout the year for all teams.

There are a certain number of campus staff that must be present for every sport, and SOHS must also hire substitute teachers for up to two class periods for each coach who teaches class. The earlier game start times and the additional travel time to Century Conference schools

that are up to 16 miles away, as opposed to Freeway League schools that are a maximum of 5 miles away, will take coaches away from the classrooms they teach.

### 3. Enrollment

A league/conference's competitive equity increases with greater similarity among the schools' size and resources. Larger schools have greater talent pools than smaller schools, and school districts in higher-income areas are more advantaged. The current CIF-SS Placement will place SOHS in a league that has greater disparities in enrollment size. In the Freeway League, the difference between schools with the most and least students enrolled was 865. In the 2024-2025 Century Conference, however, the range in school enrollment between schools with the most and least students enrolled is 1,861. Even after taking outlier private school, Crean Lutheran, out of the calculation, the difference is still large at 1,384.

Table 1. Student Enrollment in Proposed Century Conference.

High School	Conference	2022-2023 Enrollment
Crean Lutheran	Century	959
Esperanza	Century	1436
Yorba Linda	Century	1568
Pacifica	Century	1648
Brea Olinda	Century	1681
Sonora	Century	1730
El Dorado	Century	2034
El Modena	Century	2040
La Habra	Century	2054
Villa Park	Century	2110
Canyon	Century	2131
Foothill	Century	2276
Sunny Hills	Century	2429
Troy	Century	2594
Cypress	Century	2820

California Department of Education, Annual Enrollment Data, SY 2022-2023, available at:

<https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/page2.asp?level=School&subject=Enrollment&submit1=Submit>

Demographic differences between schools must also be considered when taking enrollment into account as overall numbers of students is not a completely accurate indicator of helping to provide competitive equity.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Sonora High School thanks you for your consideration of its appeal. We would be pleased to respond any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

*Steven A. Cazares*

Mr. Steven A. Cazares  
Principal, Sonora High School

Attachments:

Attachment A – Orange County Area Placement Bylaws

Attachment B – Orange County Area Releaguings Proposal Form from OCAP Website

Attachment C – May 15, 2023 Meeting Agenda

Attachment D – May 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Attachment E – Non Football Proposal 4 from May 15, 2023

Attachment F – Freeway League Counterproposal from May 15, 2023 (Non Football Proposal 7)

Attachment G – May 15, 2023 Voting Results to Determine Final Proposal

Attachment H – May 15, 2023 Final Voting Result on Non Football Proposal #4

## Orange County Area Schools

### Releaguings Bylaws

2024-2026

**Process:** The process for developing Orange County Area Schools Releaguings shall:

1. Provide reasonable and equal application of **accepted criteria**:
  - **Competitive Equity (strength of program)**
  - **Geography (travel time)**
  - **Enrollment (student population)**
2. Maintain Brown Act Compliance (“intended to provide public access to meetings”)
3. Follow CIF Southern Section Blue Book rules and policies

Orange County Area Placement is a two-year releguing cycle for all sports. (Approved March 13, 2017).

**Releaguings Proposals:** All Releaguings Proposals must provide evidence of the above-accepted criteria.

Releaguings Proposals protocols and procedures will not discriminate against one or more member schools. Releaguings Proposal protocols, procedure and guidelines must be inclusive and applied with consistency and equality (same opportunity when policy is applied). We must prevent the inconsistent and unequal application of Releaguings Proposal protocols, procedures and guidelines that would intentionally or unintentionally discriminate against one or more than one member school while creating single sport alignment, leagues or conferences.

Releaguings Proposals must include all member schools.

**Blue Book Sections:** CIFSS Section Bylaw 32 (pages 37-40) - Area Placement and Releaguings Process/Appeals CIFSS Section Bylaw 507 (page 109)- Section Alignment of Leagues

### Bylaws:

#### Chairperson, Parliamentarian, Secretary and Dues

- 1.0 Mr. Michael P. Brennan will preside as Chairperson with the assistance of Dr. John Dahlem (Parliamentarian) and Mr. Joel Hartmann (Secretary).
- 2.0 Releaguings Dues will be \$50.00 per school. Dues may be used to pay for expenses such as snacks, water, location and parking. Checks should be made out to **“Trinity League” and mailed to Mater Dei High School c/o Mr. Joel Hartmann 1202 West Edinger Ave. Santa Ana, California 92707**. If expenses are greater than revenue, a simple majority vote will increase Releaguings Dues. Dues is to be paid on or before April 3, 2023, for this Releaguings Cycle.

#### Membership and Voting Privileges

- 3.0 Orange County Area Representative Principals are committee members and thus have voting privileges.
- 4.0 Voting is restricted to schools that are members of the organization and in operation with students. This includes new member schools recently approved by the CIF SS for Orange County Placement.
- 5.0 Schools (not yet opened but have plans to open/no students) assigned through area placement may participate in Releaguings (voting privileges) provided a simple majority of voting members approve.
- 6.0 If a Principal cannot attend a meeting, he or she must send an Administrative Designee from the same school. The Administrative Designee from the same school will have voting privileges based on written authorization. Therefore, schools must be present to exercise voting privileges (**no proxy votes**).
- 7.0 If a Principal is unable to attend, the principal must provide written authorization for the Administrative Designee (from the same school) to have voting privileges. For voting privileges to occur, written authorization must be received in advance of the scheduled meeting start time. If written authorization arrives after the scheduled meeting

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begins, the Administrative Designee will forfeit voting privileges for that meeting only, unless a simple majority of voting members vote to reinstate voting privileges. Written authorization must be on school letter head, include the Principal's signature and Administrative Designees name and position. Written authorization must be emailed to the Releaguings Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org).

8.0 At the April 24<sup>th</sup> Athletic Directors meeting, only Athletic Directors will have voting privileges to determine three (3) Athletic Director proposals. Schools must be present to exercise voting privileges (no proxy voting). If an Athletic Director cannot attend he/she must send an Athletic Director Designee (from the same school) to have voting privileges. For voting privileges to occur, written authorization must be received in advance of the scheduled meeting start time. If written authorization arrives after the scheduled meeting begins, the Athletic Director Designee will forfeit voting privileges for that meeting only, unless a simple majority of voting members vote to reinstate voting privileges. Written authorization must be on school letterhead, include the Athletic Director signature, Athletic Director Designees name and position. Written authorization must be emailed to the Releaguings Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org). After this meeting, all voting privileges will return to Principals. This is the only meeting that Athletic Directors have voting privileges.

### **Media, Brown Act, Roberts Rules of Order, Agendas, Videotape and Minutes/Notes**

9.0 Meetings are open to the media. Each media representative must introduce him or herself to the Chairperson, Parliamentarian or Secretary.

10.0 Meetings are subject to the Brown Act and will follow an agenda.

11.0 Meetings will be conducted and based upon Robert's Rules of Order.

12.0 Meeting agendas will be provided five (5) working days before each scheduled meeting.

13.0 Meeting minutes or notes will be distributed to all Principals within seventy-two (72) hours.

14.0 Agendas must be posted at each school site seventy-two (72) hours before scheduled meetings.

### **Quorum, Voting and Passage of Motion**

15.0 A simple majority of Orange County Area Representatives will constitute a quorum for all meetings. Alphabetical Roll Call by member school will be obtained verbally.

16.0 Alphabetical Roll Call (by member school) voting will be verbally stated by each member school. Each member school verbally states their vote so that all member schools have the opportunity to hear the official vote of other member schools. Schools must be present to exercise voting privileges (**no proxy voting**). Minutes or notes will reflect the yeas, nays and abstentions for each vote taken. A record of each Roll Call vote will be attached to the minutes and sent to the CIF SS office. Secret ballots are prohibited. The Chairperson will request that an administrative designee from each member school verbally state their official vote or votes.

17.0 The Releaguings Secretary and the Parliamentarian will tabulate Roll Call voting separately. It is recommended that each member school tabulate Roll Call voting (auditing).

18.0 Voting shall be conducted by a 1) Motion 2) Second 3) Discussion 4) Call for Vote 5) Vote.

19.0 Passage of any motion (not the Final (1) Proposal) to approve requires a majority of those present (50% plus 1 of casted votes) to vote yea. In the case of a tie, the motion will not be approved. Abstentions are considered a casted and official vote.

20.0 Passage of a motion to vote upon the Final (1) Releaguings Proposal requires a majority vote of those member school administrative designees present. Once the motion to vote upon the Final (1) Releaguings Proposal is approved, a motion will be made to approve the Final (1) Releaguings Proposal. The Final (1) Releaguings Proposal must obtain a sixty percent (60%) majority yea vote of those member school administrative designees present. Abstentions are considered a casted vote.

### **School Profile, Area Placement Questionnaire and Releaguings Proposal**

21.0 Schools will digitally send (email) a completed official School Profile Form and their Area Questionnaire to the Releaguings Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org). This must occur on or before 11:59 p.m. April 3, 2023. The Releaguings Secretary will post the official School Profile Form and Area Placement Questionnaire on the Orange County Area Placement website under resources. Schools must utilize the official School Profile Form and Area Placement Questionnaire provided by the Releaguings Secretary. Schools requesting Orange County Area Placement or Relief must submit a New League Proposal to Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org) by April 14, 2023, 11:59 p.m.

22.0 Releaguings Proposals must be written on the Orange County Area Releaguings Proposal Form. This form is located on the Orange County Area Placement Website. If a proposal is created at either the Athletic Directors or Principals meetings, the Releaguings Proposal Form must be completely filled out. Upon request, Releaguings Proposal Form(s) will be sent to the Releaguings Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org). The Releaguings Secretary will post Releaguings Proposal Forms (Orange County Placement Website) for all member schools to view.

23.0 Releaguings Proposals must provide reasonable and equal application of **accepted criteria and must include all member schools:**

- **Competitive Equity (strength of program)**
- **Geography (travel time)**
- **Enrollment (school population)**

**See “Process and Releaguings Proposals” page 1 of this document.**

### **Athletic Directors Releaguings Proposal Meeting**

24.0 Athletic Directors will meet on April 24, 2023 (beginning at 9:00a.m.) Diocese of Orange. At this meeting, Athletic Directors/New Member School Athletic Directors are Orange County Area Representative voting members. The purpose of this meeting is for Athletic Directors to collegially create a maximum of three (3) Releaguings Proposals. The three (3) Releaguings Proposals are based (only) on those schools requesting relief or new member schools requesting a league. \*Any reference in this document to the word “league” refers to a duly constituted league or conference formed in the last Releaguings cycle. All conferences are permitted one vote regardless of how many leagues are within said conference. The meeting will begin with (only) member schools Athletic Directors requesting relief and new member schools Athletic Directors having five (5) minutes to present their school information and Releaguings Proposals. Only one representative per school is permitted to speak. Athletic Directors seeking relief will present first, followed by new member school Athletic Directors. Each school may include a maximum of two (2) new 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposals. Releaguings Proposals should affect the least amount of member schools as reasonably possible. Releaguings Proposals must include all member schools. All member schools have voting privileges. Releaguings Proposals must be sent to the Releaguings Secretary, Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org) on or before April 14, 2023, 11:59p.m. The Releaguings Secretary will post Releaguings Proposals on the Orange County Area Placement Website by 12:00p.m. on April 16, 2023.

25.0 If a school seeking relief or a new member school creates a proposal for Football Only, all member schools must be included within a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s). All CIF criteria will be followed. All member schools will be treated consistently and with equality (same opportunity when policy is applied). All member schools are permitted to vote for or against a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) per CIF SS. The process, beginning with 24.0, will be used to determine if a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) is/are approved or not approved by member schools. It must be noted that a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) will be voted upon and approved/not approved before all other Sports Releaguings Proposals can be discussed. Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) will be kept separate from all other Sports Releaguings Proposals. At the end of the Releaguings Process, two separate Releaguings Proposals must obtain 60 percent (60%) member school approval to be sent to CIF SS as our Final Releaguings Proposals (Football Only and all other Sports). Again, if there is a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s), we will follow the process for both Football Only and other Sports Releaguings Proposals.

26.0 All Leagues/Conferences/Member Schools will have ten (10) minutes to reflect and discuss Releaguings Proposals. Upon request, the Releaguings Chairperson may grant more time (5-minute periods).

27.0 League/Conference Presidents or a League/Conference Designee (must be an Athletic Director) from impacted leagues/conferences have three (3) minutes to speak for or against presented Releaguings Proposals. One representative

per league/conference may present. At the conclusion of League/Conference Presidents or League/Conference Designees speaking, one representative from schools requesting relief and new member schools will have (3) minutes to speak for or against.

28.0 If member schools requesting relief and new member schools are accepted into league/conference of their choice, a Releaguings Proposal will be created and then voted upon. Passage of a motion to approve will require a simple majority of those member schools or Athletic Directors present. In this case, only one (1) Releaguings Proposal would be created and recommended to principals. Final one (1) Athletic Director proposal will immediately be placed on the Orange County Releaguings Website.

29.0 If one (1) or more than one (1) member school requesting relief or new member school(s) is/are not accepted into the league/conference of their choice, the Chairperson will call for a twenty (20) minute caucus. The purpose is to allow Athletic Directors (from the same league/conference) the opportunity to communicate and develop Releaguings Counterproposals. Releaguings Counterproposals must be aligned to the accepted criteria and must include schools that requested relief or are new members.

30.0 Each league/conference will have the opportunity to create one (1) Releaguings Counterproposal. Upon request, the Releaguings Chairperson may grant more time (5-minute periods). Releaguings Counterproposals must include the league/conference name and league/conference vote in support of the league Releaguings Counterproposal. If a league/conference does not approve a Releaguings Proposal by a simple majority, the Releaguings Counterproposal will not be included and considered obsolete.

31.0 Upon request, Releaguings Counterproposals must be emailed to the Releaguings League Secretary Mr. Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org). Releaguings Counterproposals will then be posted on the Orange County Releaguings Website.

32.0 League/Conference Presidents or Athletic Directors from leagues/conferences that created a Releaguings Counterproposal will have three (3) minutes to speak. There will be only one representative per league/conference presenting. Releaguings counterproposals must include member schools requesting relief and new member schools requesting a league.

33.0 New member school Principals, League/Conference Presidents, or a League/Conference Designee (must be an Athletic Director) from impacted leagues, an Athletic Director from schools requesting relief and new member schools Athletic Directors will have three (3) minutes to speak for or against Releaguings Counterproposals. There will only be one representative per impacted league/conference, member schools requesting relief and new member schools speaking.

34.0 Releaguings Counterproposals will have a numbered representation. The Releaguings Secretary will number each Releaguings Proposal beginning with one (1).

35.0 Chairperson will call for a vote. Alphabetical Roll Call voting will begin. Each member school will verbally communicate their official vote by stating the school they represent, the numbered Releaguings proposal(s) they are supporting and the amount of votes per Releaguings proposal. Each member school will have the opportunity to vote for one half (50% rounding down) of total Releaguings Proposals. Therefore, if there were eight (8) Releaguings Proposals, each member school would have four (4) votes. If there were nine (9) Releaguings Proposals, each member school would have four (4) votes. A member school may use all votes in support of one (1) Releaguings Proposal. The top three (3) Releaguings Proposals will be announced. In the case of a tie, there may be more than three (3) Releaguings Proposals recommended to member school Principals. Both the Releaguings Secretary and the Parliamentarian will tabulate votes. All Athletic Directors are encouraged to tabulate votes (audit).

36.0 Chairperson will call for a vote. Roll call and verbal voting will begin and each member school including new member schools will verbally vote to approve the top three (3) Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals. There is no proxy voting.

37.0 Passage of a motion to approve the top three (3) Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals will require a simple majority of those member schools or Athletic Directors present. Each member school will have one (1) vote to approve the motion.

38.0 Final three (3) Athletic Director proposals will immediately be placed on the Orange County Releaguings Website. Releaguings Proposals will be recommended to member school Principals.

## **Principals Releaguings Proposal and Final Recommended CIF Orange County Releaguings Placement**

- 39.0 The second and potential final meeting will be May 15, 2023 (9:00 a.m.) Location TBA. At this meeting, Principals are considered Orange County Area Representatives. The purpose of this meeting is to review recommended Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals (from April 24, 2023) and provide time for member school Principals seeking relief, new member school Principals, and each league/conference an opportunity to present one (1) new Relief Releaguings Proposal. Principals seeking relief, new member school Principals (only those schools that requested relief or new member schools requesting a league/conference at the April 24, 2023 Athletic Director meeting) and leagues/conferences must send their one (1) new 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal to the Releaguings Secretary, Joel Hartmann (jhartmann@materdei.org) on or before May 5, 2023 11:59p.m. The Releaguings Secretary will post all new Releaguings Proposals on the Orange County Area Placement Website by 12:00p.m. May 7, 2023.
- 40.0 The meeting will begin with member school Principals requesting relief and new member school Principals having five (5) minutes to present. In their presentation, they may include school information and one (1) new 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal. Relief and new member schools Releaguings Proposals must affect the least amount of member schools as reasonably possible. Releaguings proposals must include all member schools. Releaguings Proposals must follow accepted criteria. All member schools have voting privileges.
- 41.0 If a school seeking relief or a new member school creates a proposal for Football Only, all member schools must be included within a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s). All CIF criteria will be followed. All member schools will be treated consistently and with equality (same opportunity when policy is applied). All member schools are permitted to vote for or against a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) per CIF SS. The process, beginning with 40.0, will be used to determine if a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) is/are approved or not approved by member schools. It must be noted that a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) will be voted upon and approved/not approved before all other Sports Releaguings Proposals can be discussed. Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s) will be kept separate from all other Sports Releaguings Proposals. At the end of the Releaguings Process, two separate Releaguings Proposals must obtain 60 percent (60%) member school approval to be sent to CIF SS as our Final Releaguings Proposals (Football Only and all other Sports). Again, if there is a Football Only Releaguings Proposal(s), we will follow the process for both Football Only and other Sports Releaguings Proposals.
- 42.0 All leagues/conferences will have ten (10) minutes to discuss Releaguings Proposals. Upon request, the Releaguings Chairperson may grant more time (5-minute periods).
- 43.0 League/Conference Presidents or a League/Conference Designee from impacted leagues/conferences have three (3) minutes to speak for or against presented Releaguings Proposals. One representative per league/conference may present. At the conclusion of League/Conference Presidents or League/Conference Designees speaking, one representative from schools requesting reliefs and new member schools will have (3) minutes to speak for or against.
- 44.0 Individual League/Conference 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposals will be presented. Each League/Conference President or League/Conference Designee will have (5 minutes) to present their 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal. Releaguings Proposals must be aligned to accepted criteria and must include schools seeking relief and new member schools requesting a league/conference.
- 45.0 All leagues/conferences will have ten (10) minutes to discuss Individual League Releaguings Proposals. Upon request, the Releaguings Chairperson may grant more time (5-minute periods).
- 46.0 League/Conference Presidents or a League/Conference Designee from impacted leagues/conferences have three (3) minutes to speak for or against presented Releaguings Proposals. One representative per league/conference may present. At the conclusion of League/Conference Presidents or League/Conference Designees speaking, one representative from schools requesting reliefs and new member schools will have (3) minutes to speak for or against.
- 47.0 Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals (April 24, 2023) will be reviewed by the Releaguings Secretary.
- 48.0 Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals will be numbered as one (1), two (2) and three (3).
- 49.0 Relief Releaguings Proposals and new member Proposals will begin with the number four (4), unless there were more than three (3) Athletic Director Releaguings Proposals. The new League proposals will begin with the number that immediately follows Relief and new member proposals. Releaguings Secretary Joel Hartmann will number new Proposals under the observation of the parliamentarian (Dr. John Dahlem).
- 50.0 Chairperson will call for a vote. Alphabetical Roll Call voting will begin. Each member school Principal will verbally state their official vote by stating the school they represent, the numbered Releaguings proposal(s) they are supporting and the number of votes per Releaguings proposal (no proxy voting). Each member school will have the

opportunity to vote for one half (50% rounding down) of total Releaguings Proposals. For example, if there were six (6) total first round proposals, each school would have three (3) votes. If there were five (5) total first round proposals, each school would have two (2) votes. A member school may use all votes in support of one (1) Releaguings Proposal or may divide their votes and vote for more than one proposal. At the end of the first round, the top three (3) proposals will move forward to round two (2). Round two (2) will move from three (3) to two (2) Releaguings Proposals. During round two and following rounds, each school will have one (1) vote. Round three (3) will move from two (2) Releaguings Proposals to the Final (1) CIF Releaguings Proposal. The Releaguings Secretary and the Parliamentarian will tabulate votes. All member schools are encouraged to tabulate votes (audit).

- 51.0        Passage of a motion and voting to approve the top three (3) Releaguings Proposals (round 1), final two (2) Releaguings Proposals (round 2) and the final CIF Releaguings Proposal (round 3) will be as follows. If we begin this process with less than four (4) Releaguings Proposals, we will move directly to the final (2) or possibly the final (1) depending on the number of Releaguings Proposals submitted:

The top three (3) Releaguings Proposals will be those proposals that receive the highest amount of votes. Therefore, the highest amount is number one (1); the second highest amount is number two (2), and the third highest amount is number three (3).

The final two (2) Releaguings Proposals will be those proposals which receive the highest amount of votes. Therefore, the highest amount is number (1) and the second highest amount is number two (2).

The final (1) 2022-2024 Releaguings Proposal will be the proposal that receives the highest amount of votes from the final two (2). Therefore, the highest amount (out of the final two) will be the Final (1) 2022-2023 Releaguings Proposal.

Passage of a motion to vote on the Final (1) CIF Proposal will be approved by a majority vote. Once approved, a motion will be made to approve the Final (1) 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal. The final proposal must be approved with a sixty percent (60%) majority vote. If the Final one (1) Releaguings Proposal receives a sixty percent (60%) majority vote, voting ceases and that proposal will represent the area as its selection and will be immediately forwarded to the CIF Southern Section office.

- 52.0        If there is a tie when determining the top three (3) or the final two (2) Releaguings Proposals, all tied Releaguings Proposals will be included in the top three (3) or final two (2). For example, if there are two (2) Releaguings Proposals tied for first when determining the top three (3), the top three (3) Releaguings Proposals will include the two (2) tied for first plus the second place Releaguings Proposal only.

- 53.0        If the Final Releaguings Proposal does not receive a sixty percent (60%) majority vote, there will be a League representative caucus for twenty (20) minutes. Per request, the Releaguings Chairperson may approve more time (5 minute-periods). League Representatives will meet and prepare a compromise to the Final (1) CIF Proposal. The compromise will create a new counterproposal. This new counterproposal must follow the accepted criteria and must include schools requesting relief and new member schools requesting a league/conference. Passage of a motion to vote on the Final (1) Releaguings Proposal (League Representative Counterproposal) will be approved by a majority vote of League Representatives. Once League Representatives approve, a motion will be made to approve the Final (1) 2024-2026 Releaguings Proposal. The Final (1) proposal must be approved with a sixty percent (60%) member schools vote. If the Final One Releaguings Proposal receives a sixty percent (60%) majority member school vote, voting ceases and that proposal will represent the area as its selection and will be immediately forwarded to the CIF Southern Section office.

- 54.0        All appeals must be in accordance with the CIF Blue Book Page 40 "Releaguings Appeal Procedures."

2022-2024 OC League Alignment

CenturyConference		Coastview Conference		Empire League	
Brea Olinda		Aliso Niguel		Crean Lutheran	
Canyon		Capistrano Valley		Cynress	
El Dorado		Dana Hills	No Football	Kennedy	
El Modena		El Toro		Pacifica, GG	
Esoeranza		Mission Viejo		Tustin	
Foothill		San Clemente		Valencia, Placentia	
Villa Park		San Juan Hills			
Yorba Linda		Tesoro			
		Trabuco Hills			

Freeway League		Garden Grove League		Golden West Conference	
Buena Park		Bolsa Grande		Garden Grove	
Fullerton		La Quinta		Godinez	
La Habra		Loara		Katella	
Sonora		Los Amigos		Ocean View	
Sunny Hills		Rancho Alamitos		S erstrom	
Troy		Santiaito, GG		Westmins.ter	
				Laguna Beach	FBOnly
				Marina	FBOnly

Orange League		Orange Coast league		Pacific Coast Conference	
Anaheim		Calvary Chanel		Beckman	
Century		Costa Mesa		Irvine	
Magnolia		Estancia		Northwood	
Santa Ana Valley		Orange		Portola	
Savanna		Saddleback		University	
\Ve.stem		Santa Ana		Woodbridge	
		St. Margaret's		Laguna Hills	
				Sage Hill	No Football
				Dana Hills	FBOnly

Sunset Conference		Trinity League		New League	
Corona del Mar		JSerra			
Edison		MaterDei			
Fountain Valley		Orange Lutheran			
Huntington Beach		Rosary Academy			
Los Alamitos		Santa Margarita			
Newnort Harbor		Servile			
Laguna Beach	No Football	St. John Bosco			
Marina	No Football				

**CIF Southern Section**  
**Orange County Area Placement Meeting**  
**2024 - 2026 Releaguings Cycle**  
**Agenda**

**Date:** May 15, 2023  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Diocese of Orange  
13280 Chapman Avenue  
Garden Grove, California 92840

- 1.0 Welcome/Call to Order
- 2.0 Flag Salute
- 3.0 Moment of Reflection "It is never wrong to do the right thing." Mark Twain
- 4.0 Purpose of the Meeting
- 5.0 Introduction of Guests/Media
- 6.0 Public Hearing Session-Members of the Public
- 7.0 Roll Call (simple majority will constitute a quorum)
- 8.0 Approval of Minutes April 23, 2023 (Athletic Directors Meeting)
- 9.0 Review 2024-2026 Bylaws and Protocol for Principals Meeting.
- 10.0 Review CIFSS Blue Book Page 39 Bylaw 32 B 4 A (Conference vs. Leagues)
- 11.0 Member Schools Relief Proposals
  - a. Football Only Conference (FOC) Athletic Directors Relief Proposal presentations  
(Top three), discussion, and vote.
  - b. If a simple majority approves FOC top three Athletic Director Relief Proposals, FOC new relief proposals and counterproposals will be presented and discussed.
  - c. FOC Relief Proposal will be numbered and then a vote to choose the number one FOC proposal.
  - d. If FOC is approved, and the number one FOC proposal has been chosen, All Other Sports Relief Athletic Director Proposals (top three) will be presented and discussed.  
(Does not include Football)
  - e. All Other Sports new relief proposals and counterproposals (does not include Football) will be presented and discussed.

f. All Other Sports will be numbered and then a vote to choose the number one All Other Sports

Proposal. (Does not include Football)

g. Two Votes-FOC (60% approval) and All Other Sports (60% approval).

h. If FOC is opposed, All Other Sports (including Football) Relief

Proposal presentations and

discussion, numbering, and voting.

12.0 Reminders and Information

13.0 Motion/Approval to Adjourn  
if necessary TBA.

**Next Meeting:** Only

Principals/AD's  
Diocese of Orange  
13280 Chapman Avenue  
Garden Grove, California

92840



**CIF Southern Section**  
**Orange County Area Placement Meeting**  
**2024 - 2026 Releaguings Cycle**  
**Minutes**

**Date:** May 15, 2023  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Diocese of Orange  
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**1.0 Welcome/Call to Order**

- Michael Brennan (Chairperson) called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.
- Michael Brennan introduced Joel Hartman (secretary) and Sharon Hodge (CIF SS). He stated that Dr. John Dahlem was not feeling well and would not be present.

**2.0 Flag Salute**

- Michael Brennan led the Pledge of Allegiance

**3.0 Moment of Reflection**

“It is never wrong to do the right thing.” Mark Twain

- Michael Brennan asked member schools to reflect on the quote (1 minute).

**4.0 Purpose of the Meeting**

- Michael Brennan stated, “the purpose of the meeting was to review the three Football Only Conference (FOC) proposals and the three All-Sports Proposals recommended by Athletic Directors, as well as listen to potential counter proposals. All proposals will be heard. We will then discuss and vote to reduce the options for FOC and All Other Sports to one proposal each. These proposals will be forwarded to the CIFSS.” Michael Brennan thanked athletic directors and principals for attending today’s meeting and ensured that all member schools would have an opportunity to be represented in the releguing process.

**5.0 Introduction of Guests/Media**

- Joel Hartmann announced that Jim Perry was present to represent CIF SS. Michael Brennan welcomed Mr. Perry to the meeting.

**6.0 Public Hearing Session-Members of the Public**

- There were no members of the public present.

**7.0 Roll Call (simple majority will constitute a quorum)**

- See attached Excel Spreadsheet

- There was a quorum present by a simple majority of schools. 76 member schools present; 39 member schools represented a simple majority; and 46 schools equal a 60% threshold.
- Michael Brennan explained the proxy process by stating, “ some schools present today are represented by proxy letters signed by the principal of the school.”

#### **8.0 Approval of Minutes April 23, 2023 (Athletic Directors Meeting)**

- Sage Hill High School asked for a correction of the 4-24-23 minutes, stating that they were in support of Option D and opposed to Option E. Michael Brennan state, “I will revise the 4-24-23 minutes.”
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to approve the April 24, 2023 minutes with this correction. Villa Park High School moved to approve the April 24, 2023 minutes. Sunny Hills High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved the April 24, 2023. 76-0-0
- Joel Hartmann announced member schools represented by proxy:  
Santa Margarita High School  
Servite High School  
Western High School  
Irvine (Monica Colunga, Principal of Irvine came late)  
Santa Ana High School  
Yorba Linda High School  
Tustin High School  
Saddleback High School  
Capistrano Valley High School  
Aliso Niguel High School  
Brea Olinda High School  
Corona del Mar High School
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to begin the meeting. San Clemente High School motioned to begin the meeting. Saddleback High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved the beginning of the meeting. 76-0-0

#### **9.0 Review 2024-2026 Bylaws and Protocol for Principals Meeting.**

- Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions regarding the bylaws. There were no questions or concerns.

#### **10.0 Review CIFSS Blue Book Page 39 Bylaw 32 B 4 A (Conference vs. Leagues)**

- Michael Brennan presented and the above bylaw. He presented and verified that all member school understood the difference between a conference and a league.
  - o Conference  
One Criteria-Equity.
  - o League  
Three criterion-Equity, Geography and Enrollment
- Michael Brennan asked for questions. There were no questions.

#### **11.0 Member Schools Relief Proposals**

- Michael Brennan stated that there are three approved FOC proposals (AD meeting). There were two additional FOC proposals provided to Mr. Hartmann. Mike Brennan reviewed the protocol for the day:
  - a. Football Only Conference (FOC) Athletic Directors Relief Proposal presentations  
(Top three), discussion, and vote.
  - b. If a simple majority approves FOC top three Athletic Director Relief Proposals, FOC new.  
relief proposals and counterproposals will be presented and discussed.
  - c. FOC Relief Proposal will be numbered and then a vote to choose the number one FOC.  
proposal.
  - d. If FOC is approved, and the number one FOC proposal has been chosen, All Other  
Sports Relief Athletic Director Proposals (top three) will be presented and discussed.  
(does not include Football)
  - e. All Other Sports new relief proposals and counterproposals (does not include Football) will be  
presented and discussed.
  - f. All Other Sports will be numbered and then a vote to choose the number one All Other Sports  
Proposal. (Does not include Football)
  - g. Two Votes-FOC (60% approval) and All Other Sports (60% approval).
  - h. If FOC is opposed, All Other Sports (including Football) Relief Proposal presentations and  
discussion, numbering, and voting.

#### **Football Only Conference**

- Tustin High School presented FOC proposal #1.

Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

- Estancia High presented FOC proposal #2.

Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

- The Freeway League presented FOC proposal #1.

Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

- Michael Brennan stated that approval was necessary from principals before we move forward with FOC proposals. Anaheim High School motion to approve a FOC. Godinez High School seconded the motion. A hand vote approved the Football Only Conference approval by principals. 75-0-1

- Los Amigos High School represented the Garden Grove League (counterproposal #4). Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this FOC counterproposal.

In support:

San Clemente High School

Against:

Edison High School

Los Alamitos School

- Portola High School represented the Pacific Coast League (counterproposal #5).
- Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this FOC counterproposal.

In support:

San Clemente High School

Against:

Edison High School

Los Alamitos High School

- Michael Brennan asked for additional counterproposals. There were no additional counterproposals.
- Ten minutes plus five additional minutes were permitted for discussion within individual leagues regarding the five FOC proposals.
- Joel Hartmann asked for additional counterproposals. There were no additional counterproposals.

- Newport Harbor High School entered the meeting. Michael Brennan stated that a motion was necessary to reinstate voting privileges to Newport Harbor High School. San Clemente High School motioned

to reinstate voting privileges to Newport Harbor High School. Valencia High seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to reinstate Newport Harbor High School voting privileges. 76-0-0.

- Michael Brennan stated, “it is now time to vote on the FOC options. The final proposals must be approved with a 60% (46-member school) vote. He asked for a motion to move forward with the vote to choose the number one FOC proposal. Newport Harbor High School made a motion to move forward with the vote. San Clemente High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to move forward with the vote. 77-0-0.
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to begin the voting process to reduce the FOC proposals from five to three. Villa Park High School moved to begin the voting process to reduce the FOC proposals from five to three FOC proposals. Laguna Beach High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to begin the voting process. 77-0-0
- A roll call vote reduced the number from five FOC proposals to three FOC proposals, with each school getting two votes – FOC proposals #1, #4 and #5 were moved forward. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to begin the voting process to reduce the FOC proposals from three to two FOC proposals. JSerra High School motioned to vote. El Dorado High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved. 77-0-0
- A roll call vote reduced the number from three to two FOC proposals, with each school getting one vote– #1 and #4 were the top two FOC proposals. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- A request was approved to allow a 5-minute discussion within each league to discuss the two final FOC proposals. Time was granted permitting an additional 15 minutes to discuss (3 five-minute intervals).
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to begin the voting process to reduce FOC proposals from two to one FOC proposal. JSerra High School motioned to move from two to one FOC proposal. El Toro High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to begin the voting process. 77-0-0.
- A roll call vote reduced the number from two FOC proposals to one FOC proposal, with each school getting one vote. Proposal #4 received a majority of votes. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to approve Proposal #4 as the final FOC proposal. JSerra High School motioned to approve. El

Dorado High School seconded the motion. The motion was approved with over 60%. (See Excel Spreadsheet)

- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to vote on forwarding Proposal #4 (final FOC proposal) to CIF SS. Sonora High School motioned that FOC Proposal #4 be forwarded to CIF SS. Anaheim seconded this motion. The motion was approved by a majority. (See Excel Spreadsheet)

### **All-Other Sports Proposals**

- Michael Brennan stated, it is time to discuss All-Other Sports Proposals. All-Other Sports Proposals #1, #2 and #3 were created and recommended by Athletic Directors. There are three additional options proposed by the Golden West League, Orange High School, and the Empire League.”
- Kennedy High reviewed proposal #1.  
Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Estancia High School reviewed proposal #2  
Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Orange High School reviewed proposal #3.  
Michael Brennan asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.
- Segerstrom High School represented the Garden Grove League (counterproposal #4). Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this All-Sports counterproposal).

In support:

San Clemente High School  
El Dorado High School  
Calvary Chapel High School  
Garden Grove High School  
Crean Lutheran High School  
Estancia High School  
Santa Ana High School

Against:

Portola High School represented the Pacific Coast League.  
Beckman High School  
Buena Park High School  
Newport Harbor High School

Troy High School  
University High School  
Fullerton High School  
Sonora High School

- Orange High School presented (counterproposal #5). Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this All-Sports counterproposal.

In support:

None

Against:

Estancia High School  
University High School represented the Pacific Coast League.  
Crean Lutheran High School  
Anaheim High School  
Beckman High School

- Pacifica High School represented the Empire League (counterproposal #6). Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against this All-Sports counterproposal.

In support:

Crean Lutheran High School  
El Dorado High School

Against:

Sunny Hills High School represented the Freeway League  
Beckman High School  
Northwood High School represented the Pacific Coast League.

- A ten-minute discussion period was permitted to discuss proposals and prepare league/conference counterproposals. An extra five minutes was granted for a total of 15 minutes.
- Michael Brennan asked for league or conference counterproposals. Joel Hartmann stated that there was one counterproposal developed during this time period.
- The Freeway League presented counterproposal #7. Athletic Directors were invited to speak for or against:

In support:

Beckman High School  
Sage Hill High School  
Rosary High School

Against:

El Dorado High School representing the Century  
Conference

- Bylaws were referred to regarding the presentation of All Sports Counterproposal #5 by Orange High School. The principal stated that they were seeking relief. Per the Bylaws, the counterproposal was permitted.
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to vote to reduce the seven proposals to three proposals. Capistrano Valley High School motioned to move from seven to three All-Sports Proposals. OLU seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to reduce the number of options from seven to three. 77-0-0
- A roll call vote (each school had three votes) reduced the number of All-Sports Proposals to three (proposals #2, #4, and #7). (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to reduce the number of proposals from three to two All- Sports Proposals. Laguna Beach High School motioned to reduce the proposals from three to two All-Sports Proposals. Anaheim High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to reduce the number of options from three to two. 77-0-0.
- A roll call vote (each school had one vote) reduced the number of All-Sports Proposals to two proposals #4 and #7). (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to reduce the All-Sports Proposals from two to one proposal. El Toro High School motioned to move from two to one All-Sports Proposal. Villa Park High School seconded the motion. Five minutes were allowed for each member school to discuss and review the final two options. An additional five minutes was granted. Both All-Sports Proposals were viewed via technology on a large white screen above the stage.
- Michael Brennan presented All-Sports Proposals #4 and #7 for review and asked for further discussion. There was no further discussion. A motion to vote had previously been made. A hand vote unanimously approved to reduce the number of All-Sports Proposals from two to one All-Sports Proposal. 77-0-0
- A roll call vote (each school had one vote) reduced the number to one All-Sports Proposal. The proposal selected was #4. (See Excel Spreadsheet)



- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to approve Proposal #4 as the final All-Sports proposal. Villa Park High School motioned to approve. Costa Mesa High School seconded the motion. The motion was approved with over 60%. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to vote on forwarding Proposal #4 (Final All-Sports proposal) to CIF SS. Corona Del Mar High School motioned that the final All-Sports Proposal #4 be forwarded to CIF SS. Godinez High School seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a majority. (See Excel Spreadsheet)
- A roll call vote approved to forward the All-Sports to the CIF SS. (See Excel Spreadsheet)

#### **12.0 Reminders and Information**

- Michael Brennan thanked Joel Hartmann and Sharon Hodge for their assistance with the releguing process. He asked for everyone to pray for Dr. Dahlem. There was a one- minute time period where all members schools prayed for or reflected upon Dr. Dahlem.

#### **13.0 Motion/Approval to Adjourn**

- Michael Brennan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Villa Park High School motioned to adjourn. Laguna Beach High School seconded the motion. A hand vote unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. 77-0-0.
- Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

## Attachment E

### Golden West League

#### Century Conference - 15

Brea Olinda
Canyon
Crean Lutheran
Cypress
El Dorado
El Modena
Esperanza
Foothill
La Habra
Pacifica
Sonora
Sunny Hills
Troy
Villa Park
Yorba Linda

#### Coastview Conference - 10

Aliso Niguel
Beckman
Capo Valley
Dana Hills
El Toro
Mission Viejo
San Clemente
San Juan Hills
Tesoro
Trabuco Hills

#### Pacific Coast Conference - 9 Girls / 8 Boys

Irvine
Laguna Beach
Northwood
Portola
Rosary
Sage Hill
St Margarets
University
Woodbridge

#### Golden Empire Conference - 15

Buena Park
Calvary Chapel
Costa Mesa
Fullerton
Garden Grove
Godinez
Katella
Kennedy
Laguna Hills
Ocean View
Santa Ana
Segerstrom
Tustin
Valencia
Westminister

#### Orange Grove Conference - 15

Anaheim
Bolsa Grande
Century
Estancia
La Quinta
Loara
Los Amigos
Magnolia
Orange
Rancho Alamitos
Saddleback
Santiago
Savanna
Valley
Western

#### Sunset League - 7

Corona Del Mar
Edison
Fountain Valley
Huntington Beach
Los Alamitos
Marina
Newport Harbor

#### Trinity League - 6 Boys / 4 Girls

Bosco
J Serra
Mater Dei
Orange Lutheran
Santa Margarita
Servite

<b>Century Conference - 10 guys / 11 girls</b>			<b>Coastview Conference - 10</b>			<b>Pacific Coast League - 7</b>		
Foothill	12		San Clemente	7		Woodbridge	25	
Villa Park	13		San Juan Hills	7		Laguna Beach	31	
Cypress	15		Aliso Niguel	11		Northwood	37	
El Dorado	21		Tesoro	14		University	42	
Rosary	23		Capo Valley	20		Portola	44	
Canyon	24		Mission Viejo	22		Irvine	50	
Yorba Linda	28		Trabuco Hills	25		Beckman	18	
Esperanza	30		El Toro	32				
St Margarets	40		Dana Hills	33				
Brea Olinda	41		Crean Lutheran	36				
El Modena	54							
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<b>Golden West Conference - 15</b>			<b>Orange Grove Conference - 15</b>			<b>Sunset League - 7</b>		
Pacifica	39		Santiago	56		Los Alamitos	2	
Tustin	45		Anaheim	58		Huntington Beach	6	
Kennedy	46		Estancia	61		Newport Harbor	9	
Garden Grove	48		La Quinta	66		CDM	16	
Segerstrom	49		Savanna	67		Edison	17	
Laguna Hills	51		Saddleback	68		Fountain Valley	29	
Valencia	52		Bolsa Grande	69		Marina	35	
Calvary Chapel	53		Los Amigos	70				
Ocean View	55		Western	71				
Sage Hill	57		Valley	72		Freeway League - 6		
Katella	59		Rancho Alamitos	73		Sunny Hills	27	
Westminister	62		Loara	74		Sonora	34	
Godinez	63		Orange	75		Troy	38	
Santa Ana	64		Magnolia	76		La Habra	42	
Costa Mesa	65		Century	77		Fullerton	47	
						Buena Park	60	
Trinity								
Mater Dei	1							
Servite	3							
Santa Margarita	4							
Orange Lutheran	5							
J Serra	9							
Bosco	19							

Non Football Proposal Vote to 1			
School	Proposal 4 Golden West Lg	Proposal 7 Freeway Lg	Abstain
Aliso Niguel	1		
Anaheim	1		
Beckman		1	
Bolsa Grande	1		
Brea Olinda	1		
Buena Park		1	
Calvary Chapel	1		
Canyon	1		
Capistrano Valley	1		
Century		1	
Corona del Mar	1		
Costa Mesa	1		
Crean Lutheran		1	
Cypress	1		
Dana Hills	1		
Edison	1		
El Dorado	1		
El Modena	1		
El Toro	1		
Esperanza	1		
Estancia	1		
Foothill	1		
Fountain Valley	1		
Fullerton		1	
Garden Grove	1		
Godinez	1		
Huntington Beach	1		
Irvine		1	
JSerra		1	
Katella	1		
Kennedy	1		
La Habra		1	
La Quinta	1		
Laguna Beach		1	
Laguna Hills		1	
Loara	1		
Los Alamitos		1	
Los Amigos	1		
Magnolia	1		
Marina	1		
Mater Dei		1	
Mission Viejo	1		
Newport Harbor	1		
Northwood		1	
Ocean View	1		
Orange	1		
Orange Lutheran		1	
Pacific, GG	1		
Portola		1	
Rancho Alamitos	1		
Rosary Academy		1	
Saddleback	1		
Sage Hill		1	
San Clemente	1		
San Juan Hills	1		
Santa Ana	1		
Santa Ana Valley	1		
Santa Margarita		1	
Santiago, GG	1		
Savanna	1		
Segerstrom	1		
Servite		1	
Sonora		1	
St Margarets	1		
St. John Bosco		1	
Sunny Hills		1	
Tesoro	1		
Trabuco Hills	1		
Troy		1	
Tustin	1		
University		1	
Valencia, Placentia	1		
Villa Park	1		
Western		1	
Westminster	1		
Woodbridge		1	
Yorba Linda	1		
TOTALS	51	26	0

Non Football Proposal #4 - Final Approval Vote (60%)			
School	YES	NO	Abstain
Aliso Niguel	1		
Anaheim	1		
Beckman		1	
Bolsa Grande	1		
Brea Olinda	1		
Buena Park		1	
Calvary Chapel	1		
Canyon	1		
Capistrano Valley	1		
Century	1		
Corona del Mar	1		
Costa Mesa	1		
Crean Lutheran			1
Cypress	1		
Dana Hills	1		
Edison	1		
El Dorado	1		
El Modena	1		
El Toro	1		
Esperanza	1		
Estancia	1		
Foothill	1		
Fountain Valley	1		
Fullerton		1	
Garden Grove	1		
Godinez	1		
Huntington Beach			1
Irvine		1	
JSerra	1		
Katella	1		
Kennedy	1		
La Habra		1	
La Quinta	1		
Laguna Beach	1		
Laguna Hills	1		
Loara	1		
Los Alamitos	1		
Los Amigos	1		
Magnolia	1		
Marina	1		
Mater Dei	1		
Mission Viejo	1		
Newport Harbor	1		
Northwood		1	
Ocean View	1		
Orange	1		
Orange Lutheran			1
Pacific, GG	1		
Portola		1	
Rancho Alamitos	1		
Rosary Academy	1		
Saddleback	1		
Sage Hill	1		
San Clemente	1		
San Juan Hills	1		
Santa Ana	1		
Santa Ana Valley	1		
Santa Margarita			1
Santiago, GG	1		
Savanna	1		
Segerstrom	1		
Servite	1		
Sonora		1	
St Margarets	1		
St. John Bosco	1		
Sunny Hills		1	
Tesoro	1		
Trabuco Hills	1		
Troy		1	
Tustin	1		
University		1	
Valencia, Placentia	1		
Villa Park	1		
Western	1		
Westminster	1		
Woodbridge		1	
Yorba Linda	1		
TOTALS	61	12	4

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# Buena Park High School

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To Whom It May Concern,

### INTRODUCTION

Buena Park High School ("BPHS"), Buena Park, CA, is offering a letter of support for the five Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHS) schools who are appealing the "other sports Releaguings" decision of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section ("CIF-SS") on May 15, 2023. This letter of support is based upon ensuring "the releaguings criteria and process" follows the CIF-SS Purpose and Operating Principles as outlined on pages 21-22 in the Constitution of the California Interscholastic Federation. While many of the outlined principals concern the conduct of student-athletes and all parties who support student-athletes, it is imperative that any process that falls under the purview of CIF-SS ensures all members be afforded the proper processes at all times to ensure their programs are not placed in systems that could adversely affect the development of the programs designed for student-athlete growth and development. The unique and unprecedented nature of the releaguings efforts during this current cycle warranted a more in-depth, inclusive processes than what occurred during, and leading up to the May 15th releaguings meeting. Because this current cycle involved massive changes to the southern section configuration, it is imperative that all members be afforded the ability to not only advocate, but also have an equal voice in determining the large-scale shifts that resulted from the May 15, 2023 meeting. Trying to utilize bylaws and processes designed to make small-scale releaguings shifts, and applying those to the large-scale conferencing configurations, created a scenario where members of our district felt like the process had been done "to them" and not "with them."

### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

As outlined in the minutes and agendas from the Athletic Director meeting on April 24, 2023, and during the May 15, 2023 Principal meeting, it was very evident that the CIF Southern Section was on the precipice of major shifts to the configuration of leagues and conferences for its members. The current procedures for the releaguings cycles that occurred every two years were designed to accomplish small scale tweaks to a 77-member system, not a wholesale redesign of the system into larger conferences, essentially dissolving up to 5 entire leagues in one cycle. The process can be acceptable if the leagues in question are utilizing the mechanism of "relief" to dissolve their leagues to accomplish conferencing, but when entire leagues not seeking dissolution are affected and placed in conferences, the procedures in place are not adequate to ensure an equitable process for a redesign of that magnitude.

During the releaguings meeting on May 15, the elements of time, openness, collegiality, and collaboration were not present, the process was rushed given the magnitude of the changes, and the backdoor deals did not allow for all parties involved to feel like there was an ethical process with the interests of students at the center of the discussion. Unlike the football discussion of the releaguings process, which was out in the open and discussed for months, if not

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the previous year, the subsequent discussions for relegating, sans football, left schools and leagues feeling attacked, used, and not part of the overall discussion.

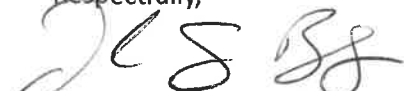
The 2024-2026 CIF Relegating cycle consolidated all Orange County Area Schools' football teams into one conference. Member schools were required to vote on the Football-Only Relegating Proposal before considering the relegating of all other CIF sports. Prior to the meeting, there was ample discussion, time, proposals, and evidence that all schools knew and understood not only the purpose, but the equity-based model being presented as a better design for the southern section. As the push to consolidate all Orange County Area Schools football teams into one football conference reflected a larger CIF trend, BPHS agreed to the Football-Only Relegating Proposal. BPHS understood and agreed that moving the football program into a larger conference was not only in the best interest of BPHS's football program, but also a show of good will and a way to pilot BPHS's participation in a larger conference prior to relegating all other sports. However, once the conversations turned to the elimination of five different leagues and the creation of conferences for all other sports, BPHS voted "no" to join another conference for all other CIF sports.

The "no" vote was due more to the process of how the relegating effort was being conducted, and less of the actual result of the placement for BPHS. While BPHS understands the benefit of conferencing, and its placement into the Golden Empire Conference provides equity across the board for its athletic teams, the process used to accomplish such tasks did not provide the necessary time and collaboration to ensure all parties involved in the moves were part of the decision-making process. It became apparent through the second half of the meeting that the agenda of some in the room was to create larger 15-team conferences, regardless if all schools being moved were on-board, or even privy to the agenda. The goal of relegating in the past had always been to affect the least amount of schools as possible, however, this move was a wholesale overhaul of the southern section into as many large conferences as possible. The feeling among some member schools was that proposals and counter proposals were compiled during private, informal meetings, not involving all parties affected. At no time during the months leading up to the May 15th meeting had BPHS been involved in discussions about dissolving the freeway league in order to accomplish the task of forming larger conferences.

## CONCLUSION

In closing, I feel that because the process of, and leading up to, May 15th was not a small-scale relegating effort, but rather a large-scale conferencing effort, CIF-SS officials should not only be present and integral in the conversations and management of the conferencing meeting, but the effort should be a better collaborative effort between CIF-SS and all member schools with an appropriate amount of time given for discussion and solutions. Buena Park High School thanks you for your consideration and would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have.

Respectfully,



Sonje Berg, Ed. D., Principal  
Buena Park High School



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**To: Federated Council**

**Date: September 7, 2023**

**Re: 2023-2024 Weighted Voting**

**Proposal Originated: Staff**

**Proposal Reviewed**

07/01/2023 – CIF Staff

08/30/2023 – Executive Committee

**Proposal Recommendation**

Forward to Executive Committee

Reviewed and Forwarded to FC

**Type: Bylaw**

**Summary:** This item requires no action by the Federated Council as per Bylaw 103. It is for information only and is brought to Federated Council to ensure the transparency of the process.

**Fiscal Impact: None**

**Background:**

**103. WEIGHTED VOTING**

- A. Votes cast at any Federated Council meeting shall be determined according to a weighted voting system. CIF Section votes shall be based upon:
  - (1) One (1) vote per 0-25 member schools; Plus
  - (2) One (1) vote per 0-25,000 students enrolled in the Section.
- B. The Southern Section shall have weighted votes equal to double the second largest Section.
- C. The composition of member schools and enrollment shall be reviewed every year based upon the prior year's CBEDS enrollment and adjusted accordingly.

(Revised May 2000 Federated Council)



# 2023-24 CIF FEDERATED COUNCIL WEIGHTED VOTES

## BY SECTION

6/22/2023

CIF SECTION	2022-23 FEDERATED COUNCIL WEIGHTED VOTES	2022-23 NUMBER OF SCHOOLS	2022-23 9-12 ENROLLMENT	2023-24 FEDERATED COUNCIL WEIGHTED VOTES	2023-24 NUMBER OF SCHOOLS	2023-24 9-12 ENROLLMENT
CENTRAL	14	129 (6)	177,988 (8)	14	139 (6)	175,067 (8)
CENTRAL COAST	14	160 (7)	165,937 (7)	14	159 (7)	161,124 (7)
LOS ANGELES	14	154 (7)	162,328 (7)	14	153 (7)	159,111 (7)
NORTH COAST	16	175 (8)	176,034 (8)	15	177 (8)	169,982 (7)
NORTHERN	5	68 (3)	28,785 (2)	5	67 (3)	27,327 (2)
OAKLAND	3	28 (2)	14,664 (1)	3	31 (2)	15,458 (1)
SAC- JOAQUIN	18	195 (8)	230,808 (10)	17	195 (8)	222,650 (9)
SAN DIEGO	13	128 (6)	163,117 (7)	13	128 (6)	162,841 (7)
SAN FRANCISCO	2	17 (1)	17,412 (1)	2	17 (1)	15,555 (1)
SOUTHERN	36	561	743,200	34	558	712,956
TOTALS	135	1,615	1,880,273	131	1,624	1,822,071

( ) = number of weighted votes per category as per Bylaw 103

## CIF SOUTHERN SECTION COUNCIL PROPOSAL FORM\*\*

In accordance with Blue Book Article 3, Bylaw 30.1, the following proposal is submitted for Council consideration.

“CIF Southern Section Council may entertain proposals submitted to the governing body on the appropriate proposal form from duly appointed advisory committees, leagues or the Executive Committee.” *All items coming before the Southern Section Council must contain the financial implications on member schools, leagues and the Southern Section.*

Date: August 31, 2023

**Submitted by:**

Name of representative: Joel Hartmann

School of representative: Mater Dei High School      Telephone: (714) 754-0750

**Check one of the following:**

☒ League Proposal. Name of League: Trinity League

☐ Advisory Committee Proposal. Committee Name:

☐ Executive Committee Proposal. Submitted by:

**Rule Change:**

Rule Number Affected: 1904

Implementation Date: 2024

**Abstract:** (Please add any supporting documents.)

Start the Fall Cross Country season 2 week earlier. For 2024, August 19<sup>th</sup>.

See attached document

**Council First Read:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Council Action Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Proposal will take effect on member schools:** August 1, 2024

See reverse side for additional information.

**Financial Impact on Member School and Southern Section (Attach an analysis and supporting documents):**

For CIF Southern Section schools fielding Cross Country teams – No financial impact

All Council Proposals must be submitted according to the timelines published in the Blue Book. If they are not received in a timely manner, they will be postponed until the next meeting.

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**Procedure for Proposed Bylaw Changes:**

1. Identify the bylaw, by number, to be changed or eliminated.
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For example, if a league wants to address the color of jerseys in basketball, the proposal may read:

The \_\_\_\_\_ League proposes the following changes to the basketball bylaws.  
(your league name)

Bylaw 1623 Color of Jerseys

Proposed language:

“In all basketball games played between member schools of the CIF Southern Section,  
The host team shall wear ~~white~~ **dark** colored jerseys.”

The Trinity League proposes the following changes to the Cross Country bylaws.

## Bylaw 1904

Proposed language:

### 1904. STARTING DATE FOR INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

Interscholastic competition in cross country may not start until ~~September 4~~ August 19.

Background: The starting date for Cross Country in the Southern Section has traditionally been on or about the first Saturday of September.

#### Rationale:

1. 7 of the 8 CIF Sections start the Fall Cross Country Season earlier. See 2023 First Contest dates below. Length of season for all State Cross Country will now be fairly consistent with all Sections.

Central	8/14	Central Coast	8/24
Los Angeles	8/11	North Coast	8/7
Sac-Joaquin	8/18	San Diego	8/15
Southern	8/31		

2. Majority of CIF Southern Section Fall Sports start earlier than Cross Country. See 2022 First Contest dates below. Many school districts are starting school prior to the Labor Day weekend. Cross Country will be able to begin competition earlier consistent with other Fall Sports.

Football	8/18	Girls Volleyball	8/12
Boys Water Polo	8/21	Girls Tennis	8/21
Girls Golf	8/21		

3. An earlier start date will not impact the End of Competition date (Bylaw 1906) for Southern Section teams.
4. An earlier start date will not impact the Maximum Contest requirement set by Bylaw 1206.D of 14 total dual, triangular, or invitational meets during the season for Southern Section teams. Member schools will still have to abide to this bylaw.
5. Expanded season will allow early meets to be distributed over 3 weekends instead of only one. In 2022 there were 10 meets in the CIF Southern Section the first weekend of competition.  
<https://prepcaltrack.com/cross-country-schedule/>
6. Expanded season will allow schools more meet choices early in the season as well as allow programs to adjust training which will be more beneficial for each individual program.
7. Many high schools start school earlier now either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August.
8. An earlier start could open the possibility of prelims/finals a week earlier, so CIF Southern Section could get a week off between Finals and/or State.

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Date: September 1, 2023

**Submitted by:**

Name of representative: Timothy Walsh – Golden West League Coordinator  
Eric Henninger – Proposal Spokesperson

School of representative: Ocean View High School Telephone: 714-848-0656  
Garden Grove High School Telephone: 714-663-6115

**Check one of the following:**

☒ League Proposal. Name of League: Golden West

☐ Advisory Committee Proposal. Committee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Executive Committee Proposal. Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rule Change:**

Rule Number Affected: 3519.1 through 3519.7, 3520.2 Implementation Date: July 1, 2024

**Abstract:** (Please add any supporting documents.)

Schools will be placed into playoff divisions on a yearly basis for the sports listed utilizing a formula based upon current regular season results for each sport. Seeding in each division will follow the final rankings regardless of league affiliation or league finish.

**Council First Read:** September 28, 2023

**Council Action Date:** January 30, 2024

**Date Proposal will take effect on member schools:** July 1, 2024

See reverse side for additional information.

**Financial Impact on Member School and Southern Section (Attach an analysis and supporting documents):**

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## 3519 PLAYOFF GROUPINGS – COMPETITIVE EQUITY

The following procedures for the creation of playoff groupings will be in effect for the sports listed below:

Fall Sports – **Football, Team Golf (Girls)**, Tennis (Girls), Volleyball (Girls), Water Polo (Boys)  
Winter Sports – Basketball (Boys/Girls), Soccer (Boys/Girls), Water Polo (Girls)  
Spring Sports – Baseball, **Team Beach Volleyball (Girls), Team Golf (Boys)**, Lacrosse  
(Boys/Girls), Softball, Tennis (Boys), Volleyball (Boys)

~~3519.1 Individual~~ Schools will be evaluated and placed into divisions on a yearly basis for the sports listed above utilizing a formula **based entirely on current regular season results. Final rankings and divisional placements will be determined and released at the end of the current regular season. Seeding in each division will follow the final rankings, regardless of league affiliation or league finish. For example, in a sixteen-team bracket, the #1 seed, determined by the final rankings for that division, will play #16, the #2 seed will play #15, etc. The higher seeded team will host the first-round contest and then CIF Southern Section Bylaw 3504, Host Team After the First Round, will be followed for all subsequent contests.** which includes the following factors: regular season record, strength of schedule and Southern Section playoff performance over a two-year period. (For example, in Baseball and Softball, the data from the 2019 and 2020 seasons will be used to formulate divisions for the 2021 season. After the 2020 season is concluded, the data from the 2019 season will be removed and the data from the 2020 and 2021 seasons will be used to formulate divisions for the 2022 season.) The formula will be applied to each school resulting in the creation of competitive equity power rankings for individual schools, using that school's competitive performance as the only criteria for establishing playoff divisions.

~~3519.2~~ Once individual school power rankings for each sport are completed, after the conclusion of each sport season, playoff divisions will be created. Playoff divisions will be published in the Sport Preview for each sport, along with an explanation of the formula utilized in creating playoff divisions for that sport.

~~3519.3—2~~ It is MANDATORY that all Southern Section member schools enter the results of ALL regular season contests and Southern Section playoff contests into the CIFSSHome system **immediately following each game.** ([www.cifsshome.org](http://www.cifsshome.org)) ~~within 2 weeks of your team's last contest~~

~~3519.4—3~~ Member schools who fail to accurately enter full and complete regular season results and/or Southern Section playoff results into the CIFSSHome system, **in any of the sports listed above,** will not be placed into a playoff division for the upcoming season and will be ineligible to participate in the Southern Section Championships in that sport **for that year.**

~~3519.5—4~~ Leagues are guaranteed their appropriate number of entries into the Southern Section Championships, per current Southern Section Blue Book Rule 3514.

~~3519.6~~ Appeals of divisional placements will only be considered regarding inaccurate information provided by member schools. If that is the case, the school must send a request, in writing, to the Assistant Commissioner in charge of the particular sport(s), seeking a reconsideration of their divisional placement based upon corrected information provided by the school.

~~**3519.7** In the sport of 8 Man and 11 Man football, individual schools will be evaluated and placed into divisions on a yearly basis utilizing a formula based entirely on current regular season results. Final power rankings, and divisional placements, will be determined and released at the end of the current regular season. Seeding of all playoff brackets in each division will follow the final power rankings in that division, regardless of league affiliation or league finish. For example, in the First Round, the #1 seed, determined by the final power rankings for that division, will play #16, the #2 seed will play #15, etc. The higher seeded team will host the First Round contest and then CIF Southern Section Bylaw 3304, Host Team After the First Round, will be followed for all subsequent contests.~~

~~**3520.2** Boys and Girls Team Golf Individual schools will be placed into divisions on a yearly basis utilizing a formula including the following factors (previous years' performance in the CIF Southern Section Golf Championships as well as league performance in post season play). Data will be used from the previous two (2) years to help formulate divisions. This formula will allow competitive equity to be used in establishing playoff divisions. Each league will receive, at minimum, League Champions for automatic entry, with additional playoff sports available per league and division as warranted.~~