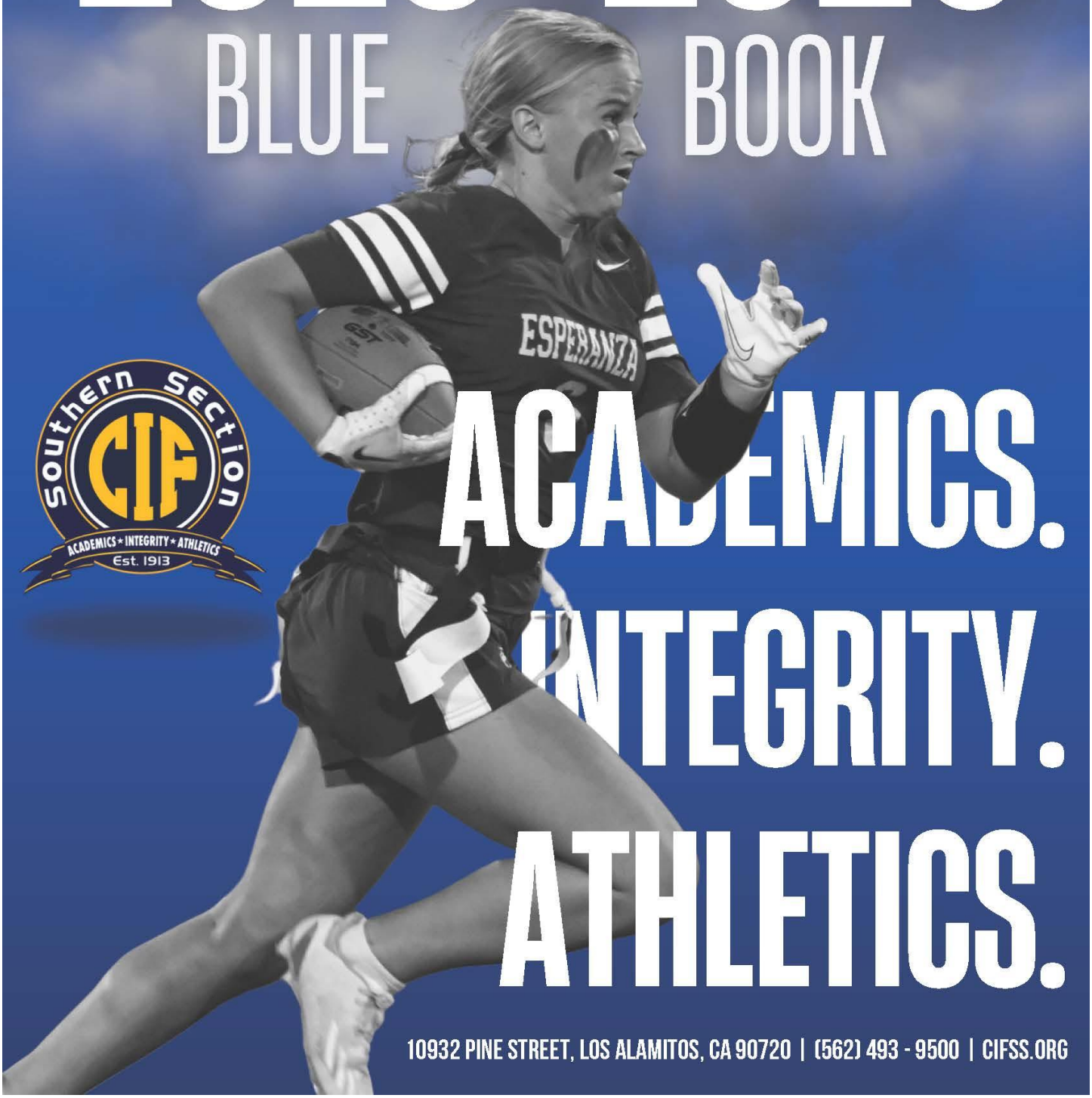
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The Constitution of California Interscholastic Federation Cardinal Athletic Principles

TO BE OF MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS, THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM WILL:

1. Be a well-coordinated part of the secondary school curriculum.
2. Justify the use of the tax funds and school facilities because of the educational aims achieved.
3. Be based on the spirit of amateurism.
4. Be conducted by secondary school authorities.
5. Provide opportunities for many students to participate in a wide variety of sports in every sport season.
6. Eliminate professionalism and commercialism.
7. Prevent “All-Star” contests or other promotional events.
8. Foster training in conduct, game ethics, and sportsmanship for participants and spectators.
9. Include a well-balanced program of intramural sports.
10. Engender respect for local, state, and national rules and policies under which the school program is conducted.

Code of Ethics

IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL CONCERNED WITH HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS:

1. To emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
2. To eliminate all possibilities which tend to destroy the best values of the game.
3. To stress the values derived from playing the game fairly.
4. To show cordial courtesy to visiting teams and officials.
5. To establish a happy relationship between visitors and hosts.
6. To respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials.
7. To achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
8. To encourage leadership, use of initiative, and good judgment by the players on a team.
9. To recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well- being of the individual players.
10. To remember that an athletic contest is only a game-not a matter of life and death for player, coach, school, officials, fan, community, state, or nation.

CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION

SOUTHERN SECTION (INCORPORATED)

Constitution Bylaws and Rulings

Interscholastic athletic programs are an integral part of the educational picture. The concept of sportsmanship must be taught, modeled, expected and reinforced in the CIF Southern Section. We feel there is an urgency to restore balance and proper perspective to educational athletics.

Good sportsmanship implies the willingness to abide by the rules, accept the decisions of officials and play the game fairly. Coaches and athletes must maintain self-control and demonstrate respect for the game and its rules.

Good sportsmanship is the responsibility of everyone involved in the game. Represent your community in a manner that will bring credit to your school and team.

Preface

This manual serves as the official publication of the California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section. It is designed to assist school administrators and coaches with the every-day implementation of the interscholastic athletic programs; it is updated annually.

The format combines both the State CIF and Southern Section Constitution, By-Laws and general information as it pertains to the overall membership.

School administrators are urged to make this publication available to those responsible for conducting the various interscholastic programs, who in turn are asked to review all rules and regulations with the student-athletes in their respective programs. This document is available at www.cifss.org, “Resources”, “Blue Book”.

If, after reading and studying its contents, the school administrator has a question regarding any rule, communication should take place immediately with the Commissioner at the CIF-SS Office. Whenever there is a doubt as to the eligibility of any student, a written inquiry from the principal to the Commissioner will receive a reply explaining the pertinent rule(s), interpretation(s) or the inquiry will be referred to the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee for review and decision.

Questions and answers are inserted as clarifying material, these are not to be considered as parts of the By-Laws and changing them does not require Southern Section Council action. Questions and answers have been included to assist in interpreting the rules and regulations and are samples of those gathered from past correspondence with the CIF-SS Office.

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CIF SOUTHERN SECTION HOLIDAYS
2025-2026 OFFICE CLOSED

DAY	DATE	HOLIDAY
Thursday – Monday	July 3 – 7	Independence Day
Monday	September 1	Labor Day
Thursday – Friday	November 27 – 28	Thanksgiving
Monday – Friday	December 22 – January 2	Winter Break
Monday	January 19	MLK Day
Friday – Tuesday	April 3 – April 7	Spring Break
Monday	May 25	Memorial Day
Thursday	June 18	Juneteenth

Summer Hours will be the first Friday in June, for a total of nine (9) weeks, the work schedule for all employees will be 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, with the office closed every Friday. **Summer Hours for 2026 will be June 5th – July 31st.**

Note: Should “playoff contests” fall on any of the above dates, the CIF Southern Section Office will adjust and the office would be open.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the California Interscholastic Federation - Southern Section is to prepare student athletes to practice ethical behavior, including fair play, integrity and obedience to rules. All CIF athletic contests will represent in perception and practice, the appreciation for athletic excellence and the shared educational experience of competition. All individuals associated with athletic activities will be aware of and responsible for their influence on the behavior of others and be models of good sportsmanship.

SPORTSMANSHIP

It is strongly recommended by the Executive Committee that leagues adopt rules which address the following areas of sportsmanship:

- A coach or team shall never leave the playing area until the contest is completed.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct by spectators, coaches, and players will not be tolerated.
- Noise makers are not allowed.
- Cheerleaders are to use positive cheers and will direct cheers to their own team.

COACHES

- Always set a good example for participants and fans to follow, exemplifying the highest moral and ethical behavior.
- Instruct participants in proper sportsmanship responsibilities and demand that they make sportsmanship the No. 1 priority.
- Respect judgment of contest officials, abide by rules of the event and display no behavior that could incite fans.
- Treat opposing coaches, participants and fans with respect. Shake hands with officials, opposing coach in public.
- Develop and enforce penalties for participants who do not abide by sportsmanship standards.

ATHLETES

- Treat opponents with respect; shake hands prior to and after contests.
- Respect judgment of contest officials, abide by rules of the contest, and display no behavior that could incite fans.
- Cooperate with officials, coaches and fellow participants to conduct a fair contest.
- Accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing school and community; display positive public action at all times.
- Live up to high standards of sportsmanship established by coach.

CIF Southern Section Student-Athlete, Administrator and School Awards

Nomination forms are available online at cifsshome.org under forms.

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is an award for exemplary service and contribution to the CIF Southern Section. Individuals receiving the golden Life Membership Pass will be admitted to any athletic event conducted by the CIF Southern Section or one of its member schools.

Any high school administrator, CIF staff, CIF Council Member or athletic coach who, over the years, has served or contributed directly to the CIF Southern Section through the management of playoff activities or by serving on special Southern Section committees.

Nominations for the Superintendent/Board member Distinguished Award can be made at any time. Nominations can be made prior to an individual's retirement but should follow the completion of the tenure which brought about the significant service, contribution or accomplishment of the nominee.

Hall of Fame Award

Nominees must exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, moral character and carry the endorsement of their league or association where appropriate.

The Hall of Fame Recognition Award is for exemplary accomplishments for a coach of a long and distinguished career in interscholastic athletics. Hall of Fame awardees will also receive the golden Life Membership Pass. Nominations can be made prior to an individual's retirement but should follow the completion of the tenure which brought about the significant service, contribution or accomplishment of the nominee.

All candidates will be judged on their significant and/or long-term contribution to interscholastic athletics. While many have served their local programs over a long and distinguished career, their accomplishments must have been worthy of CIF Southern Section and CIF State recognition for them to be considered. Recognition, reputation and contributions at a collegiate or professional level, while noteworthy, are not significant interscholastic accomplishments. Longevity alone does not constitute appropriate credentials for the CIF Southern Section Hall of Fame.

Jim Staunton Champions for Character Awards

The CIF Southern Section wants to recognize student, administrators and schools who, through their actions and example, exemplify and promote the highest standards of the following:

- Sportsmanship and integrity
- The Six Pillars of Character *
- Positive inter-group relations and respect for diversity of all people **
- Sportsmanship and fair play over victory, personal achievement
- Scrupulous adherence to the rules of sport

HISTORICAL SKETCH

California Interscholastic Federation

The California Interscholastic Federation was organized at a high school athletic convention held at the Y.M.C.A. Field House, Los Angeles, on March 28, 1914.

The convention followed a number of conferences in which there had been agreement that high school athletic contests, to be of value to the schools and the participants, should be organized under the control of the responsible heads of the schools.

The primary responsibilities of CIF are to administer high school athletic programs and to promulgate and enforce rules relating to a student's involvement in athletics − age, semesters in school, scholarship, residence, transfer status, and amateur standing. Such regulations, which are generated by the 1,600-member base of secondary schools, prevent undesirable exploitation of high school students, provide for the welfare of participants, and ensure that interscholastic athletics offer major benefits to students in a safe, rewarding environment.

For purposes of administration, California is divided into the following 10 sections: Southern Section, Central Section, Los Angeles City Section, North Coast Section, Sac-Joaquin Section, Northern Section, Oakland City Section, San Francisco Section, San Diego Section and Central Coast Section.

The State Federated Council has complete control of all State championships in high school athletics and may specify all details as to methods and places for conducting the contests.

The CIF is one of the 50 state associations that belong to the National Federation of State High School Associations and actively participates in the national organization. Generally, rules recommended by the national body are adopted by CIF.

THE STORY

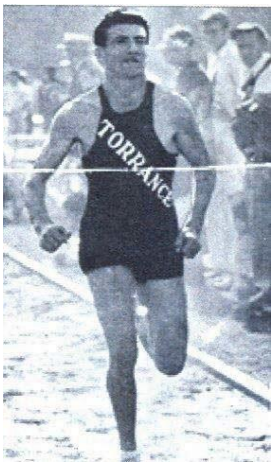
The CIF Southern Section, an organization whose history dates back to 1913, lists ten Commissioners over that span of time. The original term of Secretary has since been replaced with that of Commissioner.



First CIF-Southern Section Trophy

Their names and terms of office are:

Seth F. Van Patten	1913 – 1951
William W. Russell	1951 – 1954
J. Kenneth Fagans	1954 – 1975
Thomas E. Byrnes	1975 – 1980
Ray J. Plutko	1980 – 1986
Stan Thomas	1986 – 1993
Dean Crowley	1993 – 1999
James Staunton, Ed.D.	1999 – 2011
Rob Wigod	2011 – 2023
Mike West	2023 – Present



Louie Zamporini
Torrance High School 1934

The Southern Section was the outgrowth of a track and field meet. The founding date of the CIF Southern Section is March 29, 1913, when a group of high school officials joined forces to conduct a track championship meet in Los Angeles, thus ushering in the birth of the Southern Section. Seth F. Van Patten, who was elected Track Manager for the Southern Section in 1913, and who is recognized as the founding father of the CIF-SS along with E.W. Oliver of Los Angeles High School, served in that post until 1928 when he was officially named Secretary of the organization and later the Commissioner. He served as Commissioner until his retirement in 1951.

On March 28, 1914, the Southern Section came under the administrative wing of the newly founded California Interscholastic Federation and has since grown into one of the most progressive and respected organizations of its kind in the world.

OUR ARCHIVES DATE BACK OVER 100 YEARS!

The "home" of the Southern Section has a long and varied history. At the outset, basements, surplus school rooms and even the home of the first Commissioner served as the official office. South Pasadena High School graciously permitted the use of one of its rooms during the 30's, with Oneonta School and South Pasadena High School serving as the home office from 1942 until 1949. Still without an official office, the Southern Section moved its supplies to Helms Hall in Culver City in 1949 and remained at the Venice Blvd., site until 1959. It was in February of that year that the Southern Section built its first ever Administration office, the building located on the corners of Carmona and West Washington in Los Angeles. As membership grew and the Sections' population center moved, so did the CIF-SS office. In 1965, the Section office built and moved into its third home and second devoted strictly to the CIF-SS day-to-day operations. That space was located on Artesia Blvd. in the city of Cerritos. That remained the home base of the section until October of 2002 when the ever-expanding membership required a larger facility. The new and current administrative home is the Pine Street location in Los Alamitos.

The California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section, is a nonprofit corporation organized to direct and control both boys' and girls' athletics in the secondary schools within the Section. The Southern Section is administered on a day-to-day basis by the Commissioner, the Chief Financial Officer, five Assistant Commissioners, one director and a staff of ten support personnel. The Southern Section is not only the oldest, but the largest of 10 such sections in the state--its membership has grown from an original 30 schools to over 560 schools and from 5 leagues to over 90 leagues.

Interscholastic athletics for both boys and girls in the Southern Section are considered to be an integral segment of the total educational program. It goes without saying that sports should supplement, rather than serve as a substitute for the traditional physical education and intramural programs in our member schools.

LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

605 LEAGUE
Artesia
Cerritos
Glenn
Oxford Academy
Pioneer
Whitney

AGAPE/ CROSS VALLEY CONFERENCE
(Agape & Cross Valley Leagues)
Academy/Academic Excellence
Academy/Careers & Exploration
Apple Valley Christian
Big Bear
Cobalt Institute
Excelsior Charter
Hesperia Christian
Lucerne Valley
PAL Charter
Riverside Prep
Silver Valley
Summit Leadership
University Careers/Sports
University Prep
Victor Valley Christian

ALMONT LEAGUE
Alhambra
Bell Gardens
Mark Keppel
Montebello
San Gabriel
Schurr

AMBASSADOR LEAGUE
Aquinas
Arrowhead Christian Acad.
Linfield Christian
Ontario Christian
Woodcrest Christian

ARROWHEAD LEAGUE
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California School for the Deaf
Hamilton
La Sierra Academy
Sherman Indian
United Christian Academy

ARROWHEAD ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
(San Andreas, Skyline & Sunkist Leagues)
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Bloomington
Carter
Colton
Eisenhower
Fontana
Grand Terrace
Jurupa Hills
Kaiser
Notre Dame/Riverside
Rialto
Rim of the World
San Gorgonio
Summit

BASELINE LEAGUE
Chino Hills
Damien
Etiwanda
Los Osos
Rancho Cucamonga
St. Lucy's
Upland

BAY LEAGUE
Culver City
Mira Costa
Palos Verdes
Peninsula
Redondo Union
Santa Monica

BIG VIII LEAGUE
Centennial/Corona
Corona
King, M.L.
Norco
Roosevelt
Santiago/Corona

CAMINO DEL REY ASSOCIATION
(Camino Real, Del Rey, Santa Fe & Soledad Leagues)
Bishop Amat
Bishop Conaty-Loretto
Bishop Montgomery
Cantwell-Sacred Heart
Cathedral
Don Bosco Tech
La Salle
Sacred Heart/Los Angeles
Mary Star of the Sea
Paraclete
Pomona Catholic
Ramona Convent
Salesian
San Gabriel Mission
Serra
St. Anthony
St. Bernard
St. Genevieve
St. Joseph/Lakewood
St. Mary's Academy
St. Monica Catholic
St. Paul
St. Pius X-St. Matthias Acad
Verbum Dei

CENTURY CONFERENCE
(Crestview, Freeway, & North Hills Leagues)
Brea Olinda
Canyon/Anaheim
Crean Lutheran
Cypress
El Dorado
El Modena
Esperanza
Foothill
La Habra
Pacifica/Garden Grove
Sonora
Sunny Hills
Troy
Villa Park
Yorba Linda

CHANNEL LEAGUE
Buena
Dos Pueblos
Oxnard
Pacifica/Oxnard
Rio Mesa
San Marcos
Santa Barbara
Ventura

CITRUS BELT LEAGUE
Beaumont
Cajon
Citrus Valley
Redlands
Redlands East Valley
Yucaipa

CITRUS COAST LEAGUE
Carpinteria
Channel Islands
Fillmore
Hueneme
Malibu
Nordhoff
Santa Paula

COAST VALLEY LEAGUE
Coast Union
Coastal Christian
Cuyama Valley
Maricopa
San Luis Obispo Classical
Shandon
Valley Christian/SM

COAST VIEW CONFERENCE
(Sea View & South Coast Leagues)
Aliso Niguel
Beckman
Capistrano Valley
Dana Hills
El Toro
Mission Viejo
San Clemente
San Juan Hills
Tesoro
Trabuco Hills

COASTAL LEAGUE
CAMS
Geffen Academy
Hawthorne MSA
Lennox MST Academy
New Roads
Rolling Hills Prep
Vistamar
Wildwood

COASTAL CANYON LEAGUE
Camarillo
Moorpark
Oak Park
Royal
Simi Valley

CONDOR LEAGUE
Anacapa
Besant Hill
Midland
Oak Grove
Providence/Santa Barbara

DEL RIO LEAGUE
California
El Rancho
La Serna
Santa Fe
Whittier

DESERT EMPIRE LEAGUE
La Quinta/La Quinta
Palm Desert
Palm Springs
Rancho Mirage
Shadow Hills
Xavier Prep

DESERT SKY LEAGUE
Adelanto
Barstow
Granite Hills
Silverado
Victor Valley

DESERT VALLEY LEAGUE
Banning
Cathedral City
Coachella Valley
Desert Hot Springs
Desert Mirage
Indio
Twentynine Palms
Yucca Valley

FOOTHILL LEAGUE
Canyon/Canyon Country
Castaic
Golden Valley
Hart
Saugus
Valencia/Valencia
West Ranch

GOLD COAST LEAGUE
Brentwood
Campbell Hall
Crossroads
Viewpoint
Windward

GOLDEN LEAGUE
Antelope Valley
Eastside
Highland
Knight
Lancaster
Littlerock
Palmdale
Quartz Hill

GOLDEN EMPIRE CONFERENCE
(Empire, Golden West, & Orange Coast Leagues)
Buena Park
Calvary Chapel/Santa Ana
Costa Mesa
Fullerton
Garden Grove
Godinez
Katella
Kennedy
Laguna Hills
Ocean View
Santa Ana
Segerstrom
Tustin
Valencia/Placentia
Westminster

HACIENDA LEAGUE
Alta Loma
Colony
Los Altos
San Dimas
South Hills

HERITAGE LEAGUE
Desert Christian/Lancaster
Faith Baptist
Lancaster Baptist
Palmdale Aerospace
Santa Clarita Christian
St. Monica Academy
Trinity Classical Academy
Valley Torah
Vasquez

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
(*International & National Leagues*)
International School of Los Angeles
Le Lycee
Mesrobian
New Covenant Academy
New Harvest Christian
Sequoyah
Southwestern Academy
Waverly

LIBERTY/INDEPENDENCE CONFERENCE
(*Independence & Liberty Leagues*)
AGBU/Canoga Park
Buckley
de Toledo
Holy Martyrs
Milken Community
Oakwood
Pacifica Christian/Santa Monica
Pilibos
Providence/Burbank
The Archer School for Girls
Yeshiva (YULA)

LOS ANGELES ATHLETIC ASSOC.
(*Angeles & Mission Leagues*)
Alemany
Chaminade
Crespi
Flintridge Sacred Heart
Harvard-Westlake
Immaculate Heart
Louisville
Loyola
Marlborough
Marymount
Notre Dame Academy
Notre Dame/Sherman Oaks
Sierra Canyon
St. Francis

MAJESTIC LEAGUE
Bethel Christian/Riverside
Calvary Baptist
Cornerstone Chr/Wildomar
Crossroads Christian
Grove
Norton Sci/Language Acad.
Packinghouse Christian

MARMONTE LEAGUE
Agoura
Calabasas
Newbury Park
Oaks Christian
Thousand Oaks
Westlake

MIRAMONTE LEAGUE
Bassett
Edgewood
Ganesha
La Puente
Pomona
Workman

MISSION VALLEY LEAGUE
Arroyo
El Monte
Gabrielino
Marshall Fundamental
Mountain View
Rosemead
South El Monte

MOJAVE RIVER LEAGUE
Apple Valley
Burroughs/Ridgecrest
Hesperia
Oak Hills
Serrano
Sultana

MONTVIEW LEAGUE
Azusa
Baldwin Park
Duarte
Garey
Nogales
Sierra Vista

MOORE LEAGUE
Cabrillo/Long Beach
Compton
Jordan
Lakewood
Millikan
Poly/Long Beach
Wilson/Long Beach

MOUNTAIN PASS LEAGUE
Elisnore
San Jacinto
Tahquitz
Temescal Canyon
West Valley

MOUNTAIN VALLEY LEAGUE
Indian Springs
Miller, A.B.
Pacific
San Bernardino

MT. BALDY LEAGUE
Chaffey
Chino
Diamond Ranch
Don Lugo
Montclair
Ontario

MULHOLLAND LEAGUE
Ambassador
Animo Leadership
Compton Early College
Environmental Charter
Pacific Lutheran
Price
Ribet Academy
Shalhevet
Summit View-Westview

OCEAN LEAGUE
Beverly Hills
Centennial/Compton
Hawthorne
Inglewood
Leuzinger
Morningside

OLYMPIC LEAGUE
Heritage Christian
Maranatha
Valley Christian/Cerritos
Village Christian
Whittier Christian

OMEGA LEAGUE
Beacon Hills
Glendale Adventist
Gorman Lrng Ctr/Santa Clarita
Highland Hall
Hillcrest Chr./Thousand Oaks
Lighthouse Christian
Newbury Park Adventist
Ojai Valley
Pilgrim
San Fernando Valley Acad.
Santa Clarita Valley Inter.
Sequoyah
Summit View
Westmark

ORANGE GROVE CONFERENCE
(Coast, Grove, & Orange Leagues)
Anaheim
Bolsa Grande
Century
Estancia
La Quinta/Westminster
Loara
Los Amigos
Magnolia
Orange
Rancho Alamitos
Saddleback
Santa Ana Valley
Santiago/Garden Grove
Savanna
Western

PACIFIC LEAGUE
Arcadia
Burbank
Burroughs/Burbank
Crescenta Valley
Glendale
Hoover
Muir
Pasadena

PACIFIC COAST CONFERENCE
(Pacific Coast & Pacific Hills Leagues)
Irvine
Laguna Beach
Northwood
Portola
Rosary Academy
Sage Hill
St. Margaret's
University
Woodbridge

PALOMARES LEAGUE
Ayala
Bonita
Claremont
Diamond Bar
Glendora
Walnut

PIONEER LEAGUE
El Segundo
Lawndale
North Torrance
South Torrance
Torrance
West Torrance
Wiseburn Da Vinci

PREP LEAGUE
Chadwick
EF Academy
Flintridge Prep
Mayfield
Poly/Pasadena
Rio Hondo Prep
Westridge

RAINCROSS CONFERENCE
(*Inland Valley, Ivy, & Sunbelt Leagues*)
Arlington
Canyon Springs
Citrus Hill
Hemet
Heritage
Hillcrest
Lakeside
Liberty/Winchester
Moreno Valley
North, J.W.
Orange Vista
Paloma Valley
Perris
Poly/Riverside
Rancho Christian
Rancho Verde
Valley View
Vista Del Lago

RIO HONDO LEAGUE
Blair
La Canada
Monrovia
San Marino
South Pasadena
Temple City

RIVER VALLEY LEAGUE
Jurupa Valley
La Sierra
Norte Vista
Patriot
Ramona
Rubidoux

SOUTH VALLEY
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Desert Christian Academy
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San Jacinto Valley Academy
Santa Rosa Academy
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Temecula Prep

SOUTHWESTERN LEAGUE
Chaparral
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Murrieta Mesa
Murrieta Valley
Temecula Valley
Vista Murrieta

SUBURBAN VALLEY CONFERENCE
(*Gateway & Midcities Leagues*)
Bellflower
Dominguez
Downey
Firebaugh
Gahr
La Mirada
Lynwood
Mayfair
Norwalk
Paramount
Warren

SUN VALLEY LEAGUE
Banning
Cathedral City
Desert Hot Springs
Desert Mirage

SUNSET LEAGUE
Corona del Mar
Edison
Fountain Valley
Huntington Beach
Los Alamitos
Marina
Newport Harbor

TRI-COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
(Frontier & Tri-Valley Leagues)
Bishop Diego
Cate
Dunn
Foothill Technology
Grace
Laguna Blanca
Santa Clara
St. Bonaventure
Thacher
Villanova Prep

TRI -COUNTY PREMIER
Loma Linda Academy
Mesa Grande Academy
Public Safety Academy
Redlands Adventist
River Springs/Hemet
River Springs/Temecula
River Springs Magnolia

TRINITY LEAGUE
JSerra
Lutheran/Orange
Mater Dei
Santa Margarita
Servite
St. John Bosco

VALLE VISTA LEAGUE
Charter Oak
Covina
Northview
Rowland
West Covina
Wilson/Hacienda Heights

VICTORY LEAGUE
Desert Chapel
Joshua Springs
Noli Indian
Palm Valley
Weaver, Jack

WESTERN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
(Academy, Express, San Joaquin & Western Leagues)
Acaciawood Academy
Anaheim Discovery Christian
Avalon
Bethel Baptist
Calvary Chapel/Downey
Capistrano Valley Christian
Eastside Christian
Fairmont Prep
Fairmont SJC
Legacy College Prep
Liberty Christian
Magnolia Science/Santa Ana
NOVA Academy
Orange County Christian
Orangewood Academy
Newport Christian
Pacifica Christian/Orange Cty
Samueli Academy
San Gabriel Academy
Southlands Christian
Tarbut V'Torah
Vista Meridian Global
Waldorf Orange County
Webb
Western Christian

FREE LANCE HIGH SCHOOLS

Animo City of Champions
Bridges Academy
Cristo Rey OC
Delphi Academy
Entrepreneur/Highland
First Baptist/Long Beach
Gorman LC/Antelope Valley
Lakeview Leadership Academy
Legacy Christian Academy
Lifeline Education Charter
Orion International Academy
Palmdale Academy Charter
The SEED School of LA
Village Glen

ALL BOYS MEMBERSHIP

Cathedral
Crespi
Damien
Don Bosco Tech
Loyola
Salesian
Servite
St. Francis
St. John Bosco
Verbum Dei Jesuit

ALL GIRLS MEMBERSHIP

Bishop Conaty-Loretto
Flintridge Sacred Heart
Immaculate Heart
Louisville
Marlborough
Marymount
Mayfield
Notre Dame Academy
Pomona Catholic
Ramona Convent
Rosary Academy
Sacred Heart/Los Angeles
San Gabriel Mission
St. Joseph/Lakewood
St. Lucy's
St. Mary's Academy
The Archer School for Girls
Westridge

BOARDING SCHOOLS

Besant Hill
C.S.D.R.
California Lutheran
Cate
Dunn
EF Academy
Fairmont Prep
Flintridge Sacred Heart
Midland
Oak Grove
Ojai Valley
Sherman Indian
Sierra Canyon
Southwestern Academy
Thacher
The SEED School of LA
Villanova Prep
Webb

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2025-2026 COMMISSIONER'S COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP

Each year, outstanding personnel are asked to contribute their expertise and time to serve on various committees of the Commissioner for the CIF Southern Section. These people, chosen for their experience, dedication and leadership in the area of athletic administration, are invaluable in the overall coordination of the numerous activities and programs of our over 550 schools.

Responsibilities of the committees cover recommendations with regard to procedural and rule changes, evaluation of on-going programs, and to serve as a liaison between the athletic administrators at the school site and the CIF Southern Section Office.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION

A Member of The National Federation of State High School Associations

ARTICLE 1
NAME AND PURPOSE

10. NAME

This organization shall be known as the California Interscholastic Federation.

11. PURPOSE

The purposes of this organization are:

A. **To serve as an organization through which member high schools may mutually adopt rules relating to interscholastic athletics (grades 9-12) and establish agreed upon minimum standards for certain aspects of the interscholastic athletic program; to guide schools and school districts in the discharge of their responsibilities for, among other considerations, the health, safety, general welfare and educational opportunities of the students taking part in interscholastic athletics.**

B. **The CIF is limited to facilitating the establishment of these regulations and minimum standards and to the application of appropriate sanctions when failure to meet these standards, rules and regulations comes to the attention of the CIF.**

C. **To cultivate cordial and friendly relations among schools through good standards of sportsmanship.**

D. **To promote the acceptance of the CIF Operating Principles and Code of Ethics of the California Interscholastic Federation. NOTE: The CIF Operating Principles are defined as the 16 Principles of the Pursuing Victory with Honor*sm* program adopted by the Federated Council in November of 1999 (See Article 1-12).**

E. **This organization does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members hereof and it is organized for non-profit.**

F. **To promote equal opportunity for all the youth in California secondary school athletic programs regardless of disability, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation.**

G. **Member schools are responsible for monitoring and assuring compliance with these standards, rules and regulations except as set forth above, as well as responsibility for any matters of school administration or pupil supervision. Membership of schools in the California Interscholastic Federation is contingent upon compliance with the rules and regulations of the organization's Constitution and Bylaws. (Approved May 2001 Federated Council)**

12. CIF OPERATING PRINCIPLES/PURSUING VICTORY WITH HONOR*sm*

The CIF Operating Principles are the 16 Principles of the Pursuing Victory with Honor*sm* program as follows:

A. **The essential elements of character building and ethics in CIF sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six (6) core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these six pillars of character;**

B. **It's the duty of school boards, superintendents, school administrators, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and school sports leadership (including coaches, athletic administrators, program directors and game officials) to promote sportsmanship and foster good character by teaching, enforcing, advocating and modeling these six pillars of character;**

C. **To promote sportsmanship and foster the development of good character, school sports programs must be conducted in a manner that enhances the academic, emotional, social, physical and ethical development of student-athletes and teaches them positive life skills that will help them become personally successful and socially responsible;**

D. **Participation in school sports programs is a privilege, not a right. To earn that privilege, student-athletes must abide by the rules and they must conduct themselves, on and off the field, as positive role models who exemplify good character;**

E. **School boards, superintendents, school administrators, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and school sports leadership shall establish standards for participation by adopting and enforcing codes of conduct for coaches, athletes, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and spectators;**

F. **All participants in high school sports must consistently demonstrate and demand scrupulous integrity and observe and enforce the spirit as well as the letter of the rules;**

G. **The importance of character, ethics and sportsmanship should be emphasized in all communications directed to student-athletes and their parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver;**

H. **School boards, superintendents, school administrators, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and school sports leadership must ensure that the first priority of their student-athletes is a serious commitment to getting an education and developing the academic skills and character to succeed;**

I. **School boards, superintendents, principals, school administrators and everyone involved at any level of governance in the CIF must maintain ultimate responsibility for the quality and integrity of CIF programs. Such individuals must assure that education and character development responsibilities are not compromised to achieve sports performance goals and that the academic, social, emotional, physical and ethical well-being of student-athletes is always placed above desires and pressures to win;**

J. **All employees of member schools must be directly involved and committed to the academic success of student-athletes and the character-building goals of the school;**

K. **Everyone involved in competition including parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, spectators, associated student body leaders, and all auxiliary groups have a duty to honor the traditions of the sport and to treat other participants with respect. Coaches have a special responsibility to model respectful behavior and the duty to demand that their student-athletes refrain from disrespectful conduct including verbal abuse of opponents and officials, profane or belligerent trash-talking, taunting and inappropriate celebrations;**

L. **School boards, superintendents and school administrators of CIF member schools must ensure that coaches, whether paid or voluntary, are competent to coach. Training or experience may determine minimal competence. These competencies include basic knowledge of:**

(1) **The character-building aspects of sports, including techniques and methods of teaching and reinforcing the core values comprising sportsmanship and good character;**

(2) **The physical capabilities and limitations of the age group coached as well as first aid; AND**

(3) **Coaching principles and the rules and strategies of the sport.**

M. **Because of the powerful potential of sports as a vehicle for positive personal growth, a broad spectrum of school sports experiences should be made available to all of our diverse communities;**

N. **To safeguard the health of athletes and the integrity of the sport, school sports programs must actively prohibit the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and performance-enhancing substances, as well as demand compliance with all laws and regulations, including those related to gambling and the use of drugs;**

QUESTION: Is vaping allowed?
ANSWER: No.

O. **Schools that offer athletic programs must safeguard the integrity of their programs. Commercial relationships should be continually monitored to ensure against inappropriate exploitation of the school's name or reputation. There should be no undue influence of commercial interests. In addition, sports programs must be prudent, avoiding undue dependency on particular companies or sponsors;**

P. **The profession of coaching is a profession of teaching. Along with the mental and physical dimensions of their sport, coaches, through word and example, must also strive to build the character of their athletes by teaching them to be trustworthy, respectful, responsible, fair, caring and good citizens.**

(Approved February 2002 Federated Council)

13. PROPERTY

The property of this organization is irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes, meeting the requirements for exemption provided by Section 214 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. No part of the net income or assets of this organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof nor to the benefit of any private persons. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the organization, which is dedicated to charitable and educational purposes meeting the requirements for exemption provided by Section 214 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this organization, shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501.C.(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

If this organization holds any assets in trust, such assets must be disposed of in such manner as may be directed by decree of the Superior Court of the county in which the organization has its principal office, upon petition therefore by the Attorney General or any other person concerned in the liquidation, in a proceeding to which the Attorney General is a party.

14. NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the CIF not to discriminate on the basis of disability, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation in its athletic programs and related activities, in the employment of personnel, or in the selection of delegates to the Federated Council, committee members, officers or other such positions.

ARTICLE 2
JURISDICTION

20. SECTIONS

The CIF shall consist of Sections, one of which shall be the CIF, and remainder of which shall be those geographic Sections as may be created by the Federated Council. The geographical Sections, with their representatives on the Federated Council, are: Central (2), Central Coast (2), Los Angeles (2), North Coast (2), Northern (2), Oakland (1), Sac-Joaquin (2), San Diego (2), San Francisco (1), and Southern (4). Any Section which does not have a woman on the Federated Council as a regular representative shall select a woman as an additional representative. Section votes shall be divided equally among its representatives. All Sections consisting of more than two (2) districts shall have a superintendent (deputy, associate, assistant superintendent) as a voting member of their governing board. Each Section shall make an attempt to have their governing body reflect the ethnic and gender population it represents (See Article 3-31). Any Section or Allied Organization which has an even number of representatives on the Federated Council shall have gender balance. The number of votes approved for each Section at the Federated Council will be determined every year in the Spring and any necessary adjustments in the number of votes become effective in the first regular meeting of the following school year.

Any Section or Allied Organization which has an odd number of representatives on the Federated Council shall achieve gender balance as closely as possible, unless the Allied Organization has only a single representative. Any Section of more than two (2) districts shall have a school board member as a voting member of its governing board. In a Section where a Board of Managers is comprised of superintendents of all constituent school districts, the school board member may serve as a voting member of the Board of Managers or another Section governance body in accord with Section provisions. (Approved November 1996 Federated Council/Revised May 1998 Federated Council/Revised May 2000 Federated Council/Revised October 2001 Federated Council)

NOTE: Hereinafter, the term "Section" shall refer only to geographic Sections.

21. FORMATION OF NEW SECTIONS/GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

A. New Sections

Petitions for the formation of new Sections shall be made directly to the Federated Council. Approval of a proposal to form a new Section requires a majority vote of the Federated Council present at a regular meeting of the council.

B. Existing Section

Approval of a proposal to amend an existing Section or Sections requires a majority vote of the Federated Council present at a regular meeting of the council. Such proposals will be presented at a regular Federated Council meeting prior to the meeting where a vote is taken on the proposal.

C. Format for Section Modification

The following conditions must be considered for Section modification:

- **(1) Feasibility study must be made to include the following financial considerations:**
  - **a. Income projection**
    - **(i) Dues structure**
    - **(ii) Playoff revenue**
    - **(iii) Other revenue**
  - **b. Expense projection**
    - **(i) Proposed budget**

(2) Membership Consideration for Proposed Section
- **a. Public schools**
- **b. Non-public schools**
- **c. Demographics**
  - **(i) Size of schools**
  - **(ii) Distances**
  - **(iii) Geography**

(3) Governance Consideration for Proposed Section
- **a. School representation**
- **b. League representation**
- **c. Committee/Council/Board Structure**

(4) Voting Summary for Proposed Section Members
- **a. Public school vote**
- **b. Non-public school vote**
- **c. Additional demographic information (e.g., size of school, location of school etc.)**
- **d. Governing Board of the School Districts**

(Approved May 2002 Federated Council)

(5) Voting Summary for Existing Section
- **a. Total Section vote**
- **b. Public school vote**
- **c. Non-public school vote**
- **d. Demographic data (e.g., size of school, location of school, etc.)**

(6) Submit to Section Modification Committee
- **a. Presentation of proposal**
- **b. Presentation of feasibility study**
- **c. Voting summaries**
- **d. Written opposition report(s) (optional)**
- **e. Public hearing**
- **f. Recommendation by committee to State Federated Council**

(Approved February 1984 Federated Council/Revised May 1997 Federated Council)

D. Guidelines/Criteria for a New Section Formation

For the purposes of forming a new Section, the following must be addressed in any application. Variations from these guidelines could affect the terms of participation as a member of the CIF.

(1) Sections shall abide by the CIF Constitution, Bylaws and the Operating Principles of the organization as found in the Pursuing Victory with Honor*sm* Program.

(2) All Sections shall be contiguous.

(3) Sections shall be geographically configured, considering physical and natural boundaries.

(4) Section formation shall be flexible and responsive to address the changing demographics and long-term growth in California.

(5) Section formation shall address the needs of all schools, non-public and public schools, within the geographic boundaries of the new Section.

(6) Sections shall consist of multiple leagues.

(7) Sections shall consist of multiple school districts.

(8) Sections shall have sufficient resources to provide adequate governance and services to their member schools.

(9) Section formation shall take into consideration the financial impacts on local schools.

(10) Section formation application must address the impact on opportunities to participate in State Championships.

(11) Sections must be of sufficient size to address issues of economic viability, competitive opportunities and State competitions.

(Approved May 2002 Federated Council)

22. MEMBERSHIP/CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

A. **Membership in the California Interscholastic Federation shall be open to public, charter and private high schools of the State of California. The CIF Section in which the school is located may grant membership according to the Section's policies and procedures.**
NOTE: All CIF member schools must have a current CDS Code. (Editorial May 2023)

B. **As a condition of membership and continuing membership a member school agrees to:**

(1) **Request to join the CIF State and the CIF Section at a public meeting of the local school board or board of directors;**

(2) **To abide by all current rules and regulations of the CIF State and CIF Section;**

(3) **To ensure that the local school board or board of directors will adopt the 16 Principles of Pursuing Victory with Honor*sm* by a board resolution;**

(4) **Accept as a member school the responsibility to educate student-athletes, coaches, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and other appropriate persons on the CIF State and CIF Section Constitution and Bylaws, Policies and Procedures adopted by the governing body;**

(5) **Ensure that the administrative decisions of the Federated Council, Executive Committee, Executive Director, Section Board of Managers, Section Commissioner and all state and sectional appeal decisions shall be accepted in good faith by all member schools. The principal of any member school, who, by any act or attitude, shall refuse to accept, or shall hold in contempt or derision, or shall permit or acquiesce in such contempt or derision on the part of any group of individuals associated with his/her school, shall subject his/her school to possible sanctions, suspension and/or expulsion from the Section and/or State membership. These provisions are not to be construed as preventing the principal of a member school from exercising his/her school's right to due process;**

(6) **Abide by all decisions made by the CIF governing body having jurisdiction in the matter. If a member school, or that school's governing body files suit in a court of law against the CIF and/or one of its Sections and the CIF and/or its Section prevails, the member school shall reimburse the CIF and/or its Section for all legal fees and reasonable expenses incurred by the CIF and/or its Section in connection with the suit to remain a member in good standing;**

(7) **Ensure that CIF member schools will not accept monies, equipment or apparel specific to, or distributed to, individual athlete(s) within that program. All gifts are school property (as per the Education Code/Board Policy) and may not be given to any individual athlete(s). School/school districts should ensure such gifts are distributed equitably. Gifts supporting travel to athletic competitions must be devoted only to reasonable costs of travel, lodging and food and distributed through the school district, ASB or governing board according to Bylaw 805;**

(8) **Monitor its athletic program and to self-report to the appropriate governing body any violations of State and Section Bylaws as soon as the school is aware of possible violations. This responsibility extends to all administrators and coaches at the school. Each member school is responsible for the conduct of its administrators, coaches, athletes, students and parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and for any knowledge possessed by its administrators;**

(9) **Ensure that all coaches, paid and unpaid, will have completed a coaching education program that emphasizes the following components:**

a. **Development of coaching philosophies consistent with school, school district and school board goals;**

b. **Sport psychology: emphasizing communication; reinforcement of young people's efforts; effective delivery of coaching regarding technique and motivation of the student-athlete;**

c. **Sport pedagogy: how young athletes learn and how to teach sport skills;**

d. **Sport physiology: principles of training; fitness for sport; development of a training program; nutrition for athletes; and the harmful effects associated with the use of steroids and performance-enhancing dietary supplements by adolescents;**

e. **Sport management: team management; risk management; and working within the context of an entire school program;**

f. **Training: certification in CPR and First Aid, that includes training in signs and symptoms of concussions, sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), and heat illness;**
(Revised January 2015 Federated Council/Revised February 2019 Federated Council)

QUESTION: When does the training certifications in the items listed in 22.B (9).f. need to be renewed?
ANSWER: Certification needs to be updated each time CPR and First Aid training is renewed.
(Editorial May 2019)

g. **Knowledge of, and adherence to, statewide rules and regulations; as well as school regulations including, but not necessarily limited to, eligibility, gender equity and discrimination;**

h. **Sound planning and goal setting; AND**

i. **A school/district may use a coach that does not meet these standards for one (1) sports season in an emergency. The coach must still hold a CPR, First Aid, Concussion, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and Heat Illness certification as required under Title V. However, that person may not coach another season of sport without fulfilling this coaching education requirement. Any currently employed coach who has completed and passed a prior version of a coaching education program that meets the above listed criteria, as determined by the local administration, is exempt from this provision. The above certification is transferable between/among CIF member schools. Coaches may need to complete additional local school or school district requirements.**

NOTE: Definition of a coach, paid or unpaid: Any individual that the school/district is required to approve under Title V, California Code of Regulations, Section 5593 and 5594 and/or under California Education Code 35179-35179.7, 49032 and 45125.01-45125.1.
(Revised January 2015 Federated Council/Revised February 2019 Federated Council)

j. **A school shall ensure that there is a written emergency action plan in place that describes the location and procedures to be followed in the event of Sudden Cardiac Arrest and other medical emergencies related to the athletic program's activities or events. (Please see Bylaw 503.L for more detailed requirements for AEDs and EAPs)**
(Approved April 2019 Federated Council/Editorial April 2024)

k. **The school shall have at least one automated external defibrillator (AED) for the purpose of rendering emergency care or treatment. The school shall ensure that the AED or AEDs are available to athletic trainers, coaches and authorized personnel at these activities or events. (Please see Bylaw 503.L for more detailed requirements for AEDs and EAPs)**
(Approved April 2019 Federated Council/Editorial April 2024)

(10) **Remit any approved State or Section school dues and assessments on time;**

(11) **Abide by any additional requirements of the Section; AND**

(12) **An athletic director, sports coach, school official or employee or booster club/support group member may provide only non-muscle building nutritional supplements to a student-athlete at any time for the purpose of providing additional calories and electrolytes. A school may only accept an advertisement, sponsorship or donation from a supplement manufacturer that offers only non-muscle building nutritional supplements. A school may not accept an advertisement sponsorship or donation from a distributor of a dietary supplement whose name appears on the label. Permissible non-muscle building nutritional supplements are identified according to the following classes: carbohydrate/electrolyte drinks, energy bars, carbohydrate boosters and vitamins and minerals.**

(13) **By the first Friday in April of each school year, member schools are required to submit to the State CIF their CIF Participation Census. If after a reasonable number of requests from the CIF State and/or Section offices, a school continues to be delinquent with submission of its CIF Participation Census after May 15, the school will be immediately notified that its CIF membership will be suspended effective June 15. Reinstatement of membership will be made upon receipt of the completed CIF Participation Census. Reinstated schools will not be allowed to host any Regional or State playoff contest in any sport for a period of one (1) year from the time of sanction.**
(Approved April 2023 Federated Council)

C. **Enforcement**

(1) **The Executive Director and/or Executive Committee or Section Commissioner and/or Section Board of Managers shall have power to suspend, to fine or otherwise penalize any member school for the violation of any CIF or Section rules and regulations or for just cause. The period of suspension or other penalty shall be left to the discretion of the CIF governing body that has jurisdiction of the matter where the penalty is not fixed.**

(2) **The Executive Director or Section Commissioner shall, at his/her discretion, determine whether information about any possible violation of the CIF or Section Constitution or Bylaws is sufficiently reliable to justify further investigation. The Executive Director or Section Commissioner shall also, at his/her discretion; determine whether to conduct any investigation of possible violations of the Constitution or Bylaws as well as the nature and extent of any investigation that may be conducted and the procedures to be used in any such investigation. Factors to be considered by the Executive Director or Section Commissioner in making these determinations may include, but are not limited to:**

a **The seriousness of the alleged violation;**

b. **Any other factor the Executive Director or Section Commissioner may deem relevant in making these decisions.**

(3) **A violation of the CIF or Section Constitution or Bylaws will not result in any investigation or penalty if it is inadvertent and the school first learns of and reports the violation after the conclusion of the following year's playoffs in the sport in which the violation occurred. If it is determined that a school or any of its administrators or coaches had knowledge of a violation or possible violation of the CIF or Section Constitution or Bylaws and failed to promptly self-report as it is required to do as a condition of membership, or that a delay in self-reporting occurred as a result of a failure by the school to properly monitor its athletic program as required as a condition of membership, the provisions of this section shall not apply. In any such case, a violation may be investigated and penalties may be implemented regardless of when the violation occurred.**

(4) **Any school under suspension, if it has restricted its athletic program to intramural athletics for the period of suspension, may be reinstated by the CIF Executive Committee or Section Board of Managers upon application made in writing 20 days in advance of the time it desires to be reinstated, to the Executive Director or Section Commissioner by the principal of the school and by the Board of Education under which the school operates. The Executive Director or Section Commissioner shall present the application of the suspended school to the appropriate Board for its consideration. The principal and the board of education shall agree, in writing, that the school will abide by all rules of the CIF and/or Section in the future. The principal and each member of the Board of Education shall sign the statement.**

(Approved May 2003 Federated Council/Revised May 2007 Federated Council)

23. ORDER OF JURISDICTION

This Constitution and Bylaws is binding on all schools, leagues and Sections. The order of descending jurisdiction is as follows: State (Federated Council), Section, league and school. A school, league or Section may enact regulations which are more stringent than those adopted by a higher authority. The State Federated Council is the governing body of the CIF and shall establish policy. Within the framework of that policy, local Sections may establish local rules and regulations as long as they are no less stringent and do not violate State policy rules or intent.
(Revised May 2003 Federated Council)

NOTE: Bylaws 206 and 207 relate to statewide eligibility rules, therefore apart from more restrictive rules enacted by school boards, no Section, league or school shall adopt or enact any regulations, rules or policies different than, or affecting in any manner, these statewide Bylaws. Only the Section Commissioner may waive the effect of those Bylaws on transfer athletic eligibility and only in accordance with the provisions of those Bylaws.
(NOTE Approved January 2008 Federated Council)

24. JURISDICTIONS

All students attending either public or private high schools in any Section under the jurisdiction of the Federation will be subject to the rules of eligibility of the Federated Council for participation in athletic contests between/among schools. All CIF member schools are accountable to the Federated Council for violations of the CIF Constitution and Bylaws.

25. RATIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVES

Each local school district board of education or private school governing board will ratify to the appropriate CIF Section Office, by August 15 of each year, the appointment of individuals and alternates by name or by title who will be school representatives to the athletic leagues for the upcoming year. In the absence of the appropriate filing, all voting privileges for the affected school(s) shall be suspended.

ARTICLE 3
THE FEDERATED COUNCIL

30. MEMBERSHIP

The governing body of the California Interscholastic Federation shall be known as "The Federated Council." The Federated Council shall consist of representatives elected from each Section, a representative from the State Department of Education, representatives from Allied Organizations selected by those organizations, the President, President-Elect, and immediate Past-President of the Federated Council.

A. **Representatives elected from each Section shall be elected to hold office for two (2) years. If a Section has more than one (1) representative on the council, the terms will be staggered.**

B. **With the exception of the Past-President, Section Past-President, the representative from the State Department of Education, and representatives of Allied Organizations, any individual not directly accountable to, or voting member of, a local board of education or school(s) governing body shall not be a voting member of the State or a Section-governing and/or policy-making body.**

C. **Any member of the Federated Council who changes professional status in such a manner that no longer qualifies the individual as a member of the governing body may not continue as a voting member of the body. The individual shall be replaced, by the rules of the State or Section, by the next regular meeting of the body.**

D. **A voting representative to the Federated Council from an allied organization must be in a current role performing the daily responsibilities associated with the title or the organization (i.e., the representative from the Association of California School Administrators must be an active administrator in California; the representative from the Association of Private School Organizations must be currently affiliated with one (1) or more of the private schools represented; the representative from the California School Boards Association must be an active board member; the California State Athletic Directors Association representative shall be an active athletic director, etc.). If the status of the representative changes in such a manner so that the representative is no longer in an active role that truly reflects the general membership of the allied organization, the organization must replace the representative with one who is in such a role in order to have full voting representation at the Federated Council. Allied Organizations will certify that representatives comply with this Bylaw and send such certification to the State Executive Director by August 15 of each year.**

E. **Representation on the Federated Council for Allied Organizations will include the following:**

(1) **California Coaches Association, two (2) representatives;**

(2) **California State Athletic Directors Association, two (2) representatives;**

(3) **California School Boards Association, two (2) representatives;**

(4) **Association of California School Administrators, one (1) representative;**

(5) **California Association of Private School Organizations, two (2) representatives;**

(6) **California Superintendents Liaison Committee, one (1) representative;**

(7) **California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, two (2) representatives;**

(8) **California Association of Directors of Activities, one (1) representative;**

NOTE: An Allied Organization with two (2) representatives shall have one (1) male and one (1) female representative.

(Approved May 1999 Federated Council)

31. REPRESENTATION REFLECTING THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE STATE AND SECTION

A. **Any CIF Section which does not have at least one (1) regular representative of an ethnic or racial minority group found in the demographics of the Section's student population shall select an additional representative who is a member of an ethnic or racial minority group found in the demographics of the Section's student population. The Section's number of votes shall continue to be based upon the weighted voting formula; however, the votes shall be split equally amongst the voting representatives. The expenses of the additional delegate shall be paid by the CIF consistent with the expense formula for all other Section representatives to the Federated Council.**

B. **Each CIF Section and Allied Organization shall send representative(s) to the Federated Council which is reflective of the student demographics within the Section and will include at least one (1) representative of an ethnic or racial minority group found in the demographics of the Section's student population.**

(Approved May 1997 Federated Council)

32. CRITERIA FOR ALLIED ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP ON THE FEDERATED COUNCIL

Each Allied Organization represented on the Federated Council shall:

A. **Be composed of a membership, in which the majority has direct responsibility or legislative responsibility for interscholastic athletics;**

B. **Be able to demonstrate statewide representation;**

C. **Be able to define its constituency which will include, but not be limited to, the number of interscholastic athletes it represents, the number of members that have direct or legislative responsibility for interscholastic athletics, the number of schools represented which participate in CIF activities;**

D. **Have the capacity to select representatives to the Federated Council that reflect our State's student gender and ethnic makeup;**

E. **Be able to demonstrate that its representative has a viable system of communication to its members within its organization including but not limited to:**

(1) **Conduct meetings, hearings and decision making involving the CIF, interscholastic athletics and/or other legislative matters in open session with a view to transparency, providing opportunity for membership/public input reflecting the intention of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et.seq.);**

(2) **Validate the viable system of communication by showing agenda, minutes and membership present when decisions were made regarding CIF, interscholastic athletics and/or legislative decisions that impact CIF and/or interscholastic athletics;**

(3) **Submit as part of the request for inclusion all documentation of communications made by the organization regarding CIF philosophy, policies and procedures that has been forwarded to their membership;**

(4) **Submit as part of the request for inclusion all documentation of communications received from their membership regarding any CIF philosophy, policies and procedures.**

F. **Have a commitment to providing educational opportunities for students through interscholastic athletics. Prior to being formally accepted as an Allied Organization, each interested group, including those presently represented on the Federated Council, shall complete a Request for Inclusion application. An organization's request for inclusion on the Federated Council as an Allied Organization must be submitted to the Executive Director by January 15 of the school year prior to the desired effective date of inclusion. The request will be reviewed by a membership committee designated by the Executive Committee. A recommendation by the membership committee for approval or disapproval of the Request for Inclusion will be made to the Executive Committee by March 15 and action on the Request for Inclusion will be scheduled for the Spring meeting of the Federated Council. If an Allied Organization is approved for membership, the organization is approved for a four-year renewable term, unless the organization should, during the four (4) year term, no longer meet the criteria for membership and inclusion as defined by the Federated Council.**

(Approved May 1997 Federated Council/Revised November 2009 Federated Council/Revised April 2017 Federated Council)

33. ELECTION AND ELIGIBILITY

The governing body of each Section shall determine how its own representatives to the Federated Council shall be elected consistent with the Education Code. Voting members of the Federated Council shall not be paid employees of the CIF Sections.

34. POWERS AND DUTIES OF FEDERATED COUNCIL

A. **Determine the credentials of its own membership.**

B. **Exercise jurisdiction over all interscholastic athletic games, events and meets involving CIF member schools. The Federated Council delegates jurisdiction to each CIF Section for all interscholastic athletic games, events and meets in which only CIF member schools of that particular Section participate.**

C. Govern State and Regional California Interscholastic Federation playoff contests.

(1) Determine time and place.

(2) Prescribe conditions and provide for appointment of officials.

(3) Define expected duties of contest officials.

[C.(2-3)] Approved May 1997 Federated Council)

D. Establish and enforce penalties for any violation of the Constitution and Bylaws or other rules of the Federation. Schools, leagues and Sections may establish and enforce penalties, provided that such penalties are not in conflict with penalties that have been established by higher authority.

(See Article 2-23 for order of descending jurisdiction)

E Determine which athletic activities shall be conducted by the Federation.

F. Prescribe ways and means by which standards of eligibility shall be met.

G. Elect its own officers.

H. Institute and conduct impeachment of officers of the Federation or Sections thereof.

I. For any matter of appeal not covered in the Constitution and Bylaws, an appeal to the Federated Council will be heard by the Council's appeals committee, a three (3)-person committee, selected by the Council President from a standing appeals committee of seven (7) Federated Council members appointed annually by the President of the Federated Council. The decision of this committee is final and will be reported to the Federated Council at its next meeting following the resolution of the appeal.

J. Award Life Passes to its members after three (3) years of service.

(Revised January 2008 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 4
MEETINGS

40. SCHEDULE FOR FEDERATED COUNCIL

The Federated Council shall hold three (3) meetings annually unless the adopted budget should require, in the judgment of the Executive Committee and the Executive Director, the elimination of one (1) meeting annually. Any change in the Federated Council meeting schedule, which results in the elimination of a meeting, shall be approved by the Council.

(Revised February 1999 Federated Council)

41. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATED COUNCIL

At the annual meeting, the Federated Council shall:

A. Approve credentials of new members;

B. Appoint standing committees;

C. Receive reports from officers and committees;

D. Consider new policies, new business and such other matters as may seem necessary.

42. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE FEDERATED COUNCIL

The officers of the organization are the President, President-Elect and the Past-President. Each officer will serve on the Executive Committee and will be elected in accord with provisions of Article 7-70.

(Approved October 2000 Federated Council)

43. QUORUM FOR MEETINGS OF THE FEDERATED COUNCIL

A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of Federated Council members.

44. MEETINGS AT LEAGUE, SECTION AND STATE LEVELS

All league, Section and State meetings, excluding CIF and CIF Section appeal hearings of student eligibility, Section playoffs or appeal hearings involving matters other than student eligibility or Section playoffs, pursuant to Bylaws 1100-1103, are subject to the notice and hearing requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.).
(Approved October 2000 Federated Council/Revised May 2003 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 5
FINANCES

50. REIMBURSEMENT

Consistent with approved policy, some or all of the expenses of each member of the Federated Council and Section Commissioners may be reimbursed by the Federation for attending meetings of the Council.

51. ASSESSMENT

The expenses of the Federated Council shall be met by an assessment levied upon each Section at the beginning of the school year.

A. Failure to Pay CIF Assessments

After a reasonable number of requests from the Executive Director's office, schools that continue to be delinquent with financial assessments after January 1 will be immediately notified of CIF membership suspension effective January 21. Reinstatement of membership will be made upon receipt of assessment that must include all past due and interest charges. Reinstated schools will not be allowed to host any Regional or State playoff contest in any sport for a period of one (1) year from the time of sanction.

(Approved May 2009 Federated Council)

52. CIF PLAYOFF REPORTS

After a reasonable number of requests from the Executive Director's office, schools that continue to be delinquent with financial reports will not be allowed to host any Regional or State playoff contest in any sport for a period of one (1) year from the time of sanction.
(Approved May 2009 Federated Council)

53. FISCAL LEGISLATION

Legislation which has a fiscal impact upon the CIF Budget shall be submitted, no later than February 10, to the CIF Executive Committee for their review in developing a recommendation for the Federated Council at its Spring meeting. (Legislation is interpreted to mean legislation or business internal to CIF and/or its member Sections.)

54. INDEMNIFICATION OF SECTIONS

The CIF shall indemnify Sections against documented net revenue loss as a result of a Section's participation in a system-wide merchandising or sponsorship program in lieu of a Section-based program of like kind for a period of one (1) year. Sections so indemnified shall in future years of participation in that system-wide program repay such amounts as they received in indemnified loss by receiving 10 percent per year less than they would have received without such indemnification, provided that such reduction shall not cause a Section to receive less than the revenue documented for purposes of indemnification plus five (5) percent annual growth. Indemnification of loss shall cease after one (1) year.

ARTICLE 6
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

60. PROCEDURE

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the entire Federated Council provided the amendment was proposed at the previous meeting.

ARTICLE 7
COMMITTEES

70. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The CIF Executive Committee shall consist of no more than thirteen (13) members as described below:

A. Duties and Responsibilities of the Executive Committee

(1) Review, monitor and update goals of the CIF as indicated within the CIF strategic plan and/or the committee's own process and procedures.

(2) Develop operational procedures.

(3) Review annual budgets prior to proposal to the Federated Council.

(4) Set dues.

(5) Act as the decision-making body between meetings of the Federated Council when it is not necessary to call an emergency meeting.

(6) Advise the Executive Director or liaise activities with groups and organizations outside the CIF.

(7) Review the agenda of the Federated Council meeting prior to each council meeting.

(8) Review committee reports and presentations prior to the presentation at the Federated Council.

(9) Recommend positions, considerations and actions to the Federated Council.

(10) Employ an Executive Director and contribute to the evaluation of the Executive Director.

(11) Consider and recommend salary and other benefits.

(12) Review and control expenditures and other fiscal operations.

(13) Monitor the office structure and operation.

(14) Advise the Executive Director on issues, programs and matters brought to the committee by the Executive Director.

(15) Other duties as prescribed by the Federated Council.

B. Composition of the Executive Committee

(1) Federated Council Officers — President, President-Elect and Past-President; AND

(2) Six (6) additional members who are representatives of Sections/Allied Organizations with no more than one (1) member representing the group of Allied Organizations; AND

(3) Four (4) at-large representatives who are directly accountable to, or a voting member of, a local board of education or school(s) governing body shall be selected in an effort to reflect both gender and ethnic representation of the state's student population.

C. Limitations of Membership on the Executive Committee

(1) No Section shall have more than one (1) member eligible to be elected to the Executive Committee unless another committee member from the Section is an officer or at-large representative.

(2) The group of Allied Organizations shall have no more than one (1) member eligible to be elected to the Executive Committee unless another Allied Organization representative is an officer or at-large representative on the Executive Committee.

(3) No Section may have more than one (1) representative serving as an officer at any one time.
[See Article 7-70.G.(2)] for exception.

(4) Only one (1) person from the group of Allied Organizations may serve as an officer at any one (1) time.

D. Terms of Office

(1) The President-Elect will serve two (2) years before assuming the presidency. The President-Elect shall assume the office of President immediately following service in the office of President-Elect.
(Revised May 2002 Federated Council)

(2) The President shall serve a two (2)-year term.

(3) The Past-President shall serve a two (2)-year term immediately following service as President.

(4) Other Executive Committee members shall be elected annually by the Federated Council to serve a two (2)-year term. An Executive Committee member may serve for two (2) consecutive terms of two (2) years each.

(5) If there is a break of one (1) year in the service of an Executive Committee member, as a member of the committee, that member may be eligible for nomination, election and service for one (1) additional term of office as an Executive Committee member but no one shall be eligible to serve more than a total of six (6) years on the committee.

(6) Four (4) at-large representatives, in an effort to reflect both gender and ethnic representation of the state's student population, shall be appointed for a two (2)-year term. (See Note after G. below)

(7) If in the second year of their term, an elected [see 70.B.(2)] Executive Committee member ceases to be a representative of their Section to the Federated Council, that Executive Committee member may remain as an additional representative of their Section until the end of that representative's prescribed term.
(Approved February 2022 Federated Council)

E. Nominations

(1) Each year, the President shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of at least five (5) members. Members of the Nominating Committee shall be selected from among the Federated Council and may include no more than two (2) current members of the Executive Committee.

(2) The Executive Director and the President shall be ex-officio members of the Nominating Committee.

(3) Nominations for the Executive Committee shall be presented to the Federated Council at the meeting prior to the election.

(4) Nominations for President-Elect will occur in even numbered years.

(5) Each person nominated for an officer or other elected [see 70.B.(2)] Executive Committee seat must be a current member of the Federated Council at the time of nomination and election.

(6) The Nominating Committee will name at least five (5) candidates for two (2)-year terms for the Executive Committee and at least two (2) candidates for President-Elect.
(Approved January 2020 Federated Council/Approved February 2022 Federated Council)

(7) Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the Federated Council meeting whereupon nominations are presented.

(8) Nominations for the four (4) at-large representatives will be made by Executive Staff, in consultation with Sections and Allied Organizations, after the election of Executive Committee members. The Executive Committee, at its June meeting, will select four (4) candidates from among those nominations to serve as at-large representatives.

F. Elections

(1) Elections will occur at the final meeting of the year of the Federated Council.

(2) Elections for Executive Committee members, other than officers and the four (4) at-large committee members, will be held annually.
(Approved January 2020 Federated Council)

(3) Should a second candidate be nominated from any Section or the group of Allied Organizations, only the candidate with the most votes (more votes) from that Section/or group is eligible for election.

(4) The nominees who receive the most votes, from among those eligible for election, will be elected.

(5) **In the event of a tie between/among candidates whereby there is only one (1) seat available and/or remaining, a revote for the remaining position will take place only between/among the candidates that are tied.**

(6) **In the event there is still a tie vote after the first revote, one (1) more vote will take place and if the tie is not broken, a flip of a coin will determine the winner.**

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.

a. President
When the status of the President changes, the President-Elect will succeed to the position of President. If there is not a President-Elect eligible, the Past-President shall be asked to serve in the place of the President-Elect until the President-Elect is eligible.

b. President-Elect
When the status of the President-Elect changes, the President shall authorize a new nomination and election process to be initiated so that nominations are presented at the next possible Federated Council meeting and elections are held at the meeting following nominations.

c. Past-President
In the event the status of the Past-President changes, that person may continue service until the end of the term for which she/he was elected.

(2) Change in Workplace, No Change in Status

When the workplace of an officer changes after election as President-Elect, but that person is still able to continue as a voting member of the Federated Council (See Article 3-30), that person may complete the terms of office through the term of Past-President. When that change in workplace is a change to another Section, representatives from both Sections will be eligible to be nominated for the office of President-Elect while that officer is still in service.

(3) Vacancy

When a vacancy on the Executive Committee occurs caused by circumstances other than those listed above in this section, the following shall occur.

a. President-Elect
The President shall call for the nominations to be made for the next possible meeting of the Federated Council and an election to be held at the subsequent regularly scheduled meeting or the President may authorize a nomination process to be immediately initiated if in her/his judgment time permits adequate notice to the Federated Council and other interested parties, so that an election may be held at the next possible Federated Council meeting.

b. President
The President-Elect will succeed to the position of President. If there is not a President-Elect eligible to serve, the Past-President shall be asked to serve in the place of the President-Elect until the President-Elect is eligible.

c. Past-President
The President may appoint someone to the office who has served previously as a Past-President. The President may ask this appointee to serve out the complete term of the person compelled to vacate the office of Past-President.

d. Other Executive Committee Members

The position will remain vacant until 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.
(Approved May 1999 Federated Council/Revised October 2000 Federated Council/Revised February 2002 Federated Council/Revised February 2005 Federated Council)

NOTE: The Executive Committee will appoint the four (4) at-large representatives at its June meeting. Two (2) representatives shall serve a two (2)-year term and two (2) shall serve a one (1)-year term. The representatives appointed to a one (1)-year term shall be eligible to serve two (2) additional two (2)-year terms unless they are a current Executive Committee member in which case term limits would apply as per D. above. This will provide for balance in the potential yearly turnover of the Executive Committee. In odd years, there will be three (3) members elected and two (2) at-large members appointed and in even years there will be three (3) members elected and two (2) at-large members appointed in addition to the election of the President-Elect position.
(Revised April 2023 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 8
MISCELLANEOUS

80. POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

No substantial part of the activities of this association shall consist of carrying on propaganda, and the association shall not participate in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

81. POLICY BOOK

The CIF State Office shall prepare a policy book containing all policies passed by the Federated Council not specifically included in the Constitution and Bylaws. Policies from before 1992 are to be added as identified in minutes of the Federated Council.

A. All Sections are to be provided with a policy book that is updated annually by the CIF State Office.

B. Copies of individual policies shall be available on written request to the CIF State Office or a CIF Section Office.

C. Each Section shall develop and pass administrative regulations to implement policies not the exclusive responsibility of the CIF State Office.

D. Copies of regulations for individual policies shall be available upon written request to the Section involved.

82. FINANCIAL POLICIES

All funds handled by any of the CIF entities, whether those funds be donations, corporate-sponsored donations, fees or dues, are monies designed for the furtherance and administration of athletics for the students of the schools in California. Adopted principles and policies are generally designed to be consistent with the State law governing schools. The adopted financial policies and regulations apply to all CIF entities (State, Sections and leagues) and to all CIF personnel (staff and elected representatives) unless a specific distinction has been recognized and authorized in writing. An adequately financed program of competitive athletics is essential for California's youth to receive a well-rounded education. Specific financial policies may be found in the appendices of this publication.

CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION
SOUTHERN SECTION CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1

SOUTHERN SECTION - NAME AND PURPOSE

10. This organization shall be known as the California Interscholastic Federation - Southern Section.

11. The purpose of this organization shall be: (1) to direct and control athletics of the CIF Southern Section that boards and faculties will regard them as educational resources to be encouraged and fostered rather than decried and suppressed; (2) to locate the responsibility for their administration with reference to satisfactory supervision; (3) by means of constitution, by-laws and efficient organization, to simplify and make definite their administration; (4) through the observance of good standards of sportsmanship, to cultivate cordial and friendly relations among schools.

ARTICLE 2

SOUTHERN SECTION - JURISDICTION

20. Membership in the CIF Southern Section shall be open to the public high schools in the following counties: Kern, Inyo, Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Los Angeles other than the Los Angeles City Unified School District.

21. Membership in the CIF Southern Section shall be open to other than public high schools in the following counties: Inyo, Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura.

22. Associate membership shall be open to junior high schools which house a ninth grade.

23. Admission to membership shall be upon application by the various schools and upon a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

23.1 Conditions of Membership:

A. Schools must have filed the annual October State of California Department of Education affidavit form and submit copy of same with application request.

B. Schools must plan to field one or more athletic teams per gender in each season of sport. (Fall, Winter, and Spring)

C. Schools must offer equal athletic opportunity for both boys and girls, if a coed school.

D. Applicant must submit, with the application, support material such as brochure outlining the aims and objectives of the school, education and extra-curricular programs, plus the requirements for graduation.

E. Application fee of $100 must accompany the application.

F. Application must be approved by the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee. Upon approval, schools will be assessed annual membership dues of $100.00 Sport Fee for each boys' and girls' sport engaged in by that school (Maximum of one level charged). Member high schools are required to engage in a minimum of one (1) sport per season (fall, winter and spring) per gender. Coed teams shall pay one fee for the sport of reference, except in the case of sports leading to an individual championship.

G. Schools understand that full knowledge and implementation of Blue Book rules is the schools' responsibility and that violation of rules may result in team and/or schools' disqualification from competition.

H. It is to be understood that schools with limited enrollments and programs will be integrated into existing league structure only as programs, compatibility and geography permit.

I. Application must have dual signatures of the chief administrative officers of the school, e.g. principal/superintendent and Board/Trustee officer.

J. Applications must be received by April 1 for membership the following school year.

24. Upon approval of membership; a school will be accorded membership as either Full Unrestricted or Probationary as described below.

A. Full Unrestricted

(1) The school may participate as a freelance school or in a league at the varsity level.

(2) The school may enter playoffs if the criteria set in each sport are met.

(3) The school may be represented at Council if it has joined a league.

(4) The school enjoys all rights and privileges given to a continuing member.

B. Probationary

(1) The school may play only at the level(s) specified in its application for membership in its first year.

(2) The school is not eligible for entry into Southern Section Playoffs.

(3) Any violation of CIF Bylaws may result in suspension of membership.

(4) The school's membership status will undergo review by the Executive Committee at the May meeting. Following review, the school may remain probationary or gain full unrestricted status.

24.1 Membership will be effective the school year following application approval and attendance at the CIF-SS orientation.

24.2 Applications for membership must be received in the CIF office by April 1 of the year preceding entry into CIF-SS. Schools approved for membership shall begin their participation in September of the school year following approval by the Executive Committee.

25. This Constitution and Bylaws are binding on all schools and leagues. The order of descending jurisdiction is as follows: CIF-SS Council, league and school. The school or league may enact regulations which are more stringent than those adopted by higher authority.

26. Membership in this voluntary organization requires schools to abide by all rules and regulations as contained in the California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section Constitution and Bylaws.

27. Membership within the organization is conditional upon full compliance with all these rules and regulations, schools must understand that an appeal of any decision related to the interscholastic program is subject to the final adjudication of this organization and as such they hereby abrogate as a condition of membership any appeal as to the interscholastic program outside the confines of the California Interscholastic Federation.

ARTICLE 3

SOUTHERN SECTION - COUNCIL

30. The governing body of this organization shall be known as the Council of the CIF Southern Section.

30.1 CIF Southern Section Council may entertain proposals submitted to the governing board on the appropriate proposal form from duly appointed advisory committees, leagues or the Executive Committee. Sport Advisory Committees may submit proposals whose scope is confined to the conduct of their respective sports.

SPECIAL NOTE: ALL ITEMS COMING BEFORE THE SOUTHERN SECTION COUNCIL MUST CONTAIN THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS ON MEMBER SCHOOLS, LEAGUE AND THE SOUTHERN SECTION.

31. Each established league shall no later than the April Council meeting of each school year elect a representative to the Council for the succeeding year. Membership on the Council, with the exception of the At-Large Representative, shall be confined to superintendents, principals, assistant principals, vice principals and athletic directors. Alternates designated to attend Council meetings must also meet the above qualifications; no other representatives (i.e., coach) shall have voting privileges.

QUESTION: If a person retires from the teaching profession, may he/she continue to serve as a Council Representative?

ANSWER: No - In order to serve, a person must be actively engaged in the teaching profession.

32. The Council shall be the legislative body of the CIF Southern Section and shall exercise the following powers:

32.1 Make all rules and regulations governing eligibility of athletes.

32.2 Make all rules and regulations regarding the conduct of the business of the CIF Southern Section.

32.3 Make changes in, or amendments to, the Constitution and Bylaws, or other rules of the Southern Section.

32.4 Fix and enforce penalties for any violation of the Constitution, Bylaws, or other rules of the Southern Section.

32.5 Group member schools of the CIF Southern Section into leagues, or place on a freelance basis for a four-year cycle effective with even numbered years (2022-2026, etc.). This approval to be accomplished by September during the odd-numbered years (2021, 2025, etc.) under the following procedures.

A. AREA PLACEMENT PROCESS

(1) The principal of each member school will request a specific area placement for his or her school. Such requests will be submitted to the CIF-SS Re-leaguing Committee for study/action. (September 2024)

(2) After a review of the various individual requests from principals of member schools, CIF-SS staff will prepare a recommended area placement configuration for all schools in the Section. The Office Staff will announce the configuration and submit to all league representatives.

(3) After the proposed configuration is announced, Section Staff will hold a meeting to take input from any affected school in regards to that school's area placement. The purpose of the meeting is to hear arguments on why a school should not be placed in the recommended area. Section Commissioner will set the conduct of the meeting, time and place.

(4) The area placement of member schools, as recommended by Staff, will be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval. If the proposal re-configures an area(s) the Committee will vote on appropriate representation if the proposal reduces the number of areas within the Section.

(5) Member schools or league representatives seeking an appeal with reference to area placement must forward a copy of the appeal to the CIF Southern Section Office, and a copy to the principals of the affected area schools. This must be completed at least 14 calendar days prior to the scheduled date of the executive Committee meeting.

(6) The Executive committee, in accordance with the following guidelines, will hear appeals with reference to area placement:

a. Was due process extended to the parties concerned?

b. Was the Brown Act followed?

c. Were Blue Book rules and criteria followed?

The Executive Committee may accept the initial appeal, in which case the appellant would immediately be granted their request for a change in their recommended area placement. If the Executive Committee denies the initial appeal, schools who appealed their area placement to the Executive Committee, and are still dissatisfied, may appeal to the CIF Southern Section Council. Schools seeking an appeal to the CIF Southern Section Council, with reference to area placement, must forward a copy of the appeal to the CIF Southern Section Office, and a copy to the principals of the affected area schools, at least 14 calendar days prior to the scheduled CIF Southern Section Council Meeting. All decisions made by the CIF Southern Section Council regarding area placement appeals will be FINAL and area placement will be concluded. Area placements will be subject to review every four (4) years in odd years and will be concluded prior to the start of the re-leaguing process.

(7) SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

a. The Executive Committee will review special circumstances, which create cause for possible deviation for the normal area placement cycle.

b. Special circumstance issues may be presented to the Executive Committee either by a member school or group of schools by October 1 of an "off-cycle" year. (This timeline may be accelerated in specific cases at Executive Committee discretion.)

c. Special circumstances requests must be accompanied by proposed solutions for all impacted parties (e.g. freelance area, independent status, new area alignment, including possible new league placement).

d. If a change in area placement is deemed warranted by the Executive Committee, such change shall be recommended to the Council for ratification.

e. Any school that perceives itself to be adversely affected by the Area Placement recommendation of the Executive Committee has the option of seeking placement in some other league, or opting for freelance status, if such can be finalized by a date determined by the Executive Committee.

B. CRITERIA FOR AREA PLACEMENT

The criteria used by Southern Section staff for area placement and for the adjudication of appeals related to area placement will be limited to the following:

(1) The initial request of the member school.

a. The school requesting placement in a different area must provide rationale based on the three criteria of enrollment, geography and competitive equity.

b. In cases of placement disputes, the criterion of competitive equity shall weigh most heavily in making the placement.

(2) Of secondary importance, but part of the criteria, are the school's competitive history and geographical location.

(3) Special circumstances which; in the judgment of the Executive Committee provide good cause to deviate from the above criteria. Such circumstances might include anomalies related to enrollment, geography, and special features of school athletic programs, e.g. all-boys/girls.

A basic premise underlying this entire process is the recognition that the initial (first) request of the individual member school represents the best source of information regarding the welfare of that school vis a vis area placement. The Executive Committee shall review the request of the member school at the time the member school is accepted for membership in the Southern Section.

C. RELEAGUING PROCEDURES

(1) In each area, the designated Chairperson of the CIF Southern Section Re-leaguing Committee will be responsible for calling no less than one required meeting of representatives from member schools assigned to that specific area.

At the meeting, or ensuing meetings, the representatives will be responsible for developing procedures for re-leaguing and a proposal reflecting the new league alignments. Voting procedures at the meeting are restricted to schools that are members of the organization at that time (in operation with student bodies).

(2) Re-leaguing may take place every two years (even years) optional.

(3) After receipt of the area proposal, the Re-leaguing Committee shall designate a time and place for hearings. Each league or member school in disagreement with the area proposal shall have an opportunity to express the rationale for its objection and to submit an alternative proposal.

(4) Criteria for the formation and maintenance of athletic conferences

a. League configurations within a Conference must be based on competitive equity.

b. In the following sports currently using the competitive equity playoff system: Baseball, Boys/Girls Basketball, Football, Boys/Girls Soccer, Softball, Boys/Girls Swimming & Diving, Boys/Girls Tennis, Boys/Girls Volleyball, Boys/Girls Water Polo league configurations may be reconfigured every year.

c. Configurations that are to be changed must be reported to the CIF Southern Section Office prior to May 15 for implementation the following school year.

d. Whether or not a Conference is proposing changes for the following school year, the configurations of that Conference must be submitted to the CIF Southern Section Office prior to the end of the current school year.

e. The formation of a new Conference must coincide with the beginning of the CIF Southern Section Releaguing cycle.

f. Any school wishing to drop a Conference affiliation prior to the end of the releaguing cycle must receive the unanimous approval of all schools in the Conference.

QUESTION: May a school that has not opened but identified and plans to open, vote as it relates to the area releaguing process?

ANSWER: New schools that are assigned through the area placement process may participate in the area releaguing considerations provided a simple majority of the principals in the specific area approve.

QUESTION: What is the recommended criteria for releaguing?

ANSWER: It is recommended by the CIF Southern Section that the following criteria be observed with regard to releaguing procedures.

…Enrollment
…Geography
…Competitive Equity (strength of program, sport offered)

In order to develop balance in the releaguing process, the above criteria should be given equal weight

QUESTION: Can changes be made with regard to league membership during the releaguing cycle i.e., 2022-2026?

ANSWER: Yes. Mid-cycle changes must have unanimous approval of all affected schools in existing leagues. New Leagues may not be formed until the next releaguing cycle.

D. RELEAGUING APPEALS PROCEDURES

In order to provide protocol, a member school seeking an appeal is directed to forward a copy of the appeal to the CIF Southern Section Office, a copy to the Area Releaguing Chairperson(s) and a copy to the principals of all schools assigned to the respective area(s). This must be completed at least 14 calendar days prior to the scheduled date of the appeal meeting.

(1) The Executive Committee will hear all initial appeals with regard to the re-leaguing criteria and process. The Executive Committee may accept the appeal, in which case the Re-leaguing Chair for the respective area will re-convene to consider suggestions from the Committee and possibly make changes to the original (proposal). The Executive Committee shall make no recommendations or approve alternative appeal configurations.

(2) If a proposal is remanded back to its area, the area must re-consider and vote on a configuration. The configuration will be forwarded to all member schools in that area. The Executive Committee will review the configuration and move it forward to Council.

(3) The original area proposal or any proposals resulting from an appeal by a member school shall be voted upon at the October Council meeting. The procedure for voting will be: (1) the original area proposal will be voted upon first and must secure a majority vote for passage (a tie vote would not be considered as passage); (2) If the original proposal receives the necessary majority vote, appeals may be heard from affected schools in that area (any school that plans to appeal shall submit to the Council representatives an alternate proposal two weeks before scheduled Council meeting, with copies to the CIF-Southern Section Office. If the original proposal fails to secure the necessary majority vote, member school(s) from that area may submit a proposal before the Council for consideration. Only proposals that receive a motion to approve, a second, and majority vote of Council will be heard. Any proposal that reaches the floor of Council must have been previously submitted to all Council representatives. The Council at large will conduct voting on alternate proposals. Any proposal receiving a majority vote of Council is final.

33. The members of the Council from the leagues shall be the official CIF Southern Section Representatives in the leagues to see that CIF Southern Section rules and regulations are understood and enforced by the individual schools, and also to see that all protests brought to the attention of the league, are properly investigated and tried by the league.

34. Voting shall be by leagues, and each league shall be entitled to one vote.

35. The nominees from among those eligible for election who receive the most votes, will be elected.

36. A quorum of the Council shall consist of a majority of Council members.

ARTICLE 4

SOUTHERN SECTION - COUNCIL MEETINGS

40. There shall be no less than three (3) regular meetings of the Council each school year. The meetings shall be October, January, and April except as set otherwise by the Executive Committee. These meetings shall be called to order at an hour set by the President, and leagues which are not represented in at least one of the regular meetings during the year may be suspended for the following semester.

NOTE: Superintendents, principals, physical education supervisors and coaches are privileged to attend and address any meeting but may not vote. Their respective votes are channeled through the respective leagues.

41. Special meetings may be called by the President at any time. The President shall call a special meeting when requested to do so by a majority of the Executive Committee.

42. Meetings of the CIF-SS Council and Executive Committee are open to the public and subject to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et. Seq.) of the State of California.

ARTICLE 5

SOUTHERN SECTION - OFFICERS

50. The officers of the Council shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Past President, Commissioner of Athletics, and Treasurer.

PRESIDENT

51. The President shall be elected by the Council for a two-year term. Presidents may not succeed themselves. The President-Elect of the Council who has served two years in a satisfactory manner shall qualify for the presidency. The duties of the President shall be such as usually appertain to the office, and the President shall also serve as chairperson of the Executive Committee and as a Southern Section representative to the State Federated Council.

PRESIDENT-ELECT

52. The President-Elect shall be elected by the Council for a two-year term. Presidents-Elect may not succeed themselves. To qualify as a candidate for President-Elect, a person must have been a league representative for a least two years and/or have served on the Executive Committee for at least one year. The President-Elect would not have to be a member of the Council or the Executive Committee at the time of the election. The duties of the President-Elect shall be such as usually appertain to the office, and the President-Elect shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee and as a Southern Section representative to the State Federated Council.

IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT

53. The Immediate Past-President shall serve on the Executive Committee for the duration of the President's tenure and shall also serve as a Southern Section representative to the State Federated Council.

COMMISSIONER

54. The Commissioner of Athletics shall be selected by the Executive Committee and may be elected to a term of from one to four years, with an annual salary fixed by the Executive Committee and made payable monthly.

54.1 The Commissioner shall act as an ex-officio member of all standing committees.

54.2 The Commissioner shall oversee the Southern Section championships in all lines of sports in which championships are authorized by the Council.

54.3 The Commissioner oversees the distribution of courtesy cards.

54.4 The Commissioner shall interpret all rules and regulations of the organization, and these interpretations will be final until such time as the Executive Committee rules otherwise.

54.5 The Commissioner shall issue a bulletin periodically during the school year covering the work of the CIF Southern Section. This bulletin shall contain the current Executive Committee meeting minutes, the Council meeting minutes and committee reports.

54.6 The Commissioner oversees the Officials Associations Presidents Committee, the Officials Fees/Relations Committee.

54.7 The Commissioner may investigate all violations of CIF Southern Section rules and policies by a league, school or individual, that come to the attention of the office. The Commissioner may determine whether to apply sanctions/penalties and/or submit a report of the findings to the Executive Committee.

54.8 In emergency situations, the Southern Section President or Commissioner with approval of the Administrative Committee may act for the Southern Section Council when necessary. This action will be communicated to the Executive Committee prior to enactment, whenever possible.

Between meetings of the Southern Section Council, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to act for the Southern Section Council when necessary. Any actions taken by the Executive Committee will be subject to review by the Southern Section Council at their next meeting.

Emergency situations would include, but not be limited to, those involving disasters, fires, earthquakes, or situations of extraordinary significance affecting member schools and their athletes.

54.9 The Commissioner shall establish yearly Southern Section goals with clearly measurable objectives that also incorporates involvement with section membership, the State CIF Office, and the NFHS.

TREASURER

55. The Treasurer shall be elected by the Council for a three-year term, subject to re-election for one additional term. The Treasurer shall, with the Commissioner of Athletics, be responsible for handling the finances of the CIF Southern Section. The Treasurer may sign checks for the payment of bills of the CIF Southern Section when checks are accompanied by an invoice approved by the Commissioner of Athletics. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall have the same qualifications as other Executive Committee members.

ARTICLE 6

SOUTHERN SECTION - STATE REPRESENTATIVES

60. The President, President-Elect, and immediate Past President of the Council shall serve as three of the four Southern Section representatives to the State Federated Council during the duration of their Southern Section Office.

61. One member of the Executive Committee, other than the Council President, President-Elect, or Immediate Past President, shall be appointed by the Executive Committee every two years to serve as one of the four Southern Section Representatives to the State Federated Council. Any voting member of the State Federated Council shall serve on the Executive Committee.

61.1 One regular Southern Section Representative shall be a woman. See State Constitution, Article 2, Section 20.

ARTICLE 7

SOUTHERN SECTION - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

70. The Executive Committee of the CIF Southern Section shall consist of the following:

70.1 Council Officers:

President
President-Elect
Past President
Treasurer

70.2 Regular Members:

Activities Director Representative
Area Representatives (nine)
At-Large Representative
Boys' Athletic Directors' Representative
Girls' Athletic Directors' Representative
School Board Member Representative
Superintendents' Representative

70.2.1 Regular members of the Executive Committee shall be elected to four-year terms at the regular April meeting of the Council. The full Council shall vote for all members of the Executive Committee except the nine area representatives who shall be elected to four-year terms by specified leagues.

70.3 The area representatives shall be elected by, and responsible to, specific leagues as determined by the Executive Committee.

70.4 A regular member of the Executive Committee, who has served two consecutive full terms of office, will not be eligible for re-election until one year has elapsed following the second term.

70.5 With the exception of Past-President, membership on the Executive Committee shall be confined to school board members (for school board office), superintendents, assistant superintendents, district level administrators, site administrators, principals, assistant principals, vice principals, athletic directors (for athletic director's offices) and activities directors (for activities director's office) who have served in these positions in an administrative capacity in a CIF Southern Section school/district for two or more years. NOTE: No geographical area shall have more than THREE persons from that area on the Executive Committee.

70.5.1 EXCEPTIONS TO Bylaw 70.5:

A. Southern Section At-Large Representative

B. School Board Representative

70.6 An "At-Large" member of the Executive Committee will be appointed to assure appropriate representation of various populations within the Southern Section.

70.6.1 The Executive Committee will identify and announce the needed representation.

70.6.2 League representatives may make nominations accompanied by supporting qualifications and background information.

70.6.3 The Executive Committee will proceed with consideration of all nominees and make an appointment to fill the needed representation.

70.6.4 The appointment of an At-Large position will be for a two-year term with one term renewable.

QUESTION: If a person retires from the teaching profession, may that individual continue to serve as a member of the Executive Committee or as a Council Representative?

ANSWER: No - In order to serve in either capacity, a person must be actively engaged in the teaching profession. The only exception to this would be if the individual qualifies under Bylaw 70.5 as a voting member of the State Federated Council. This would not be construed as being in violation in that the individual is representing no specific area not holding any office as it relates to the Southern Section Executive Committee and/or Council. HOWEVER, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY SERVE ON HEARING PANELS.

70.7 The Executive Committee shall be the administrative body of the CIF Southern Section, and it shall enforce all rules and regulations approved by the Council of the CIF Southern Section and can consider all questions related to a violation of such rules and regulations.

70.8 The Executive Committee shall hold no less than five regular meetings during the school year. These meetings shall occur at the call of the Chairperson. Special meetings may be called by the Commissioner of Athletics on the advice of the President.

70.9 The Commissioner of Athletics shall attend all meetings of the Executive Committee and serve as its secretary.

70.10 The Executive Committee will appoint up to five At-Large representatives to the CIF-SS Council to provide more balanced representation of the gender and ethnic composition of the Section. These At-Large representatives shall have the same status and voting privileges as other Council representatives.

A. The Executive Committee will survey the principals of the section and identify needed additional representation.

B. Section principals and leagues will be encouraged to make nominations accompanied by supporting qualifications and background information.

C. The Executive Committee will consider nominees and make appointments to fill representational needs.

D. Executive Committee appointments will be ratified by the Council at the next Council meeting.

E. At-Large representatives will be appointed for a two (2) year term with one term renewable.

71. The proceedings of the Executive Committee at each of its regular meetings shall be published and sent to all member schools of the CIF Southern Section.

72. Rulings and interpretations made by the Executive Committee shall be published and sent to all member schools of the CIF Southern Section.

73. A member of the Executive Committee may be removed from office at any regular meeting of the Council or at a special meeting called for that purpose by a two-thirds vote of the Council members present.

74. Any vacancy in the Executive Committee that may occur during the school year shall be filled by Executive Committee appointment. This appointment shall terminate at the regular Council meeting in April, at which time there shall be an election for a full term of office.

75. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of a majority of Executive Committee members.

ARTICLE 8

SOUTHERN SECTION - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

80. The six-member Nominating Committee of the CIF Southern Section shall consist of one representative each from the Northern, Eastern, Orange and Los Angeles County areas, as well as a representative from the parochial schools and one from the private schools. The Council President and the Commissioner of Athletics shall be ex-officio members of the Nominating Committee.

81. Members of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President of the Council by the October Council meeting. Members of the committee shall serve for a period of one year and shall be appointed from any member of the Council except the members of the Executive Committee.

82. The duties of the Nominating Committee shall be to place in nomination the names of not less than two candidates for each vacancy occurring in the offices of President-Elect, Treasurer, and Executive Committee. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be made at the March meeting of the Council. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at this meeting.

ARTICLE 9

SOUTHERN SECTION - AMENDMENTS

90. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at any regular meeting held not less than four weeks after a meeting at which the proposed amendment was presented in writing.

91. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a unanimous vote of all the members present when the proposed amendment was not presented at least four weeks previous to such regular meeting.

CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION BYLAWS

ARTICLE 10
AMENDMENT, DELEGATES AND MEETINGS

100. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

A. These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Federated Council by a majority vote.

B. Reconsideration of Federated Council Action

In the event action is taken by a majority vote of the Federated Council, and that action is contrary to the unanimous vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Sections, the action may be reconsidered through the following procedures:

Timeline for Reconsideration

(1) Reconsider Notification
Within 10-calendar days after the initial vote, the CIF State Office must receive notification of intent to ask for reconsideration.

(2) Written Materials to Sections
Within 30-calendar days after the initial vote, Sections activating the reconsideration process must send out materials to all CIF Sections and the CIF State Office.

(3) The amendment will be returned for a vote at the next Federated Council meeting with a simple majority vote needed for passage.

(4) In the event there is no request for reconsideration within the 10-calendar day timeline or forwarded materials to CIF Sections within the 30-calendar day timeline, the amendment will be considered passed. (Example of timeline: Fall – issues presented for a first reading; Winter – discussion, vote and reconsideration if necessary; Spring – revote, if necessary. In other words, it could take three [3] Federated Council meetings in order for an item to be passed once this Bylaw is put into effect.)

C. Upon majority action of the Executive Committee, this Bylaw shall be set aside in the event of a need for emergency action. In that event, a majority vote shall prevail.

D. Following adoption of the amendment, the effective date shall be July 1, unless the motion carries a specific implementation date.

(Revised November 2002 Federated Council/Revised May 2013 Federated Council)

101. PROXY VOTING

Whenever a Federated Council member is unable to attend any meeting of the Federated Council, the member may authorize another Federated Council member to vote by proxy, provided authorization is in writing and delivered to the President prior to the meeting.

102. ALTERNATES

The governing body of each Section or other entity with representation on the Federated Council may name an alternate to vote at a Federated Council meeting whenever a regular member is unable to attend, provided the President is notified, in writing, prior to the meeting and the alternate meets the requirements as set forth in Article 3-30 & 31, of this Constitution.

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)

<>D. **Weighted votes on the Federated Council shall be allocated as follows: Central 14, Central Coast 14, Los Angeles 14, North Coast 15, Northern 5, Oakland 3, Sac-Joaquin 19, San Diego 13, San Francisco 2, Southern 38, State Department of Education 1, President 1, President-Elect 1, Past-President 1, California Coaches Association 1, California School Boards Association 1, Association of California School Administrators 1, California Superintendents Liaison Committee 1, California State Athletic Directors Association 1, California Association of Private School Organizations 1, California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance 1, California Activities Directors Association 1 (Total 149).**

NOTE: The number of votes approved for each Section at the Federated Council will be determined each school year in the Spring and any necessary adjustments in the number of votes become effective in the first regular meeting of the following school year.

104. AGENDAS

A. **CIF State agendas will be posted for public inspection at the CIF State Office and each CIF Section Office for at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.**

B. **CIF Section agendas will be posted for public inspection at the respective CIF Section Office for at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.**

C. **The CIF State and each CIF Section shall notify media outlets that service its respective area of its schedule of meetings for the year, and the times and locations where its agenda will be posted.**

NOTE: In accordance with Section 33353 of the Education Code, meetings of the CIF are subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.). A guide to the conduct of these meetings, written by the CIF General Counsel, can be found on the CIF website (www.cifstate.org). This guide applies to State meetings as well as to meetings of the Sections and leagues but does not apply to State and Section appeal hearings involving student eligibility, Section playoffs or appeal hearings of matters other than student eligibility or Section playoffs, pursuant to Bylaws 1100-1103.

105. REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH CIF RULE

The membership of any school, league or other subordinate unit of the CIF, which has willfully refused to comply with a rule, policy or principle of the CIF, shall be suspended, thereby denying CIF competition to such school, league or subordinate unit, until the school, league or subordinate unit achieves compliance with the rule, policy or principle. The imposition of the suspension called for in this Bylaw may be temporarily suspended at the discretion of the Executive Director provided that the school, league or subordinate unit is (1) making a good faith effort to come into compliance with the rule, policy or principle in question and (2) provides assurances that it will be in full compliance by a certain date which is acceptable to the Executive Director. The membership of any school, league or other subordinate unit of the CIF which has willfully refused to comply with a rule, policy or principle of the CIF, and which fails to undertake efforts to come into compliance, or to come into compliance within a reasonable time after being notified of such non-compliance, shall be revoked.
(Approved May 2001 Federated Council)

CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION – SOUTHERN SECTION BYLAWS

ARTICLE 10

SOUTHERN SECTION - RULINGS

100. The rulings of the Council of the CIF Southern Section shall constitute the Bylaws and shall remain in effect until repealed or amended by the Council.

SOUTHERN SECTION - AMENDMENTS

101. These Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Council by a majority vote of the Council provided the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to all members of the Council prior to the date of the Council Meeting at which the vote is taken.

102. These Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Council by a two-thirds vote of the Council when the proposed amendment has not been submitted in writing.

SOUTHERN SECTION - DUTIES OF THE LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE

110. Shall see that the CIF Southern Section rules and regulations are understood and enforced by the individual schools of the league. (Note: This does not relieve the principal of the responsibility for acts due to lack of knowledge of CIF Southern Section rules.) All CIF Southern Section eligibility rules apply in all games, including practice, scrimmage, league, tournaments, and playoff games.

111. Shall see that all protests within the league are properly investigated and tried by the league.

112. Shall attend all meetings of the CIF Southern Section Council and remain in attendance at all Council meetings until adjournment, unless excused by the President in case of emergency. Traveling expenses shall be paid to those who are in such attendance.

113. Shall give notice to the Commissioner of Athletics at the beginning of each sports season (October 1, December 1, and March 1) if its league will NOT fulfill its designated number of entries (team and/or individual) for the playoffs in any sport.

114. Shall inform the Commissioner of Athletics of the names of the schools from the league which have qualified to enter teams in CIF Southern Section team championship playoffs and the names of the students from the league who qualify for entrance into CIF Southern Section competition in individual sports by the specified date. (League Coordinator)

115. Shall be responsible to see that all schools in the league submit their annual dues to the CIF Southern Section.

116. Shall make certain that an updated copy of the league Constitution and Bylaws is on file with the CIF Southern Section Office.

117. Shall be responsible that a copy of the minutes from each league meeting is filed with the CIF Southern Section Office as soon as possible after publication of same.

SOUTHERN SECTION - DUTIES OF THE PRINCIPALS

120. The principals of member schools shall verify the amateur standing and eligibility of each member of their teams. All CIF Southern Section eligibility rules apply in all games including practice, scrimmage, league, tournament, and playoff games.

121. The principals shall see that a faculty member is in charge of the finances in all playoff contests.

122. The principals shall verify the athletic eligibility of a student who has transferred to another school when requested to do so by an administrator from the second school.

123. A visiting team shall not be recognized by the host school unless accompanied by the principal or a faculty representative who shall be responsible for the conduct and line-up of the team. No interscholastic contest involving a public school shall be held unless a person meets the requirements of the California Education Code and the California Administrative Code Title V is in charge of each competing team. (Please note Bylaw 309.)

124. The principals shall notify the CIF Southern Section Office in writing, immediately, of any forfeiture and the reasons for same, with copy sent to opposing school.

125. ACCOUNTABILITY RULE - Principals are accountable for the interscholastic athletic program.

125.1 COACH EJECTION - Upon the ejection of a coach from any CIF Southern Section contest, it is the responsibility of the principal of said school to file a letter of explanation with the CIF Southern Section Office which includes the circumstances surrounding the matter and what action the principal has taken to prevent a recurrence. Said correspondence is to be filed within THREE school days of notification of the ejection. ADDITIONALLY, UPON EJECTION, THE EJECTED COACH SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE REMAINDER OF THE GAME AND WILL BE INELIGIBLE FOR THE TEAM'S NEXT CONTEST. A SECOND EJECTION WILL CONSTITUTE A THREE TO SIX CONTEST SUSPENSION AND A THIRD EJECTION WILL CAUSE SUSPENSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON.

QUESTION: What if the head coach is red carded and there is not an assistant coach on the bench?

ANSWER: A district/school employee that holds **ALL coaching certifications** ("Coaches Education Training", CPR, First Aid, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, Concussion Training and anything else required by the district/school board specifically for coaches) may supervise the remainder of the game. If there is not a person holding the aforementioned credentials, the game will be terminated at that point). Teachers, administrators and other district personnel cannot fill this role unless they hold ALL necessary coaching certifications.

QUESTION: What happens if, unknowingly, a coach who was ejected the previous game participates in the next contest?

ANSWER: Being in attendance at or coaching in a contest after having been ejected from a previous contest will result in forfeiture of the contest.

QUESTION: What is meant by attendance at a contest?

ANSWER: Attendance is defined as being present at the team bench/area, inside a gymnasium, stadium or playing area. The intent of this rule is that the ejected COACH is not in attendance at the contest.

QUESTION: How does the Accountability Rule affect a coach who coaches more than one level of a particular sport?

ANSWER: A coach who has been ejected from a contest may not be in attendance at ANY contest prior to serving his/her mandatory suspension at the level which he/she was ejected. (i.e.: An ejected JV coach who is also a varsity assistant may NOT be in attendance at any contest until his/her mandatory JV suspension has been completed.)

125.2 FAILURE TO COMPLETE A CONTEST - When a school fails to complete a contest, due to a coach pulling his/her team from the floor, court or field, it is MANDATORY that the CIF Southern Section Office be notified by the principal within 24 hours (excluding holidays and weekends). The competing schools and officials will be required to file written reports, and after review of the aforementioned material, the principal of the school involved will be required to respond to the CIF Southern Section Office concerning his/her investigation of the incident.

QUESTION: How serious is such action?

ANSWER: It has been the position of the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee to expect the building principal of the school concerned to relieve the coach from his/her assignment for the balance of that season or the Executive Committee is empowered to consider recommendations for additional penalties.

SOUTHERN SECTION - DUTIES OF THE LEAGUES

130. Leagues shall determine their own champions and playoff qualifiers in any way they see fit, provided their methods are not contrary to the rules of the CIF Southern Section.

131. Leagues shall not have the right to refuse any school or individual the privilege of an appeal to the Executive Committee of the CIF Southern Section.

132. Leagues must settle all cases of protest involving league contests. Such cases may be appealed to the Executive Committee of the CIF Southern Section in accordance with Article 1112 of the Bylaws.

133. Leagues shall not make any rules contrary to the rules of the CIF Southern Section but may make a regulation requiring higher standards than those set by the CIF Southern Section.

134. Leagues shall not have the right to substitute another team if, for any reason, a league qualifier in any class is found ineligible after the first round of the playoffs.

135. Leagues shall be responsible for the enforcement of the "Amateur Standing Rule". (See Bylaws 120 and 212.)

136. Leagues shall be responsible for qualifying members in all individual and team sports for member schools of that league.

137. LEAGUE ASSISTANCE PLACEMENT (CROSS-LEAGUING)

The following are the established guidelines in order to assist schools without league membership for specific sports:

137.1 Schools desiring placement have the initial responsibility of contacting existing leagues for acceptance on an annual basis and are encouraged to do so as early in the school year as possible preceding competition.

137.2 Schools will have the option of remaining freelance and petitioning the CIF Southern Section Office for playoff consideration under the established guidelines.

137.3 The CIF Southern Section Office will serve as a resource center in identifying the established leagues and additionally, where feasible, take an active role in assisting with the formulation of leagues for freelance members. In the event placement is not feasible, the school will remain freelance for the ensuing school term.

137.4 Schools falling into the category of California Youth Authority and probationary schools when applying to a specific league for cross-leaguing membership must receive the unanimous approval of all building principals in that league and final approval from the CIF Southern Section Office. This approval must be granted on an annual basis.

SOUTHERN SECTION - FINANCIAL POLICY

140. Member high schools will submit a $100.00 Sport Fee for each boys' and girls' sport engaged in by that school (Maximum of one level charged). Member high schools are required to engage in a minimum of one (1) sport per season (fall, winter and spring) per gender. Coed teams shall pay one fee for the sport of reference, except in the case of sports leading to an individual championship.

141. Member schools shall be billed for their annual Sport Fees by the Southern Section, as of September 1, of each school year. Each league representative shall be responsible to see that all schools in their league submit their Sport Fees prior to October 1.

142. Annual Sport Fees not paid to the CIF Southern Section Office by October 1 shall be termed delinquent. The Commissioner shall notify delinquent schools on or about October 2, and if Sport Fees are not paid immediately, such schools will be denied interscholastic competition until Sport Fees are paid. After written notification, if Sport Fees remain outstanding, the Executive Committee may discontinue a school's membership.

143. In the sports of basketball, football, and volleyball it is mandatory that admission be charged in all playoff games. In all other sports with the exception of the championship finals which the CIF Southern Section manages, schools are not to charge admission for these activities. However, upon petition to the Commissioner's office, by the principals of the schools involved, to charge admission, the Commissioner may waive this policy. In such a case the gross profit will be split equally between the schools, with the visitor paying its own travel expense and the host team paying the game expense.

144. In all rounds of the football, basketball and volleyball playoff games, including the championship games, the net profit shall be split 20% to each school and 60% to the CIF Southern Section. In the championship games in the other sports the CIF Southern Section shall receive the net profit if the office manages same.

145. After a reasonable request from the Commissioner's office, schools that continue to be delinquent with financial reports will not be allowed to host a home game during the playoffs in all sports for a period of one year.

146. In each of the established areas, the CIF Southern Section shall employ and reimburse a qualified person who will serve as a liaison between the schools, Southern Section Office and the officials' associations.

147. The CIF Southern Section shall have the right to acquire and hold title to real property as it deems necessary to carry on the program of the CIF Southern Section when approved by a majority vote of the Council. The President of the Council and the Commissioner of Athletics shall be empowered to sign such documents as may be required in the acquisition of such property.

148. LEGAL EXPENSES AND SCHOOL ASSESSMENT: CIF Southern Section will assess schools, based upon enrollment, an amount equal to the legal expenses for the fiscal year immediately preceding the year of assessment. Legal expenses shall be for all direct and indirect costs, including but not limited to, attorney, office expenses, travel and court fees. This assessment applies only to those fees not covered by the State CIF legal and liability assessment and only for fees accrued the prior year. Costs to schools shall not exceed $0.20 per student in any given academic year. Expenses that exceed that amount may be amortized over a three-year period.

149. It shall be the responsibility of the Commissioner of Athletics to negotiate, set the rights fee to telecast and contract any contest hosted by a Southern Section member school that will be broadcast on a regional or national basis via an over-the-air station, cable outlet made available to multiple cable service providers, internet, or satellite transmitted station, outlet or programming network.

Schools participating in any such telecast will be compensated for any additional costs directly attributed to providing additional facilities or staffing in support of that telecast. Additional services and staffing to be provided must be approved, in advance, by the CIF Southern Section Office.

Telecasts of non-playoff contests on a school or school district owned television station, or by a local cable television provider where the broadcast is not provided to another provider nor broadcast or re-broadcast via satellite or over-the-air, are excluded from the Commissioner's authority.

QUESTION: What is an over-the-air telecast?

ANSWER: A telecast provided over the public airwaves that can be received without need of a cable, satellite or pay-per-view arrangement.

QUESTION: What is Rule 149 designed to achieve for member schools?

ANSWER: Passed in by Council in 2005, the CIF-SS video rights are structured similar to college conferences. All rights for varsity regular season and playoff games are contracted through the CIF-SS office. 100% of regular season rights fees are distributed back to the 'host/home' school of the game being broadcast. Playoff revenues remain with the CIF-SS office as they had prior to Rule 149.

QUESTION: What are the video rights for member school varsity games played outside the CIF Southern Section?

ANSWER: Video rights for a game played outside the Section between a CIF-SS member and non CIF-SS member belong to the non-member host of the game. Exception: If two CIF-SS members are scheduled to play each directly or in the first round of a tournament at a location outside the CIF Southern Section, the CIF-SS retains the video rights. This exception to avoid circumventing the CIF- SS existing video rights agreements with other entities.

QUESTION: What is a 'local cable television provider'?

ANSWER: This definition has evolved as the cable industry has changed. As an example, one local cable provider consolidated numerous local cable channels a few year into one mega channel serving over 1 million subscribers. Definition: A 'local cable television provider' is defined as a local access cable channel available to subscribers in the city of a participating school, on just one cable distribution system and running no advertising or commercials. Additionally, the channel must reach less than 250,000 subscribers.

QUESTION: What is a 'school or school district' internet web site that may distribute a varsity game for no rights fee?

ANSWER: A school or school district web site is defined as the 'official web site' of the school where the administration does its business for the entire school or district. A web page on that site may then host the webcast. Excluded are web pages exclusive to athletics or third party web sites airing the web cast.

Example: Acme High School's official web site for all business is www.acmehs.k12.ca.us. From that page Acme has an athletics page that could host a video feed at no charge if the event has not previously been contracted. However, Acme HS football has created different web site at www.acmehsfootball.com. Webcasting the game on that site would require a rights fee.

QUESTION: What is a 'third party' web site?

ANSWER: A 'third party' web site is a web site not directly owned and operated as the main business web site of a school or school district. Games being aired on third party web sites such as, but not limited to, thecube.com, ustv.com, iHigh.com and livestream.com, or on local newspaper or media web sites, do require a full rights fee regardless of who is doing the production. Any distribution through a site or station other than the official school owned web site or station requires a fee. Distribution point determines fee status regardless of who is producing the game.

SOUTHERN SECTION - ATHLETIC CONTRACTS

150. A contract is the mutual agreement of the parties concerned reduced to writing and signed by each of them (the signing of contracts for all non-league team contests is highly encouraged, with forms available from the CIF Southern Section Office). A league schedule duly adopted and recorded in the league's minutes will be regarded as a contract. Schools should anticipate religious holidays, mandated testing schedules, and finals schedules when constructing schedules and entering into contracts.

151. Where a written contract has been entered into, schools must carry out the provisions of the contract, subject to the following rules:

151.1 Where either school finds it impossible to meet a scheduled contest, it must notify the other school in writing and send a copy to the Commissioner of Athletics prior to the scheduled contest. In case the other school does not agree to the cancellation of the contest, the Commissioner shall make the final decision.

151.2 Any expenses incurred by the offended school such as officials' fees, stadium rental, transportation, etc., shall be paid in full by the school breaching the contract.

151.3 When a school fails to engage in a contest agreed upon, without giving notice to the other school and securing an honorable release, it may be suspended from membership.

152. It is important that all schools confirm athletic contests in writing after they have been scheduled verbally by phone. This procedure will reduce the number of conflicts that seem to arise when contests are scheduled by phone. Appeals of athletic contests will carry added weight if the agreement for said contest is part of a written athletic contract.

153. Schools are responsible to fulfill their commitments made by previous school personnel. A change of administration, athletic director or coach, does not cancel out a scheduled contest made the previous school year.

SOUTHERN SECTION - ANNUAL PASSES- DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD – HALL OF FAME AWARD

ANNUAL PASSES

160. The Superintendent of each CIF Southern Section school shall receive an annual pass for admittance and one guest to any interscholastic athletic activity conducted under the jurisdiction of the CIF Southern Section with the exception of those noted on the back of the courtesy pass.

161. The Principal of each CIF Southern Section school shall receive an annual pass admitting him or her and one guest to any interscholastic athletic activity conducted under the jurisdiction of the CIF Southern Section with the exception of those noted on the back of the courtesy pass.

162. The Principal of each regular member school shall also be entitled to three additional Courtesy Cards for the use of a designated member of men's, women's athletic departments and activities director.

163. No member school or league in the CIF Southern Section may include any reference to the CIF Southern Section on its school or league pass.

164. Annual passes are transferable.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

165. Nominations for this prestigious award can be made by any school administrator or individuals of similar positions in other organizations. The official nomination form is available and can be obtained at any time from the CIF Southern Section Office. Nominees for the award must meet the criteria as stipulated in the CIF Southern Section Blue Book, Article 165, and are screened annually by the CIF Southern Section Office and the Distinguished Service Award Committee. The awards will be presented at the Fall Council Meeting or at other appropriate local school or community ceremonies. The Distinguished Service Award is an award for exemplary SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTION to the CIF Southern Section. Individuals receiving the Distinguished Service Award will be admitted to any athletic event conducted by the CIF Southern Section or one of its member schools.

Eligibility:

165.1 Any high school administrator, CIF Staff, CIF Council Member, Executive Committee Member or athletic coach who over the years has served or contributed directly to the CIF Southern Section through the management of playoff activities or by serving on special Southern Section committees.

165.2 Any high school administrator or athletic coach who over the years has contributed directly to the CIF Southern Section through the management of playoff activities, or by serving on special Southern Section committees. The candidate, in order to be considered, should have exemplified the principles of Victory with Honor and conformed to the highest principles of sportsmanship and integrity.

Selection:

165.3 Nominated by a member of the Council or Executive Committee.

165.4 Final selection of those nominated to be made by a committee composed of the Council President, Commissioner of Athletics, two members of the Council, and one member of the Executive Committee to be appointed by the Council President.

HALL OF FAME RECOGNITION AWARD

166. The Hall of Fame Recognition Award is for exemplary ACCOMPLISHMENTS of a long and distinguished career in interscholastic athletics.

Eligibility:

166.1 Any coach who has an outstanding record of ACCOMPLISHMENT at the highest level (see criteria below), or who has made a significant contribution to their sport. The candidate, in order to be considered, should have exemplified the principles of Victory with Honor and conformed to the highest principles of sportsmanship and integrity.

Criteria:

- Number of CIF Southern Section Championships (CIF State Championships, where applicable.)
- CIF Southern Section Coach of the Year.
- Successful longevity in a sport(s).
- Total number of victories. Examples: 400 wins in Basketball, 150 wins in Football, 400 wins in Baseball/Softball, 300 wins in Soccer, 250 Dual Match wins in Wrestling, etc.
- Considered to be "legends" in their sport(s).
- Have stadiums, gymnasiums, fields, courts, pools, etc., named in their honor.
- Have received prior accolades: California Coaches Association Hall of Fame, County Sports Hall of Fame, Sport Hall of Fame, etc.
- Comparisons to current CIF Southern Section Hall of Fame honorees (records and information on all members of the CIF Southern Section Hall of Fame are available.)

Selection:

166.2 Nominations made by any school administrator, official and/or individual associated with the CIF Southern Section.

166.3 Each Hall of Fame member will receive an appropriate memento and Gold Life Pass.

QUESTION:	When should these nominations be made, where are the nomination forms, when will the awards be made and does an individual awardee have to be retired?
ANSWER:	All nomination forms are available on the CIFSSHome system. Nominations for the Distinguished Service Award and Hall of Fame should be made prior to May 1. Nominations can be made prior to an individual's retirement but should follow the completion of the tenure which brought about the significant service, contribution or accomplishment of the nominee.

SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

167. The Superintendent/Board Member Distinguished Service Award is for exemplary service by a Superintendent or Board Member who has contributed specifically to the mission of CIF.

Eligibility:

167.1 Any Superintendent or Board Member of a CIF Southern Section school.

Selection:

167.2 Nomination made by a school administrator or official associated with CIF. Awards will be sent to the school district for presentation.

SOUTHERN SECTION - PRESS CREDENTIALS

170. It shall be the responsibility of the Commissioner of Athletics to issue all media credentials for practice, league, tournament, invitational, and CIF Southern Section playoff events. Member schools or leagues shall not issue credentials to the media but shall refer all such requests to the CIF Southern Section Office.

171. The CIF Southern Section will provide the following credential for accredited reporters:

171.1 Media Pass - This pass will entitle bearer to admission to the stadium or arena in which the event is taking place and will entitle bearer the working press facility if such a facility is available and will entitle bearer to be admitted to the playing field or floor for the purpose of doing interviews.

172. The media pass will be good for all preseason, league, tournament, invitational, and playoff events, with the exception of those events noted on the back of the pass. Playoff credentials for these special events will be issued by the CIF Southern Section Office when requested by representatives of the media.

CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION and CIF SOUTHERN SECTION BYLAWS COMBINED

Beginning with Article 2 of the Bylaws and continuing thereafter throughout the Blue Book, the State Federation Bylaws have been interfaced with the CIF Southern Section Bylaws. The State Federation Bylaws are set in bold face type. The CIF Southern Section Bylaws are set in light face type.

It should be noted, the Southern Section is more restrictive than the State CIF in some Bylaws and Regulations and in all instances, the more restrictive Southern Section Bylaw applies.

ARTICLE 20
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
(200 Series revised: May 2007 Federated Council/May 2012 Federated Council)

NOTE: CIF provides questions and answers throughout Article 20 as a guide for parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and school personnel to aid them in understanding the intent and application of some of our Bylaws. Many situations are unique and not every specific situation can be covered in the language of these Bylaws or in every Q & A.

200. CIF STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC COMPETITION

A. Philosophy

The CIF, as the governing body of high school athletics, affirms that athletic competition is an important part of the high school experience and that participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege. The privilege of participation in interscholastic athletics is available to students in public or private schools who meet the democratically established standards of qualification as set forth by the Federated Council.

CIF Bylaws governing student eligibility are a necessary prerequisite to participation in interscholastic athletics because they:

(1) Keep the focus on athletic participation as a privilege not a right;

(2) Reinforce the principle that students attend school to receive an education first; athletic participation is secondary;

(3) Protect the opportunities to participate for students who meet the established standards;

(4) Provide a fundamentally fair and equitable framework in which interscholastic athletic competition can take place;

(5) Provide uniform standards for all schools to follow in maintaining athletic competition;

(6) Serve as a deterrent to students who transfer schools for athletic reasons and to individuals who recruit student-athletes;

(7) Serve as a deterrent to students who transfer schools to avoid disciplinary action;

(8) Maintain an ethical relationship between high school athletic programs and others who demonstrate an interest in high school athletes;

(9) Support the Principles of Pursuing Victory with Honor$_{sm}$.

B. Rules

The CIF establishes the standards of eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics to include the following: *

(1) Philosophy Statement (Bylaw 200)

(2) Standards of Eligibility (Bylaw 201)

(3) Accurate Information (Bylaw 202)

(4) Age Requirement (Bylaw 203)

(5) Eight (8) Consecutive Semesters Requirement (Bylaw 204)

(6) Scholastic Eligibility (Bylaw 205)

- **a. Initial Scholastic Eligibility (Bylaw 205.A.)**
- **b. Continuing Scholastic Eligibility (Bylaw 205.B.)**
- **c. Summer School Credits [Bylaw 205.B.(3)f.]**
- **d. Scholastic Eligibility for Students in Non-Traditional Programs [Bylaw 205.B.(3)g.]**
- **e. Waiver of the Requirement of Passing 20 Semester Credits of Work (Bylaw 205.C.)**

(7) Residential Eligibility (Bylaw 206)

- **a. Initial Residential Eligibility (Bylaw 206.A.)**
- **b. Continuing Residential Eligibility (Bylaw 206.B.)**
- **c. Valid Change of Residence (Bylaw 206.C.)**

(8) Transfer Eligibility (Bylaw 207)

(9) Foreign Exchange Students (Bylaw 208)

(10) Discipline, Expulsion and Transfer for Disciplinary Reasons (Bylaw 209)

- **a. Expulsion (Bylaw 209.A.)**
- **b. Suspended Expulsion (Bylaw 209.B.)**
- **c. Disciplinary Transfer (Bylaw 209.C.)**

<>(11) Physical Assault of a Game or Event Official (Bylaw 210)

(12) Continuation School Eligibility (Bylaw 211)

(13) Amateur Status (Bylaw 212)

(14) Hardship Waivers Other Than Transfer (Bylaw 213)

(15) Post-Injunction Remedies (Bylaw 214)

(16) Intercollegiate Participation (Bylaw 215)

(17) Graduates (Bylaw 216)

- **a. Mid-Year/Spring Graduation (Bylaw 216.A.)**
- **b. California High School Proficiency Exam (Bylaw 216.B.)**

The CIF recognizes that any student who is ineligible under the rules of another state cannot gain eligibility at a CIF member school until the terms of ineligibility are served.

201. STANDARDS OF ELIGIBILITY

Only students enrolled in public, charter and private CIF member schools, grades 9-12, and meet all standards of athletic eligibility established by CIF, their respective CIF Section of membership, their respective league, district and school are considered a student in good standing and eligible to compete for their school of enrollment. Students who are enrolled in school programs or member schools whose membership status has been established as a multi-school/campus should also refer to Bylaws 302, 303 and 304 for additional eligibility requirements.

A. Enrollment Standards- See also Bylaws 204, 206, 207 and 209

(1) Enrollment Standards Required for Participation: (Bylaws 201 and 205)

a. Students must be enrolled full-time (minimum 20 credits) at the school for which they are competing. (See also Bylaws 205.B.(1)a., 216, 303, 304, 503.C. & 503.G.)

b. Students will be considered enrolled in a school for purposes of participation in interscholastic athletics (Bylaw 205.B) when they have:

(i) Been entered as a full-time student [20 credits or equivalent in a non-traditional program-see also Bylaw 205.B.(1)a. and b.(i)] in attendance in classes at that school. OR

(ii) Participated in a Fall sport when the tryouts and/or practices of that team begin before classes at the school begin in the Fall. Such a student will be considered to be enrolled during that practice time as long as they have registered for, and are enrolled, as a full-time student for the Fall semester of that school year [20 credits or equivalent in a non-traditional program; see also Bylaws 205.B.(1)a. and b.(i)].

QUESTION: My son was not registered for any classes at any school. He was not attending school anywhere because we had just moved here. He enrolled in classes at the new school (CIF Member School A) two (2) weeks after the first day of this school year. When does his official enrollment begin?

ANSWER: Because he was not registered or currently scheduled for classes at any school he is not considered to have been on the attendance roll prior to his official enrollment. Official enrollment would begin on the first day he attended classes at the new school.

QUESTION: My son was registered and scheduled in classes, but due to illness did not begin attending until five (5) days after the school year/term began. When does his official enrollment begin?

ANSWER: Because he was registered and scheduled in classes, even though he was not attending those classes, his official enrollment begins the first day he attended classes at that school.

c. For eligibility purposes, students cannot have dual enrollment in two (2) different schools at the same time. During the time a student remains enrolled in their current school but has registered for classes at a new school and/or paid a non-refundable registration fee at a new school, the student will be considered to be enrolled in the former school not the new school. Only at such time as the student has withdrawn from or has completed the courses in which they were enrolled at the former school, is no longer enrolled in any way at the former school and has attended classes at their new school, shall that student be considered as being enrolled in the new school for eligibility purposes. This applies to 8th graders matriculating the following school year to 9th grade in a CIF member school.

NOTE: This is not intended to apply to traditional summer school coursework. Summer school is defined as a course of study that begins after the end of the previous school year and ends prior to the beginning of the Fall term of the following school year.

QUESTION: My daughter will be transferring to a new school (School B) in the Fall. She has registered for classes at that new school, but still remains enrolled in, and completing her coursework at, her current school (School A). For purposes of athletic eligibility, is she enrolled in both schools at this time?

ANSWER: Students may not have dual enrollment for eligibility purposes. Students may not have residential eligibility at two (2) different schools at the same time. She is considered enrolled at, and therefore only eligible at, her current school (School A).

d. Students may not participate in any athletic meeting, practice or competition at a new school in which they have registered for classes and/or paid a non-refundable registration fee until they have been officially withdrawn from their former school, or stopped attending or the regular school year for their former school has concluded. This applies to 8th graders who are matriculating the following school year to a CIF member school.

QUESTION: My daughter will be transferring to a new school (School B) in the Fall. She has registered for classes at that new school, but still remains enrolled in and completing her coursework at her current school (School A). Can she practice with her new school team during the current school year since she is registered for classes and will be attending the new school next term/year?

ANSWER: No. For eligibility purposes, she is not considered to be enrolled at the new school (School B) since she had not withdrawn from or stopped attending School A and therefore may not participate, practice or compete in any way with their athletic program. If she does, she may be declared to be in violation of Bylaws 206.C.8, 207.C.(3) & 510 pre-enrollment contact with the new school (School B) which may jeopardize her athletic eligibility.

e. Students may not practice with or compete for any CIF member school in which they are not enrolled as a full-time student regardless of the sports offerings, or lack thereof, at the school in which they are enrolled.

(2) Enrollment Standards Establishing a Semester of Attendance

a. Once a student attends class and is continuously enrolled for 15 school days in the 9th grade, and/or in any classes taken subsequent to the completion of the 8th grade, at any school or has played in an interscholastic athletic contest, the CIF will count that as the student's first semester of high school eligibility.

QUESTION: Because of family circumstances, we enrolled our daughter in the 9th grade at a school after her completion of the 8th grade. She was unable to attend until a month after school started. Because of this, we waited until the 2nd semester of that year for her to actually start attending classes. When does her eight (8) semesters begin?

ANSWER: California Ed Code Section 58200 et seq. provides that each person between the ages of six (6) and 18 years is subject to compulsory full-time education unless the person is statutorily exempt. However, if during that first semester, she was not enrolled in any coursework of any kind in any school, was not home schooled and was not taking any kind of courses online through any Independent Study Program or in any other program of coursework, her first semester of high school eligibility would begin at the 2nd semester.

b. Eight (8) consecutive semesters of eligibility, including and immediately following the first semester as described in (a.) above, are available to the student whether or not the student is enrolled in school, participates in or is eligible for, interscholastic participation. (Bylaw 204)

(3) Enrollment Standards Establishing Students as a Transfer (Bylaw 207)

a. Students shall be considered to be a transfer student when:

(i) The student has attended class at their former school (School A) AND/OR
(ii) The student has played in an athletic contest for their former school; AND/OR
(iii) The student has tried out for or practiced with a team prior to the beginning of the school year for five (5) days or more; AND
(iv) That student withdraws from School A or has completed the courses in which they were enrolled in at School A, so that student is no longer enrolled in any way at School A; AND
(v) That student enrolls as a full-time student in a new school (School B);

THEN that student shall be determined to be enrolled in and having transferred to School B if all conditions of 201.A.(1) above are met.

b. Students may not practice with or participate in an interscholastic athletic contest for the new school prior to establishing enrollment in the new school, meeting the enrollment standards contained herein, except if they are transferring at the beginning of the school year and practice for that season of sport begins prior to the first day that classes begin for the new school. Registering for classes and paying a non-refundable registration fee or tuition does not constitute enrollment in the new school for transfer purposes.

c. For eligibility purposes, students cannot have dual enrollment in two (2) different schools at the same time. During the time a student is intending to transfer schools, has registered for classes at the new school and/or paid a non-refundable registration fee at the new school, but still remains enrolled in the former school, the student will be considered to be enrolled in the former school. Only at such time as the student has withdrawn from or has completed the courses in which they were enrolled at the former school, and is no longer enrolled in any way at the former school, shall that student be considered as having transferred to the new school. This applies to 8th graders matriculating the following school year to 9th grade in a CIF member school.

d. No one associated with the athletic program at the new school may perpetrate any violation of Bylaw 510 or have inappropriate pre-enrollment contact as outlined in Bylaw 207.C or 510 prior to their enrollment in the new school as defined herein.

QUESTION: What if my child is on a waiting list to attend School B, but is not accepted until after the school year has begun and begins attending School A?

ANSWER: The Section may grant an exception, but must have written documentation that the student was placed on the waiting list at School B prior to the start of the school year beginning and their attendance at School A. The student will not be eligible for an exemption if they participated in any contests at School A.

(4) Enrollment Standards for Purposes of Bylaw 510 (pre-enrollment contact)

a. General information about athletic programs, physicals, summer activity, camps, etc. may be distributed to middle school students only by a CIF member school administrator or athletic director.

QUESTION: What may representatives of a senior high school do as far as contact with junior high/middle school students is concerned?
ANSWER: Because a graduate of a junior high/middle school may enter any high school in California and may be residentially eligible in accordance with all CIF rules, contact by senior high school representatives is regulated. Individual coaches cannot visit or initiate contact with junior high/middle school students, but it would be permissible for the school administrator or athletic director (not the coach) of a senior high school to visit the junior high/middle school campus for the purpose of informing students of the total athletic program at the senior high school. However, it is legal for a high school coach to be part of a total open house and/or school orientation (academics, activities, but not athletics by itself) where a student is part of a general gathering of students on the high school campus and such activity has the approval of the high school and junior high/middle or elementary school principal.

b. 8th graders who have not graduated from the 8th grade may not participate in any athletic communication(s) conducted by any high school coach that is not part of a school-wide high school presentation until May 1 and only if the student has registered for classes at the CIF member school and, in the case of a private school, also paid a non-refundable registration fee.

QUESTION: What means of communication may coaches use after May 1?
ANSWER: Coaches may communicate with 8th grade families via phone, email or letters but must do so in accordance with school/school district/governing board policy.

c. The student may not practice or compete in any contest at any high school, even if they have registered for classes and/or paid a non-refundable registration fee, until they have graduated from the 8th grade.

d. Contact between coaches (and others associated with the athletic program) and students or their parents during summer activity conducted by a CIF member school, shall not be considered pre-enrollment contact requiring disclosure, if the student has, previous to that summer, registered for classes at the CIF member school and, in the case of a private school, also paid a non-refundable registration fee and has officially withdrawn from the previous school as long as the contact does not occur prior to the conclusion of the student's former school's year end. Such contact is not required to be disclosed. All other contact not covered in this circumstance between coaches (and others associated with the athletic program) and students or their parents must be disclosed as required in Bylaws 206, 207 and 510. (Revised April 2018 Federated Council)

(5) Enrollment of Students in Schools with Multi-School/Campus Agreements
Enrollment of students in a school with an existing multi-school/campus agreement may be residentially eligible only as provided in Bylaws 302, 303 and 304. (See Related Bylaw 301 – Home Study/Home Schooling)
(Revised April 2016 Federated Council)

202. ACCURATE INFORMATION

A. The CIF requires that all information provided in regard to any aspect of the eligibility of a student must be true, correct, accurate, complete and/or not false or inaccurate.

B. Penalty for Providing Incorrect, Inaccurate, Incomplete or False Information

(1) If it is discovered that any parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver or student has provided incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information in regards to any aspect of eligibility status on behalf of a student, that student is subject to immediate ineligibility for CIF competition at any level in any sport for a period of up to 24 calendar months from the date the determination was made that incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information was provided.

(2) If it is discovered that persons associated with the student or the school [coaches, teachers, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, friends, etc.] provided incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information in order to fraudulently gain favorable eligibility status for a student, that student is subject to immediate ineligibility for competition at any Section member school at any level in any sport for a period of up to 24 calendar months from the determination that incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information was provided whether the student was aware of the fraudulent information or not.
(Revised October 2001 Federated Council)

(3) Any contests in which a student or students participated based on incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information regarding eligibility status shall be forfeited according to the guidelines set in accord to the rules of the Section.

(4) Teams

a. If it is determined that someone associated with a school (including, but not limited to, a coach) knowingly participates in either providing incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information or using fraud or knowingly allows others to do so, in order for a team to meet qualification standards in any event, that team will be subject to immediate ineligibility for further competition in that sport that season.

b. Any contest in which that team has participated based on incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information or fraud shall be forfeited according to the guidelines of the Section or the CIF.

(5) School Personnel Involvement

If any school personnel (including but not limited to a coach) knowingly participates in either providing incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information or allowing others to provide incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information in order to gain favorable eligibility status for a student, or team information to meet qualification standards for participation in any contest including playoffs or Championships, sanctions may be imposed on the school including but not limited to: probationary status, prohibitions against playoff participation, forfeitures, revoking of CIF or Section membership, etc.

(6) Assumed Name

In addition to any sanctions or penalties arising from the provisions above, a student shall become ineligible for CIF competition in their respective sport for competing in CIF competition under an assumed name.

203. AGE REQUIREMENT

A student whose 19th birthday is attained prior to June 15 shall not participate or practice on any team in the following school year. A student whose 19th birthday is on or before June 14 is ineligible. Each Section may waive this provision so long as criteria for such a waiver shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

A. Such a waiver would not grant more than four (4) years [eight (8) semesters] of eligibility; AND

B. Such a waiver would not grant more than four (4) years of participation in any sport; AND

C. That a hardship exists which, in the judgment of the Section, requires a waiver. Hardship is defined in Bylaw 213; AND

D. A decision to deny such a waiver by the Section Commissioner may be appealed only to the Section and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Bylaw 1101.

<>203.1 A student may not compete on a freshman (9th grade) team after he or she has reached his or her 16th birthday on or before June 15, 2025.

<>203.2 A student may not compete on a sophomore or frosh-soph team after he or she has reached his or her 17th birthday on or before June 15, 2025.

204. EIGHT (8) CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS REQUIREMENT- See also 201.A.(2)

A. Definition of a Semester of Attendance

Once a student attends a class and is continuously enrolled for 15 school days in the 9th grade, and/or has taken classes subsequent to the completion of the 8th grade, at any school or has played in an interscholastic athletic contest, the CIF will count that as the student's first semester of high school eligibility.
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QUESTION: What constitutes a semester of attendance for athletic eligibility?

ANSWER: A semester of attendance shall be counted if a student is enrolled and/or in attendance for fifteen days or over, or participates in one or more inter-school athletic contest(s).

QUESTION: What constitutes official enrollment in a school?

ANSWER: Attendance in at least one class at that school.

204.1 Semesters are charged consecutively. If a student is not in school the student would be charged with a semester of competition. When he or she reenrolls in school however, it takes one semester, for which the student is charged, for him or her to regain his or her eligibility.

QUESTION: How long must a student have been in attendance the previous semester to be eligible for athletic competition?

ANSWER: Unless the student has just been graduated from the eighth grade of an elementary school or the ninth grade of a junior high school, the student must have been in attendance at least ten weeks of the previous semester in order to be eligible for athletic competition.

QUESTION: A student completed the eleventh grade and met the scholastic eligibility requirements. The student remains out of school the succeeding or fall semester and reenrolls at the beginning of the second semester. When will the student be eligible for athletic competition?

ANSWER: Whenever a student remains out of school for ten weeks or longer, it takes the student one semester to regain eligibility. This student would not be eligible for athletic competition until the student has been in school for one semester and complied with all other CIF Southern Section regulations.

NOTE: Attendance and/or credits earned during summer school would not constitute a semester of attendance for the purpose of meeting this requirement.

QUESTION: What is the eligibility status of a student who returns to high school after having been out of school for one semester because the student voluntarily enlisted in a six-months reserve program in one of the armed services?

ANSWER: The military rule does not apply to reserve training unless it takes place during a National emergency. The student would be ineligible for one semester upon his or her return to school, because it requires one semester for a student to regain his or her eligibility after being out of school for at least a semester. The student could appeal to the Commissioner for a waiver of the rule.

QUESTION: What is the eligibility of a student who is returning to school after a forced withdrawal the previous semester because of illness or serious injury?

ANSWER: The Commissioner has the authority to waive the rules requiring a student to be in attendance. The student could be declared immediately eligible provided the student was eligible under all other rules at the time of the forced withdrawal.

204.2 Attendance in school on the day of a contest is not a CIF requirement for eligibility. Some leagues and individual schools, however, do have a rule which requires a student to attend school during the day in order to participate in a game to be held that afternoon or evening.

B. Eight (8) Consecutive Semester Rule

A student who first enters the 9th grade of any school following the student's completion of the 8th grade in any school may be eligible for athletic competition during a maximum period of time that is not to exceed eight (8) consecutive semesters following the initial enrollment in the 9th grade of any school and/or in any classes taken subsequent to the completion of the 8th grade, whether or not the student is enrolled in school, whether or not the student is academically or otherwise eligible and whether or not the student avails themselves of the opportunity to participate in interscholastic sports during this time. Eligibility is only available during the student's first eight (8) consecutive semesters of enrollment in high school (grades 9-12).

QUESTION: My daughter suffered a serious knee injury causing her to miss the entire volleyball season in her junior year. May I request a waiver of the limitation of eight consecutive semesters of eligibility?
ANSWER: No. An injury is not a reason for granting a waiver of this rule.

204.3 Semesters are charged consecutively. If a student is not in school the student would be charged with a semester of competition.

QUESTION: Are students in the eighth grade eligible to participate on a high school team?

ANSWER: No – A student must have completed all required work below the ninth grade to be eligible to participate as a member of a high school team.

QUESTION: May a student entering from the eighth grade, who at first had planned not to attend high school, enroll on December 1 and be eligible to participate during the current semester?

ANSWER: Yes – The student would be eligible upon enrolling in school and would continue to be eligible as long as the student was passing in twenty semester units of work during the current grading period and had a 2.0 GPA from grades issued at the end of the 8th grade year.

QUESTION: What is the status of a student who repeats his or her sophomore year due to scholastic deficiency or other reasons?

ANSWER: The student would have already used four of his or her allowable eight semesters of eligibility and repeating the sophomore year would bring about the charge of the fifth and sixth semesters. Thus, the student would not be eligible his or her Senior year in the school.

QUESTION: What is the status of a student initially entering a high school at the 10th grade level (sophomore year)?

ANSWER: The student would have SIX consecutive semesters of eligibility remaining.

C. Section Waivers

(1) Waiving Semester Limitation

Each Section may, at its discretion, establish rules and procedures for waiving the limitation on eight (8) semesters of eligibility, providing:

a. The student is required by the student's school principal to return to grade eight (8) from grade nine (9) and the student did not take part in an interscholastic contest while in the 9th grade for the first time; OR

b. The student, because of mid-year completion of an 8th grade or a mid-year completion of the 9th grade in a junior high school, is required by the student's school principal to repeat a semester of work in order to conform to a school program having annual terms; AND

c. The student has not taken part in an interscholastic athletic contest while enrolled for the first time in the semester which the student's school principal required the student to repeat.

(2) Waivers of the Charge of a Semester of Attendance

a. Other than C.(1) above, relief under this rule may only be granted when the conditions set forth in Bylaw 204.C.(2)b. below are found to be present. Any other past rationales or basis for relief under this Bylaw are invalidated.
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b. Each Section may waive the charge of one (1) or more of the eight (8) consecutive semesters of eligibility for athletic competition due to a hardship condition that causes the student's absence from school or to extend the student's attendance in school beyond eight (8) consecutive semesters, provided:

(i) That a hardship condition exists that, in the judgment of the Section, warrants a waiver. Hardship is defined in Bylaw 213; AND
(ii) The hardship caused the student to remain out of school for more than half of any semester during his/her high school career; OR
(iii) The hardship is the direct and sole cause of the student extending his/her attendance beyond eight (8) consecutive semesters even though the student was in attendance for those eight (8) consecutive semesters. Further, the student's extension of his/her attendance beyond eight (8) semesters has no athletic motivation; AND
(iv) That the student was eligible under all rules in the semester immediately prior to either his/her absence or the onset of the hardship condition that is the direct and sole cause for extending his/her attendance beyond eight (8) semesters; AND or the student is or was homeless or in foster care, and his/her status as a foster or homeless youth is the sole and direct cause for seeking a waiver of the charge of a semester of attendance and the student meets all other eligibility requirements unrelated to his/her status as a foster or homeless youth; AND
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(v) Such a waiver would not grant more than four (4) years of participation in any sport; (See Bylaw 504.K. and 504.L.); AND
(vi) Hardship applications may not be submitted prior to the conclusion of the student's 7th semester in high school.

(3) All other eligibility requirements apply.

(4) APPEALS: A decision to deny such a waiver by the Section Commissioner may be appealed only to the Section and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Bylaw 1101.

NOTE: Failure to satisfy the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), California course requirements (e.g. Algebra I), and/or end of course requirements shall not be considered a hardship.

QUESTION: Does the Southern Section provide for waiver of the above ruling?

ANSWER: The CIF Southern Section utilizes the hardship appeal on any waiver, with the building principal involved submitting background information to the Office of the Commissioner, providing all specific background to the case and any verification papers which may be deemed necessary in order to arrive at a decision.

205. SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY

A. Initial Scholastic Eligibility

In order to be eligible, any student entering from the 8th grade into a CIF four (4)-year high school, a junior high or a junior high under the provisions of Bylaw 303, must have achieved an unweighted 2.0 grade-point average, on a 4.0 scale, in enrolled courses at the conclusion of the previous grading period.

QUESTION: What is the definition of an unweighted grade-point average?
ANSWER: An unweighted grade-point average is one where no additional grade points are awarded for any courses (advanced placement, honors, etc.)

QUESTION: Are all courses considered equal in the calculation of a grade-point average?
ANSWER: No. An A grade in a one-credit class would not be considered equal to an A grade in a five (5)-credit class.

(1) Probationary Period

The governing board of each school district, private school, or parochial school may adopt, as part of its policy, provisions that would allow a student who does not achieve the above requirement in the previous grading period to remain eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics during a probationary period. The probationary period shall not exceed one (1) semester in length, but may be for a shorter period of time, as determined by the governing board of the school district, private school, or parochial school. A student who does not meet the above requirements during the probationary period shall not be allowed to participate in interscholastic athletics in the subsequent grading period. For the purpose of determining the maximum length of a semester, the measure shall be the maximum number of days comprising a semester as used in that school during the year in question.

QUESTION: What is the eligibility status of a student who repeats the ninth grade in a four year or in a junior high school due to failing grades, to raise low grades, or because the parents feel that the student is socially immature?

ANSWER: If a student repeats the ninth grade, the student will have used up two semesters of opportunity for competition. The student is only permitted 8 semesters of competition so the student would therefore be ineligible during the senior year of high school. A transfer student is not eligible for academic probation at the new school upon transfer.

QUESTION: What is the eligibility status of a transfer student who does not earn a 2.0 GPA in the most recent regular grading period prior to their transfer?

ANSWER: The student is academically ineligible until they complete a regular grading period at their new school with a minimum 2.0 GPA and all other CIF eligibility requirements are met.

NOTE: This applies to Valid Change of Residence, Transfer and Hardship students.

B. Continuing Scholastic Eligibility

(1) Minimum Requirements

A student is scholastically eligible if:

a. The student achieved an unweighted 2.0 grade-point average, on a 4.0 scale, in enrolled courses at the conclusion of the previous grading period. (See Q&A below in Bylaw 205.B.(1)e.)

b. The student is currently enrolled in at least 20 semester credits of work;

(i) Non-Traditional Programs
In schools where other than traditional semester programs are offered, the principal of each individual school shall be responsible for determining the equivalent of 20 semester credits of work.

(ii) Accelerated Programs
Students studying on an accelerated program that includes one (1) or more advanced (either high school or college) courses while enrolled in high school may substitute enrollment and passing grades in these courses for one (1) or more required 20 semester credits of work; evaluation of these courses is to be done by the high school principal.

c. The student was passing in the equivalent of at least 20 semester credits of work at the completion of the most recent grading period;

d. The student is maintaining minimum progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements as prescribed by the governing board;

e. The student has maintained during the previous grading period a minimum unweighted 2.0 grade-point average, on a 4.0 scale, in all enrolled courses.

QUESTION: What is the definition of an unweighted grade-point average?
ANSWER: An unweighted grade-point average is one where no additional grade points are awarded for any courses (advanced placement, honors, etc.)

QUESTION: Are all courses considered equal in the calculation of a grade-point average?
ANSWER: No. An A grade in a one-credit class would not be considered equal to an A grade in a five (5)-credit class

(2) Probationary Period

The governing board of each school district, private school, or parochial school may adopt, as part of its policy, provisions that would allow a student who does not achieve educational progress in items d. or e. above in the previous grading period to remain eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics during a probationary period. The probationary period shall not exceed one (1) semester in length, but may be for a shorter period of time as determined by the governing board of the school district, private school, or parochial school. A student who does not achieve educational progress as defined in items d. or e. during the probationary period shall not be allowed to participate in interscholastic athletics in the subsequent grading period. For the purpose of determining the maximum length of a semester, the measure should be the maximum as used in that school.

(3) Grading Period

The grading period is that time when all students in a school are graded. If two (2) grades are given at the end of a grading period, scholastic eligibility shall be established according to the grade issued for credit.

205.1 To determine current scholastic eligibility, a student's grades must be checked at each regular report period of the school concerned.

a. Schools or districts or leagues or Sections must establish an eligibility date following the immediately previous grading period in compliance with their respective CIF Section Policy. This is the date on which all students become eligible and ineligible based on their officially posted grades in the immediately previous grading period.

b. Grades cannot be changed following the grading period for purposes of addressing any deficiency in an individual student's scholastic eligibility.

c. Only grades changed prior to the established eligibility date and changed in accordance with all California State Education Code requirements and approved by the principal may be used for purposes of determining scholastic eligibility.

QUESTION:	What is the eligibility status of a student who does not earn a 2.0 GPA at the end of the probationary period?
ANSWER:	The student will be ineligible for further competition and will remain ineligible until a 2.0 GPA is achieved at the end of some subsequent grading period.
QUESTION:	Can a school only count semester grades for the purpose of meeting the rule in regard to grades being checked at each reporting period?
ANSWER:	No - Schools must check grades at each regular grading period regardless of whether this is a final semester grade or not. In the case of most Southern Section schools this would normally occur four (4) times a year at nine (9) week intervals.

QUESTION: What if the grading period ends, but the grades themselves will not return from the computer center for two weeks?

ANSWER: Keep in mind the basic rule that the period of potential eligibility must be exactly equal to the period of potential ineligibility. An ineligible student who has just regained his or her eligibility and an eligible student who has just become ineligible can never be eligible on the same day. If grades are returned from the computer center two weeks after the end of the grading period, it is at that point (when the grades are returned) students become eligible and ineligible for the next grading period. This system would balance out over the school year, assuming grades are returned roughly two weeks after each period ends. Grade checks may never be made for just athletes. If a grade check is to be made, it must be made for every member of the student body in terms of eligibility standards.

d. Incomplete Grades

A grade(s) of Incomplete shall not be considered a passing grade under this Bylaw unless, by operation of a school grading policy, Incomplete grade shall become a passing letter or (numeric) grade without further achievement or accomplishment by a student, at a certain time. When an Incomplete grade is issued, which does not automatically become a passing grade, as indicated immediately above, such Incomplete grade shall not satisfy the requirement of this Bylaw until academic deficiency which gave rise to such Incomplete grade shall have been satisfied and a passing grade has been substituted for the Incomplete grade. Upon such substitution, the substituted grade shall be considered in determining scholastic eligibility as established by evaluation of previous grading period grades and the substituted grade. A scholastically ineligible student may become immediately scholastically eligible upon such evaluation.

205.2 An incomplete grade, unless designated as an incomplete A, B, C, D or pass grade, would not be a passing grade.

QUESTION: Is the Southern Section rule more restrictive than State Bylaw 204 with regard to incomplete grades?

ANSWER: Yes - A student must receive an incomplete and be accompanied by a passing grade of "B", "C", or "D" in order to retain continuing eligibility. A grade of just incomplete with no letter grade is to be considered an "F" grade with regard to scholastic eligibility and the student would be ineligible throughout the entire next grading period.

QUESTION: Can a student go back to a teacher and get extra work to raise a grade or to gain eligibility after grades have been issued?

ANSWER: No - The student cannot not regain his/ her eligibility until the next grading period.

e. Physical Education Credit:

Credits earned in physical education may count toward the 20 semester credits of work requirement.

QUESTION: May a student be enrolled in two physical education classes, and if so, may each count toward the determining of scholastic eligibility?

ANSWER: Students may be enrolled is as many physical education classes as permitted by the school, BUT ONLY ONE physical education class may count toward determining the status of 20 semester credits. This would include a regular physical education class, "sports sixth period," or "TA" (student assistant) assigned to a physical education class and credit is given for physical education, as opposed to Library Science,

QUESTION: For those districts offering summer school physical education and/or sport classes for credit, what are the guidelines in terms of "competition" with another school offering a similar program?

ANSWER: Schools MAY NOT as part of a summer physical education class, engage in competition (scrimmages, etc.) with another school or excuse students enrolled in said P.E. classes from attending regular classes so that time may be "made up" while competing in a summer league. In summary, any competition during the summer months is to be divorced from P.E. classes in that instructors are being paid for their teaching services and are not to be compensated for coaching during this time span.

205.3 Only one physical education class may be counted toward the determining of scholastic eligibility (20 semester period of work) each grading period.

f. Summer School Credits

Summer school credits shall be counted toward making up scholastic deficiencies incurred in the grading period (semester) immediately preceding. Summer school courses failed shall not impair an athlete's scholastic eligibility achieved in the semester immediately preceding. A course taken by contract or independent study during the summer must meet the following four (4) criteria:

(i) **The course(s) must be approved by the local board of trustees as a valid part of the district's school program;**

(ii) **The student receives a passing grade in the courses taken;**

(iii) **The personnel providing the instruction and course supervision are approved by the board of trustees;**

(iv) **The school credit is recorded on the student's transcript.**

QUESITON: Can summer school classes be used to make up work in order to meet the eligibility requirements?

ANSWER: In order to remain eligible, a student must maintain a 2.0 grade point average the previous grading period. If a student attempts to improve a grade during summer school by taking the same class, the summer school grade can replace the grade received the preceding grading period. However, if a student takes a different class than that which was previously taken, the summer school grade is to be averaged with all grades received the preceding grading period. If there is a probationary period, it shall be the length of the grading period.

QUESTION: Can summer school classes be used to make up work in order to meet the twenty (20) semester period requirement?

ANSWER: Yes - But by new work it is meant subjects in which passing grades have not previously been earned. Therefore, in making up scholastic deficiencies, special care should be taken not to count an additional physical education subject toward the make-up work if the student had received credit for a physical education class during the previous report period, or repeat a subject where passing grades have already been earned.

g. **Scholastic Eligibility for Students in Non-Traditional Programs**

In schools operating on other than the traditional program (i.e., for schools such as those with a modular or flexible scheduling, special programs for the physically disabled, or continuous progress programs) the principal shall certify on the established eligibility date to the scholastic eligibility of each student based upon satisfactory progress in accordance with the standards defined above. Students may apply college course units to satisfy the 20 semester credits of work requirement and the grade point average requirement. Students who are eligible for differential standards of proficiency pursuant to Section 51412 of the Education Code are covered by that Section.

QUESTION: May a school have its own scholastic requirements for participation if such requirements do not conflict with the CIF Southern Section regulations?

ANSWER: Principals may make special scholastic rules regarding athletics provided they are not less rigid than the minimum requirements of the CIF Southern Section.

QUESTION: What is the proper method for determining if an accelerated program meets the Scholastic Requirement?

ANSWER: The initial determination would be if the student receives credit on the official high school transcript for any of the above mentioned courses. It would also be permissible for the student to receive both college and high school credit, but the high school credit must appear on the official transcript and count toward meeting the graduation requirements.

205.4 The regular grading period may vary among member schools, but in every case the period of potential eligibility is exactly equal to the period of potential ineligibility.

NOTE: For crediting purposes the grading period closes with the last day of school in the given grading period. In determining eligibility, one (1) grading period does not end until the next one begins.

QUESTION: What if the grading period ends, but the grades themselves will not return from the computer center for two weeks?

ANSWER: Keep in mind the basic rule that the period of potential eligibility must be exactly equal to the period of potential ineligibility. An ineligible student who has just regained his or her eligibility and an eligible student who has just become ineligible can never be eligible on the same day. If grades are returned from the computer center two weeks after the end of a grading period, it is at that point (when the grades are returned) students become eligible and ineligible for the next grading period. This system would balance out over the school year, assuming grades are returned roughly two weeks after each period ends. Grade checks may never be made for just athletes. If a grade check is to be made, it must be made for every member of the student body in terms of eligibility standards.

C. **Waiver of the Requirement of Passing 20 Semester Credits of Work**

Each Section may waive the requirement of passing in 20 semester credits of work during the regular school grading period immediately preceding that of competition, provided:

(1) **Serious illness, injury or attendance in special schools (as referenced in Education Code Sections 59000 et seq. and 59100 et seq.) prevents the student from meeting one (1) or more of these requirements; OR**

(2) **The student has been traveling abroad with the consent of the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and circumstances prevented further school attendance; OR**

(3) **The student is returning from an American abroad school attendance program; OR**

(4) **The student is returning from school attendance abroad because of a valid change of residency by the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver; OR**

(5) **The student is required to remain out of a U.S. school because of exceptional hardship, (See Bylaw 213 for definition of hardship); AND**

(6) **That the student was eligible under all rules in the semester immediately prior to his/her absence; AND**

(7) **All other rules such as age and number of seasons of sport shall apply.**

A decision to deny such a waiver by the Section Commissioner may be appealed only to the Section and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Bylaw 1101.

206. RESIDENTIAL ELIGIBILITY

A. **Initial Residential Eligibility**

A student has residential eligibility upon initial enrollment in: (See also Bylaw 201.A. for definition of enrollment)

(1) **The 9th grade of any CIF high school, a CIF junior high school, or a junior high school under provisions of Bylaw 303; OR**

QUESTION: Where may a graduate of the eighth grade of an elementary school attend high school and be eligible for athletic competition?

ANSWER: The student may (as far as CIF Southern Section eligibility rules are concerned) attend any high school in the Southern Section and be immediately eligible for athletics.

QUESTION: What may eighth graders do with relation to being involved in practice sessions with a high school after May 12 but before the close of the school year?

ANSWER: Students currently enrolled in the eight grade and prior to the close of their respective school year, may not take part in practice and/or scrimmage situations on a high school campus and/or facility with reference to the Spring Practice ruling. This is also to include tryouts for a team, etc.

QUESTION: A student living with his or her parents in District A graduates from the eighth grade and enrolls in a high school in District B. If, after attending high school in District B, may the student return to the high school in District A, where the parents reside, and be eligible for athletic competition?

ANSWER: The student would come under the Residential transfer guidelines as specified under Bylaw 207, which sets limited and unlimited criteria.

(2) **The 10th grade of any CIF high school from 9th grade of a junior high school in the United States.**

QUESTION: Where may the graduate of the ninth grade of a junior high school attend high school and be eligible for athletic competition?

ANSWER: The student may (as far as CIF Southern Section eligibility rules are concerned) attend any high school in the Southern Section and be immediately eligible for athletics.

QUESTION: Are students enrolled in the ninth grade of a junior high school eligible to participate on senior high school athletic teams?

ANSWER: Students in the ninth grade of a junior high school may not practice or play on a senior high school team unless the two schools concerned are under an approved multi-campus waiver.

QUESTION: What is the status of a youngster who attends the ninth grade of a four-year high school and then transfers to the tenth grade of a three-year high school?

ANSWER: If there has been no official change of residence on the part of the parents, the student would come under Transfer Bylaw 207 and its application of limited and/or unlimited eligibility as determined by participation in any or all sports in the ninth grade.

QUESTION: How does Bylaw 207.B apply to schools governed by the United State Bureau of Indian Affairs?

ANSWER: Schools located in California that are governed and operated by the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, are considered residentially eligible upon enrollment at that school. Students must still fulfill all other CIF eligibility rules and regulations prior to being granted athletic eligibility.

B. Continuing Residential Eligibility – See also Bylaw 201.A.

A student retains residential eligibility as long as he/she is continuously enrolled in the CIF member high school in which the student initially enrolled.

C. Valid Change of Residence

A student may be determined to be residentially eligible when a student, whose parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver with whom the student was living when the student established residential eligibility at the prior school (School A), completes a valid change of residence as described herein when the following conditions are met:

(1) A valid change of residence must be made from a residence located in the public high school attendance area (School A's attendance area), even if the student is not currently attending nor ever has attended the school in which attendance area they reside, to another public high school's attendance area (School B's attendance area).

(2) School A may be a CIF member school or a non-CIF member school or may be a school located outside of the United States.

(3) Definition of a Valid Change of Residence

A valid residence is defined as the location where the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver (with whom eligibility has been established) live with that student and thereby have the use and enjoyment of that location as a residence. A valid change of residence for eligibility purposes requires the former residence to have been vacated by the entire family for use as its residence. For athletic eligibility purposes, a student (with the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver with whom residential eligibility has been established) may only have one (1) primary valid residence at one (1) time.

(4) Determination of What Constitutes a Valid Change of Residence

Determination of what constitutes a valid change of residence depends upon the facts in each case. In determining that a valid change of residence occurred, the following facts must exist:

a. The original residence must be abandoned as a residence by the immediate family. The new school is responsible for validating this fact; AND

b. The student's entire immediate family must make the change of primary residence and take with them the household goods and furniture appropriate to the circumstances. For eligibility purposes, a family unit may not maintain more than one (1) primary residence; AND

c. The change of primary residence must be genuine, without fraud or deceit and with permanent intent; AND

NOTE: A student whose family makes a valid change of residence into a new school's attendance area (See d. below) may be residentially eligible for varsity competition upon receipt and recording of a CIF Form (please use respective CIF Section Form) by the CIF Section of the student's new school. A subsequent move into a different school boundary by the family (or other family members) during the next 12 calendar months will result in the student being declared ineligible until cleared for competition by the Section Commissioner.

d. A request for eligibility based on a valid change of residence by the student's entire immediate family must be supported by documentation. Documentation may be cumulative and no single document or any combination of documents listed below will be considered as definitive that a valid change of residence occurred. The documents must support a finding by the Section that a valid change of residence by the student's entire immediate family occurred prior to participation at the new school; that the previous residence was vacated as required above in paragraphs a., b. and c. and that the family no longer has the use and enjoyment of that former residence. The Section Commissioner and school may request additional documents they deem necessary to establish that a valid change of residence occurred as defined above. Evidence may include:

- **Property tax receipts;**
- **Bank account statements;**
- **Credit card statements.**

The Section Commissioner and/or school have the discretion to request additional documents that he/she deems necessary to confirm change in residency. Examples may include:

- **Real estate documents indicating and verifying a change of residence;**
- **Court documents indicating a change of residence;**
- **Declaration of residency executed by the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver;**
- **Operative telephone and utility service at the student's new residence and terminated at the former residence;**
- **Utility service receipts;**
- **Proof of paying for utilities at the new residence including phone, gas, electricity, water, cable television, and garbage collection;**
- **Proof of submitting a change of address to the U.S. Postal Service to receive mail at the new residence;**
- **Proof of transfer of the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and age-appropriate student's motor vehicle registration;**
- **Proof of changed address on the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and age-appropriate student driver's license;**
- **Voter registration listing the new address;**
- **Proof of entering a long-term lease; (minimum of 12 calendar months)**
- **Rent payment receipts.**

The Section Commissioner and/or school have the discretion to request additional documents that he/she deems necessary to confirm residency.

(5) Change in School Enrollment Made in Anticipation of a Valid Change of Residence

If a student transfers to a high school in advance of the anticipated change of residence by the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver with whom the student was living when the student established residential eligibility, the student shall become eligible when the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver actually complete a valid change of residence to that school's attendance area.

(6) Choice of Schools After a Valid Change of Residence

A student choosing a school after making a valid change of residence in accordance with CIF's definition of valid change of residence has a choice for residential eligibility as follows:

a. Remaining at the Same School

Continued attendance at the previous school (School A) maintains residential eligibility at School A as long as the student has remained enrolled in the same school under a district/school approved enrollment process (i.e., inter or intra or senior privilege etc. district/school program); OR

b. Changing Schools

A student must make a valid change of residence out of the public school (School A) attendance area in which their former family residence was located and into another public school's attendance area (School B). This is true even if the student was not attending public School A but was enrolled in a private school or a charter school. Changing schools following such a valid change of residence will result in full residential eligibility if the following conditions are met:

(i) **Student enrolls, attends, and/or is carried on the attendance roll at the new public school (School B) into whose attendance area the family moved, or another public school in accordance with the district(s) policies or a private school or a charter school; AND**

(ii) **The student changes schools immediately following the family valid change of residence or no later than the beginning of the next school year following that family move; AND**

(iii) **The new school verifies the family valid change of residence of the family; AND**

(iv) **A CIF Form (please use local CIF Section Form) documenting the new school's verification of the family's valid change of residence is completed by the new school and family and received by the CIF Section within 30 days of the valid change of residence and recorded by the respective CIF Section.**

QUESTION: If a student's parents move to a new attendance area in the month of March, what are the options for the student in terms of attendance.

ANSWER: The student, at the time of the move in March, has the option of remaining in his or her current school or transferring to the new school in attendance Area B where the parents now reside or, any time up until the start of the new school term in August/September. Please note: if the student opts to remain in School A for the balance of the term, March through June, and then reenrolls and attends School A at the start of the term in September, the student is now locked into School A for all residency purposes. Thus, if the student would decide to transfer to new School Attendance Area B in which the parents reside in the month of November, the student would now come under Bylaw 207 and all applications for limited and unlimited eligibility.

QUESTION: If a student starts the ninth grade and is residing with an uncle in Attendance Area A, what are the transfer options for this student whose parents may also be living in Attendance Area A or another attendance area?

ANSWER: The student, by virtue of residing with the uncle when entering the ninth grade, will now have the residency of the uncle determine all eligibility status with regard to transfer. The movement of the parents, due to the fact the student did not reside with same when entering the ninth grade, will have no bearing on any subsequent transfers.

(7) **Valid Change of Residence After a Discipline Situation**

Such a student will not be granted residential eligibility except as outlined in Bylaw 209 if the student is changing residence and schools, voluntarily or if compelled by the former school or district, as a result of a disciplinary situation at the previous school.

(8) **Pre-Enrollment Contact**

Such a student will not be granted residential eligibility until the Pre-Enrollment Contact Affidavit with the CIF Form (please use local CIF Section Form) is completed by the family and school, received and recorded by the CIF Section, verifying there is no evidence of the use of undue influence (recruiting) by anyone associated with either school in order to procure the student's enrollment in the new school. [See also (10) below and Bylaw 510]

(9) **Same Sport at Two (2) Different Schools**

No student shall be eligible to participate in the same sport at two (2) different schools in the same school year unless the student changed schools as a result of a valid change of residence. In the event of a change of schools due to a valid change of residence, a student will be allowed to participate in the same sport at two (2) different schools not to exceed, in total, the maximum number of contests in that sport as established by the CIF and/or the CIF Section.

(10) **Athletically Motivated Valid Change of Residence**

If a student completes a valid change of residence as provided in Bylaw 206.C.(1-5), a student may not be eligible to participate at any level if there is evidence the move was athletically motivated or the student enrolled in that school in whole or in part for athletic reasons (See Bylaw 200; 510.B.-E.)

QUESTION: What is meant by an athletically motivated move or transfer?

ANSWER: Based on the CIF philosophy that students attend school to receive an education first; athletic participation is secondary [Bylaw 200.A.(2)], individual Section Offices may limit eligibility for a student when there is evidence the transfer, or move is made to acquire athletic participation at School B. Such evidence of an athletically motivated move may include, but is not limited to:

- **Transferring to a School after Participating on a Non-School Athletic Team, Camp or Clinic Associated with the School [Bylaw 510.E.(1)]**
- **Transferring to a School Where a Former High School Coach Has Relocated [Bylaw 510.E.(2)]**
- **A demonstrated move or transfer that is prompted by association with club programs or outside agencies that use the facilities of the new school.**
- **Evidence that multiple students have transferred or changed schools to participate in a particular sports program at one (1) school.**

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207. TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY

Note: Any school seeking athletic eligibility (AT ANY LEVEL) for a student athlete must complete the appropriate online transfer process. Prior to any interscholastic competition, the student athlete must be cleared by the CIF Southern Section office. The status of any individual athlete can be obtained on the CIF website or by contacting the CIF Southern Section office.

A. Determination of Transfer Student Status-Standards of Enrollment - See also Bylaw 201.A. (3)

(1) A student shall be considered to be a transfer student when:

a. The student has attended class at their former school (School A);
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AND/OR

b. The student has played in an athletic contest for their former school; AND/OR

c. The student has tried out for or practiced with a team prior to the beginning of the school year for five (5) days or more; AND

d. That student withdraws from School A or has completed the courses in which they were enrolled in at School A, so that student is no longer enrolled in any way at School A; AND

e. That student enrolls as a full-time student in a new school (School B).

THEN that student shall be determined to be enrolled in and having transferred to School B if all conditions of Bylaw 201.A.(1) are met.

QUESTION: What is the definition of an athletic contest?

ANSWER: An athletic contest is defined as a contest(s) between student(s) representing two or more schools, either public/charter/private, and between student(s) representing schools that are either CIF/State Organization/NFHS affiliated or between student(s) representing schools that are not CIF/State Organization/NFHS affiliated.

(2) Students may not practice with or participate in an interscholastic athletic contest for the new school prior to establishing enrollment in the new school meeting these enrollment standards except if they are transferring at the beginning of the school year and practice for that season of sport begins prior to the first day that school and classes begin. These conditions must be met even if prior to this such a student has registered for classes and/or paid a non-refundable registration fee to the new school.

a. For eligibility purposes, students cannot have dual enrollment in two (2) different schools at the same time. During the time a student is intending to transfer schools, has registered for classes at the new school and/or paid a non-refundable registration fee at the new school, but still remains enrolled in the former school, the student will be considered to be enrolled in the former school. Only at such time as the student has withdrawn from or has completed the courses in which they were enrolled at the former school and is no longer enrolled in any way at the former school, shall that student be considered as having transferred to the new school. This applies to 8th graders matriculating the following school year to 9th grade in a CIF member school.

(3) No one associated with the athletic program at the new school may perpetrate any violation of Bylaw 510 or have inappropriate pre-enrollment contact as outlined in Bylaw 207.C or 510 prior to their enrollment in the new school as defined above. [See also Bylaw 201.A (4)]

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QUESTION: What is meant by an athletically motivated move or transfer?
ANSWER: Based on the CIF philosophy that students attend school to receive an education first; athletic participation is secondary [Bylaw 200.A.(2)], individual Section Offices may limit eligibility for a student when there is evidence the transfer, or move is made to acquire athletic participation at School B. Such evidence of an athletically motivated move may include, but is not limited to:

- **Transferring to a School after Participating on a Non-School Athletic Team, Camp or Clinic Associated with the School [Bylaw 510.E.(1)]**
- **Transferring to a School Where a Former High School Coach Has Relocated [Bylaw 510.E.(2)]**
- **A demonstrated move or transfer that is prompted by association with club programs or outside agencies that use the facilities of the new school.**
- **Evidence that multiple students have transferred or changed schools to participate in a particular sports program at one (1) school.**

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B. CIF Transfer Rule

All students transferring at any time during their enrollment in high school to a CIF member school after their initial enrollment in the 9th grade in any school (referred to as Former School or School A) shall have their eligibility determination made in compliance with the following Bylaw 207.B. except:

- **Those making a valid change of residence (Bylaw 206); OR**
- **Those transferring to or from a CIF member school under the auspices of a CIF-approved foreign exchange program (Bylaw 208); OR**
- **Those transferring as a result of discipline (Bylaw 209).**

QUESTION:	What is the eligibility status of a transfer student who does not earn a 2.0 GPA in the most recent regular grading period prior to their transfer?
ANSWER:	The student is academically ineligible until they complete a regular grading period at their new school with a minimum 2.0 GPA and all other CIF eligibility requirements are met. NOTE: This applies to Valid Change of Residence, Transfer and Hardship students.

NOTES:
Emancipated Minors: This Bylaw also applies to students 18 years of age or older and emancipated minors.

No Child Left Behind Every Student Succeeds Act: Students transferring to another school under any provision of the federal legislation "No Child Left Behind Every Student Succeeds Act" are not residentially eligible at their new school. However, a student may become eligible under the provisions of the appropriate CIF Section and CIF State Constitution and Bylaws. (The Elementary Secondary Education Act (Pub.L. 114–95) also known as the Every Student Succeeds Act or ESSA, was signed into law on December 10, 2015 by President Obama.)

Boarding School: A high school student who transfers to or from the status of a full-time resident at a 24-hour boarding school shall be subject to all provisions of Bylaw 207 with the exception of those making a valid change of residence (Bylaw 206).

QUESTION: Is a boarding school student eligible to apply for the Sit Out Period?
ANSWER: Yes, assuming the student meets all provisions of Bylaw 207.B.(5).b.
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(1) Mandatory Applications for Eligibility Determination

All such transfer students addressed in Bylaw 207 must complete the respective CIF Section-required Application form (please use local CIF Section Form). This form must be submitted to the CIF Section for an eligibility determination which the CIF Section Commissioner shall render in writing within twenty (20) business days of receipt unless a shorter timeframe has been so designated. No transfer student is eligible to compete for their new school of enrollment until a determination has been made by their respective CIF Section. (See also Bylaws 501, 510 and 700.)
(Revised January 2016 Federated Council)

(2) Pre-Enrollment Disclosure Requirements

[Please see also Bylaws 201.A.(1) & (4) and 510]
Any and all pre-enrollment contact of any kind whatsoever with a student must be disclosed by the student, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, and the schools involved to their respective CIF Section office on a completed CIF Pre-Enrollment Contact Affidavit [CIF Form - (please use local CIF Section Form)]. Pre-enrollment contact may include, but is not limited to: any communication of any kind, directly or indirectly, with the student, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, relatives, or friends of the student about the athletic programs at a school; orientation/information programs, shadowing programs; attendance at outside athletic or similar events by anyone associated with the school to observe the student; participation by the student in programs supervised by the school or its associates before enrollment in the school per Bylaws 201.A.(1) & (4).

(3) Transfers to a CIF Member School (described as New School or School B) From Schools (described as Former School or School A) Located in the United States, a U.S. Territory, Canada or a U.S. Military Base (referred herein as Domestic Transfers)

Such transfer students who meet all other requirements for eligibility outlined in CIF Bylaws will be granted unlimited residential eligibility in all sports at all levels at the new school except:

a. In any sport(s) in which the transfer student has competed at any level at the former school(s), or was part of an academy program which competed against a high school or non-school organization during that season of sport, in the 12 calendar months immediately preceding their transfer to the new school, the student will be limited to sub-varsity (limited) eligibility in those sports;

QUESTION: What is the definition of an interscholastic athletic contest?

ANSWER: An interscholastic athletic contest is defined as a contest(s) between student(s) representing two or more schools, either public/charter/private, and between student(s) representing schools that are either CIF/State Organization/NFHS affiliated or between student(s) representing schools that are not CIF/State Organization/NFHS affiliated.

b. No student shall be eligible to participate in the same sport at two (2) different schools in the same school year;

c. If the transfer is determined to be athletically motivated. Athletically motivated transfers may be considered prima facie evidence that the student enrolled in that school in whole or in part for athletic reasons and cause the student to be ineligible for participation in those sports in which the student participated at the former school as outlined in Bylaws 510 and 207.C.;

d. The transfer is not determined to be based upon a disciplinary situation (See Bylaw 209);

e. The student meets all other provisions of all CIF Bylaws.

The student shall have unlimited residential eligibility for all sports at all levels under Bylaw 207 after having been enrolled for 12 calendar months from the date of transfer to the new school or in the case where the student returns to the previous school of eligibility as stated below:

When a student eligible in School A transfers to School B or any subsequent school and is residentially not eligible, the student may return to School A and shall be determined to be residentially eligible for unlimited participation in interscholastic sports provided the student did not participate in an interscholastic athletic contest while at School B or any subsequent school.
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NOTE #1: Refer to (5) below for applications for transfer eligibility limitations determinations and exceptions.

NOTE #2: For purposes of this bylaw, an "academy" is defined as a non-school organization located in or outside the State of California that consists of a sports development and/or training program, consisting of athletic team(s) that compete against other high school or non-school organization athletic programs.
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(4) International Transfers Not in a CIF-Approved Foreign Exchange Program

Students who transfer to a CIF Member school (described as New School or School B) from:

a. Any school (described as Former School or School A) which is located outside of the United States, a U.S. Territory, U. S. Military Base or Canada; AND

b. **Who are not enrolled in the CIF member school under the auspices of a CIF-approved foreign exchange program; AND**

c. **Who meet all other requirements for eligibility in Bylaws.**

THEN they may be granted unlimited residential eligibility in all sports at all levels at the new school except:

- **(i)** **In any sport(s) in which the transfer student has competed at any level for a club or school team, in the 12 calendar months immediately preceding their transfer to the new school. The student will be limited to sub-varsity (limited) eligibility in those sports. For the purpose of this Bylaw, any and all organized sports programs (e.g. youth teams, community teams, club teams, national teams at any level or individualized instruction for competition in development schools or programs) in which the international student competed on, or participated within the last 12 months, will be considered by the CIF in determining whether the student participated in the equivalent of interscholastic competition.**
- **(ii)** **No student who has participated with a club or school team as described in (i), shall be eligible to participate in the same sport at the CIF member school within the same 12-month period (See also Bylaw 504.L.).**
- **(iii)** **If the transfer is determined to be athletically motivated. Athletically motivated transfers may be considered prima facie evidence that the student enrolled in that school in whole or in part for athletic reasons and cause the student to be ineligible for participation in those sports in which the student participated at the former school. (See also Bylaw 510)**
- **(iv)** **International students who are not participating in a CIF approved foreign exchange program are not eligible for the Sit Out Provision.**

The student may be granted unlimited residential eligibility for all sports at all levels under Bylaw 207 after having been enrolled for 12 calendar months from the date of transfer to the new school.

In addition, such international transfers must:

d. **Possess a valid visa, allowing them to attend school, issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service or be a U.S. citizen who has been attending the equivalent of a United States high school secondary educational program outside of the United States; AND**

e. **Provide to the principal of the school he/she attends an official un-translated transcript and a transcript that is translated into English, by an agency acceptable to the Section from the National Association of Credential Evaluation Service (NACES) membership, which indicates work taken in all grades in which the student was enrolled; the grade level equivalent in the United States as if the international student had completed all courses attempted satisfactorily; and the California grade-point average equivalent; AND**

f. **If required, the international transfer student must pay tuition to the school/school district he/she attends as prescribed in Education Code Section 48052 et seq.; AND**

g. **Be subject to the maximum of eight (8) consecutive semesters Bylaw 204; AND**

h. **Be subject to the age requirement Bylaw 203; AND**

i. **Not have graduated from high school. If they should have graduated, or have completed the equivalent coursework for graduation from high school/secondary school, the student is ineligible to participate in CIF competition; AND**

j. **Not have the school's coaching staff, paid or voluntary, serve as the resident family for the international transfer student.**

NOTE: CIF Sections may require individual students to have their school records/transcripts from the school from which they are transferring evaluated by an outside agency at the student's or school expense.
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(5) Applications for Transfer Eligibility Limitations, Determinations and Exceptions

The CIF recognizes that, in certain circumstances, students may transfer from one (1) school to another due to a compelling hardship need or situation that is beyond a student's or their family's control. In response to such cases, the CIF allows for the CIF Section to make an exception to the limited eligibility status whenever they transfer and the case meets one (1) of the hardship circumstances outlined in Bylaw 207.B.(5)c.(viii). The first time a student transfers in high school, they may utilize the Sit Out Period exception covered in Bylaw 207.B.(5)b. below if they meet all of the conditions required. Any student whose transfer circumstances do not meet the conditions required by these two (2) options, will have their residential eligibility determined in compliance with 207.B.(5)a. as long as they meet the conditions required in that Bylaw.
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a. Limited Eligibility Applications

Any student who submits a limited eligibility application to their respective CIF Section may be made eligible to play at the sub-varsity level in any sports in which they have participated at any previous school in the 12 months prior to this transfer under the following conditions:

- **(i) The student was academically eligible at the time of transfer from the former school. Students who are academically ineligible at their previous school will not be eligible to compete at their new school until the requirements in Bylaw 205 are met and the new school has completed a grading period to verify that the student has met the CIF and school district academic eligibility requirements. A student cannot gain academic probation at the new school to fulfill this requirement if not available at prior school; AND**
- **(ii) The principal of the former school attests in writing that the move was not made in violation of Bylaw 510; AND**
- **(iii) The student is not transferring either voluntarily or because their former school has determined they must withdraw, because of a disciplinary infraction at the former school as defined in Bylaw 209.C. (1); AND**
- **(iv) The student is not found by the CIF Section to have transferred to a school where their former high school coach has relocated or where a club coach, with whom they have been associated, is coaching per Bylaw 207.C.(4) or (5); AND**
- **(v) No student shall be eligible to participate in the same sport at two (2) different schools in the same school year unless the student changed schools as a result of a valid change of residence or pursuant to a hardship approved by their respective CIF Section; AND**
- **(vi) A completed Limited Transfer Application (please use local CIF Section Form) is received by the respective CIF Section office and has been processed and approved; AND**
- **(vii) The student who is approved by their respective CIF Section office and competes in a contest at the sub-varsity level following such approval and before the Sit Out Period (SOP) dates described in B.(5)b.(ix) below, is ineligible for and may not compete at the varsity level in that sport for the remainder of that school year. This applies through the end of any Section, Regional or State Championship finals in that sport; AND**
- **(viii) The student has not been determined by their respective CIF/Section Office or the CIF to have made a transfer or change in schools in violation of Bylaw 510.**

b. Varsity Eligibility Applications (Non-Hardship Sit Out Period)

Any student who transfers for the first time since their initial enrollment in the 9th grade in any school, or if the first transfer of schools for this student was granted due to an approved CIF hardship [see Bylaw 207.B.(5).c], or a valid change of residence and whose circumstances causing the transfer do not meet any of the Hardship Exceptions outlined in c.(viii) on following page, may become eligible for varsity competition for the sport(s) in which they competed in the last 12 months at the former school or any other school, upon submission, review and approval by their respective CIF Section under the following provisions:

- **(i) This is the student's first transfer since they first enrolled anywhere in the 9th grade or had their first transfer determined to be a CIF hardship circumstance [Bylaw 207.B.(5).c.]; or a valid change of residence; AND**
- **(ii) The student was academically eligible at the time of transfer from the former school; AND**
- **(iii) The principal of the former school attests in writing that the move was not made in violation of Bylaw 510; AND**
- **(iv) The student is not transferring either voluntarily or because their former school has determined they must withdraw, because of a disciplinary infraction at the former school as defined in Bylaw 209.C. (1); AND**

(v) **The student is not found by the CIF Section to have transferred to a school where their former high school coach has relocated or where a club coach with whom they have been associated is coaching, per Bylaw 207.C.(4) or (5); AND**

(vi) **The student has not been determined by their respective CIF/Section Office or the CIF to have made a transfer or change in schools in violation of Bylaw 510; AND**

(vii) **No student shall be eligible to participate in the same sport at two (2) different schools in the same school year unless the student changed schools as a result of a valid change of residence or pursuant to a hardship approved by their respective CIF Section; AND**

(viii) **The student has not competed at the new school at the sub-varsity level in that sport following the transfer during the current school year; AND**

(ix) **The student shall remain out of any competition at any level in each sport in which they competed in the last 12 months at the former school or any other school in accordance with the following Sit Out Periods (SOP) [Bylaw 207.B.(3).]:**

NOTE: In any sport(s) in which the transfer student has competed at any level at the former school(s) in the 12 calendar months immediately preceding their transfer to the new school, the student will be limited to sub-varsity (limited) eligibility in those sports (Bylaw 207.B.(3)a.) (Editorial June 2021)

The Sit Out Period will be 50% of the total number days in that particular season of sport. The number of days in a season is determined by each Section in accordance with their first allowable competition date through the final regular season competition date. If total number of days in a season is an odd number, then the Sit Out Period would be 50% plus one additional day. (Revised October 2017 Federated Council)

- **The student who transfers to a school after School B's first contest will have an SOP equivalent in calendar days to the SOP of all other students who transferred before the season started. The respective CIF Section Office will provide the actual date once the proper forms are received, reviewed and approved.**

QUESTION:	What happens if a student competes in a varsity game prior to becoming eligible under the student's SOP designated date?
ANSWER:	Should the student participate in any contest(s) prior to his/her SOP date, (indicated for that student in their transfer case), the student is considered an ineligible player. The team will forfeit the contest(s) in which the ineligible student participated. In addition, the student will "Sit Out" the number of contests equivalent to the number of contests played prior to the assigned SOP date (a one for one penalty). For example, if the student participates in one contest prior to reaching their SOP date, the student will be ineligible for the contest immediately following their SOP date. If a student participates in three (3) contests prior to reaching their SOP date, the student will be ineligible for the three (3) contests immediately following his/her assigned SOP date.

QUESTION: My son was denied the Sit Out Period. May we appeal this ruling?
ANSWER: No.

QUESTION: How is the SOP determined for a Traditional Competitive Cheer transfer?
ANSWER: Because the CIF recognizes Traditional Competitive Cheer programs in each of the three (3) seasons of CIF competition, transfers seeking the SOP for Traditional Competitive Cheer will work directly with their Section office on a case-by-case situation.

c. Unlimited Eligibility Applications

Exceptions to the determination of limited eligibility under Bylaw 207.B. (application for unlimited residential eligibility in all sports) may be applied for by the new school [CIF Form – (please use local CIF Section Form)] on behalf of the student. Consideration for unlimited residential eligibility will be given by the respective CIF Section upon review of the application only under the following provisions.

(i) **The student was scholastically eligible at the time of transfer from the former school. Students who are scholastically ineligible at their previous school will not be eligible to compete at their new school until the requirements in Bylaw 205 are met and the new school has completed a grading period to verify that the student has met the CIF and school district scholastic eligibility requirements. A student cannot gain academic probation at the new school to fulfill this requirement if not available at prior school; AND**

(ii) **The student is NOT transferring, either voluntarily or because their former school has determined they must withdraw, because of a disciplinary infraction at the former school as defined in Bylaw 209.C.(1); AND**

(iii) **The student is not found by the CIF Section to have transferred to a school where their former high school coach has relocated or where a club coach, with whom they have been associated, is coaching per Bylaw 207.C.(4) or (5) & 510.E; AND**

(iv) **The student has not been determined by their respective CIF/Section Office or the CIF to have made a transfer or change in schools in violation of Bylaw 510; AND**

(v) **The student has not competed at the new school at the sub-varsity level in that sport at any time following the transfer to the new school; students who chose to play at the sub-varsity level under the provisions outlined in (5)a. (Limited Eligibility Applications) above may not subsequently be granted unlimited eligibility for that same sport during the same season at the new school; AND**

(vi) **No student shall be eligible to participate in the same sport at two (2) different schools in the same school year unless the student changed schools as a result of a valid change of residence or pursuant to a hardship approved by their respective CIF Section; AND**

(vii) **A completed Unlimited Transfer Application (please use local CIF Section Form) and documentation required by the CIF Section is received by the respective CIF Section office and has been processed, reviewed and approved; AND**

(viii) **One (1) of the following hardship circumstances is documented to the satisfaction of the respective CIF Section:**

(a) **Court-Ordered Transfers**
Unlimited eligibility may be granted by the CIF Section in which the student's new school is located in cases where a student is residentially placed from one (1) school attendance area to the attendance area of the new school by a court order or a child protection order and all provisions listed above in c.(i-vii) are met. The student may be determined to have unlimited residential eligibility upon receipt of the CIF application (please use local CIF Section Form) and sufficient documentation (including but not limited to a copy of the court order) to satisfy that CIF Section Commissioner that the circumstances meet this criteria. The student will become eligible for varsity competition upon notification to the new school of the approval of such an application by the CIF Section.

(b) **Children of Divorced Parents**
Unlimited eligibility may be granted by the CIF Section in which the student's new school is located when a student changes residence from one (1) parent's domicile to the other parent's domicile as a result of a court-ordered custody change, or court ordered or approved joint custody agreements and all provisions listed above in c.(i-vii) are met. The student may be determined to have unlimited residential eligibility upon receipt of the CIF application (please use local CIF Section Form) and sufficient documentation (including but not limited to a copy of the divorce papers and custody agreements) to satisfy that CIF Section Commissioner that the circumstances meet this criteria. The student will become eligible for varsity competition upon notification to the new school of the approval of such an application by the CIF Section.

SOUTHERN SECTION GUIDELINES - STUDENT TRANSFERS AND GUARDIANSHIP

207.1 If a student transfers form one high school to another and a new guardian is appointed DUE TO HARDSHIP, only a court appointed legal guardian will constitute a basis for consideration of a waiver, and all requests, along with proper legal verification, must be submitted to the CIF Southern Section office for review and determination of eligibility.

207.2 If a student resides in one school district with the student's legal court appointed guardian and the legal court appointed guardian changes official residence to another school attendance area the student may enroll in a new school and be immediately eligible.

QUESTION: What is the difference between temporary guardianship and legal adoption insofar as eligibility is concerned?

ANSWER: Guardianship or Letters of Guardianship are easily obtained and are generally on a temporary basis; therefore, the eligibility of any transfer student where guardianship is concerned must be reviewed and determined by the Commissioner. Legal adoption is more complicated and permanent and Rights of Survivorship accompany such action. In all cases a student is immediately eligible when his/her transfer from one school to another is a result of legal adoption.

QUESTION: When the parents of a student legally separate and take up residence in different high school attendance areas, what is the eligibility status of the student?

ANSWER: When a student's parents legally separate AND initiate divorce proceedings, the student would have continuing eligibility in the high school attendance area in which he/she originally resided. Any subsequent move to a new school attendance area would require a review, with the new school submitting all documentation to the CIF Southern Section Office for review. All other changes would be governed by the transfer Bylaw 207.

QUESTION: What is the status of a student who transfers and then resides with "foster parents"?

ANSWER: The student would come under Transfer Bylaw 207 and all applications. Any waiver of the Residence Bylaw would require an appeal to the CIF Southern Section Office for consideration.

QUESTION:	What is the eligibility status of a student formerly living with his or her parents who transfers to a new school and takes up residence with a legal guardian?
ANSWER:	The student would be considered for eligibility if the guardian were "court appointed" legal guardian and the new school submitted all documentation to the CIF Southern Section Office for review and possible subsequent approval.
QUESTION:	May a student continue to participate in athletics at a school after the parents have moved to another city?
ANSWER:	The student may continue in the first school of legal enrollment and be eligible even though the parents or guardians change residence.
QUESTION:	How does Bylaw 207.B apply to schools governed by the United State Bureau of Indian Affairs?
ANSWER:	Schools located in California that are governed and operated by the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, are considered **residentially eligible** upon enrollment at that school. Students must still fulfill all other CIF eligibility rules and regulations prior to being granted athletic eligibility.

(c) Individual Student Safety Incidents

Unlimited eligibility may be granted by the CIF Section in which the student's new school is located when a student is transferring as a result of a specific, documented safety incident in which the student was involved and all provisions listed above in c.(i-vii) are met. The student may be determined to have unlimited residential eligibility upon receipt of the CIF application (please use local CIF Section Form) and sufficient documentation is submitted to satisfy that CIF Section Commissioner that the circumstances meet this criteria. Required documentation may include, but is not limited to, administrative records and documentation from the former school about the specific safety incident that occurred at the former school and/or police records (if any). The student will become eligible for varsity competition upon notification to the new school of the approval of such an application by the CIF Section.

(d) Discontinued Program

When the former school, in which a student has been enrolled, discontinues a particular program in which the student had previously been enrolled or participated, and that student transfers to another school because of these circumstances, the student shall be determined to be residentially eligible for unlimited participation in the new school provided that new school offers a continuation of that same program and the student can show documentation that they were enrolled in or participated in that program at the former school and are currently enrolled or participating in that same program at the new school.

(e) Foster Children or Homeless Children

A student who: (1) is under the court-ordered supervision of the California Foster Care System who has changed residences pursuant to a court order and as a result, has transferred schools, OR (2) is homeless as defined by 42 U.S.C. § 11302; shall be determined to be residentially eligible for unlimited participation in interscholastic athletics provided all other CIF rules and regulations are met. Under circumstance (1), a change of residence ordered by a social worker of the California Foster Care System shall be acceptable, provided all other CIF rules and regulations are met. Under circumstance (2), a determination by a Local Education Agency that the student meets the definition of homeless shall be acceptable, provided all other CIF rules and regulations are met. A subsequent transfer of schools by a homeless student while continuing to reside in the same residence/locale where the LEA declared the student "homeless" is subject to the transfer provisions of Bylaw 207. Section Commissioners shall render eligibility determinations for foster children and homeless children within 15 business days of receipt.

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(f) Military Service

A student shall be determined to be residentially eligible for unlimited participation interscholastic athletics when returning from military service provided:

- **The student was eligible when the student entered into the Armed Forces; AND**
- **The student enrolls in the same school which the student attended before leaving for the service, or enrolls in the school in the district in which the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver reside; AND**
- **The student enrolls in the school no later than the succeeding semester after being discharged; AND**

- **Provided student did not receive a dishonorable discharge; AND**
- **The student is fully eligible under all other rules of the CIF.**

(g) Married Status

A student who marries and lives with the student's spouse shall be determined to be residentially eligible for unlimited participation in interscholastic athletics in the school in the attendance area in which the student and their spouse resides.

(h) Board of Education Ruling

A student, or group of students, who transfer as a direct result of a ruling by the Board of Education of a school district that has two (2) or more high schools and which mandates a change of school attendance boundaries shall be determined to be residentially eligible for unlimited participation in interscholastic athletics in the school in the attendance area in which the student(s) are required to attend, provided the Board of Education Ruling is not a result of a disciplinary situation.

(Revised April 2018 Federated Council)

(May 2019 Removed (i) Open Enrollment Act Schools/Low Achieving Schools as it was eliminated by the State Legislature)

Question: Why are charter schools included?
Answer: Charter schools are considered public schools and are included on the list of Low Performing Schools and are subject to this bylaw.

Question: Does this bylaw apply to private schools?
Answer: No. Private schools do not have an API score and therefore there is not score to measure where they stand.

Question: My school is on the low achieving school list. I want to go to a school that is not the geographically closest higher performing school. Am I eligible?
Answer: No. This bylaw indicates you are eligible at the next geographically closest higher performing school.

Question: What of the next geographically closest school is impacted and closed to new students?
Answer: You would be eligible the next geographically closest school as long as that school is a higher performing school

d. Appeals

All eligibility determinations made by the respective CIF Section office under the provisions of Bylaw 207.B.(5)c. are final as all of these hardship circumstances are factual in nature and can be documented. Students whose eligibility determinations are made because they do not meet one (1) of the criteria outlined below in Bylaw 207.C. or in Bylaw 510 may appeal that portion of their eligibility determination in accordance with Bylaw 1100. Students may appeal a determination by their respective CIF Section if they have been found to not meet the following criteria:

(i) Bylaw 207.B.(5)a.(iv) or b.(v) or c.(iii)
(Revised April 2017 Federated Council)

C. Pre-Enrollment Communication or Contact (Domestic and International Transfers)

A student who transfers from School A to School B, as described in Bylaws 207.A. and 207.B. above, shall not be eligible for interscholastic athletics at School B until application under the appropriate CIF Section procedures is completed, including the following:

(1) Mandatory Parent/Student Certification
[Please see also Bylaws 201.A.(1) & (4), 207.B.(2) and 510]

Any and all pre-enrollment contact of any kind whatsoever with a student must be disclosed by the student, parent(s)/ guardian(s)/caregiver, and the schools involved to their respective CIF Section office on a completed CIF Pre-Enrollment Contact Affidavit [CIF Form - (please use local CIF Section Form)]. Pre-enrollment contact may include, but is not limited to: any communication of any kind, directly or indirectly, with the student, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, relatives, or friends of the student about the athletic programs at a school; orientation/information programs, shadowing programs; attendance at outside athletic or similar events by anyone associated with the school to observe the student; participation by the student in programs supervised by the school or its associates before enrollment in the school per Bylaws 201.A.(1) and (4).

(2) Mandatory Former School Certification

The principal and athletic director of School A shall attest that to the best of their knowledge they have no credible evidence* of any person: who is connected with the athletic department of School B; who is part of the booster club of School B; or who is acting on their behalf, having communication, directly or indirectly, through intermediaries or otherwise, with the transfer student, student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, or anyone acting on behalf of the student, prior to the completion of the enrollment process.

Definition of Credible Evidence
***Credible evidence is considered as evidence which proceeds from a trustworthy source; evidence which is so natural, reasonable and probable as to make it easy to believe; information which is obtained from authentic sources or from the statements of persons who are not only trustworthy, but also informed as to the particular matter; that which is not mere speculation, or rumor.**

(3) Mandatory New School Certification
The principal, athletic director and head coach of School B shall certify that to the best of their knowledge, no person: who is connected with the athletic department of School B; who is part of the booster club of School B; or who is acting on their behalf, has had communication, directly or indirectly, through intermediaries or otherwise, with the transfer student, student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, or anyone acting on behalf of the student, prior to the completion of the enrollment process.

(4) Club Coach Association with New School (student transfers to a new school which a coach from the student's non-CIF sports participation experience is associated)

The transfer of a student from his or her current school of attendance with or without a valid change of residence (Bylaw 206) to any CIF member high school where the student participated, during the previous 24 months, on a non-school athletic team, (i.e. AAU, American Legion, club team, etc.) that is associated with the new school in the sports previously participated in shall be considered prima facie evidence (sufficient evidence) of undue influence/recruiting by the school to which the student transfers. Such transfer may be considered prima facie evidence (sufficient evidence) that the student enrolled in that school in whole or part for athletic reasons. A team associated with the school is one that is organized by and/or coached by any member of the coaching staff at, or any other person associated with, that school and/or on which the majority of the members of the team (Participants in practice and/or competition) are students who attend that school. When a prima facie case (sufficient evidence) of undue influencing/recruiting exists, the student shall be ineligible to represent the new school in interscholastic athletic competition for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of the student's enrollment in the new school in all sports in which the student participated at any school in the last 12 months and/or the sport with which the coach referenced herein is associated, unless sufficient proof is presented to the satisfaction of the Section Commissioner that rebuts or disproves the evidence of undue influence/recruiting for athletic reasons.**

<>NOTE: For clarification of CIF Bylaws 207.C (4) and 510.E (1) and the application of these Bylaws, a person "associated with the new school," may include an individual who is or was acting as the student athlete's club director, club owner, or occupying a similar role within a club or non-school athletic team.
(Editorial June 2025)

Definition of Persons Associated With School
****Defined as: Persons associated with a school include, but are not limited to; current or former coaches, current or former athletes, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver of current or former student/athletes, booster club members, alumni, spouses or relatives of coaches, teachers and other employees, coaches who become employed, active applicants for coaching positions, and persons who are employed by companies or organizations that have donated athletic supplies, equipment or apparel to that school.**

(5) Relocation of Former High School Coach (Domestic and International Transfers)

A student at any grade level who transfers to a new school within one (1) calendar year of the relocation of his/her former high school coach to that school with or without a corresponding valid change in residence shall be considered prima facie evidence (sufficient evidence) of undue influence/recruiting by the school to which the student transfers or may be considered prima facie evidence (sufficient evidence) that the student enrolled in that school in whole or in part for athletic reasons (See Bylaw 510). When a prima facie (sufficient evidence) case of undue influence/recruiting exists, the student shall be ineligible to represent the new school in interscholastic athletic competition for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of the student's enrollment in the new school in all sports in which the student participated at any school in the last 12 months and/or the sport with which the coach referenced herein is associated, unless sufficient proof is presented to the satisfaction of the Section Commissioner that rebuts or disproves the evidence of undue influence/recruiting for athletic reasons.

(6) Athletically Motivated Transfers (Copied from Bylaw 510.E.)

The CIF, as the governing body of high school athletics, affirms that athletic competition is an important part of the high school experience and that participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege. The privilege of participation in interscholastic athletics is available to students in public or private schools who meet the democratically established standards of qualification as set forth by the Federated Council. As stated in CIF Bylaw 200.A.(6) the CIF Bylaws shall serve as a deterrent to students who transfer or change schools for athletic reasons and to individuals who attempt to recruit (unduly influence) student-athletes or their parents to enroll in a school because of athletics. As stated in CIF Bylaw 200.A.(2) the CIF Bylaws reinforce the principle that students attend school to receive an education first; athletic participation is secondary. CIF Bylaws provide for individual Section Offices to limit eligibility for a student when there is evidence the transfer, or move is made to acquire athletic participation at their new school (School B). Students may be determined by their respective CIF/Section Office or the CIF to have made an athletically motivated transfer or change in schools under any of the basis listed in CIF Bylaw 510.E.(1)-(3).
(Revised April 2017 Federated Council)

(7) Disclosure

Any pre-enrollment communication as described above must be disclosed in full, and in writing, to the appropriate Section. The Section Commissioner shall determine if the pre-enrollment communication is a violation of Bylaw 510.

(8) Clearance of Pre-Enrollment Contact

A student with whom contact or communication has occurred, as described in C.(1) above, and who meets all other CIF Section transfer waiver requirements, may become eligible upon determination that:

a. The communication was completely unrelated to any aspect of School B; AND

b. Was of a type that, from the objective point of view of a reasonable person disinterested in the win/loss record of School B, does not have an effect upon the integrity of interscholastic athletics at School A or School B.

(9) Penalties

Failure to disclose pre-enrollment communication with School B persons, identified in C.(2) above, to disclose any pre- enrollment contact, or communicate in writing to the appropriate Section as described in C.(3) above may result in:

a. A forfeiture of all games in which the student participated; AND/OR

b. Disqualification from playoff and championship competition for all seasons in which the student is a member of the school's team. (A student shall be considered a member of the school's team if he or she participated in any aspect of an interscholastic contest, no matter how brief such participation may have been); AND/OR

c. Divestment from the school of all trophies, banners and other indicia of athletic success obtained while the student was a member of the school's team.

(10) Appeals

Students whose eligibility determination is made by the Section Commissioner that the prima facie evidence has not been successfully rebutted by sufficient proof to satisfy said Commissioner under the provisions of Bylaws 207.C.(4), (5), or (6) and/or 510 may appeal that portion of their eligibility determination in accordance with Bylaw 1100.

DEFINITION OF TERMS
Immediate Family — Includes parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, stepparents and minor siblings with whom the student resided when Initial Residential Eligibility was established.

Initial Residential Eligibility — Under CIF rules and regulations, students establish their Initial Residential Eligibility at their school of choice entering the 9th grade or the 10th grade of a three (3)-year high school.

Limited Eligibility — Students granted limited eligibility are limited for one (1)-year (from the date of transfer) to non-varsity competition in the CIF sports they participated in during the previous 12 calendar months but may participate in varsity competition in all other CIF sports.

Prima Facie — A legal term that means at first sight; on the first appearance; on the face of it; a fact presumed to be true unless disproved by some evidence to the contrary. A prima facie case is one in which the evidence presented is sufficient proof for the plaintiff (Section) to win its case of undue influence. In such a case, the defendant (school) must successfully refute the evidence for the student to gain eligibility. (Revised February 2017 Federated Council)

QUESTION:	May a student continue to participate in athletics at a school after the parents have moved to another city?
ANSWER:	The student may continue in the first school of legal enrollment and be eligible even though the parents or guardians change residence.
QUESTION:	Are there any attendance areas or districts for private or parochial schools?
ANSWER:	The CIF Southern Section has prescribed no attendance boundaries for private or parochial schools. A student graduating from the eighth grade or an elementary school or the ninth grade of a junior high school may enroll and be eligible in any private or parochial school in the Southern Section.
QUESTION:	Under what conditions may a student maintain his or her athletic eligibility when the student transfers from one parochial or private school to another (private or parochial school)?
ANSWER:	A student, not a full-time resident in a 24-hour boarding school, who transfers from a private or parochial school to another private or parochial school, will be eligible in the second school, only when the family has established a new valid residence change in another public attendance area different from the one than that of the first school.
QUESTION:	What is the eligibility status of a senior transferring under the provisions of Bylaw 207 when the school has no junior varsity team?
ANSWER:	Athletes transferring under the provisions of Bylaw 207 will not be granted varsity eligibility, even though the school does not field a junior varsity team.
QUESTION:	What constitutes a change of residence as far as the CIF Southern Section transfer rule is concerned?
ANSWER:	The parents, court appointed legal guardian and sibling(s) of a student with whom he/she is residing must change their actual residence from one high school attendance area to another high school attendance area, if the student is to transfer from one school to another and be immediately eligible. Please note: In doing so, the parents, court appointed legal guardian and sibling(s) may not maintain two residences for purpose of establishing eligibility.

208. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

A foreign exchange student is a transfer student from one (1) school to another without a valid change of residence (See Bylaw 206.C.) under the auspices of a CIF-approved foreign exchange program.

A. Students Transferring to a CIF Member School Under the Auspices of a CIF-Approved Foreign Exchange Program
Foreign Exchange students transferring under the auspices of a CIF-approved foreign exchange program from a school located outside the United States, a U.S. Military Base, a U.S. Territory or Canada to a CIF member school may be granted unlimited residential eligibility for all CIF athletic competition if all of the following conditions apply:

(1) Such student must be under the auspices of, and be placed with a host family in the United States by a foreign exchange program that meets all the requirements listed below:

The program has been accepted for listing by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET); AND

The program has submitted a signed CIF Foreign Exchange Program Approval Request Form:

a. Stating that their placement procedures for foreign exchange students are purely random with respect to athletic participation and school placement; AND

b. Stating that there shall be no school, coach, community, relative or friend contact related to athletics regarding the enrollment of any student in a particular school; AND

c. Has been approved by the CIF; AND

d. The program has been recognized by the U.S. State Department and the California Office of the Attorney General, and the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET); AND

e. **Any CIF-approved foreign exchange program that fails to fulfill the CIF conditions for exempt status shall be subject to immediate suspension of its exempt status and subject to permanent loss of its exempt status after due process has been fulfilled. All approved programs will be posted on the CIF website (www.cifstate.org)**

NOTE: Only foreign exchange programs registered with the California Office of the Attorney General and the U.S. State Department may place foreign exchange students in a California School (Government Code Section 12620 et seq.). The CIF-approved list of programs posted on the CIF website, reflects the programs approved by CIF that are also registered with the California Office of the Attorney General, the U.S. State Department, and the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). No other exchange programs will be recognized by the CIF as approved exchange programs for 2025-26.

(2) **A foreign exchange student shall have been placed with a host family in compliance with this Bylaw and Bylaw 510 (Undue Influence). Such student will have the choice of attending:**

a. **The public school in the host family's public school attendance area; OR**

b. **A private school located in the host family's public school attendance area; OR**

c. **To gain residential eligibility at any other school, the student must receive written approval from both the principal of the public school located in the host family's attendance area and the principal of the other school; OR**

d. **In the event of a change of placement by the CIF-Approved Foreign Exchange Program, a different public school or private school with written approval from the principal of the new school. (See host family requirements in (2) a. and b. above)**

NOTE: A foreign exchange student is considered to be placed with a host family when written notice of placement is provided by the exchange organization to the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, and to the host family;

(3) **Neither the school the foreign exchange student attends, nor any person associated with the school, shall have input into the selection of the foreign exchange student; AND**

(4) **No foreign exchange student may play varsity sports if any member of the host family is a coach, paid or volunteer, at the school of attendance; AND**
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(5) **A foreign exchange student involved in an approved foreign exchange program where placement is not in accordance with CIF conditions for exempt status is subject to loss of his/her residential eligibility (waiver of the transfer rule); AND**

(6) **A foreign exchange student must possess a current visa, issued by the U.S. State Department; AND**

(7) **A foreign exchange student must comply with all eligibility requirements set forth by the CIF and the Section having jurisdiction; AND**

(8) **A foreign exchange student who graduated from high school is ineligible to participate in CIF competition, unless the educational program in the student's country completes high school (graduation) after the student's 10th or 11th year of regular schooling (not including pre-school or kindergarten classes), in which case the student may have CIF athletic eligibility through the 12th consecutive year of regular school attendance after initially enrolling in the first grade (not pre-school or kindergarten classes); AND**

(9) **A foreign exchange student who changes from a J-1 visa to any other type of visa that requires them to change schools, are subject to Bylaw 207.B.(5)a. and c. and cannot be made eligible for Bylaw 207.B.(5)b. (Sit Out Period) since this would constitute their second transfer; AND**

(10) **A foreign exchange student participating in a CIF-approved foreign exchange program must comply with the maximum of eight (8) consecutive semesters Bylaw. A foreign exchange student who is not in compliance with the eight (8) consecutive semesters Bylaw may apply for a waiver under the Bylaws established by the CIF and the respective Section of the student's current CIF school; AND**

(11) **A foreign exchange student must be eligible under all other State and Section Bylaws; AND**

(12) **All foreign exchange students in CIF-approved foreign exchange programs shall submit the appropriate waiver application(s) as required by their respective Section under Bylaw 208 with a CIF Pre-Enrollment Contact Affidavit [CIF Form - (please use local CIF Section Form)] signed by the student and a host parent (part 1), and the enrolling school official(s) (part 3). Foreign students in CIF-approved foreign exchange programs need not obtain signatures of officials from their former school; AND**

(13) **A foreign exchange student who participates in an interscholastic athletic contest or is enrolled in and/or attended a class shall be considered to have been enrolled in that school and shall be classified as a transfer student if the student subsequently enrolls at another school.**
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B. CIF Students Transferring Back to a CIF Member School From Study Abroad

A CIF student who, after being enrolled in a CIF member school (referred to as School A), transfers to a school located outside the United States, a U.S. Territory, a U.S. Military Base or Canada (to be referred to as School B) and who, following completion of the study abroad, transfers back to school A, may be granted unlimited residential eligibility for all CIF athletic competition when the following conditions are met:

(1) **The student is returning to the same CIF member school in which they were enrolled immediately prior to their enrollment in the foreign school; AND**

(2) **There is no evidence that the transfer to or from the foreign country was athletically motivated (see also Bylaw 510); AND**

(3) **There is no evidence of the use of undue influence (recruiting) by anyone associated with either school; AND**

(4) **The CIF student is in compliance with all eligibility requirements set forth by the CIF and the Section having jurisdiction; AND**

(5) **The CIF student must comply with the maximum of eight (8) consecutive semester Bylaw. If a student has exceeded eight (8) consecutive semesters of attendance upon return from the study abroad, they may apply for a waiver under the Bylaws established by the CIF and the respective Section of the student's CIF member school. All CIF students returning from the study abroad shall submit the appropriate waiver application(s) for approval as required by their respective Section.**

NOTE: This study abroad provision may be used only one time, for up to two consecutive semesters, during a CIF student's eight (8) consecutive semesters in high school.

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C. Appeals

Appeals of eligibility involving foreign exchange transfer students from a foreign country must be in accordance with all relevant provisions of the CIF appeal process as set forth in Bylaw 1100.

(Note: A student who has graduated from the equivalent of high school and is now in the United States under a foreign exchange program would not be eligible.)

SPECIAL NOTE: THE CRITERIA USED FOR APPROVING FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS IS RANDOM HOME PLACEMENT OF THE STUDENT PRIOR TO THEIR LEAVING FROM THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. ALL 510 RULES APPLY.

209. DISCIPLINE, EXPULSION AND TRANSFER FOR DISCIPLINARY REASONS

A. Expulsion

A student who is expelled by a public school district in the State of California pursuant to the provisions of Education Code Section 48900 et seq., or from a public school from any other State, or any private or parochial school or district, shall be ineligible to practice or compete with any CIF team or individual sport program that is under the jurisdiction of the CIF for the period of the expulsion.

B. Suspended Expulsion

A student who has been expelled and has the expulsion suspended by the school board or board of directors and remains at his/her current school may be eligible so long as all other CIF State and CIF Section requirements are met. The conditions under which this student may be eligible will be determined by the local school board or board of directors. If the student is deemed eligible to participate, the conditions of his/her eligibility must be sent to the appropriate CIF Section office.

<>C. Disciplinary Transfer

<>(1) If a student transfers from any public or private school when a disciplinary action is in place or pending, and the offense is specifically related to and/or listed in Education Code Section 48915, that student shall be ineligible for competition in all sports for one (1) year from the date of the transfer to the new school.
(Revised May 2020 Federated Council/Revised April 2025 Federated Council)

(2) A student, permitted by the principal to return to the school compelling the disciplinary transfer, may be granted unrestricted athletic eligibility by the Section if the student did not participate in any athletic program at the transfer school; compete for the transfer school; and, at the time of the transfer, conditions for return were established by the school administration that include, but are not limited to:

a. Satisfactory attendance criteria; AND

b. Applicable behavior standards; AND

c. Academic performance standards; AND

d. Principal's approval of the return based upon documented evidence provided by the transfer school that the student satisfactorily complied with all conditions for return.

(May 1997 Federated Council/Revised May 2003 Federated Council/Revised May 2005 Federated Council)

209.1 EXPULSION - RETURN TO PREVIOUS SCHOOL/TRANSFER TO NEW SCHOOL

The eligibility of a student who is expelled and at a later date returns to the same school shall be determined by the local administration. If the student is compelled to transfer from any public or private school, that student shall be ineligible for all levels of competition for a period of one year following the initial transfer.

210. PHYSICAL ASSAULT OF A GAME OR EVENT OFFICIAL

A. Student

Any student who physically assaults the person of a game or event official shall be banned from interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the student's eligibility. A game or event official is defined as a referee, umpire or any other official assigned to interpret or enforce rules of competition at an event or contest. A student may, after a lapse of 18 calendar months from the date of incident, apply for reinstatement of eligibility to the CIF State Executive Director.

B. Coach

Any coach who physically assaults the person of a game or event official shall be considered to have violated Bylaw 22 (Conditions of Membership) and, pending action by the building principal, subjects the member school to sanctions or loss of standing as a member. When a coach allegedly assaults a person of a game or event official it is mandatory that the principal/designee notify the CIF Section Office within 48 hours (excluding holidays and weekends) after the receipt of the assault report notification. The competing schools and officials will be required to file written reports within 10 days of the incident. After reviewing the material, the principal of the school involved will be required to respond to the respective CIF Section Office concerning his/her investigation of the incident.

C. Spectator

Any spectator who physically assaults the person of a game or event official immediately prior to, during, or immediately following an interscholastic athletic contest shall be permanently banned from attending interscholastic athletic contests. A game or event official is defined as a referee, umpire or any other official assigned to interpret or enforce rules of competition at an event or contest. School administration and/or athletic staff shall immediately notify their local CIF Section Office and CIF State Office whenever the school has knowledge of an assault on a game official associated with an interscholastic event in which their school participated or of an assault occurring on their school's grounds associated with an interscholastic athletic contest.

NOTE#1: Definition of a Physical Assault: A physical assault is the intentional infliction of or an attempt to inflict a harmful or offensive touching or contact upon the person of an official. Note that the rule is violated even if no contact is made with the person of an official. Such conduct shall include verbal threats and/or intimidation either or before, during or after the contest. All that is required is the "attempt." However, the act constituting the attempt must be accompanied by a specific intent, which may be inferred from the circumstances and nature of the act, to inflict a harmful or offensive touching contact of the official's person.

NOTE #2: A person assaulting a sports official may also be subject to California Penal Code 243.8 which states the following:
(a) When a battery is committed against a sports official immediately prior to, during, or immediately following an interscholastic, intercollegiate, or any other organized amateur or professional athletic contest in which the sports official is participating, and the person who commits the offense knows or reasonably should know that the victim is engaged in the performance of his or her duties, the offense shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars ($2,000), or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment.
(b) For purposes of this section, "sports official" means any individual who serves as a referee, umpire, linesman, or who serves in a similar capacity but may be known by a different title or name and is duly registered by, or a member of, a local, state, regional, or national organization engaged in part in providing education and training to sports officials.

(Approved May 2009 Federated Council/Revised October 2023 Federated Council)

211. CONTINUATION SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY

A. Current Eligibility

While enrolled in a continuation school, a student is only eligible to represent the continuation school of attendance.

B. Transfer Eligibility

A student who transfers from continuation school to the student's school of residential eligibility is eligible immediately provided:

(1) The student is currently enrolled in the school of residential eligibility in at least 20 semester credits of work.

(2) The student was currently passing in at least 20 semester credits of work or a maximum program in the continuation school when the student transferred to the school of residential eligibility.

(3) The student is maintaining minimum progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements as prescribed by the governing board.

(4) The student has maintained during the previous grading period a minimum of passing grades which is defined as at least an unweighted 2.0 grade-point average, on a 4.0 scale, in all enrolled courses.

a. Probationary Period

The governing board of each school district, private school, or parochial school may adopt, as part of its policy, provisions that would allow a student who does not achieve educational progress in items (3) or (4) above in the previous grading period to remain eligible to participate in interscholastic activities during a probationary period. The probationary period shall not exceed one (1) semester in length but may be for a shorter period of time as determined by the governing board of the school district, private school, or parochial school. A student who does not achieve educational progress, as defined in items (3) or (4), during the probationary period shall not be allowed to participate in interscholastic athletics in the subsequent grading period. For the purpose of determining the maximum length of a semester, the measure should be the maximum as used in that school.

(5) Student was eligible under all rules at the time student was transferred from student's school of residential eligibility to continuation school. Exception: If a student spends a full grading period or more in the continuation school and passes all required subjects which that continuation school considers to be a full program, even if it is less than 20 semester credits, the student is eligible immediately upon transfer to student's school of residential eligibility as long as the student meets the requirements of Bylaw 205.B.(1).

(6) Semesters of attendance at continuation school are to be counted as part of student's eligibility as defined in Bylaw 204.

(7) The student was not compelled to transfer to the continuation program for disciplinary reasons or the student was not administratively placed in the continuation program as a result of expulsion, suspended expulsion or rehabilitation program pursuant to re-admittance following expulsion. (If the student was compelled to transfer under disciplinary reasons, please refer to the process under Bylaw 209.C.).

(Approved May 2003 Federated Council)

QUESTION:	May a student who is enrolled in a continuation school practice with his or her high school of attendance or any other high school?
ANSWER:	No - Only students regularly enrolled in grades nine through twelve may practice and/or compete for their high school of attendance.

212. AMATEUR STATUS

A. CIF Sponsored Competition and Individual Endorsements

A student is governed by CIF amateur rules when the student participates in CIF competition. A student who violates CIF amateur or award rules shall be penalized according to D. below.

B. Reinstatement of Amateur Status

A student will become ineligible for CIF competition in a given sport if the student is determined to be a professional by the national sports governing body (NSGB) for the sport in question. A student may apply for reinstatement of his/her amateur status through the Section in which the student competes. Any request for reinstatement must include a statement from the NSGB for the sport in question that the student's amateur status has been reinstated by the appropriate NSGB.

C. Violations in CIF Sponsored Competition and Individual Endorsements

A student shall be penalized according to D. below for the following violations related to CIF competition or individual endorsements:
(*See caution below)

(1) Receiving, from any and all sources, athletic awards totaling more than $250.00 in value for:

a. Accomplishments in any regular season CIF high school competition event;

NOTE: Typical examples of regular season CIF high school competition event include, but are not limited to, any league or non-league dual contest and invitational tournament held prior to any season-culminating league, Section, Region and/or State Playoff competition.

b. A recognition award program, such as "Player of the Week"/"Month," for any regular season CIF high school competition.

(2) Receiving, from any and all sources, athletic awards totaling more than $500.00 in value for any post-regular season CIF high school competition or recognition program;

NOTE: For purposes of this Bylaw only, league, Section, Regional and State Playoff competition is considered to be one (1) continuous event.

NOTE: The dollar value of an award, exclusive of engraving, shall be determined by the following criteria:

a. The retail price paid by the last purchaser in the acquisition of the award;

b. When the host school or league purchases the award, the retail price paid by the host school or league;

c. When the award is donated by another entity, the retail price paid by or cost to that entity.

(3) Wearing a school team uniform or any identifying school insignia while appearing in any advertisement, promotional activity or endorsement for any commercial product or service;

(4) Lending his/her name and team affiliation for purposes of commercial endorsement. Any appearances by students for nonprofit organizations must be approved by the Board of Trustees concerned. This provision is not intended to restrict the right of any student to participate in a commercial endorsement provided there is no school team or school affiliation;

NOTE: 212.C.(3) and (4) above also includes advertisement, promotional activity, endorsement or affiliation of league, CIF Section(s), or CIF State (see Q&A below).

QUESTION: May a student-athlete participate in an advertisement, promotional activity, or endorsement while affiliated with a league, CIF Section(s), or CIF State?
ANSWER: No.

(5) Accepting payment for loss of time or wages while participating in CIF competition;

(6) Receiving payment for coaching a team in CIF competition.

***CAUTION: Compliance with these Bylaws does not ensure maintenance of eligibility under the eligibility standards of other athletic organizations (e.g. NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA, CCCAA and National Sports Governing Body, etc.). Students desiring information on the amateur rules of other organizations must communicate with the respective organization.**

D. Penalties for violations in CIF Sponsored Competition and Individual Endorsements

(1) A student determined by their respective CIF Section to have violated any provision of 212.C.(1-6) above shall be penalized according to the sanctions listed below:

a. First Violation: The student shall receive a formal warning and return any award(s) in excess of the maximum amounts allowed in 212.C.(1) and (2) above; and/or at the direction of the Section immediately remove any advertisement, promotional activity, or endorsement depicting the student's affiliation with their school, league, CIF Section(s), or the CIF State as noted in 212.C.(3) and (4) and the accompanying Note.

b. Second Violation: The student shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for a period of one (1) year from the date of CIF's determination of the second violation.

c. Third Violation: The student shall be banned from interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the student's eligibility.

NOTE: It is expected that the CIF member school will ensure adherence to any of the above penalties imposed on its student.

(Revised May 2004 Executive Committee/Revised May 2009 Federated Council/Revised April 2023 Federated Council)

QUESTION:	Will a student jeopardize his eligibility for high school athletics by participating in a rodeo or motorcycle race and accepting a cash prize or an award in excess of that permitted by CIF Southern Section regulations?
ANSWER:	Neither rodeo nor a motorcycle race is an approved CIF interscholastic sport, so competing for, or the acceptance of, a cash prize or an award in excess of CIF Southern Section limitations would have no bearing upon a student's eligibility for high school athletics.

213. HARDSHIP WAIVERS OTHER THAN TRANSFER

A hardship is defined as an unforeseeable, unavoidable, and uncorrectable act, condition or event, which causes the imposition of a severe and non-athletic burden upon the student or his/her family. Due to hardship circumstances experienced by the student, the following Bylaws may be waived, provided that the Section has established rules and procedures regulating hardship waivers. Waivers granted by a Section are not transferable to another Section.

Applications to waive the following Bylaws must be submitted to the CIF Section for an eligibility determination, which the CIF Section Commissioner shall render in writing within 20 business days of receipt. Section Commissioners shall render eligibility determinations for foster children and homeless children within 15 business days of receipt.
(Revised April 2016 Federated Council)

A. 20 Semester Credit Requirement (Bylaw 205.C.)

B. Charged Semester of Attendance (Bylaw 204)

C. Age Requirement (Bylaw 203)

214. POST-INJUNCTION REMEDIES

If a student-athlete, who is ineligible under the terms of the Constitution, Bylaws or other legislation of the California Interscholastic Federation, is permitted to participate in interscholastic competition contrary to such CIF legislation, but in accordance with the terms of a court restraining order, stay, or injunction operative against the CIF and injunction is subsequently voluntarily vacated, stayed, reversed or finally determined by the courts that injunctive relief is not or was not justified, the CIF or its Sections, may take any one or more of the following actions against the school in the interest of restitution and fairness to competing schools:

A. Require that individual records and performances achieved during participation by such ineligible student-athlete shall be vacated or stricken;

B. **Require that team records and performances achieved during participation by the ineligible student-athlete shall be vacated or stricken;**

C. **Require that individual awards earned during participation by such ineligible student-athlete be returned to the CIF, the sponsor or the competing institution;**

D. **Require that team awards earned during participation by such ineligible student-athlete be returned to the CIF, the sponsor or the competing institution;**

E. **Require that team victories achieved during participation by such ineligible student-athlete shall be abrogated and the games or events forfeited to the opposing schools;**

F. **Make a determination of future ineligibility for one or more CIF Championships, or playoff competition, in the sports in which the ineligible student-athlete participated;**

G. **Make a determination of future ineligibility for invitational and postseason meets and tournaments in the sports in which the student-athlete participated;**

H. **Require that a school which has been represented in a CIF Championship or playoff event by an ineligible student-athlete return its share of the net receipts from such competition in excess of the school's actual cash expenses with reference to such event or, if such funds have not been distributed to the school, require that funds be withheld by the State Executive Director or Section Commissioner. Funds remitted or withheld pursuant to the above, shall be utilized by the CIF in either the State or Section scholar-athlete or drug abuse programs;**

I. **When a student-athlete competing as an individual is declared ineligible subsequent to the competition, or a penalty has been imposed or action taken as set forth above, the student-athlete's performance shall be stricken from the Championship's records, the points the student-athlete has contributed to the team's total shall be deleted, the team standings shall be adjusted accordingly and any awards involved shall be returned to the CIF. The placement of other individual competitors shall be altered appropriately;**

J. **When a student-athlete representing a school in team events is declared ineligible subsequent to the competition, or a penalty has been imposed or action taken as set forth above, all records of the team's performance shall be deleted, the team's place in the final standings shall be vacated and the team's trophy, banner, patches and other indicia of victory shall be returned to the CIF. In the event the student-athlete's school has been previously declared champion, the runner-up school shall be declared champion and all records adjusted accordingly.**

215. INTERCOLLEGIATE PARTICIPATION

A student who participates in an intercollegiate athletic contest prior to the completion of his/her eight (8) consecutive semesters of high school eligibility shall be ineligible for high school participation in that sport for the duration of the student's high school enrollment. (See also Bylaws 600.G and 702. and corresponding Q&A's.)
(Approved February 2003 Federated Council)

QUESTION: What is defined as a collegiate track meet and/or intercollegiate competition?
ANSWER: A collegiate track meet and/or intercollegiate competition is one in which collegiate athletes are competing for or representing their school.

216. GRADUATES

High school graduates are not eligible for CIF competition and are not subject to CIF rules except as noted below in A. and B. A recent graduate game is outside the jurisdiction of the CIF.

A. **Mid-Year/Spring Graduation**

(1) **Mid-Year: Students completing graduation requirements mid-year and no longer enrolled become immediately ineligible for further CIF competition.**

(2) **Spring: Students graduating at the end of a school's Spring semester shall have continuing eligibility until all CIF Spring competition is completed.**

B. California High School Proficiency Exam

A student who successfully passes the California High School Proficiency Examination and withdraws from high school has one opportunity to re-enroll in high school and be eligible immediately for athletic competition provided the student:

(1) Was eligible under all rules of the CIF at the time of withdrawal from school; AND

(2) Meets all rules of the CIF other than a. and b. under Bylaw 205.B.(1) at the time of re-enrollment; AND

(3) Re-enrolls in the same school which the student attended prior to withdrawal, or enrolls in the school of the attendance area to which the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver with whom the student was living when the student established residential eligibility have moved; AND

(4) Is within four (4) years of the student's first entry into the 9th grade.

(Revised May 2003 Federated Council)

217. CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS

A student must be a good citizen in order to represent the school in interscholastic athletic competition.

218. SUSPENSION

If a student is suspended from high school, the student is ineligible during the period of suspension. When the student returns to school, the period of ineligibility is determined by the principal.

219. FALSIFICATION OF INFORMATION

Anyone associated with the student or the school who knowingly fails to provide complete and accurate information regarding eligibility to participate in athletics, shall result in the athlete being declared ineligible to represent their school in any sport for up to 24 months following the date of the discovery of the falsified information. The student(s) may be reinstated only by action of the Executive Committee. (See Rule 202 B.1 2.)

220. BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

All CIF Southern Section eligibility rules apply in all games including non-league, league, tournament and playoff games. In order to compete in interscholastic athletics, a student must:

220.1 Be under nineteen years of age. (See Bylaw 203)

220.2 Meet the attendance requirements. (See Bylaw 204)

220.3 Be eligible scholastically. (See Bylaw 205)

220.4 Have met the residency requirements. (See Bylaw 206)

220.5 Meet citizenship requirements. (See Bylaw 217)

220.6 Not participate in any tryout for a professional or collegiate team. (See Bylaws 212 and605)

220.7 Not compete with outside teams. (See Bylaw 600)

220.8 Be an amateur. (See Bylaw 212)

QUESTION: Will a student jeopardize his or her eligibility for high school athletics by participating in a rodeo or motorcycle race and accepting a cash prize or an award in excess of that permitted by CIF Southern Section regulations?

ANSWER: Neither a rodeo nor a motorcycle race is an approved interscholastic sport, so competing for, or the acceptance of a cash prize or an award in excess of CIF Southern Section limitations would have no bearing upon a student's eligibility for high school athletics.

QUESTION: What is defined as an interscholastic scrimmage?

ANSWER: An interscholastic scrimmage is defined as a training session in which students from more than one school participate, any aspect of play is exercised and no score is kept. Only students regularly enrolled in public and private CIF member schools, grades 9-12, shall be permitted to participate in a scrimmage. Alumni shall not be permitted to take part other than the one allowable contest where noted in specific sports. It should also be noted that only students enrolled in grades 9-12 at each specific school may take part in regular practice sessions.

ARTICLE 30
SCHOOL REGULATIONS
(300 Series revised May 2014 Federated Council)

300. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Student Participation

Interscholastic sports teams composed of boys and/or boys and girls shall be conducted in accordance with these Bylaws. Girls' interscholastic sports teams shall be conducted according to these Bylaws, including certain additional rules and modifications pertaining to girls' sports teams and mixed (co-educational) sports teams. (See also Bylaw 201 for enrollment standards)

B. Team Designations

Schools shall designate the type of team for each sport according to the following:

(1) Student Team

Whenever the school provides only a team or teams for boys in a particular sport, girls are permitted to qualify for the student team(s).

(2) Boys Team

Whenever the school provides a team or teams for boys and a team or teams for girls in the same sport, girls shall not be permitted to qualify for the boys team(s) in that sport, nor shall boys be permitted to qualify for the girls team(s) in that sport.

(3) Girls Team

Whenever the school provides only a team or teams for girls in a particular sport, boys shall not be permitted to qualify for the girls team in that sport unless opportunities in the total sports program for boys in the school have been limited in comparison to the total sports program for the girls in that school. Permission for boys to qualify for a girls team must be secured through petition by the school principal to the Federated Council.

(4) Mixed Team (Coed)

Whenever the school provides a mixed or coed team in a sport in which the game rules designate either a certain number of team participants from each sex or contains an event that designates a certain number of participants from each sex, boys shall not be permitted to qualify for the girls positions on the mixed team nor shall girls be permitted to qualify for the boys positions on the mixed team.

QUESTION: What is defined as a varsity team for purposes of competition?

ANSWER: The first team fielded at any school site will constitute the varsity team unless a special waiver is granted by way of the CIF Southern Section Office. This would accommodate schools not having enough players due to a new school opening and/or any other emergencies which may arise. It is expected that a school, unable to field a complete varsity compliment team for a specific contest, would bring up players from the junior varsity level to fulfill its contractual obligation for that specific contest.

QUESTION: May a member school sponsor a team that plays outside the bounds of CIF/NFHS sanctioning and bylaws?

ANSWER: No. Member schools may only sponsor representative teams that are in alignment with CIF/NFHS Bylaws.

QUESTION: What is the definition of an interscholastic athletic contest?

ANSWER: An interscholastic athletic contest is defined as a contest(s) between student(s) representing two or more schools, either public/charter/private, and between student(s) representing schools that are either CIF/State Organization/NFHS affiliated or between student(s) representing schools that are not CIF/State Organization/NFHS affiliated.

C. Limitations

If a boys team is created in a sport after a boy has competed on a student team [See B.(3) above] that boy must compete on the boys team in that sport. If a girls team is created in a sport after a girl has competed on a boys team or student team [See B.(2) above] in that sport, that girl must compete on the girls team.
(Approved May 1997 Federated Council)

D. Gender Identity Participation

Participation in interscholastic athletics is a valuable part of the educational experience for all students. All students should have the opportunity to participate in CIF activities in a manner that is consistent with their gender identity, irrespective of the gender listed on a student's records.
(Approved February 2013 Federated Council/Editorial May 2022)

301. HOME STUDY, HOME SCHOOLING

Students who are not enrolled in programs under the jurisdiction of a member school's governing body are not eligible to participate in CIF competition. Such programs would include, but not be limited to, home schooling or home study wherein parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, or other persons, are responsible for instruction and evaluation.
(Approved February 2000 Federated Council/Revised May 2002 Federated Council)

QUESTION: What is meant by home-schooled?
ANSWER: Any program or instruction administered by a person other than a member of a school staff that is not approved and/or adopted by a local governing body. Any such program that has an affiliation with a school but is not administered by members of that school's staff (meaning paid teaching staff) is considered a home-school program; students in home-school programs are not eligible for CIF interscholastic competition under Bylaw 301.

QUESTION: Why can't home-schooled students participate in CIF interscholastic competition?
ANSWER: All students participating in CIF interscholastic competition are certified by the principal of the school to be eligible under all applicable standards. Students must meet minimum standards of academic eligibility, minimum credits per semester and must be making adequate progress towards graduation. Programs outside the purview of a school governing board and local school administration are unable to provide the necessary certification to ensure that all students met minimal academic requirements.

302. INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM

CIF defines independent/home study programs under the jurisdiction of a CIF member school or school district as those independent/home study programs in which the curriculum is approved, the program administered and the students evaluated by that school/school district's governing body's designees.

A. A student enrolled in an Independent Study Program is eligible at the public school in whose attendance area his/her parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver reside, or where the student most recently established his/her residential eligibility provided that:

(1) A student's registration is accepted by the local school board; AND

(2) The courses taken by the student meet the standards adopted by the local school board and Education Code Section 51745 et seq.; AND

(3) The administrative responsibility for the student involved in athletics would rest with the principal of the school for which the student is competing; AND

(4) The student meets all other eligibility requirements of the CIF and its member Sections; AND

(5) For the purposes of determining dues, legal and liability assessments, realignment issues and CIF State and Section divisional placement, the enrollment figures for non-CIF member school/program students residing in the CIF member school's attendance area must be included in the CIF member school's CBEDS enrollment figures.

(Approved May 2003 Federated Council/Revised May 2008 Federated Council)

QUESTION: Can a student involved in independent study participate in interscholastic athletics?
ANSWER: Yes, however that participation is subject to certain conditions. In order to be considered Independent Study, the program must exhibit the following characteristics:

1. **The program must be subject to the administration at that school for which the student participates;**
2. **The local school governing body must approve/adopt the curriculum provided to the student;**
3. **The curriculum must meet CDE minimum standards for graduation;**

4. **A member of that school's teaching staff must perform teaching/administering the curriculum[1];**
5. **A member of that school's teaching staff must perform testing and grading of the student's progress;**
6. **The student's grades and performance are recorded on the school's transcripts;**
7. **The student must be enrolled in a minimum of 20 semester credits of work;**

All of the above characteristics must be present for the student to have eligibility to participate in a CIF member school.

[1]***A member of the staff is considered a paid staff member employed by that school or school district and subject to the standards set forth by that governing body.***

Characteristics of Each:

Meets Bylaw 302 for Eligibility	Does Not Meet Eligibility Requirements for Bylaw 302
Independent Study Program	Home-Schooled Program
Teacher(s) are under the local administrative control of the school principal/district administration	Teachers are parents or other non-school staff
Curriculum is adopted by the school's local governing board	Curriculum is chosen by the parents and is not specifically adopted by a local governing board
Grading and recording is performed by members of the school staff	Grading is done by a parent or other non-certified staff member
Student meets regularly with a staff member for assignment of work and grading	There is no regular meeting schedule with school staff members
Student is enrolled in a minimum of 20 semester credits of work	Student is not required to be enrolled in a specified number of credits
Student's enrollment is recorded as part of that school's ADA and is counted in CBEDs reporting	Student's attendance is not reported
Curriculum meets minimum CDE requirements for graduation	Curriculum may not meet CDE minimum standards for graduation

303. MULTI-SCHOOL CIF MEMBERSHIP

A. CIF member schools may allow only students currently enrolled as full-time students, in grades 9-12, in their school, to participate in any CIF competition (See Bylaw 201).

QUESTION: Can a CIF member school have a multi school agreement with another CIF member school?

ANSWER: No. Only Non-CIF member schools can have a multi-school agreement which must be applied for in May of the preceding school year.

B. CIF member schools may apply for a change in membership status under the provision of this Bylaw. Any CIF member school that wishes to allow participation on its team(s) by all the students, who are currently enrolled in any non-CIF member schools or programs which do not offer any interscholastic athletic programs, such programs or schools would include, but not be limited to, alternative schools (as defined in Education Code Section 58500 et seq. in compliance with the condition set forth in Bylaw 303), junior high schools (9th graders only), necessary small schools and charter schools, may request approval to do so under the following conditions:

(1) Any such application submitted by a CIF member schools must be with a non-CIF member school that has a current California County-District-School Code (CDS Code) as a prerequisite to applying for multi-school status.

(2) The administrative responsibility for all students involved in athletics shall rest with the principal of the CIF member school for which the student(s) is competing. Such responsibility shall include:

a. Verification that residential eligibility of the student(s) is limited to the public school in whose attendance area his/her parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver reside; or where the student most recently established his/her residential eligibility or a private school; AND

b. Verification that students participating in the athletic program meet all the CIF member school scholastic eligibility requirements; AND

c. The regular grading period of the CIF member school shall be used to determine the scholastic eligibility of all students; AND

d. Determination that students participating in the athletic program meet all other eligibility requirements of the CIF, its Section, its league and the CIF member school; AND

e. Determination that private schools and charter schools entering a multi-school agreement with a public school or public school district meet the additional requirements set forth in D.-E. below.

(3) For the purposes of determining dues, legal and liability assessments, realignment issues and CIF and Section divisional placement, the enrollment figures for non-CIF member school/program students residing in the CIF member school's attendance area must be included in the CIF member school's enrollment using the CBEDS enrollment figures.

(4) The application process must start with the principal of the CIF member school. Written certification that all the conditions listed above will be met, as well as approval, must be obtained from the following:

a. CIF member school principal; AND

b. CIF member school governing board(s); AND

c. Non-CIF member school or program administrator in charge; AND

d. Non-CIF member school governing board (if applicable)

(5) Additional approvals must be obtained, in the following order, from:

a. The CIF member school's league; AND

b. The CIF member school's Section; AND

c. The CIF Executive Committee

(6) New and Renewal applications for multi-school teams under this Bylaw must be filed annually.

a. New Applications

(i) All new applications must be received in the State Office prior to May 31 of the current school year for approval for the following school year.

(ii) All fees must accompany the application and be received prior to May 31. The request will not be considered until the fees are submitted.

(iii) Any late applications will be assessed a late fee of $200; the fee must be attached or the application will not be considered. If a new application is not received by September 1 of the current school year, the school must also submit a statement as to the reason for the late application. This statement must accompany the late application. All late applications must be received by the CIF State Office by the last Friday in September to be considered for that school year.
(Approved May 2020 Federated Council/Revised April 2024 Federated Council)

(iv) Students are not eligible to participate or compete with the CIF member school until confirmation from the CIF State Office that the application is approved.

b. Renewal Applications

(i) All renewal applications must be submitted to the CIF State Office by May 31 of the current school year to continue multi-school status for the following year.

(ii) All fees for multi-school dues will be reflected on the invoice sent from the CIF State Office for the school's annual school dues and legal assessment.

(iii) Any late applications will be assessed a late fee of $200; the fee must be attached or the application will not be considered. If an application for renewal is not received by September 1 of the current school year, the school must also submit a statement as to the reason for the late application. This statement must accompany the late application. All late applications must be received by the CIF State Office by the last Friday in September to be considered for that school year.
(Approved May 2020 Federated Council/Revised April 2024 Federated Council)

(iv) Students are not eligible to participate or compete with the CIF member school until confirmation has been received from the CIF State Office that the application is approved.

(7) Appeals Procedures [Applies only to (5) above]

a. If the CIF member school is unable to obtain written approval from the appropriate league, then it may appeal for approval, in writing, to its Section, but only after exhausting any and all appeals procedures established by the respective league.

b. If the CIF member school and its league are unable to obtain written approval from the appropriate Section, they may appeal for approval, in writing, to the Executive Committee, but only after exhausting any and all appeals procedures established by the respective Section.

C. Small Learning Communities, Small Schools, Alternative Schools, and Charter Schools Housed on a Member School's Campus

(1) Small learning communities, small schools, alternative schools and charter schools housed on an existing member school's campus are subject to Bylaw 303.B. However, a small learning community, small school, alternative school or charter school housed on an existing member school's campus may apply for an exclusive multi-school relationship with the member school on whose campus they are housed. Where a small learning community, small school, alternative school or charter school housed on an existing member school's campus and the member school on whose campus they are housed apply for an exclusive multi-school relationship, the students at the small learning community, small school, alternative school or charter school will not be eligible to participate for any CIF member school other than the member school on whose campus the small learning community, small school, alternative school or charter school is housed. If a small learning community, small school, alternative school or charter school and the member school on whose campus they are housed are applying for an exclusive multi-school relationship, they shall notify the CIF State Office when they submit their multi-school application.

(2) Students transferring into small learning communities, small schools, alternative schools or charter schools housed on an existing member school's campus after their initial enrollment in the 9th grade are subject to Bylaw 207.

(3) Sections are empowered to waive the transfer rule upon request by a school district establishing a new magnet program, small learning community, small school, alternative school or charter school housed on a member school's campus for the first year only; thereafter, all transfer rules apply.

(Revised May 2012 Federated Council)

QUESTION:	Does the Southern Section require that students on a multi-campus agreement be enrolled in a minimum of one class on the campus of the school that fields the team?
ANSWER:	Yes - All students involved in a multi-campus agreement must be enrolled in a minimum of one class for credit on the campus of the school that fields the team.

D. Private and Charter Schools Partnering with CIF Member Public Schools Housed on a Separate Campus

Where a private school or a charter school enters into a multi-school agreement with a public school that is housed on a separate campus or with a public-school district, only those students who live within the boundaries of the public-school district may participate in athletics at the member school or at a member school within the district. A student attending such a private school or charter school must participate for the member school in whose attendance area his/her parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver reside or the school in the district where the student most recently established residential eligibility prior to attending the private or charter school entering the multi-school agreement.

E. CIF Member School with Multiple Campuses

Teams representing a high school must be composed of students under the direct supervision of one (1) principal and attending class on one (1) campus. Where one school has multiple campuses, a student must participate for the team on whose campus he/she is housed unless the school petitions to be allowed to participate as a single school with multiple campuses under the supervision of one principal. All new applications must be received in the CIF State Office prior to May 31 of the current school year for approval for the following school year and meet all provisions of Bylaw 303 listed above.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

School Within a School - This type of school (often times referred to as Academies with a particular academic focus) operating under the umbrella of a comprehensive high school but has no autonomy in terms of academic accountability.

Small Learning Communities - These schools have their own complete accountability in terms of having their own CDS code, API scores and their own CAHSEE pass rate.

F. Continuation Schools

Continuation schools may not apply for multi-school team status as provided for under this provision. For continuation school eligibility, refer to Bylaw 211.

(Approved May 2002 Federated Council/Revised May 2003 Federated Council/Revised May 2007 Federated Council/Revised May 2009 Federated Council/Revised May 2014 Federated Council)

304. STATE SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND STATE CERTIFIED NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A. CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Students attending special schools as defined in Education Code Sections 59000 et seq. may be permitted to compete as representatives of the CIF member schools provided:

(1) Student is eligible under all other rules of the CIF; AND

(2) It is agreed that the administrative responsibility for the student involved in athletics shall rest with the principal of the school for which student is competing; AND

(3) Permission is secured from the appropriate Board of Education; AND

(4) Permission is secured from the Section.

B. CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Students attending special schools as defined in Education Code Sections 59100 et seq. may be permitted to compete as representatives of the CIF member schools provided:

(1) Student is eligible under all other rules of the CIF; AND

(2) It is agreed that the administrative responsibility for the student involved in athletics shall rest with the principal of the school for which student is competing; AND

(3) Permission is secured from the appropriate Board of Education; AND

(4) Permission is secured from the Section.

C. STATE CERTIFIED NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A student with a qualifying disability in accordance with IDEA and State law who is attending a State-certified non-public school as defined in Education Code Section 56034 pursuant to placement by a public school based on an Individualized Education Program (IEP) may be permitted to compete as a representative of his/her CIF member school of residence or school in which eligibility was most recently established provided:

(1) The student is eligible under all other rules of the CIF; AND

(2) The State-certified non-public school is not a CIF member school; AND

(3) The CIF member school district has determined that the State-certified non-public school placement is necessary; AND

(4) The administrative responsibility for the student involved in athletics shall rest with the principal of the school for which the student is competing; AND

(5) Approval is received from the appropriate Governing Board or designee; AND

(6) Approval is received from the Section.

(Revised May 2006 Federated Council/Revised Editorial June 2024)

ARTICLE 40
CIF AMATEUR STANDING RULE
The 400 Series has been incorporated into Bylaw 212.

ARTICLE 50
GENERAL RULES
(500 Series revised May 2014 Federated Council)

500. AUTHORIZED PARTICIPATION

A. All CIF eligibility rules apply in all games including practice games.

B. All athletic activities in sports approved by the CIF involving two (2) or more member schools must be held under rules and regulations of the participating schools' respective league, Section and the CIF.

C. Ineligible students shall not compete as representatives of the school in any competition involving CIF member schools.

D. In any CIF competition, an attached eligible athlete (representing a CIF member school in compliance with all CIF, Section and league eligibility requirements) may be permitted to participate.

QUESTION: May a coach in a practice swim or track meet permit an ineligible student to compete if he places the student in an outside lane and does not count that athlete's points?

ANSWER: No – An ineligible student may practice or workout with a high school squad, but the student may not participate in any capacity in an interscholastic athletic contest.

QUESTION: May an ineligible student play on a second team in a game against another high school?

ANSWER: No - A scholastically ineligible student cannot compete in any type of interscholastic competition.

QUESTION: Must a Junior Varsity or Freshman team be comprised of eligible players when competing against another school?

ANSWER: The rules of the CIF Southern Section cover all interscholastic contests and all participants must meet all eligibility requirements.

QUESTION: Is the Southern Section more restrictive with reference to summer activities?

ANSWER: Yes - When summertime athletic activity is to be conducted by Southern Section schools, the schools involved MUST ESTABLISH this continued interpretation which will permit member schools to use equipment, uniforms, facilities, utilities, etc. for summer activity with the APPROVAL OF THE PRINCIPAL ONLY. Additionally, any contact with students that have not graduated from the 8th grade or a 9th grade junior high school (excluding multi-campus) would be considered a violation of Bylaw 510, undue influence.

QUESTION: What are the guidelines for sports camps?

ANSWER: High schools may sponsor sports camps and/or allow non-school sponsored sport camps to use their facilities.

- High School students and individuals from the general community can attend.
- The high school name, nickname and identifying marks can be used in the title and/or promotion of the camp.
- The principal of the high school must give permission for the camp to take place; non-school camps must secure a facility for use of any facilities and equipment.
- The camp must comply with all CIF rules, including those pertaining to undue influence and dead period.
- Non-school sponsored camps should provide required liability insurance for the use of any school facilities.

QUESTION: Who may participate in high school summer athletic programs approved by the principal?

ANSWER: Only students registered for the upcoming school year in grades 9 through 12. Additionally, it would be a violation to allow elementary students (8th grade and below) to participate with the high school team. For students enrolled in more than one school, all summer practice and competition must be confined to one school.

500.1 Executive Committee Hearing – A violation of any CIF Southern Section rule or the spirit of a rule may result in a hearing before the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee.

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

500.2.1 In the case where it is determined that an ineligible player competed due to the failure of the school administration to submit the proper paperwork which would have granted immediate eligibility with no restrictions, i.e., transfer eligibility with no restrictions, the school would only be forced to forfeit the initial game won or tied that the student in question played.

QUESTION: What happens if a school allows a student-athlete to participate after they become aware of the fact that no paperwork has been submitted?

ANSWER: Once the school becomes aware, or is notified, that they have an ineligible athlete, any subsequent contest that athlete participates in would be forfeited until the appropriate paperwork is completed.

500.3 If an ineligible player should participate in a championship activity such as a league or invitational swimming, gymnastics, or track meet, where awards are given and a team championship is declared, the following rules would govern:

500.3.1 The school could not qualify for any team awards or honors.

500.3.2 The ineligible individual would not qualify for any individual awards, and the next place finishers would move up.

500.3.3 In swimming or track, the individual awards won by teammates of an ineligible participant would not be affected, except in relay events which are a part of the meet.

QUESTION: At what point is a participant's point total forfeited as opposed to an entire contest being forfeited?

ANSWER: In the event a participant would enter too many events, that participant's point total only would be forfeited. However, if an ineligible athlete (resident, scholastic standing, age, etc.) participates in a meet, the entire meet is forfeited by the school team.

500.4 School Suspension By Council - The council shall have authority to suspend a school from membership herein at any time and for such period as said Council deems advisable and for any cause which in the opinion of the Council is for the best interests of the organization. A majority vote of Council members present at any regular or specially called meeting shall be sufficient to make suspension effective. (In cases of suspension for the playing of ineligible students, the above Bylaws 500.2 and 500.3 shall apply.)

500.5 Any school knowingly or unknowingly violating the rule may be suspended from membership in the CIF Southern Section. Such a school shall not be eligible to compete in any contest or event under the jurisdiction of the CIF Southern Section until such time as it is reinstated by the Council or the Executive Committee of the CIF Southern Section. Such suspension shall become effective immediately upon the determination by the Council or the Executive Committee of the CIF Southern Section which shall have the authority to act upon all questions of eligibility and suspension, arising therefrom, whether or not a formal protest has been filed.

501. CONTESTS SUBJECT TO CIF ELIGIBILITY RULES

A. All CIF eligibility rules apply in all games including practice games.

B. With Section approval, each school year a school may engage in one (1) interschool playday activity per CIF-approved sport with any students not involved in that sport's interscholastic athletic program, as long as the schools involved agree in writing to indemnify and hold harmless Sections and the CIF and willingly accept full and complete responsibility for the health and safety of their students involved in the aforementioned activity.

C. Definition of a Playday

An organized recreational activity involving teams from two (2) or more high schools wherein the participants are not currently participating or have not been participating as a member of their school interscholastic team in that sport during the previous 12 calendar months preceding the date of the playday.

D. Exhibition Competition

Exhibition competition (such as, but not limited to, fifth quarter, open lane, open mat and open court competition) involving CIF member schools may be allowed as an adjunct to regular CIF competition under the following provisions. Team sports for the purposes of this Bylaw include baseball, basketball, beach volleyball, competitive cheer, field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer, volleyball, water polo and wrestling. Individual sports for the purposes of this Bylaw include: badminton, cross country, golf, gymnastics, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field and skiing.

(1) Team Sports

a. Duly-appointed coaches (as specified in Bylaw 503.F) and contest officials are present and supervising the activity. If officials require any additional fees for officiating exhibition competition, it shall be negotiated with the host school and their officials' associations in compliance with Section rules and regulations; AND
b. Such contests count toward the competing individual's allowable maximum number of contests; AND
c. A team score is not kept or recorded; AND
d. Such team competition is not conducted concurrently with the regulation CIF competition; AND
e. Such team competition is held at the same site, immediately preceding or following the regulation competition; AND
f. Such team competition is shorter in duration than the regulation competition in that sport; AND
g. Participants in such competition shall not compete in any regulation CIF competition in the same sport during the same day or event; AND
h. Participants in such competition represent their own school enrollment (i.e., competition on a rainbow team and/or a team made up of students representing two [2] or more school is prohibited); AND
i. Written permission is granted for such competition by the principals of all schools involved; AND
j. Participants in such competition meet all eligibility requirements of the CIF, CIF Section and league.

(2) Individual Sports

a. Duly-appointed coaches (as specified in Bylaw 503.F) are present and supervising the activity; AND
b. Such contests count toward the competing individual's allowable maximum number of contests; AND
c. A team score is not kept or recorded nor are individual finishes or records kept of recorded; AND
d. Individual events may be conducted concurrently with the regulation CIF competition events (i.e. open lane, open court, open apparatus); AND
e. The primary CIF team and/or individual competition is held at the same site, and the individual exhibition competitions occurs during or immediately preceding or following that regulation CIF competition; AND
f. Participants in such competition shall not compete in any regulation CIF competition in the same sport during the same day or event; AND
g. Participants in such individual event competition represent their own school enrollment (i.e., competition on a rainbow relay team and/or a relay team made up of students representing two [2] or more schools is prohibited); AND
h. Written permission is granted for such competition by the principals of all schools involved; AND
i. Participants in such competition meet all eligibility requirements of the CIF, CIF Section and league.

(Revised May 2013 Federated Council/Revised April 2017 Federated Council)

E. During the school year, all athletic activities in CIF-approved sports involving CIF member schools must be held under the rules and regulations of the participating school's respective league, CIF Section and the CIF during the established school year (district, Section, league).

F. During the summer period, CIF Bylaws pertaining to transfer eligibility, undue influence, pre-enrollment contact and athletically motivated transfers apply (Bylaws 206, 207 and 510).

G. During the summer period, no physical conditioning or practice sessions prior to the opening of authorized practice may be conducted by a high school unless specifically authorized by the school principal/designee. CIF Sections may establish sport specific rules and/or policies.

(Revised May 2010 Federated Council)

502. NON-CIF MEMBER SCHOOL/CLUB TEAMS

A. CIF member schools shall only compete with other member schools of the CIF and/or schools who are members of another state association/federation who are eligible to participate in their respective state association/federation playoffs (see Bylaw 705 for International Competition).

QUESTION: May a CIF member school compete with a school that is a member of their state association and eligible to compete in their state playoffs but has consistently elected to not participate in their state's postseason events when qualified to do so?

ANSWER: No. The intent of CIF Bylaw 502.A. is for CIF member schools to compete with high schools who fully participate in all regular season and postseason opportunities afforded to them by their own state association.
(Editorial January 2024)

B. No school belonging to the CIF shall compete, scrimmage or practice with any team outside the jurisdiction of the CIF without the consent of the CIF Section involved. A school disregarding this rule may be suspended from participation in that sport as determined by their respective CIF Section. (See Bylaw 511)

C. **Sections may establish a policy, procedure and requirements for review of applications of CIF member schools wishing to compete with a Non-CIF member.**

D. **If a CIF high school team is approved by their Section to compete against a non-CIF team in any competition, the activity shall be played under the high school rules for that sport.**

E. **High school students or teams shall not compete or practice against other individuals or teams in football or wrestling unless the players or such teams meet the age requirements of the CIF. High school students or teams shall not compete or practice against other individuals or outside/club teams unless the individual players and the individuals on the outside/club team meet the age requirements of the CIF.**

F. **In order to grant athletic opportunities to students who attend schools that for a limited amount of time cannot afford to offer a sport, an outside team consisting of students from these schools may be formed and may scrimmage or practice against a CIF member school provided the following:**

(1) **A district board or private school governance board states that a program is not affordable for a limited time to be designated by the district board or the private school board;**

(2) **A district board or private school governance board requests participation for its students;**

(3) **The league against which these teams plan to compete grants approval prior to Section approval;**

(4) **Approval of the Section is granted;**

(5) **Officials of the requesting school(s) must understand this request is granted for up to a two (2)-year term. An additional term may be granted if all provisions are met;**

(6) **That schools and districts recognize that such outside teams are not granted status as league members nor do they qualify for league, Section or State playoffs or Championships;**

(7) **An administrator of one of the requesting schools agrees to accept responsibility and supervision of the team and agrees that students will meet eligibility requirements expected of students in CIF member schools.**

(Approved April 2018 Federated Council)

QUESITON:	Is it permissible for an athletic team representing a Southern Section member school to schedule a scrimmage or a practice game with a team representing an outside organization such as a college, junior college, Y.M.C.A., Boys Club, etc?
ANSWER:	Teams representing member schools may not schedule scrimmages, games, practice sessions or workouts with teams representing outside organizations unless special permission is secured from the Commissioner. Permission to schedule such activities will be granted only when it involves a non-contact sport and when it is necessary because of scheduling difficulties encountered by a member school.
QUESTION:	Is it permissible for a school to conduct competition outside the rules of the CIF Southern Section, if they do not play member schools?
ANSWER:	Membership in the CIF Southern Section is based upon compliance with all rules and regulations. Outside competition is prohibited without special permission of the Commissioner.

503. ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT

The principal of each school shall be held responsible for the amateur standing and eligibility of the school's teams and team members under CIF, Section, and league rules.

A. **Schools shall be responsible to confirm the eligibility status for all students participating in interscholastic athletics at their schools as required by the Federated Council, local Section, and leagues.**

B. **Ineligible Athletes**

Ineligible students shall not compete as representatives of the school in any CIF contest.

(1) Uniform Administrative Oversight Penalty

In the case where it is determined by the CIF Section that an ineligible student competed due to the failure of the school administration to submit proper CIF Section transfer eligibility application or forms which would have, had it been submitted in a timely manner and reviewed by the Section, otherwise been granted immediate eligibility in that sport(s) in which the student participated prior to the appropriate paperwork being submitted.

First Offense

a. The school will forfeit only the initial game won or tied, regardless of the number of contests in which the ineligible student participated.
b. The school will submit to the CIF Section a corrective action plan approved by the principal and the superintendent.
c. The school will submit a report at the conclusion of the school year on the actions and corrections made under the action plan

Second Offense Within a School Year Calendar

a. The school will forfeit only the initial game won or tied, regardless of the number of contests in which the ineligible student participated.
b. The school will submit to the CIF Section a corrective action plan approved by the principal and the superintendent.
c. The school will submit a report at the conclusion of the school year on the actions and corrections made under the action plan
d. The school will be prohibited from hosting its first home playoff game in the sport where the forfeiture was applied.

(Approved April 2017 Federated Council)

C. Grade Level Restrictions

Only 9th through 12th grade students may practice with or compete on a high school team. Ninth grade students of a junior high school which is located on the same campus and is under the supervision of the same principal as the senior high school may practice with and compete on the high school team. For a multi-school situation, see Bylaw 303.

D. Unattached/Unofficial Participants

In CIF competition, no person shall be permitted to participate as an unattached athlete or an unofficial entrant. (See Bylaw 501).

E. Supervision Requirement

No CIF team shall participate in interscholastic or approved competition with any other team unless the CIF team is under supervision as required by the California Education Code 49032. (See also Bylaw 503.F.).

F. Coaching

Principals are responsible to ensure that all coaches of the CIF member school for all individual or team(s) meet the requirements of the California Education Code 49032, 35179.1 and Bylaw 22.B.(9)
(Revised February 2009 Federated Council)

(1) Coaching Compensation

A coach shall not be reimbursed for coaching services from any source other than the school funds without the approval of the school's governing board, nor be subject to any bonus arrangement dependent upon the success of the school's team.

(2) Penalty for Improper Coaching Compensation

Any team coached by any person receiving any reimbursement for coaching services from other than school funds without the approval of the school's governing board may be sanctioned in accordance with Article 22.C.
(Revised February 2009 Federated Council/Revised February 2019 Federated Council)

QUESITON:	In what manner is the payment of the coaches specifically permitted to be handled?
ANSWER:	Coaches may be paid by way of district office and/or ASB account. Outside groups such as booster clubs may make a donation to the school's athletic program, but they cannot specify that the money specifically be utilized for Coach A, Coach B, etc.

G. Physical Examination

As a condition of membership, schools will require that a student receive an annual physical examination conducted by a medical practitioner certifying that the student is physically fit to participate in athletics. The report of the examination will be on a school board-approved form that includes a health history. The physical examination must be completed before a student may try out, practice or participate in interscholastic athletic competition. A student will be excused from this physical examination provided there is compliance with the Education Code provisions concerning parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver Refusal to Consent. The CIF Sports Medicine Advisory Committee strongly recommends schools use the Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form that is endorsed by five (5) major medical societies; American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Medical Society for Sports Medicine, American Orthopedic Sports Medicine and the American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine. All CIF schools must have school board-approved forms.
(Revised March 2004 Executive Committee)

QUESTION: What does the CIF consider to be an annual physical examination?
ANSWER: An annual physical examination is one that was completed in the last 365 days.

H. Concussion Protocol

A student-athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time for the remainder of the day. A student-athlete who has been removed from play may not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in education and management of concussion and receives written clearance to return to play from that health care provider. If a licensed health care provider, trained in education and management of concussion, determines that the athlete sustained a concussion or a head injury, the athlete is required to complete a graduated return-to-play protocol of no less than seven (7) full days from the time of diagnosis under the supervision of a licensed health care provider. On a yearly basis, a concussion and head injury information sheet shall be signed and returned by all athletes and the athlete's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver before the athlete's initial practice or competition.
(Approved May 2010 Federated Council/Revised May 2012 Federated Council/Revised January 2015 Federated Council)

QUESTION: What is meant by licensed health care provider?
ANSWER: The scope of practice for licensed health care providers and medical professionals is defined by California state statutes. This scope of practice will limit the evaluation to a medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO).

QUESTION: May nurse practitioners (NP) or physician assistants (PA) provide written clearance to return to play?
ANSWER: Yes, a nurse practitioner (NP) or physicians assistant (PA) working under the <u>direct supervision</u> of a medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO) may provide clearance for return to play. (Editorial May 2020)

I. Steroid Prohibition

As a condition of membership, all schools shall adopt policies prohibiting the use and abuse of androgenic/anabolic steroids. All member schools shall have participating students and their parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver agree that the athlete will not use steroids without the written prescription of a fully licensed physician (as recognized by the AMA) to treat a medical condition.
NOTE: Article 1-12.N. (Revised May 2005 Federated Council)

J. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Protocol

A student-athlete who passes out or faints while participating in, or immediately following, an athletic activity or who is known to have passed out or fainted while participating in, or immediately following an athletic activity, must be removed immediately from participating in a practice or game for the remainder of the day. A student-athlete who has been removed from play after displaying signs and symptoms associated with sudden cardiac arrest may not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider and receives written clearance to return to play from that health care provider. On a yearly basis, a Sudden Cardiac Arrest information sheet shall be signed and returned by all athletes and the athlete's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver before the athlete's initial practice or competition.

QUESTION: What is meant by licensed health care provider?
ANSWER: The scope of practice for licensed health care providers and medical professionals is defined by California state statutes. This scope of practice will limit the evaluation to a medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO).

QUESTION: May nurse practitioners (NP) or physician assistants (PA) provide written clearance to return to play?
ANSWER: Yes, a nurse practitioner (NP) or physicians assistant (PA) working under the direct supervision of a medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO) may provide clearance for return to play. (Editorial May 2020) (Approved January 2015 Federated Council)

K. Heat Illness/Air Quality Index Protocol

(1) Heat Illness Protocol

a. A student-athlete who exhibits signs of heat illness while participating in, or immediately following, an athletic activity must be removed immediately from participating in a practice or game for the remainder of the day. A student-athlete who has been removed from play after displaying signs and symptoms associated with heat illness may not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider and receives written clearance to return to play from that health care provider. On a yearly basis, a Heat Illness information sheet shall be signed and returned by all athletes and the athlete's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver before the athlete's initial practice or competition.

b. All CIF member schools must adhere to the CIF Heat Illness Prevention and Heat Acclimatization Policies (see pages 226-230)

(2) Air Quality Index Protocol

a. All CIF member schools must refrain from outdoor practice and/or competition when the Air Quality Index is 151 or higher. Schools may use readings for their local area obtained through www.airnow.gov or a measurement device located outdoors on their physical campus.

QUESTION: One of my student-athletes sometimes experiences leg cramps during practices and/or games but then they go away with rest and stretching. Do I have to hold her out from the rest of that practice or game? Does she need to see her physician before she can return to play?
ANSWER: Muscle cramps may be an early sign of heat illness and can be evaluated and managed with rest, stretching and oral fluids including electrolyte drinks. If the cramps are not associated with any other signs and symptoms of heat illness and resolved promptly, then the athlete could return to practice or competition and would not require clearance from a licensed healthcare provider. BUT, if any signs and symptoms of heat illness exist alongside heat cramps, then yes, she would need to be cleared by her physician before returning to play. AND, if she continues to experience recurrent muscle cramps, have her see your school's athletic trainer who can evaluate further. If there's no athletic trainer available at your school, your athlete should get a medical evaluation from her physician. Please visit https://cifstate.org/sports-medicine/heat_illness/index for more information on this topic. (Editorial May 2020)

QUESTION: Is there more information available about precautions related to Air Quality Index (AQI)?
ANSWER: Yes. Go to the Sports Medicine – Air Quality page at www.cifstate.org for other resources and best practices related to AQI.

QUESTION: What is meant by licensed health care provider?
ANSWER: The scope of practice for licensed health care providers and medical professionals is defined by California state statutes. This scope of practice will limit the evaluation to a medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO).

QUESTION: May nurse practitioners (NP) or physician assistants (PA) provide written clearance to return to play?
ANSWER: Yes, a nurse practitioner (NP) or physicians assistant (PA) working under the direct supervision of a medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO) may provide clearance for return to play.(Editorial May 2020) (Approved January 2019 Federated Council)

L. Emergency Action Plans and AED Protocols

(1) A school shall ensure that there is a venue-specific written emergency action plan (EAP) for athletics in place that describes the steps to be taken in the event of an emergency related to Sudden Cardiac Arrest and other medical emergencies, including concussion and heat illness. The school's EAP shall (should) be reviewed annually by pertinent school staff and local EMS providers and be distributed to all athletic department members and healthcare professionals who will provide medical coverage during games, practices, or other events. Each school team (coaches, players, athletic director, etc.) shall rehearse the EAP at least once per season.

(2) Each school's emergency action plan (EAP) shall:

a. List and provide the location of all on-site emergency equipment that may be needed in an emergency situation

b. Identify personnel and their responsibilities to carry out the plan of action

c. Include appropriate contact information for EMS

d. Specify documentation actions that need to be taken post-emergency

(3) The school shall have at least one automated external defibrillator (AED) for the purpose of rendering emergency care or treatment. The AED(s) should be available for use at each athletic venue within three (3) minutes of a Sudden Cardiac Arrest. The school shall ensure that the AED(s) are available to certified athletic trainers, healthcare professionals, coaches and authorized personnel at these activities or events.

(Approved April 2019 Federated Council/Approved April 2024 Federated Council)

<>M. Statewide Sportsmanship and Ejection Policy

Player:

A player who is ejected from a contest (for reasons other than fighting or leaving the bench area during a fight) shall be ineligible to participate in the remainder of that contest (event) and his or her team's future contest (s) as outlined below:

(1) First Ejection: Player is ineligible to participate in the team's next contest. Player may remain on the bench for the duration of that contest and may be on the bench in street clothes for the team's next contest. If the ejection occurs in the last game of the season, the player would be ineligible for the team's first contest the following season. If the player is a senior, he or she would be ineligible for the first contest of their next season of sport.

(2) Second Ejection: Player is ineligible to participate in the team's next three (3) contests. Player may remain on the bench for the duration of that contest and may be on the bench in street clothes for the team's next three (3) contests. If the season concludes prior to the player serving the three (3) contests suspension, he or she would be ineligible for the number of contests remaining on the suspension for the team's following season. If the player is a senior, he or she would be ineligible for the number of contests remaining on the suspension for their next season of sport.

(3) Third Ejection: Player is ineligible to participate for the remainder of that season. Player may remain on the bench for the duration of that contest and may be on the bench in street clothes for the team's remaining contest that season. If there are six (6) or fewer contests remaining in the season, the player would be ineligible for up to six (6) contests for the team's following season as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter. If the player is a senior, he or she would be ineligible for up to six (6) contests for the next season of sport as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter.

A player who is ejected from a contest for fighting or leaving the bench area during a fight shall be ineligible to participate in the remainder of that contest and his or her team's future contests as outlined below:

(4) First Ejection: Player (Fighting/Assaultive Behavior/Gross Unsportsmanlike Conduct) is ineligible to participate in the team's next three (3) to six (6) contests as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter. Player may remain on the bench for the duration of that contest and may be on the bench in street clothes for the duration of the suspension. If the season concludes prior to the player serving the full suspension, he or she would be ineligible for the number of contests remaining on the suspension for the team's following season. If the player is a senior, he or she would be ineligible for the number of contests remaining on the suspension for their next season of sport.

(5) Second Ejection: Player is ineligible to participate for the remainder of that season. Player may remain on the bench for the duration of that contest and may be on the bench in street clothes for the team's remaining contests that season. If there are six (6) or fewer contests remaining in the season, the player would be ineligible for up to six (6) contests for the team's following season as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter. If the player is a senior, he or she would be ineligible for up to six (6) contests for their next season of sport as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter.

Before a player may return to participate in a contest following a multiple game suspension for any of the above infractions, the school principal must inform the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter that they have met with the student-athlete, his or her parent/guardian/caregiver and coach to discuss future behavioral expectations.

Appeals Process for Multi-Game Ejections:

The school principal may appeal the penalties listed above in writing to the League Commissioner/President (for a regular season contest not including the final contest prior to Section playoffs) or CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter (for the final contest prior to Section playoffs and all playoff contests). The appeal must be received by the Section with 48 hours of the date of the ejection. Reasons for the appeal may only include misidentification of the ejected player or a misapplication of the rule. There will be no appeal regarding the judgment of an official.
Note: There is no appeal process for single game ejections.

<>Coach:

A coach who is ejected from a contest (for reasons other than fighting) shall be disqualified from participating in the remainder of that contest and his or her team's future contest (s) as outlined below:

(6) First Ejection: Coach is disqualified from participating in the team's next one (1) to three (3) contests as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter. Coach must immediately vacate the playing area and the vicinity in and around the contest and refrain from having any communication with the team or other coaches for the remainder of that contest and for the team's next contest. If the ejection occurs in the last game of the season, the coach would be ineligible for the team's first one (1) to three (3) contests the following season as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter.

(7) Second Ejection: Coach is disqualified from participating in the team's next six (6) contests as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter. Coach must immediately vacate the playing area and the vicinity in and around the contest and refrain from having any communication with the team or other coaches for the remainder of that contest and for the team's next six (6) contests. If the ejection occurs in the last game of the season, the coach would be ineligible for the team's first six (6) contests the following season.

(8) Third Ejection: Coach is disqualified from participating in the remaining contests of that season. Coach must immediately vacate the playing area and the vicinity in and around the contest and refrain from having any communication with the team or other coaches for the remainder of that contest and for the remaining contests of that season. If there are six (6) or fewer contests remaining in the season, the coach would be disqualified from participating for up to six (6) contests for the team's following season as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter.

A coach who is ejected from a contest for (Fighting/Assaultive Behavior/Gross Unsportsmanlike Conduct) shall be disqualified from participating in the remainder of that contest and his or her team's future contests as outlined below:

(9) Ejection for (Fighting/Assaultive Behavior/Gross Unsportsmanlike Conduct): Coach is disqualified from participating for the remainder of that season. Coach must immediately vacate the playing area and the vicinity in and around the contest and refrain from having any communication with the team or other coaches for the remainder of that contest and for all of the team's remaining contests that season. If there are fewer than six (6) contest remaining in the season, the coach would be disqualified from participating for up to six (6) contests for the team's following season as determined by the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter.

Before a coach may return to participate in a contest following a multiple contest disqualification, for any of the above infractions, the school principal must inform the CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter that they have met with the coach to discuss future behavioral expectations.

Appeals Process for Multi-Game Ejections:

The school principal may appeal the penalties listed above in writing to the League Commissioner/President (for a regular season contest not including the final contest prior to Section playoffs) or CIF Section Commissioner with jurisdiction in the matter (for the final contest prior to Section playoffs and all playoff contests). The appeal must be received by the Section with 48 hours of the date of the ejection. Reasons for the appeal may only include misidentification of the ejected player or a misapplication of the rule. There will be no appeal regarding the judgment of an official.
Note: There is no appeal process for single game ejections.

<>Spectator:

If a spectator is ejected from a contest, it is the responsibility of the school to ensure that person does not attend that team's next three (3) contests. If the same spectator is ejected a second time, it is the responsibility of the school to ensure that person does not attend any of the remaining contests for that season.
<>NOTE: A spectator may be ejected by an official or school administrator.

Enforcement:

See Bylaw 503. M. and Article 22.C.(1)(2)(3)(4)

(10) The Executive Director and/or Executive Committee or Section Commissioner and/or Section Board of Managers shall have power to suspend, to fine or otherwise penalize any member school for the violation of any CIF or Section rules and regulations or for just cause. The period of suspension or other penalty shall be left to the discretion of the CIF governing body that has jurisdiction of the matter where the penalty is not fixed.

QUESTION: If an official disqualifies an athlete as prescribed by the NFHS rules for that sport, will a suspension be required?
ANSWER: If, in the review of the report filed by the official, it is determined by the Section Commissioner, or his/her designated representative, that the actions of the player do not involve unsportsmanlike conduct, a suspension may be waived.

QUESTION: If it is determined by documented and/or video evidence that a player is disqualified from a contest erroneously, will a suspension be required for that player?
ANSWER: If, in the review of the report filed by the official, it is determined from the use of documentation and/or video evidence by the Section Commissioner or his/her designated representative, that the player has been misidentified or disqualified erroneously, a suspension may be waived.

QUESTION: Sometimes an official will reverse their initial call at the conclusion of the contest. Can the official reverse his/her original call?
ANSWER: If, in the review of the report filed by the official, it is determined that he/she made an incorrect ruling, the official may rescind the initial ejection.
(Approved May 2020 Federated Council)

QUESTION:	Under what scenario may a school appeal a multi-game ejection? (Single game ejections are not subject to appeal)
ANSWER:	A school may only appeal a multi-game ejection for misidentification of a player(s) or coach(es) involved. *There is no appeal to the CIF Southern Section regarding the judgement of an official, in any circumstance.
QUESTION:	When will appeals for multi-game ejections (Non-league contests, playoff contests) be reviewed by CIF Southern Section administrators?
ANSWER:	Appeals for multi-game ejections will only be reviewed during regular business hours. Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 4:00 pm.
QUESTION:	What must be submitted to the Section office before a student can be cleared to rejoin his/her team?
ANSWER:	The Section office will provide a form on their website that must be uploaded to CIFSSHome.org. The School must also indicate the date(s) of the contest in which the player will not be in attendance in the "School Action" portion of the misconduct.
<>QUESTION:	What happens if a suspended participant (athlete, spectator, coach, etc.) knowingly or unknowingly attends/participates in a contest?.
<>ANSWER:	If a suspended participant (athlete, spectator, coach, etc.) knowingly or unknowingly attends/participates in a contest, that contest will be forfeited. In addition, the contest attended DOES NOT count toward the designated number of suspensions.
QUESTION:	What is meant by attendance at a contest?
ANSWER:	Attendance is defined as being present at the location/site of the contest, which includes at the team bench/area, in the stands/spectator area, any location where the contest can be observed at any time, inside a gymnasium, stadium, or playing area. The intent of this rule is that the ejected person is not present at the location/site of the next contest.
QUESTION:	What happens when a student engages in Fighting/Assaultive Behavior during an athletic contest that is not observed by game officials?
ANSWER:	In cases when a student engages in Fighting/Assaultive Behavior that is not observed by game officials, it is the expectation of the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee that the building principal of the school involved will impose a minimum of a three-game suspension for the students who commit such offenses.
QUESTION:	What happens if a student(s) or coach(es) leaves the bench area, dugout, on field position during a fighting/assaultive behavior incident that is not observed by the game officials(s)?
ANSWER:	In cases when a student(s) or coach(es) leaves the bench area, dugout, or on field position during a fighting / assaultive behavior incident that is not observed by the game official(s), it is the expectation of the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee that the building principal of the school involved will impose a minimum one-game suspension for the student(s) or coach(es) who commit such offenses.

QUESTION:	What happens if a student or coach receives a red card, misconduct of any kind, or an ejection during the last game of the season?
ANSWER:	The game suspension(s) carry over to the first game(s) at the beginning of the subsequent season. For example, a sophomore soccer player receives a red card the last game of the 2022 season. He/she will serve a game suspension the first game of the 2023 season. Suspensions carry over and must be served before the individual becomes eligible to compete in that sport. See next Q&A for answers regarding seniors.
QUESTION:	What if a senior (12th grade) student receives a red card, misconduct of any kind or an ejection during the last game of the season?
ANSWER:	If a senior (12th grade) student receives a red card or misconduct during the last game of the season, he/she must serve the penalty in the NEXT sport in which he/she participates. If the student does not participate in any other sports, the CIF Office WILL need a letter from the principal indicating the corrective action taken with the student. This letter will be uploaded to the ejection report in CIFSSHome.org.
QUESTION:	When a team has multiple player conduct issues within a game which will affect their ability to field a full team at that level in the next contest, can the school bring players up from a lower level to fill the roster?
ANSWER:	No. If a level of sport involved in multiple player conduct issues to the extent where, it affects their ability to safely field a team, the subsequent game shall be forfeited.

504. SEASON OF SPORT

All CIF member school interscholastic activities must be conducted in accordance with the following season of sport Bylaws.

A. Definition of School and Individual Student-Athlete Season of Sport

The season of sport for a school is that period of time which elapses between the first interscholastic contest and the final contest for that particular sport. The season of a sport for any individual student is that period of time which elapses between the student's first participation in an interscholastic contest and the student's final participation in a contest for that particular sport in that season. This includes participation in an academy program which competed against a high school or non-school organization during that season of sport.

B. The season of sport shall be established for each sport by the highest CIF component level in which Championship competition is conducted (i.e., State, Section or league) in that sport. To participate in state-level competition for any particular sport, a Section must comply with the CIF adopted season of sport.

C. Playoffs

State and Sections shall conduct playoffs in such a manner that teams in like sports, and in baseball and softball, during the same season are afforded equitable opportunity to participate in evening and weekend competition.

D. Equity

Sections and/or leagues shall set seasons of sport so that they provide equal opportunity for all students to participate, including intersectional competition and State Championships in like sports, and softball and baseball.

E. The basic sports seasons are:

Fall - August through November
Winter - November through February
Spring - February through June

Exact dates may vary from year-to-year and between Sections within the above specified basic seasons. Championship competition may extend beyond these limits.

F. Sections and/or leagues are encouraged to conduct all sports during the State-approved season.

G. Member schools, through their league or Section, shall either:

(1) Schedule identical sports, and baseball and softball, with seasons of the same number of weeks regardless of the season of the year in which the sport is played; OR

(2) Schedule all sports in a particular season of the year to be an equal number of weeks.

<>H. Sections have the responsibility to work toward equity relative to length of season, number of contests, and number of opportunities for participation by students. The seasons of sport for State Championships are:

Fall - Volleyball (girls)
Fall - Cross Country (boys and girls)
Fall - Football (boys)
Fall - Golf (girls)
Fall - Tennis (girls)
Fall - Water Polo (boys and girls - Regionals only)

Winter - Water Polo (girls - SoCal Regionals only)
Winter - Basketball (boys and girls)
Winter - Wrestling (boys and girls)
Winter - Soccer (boys and girls)
Winter - Traditional Competitive Cheer (coed)

Spring - Swimming and Diving (boys and girls)
Spring - Track and Field (boys and girls)
Spring - Golf (boys)
Spring - Tennis (boys)
Spring - Volleyball (boys)
Spring - Badminton (boys, girls and coed - Regionals only)
Spring - Baseball and Softball (Regionals only)

(Editorial May 2024/Editorial April 2025)

NOTE: In extreme cases the defined season of sport and calendar dates may change at the direction of the CIF State and/or CIF Southern Section. See current year's sports calendar (www.cifss.org/resources/calendar/) to determine specific dates.

I. The season of sport for championship teams from the San Francisco and Oakland Sections may be extended to allow them to compete against each other in a postseason Transbay competition in those sports that do not culminate in a CIF Regional/State Championship.
(Revised May 2011 Federated Council/Revised April 2017 Federated Council)

J. Last Contest Date

(1) Each Section shall determine the last contest date for regular season competition.

(2) For sports culminating in Regional or State Championships, Section playoff competition must be completed by the Saturday prior to Regional or State competition.

(3) Each Section that participates in State Championships in a sport shall conduct Section playoffs, if any, during the season immediately preceding such State Championships.
(May 2012 Federated Council)

K. Maximum Number of Seasons

A student shall not participate in more than four (4) seasons of sanctioned CIF competition in any given sport in a four (4)-year high school or three (3) seasons of sanctioned CIF competition in any given sport in a three (3)-year high school. Activities in the summer are exempt. This includes participation in an academy program which competed against a high school or non-school organization during that season of sport.

L. One (1) Season of Sport

Each student shall be limited to one (1) season of a particular sport for each school year. This includes participation in an academy program which competed against a high school or non-school organization during that season of sport. (See also Bylaw 504.A.)

M. Sundays

In order to provide at least one (1) day of respite from involvement in interscholastic athletics each week, no interscholastic games or practices of any kind are to be held on Sunday.

Exception #1: Those schools founded upon religious tenets that observe a Sabbath rest from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown may practice or play on Sundays. These schools must register each year by August 1 for the following year with their Section office and observe a day of respite from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. No school requesting a religious exception may participate in interscholastic participation (practice and/or games) on seven (7) consecutive 24-hour days.

- **Schools requesting an exception must provide documentation, if requested, of religious belief adhering to the basis of the exception.**
- **Schools requesting an exception must provide documentation, if requested, of adherence to the rule of no interscholastic participation (practice and/or contest) within seven (7) consecutive 24-hour days.**

NOTE: Declaration of Alternate Day of Respite Form is available through your local CIF Section office.

Exception #2: Traditional Competitive Cheer teams competing in the annual National High School Competitive Cheer (NHSCC) event. This exception may be used one-time per school year for the above event only. Schools seeking an exception for the NHSCC event should contact their local CIF Section office.

- **Schools requesting an exception must provide documentation, if requested, of adherence to the rule of no interscholastic participation (practice and/or contest) within seven (7) consecutive 24-hour days.**

(April 2021 Federated Council)

(1) Violation of Bylaw 504.M. will result in the following sanctions:

a. Practice: For every practice conducted during the declared respite time, the violating school will be prohibited from conducting twice as many regularly scheduled practices (2 for 1);

b. Game: A game played during the declared respite time will result in forfeiture of the game.

(2) In addition to the above sanctions, the Section may impose any of the following additional sanctions:

a. The final season record will be reduced by at least one (1) win at the conclusion of the season;

b. The school will be placed on probation;

c. The team/individual will be ineligible to advance to or in Section, Regional or State Championships;

d. Reduction of maximum number of contests allowed for the following year in that sport;

e. Repeated violation may result in suspension of membership in the CIF.

(May 2000 Federated Council/Revised May 2004 Federated Council/Revised April 2018 Federated Council)

NOTE: For purposes of this bylaw, an "academy" is defined as a non-school organization located in or outside the State of California that consists of a sports development and/or training program, consisting of athletic team(s) that compete against other high school or non-school organization athletic programs.
(Revised April 2023 Federated Council)

505. EQUITY

Any question or concern involving practices or procedures that affect perceived bias on the basis of gender will be reported in writing to the appropriate CIF Office within 10 working days. A form will be sent to the individual, which must be returned to register the inquiry and resolution (if any). Any registered complaints or inquiries will be investigated and reported to the Federated Council and State Board of Education with copies to the person who filed the original concern. If the problem is not resolved to the satisfaction of the individual, the appeals procedure of CIF shall be consulted and implemented at the discretion of the complainant.
NOTE: See Equity Complaint and Appeal Procedure section following the Constitution and Bylaws.

A. Each Section shall adopt policies and/or establish procedures that will promote, within its jurisdiction, equal opportunity for all students regardless of disability, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation.

B. Equal Representation in State Championships

Sections shall participate in an equal number of sports for boys and girls in State Championships, with a minimum of one (1) entry per Section. All Sections shall have representation in all playoffs.

C. Number of Allowable Contests

Each Section and/or league that establishes a maximum and/or minimum number of allowable contests for member schools shall establish the same number of allowable contests for teams in identical sports, and in baseball and softball.

D. Assignment of Officials

(1) Officials for all interscholastic contests shall be assigned and compensated on a gender-neutral basis.

(2) When practical and sufficient interest exists, the number of events offered in a contest in identical sports for boys and girls shall be equal except where the rules are written by a recognized rules writing body that provides for a different number of events.

E. Equal Assignment of Playoff Facilities

Assignment of facilities for competition in State and Section playoffs shall be based on gender-neutral factors for all teams in identical sports, and in baseball and softball.

506. PRACTICE ALLOWANCE

For the benefit of the physical and mental health of our student-athletes, all practices (as defined herein) under the auspices of the high school athletic program during the season of sport shall be conducted under the following conditions (See also Bylaw 504.M.):

A. All teams will be allowed no more than 18 hours of practice time per week and no more than four (4) hours in any single day.

(1) Multiple Practice Sessions

a. Double day practices shall not be held on consecutive days.

b. Must include a minimum of three (3) hours rest between practices.

(2) Golf Only

a. In the sport of golf only, a team is allowed a maximum of two (2) days per week of 18-hole practice rounds. [Counts as four (4) hours]

B. Any competition day would count as three (3) hours toward the allowable weekly and daily practice hours no matter the length of the contest(s). No practice may be held following the conclusion of any contest.

C. Definition of Practice

(1) Any school team or individual activity organized by the coach that is intended to maintain or improve a student-athlete's skill proficiency in a sport; AND/OR

(2) Any school team or individual activity that includes skill drills, game situation drills, inter-squad scrimmages or games, weight training, chalk talks, film review, meetings outside of school time (excluding parent meetings) that are implicitly/explicitly required by the coach; AND/OR

(3) Any other coach-directed or supervised school team or individual activity or instruction for a specific sport (private, small group or positional instruction, etc.) AND/OR

(4) Any other team or individual instruction for a specific sport organized or supervised by any team member, or anyone else associated with the high school athletic program, team or school; AND

(5) Outside organization activity (club, etc.), shall not be used to circumvent these Bylaws.

D. Other mandatory activities (including, but not limited to study hall, tutorial sessions, team dinners), shall not be considered part of practice time. These activities must be approved by the principal. Activities that would be included herein are exclusive to any activity already covered in C.(1)-(5) above.

E. This Bylaw shall not supersede any School/District/Section policies that may be more restrictive.

F. Penalties

Following the determination of a violation of Bylaw 506, a loss of practice day(s) and/or other sanctions, for each practice session infraction, shall be imposed by the Section as deemed appropriate to the level, extent, and duration of the infraction(s).

NOTE: For purposes of this Bylaw, the season of sport begins with each team's first day of practice.

Frequently Asked Questions - (FAQs will continue to be revised as needed and appropriate to assist schools in understanding the implementation of the Bylaw. Schools seeking additional clarification should contact their local CIF Section office.)

QUESTION: Our football coach conducts a one (1) hour before school weightlifting activity in the weight room for football players. Does this count in the three (3) hours per school day practice limitation?

ANSWER: Before school activities that are NOT part of the curricular day are subject to the practice limitations. If the activity is organized and/or directed and/or supervised by any of the football coaching staff and only open to football players then YES, it is considered to be practice and counted in the daily limit.

QUESTION: Our football coach conducts a one (1) hour before school Zero Period weightlifting activity in the weight room for football players. Does this count in the daily practice limitation?
ANSWER: If Zero Period IS considered part of the curricular day then it does not count against the practice duration limitations.

QUESTION: We have a one (1) hour (a) before school; (b) zero period; general weightlifting activity in the weight room, advertised to all the athletes in the school who wish to participate. The football coach supervises this activity. While it is advertised to everyone in the school, it is primarily utilized by the football players. Does this count as practice activity in the daily practice duration limitation?
ANSWER: (a) Before school is not part of the curricular day so activities during this time are subject to practice duration limitations. However, if the activity is a non-sport specific strength program, open to all athletes, it would be considered general conditioning and would not count as part of the practice duration limitations. As long as the school has done their best to advertise and make it open to everyone, and it is not a non-football hostile environment, or is not located in an area where female or other sport athletes do not have access (i.e. access only through the boys locker room), regardless of who attends or who is supervising, the activity would not be considered practice and would not, therefore, count in the daily practice limitation. (b) If Zero period IS considered part of the curricular day then it does not count against the practice duration limitations.

QUESTION: A (a) Volleyball or Football; (b) Cross Country; Coach tells their team members "just go for an hour run" as a team (or as individuals) and then meet back in the gym to begin practice. Does that hour of just running count towards the practice duration limitation for that day?
ANSWER: Yes. This activity done as a team or as an individual and has been implicitly/explicitly required by the coach; directed and/or organized and/or supervised by the coach would count towards the daily practice duration limitations.

QUESTION: A Basketball coach tells their team members that they are required to run a minimum number of miles each week on their own for conditioning. Does this count towards the practice duration limitations for any given day?
ANSWER: Yes, this would be considered an activity under C.(2) and (4) above because it was required and or implied by the coach for his/her basketball team members to participate. If it was not implicitly or explicitly required by the Coach it would not count towards practice duration limitations.

QUESTION: The Water Polo Coach establishes a swimming conditioning session (a) before practice each day (b) in the morning before school; (c) during Zero Period; Does this count towards the practice duration limitations for that day?
ANSWER: (a) Yes, swimming conditioning is directly related to water polo skill development, so this would count towards the daily practice duration limitations. (b) Yes, swimming conditioning is directly related to water polo skill development, so this would count towards the daily practice duration limitation. (c) If Zero Period is considered part of the curricular day it does not count against the practice duration limitations.

QUESTION: A student plays volleyball in the Fall and basketball in the Winter. During the overlap time of those two (2) seasons is a student allowed to practice for four hours per day for volleyball and then another four (4) hours per day for basketball, for a total of eight (8) hours of practice on any given day?
ANSWER: No. During any season overlap period for any student-athlete, that student-athlete is still limited to a total practice time for both sports not to exceed the daily practice duration limitation [four (4) hours max per day and only 18 hours per week].

QUESTION: A student plays baseball and tennis in the same season of sport. If they have competitions on the same day for both sports how would those hours be counted?
ANSWER: The total number of hours would be three (3) regardless of the total time of both contests (see Bylaw 506.B.)

QUESTION: A student plays two sports in the same season of sport (i.e. softball/track & field in the spring) or in overlapping seasons (i.e. football in the fall and soccer in the winter). If the student has a competition for one of the sports, is the student able to practice with another sport on that same day?
ANSWER: Yes. A student-athlete may compete in a contest for one team and practice with another team on the same day as long as the student-athlete does not exceed the four (4) hours maximum per day and 18 hours maximum per week in total. For example, a school competition counts as three (3) hours, no matter the actual length of the competition, so the student-athlete would be permitted to practice for one (1) hour with another school team on that same day. (Editorial September 2020)
(Approved May 2014 Federated Council)

507. SECTION ALIGNMENT OF LEAGUES

Sections that use a two (2) year cycle of alignment shall realign on even years only. Sections that realign every year or upon demand are not to be affected by this rule. Each Section shall allow the formation of cross leagues for schools in which a sport or sports are not available through its immediate league.

507.1 All member schools will, upon request, submit to the Southern Section Office, their financial pay structure for coaches' stipends adopted by the governing board.

QUESTION:	What is the releaguing cycle in the Southern Section?
ANSWER:	Presently, the Southern Section is on a two or four year releaguing cycle (2022-2026).

508. DONATED EQUIPMENT

Schools, teams and/or individuals associated with interscholastic athletics which are under the control of school governing boards are prohibited from accepting a donation of any and all athletic equipment of any description or any and all apparel of any description which is associated with interscholastic athletics except as provided for by Education Code Section 41032(a) et seq. In the case of private schools, such donations must be accepted by resolution of the governing authority of such private school.

509. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK

Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball, basketball, beach volleyball, field hockey, flag football, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball, and water polo.
(Approved February 1999 Federated Council/Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council/Editorial May 2023)

510. UNDUE INFLUENCE, PRE-ENROLLMENT CONTACT, DISCLOSING PRE-ENROLLMENT CONTACT, ATHLETICALLY MOTIVATED TRANSFERS

A. **The use of undue influence by any person(s) to secure or retain a student or their parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver as residents may cause the student to be ineligible for high school athletics for a period of one (1) year and shall jeopardize the standing of that high school in the CIF.**

Undue influence is any act, gesture or communication (including accepting material or financial inducement to attend a CIF member school for the purpose of engaging in CIF competition regardless of the source) which is performed personally, or through another, which may be objectively seen as an inducement, or part of a process of inducing a student, or his or her parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, by or on behalf of, a member school, to enroll in transfer to, or remain in, a particular school for athletic purposes.

B. **A student shall become ineligible for CIF competition for a period of one (1) year for accepting material or financial inducement to attend a CIF member school for the purpose of engaging in CIF competition, regardless of the source. This includes, but is not limited to, student individual endorsements that involve anyone from, or associated with [see D.(2) below], a school or its athletic programs.**

C. **Pre-enrollment contact or an athletically motivated transfer may be considered prima facie evidence (sufficient evidence) that the student enrolled in that school in whole or in part for athletic reasons (See Bylaw 200, 206.C. and 207.A) and cause the student to be ineligible for participation those sports in which the student participated at the former school.**

Athletically motivated pre-enrollment contact of any kind by anyone from, or associated with [see D.(2) below], a school or its athletic programs to which a student may transfer or move into the attendance area is not permitted. When a prima facie (sufficient evidence) case of undue influencing/recruiting exists, the student shall be ineligible to represent the new school in interscholastic athletic competition for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of the student's enrollment in the new school in all sports in which the student participated at any school in the last 12 months and/or the sport with which the coaches referenced herein is associated, unless sufficient proof is presented to the satisfaction of the Section Commissioner that rebuts or disproves the evidence of undue influence/recruiting for athletic reasons.

D. **Pre-Enrollment Contact**

Pre-enrollment contact may include, but is not limited to: any communication of any kind, directly or indirectly, with the student, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, relatives, or friends of the student about the athletic programs at a school; orientation/information programs, shadowing programs; attendance at outside athletic or similar events by anyone associated [see D.(2) below] with the school to observe the student; participation by the student in programs supervised by the school or its associates before enrollment in the school.

(1) **Requirement to Disclose Pre-Enrollment Contact**

All transfer students shall submit a completed CIF Pre-Enrollment Contact Affidavit [CIF Form - (please use local CIF Section Form)] with appropriate transfer application(s) as required by their respective Section under Bylaw 207. Any and all pre-enrollment contact of any kind whatsoever that a student or anyone associated with the student, has had with a person associated with the new school must be disclosed by the student, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and the new school to the Section office on a complete CIF Pre-Enrollment Contact Affidavit [CIF Form - (please use local CIF Section Form)].
NOTE: CIF Form is available through the local CIF Section Office.

(2) Definition of Being Associated with a School

Persons associated with a school include but are not limited to: current or former coaches, current or former athletes, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver of current or former student/athletes, booster club members, alumni, spouses or relatives of coaches, teachers and other employees, coaches who become employed, active applicants for coaching positions, and persons who are employed by companies or organizations that have donated athletic supplies, equipment or apparel to that school~~.~~, any organization or individual that assists or consults with a family/student resulting in enrollment and/or retention at a specific school for financial or athletic purposes.

QUESTION:	How does Pre-Enrollment Contact apply to members of a Non-School Athletic team(s) who are also associated with a high School athletic staff?
ANSWER:	Members of a Non-School Athletic Team may include but are not limited to; Owner(s), Board of Directors, Administrative Positions, and Advisors with any organization/club in which student athletes of his/her high school participate.

<>E. Athletically Motivated Transfers

The CIF, as the governing body of high school athletics, affirms that athletic competition is an important part of the high school experience and that participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege. The privilege of participation in interscholastic athletics is available to students in public or private schools who meet the democratically established standards of qualification as set forth by the Federated Council. As stated in CIF Bylaw 200.A.(6) the CIF Bylaws shall serve as a deterrent to students who transfer or change schools for athletic reasons and to individuals who attempt to recruit (unduly influence) student-athletes or their parents to enroll in a school because of athletics.

As stated in CIF Bylaw 200.A.(2) the CIF Bylaws reinforce the principle that students attend school to receive an education first; athletic participation is secondary. CIF Bylaws provide for individual Section Offices to limit eligibility for a student when there is evidence the transfer, or move is made to acquire athletic participation at their new school (School B).

Students may be determined by their respective CIF/Section Office or the CIF to have made an athletically motivated transfer or change in schools if one (1) or more of the following circumstances are determined to have contributed in any way to the transfer or change in schools:

(1) Transferring to a School after Participating on a Non-School Athletic Team, Camp or Clinic Associated with the School

The student transfers from his or her current school of attendance, with or without a corresponding change of residence, to any high school where the student participates or participated, during the 24 months immediately prior to the transfer, on a non-school athletic team, (i.e. AAU, American Legion, club team, etc.), camp or clinic that is associated with [See definition in D.(2)] the new school in the sports previously participated in. A team associated with a school is one that is organized by and/or coached by any member of the coaching staff at, or any other person associated with [See definition in D.(2)], that school; and/or, on which the majority of the members of the team (Participants in practice and/or competition are students who attend that school). AND/OR

<>NOTE: For clarification of CIF Bylaws 207.C (4) and 510.E (1) and the application of these Bylaws, a person "associate with the new school," may include an individual who is or was acting as the student athlete's club director, club owner, or occupying a similar role within a club or non-school athletic team.

(2) Transferring to a School Where a Former High School Coach Has Relocated

The student at any grade level transfers to a new school within one (1) calendar year of the relocation of his/her school or club coach to the student's new school of enrollment with or without a corresponding change in residence; AND/OR

(3) Other factors that may be considered in support of evidence of athletic motivation:

a. Evidence the student's transfer or change of schools is because of the student's previous association with an outside agency that uses the facilities or personnel of the student's new school (School B); AND/OR

b. Evidence that multiple students have transferred or changed schools to participate in a particular sports program at one (1) school.

(Revised May 2002 Federated Council/Revised May 2007 Federated Council/Revised May 2008 Federated Council/Revised May 2009 Federated Council/Revised February 2013 Federated Council/Revised April 2017 Federated Council/Revised April 2023 Federated Council)

510.1 The objective of the recruiting rule is to assure that the student athlete is making a free and unpressured choice of his or her high school. It would therefore even preclude any effort on the part of a friend or representative of the public high school in the attendance area in which the student's parents reside, from attempting to secure the student's enrollment at that school.

Guidelines to Understanding Bylaw 510 – Undue Influence

Situation	Do's	Don'ts
Open Houses and/or meetings at high schools with middle school students and/or middle school parents	- General Open House: Academics, Student Life, etc. - Athletics can be one component of the total school program, school- wide Open House - Current high school students may participate in the Open House	- Sport specific Open House or meeting for middle school students and/or middle school parents - Invitation only "Open House" or meeting for middle school students and/or middle school parents
Athletic Information Night	- Invite middle school parents and students - Post information on school website - E-mail blasts to general community from the school administration - Coaches may be present	- Invite currently enrolled high school students - Sport specific meeting for middle school students and/or middle school parents before May 1.
Direct contact (via phone, email, letters, etc.) with middle school students regarding the high school athletic programs	- Coaches can have contact with incoming 8th grade students on May 1st of the students 8th grade school year	- Coaches may not contact with 8th grade students before May 1st of their current school year.
Visitations to middle schools by high school staff	- Athletic Directors and Administrators - Discuss the entire athletic program - Current high school students may participate in the visitation	- Coaches visiting middle schools - Parents/Alumni involvement in visiting middle schools
How to hold camps for current and/or incoming high school students	- Can be run by high school coaches - Have school name, nickname, school / coach contact information, etc. - Must have approval of the high school principal - Advertise / promote on the high school website	- Coaches directly contacting incoming high school students prior to the completion of the current middle school year - Incoming high school students participating in high school camps prior to the completion of the middle school and the high school year
How to hold camps for under high school age students (youth camps)	- Can be run by high school coaches, in the role of camp directors, and the youth camp must be separate from the high school program - Have school name, nickname, school administration contact information - Coaches must get facilities use and insurance coverage separate from their position as a high school coach	- Have camps for under high school age students that practice or play games with the high school program - Coaches' high school contact information (coaches' school phone / coaches' school e-mail address) in the promotion or advertisement of the camp - Advertise / promote on the high school website
How to advertise your high school athletic programs	- On your high school website, including pages linked to the specific sports programs representing your high school - Flyers distributed by Athletic Directors to Main Office of feeder middle schools - Electronic communication by school / school district administration to feeder middle schools	- Direct email, phone calls, letters, etc., to students not currently attending your school by coaches and / or persons associated with the school - Newspaper, website, billboards, etc. that emphasize the athletic programs instead of the total school programs
Social Media	- Post results, accolades, schedules and other general information about the school's programs - Celebrate student achievements - Promote high school camps, clinics, and other on campus opportunities	Coaches and/or persons associated with the school*… - Follow, subscribe to, or "friend" students/parents not currently attending your school - Directly / indirectly initiate contact with students/parents not currently attending your school - Publicize playing opportunities within your program for students not currently attending your school
Shadowing	- Place students who are shadowing at a high school with any current student	- Coaches and/or persons associated with the school invite perspective students to "shadow"

Situation	Do's	Don'ts
"Pop Warner Nights", etc. (Students are given free admission to high school sporting events if they wear their jerseys; students are recognized in pre- game and/or halftime ceremonies, etc.)	- Invite the entire student body of a feeder middle school, or schools, and host a Middle School Night at a high school sporting event.	- Host "Pop Warner Nights" because the invitations are specifically directed to potential athletes, who are being given benefits and recognition not available to other potential high school students because of their participation in a youth athletic organization
Attendance at Pop Warner, NJB, AYSO, etc. games by high school coaches	- Attend as a spectator, not as a representative of your high school promoting your athletic program(s)	- Athletic Directors and high school coaches making contact with under high school age students/ parents
High School staff members coaching under high school age students on club teams, youth teams, etc.	- Coach under high school age students	- Be connected to the high school program in any way as a coach of an under high school age team (club / youth)
Parents of incoming 9th graders contacting a high school coach to get information on the school's sports program	- Refer all communications prior to May 1 to the school administration: athletic director, assistant principal of athletics, etc. for information on specific sports programs and/or transfer information - Coaches can have contact with parents of incoming 9th graders after May 1	- Speak directly with parents, or meet parents of students who are not currently attending your school, without the involvement and participation of your school administration
Potential transfer students	- Refer all communications to the school administration: athletic director, assistant principal of athletics, etc. for information on specific sports programs and/or transfer information	- Speak directly with parents, or meet parents of students who are not currently attending your school, without the involvement and participation of your school administration - Have students play for a club / travel team that is coached by a member of the high school coaching staff of the school the student attends to transfer to, in the previous 24 months prior to transferring to the new school
Name, Image and Likeness (N.I.L.)	- Promote/advertise products as individuals, not affiliated in any way with a high school - Represent businesses as individuals, not affiliated in any way with a high school	- May not promote/advertise products representing a high school - May not wear any high school uniform, apparel or any item identifying a student with a high school

QUESTION: What are the guidelines for advertising your school and its programs?

ANSWER: If a school chooses to publicly advertise their offerings, advertisements (i.e.: TV, newspaper, billboard etc.) should emphasize a total school environment (academics, student life, co-curricular activities). Advertisements should not have their primary emphasis on athletic programs.

QUESTION: Is it within the rules for the parents of an eighth grade student who is interested in attending a public/private school to contact the principal of that school to learn about the course of study, tuition charges, transportation and other school matters?

ANSWER: Such a contact initiated by a parent would not be in violation of existing rules.

QUESTION: Is it legal for a member of a private or public school's booster club to initiate contact with the parents of an eighth grade student for the purpose of informing them about the school?

ANSWER: A student's interscholastic athletic eligibility would be jeopardized by such action on the part of a booster club member.

QUESTION: A member of a booster club of a public/private school is contacted by the parents of an eighth grade student who is interested in information pertaining to the scholastic and athletic program at the public/private school. What may a booster club member do in response to such a request?

ANSWER: The booster club member should advise the parent to contact the principal of the high school for information pertaining to the school.

QUESTION: Student "A" will graduate from the eighth grade in two weeks. Would it be a violation of the rule if the student was personally contacted by a private or public high school coach to play on a summer league basketball team?

ANSWER: Such action by a public or private high school coach in personally contacting an eighth grade student (prior to May 1st) to participate on a summer league basketball team would be in violation of the undue influence rule.

QUESTION: What contact may a coach have with a parent contemplating enrolling children at his/her high school?

ANSWER: The coach should refer ALL parent contact with reference to the high school athletic program and enrollment to the appropriate school administrator. Prior to enrollment, all parent contact must be handled by school administration, not members of the coaching staff.

QUESTION: Are schools or anyone acting on a school's behalf allowed to make direct or indirect contact with any students who are not currently attending said school (i.e. elementary, middle, and/or high school students) regarding their athletic programs (this includes high school camps, high school summer programs, etc.)?

ANSWER: No. Schools may not directly or indirectly contact elementary, middle, and/or high school students that are not currently registered in grades 9-12 at their school. Examples of direct/indirect contact may include but are not limited to mail, email, phone calls, social networking, etc.

QUESTION: May eighth graders participate in Spring practice or tryouts?

ANSWER: No. Only students currently attending a member school (grades 9-12) may participate in spring practice/tryouts. Eighth graders do not become ninth graders until after they have completed the 8th grade.

QUESTION: What may a high school coach(es) do as far as far as having contact with 8th grade students?

ANSWER: Because a graduate of a middle school may enter any high school in California and be residentially eligible in accordance with CIF Southern Section rules, contact by senior high school representatives is regulated. Individual coaches cannot visit or initiate contact with middle school students until May 1st of the student's 8th grade school year. It would be permissible for the vice-principal or athletic director (not the coach) of a senior high school to visit the middle school campus for the purpose of informing students about the total athletic program of the high school.

It is legal for a high school coach to be part of a total open house and/or school orientation (academics, activities, and athletics) where a student is part of a general gathering of students on the high school campus and such activity has the approval of the high school and middle/elementary school principal.

This would also include a clinic; open to the entire community, provided approval of the respective schools is received. It is legal for a high school coach to coach such students for a recreational or semi-recreational organization such as AAU, YMCA, Church, City Recreation, or similar organizations.

QUESTION: Are schools permitted to host "Athletic Information Nights" where ALL sport offerings are represented and highlighted?

ANSWER: Yes. With the oversight and approval of school administration, the community may be invited to the high school campus for the purpose of gaining information about the high school athletic programs. Individual coaches cannot host parent/student meetings (for students not currently attending your school) except as part of the schoolwide "Athletic Information Night". Invitations may not be directed toward specific athletic groups, including but not limited to Pop Warner, NJB, AAU, AYSO, "club team" organizations etc.

QUESTION: Would it be acceptable for schools to invite athletes from their feeder schools to attend athletic contests?

ANSWER: NO! It is not permissible for member schools, booster club representatives, coaches or other agents or school personnel to invite potential student-athletes to attend contests or practices. It would be acceptable for the principal to invite the entire student body of a feeder school to an individual athletic contest. The invitation must be open to every student of the feeder school.

NOTE: The foregoing examples are intended to be just that, and in no manner are intended to constitute an exclusive list. If questions arise as to the propriety of intended activities, it is advisable to secure an advance opinion from the Office of the Commissioner.

QUESTION: What are the guidelines for high school camps and camps for under high school aged students? ANSWER: See "Guideline to Understanding Bylaw 510-Undue Influence" chart

ANSWER: See "Guideline to Understanding Bylaw 510-Undue Influence" chart

QUESTION: Who may participate in high school summer athletic programs approved by the principal?

ANSWER: Only students registered for the upcoming school year in grades 9 through 12. Additionally, it would be a violation to allow students that are not part of the aforementioned students to participate in summer high school programs/leagues. For students registered in more than one school, all summer practice and competition must be confined to one school.

QUESTION: Can a transfer student (who is currently attending the high school they plan to leave) play for a club team coached by members of the coaching staff affiliated with the student's new high school?

ANSWER: Once the current school year ends for both the former school and new school, the transfer student can play for the club; not before.

511. SUSPENDED SCHOOLS

When a school in any Section is suspended from participating in any sport, that school is not to play with any other school in the Federation in that sport during the period of suspension. Any team competing with the offending school shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Federated Council. Any CIF member school that competes against a suspended program, the competing CIF member school shall be subject to disciplinary action by their Section and the CIF.

512. SCOUTING PROHIBITIOINS – PRACTICE SESSION

Scouting of any type which would include personal viewing, written notes, audio tape, motion pictures, video reproduction and/or any other type of reproduction, such as still pictures, etc. shall not be taken in any sport of a member school's practice sessions by anyone without written consent of the participating school(s). An interscholastic scrimmage is not subject to this rule.

QUESTION: What is allowed with regard to scouting a contest?

ANSWER: There will be NO restrictions on the part of member schools regarding the filming/video taping of any contest/interscholastic scrimmage. Host schools will maintain game management rights and responsibilities.

513. PARTICIPATION IN PRO/COLLEGE PROGRAMS

No athletic team representing a member school may perform on the same program, or participate as part of a doubleheader, with a professional team. No member school shall be permitted to schedule doubleheaders or athletic events of any type in conjunction with junior college, university, or any other team not a member of the CIF without the prior approval of the Executive Committee (CIF Southern Section).

514. TOBACCO PRODUCTS PROHIBITED

The use of tobacco products in conjunction with any CIF Southern Section athletic contest is prohibited. This would include all those involved in the contest including players, coaches and officials.

515. SPORTSMANSHIP

The use of tobacco products in conjunction with any CIF Southern Section athletic contest is prohibited. This would include all those involved in the contest including players, coaches and officials.

516. FINANCIAL AID/GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS

Financial aid, grants or scholarships given to students based on athletic prowess is prohibited.

ARTICLE 60
OUTSIDE COMPETITION

600. COMPETITION ON AN OUTSIDE TEAM

A student on a high school team becomes ineligible if the student competes in a contest on an "outside" team, in the same sport, during the student's high school season of sport (See Bylaw 504.A). The following exceptions apply:

A. **If the outside team has half or more of the team members as stated in the National Federation rules book for that sport, it shall be considered the same sport. Examples: three-on-three basketball – outside team competition prohibited; two-on-two volleyball – outside team competition permitted.**

QUESTION: May a student who competes at the freshman or junior varsity level compete on an outside team during his or her high school season of sport?

ANSWER: No. The Outside Competition Rule pertains to all levels of competition. Thus, any individual participating at the varsity, junior varsity, sophomore and/or freshman levels may not compete on an outside team during his or her high school season of sport. *See exception in above paragraph.

QUESTION: Does this rule apply to a student/athlete who starts the season, plays in a game and then becomes ineligible?

ANSWER: Yes. Once the student is eligible and plays in a game, he/she may not play on an outside team and retain their eligibility for that season.

B. **Flag Football/ Slow Pitch Softball**

For purposes of this rule, touch football, flag football, and slow pitch softball are considered to be different sports than tackle football, and softball respectively.
(Editorial Revision May 2017/Editorial Revision May 2021/Editorial Revision May 2022)

C. **Soccer**

In the sport of soccer, Bylaw 600 shall be in effect only during the Winter high school soccer season. High school soccer programs that compete during the Fall or Spring season are not subject to Bylaw 600.
NOTE: For purposes of this section, indoor soccer and futsal are not considered the same sport as soccer.

<>D. **Swimming and Diving**

Swimmers and Divers may compete for an amateur team during the season of sport in the USA Swimming championship meets listed on cifstate.org.
(Editorial Revision May 2017/Editorial Revision April 2025)

E. **Bylaw 600 shall not be in effect for those sports conducted outside the CIF State-adopted season of sport (See Bylaw 504.H.).**

F. **Spontaneous Recreational Activity**

It is permissible for a high school team member to participate in a spontaneous recreational activity or game in which sides or teams are chosen without regard to players representing any group or organization. Such participation would not cause loss of eligibility. (Definition of spontaneous: no prior planning or notice; an unplanned part of another activity which has a primary focus other than the sport.)

QUESTION: What is an outside team?
ANSWER: An outside team is one that is organized through a non-school organization such as, but not limited to, youth teams, community teams, club teams, national teams, park and recreation teams, etc.

QUESTION: Is attendance by an individual student-athlete at a non-school practice, camp or clinic considered participation on an outside team if during that sport's season of sport?
ANSWER: No. Individual student-athletes may attend a non-school practice, camp or clinic during that sport's season of sport (unless your school and/or CIF Section has developed a more restrictive rule).

QUESTION: May an individual student-athlete compete in a scrimmage or game while attending a non-school practice, camp or clinic during that sport's season of sport?
ANSWER: Yes, as long as they are attending that camp as an individual (unless your school and/or CIF Section has developed a more restrictive rule).

G. **Unattached Competition in Individual Sports (see also Bylaw 215)**

(1) **An unattached athlete shall not represent any team. Points won by the athlete shall not be credited to any team. An unattached athlete shall not use a uniform which identifies a school or "outside" team. Any violation shall be considered an infraction of Bylaw 600.**

(2) Unattached competition is permissible for a student in other than school contests during the season of sport provided the student enters in the individual sports of badminton (singles and doubles), beach volleyball (pairs), cross country, golf, gymnastics, skiing, swimming and diving (including unattached entry on relays), tennis (singles and doubles), track and field (including unattached entry on relays) and wrestling.
(Revised February 2021 Federated Council)

(3) Certification of Unattached Athletes

No official recognition or certification on the part of the CIF member school or personnel of the CIF member school may be given in order that unattached athletes may participate in contests.

(4) Representation in CIF Competition

Unattached competition is not permitted in any CIF competition (See Bylaw 503.D.). Individuals or teams entered in CIF competition must represent a CIF member school. No other form of representation shall be permitted in CIF competition.
NOTE: Alpine, Nordic Skiing and Snowboarding are exempt for this Bylaw as the season of sport is not defined and listed under Bylaws 503.D. and 504.H.and that all competitions are done in conjunction with the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association.

(Revised October 2008 Federated Council)

QUESTION: May an athlete compete unattached in a collegiate track meet?
ANSWER: No. CIF students are not eligible to compete at intercollegiate events (Bylaw 215).

QUESTION: What is defined as a collegiate track meet and/or intercollegiate competition?
ANSWER: A collegiate track meet and/or intercollegiate competition is one in which collegiate athletes are competing for or representing their school.

QUESTION: May an athlete compete unattached in "open competition" at a joint sanctioned event?
ANSWER: No. A high school student who has any eligibility left at a high school shall not participated in any "open competition" event. A high school student may only compete in a high school division comprised of high school student-athletes at these events (Bylaw 702.C.).

QUESTION: May an athlete compete unattached in a national governing body event?
ANSWER: Yes. An athlete may compete unattached in an event such as the heptathlon or decathlon when the National Governing Body of that sport administers the event(s).

QUESTION: May an athlete compete unattached in an "open competition" event?
ANSWER: Yes. Bylaw 600.G. permits unattached competition in individual sports. An athlete may compete unattached in an "Open Competition" event such as a road race, 5k fun run of similar community sponsored event.

601. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF BYLAW 600

A. Individual

(1) First Offense in High School Career in Any Sport

The student becomes immediately ineligible for participation with his/her high school team for a number of contests equal to twice the number of contests of outside competition in which the student participated.

(2) Any Subsequent Offense in High School Career in Any Sport

The student becomes immediately ineligible for one (1) year (365 days) from the second infraction in all sports.

a. Appeals

Upon written appeal to the Section Commissioner, the student may petition his/her Section for reinstatement of his/her eligibility status.

B. Team

(1) Games Forfeited

Games in which a student participated on his/her high school team after violation of Bylaw 600 shall be forfeited.

(2) Appeals

Sections may establish rules and procedures to consider requests for waivers of game forfeitures.
(Revised May 2004 Federated Council)

602. PAN-AMERICAN, US PARALYMPICS OR OLYMPIC COMPETITION

During the high school season of sport, a high school student who has been selected or qualified for participation on the United States team, which will engage in Pan-American, US Paralympics or Olympic competition, may participate on that team.
(Revised May 2007 Federated Council/Revised October 2008 Federated Council)

603. OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

During their high school season of sport, a high school student who has been selected or qualified for an Olympic Development Program (ODP) by the respective National Governing Body for that sport, shall be permitted to participate in such a program without loss of interscholastic eligibility, if the following conditions are met:

A. The Olympic Development Program is:

(1) Verified as such by the CIF; AND

(2) a. Conducted or sponsored by the United States Olympic Committee; OR

b. Directly funded and conducted by the U.S. national governing body for the sport on a national level; OR

c. Authorized by a national governing body for athletes having potential for future national team participation; AND

B. The student informs the high school principal at least 30 days prior to participating in the program; AND

C. The principal verifies the authenticity of the program; AND

D. The student makes prior arrangement to complete missed academic lessons, assignments and tests before the last day of classes of the semester in which the student's absence occurs.

E. This bylaw was written with the intent that only individual student-athletes that have been identified by the respective National Governing Body for that sport, as having Olympic potential, would be eligible for this exemption of Bylaw 600. Individual student-athletes who are members of a club team(s) consisting in whole or part of high school age athletes, participating in any competitions (e.g. Super Y League events, USA Youth Soccer National League, Championships, etc.), even if the competition itself is labeled as an ODP event, that occur during the high school student's season of sport are not eligible for this exemption.

NOTE: It is up to the school and individual(s) participating to confirm that above events have been approved by the CIF (visit www.cifstate.org). (Editorial Revision May 2017) (Revised May 2007 Federated Council)

604. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

The CIF State Executive Director may grant approval, upon individual petition, for an athlete to travel to a foreign country to participate in international competition sanctioned by the governing body for that sport in the United States and the international governing body.
(Revised May 2003 Federated Council/Revised October 2008 Federated Council)

605. PROFESSIONAL TRYOUT

A student shall become ineligible for CIF competition if he/she participates in any tryout for a professional team in any CIF-approved sport during the high school season of sport. The season of sport for a school is that period of time that elapses between the first interscholastic contest and the final contest in that particular sport.
NOTE: See Bylaw 1200 for CIF-approved sports.
(Revised May 2009 Federated Council)

QUESTION: May a student participate in an invitation-only practice, ID camp, or clinic that is sponsored, co-sponsored, or involving a professional sports team/organization during their high school season of sport? (See Individual Student Season of Sport Definition in Bylaw 504.A.)
ANSWER: No. A student may not participate in an invitation-only practice, ID camp, or clinic that is sponsored, co-sponsored, or involving a professional sports team/organization during the high school season of sport.

QUESTION: May a student participate in a camp that is sponsored, co-sponsored, or involving a professional sports team/organization during the high school season of sport if that camp is open to all students and community members?
ANSWER: Yes. A student may participate in a camp that is sponsored, co-sponsored, or involving a professional sports team/organization during the high school season of sport if the camp is open to all students and community members.
(Editorial April 2024)

ARTICLE 70
SANCTIONED EVENTS

700. PARTICIPATION

All competition in CIF-approved sports, in which high school students participate as representatives of their high schools, shall be conducted under the auspices of a CIF member high school, CIF league or Section, and with the approval, if necessary, of the CIF and the National Federation (See Bylaws 703-705). Only students enrolled in, and teams representing, CIF member high schools or otherwise approved schools (See Bylaws 502 and 703-705) may participate in such athletic competition.
(Revised May 2003 Federated Council)

701. JOINT SANCTIONING SPONSORSHIP

Assistance from outside organizations may be secured by the sponsoring high school, but the high school must direct and manage the event, or high school section of an "open division competition" event and be fully responsible. To ensure that high school competition is conducted in accordance with CIF rules, the following guidelines must be followed:

A. **Any interstate or international event involving two (2) or more schools which is co-sponsored by or titled in the name of an organization outside the school community;**

B. **Samples of information bulletins, invitations and entry forms must be submitted for sanctioning approval to the NFHS (See Bylaws 703-705) at www.nfhs.org;**

C. **The host school event manager is responsible for accessing the NFHS online sanctioning page and completing all necessary information and fees;**

D. **Any event program published in connection with a CIF-sanctioned activity must indicate the name of the host high school, league or Section, and that CIF sanction has been issued;**

E. **Management and control of all finances connected with the activity shall remain with the host high school, league or Section. If requested by the CIF Office, a financial statement indicating all high school, league or Section revenues and expenditures must be filed with the CIF Office;**

F. **If the title of a California host event includes the name of an outside organization, the title must be preceded by the name of the sponsoring high school, league or Section.**
(Approved May 2009 Federated Council)

702. ADMINISTRATION OF JOINT SANCTIONED EVENT

A. **If a CIF high school, league or Section sponsors a sanctioned CIF invitational event at the same time and place where an "open division competition" event is being held, the high school competition must be administered by a CIF high school, league or Section.**

B. **The high school event must be limited to entries from CIF member schools whose athletes are eligible under CIF rules. Any other entries must receive the approval of the CIF Office, as specified in Bylaws 703-705.**

C. **A high school student who has any eligibility left at a high school shall not participate in any "open division competition" event.**

D. **The "open division competition" event management is requested not to accept an entry from an ineligible high school student, unless the student has already completed eight (8) semesters of eligibility, or unless the student is beyond CIF age requirements.**

E. CIF high school event sanction approval will not be issued if a high school student with any remaining eligibility is to be invited to the "open division competition" section of the event.

(Approved May 2003 Federated Council)

QUESTION: May an athlete compete unattached in a collegiate track meet?
ANSWER: No. CIF students are not eligible to compete at intercollegiate events (Bylaw 215).

QUESTION: What is defined as a collegiate track meet and/or intercollegiate competition?
ANSWER: A collegiate track meet and/or intercollegiate competition is one in which collegiate athletes are competing for or representing their school.

QUESTION: May an athlete compete unattached in "open division competition" at a joint sanctioned event?
ANSWER: No. A high school student who has any eligibility left at a high school shall not participated in any "open division competition" event. A high school student may only compete in a high school division comprised of high school student-athletes at these events (Bylaw 702.C.).

QUESTION: May an athlete compete unattached in a national governing body event?
ANSWER: Yes. An athlete may compete unattached in an event such as the heptathlon or decathlon when the National Governing Body of that sport administers the event(s).

QUESTION: May an athlete compete unattached in an "open division competition" event?
ANSWER: Yes. Bylaw 600.G. permits unattached competition in individual sports. An athlete may compete unattached in an "open division competition" event such as a road race, 5k fun run of similar community sponsored event.

703. INTER-SECTIONAL/BORDER STATES COMPETITION

CIF and National Federation sanction approval is not necessary for CIF-approved sports competition conducted between member schools of the Sections and/or Border States.

NOTE: For purposes of the provisions of CIF Article 70 (Sanctioned Events), the following are considered to be border states: Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada, and Oregon. School teams from Canada and Mexico that meet the eligibility criteria of Bylaw 705.D. will also be considered border states.
(Approved May 2003 Federated Council)

SPECIAL NOTE: Approval of sanctioned events is required by the CIF Southern Section Office. All contests must be scheduled within the adopted season of sports calendar.

QUESTION:	How does a school submit a Sanction Event Form?
ANSWER:	Log into CIFSSHome.org and complete the "Sanctioned Event Form".

Applications which include schools from other California Sections must be submitted 60 days prior to the event to the Southern Section Office.

QUESITON:	What is the time line for inviting schools to a tournament being hosted by a CIF Southern Section school?
ANSWER:	If all schools are in California, the application must be submitted on CIFSSHome.org - "Sanctioned Event Form" 60 days prior to the event. If there are any schools outside of California in a tournament, applications must be submitted 90 days prior to the event through CIFSSHome (www.cifsshome.org) and NFHS. org.
QUESTION:	When do I have to submit an application for a sanctioned event?
ANSWER:	Only the host school must complete the "Sanctioned Event Form" on CIFSSHome.org when it invites four or more schools for competition. Or, if you are inviting any school from out of the state or country for a single or multi-school competition.

Any schools wishing to travel to a tournament and/or invitational outside the state of California, must complete the "Approval to Travel" form on www.cifsshome.org.

In competition involving California schools only in which three schools or less are involved (dual or triangular competition), no sanctioning procedures are required.

704. INTERSTATE COMPETITION

A. Dual competition (involving two [2] schools only) in CIF-approved sports does not require sanction approval by the CIF and/or National Federation when a CIF member school competes against a member school from another state association;

B. All competition in CIF-approved sports, involving any of the following requires a sanction:

- **Any interstate or international event involving two (2) or more schools which is co-sponsored by or titled in the name of an organization outside the school community.**
- **Events in non-bordering states if five (5) or more states are involved.**
- **Events in non-bordering states if more than eight (8) schools are involved.**
- **Any event involving two (2) or more schools that involves a team from a foreign country. The exceptions to this rule are Canada and Mexico which are considered bordering states by the National Federation of High Schools and the California Interscholastic Federation.**

(1) Host School Procedures

In applying for all necessary approval (as described above) of such an event, the host school event manager must access and register and follow all sanctioning deadlines as listed at www.nfhs.org no later than 60 days prior to the event. Completion of the registration, application and appropriate fees can only be completed electronically at www.nfhs.org. Late fees will be assessed for application filed less than 60 days prior to the event.

a. Eligibility of Participants

The hosting entity is responsible for submitting, upon request, to its respective Section Office written verification of all of the following:

(i) All participants in the event represent only their respective schools of enrollment; AND
(ii) All participants in the event meet the provisions of the following Bylaws: 203 (Age Requirement); 204 (Eight [8] Semesters); 212 (Amateur Standing); 600 (Outside Teams) and 900 (All-Star Competition); AND
(iii) All participants in the event meet the eligibility standards of their respective state and national associations, including, but not limited to, maintaining minimum progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements as prescribed by their respective governing boards.

b. The respective Section Commissioner will indicate his/her action (approval or denial) and, if approved, notify the CIF.

c. The CIF, upon receipt and approval of the application, will process the application to the National Federation (if applicable).

(2) Traveling School Procedures

Schools wishing to travel out-of-state to a school sponsored sanctioned event, should be aware of the following procedures:

a. The hosting school event manager is responsible for processing any application which invites California school participation in an out-of-state event involving schools from multiple state associations, in CIF-approved sport competition.

b. Upon receipt of the application, the CIF will process the request to Section offices on behalf of the invited schools.

c. Following Section action, the CIF will respond to the National Federation application for final approval.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of both the host and traveling schools to confirm approval with the National Federation via the NFHS website.

Southern Section schools traveling to a school in another state or country for any competition will require approval to travel from (1) Southern Section; (2) State and National Federation, where applicable (with the exception of Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Oregon, Nevada as well as Canada and Mexico schools). Requests should be submitted at least 60 days in advance. Two or more teams could travel together at one time (for example, cross country and football teams). No approval is required when traveling within California.

705. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

A. Approval of Competition

All international high school competition in CIF-approved sports must have the approval of the participating school's Section Office, and when necessary, the CIF and the National Federation and the sanction of the appropriate international body involved.

B. Sanctioning of Qualifying Trials

The CIF will not sanction qualifying trials for an individual or team for the purpose of selecting undergraduates for international competition. Such selection must be made on the basis of previous performance of the individual or team.

C. Hosting School Procedures

In applying for all necessary approvals (as described above) of such an event, the host school event manager must access and register and follow all sanctioning deadlines as listed at www.nfhs.org no later than 60 days prior to the event. Completion of the registration, application and appropriate fees can ONLY be completed electronically at www.nfhs.org.
Late fees will be assessed for application filed less than 60 days prior to the event.

D. Eligibility of Participants

The hosting entity is responsible for submitting, upon request, to its respective Section Office written verification of all of the following:

(1) All participants in the event represent only their respective schools of enrollment; AND

(2) All participants in the event meet the provisions of the following Bylaws: 203 (Age Requirement), 204 (Eight [8] Semesters), 212 (Amateur Standing), 600 (Outside Teams) and 900 (All-Star Competition); AND

(3) All participants in the event meet the eligibility standards of their respective state and national associations, including, but not limited to, maintaining minimum progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements as prescribed by their respective governing boards.

E. Traveling School Procedures

Schools wishing to travel internationally to participate in a school sponsored sanctioned event should be aware of the following procedures:

(1) Schools traveling internationally to destinations other than to Canada or Mexico must:

a. File any paperwork required by their respective Section

(2) Schools traveling to all international destinations must submit to its respective Section Office written verification of the eligibility of all participants in the event, as stipulated in Bylaw 705.D. above.

NOTE: Consult your Section Office for application deadlines.
(Revised November 2009 Federated Council/Editorial Revision May 2014)

706. PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS

Any violation of the provisions of Article 70 (Sanctioned Events) may be cause for refusal of sanction approval or suspension of the participating schools from CIF competition. The Federated Council shall determine any period of suspension. Suspended schools may apply only to the Federated Council for reinstatement.

707. NUMBER OF CONTESTS CHARGED

The maximum number of contests allowed any team in a tournament, whether participating in the championship or consolation bracket, will not exceed 5 contests in an 8-team, 16-team, or 17 through 32-team tournament. For volleyball see Bylaw 3206.

708. CERTIFIED STARTER

In all invitational track and relay meets sanctioned by the CIF Southern Section, a certified starter must be employed to handle the meet. In all assigning areas of the Southern Section, it is mandatory that the assignment be made by the appropriate Area Assigner of Officials.

709. CANCELLATION DUE TO WEATHER

The management of an invitational sanctioned track and field meet (UHS District meets excepted) must, in the event inclement weather forces cancellation of the activity, return to each school whose entry fee exceed $5.00, 80% of the total entry fee. No return is necessary when the total entry fee is under $5.00.

710. ELIGIBILITY APPLICABLE

All CIF Southern Section eligibility rules shall apply in all sanctioned events.

711. NUMBER OF CONTESTS PER DAY

All tournaments are to be arranged in such a way that no student shall take part in more than two (2) contests in any one day. A waiver of this rule may be granted by the Commissioner if special circumstances apply. (See exceptions for Soccer [2704], Volleyball [3205 NOTE], and Water Polo [3305 NOTE]).

712. SANCTIONING GUIDELINES

In sanctioning an event, the Commissioner shall be guided by the following policies:

712.1 Preference will be given to established events according to seniority.

712.2 Sanction may be denied for new events which interfere with, or conflict with, established events or CIF Southern Section playoffs.

712.3 Midweek events usually are inadvisable and are to be discouraged.

712.4 If a sanctioned event is held on a school day, it will not be permitted to begin earlier than 3:00 P.M. unless special permission is granted by the Commissioner. NOTE: The 3:00 P.M. rule does not apply to league controlled athletic events.

712.5 All contests must be scheduled within the adopted season of sports calendar.

712.6 All State and CIF Southern Section courtesy passes, and life-time passes will be honored at sanctioned events. Failure to honor passes may result in loss of sanctioning of future events.

ARTICLE 80
AWARDS FOR CIF COMPETITION

800. PARTICIPATION AWARD RULES

A high school student is governed by CIF rules when the student participates in CIF competition. When the student participates in other than CIF competition in a CIF-approved sport, at any time during the calendar year, the student is governed by the awards rules of the amateur governing body for that sport. If the student violates the amateur standing rule of the amateur governing body for that CIF-approved sport, the student is ineligible for CIF competition, except whenever the amateur governing body rule for that sport is more stringent than the CIF rule, the CIF rule shall prevail.

801. COACHES AWARD LIMITATIONS

Tournaments will not be sanctioned if there is an award over $100.00 in value to coaches.
(Revised Federated Council May 2011)

802. STUDENT AWARD LIMITATIONS

A. A high school student may not receive, from any and all sources, athletic awards for athletic achievement in a given sport totaling more than $250.00 in value for:

(1) Accomplishments in any regular season CIF high school competition event.

NOTE: Typical examples of a regular season CIF high school competition event include, but are not limited to, any non-league dual contest, league dual contest and/or individual tournaments held prior to any season-culminating league, Section, Region and/or State Playoff competition.

(2) A recognition award program, such as Player of the Week/Month, for any regular season CIF high school competition.

B. A high school student may not receive, from any and all sources, athletic awards for athletic achievement in a given sport totaling more than $500.00 in value for any postseason CIF high school competition or recognition program.

NOTE: For purposes of this Bylaw only, postseason CIF high school competition includes league, Section, Regional and State playoff competition, and such competition is considered to be one continuous event.

C. The dollar value of an award shall be determined by the following criteria:

(1) The retail price paid by the last purchaser of the award;

(2) If the host school or league purchases the award, the retail price paid by the host school or league;

(3) If the award is donated by another entity, the actual retail price or cost to the entity exclusive of engraving.

D. Such award cannot be cash, a gift certificate or merchandise alone. It may be merchandise, badge, medal, plaque, ribbon, picture, certificate, or trophy, if it is suitably engraved or designated as an award.

E. In the event a student accepts athletic awards in excess of the respective $250.00 and/or $500.00 value(s) stated above, and he/she or his/her parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver does not pay the excess amount(s), the student is ineligible for further CIF high school competition and shall be penalized according to Bylaw 212.

(Approved May 2001 Federated Council/Revised May 2004 Federated Council/Revised May 2011 Federated Council)

803. CONTRIBUTIONS

A. No entity including, but not limited to, booster clubs, individual or corporate donors, school districts, and leagues, may contribute anything in order to make it possible to give an award exceeding the $250.00 or $500.00 value.

B. Awards exceeding the $250.00 and $500.00 values may not be held and given to the student after the student graduates.

(Approved May 2001 Federated Council/Revised May 2011 Federated Council)

804. EQUAL VALUE OF AWARDS

Whenever a CIF athletic event is conducted for girls teams and boys teams in the same sport, awards of equal value for boys competition and girls competition shall be provided at each equivalent event of competition. Such awards need not be identical. The value of awards for junior varsity or other level of competition need not be the same as for varsity, but at each level of competition awards for boys and girls should be of equal value.

805. ANY GIFT, OR TOTAL OF GIFTS, SPONSORSHIPS OR CONTRIBUTIONS, VALUED AT $500.00 OR MORE, TO AN ATHLETIC PROGRAM, TEAM OR COACH

A. Information on any gift, or total of gifts, sponsorships, or contributions of $500.00 or more yearly to an athletic program, team or coach which is meant to support that program, team or coach must be reported to the governing body or administrative officer responsible for policy development related to athletics.

B. If requested, a record of gifts, contributions or sponsorships must be made available to the Section to which the school belongs and to the CIF. Such a record should include the date and amount as well as a copy of any existing contractual obligations related to the gift, contribution or sponsorship, and a clear record of the disbursement of the funds.

C. The acceptance and disbursement of any gifts, contributions or sponsorships must also be in accord with school administrative and district policy and as stipulated under the conditions of membership as outlined in Article 2-22.

D. **In the case of private schools or public charter schools specifically exempt from such regulations, the Section or State may require the implementation of reasonable administrative review practices and procedures, concerning the receipt and disbursement of gifts, contributions, or sponsorships. (See also Bylaw 508 - Donated Equipment)**

QUESTION: May a school or team accept prize money for participation in an event?
ANSWER: No.
(Approved May 1998 Federated Council/Revised May 2008 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 90
ALL-STAR COMPETITION

900. PARTICIPATION

A. **A graduating senior is any student who started his/her seventh semester of eligibility and completed the current school year season of sport prior to the high school all-star competition in that sport.**

B. **For graduating seniors only, high school all-star competition (including practices and/or tryouts) may not begin until the conclusion of the last Section or State contest in that sport.**

<>C. **Undergraduates (grades 9-11) are prohibited from participating in high school all-star competition (including practices and/or tryouts) from September 1 through the completion of the last CIF-scheduled sanctioned event for that school year.**

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D. **For purposes of interpreting the CIF All-Star Bylaw, high school all-star competition in any game, contest, or exhibition (including practices and/or tryouts) in which teams compete and the team participants include students from CIF member schools selected on a basis that involves, but may not necessarily be limited to, their high school athletic accomplishments. The following guidelines are to be considered in determining whether the activity is high school all-star competition:**

(1) **If the team name or activity includes "All-Star" in its title, it shall be considered all-star competition unless it qualifies otherwise by these guidelines;**

(2) **If a team includes high school participants and the team purports to represent outstanding players from any community, county, State or geographical region, it shall be considered all-star competition unless it qualifies otherwise by these guidelines;**

(3) **If a team includes high school participants and the team represents itself in name, publicity, or programs as being composed of outstanding players from two (2) or more high schools, or from one (1) or more CIF leagues, or from one (1) or more Sections, it shall be considered all-star competition unless it qualifies otherwise by these guidelines;**

(4) **If no admission charge is made nor donation solicited for the activity, it shall not be considered all-star competition;**

(5) **If the team(s) represents an organized sports association, religious organization, or municipal recreation department and the team(s) is comprised solely of current participants in ongoing leagues or divisions of that organization, it shall not be considered all-star competition;**

(6) **If the team(s) is comprised solely of current members of an incorporated athletic club, it shall not be considered all-star competition.**

(Revised May 2003 Federated Council)

901. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF BYLAW 900

A. **School**

Violations of Bylaw 900 may cause the school involved to be suspended from membership in the CIF. Participation by member schools, by their school officials, or by any employee of the school, directly or indirectly, in the furnishing of school facilities or equipment, management, organization, supervision, player selection, coaching, or promotion in connection with any prohibited contests shall be considered a violation of Bylaw 900. The period of suspension shall be determined by the Federated Council. Suspended schools shall apply to the Federated Council for reinstatement.

B. Student

Any student taking part in a prohibited all-star contest or similar contest shall be barred from all CIF athletic contests for up to one (1) year following the date the infraction is verified.

ARTICLE 100
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION
The 1000 Series has been incorporated into Bylaw 705.

ARTICLE 110
APPEALS AND DELEGATED POWERS

1100. CIF STUDENT TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY APPEALS PROCEDURES (BYLAWS 206, 207, 208)

An appeal of a Section's decision to grant limited transfer eligibility shall be reviewed only in accordance with the policies, provisions and procedures set forth in the Policy and Procedures for Appeal of the Section Decision on Transfer Eligibility for Athletic Participation which is available on the CIF website (www.cifstate.org) in Parent Handbook II - Understanding the Transfer Appeal Process. Sections are not permitted, and have no authority, to determine an appeal of a Section's decision regarding transfer eligibility.
(Revised February 2000 Federated Council/Revised May 2003 Federated Council/Revised May 2007 Federated Council)

NOTE: All eligibility determinations made by the respective CIF Section office under the provisions of Bylaw 207.B.(5)c. (unlimited eligibility applications) are final as all of these hardship circumstances are factual in nature and can/must be documented. Only students whose eligibility status was determined due to any violations listed below may appeal the Section's decision. The details and timelines of the appeal process is available on the CIF website as outlined in the Parents Handbook II – Understanding the Transfer Appeal Process.

A. Bylaws 207.B.(5)a.(iv) or b.(v) or c.(iii)

B. Bylaw 510 – Undue Influence, Pre-Enrollment Contact, Failure to Disclose Pre-enrollment Contact and Athletically Motivated Transfers
(Revised April 2017 Federated Council)

1101. SECTION STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEALS PROCEDURES (BYLAWS 203, 204.C, 205.C.)

Each Section shall establish appellate procedures for review of a Section's decision regarding waiver of the age requirement (Bylaw 203); waiver of a charge of a semester of attendance (Bylaw 204.C.) and waiver of the requirement to be passing 20 semester credits of work (Bylaw 205.C.), which incorporate the following requirements in final Section determination of student athletic eligibility. In an appeal of any decision that includes not only a transfer request but also a request for waiver of the age requirement, charge of a semester, and/or passing 20 semester credits of work, the transfer request issue will be held in abeyance until all other issues are determined in accordance with Section appeal policies and procedures to a final determination. The procedural requirements for determination of the transfer request under the Policy and Procedures for Appeal of the Section Decision on Transfer Eligibility for Athletic Participation will be tolled until that final determination of other issues is made by the Section.

Upon written appeal of Bylaws 203, 204.C. or 205.C. the Section shall appoint either:

A. A hearing panel; OR

B. A single hearing officer.

The panel or hearing officer shall be empowered to hear the matter under consideration and rule on the eligibility status of the appellant under Section and CIF eligibility requirements. Neither members of the hearing panel, nor a single hearing officer can have been directly associated with the matter under consideration or directly associated with the schools involved in the matter or have any other interest, personal or professional, that would preclude a fair and impartial hearing. If it is apparent from the facts that the panel or the hearing officer have no authority to adjudicate the matter under the rules, the Section may find the appeal to be without merit and deny a hearing. The Section hearing need not be conducted according to the rules of evidence and those related to witnesses. Any relevant evidence including hearsay evidence shall be admitted. All testimony shall be given under oath or affirmation administered by hearing officer (a member of the panel or a single hearing officer).

C. Dates and Deadlines for Section Student Eligibility Appeals

(1) A final appeal to the Section, under this Bylaw, must be initiated within 30 calendar days after a written notice of a Commissioner, hearing panel or single hearing officer's decision denying eligibility is sent (by postmarked mail) to the affected party.

(2) **If the affected party fails to file the appeal within the 30-calendar day period, the Section's hearing panel or hearing officer will not hear the appeal, and the Commissioner's decision, or hearing panel or hearing officer's decision, denying eligibility, shall be final.**

(3) **Within 10 business days after receiving the appeal, the Section will send notice of the receipt of the appeal to the Section's panel or hearing officer, and to the appellant.**

(4) **Within 30 business days after notifying both parties, a hearing shall take place at a time and place determined by the Section's panel or hearing officer. Any continuance of the timelines must be agreed upon and documented.**

(5) **A written decision of the Section's panel or hearing officer shall be sent to the Section Commissioner and appellant within 10 business days after the hearing.**

(6) **From the last published CIF sponsored activity until August 15, appeal hearings may be held if the State or Section can accommodate such a request with available personnel.**

(Approved May 2003 Federated Council/Revised May 2007 Federated Council)

<>1102. STATE REVIEW PROCEDURE OF SECTION APPEAL PANEL DECISIONS

Reviews of final decisions determined through the Section appeals procedure concerning student eligibility involving requests for waiver of the age requirement, waiver of a charged semester of attendance and/or waiver of the requirement to pass 20 semester credits of work may be presented to the Executive Director after the Section decision has been made in accordance with the following, if the appellant believes that the Section violated one (1) or more of the following procedural guidelines:

A. **Was the Section's decision or action lawful; i.e., did the decision or action violate Title V, the Education Code, etc. and did it extend appropriate due process to the parties?**

B. **Was the Section's decision or action fraudulent?**

C. **Did the Section act arbitrarily?**

(1) **Did the Section have rules and criteria by which it reached its decision?**

(2) **Were the Section's rules and criteria reasonable; i.e., do the Section's rules reasonably relate to a legitimate objective?**

(3) **Did the Section follow its own rules and criteria?**

<>(4) **Does the Section's action or decision have a basis in reason, or in other words, a reasonable basis? The test to be employed in the application of these criteria is whether responsible people, acting in a thoughtful manner, could reasonably have reached the same decision as the Section and not whether others might personally agree with the decision. The Executive Director, upon receiving such a request, may review the Section's decision based on the above guidelines to determine whether its action was a violation of any of the above. If, in his or her judgment, this is the case, the Executive Director may return this matter to the Section for further review, or, if necessary, set aside the decision and take jurisdiction consistent with Bylaw 1109.A.**

<>D. **Dates and Deadlines for CIF Student Eligibility Request for Review**

<>(1) **A request for review to the Executive Director, under this Bylaw, must be initiated within 30 calendar days after a written notice of a Section's decision denying eligibility is sent (by postmarked mail) to the affected party.**

<>(2) **If the affected party fails to file the request for review within the 30-calendar day period, the Executive Director will not review the request and the Section's decision, denying eligibility, shall be final.**

<>(3) **If the request for review is filed within the 30-business day period, the Executive Director will send notice of the receipt of the appeal, within 10 calendar days after receipt, to the Section, and to the affected party. The notice to the Section shall include all documents filed by the affected party.**

<>(4) **The Section may file a response to the request the review within 15 business days after receiving the notice of the request for review. The response shall be served on the affected party. The affected party may have five (5) business days to file a reply with the Executive Director.**

<>(5) **A written decision of the Executive Director shall be sent to the Section and affected party within 15 business days of receipt of the final reply.**

(Revised May 2007 Federated Council/Editorial April 2025)

1103. SECTION APPEALS PROCEDURES INVOLVING MATTERS OTHER THAN STUDENT ELIGIBILITY OR SECTION PLAYOFFS

In the final Section determination of rules questions other than student eligibility or Section playoffs, each Section shall establish appellate procedures, which incorporate the following requirements:

A. Upon written appeal, the Section shall cause a hearing body to be convened. The body shall be empowered to hear the matter under consideration and rule on the matter at hand;

B. Sections shall publish appeal procedures and provide appropriate due process for schools engaged in any appeal under the Section and/or State Bylaws;

C. Sections shall provide for timely notice of appeals, time schedule of such appeals, and written notice for determination of the matter being appealed;

D. Section appellate procedures shall allow for written and verbal presentations by the appellant to hearing bodies and testimony by knowledgeable parties.

1104. CIF SECTION PLAYOFF APPEALS PROCEDURES INVOLVING SECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS ONLY

Each Section shall establish, to the greatest extent possible, a fair procedure to ensure a review of such matters, consistent with the time constraints involved. The decision of the Section on such matters will be final.

1105. CIF PLAYOFF APPEALS PROCEDURES

The Executive Director shall have full authority to rule on any appeal directly involving State playoffs or to delegate such authority to game or meet authorities. Such a delegation of authority would not prevent the Executive Director from subsequently assuming jurisdiction if the Executive Director believed conditions warranted.

1106. INTER-SECTIONAL DISPUTES PROCEDURE

In the event that two (2) Sections cannot come to a mutual agreement on an issue, a three (3)-person committee composed of the President, President-Elect and Past-President, along with the Executive Director, is authorized to hear the issue and render a decision which would be binding. If any member of the Committee is a representative of a Section involved in the dispute, the President shall select another member of the Federated Council to serve on the Committee for that particular issue.

1107. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S AUTHORITY TO INTERPRET

The CIF Executive Director is authorized to interpret the CIF Constitution, Bylaws, and Federated Council regulations, and to issue such official interpretations in writing to all Sections. The Executive Director will report any official interpretations issued at subsequent Executive Committee meetings for their review and consideration. The State Executive Director may review decisions of the State Appeals Office before issuance for compliance with the CIF Constitution and Bylaws and compliance with Title V, the Education Code, etc., and whether it extended the appropriate due process to the parties.
(Revised May 2007 Federated Council)

1108. DELEGATED POWERS

A. In emergency situations, the CIF President or Executive Director or his/her authorized designee may act for the Federated Council in the best interest of the organization. This action will be reviewed by the Executive Committee as soon as possible.

B. Between meetings of the Federated Council, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to act for the Federated Council when necessary. This action will be subject to the approval of the Federated Council at its next meeting.

1109. SETTING ASIDE THE EFFECT OF A RULE FOR WHICH THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR WAIVER

The Executive Director and a Section appeals committee may, on a case-by-case basis, upon evaluation of the evidence, set aside the effect of any Bylaw when, in their joint opinion all of the following criteria are met:

A. There exists a hardship as defined by Bylaw 213;

B. The rationale of the rule being waived will not be offended or compromised;

C. The principle of the educational balance (over athletics) will not be offended or compromised;

D. The waiver will not result in a safety risk to teammates or competitors;

E. The waiver will not result in an unfair displacement of another student from athletic competition;

F. Competitive equity among competitors will not, as a result of the waiver, be skewed in favor of the student or the student's team.

(Approved May 1997 Federated Council)

NOTE: In practice, this Bylaw is initiated by a Section appeals committee. However, the Bylaw may be initiated by the Executive Director upon review of an appeal.

This rule is not retroactive and does not set aside the penalty for playing an ineligible player. See Rule 500.2 (Forfeiture Status).

1110. CIF SOUTHERN SECTION APPEALS PROCEDURES

1110.1 Any student who has been declared ineligible under CIF Southern Section or league rules may appeal to the Commissioner. Appeal requests must be in writing and address the hardship criteria of being an 'unforeseeable, unavoidable, uncorrectable act, condition or event that is non-athletic in nature'". In the event the student or his/her parent wishes to contest the ruling of the Commissioner, that appeal request must be submitted in writing, and address the hardship criteria of being an 'unforeseeable, unavoidable, uncorrectable act, condition or event that is non-athletic in nature'. The Commissioner will convene a hearing panel or single hearing officer in a timely manner. The hearing officer or panel may consist of trained hearing officers approved by the Executive Committee.

1110.2 Any member school which believes it has been aggrieved by a CIF Southern Section or league rule, policy decision or the failure of another school to honor an interscholastic athletic agreement, shall direct their appeal first to their league. In the case of a freelance school, the appeal shall go to the CIF Southern Section. Such appeal must be in writing and submitted to the league president, or in the case of a freelance school, to the Commissioner within fourteen days of the original decision.

1110.3 Upon granting such a hearing, the Commissioner shall set a time for a hearing by the Executive Committee and notify all necessary parties of the time and place of the hearing. At the hearing, any accused individual may be represented by a council of his/her choice and has the right to cross-examine witnesses and present evidence in his/her behalf. The hearing need not be conducted according to technical rules relating to evidence and witnesses. Any relevant evidence shall be admitted if it is the sort of evidence on which responsible persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Executive Committee shall vote to decide the action to be taken. If because of pressing circumstances the tasks as delineated in Bylaw 1110.3 or Bylaw 1110.4 cannot be accomplished at a regular scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee, three available (current or former) Executive Committee members, or a single hearing officer or trained hearing officer, approved by the Executive Committee, may act on behalf of the Committee. SPECIAL NOTE: Former Executive Committee members may serve on hearing panels.

1110.4 Where it appears that an appeal is such that the school, league and Section have no authority to waive or modify a rule being challenged, the Commissioner shall review the case in order to substantiate the previously mentioned supposition.

If, as a result of such a review, it is established that this is in fact correct, the Commissioner at the President's direction, may file such an appeal directly with the State CIF Office in accordance with State Bylaw 1101, and the matter need not be processed under the aforementioned appeals procedure within the CIF Southern Section.

1111. APPEALS DEALING WITH INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

1111.1 Any member school shall have the right to protest the outcome of any athletic contest if its opponent has used an ineligible player in the contest or violated any CIF Southern Section rule in connection with the contest.

A. If the protest involves a regular contest, such protest must be filed with the League President, in accordance with that league's Bylaws. (Note: A league may be more restrictive with its rules than the CIF Southern Section, provided it is not in conflict with a Southern Section and/or National Federation playing rule. League officers are encouraged to check with the CIF Southern Section Office at the time of developing and/or amending of league Constitution and Bylaws article.)

B. If the protest involves a non-league contest, such protest must be submitted, in writing, within five (5) days to the CIF Southern Section Office. In the event the Commissioner is unable to resolve the contest in question, it will be forwarded to the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee.

1111.2 Any protest of a playoff contest involving an ineligible player, violation(s) of Southern Section rules and regulations which may affect teams in the playoff draw, or matters other than playing rules that might affect teams in the playoff draw, will be processed by the Commissioner who will have the SOLE authority to rule on the contest or any contest to be played in upcoming rounds.

A. Upon completion of the investigation, the Commissioner will notify all parties concerned at the earliest possible moment of the decision.

B. The Commissioner may waive this procedure if, in the Commissioner's opinion, conditions warrant it; and he will then rule immediately on any question pertaining to the playoffs including disqualification.

1111.3 No protest will be considered involving a CIF Southern Section playoff contest in which a game official has misapplied an official rule governing that sport.

QUESTION: How may a coach resolve a misapplication of an official rule governing that sport at the game site?

ANSWER: The coach must raise the question of misapplication in accordance with official rules governing that sport with the game officials at the exact time of the misapplication and the game officials will rule on the possible misapplication before play continues. No protests may be forwarded from this point.

1112. SECTION COMMISSIONER AUTHORITY TO INTERPRET

The CIF Southern Section Commissioner shall interpret all rules of the organization, and these interpretations will be final until such time as the Executive Committee rules otherwise. This would include the initial processing of all eligibility appeals submitted to the CIF Southern Section office.

ARTICLE 120
APPROVED SPORTS

1200. CIF-APPROVED SPORTS

A. The addition to, or deletion from, the list of CIF-approved sports is subject to Federated Council approval. A Section may not approve or conduct competition in a non-CIF-approved sport without Federated Council approval. Approved interscholastic sports are: badminton, baseball, basketball, beach volleyball, cross country, field hockey, flag football, football, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, skiing, soccer, softball, STUNT, swimming and diving, tennis, traditional competitive cheer, track and field, volleyball, water polo and wrestling.
NOTE: Snowboarding is an approved event within the sport of skiing.

(1) Interscholastic competition in approved sports shall be conducted under CIF rules.

(2) All sports or events not listed as CIF-approved sports need not be conducted under CIF rules or jurisdiction.
(Revised April 2017 Federated Council/Revised February 2021 Federated Council/Editorial)

B. Boxing

Boxing is not approved as a CIF interscholastic sport. Schools participating in interscholastic boxing may be barred from all CIF competition for a period of time up to one (1) year in duration.

1200.1 No playoffs will be conducted by the CIF Southern Section Office in an approved sport when less than 20% of the membership field teams in that sport.

1201. OFFICIAL RULES BOOKS

A. In all student team sports, where rules are written by the National Federation, the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) Rules Book shall be official. In student team sports where the National Federation does not write the rules, the NCAA rules scholastic division shall apply. In sports where neither the National Federation nor the NCAA writes the rules, the nationally recognized amateur association rules for that sport shall apply.

B. Where rules are written for girls' sports by the National Federation, those rules shall be official.

C. In gymnastics, Sections are authorized to use the U.S. Gymnastics Federation (USGF) rules for compulsory routines; all optional routines must follow National Federation rules.

D. In sports for girls where the National Federation does not write the rules, the National Association of Girls and Women Sports (NAGWS) rules shall be official whenever the rules for the sport are written by NAGWS. In sports where neither the National Federation nor the NAGWS write the rules, the nationally recognized amateur association rules for that sport shall apply.

E. **For special mixed events and coed teams in tennis, volleyball and badminton, the following rules guide shall be used: Tennis - United States Tennis Association (USTA); Beach Volleyball/Volleyball - United States Volleyball Association (USVBA); Badminton – Official Rule Book for USA Badminton.**

NOTE: Sections may adopt optional game rules whenever permitted by state association adoption in all sports game rules published by the National Federation.

1202. DAILY CONTEST LIMITATIONS

A. **Contests**

Interscholastic (dual-triangular) athletic contests in CIF-approved sports are to be arranged in such a way that no student shall take part in more than two (2) athletic contests in any one (1) day.
NOTE: The two (2) contest maximum rule does not apply to tournaments.

B. **Tournaments**

All interscholastic athletic tournaments [involving four (4) or more teams] in CIF-approved sports are to be arranged in such a way that no student shall take part in more than one (1) tournament in the same sport in any one (1) day.

1203. SECTION GUIDELINES FOR OFFICIALS

Each Section shall develop guidelines for the use of officials. It is highly recommended that officials trained and rated in CIF-approved rules for each sport be used.

1203.1 The CIF Southern Section recognizes the governing authority of each sport official's association. Individual area official's chapters, within those associations, who are not in good standing with their governing body, are not eligible to officiate CIF Southern Section contests.

1204. UNIFORM RULE EXCEPTIONS

In the case of manufacturer's error, the Section Commissioner is authorized to waive National Federation rules, allowing exceptions as necessary within the spirit of the National Federation rules.

1205. UNIFORM ATTACHMENTS

All uniform attachments are prohibited by Federated Council action except where provisions are allowed under National Federation rules.

1206. MAXIMUM CONTACTS

A. **Starting Dates for Practice**

Sections shall determine the first day of practice in all sports.

B. **Scrimmages**

A scrimmage is defined as:

(1) An activity involving teams or individual student-athletes from two or more different schools in a CIF approved sport; AND

(2) Where no official score is kept; AND

(3) Where regulation time is not kept; AND

(4) Where substitute rules are set aside; AND

(5) Where coaches may stop play for instructional purposes: AND

(6) Where no score / results are released to the media.

C. Number of Scrimmages

A maximum of two (2) scrimmages per sport are permissible prior to the first interscholastic contest (league or non-league) of the season, except in Football which is limited to one (1) scrimmage. Scrimmages shall not count in the team or individual maximum number of contacts, unless it is held after the team's first interscholastic contest.

<>NOTE: See also Bylaws 503.M and 2202.

<>D. Allowable Number of Contacts

Sections shall determine the maximum number of allowable contacts. Sections, however, for sports culminating in a Regional or State Championship may not set a limit higher than:

Baseball	**28**
Basketball	**28**
Badminton	**24**
Cross Country	**14**
Football	**10**
Golf	**24**
Soccer	**28**
Softball	**28**
<>STUNT	**28**
Swimming	**14**
Tennis	**24**
Track and Field	**14**
Volleyball	**28**
Water Polo	**28**
Wrestling	**40 (see Bylaw 3401)**

The maximum number of allowable contacts is in effect for teams during the regular season. The maximum number of allowable contacts does not include Section Foundation or Scholarship Games, League culminating tournament, Section, Regional or State Championships.

<u>Tournaments</u>

Baseball	**One (1) contact for each game.**
Basketball	**One (1) contact for each game.**
Golf	**Tournaments count as one (1) contact per day.**
Soccer	**One (1) contact for each match.**
Softball	**One (1) contact for each game.**
STUNT	**One (1) contact for each game.**
Tennis	**One (1) contact for each match.**
Volleyball	**One (1) Day Tournament counts as two (2) contacts.**
	Two (2) Day Tournament counts as three (3) contacts.
Water Polo	**One (1) contact for each game.**

(Approved January 2018 Federated Council/Revised February 2021 Federated Council)

QUESTION: How many contacts does a consecutive three-day volleyball event count?
ANSWER: Three consecutive days equals four contacts.
NOTE: Please consult your local CIF Section Office with any questions about tournament formats not listed above.
(Editorial May 2020)

1207. AREA ASSIGNMENT LIAISON

The CIF Southern Section shall employ area liaison of officials for boys and girls sports.

1208. SELECTION OF AREA ASSIGNMENT LIAISON

The area liaison shall be selected annually by the CIF Southern Section Commissioner of Athletics. Each liaison's annual salary shall be determined by the Executive Committee and made payable in two equal installments - December 1 and March 1 of each school year.

1209. LIAISON REPRESENTATION

The liaison shall be directly responsible to the CIF Southern Section Commissioner of Athletics and shall maintain a neutral position and shall represent both the officials associations and the leagues in their respective areas. At the direction of the area liaison, leagues may be directed to play on alternate days when there is a shortage of officials in a specific sport.
Liaison duties shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Gather all master schedules from member schools as prescribed in Bylaw 1213.
2. Provide schools' schedules to each association assigner.
3. Organize and chair a standing committee of assigners for each association and keep an open line of communication with assigner of each association.
4. Provide a list to member schools of the name, address, phone number and email addresses of all assigners.
5. Be available to schools and officials for a reasonable amount of time daily.
6. Process misconduct reports via CIF-SSHome.org and other reports as necessary on a daily basis.
7. Serve as a primary contact for schools and officials associations.
8. Prepare a list of assignors and instructional chairs to discuss misconduct report procedures.
9. Meet with assignors and instructional chairs to discuss misconduct report procedures.
10. Attend general membership meetings for each sport.
11. Represent the CIF-SS Commissioner of Athletics at events as requested.
12. Attend the semi-annual Area Liaison meetings.
13. Attend CIF-SS playoff meetings.
14. Assist officials in recovering delinquent officiating fees from schools.
15. Monitor the overall effectiveness of the various officials' associations in the areas of certification, recruitment, training and retention.
16. Observe and evaluate officiating units when requested by CIF-SS or area associations.
17. Conduct a year-end meeting with a representative of each sports officiating unit to review the previous seasons officiating.
18. Perform other duties as assigned by the Commissioner of the CIF-SS.

1210. LEAGUE MEETINGS

The liaison shall attend, upon request or when possible, meetings of leagues within their jurisdiction. When attendance at such meetings involves excessive travel, the league involved shall reimburse them for any travel expense incurred.

1211. PROTESTS

The liaison will not handle protests of athletic contests; this is the responsibility of the leagues involved. They may, however, secure information and serve as resource personnel or consultants in all protest cases when requested by the league.

1212. ASSIGNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES – ASSOCIATION

It is mandatory that the association assigner of officials assign all contests in all sports when officials are available, providing schedules are received on time.

Expectations for Association Assigners:

1212.1 Assign officials for sanctioned events if officials are available.

QUESTION: Shall the assigner assign all tournaments?

ANSWER: Yes - The assigner is responsible for all assignments including tournaments. Schools are to forward their tournament requests to the liaison, who in turn will forward them to the assigner. Tournament contests are not to be assigned by anyone other than the Association assigners. Additionally, fees approved under the provisions of Bylaw 1222 must be paid.

1212.2 Compile a list of certified officials in each sport and furnish a copy of this list to all schools and/or league presidents within their area of assignments.

1212.3 Compile a master schedule of all assignments in each sport and furnish a copy of these assignments to all schools and/or league presidents within their area of assignment.

1212.4 The assignment of available officials, including experienced officials, must be assigned and shared on an equitable basis between boys and girls sports.

1212.5 Authorize payment of fees.

A. A flat fee will be used to compensate officials for round-trip travel based on the following scale:

51 - 75 miles = $18.00
76 - 125 miles = $31.00
126 - 175 miles = $44.00
176 - 250 miles = $62.00
251 - 350 miles = $88.00
351 - 450 miles = $123.00
451 miles and above = For distances beyond 450 miles, the following formula will be utilized:
Begin with $123.00, which represents 450 miles round trip
Add $4.50 for every 15 additional miles traveled round trip

Example: 525 miles round trip = $123.00 (First 450 miles)
Additional 75 miles = $12.00 (75 divided by 15 = 5, multiplied by $4.50) Total mileage reimbursement = $145.00

B. The origination point for official's mileage will be determined in the following way:

1. Regular Season - From the official's home residence within the assignment area, to the location of their contest. Officials who live or work outside their assignment area will only be compensated for mileage from the point they enter their assignment area. All officials are entitled to mileage if they drive separately to contests.

2. Playoffs - From the location of the meeting place for the official's association.

Note: For playoffs only, mileage will be paid to the Head Official of all officiating crews in all sports.

QUESTION: How are regular season officiating assignment areas defined in sports without local area assigning units?

ANSWER: The assignment area is defined utilizing the boundaries of the Area Liaison for the home school who is requesting officials for that contest.

1212.6 Current high school students are not eligible to officiate Southern Section athletic contests.

1212.7 Regional Wrestling Tournament Exception – A regional wrestling tournament must request a minimum of 20% of the total number of officials needed to staff the event from the host school's assignment area. They may request additional officials from other assignment areas. For a wrestling tournament to be considered a regional tournament, it must meet all of the following criteria:

A. It is a multiple day tournament.

B. It must include a minimum of 50 contracted participating schools

C. Participating schools must come from a minimum of 5 different sections.

D. Participating schools must come from a minimum of 6 different wrestling officials assignment areas throughout the state of California.

1213. ASSIGNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES – SCHOOL/LEAGUE

1213.1 Schools and/or leagues must submit completed master schedules into CIFSSHome (www.cifsshome.org) using the following timeline (or as specified by CIF-SS):

Fall Sports: June 1st Winter Sports: September 1st Spring Sports: December 1st

NOTE: See current year's sports calendar (www.cifss.org/resources/calendar/) to determine the season of each sport for the current school year.

1213.1.1 Area liaisons will send school and/or league schedules to area assigners within two weeks of receipt.

1214. HOST AREA ASSIGNMENT POLICY

When a CIF Southern Section school hosts a school from another Section of the CIF in any sport requiring officials, the association assigner of officials from the host area will assign the game officials.

1215. CONTEST CANNOT START

When an official arrives at a site and the regularly scheduled athletic contest cannot start (canceled due to inclement weather, light failure or other circumstances beyond the control of the host management) each official shall receive one half of the game fee.

1216. CONTEST CANCELLED AFTER START

Whenever a scheduled athletic contest is started and then canceled because of inclement weather, light failure, or other circumstances beyond the control of the host management, each official shall receive his or her full fee.

1217. CONTEST CHANGE

If the date, time, or location of any athletic contest is changed after assignments have been completed, it shall be the responsibility of the host management to notify the officials involved. Should any official not be able to make the change, it will be the host management's responsibility to notify the appropriate association assigner, and a replacement will be assigned provided the original official was assigned by the assigner.

1218. REMOVAL OF OFFICIAL

After an official has accepted an assignment, the official can be removed from the contest only at the direction of the school principal and by the payment of the full fees by the objecting school. A replacement will be assigned by the appropriate assigner. This rule does not apply to CIF-SS playoff contests.

1219. OFFICIAL FAILS TO APPEAR

When an assigned official fails to appear, the contest should be played, and it will be the responsibility of the host school to provide either an alternate CIF Southern Section official or a mutually agreed upon qualified person to officiate the contest at all levels of competition. If both schools cannot mutually agree upon a qualified person as a substitute official, the game will be rescheduled.

QUESTION: What is the position of the CIF Southern Section with reference to using replacement officials when assigned officials fail to appear?

ANSWER: Due to the extreme liability potential, only certified officials should be used to replace an official that fails to appear.

1220. FAILURE TO NOTIFY OFFICIAL OF CHANGE

When a regularly scheduled game date or site is changed and the host management fails to notify the official and he or she arrives at the site of the contest and there is no game, the official shall receive half the fee.

1221. INCLEMENT WEATHER

1221.1 In case of inclement weather, it is the responsibility of the official assigned to contact the host management to learn whether or not the game will be played. If the official should arrive at the site of the contest without previously checking and the contest has been canceled, neither the host management nor the CIF Southern Section is required to reimburse the official for any part of his or her fee. If the official has been notified by the host management by 1:00 p.m. that the contest will be played, and he or she arrives at the site of the contest, and in the meantime the contest has been canceled, the official shall receive half the fee.

1221.2 At the time the official calls, he or she should be notified of the rescheduled date and time. If this is not possible, it is the host management's responsibility to notify the official of the rescheduled date and time as soon as it is known.

1221.3 If the original official is not able to officiate on the rescheduled date, it is the responsibility of the host management to secure a replacement official, by notifying their area assigner of officials.

<>1222. OFFICIALS FEES

1222.1 All fees listed in this section were approved by the CIF-SS Council and are the only fees to be paid by member schools. Officials are to be paid in a timely manner. Failure to do so may result in CIF Southern Section sanctions.

1222.2 All member schools of a particular league shall pay the same fee regardless of enrollment.

1222.3 The established officiating fees are listed below.

1222.4 In the case of a "no show" official, member schools shall pay the official who works his/her regular game fee only.

1222.5 For Varsity games, when two officials are requested and only one is assigned or shows, member schools shall pay the one official one and half times the fee for the contest.

1222.6 Payment to assignors for changes, after schedules have been submitted by the athletic director:

* $5.00 for each change of contest, date, time or location.
* Schools will have the option of reassigning their own games with certified officials. If schools handle their own reassignment, there will be no fee paid to the assignor (the officials originally assigned to the contest have the first option for reassignment)
* Schools will not be charged a reassignment fee if the changes are due to weather, act of God, or natural disaster.

<>1222.7 Donations to officials associations are prohibited as a means to circumvent the approved officials fees structure or to procure specific officials for games.

<>OFFICIALS FEES 2025-2026

<>BASEBALL

A. Varsity Game (1 Official Assigned) $167
B. Non-Varsity Game (1 Official Assigned) $99
C. Varsity Game (2-4 Officials Assigned) ..... $111 Plate
..... $111 Base
D. Non-Varsity Game (2 Officials Assigned) ..... $91 Plate
..... $91 Base
CIF-SS PLAYOFF FEES: ROUNDS - $117; FINALS - $122

<>BASKETBALL

A. Varsity Game (3 Officials Assigned) $93
B. Varsity Game (2 Officials Assigned) $93
C. Varsity Game (1 Official Assigned) $139
D. Non-Varsity Game (3 Officials Assigned) $66
E. Non-Varsity Game (2 Officials Assigned) $71
F. Non-Varsity Game (1 Official Assigned) $86
CIF-SS PLAYOFF FEES: ROUNDS - $120 (2 officials)/$120 (3 officials); FINALS - $130 (2 officials)/$130 (3 officials)

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

A. Varsity Dual Head to Head Match (1 Monitor) ..... Minimum 2 hours - $74
a. Each additional 1/2 hour $19
B. Non-Varsity Dual Head to Head Match (1 Monitor) ..... Minimum 2 hours - $74
a. Each additional 1/2 hour $19
C. TOURNAMENT FEES:
Sets to 25 points: Pool Play $21 - Playoffs $23
Sets to 21 points: Pool Play $20 - Playoffs $22
Sets to 15 points: Pool Play $19 - Playoffs $21
D. CIF-SS PLAYOFFS (1 Monitor) ..... Minimum 2 hours - $84
a. Each additional 1/2 hour $21

FIELD HOCKEY

A. Varsity (2 Officials Assigned) $90
B. Varsity (1 Official Assigned) $97
C. Non-Varsity (2 Officials Assigned) $79
D. Non-Varsity (1Official Assigned) $91
E. Probationary Fees:
   a. (2 Officials Assigned) $70
   b. (1 Official Assigned) $74

<>FLAG FOOTBALL

A. Varsity Game (3 Officials Assigned) $74
   Varsity Game (2 Officials Assigned) $81
B. Non-Varsity (3 Officials Assigned) $58
   Non-Varsity (2 Officials Assigned) $64

<> FOOTBALL

A. Varsity Game (3-7 Officials Assigned) $148
B. Non-Varsity (3-7 Officials Assigned $99
   CIF-SS PLAYOFF FEES: ROUNDS - $155; FINALS - $172

GYMNASTICS

A. Dual Meet (2 Officials Assigned) $79
B. Triangular Meet (2 Officials Assigned) $83
C. Dual Meet (1 Official Assigned) $87
D. Triangular Meet(1OfficialAssigned) $91
E. For meets of 7 events - add $32
F. Exhibition Fees: If one or more exhibition competitors are to be entered in any event during a dual or triangular meet, each judge shall be paid an additional $30.00. There shall be a limit of not more than two exhibitions per team per event.
G. Gymnastics Invitational:
   a. 25 or less competitors per event - $66
   b. More than 25 competitors per event - $69

<>LACROSSE

A. Boys Varsity (2 officials assigned) $102
B. Boys Varsity (1 official assigned) $153
C. Boys Non-Varsity (2 officials assigned) $91
D. Boys Non-Varsity (1 official assigned) $118
E. Girls Varsity (2 officials assigned) $102
F. Girls Varsity (1 official assigned) $153
G. Girls Non-Varsity (2 officials assigned) $91
H. Girls Non-Varsity (1 official assigned) $118
   CIF-SS PLAYOFF FEES: ROUNDS - $123; FINALS - $132

<>SOCCER

A. Varsity Game (3 Officials Assigned) .....$94 Referee
   ..... $84 Others
B. Varsity Game (2 Officials Assigned) $90
C. Non-Varsity Game (3 Officials Assigned) .....$77 Referee
   ..... $70 Others
D. Non-Varsity Game (2 Officials Assigned) $74
E. Non-Varsity Game (1 Official Assigned) $83
F. TOURNAMENT FEES:
   Varsity Game (2 Official Assigned) $80
   Varsity Game (1 Official Assigned) $120
   Non-Varsity Game (2 Official Assigned) $65
   Non-Varsity Game (1 Official Assigned) $98
   CIF-SS PLAYOFF FEES: ROUNDS - (3 Officials Assigned) $96; ROUNDS - (2 Officials Assigned) $109; FINALS - (3 Officials Assigned) $106

<>SOFTBALL

A. Varsity Game (1 Official Assigned) 139
B. Non-Varsity Game (1 Official Assigned) $88
C. Varsity Game (2-4 Officials Assigned) $93
D. Non-Varsity (2-4 Officials Assigned) $74

Officials exchange positions in second game of double header.
CIF-SS PLAYOFF FEES: ROUNDS-$96; FINALS - $102

<>STUNT

A. Varsity Game (3 Official Assigned) $56
B. Non-Varsity Game (3 Official Assigned) $50

SWIMMING

A. Dual or Triangular Meet Pay Schedule - There are 11 swimming events for each level.
Swimming:

First Level (Varsity)

1 Level (11 events) - $74	5 levels (55 events) - $118	9 levels (99 events) - $162
2 levels (22 events) - $85	6 levels (66 events) - $129	10 levels (110 events) - $173
3 levels (33 events) - $96	7 levels (77 events) - $140	11 levels (121 events) - $184
4 levels (44 events) - $107	8 levels (88 events) - $151	12 levels (132 events) - $195

*If there are additional heats between levels, add $2.00 for each additional heat.

When competition is conducted in 8 lanes or more (open lanes count toward the 8), 2 officials will be required for CIF time standard verification. If 2 officials cannot be obtained, qualification will only be recognized within the first 6 lanes (open lanes count toward the 6) from the starter.

B. Championship Prelims, or Invitational Prelims Meet Pay Schedule:
*Each event may constitute multiple heats.
Count the number of heats for all levels in the Prelims. Divide this total by eleven (11). The quotient represents the number of levels (refer to the Dual or Triangular Meet Pay Schedule). The remainder of this division problem represents the number of extra heats. Add $2.00 for each additional heat (see example below). In the Prelims, each official's pay is based upon the total number of heats.

C. Championship Finals or Invitational Finals Meet Pay Schedule:
*Each event may constitute a Championship Heat, a Consolation Heat, and a Bonus Heat.

Determine the number of heats in the Finals' Program. A reminder – Consolation and/or Bonus Finals constitutes a/an additional heat(s). Refer to the Dual Meet Pay Schedule to determine the amount to pay each official. In the Finals, each official's pay is based upon the total number of heats.

Example:
Championship of Invitational Prelims Meet Schedule:

Total number of heats = 73
73 divided by 11 = 6 remainder 7
6 levels (66 heats) = $129
7 remainder (extra heats) $14
Prelims Fee for each official = $143

Championship of Invitational Finals Meet Pay Schedule

Girls' JV Consolation Final = one level
Girls' JV Championship Final = one level
Boys' JV Consolation Final = one level
Boys' JV Championship Final = one level
Girls' Varsity Consolation Final = one level
Girls' Varsity Championship Final = one level
Boys' Varsity Consolation Final = one level

Boys' Varsity Championship Final = one level
Finals' Fee for each official (8 levels) = $151

Total for each official:
Prelims Fee = $143
Finals' Fee = $151

Total = $294

D. Diving Meet Fees

Dual or Triangular Meet Pay Schedule
If diving is held during the swimming competition, the fees are:
The pay schedule for a six (6) or eleven (11) dive program are the same.
1-6 divers = $41.00, for each additional diver, add $2.00
Championship Finals or Invitational Finals Meet Pay Schedule
The pay schedule for a SIX (6) dive program:
1-6 divers = $77.00, for each additional diver, add $2.00

The pay schedule for ELEVEN (11) dive program:
1-6 divers = $85.00, for each additional diver, add $3.00

TRACK - Dual or Triangular

A. 1 Level Meet $133
B. 2 Level Meet $133
C. 3 Level Meet $144
D. 4 Level Meet $144
E. 5 Level Meet $152
F. 6 Level Meet $152
(Add a $3.00 charge for all events in Dual or Triangular meets for all levels)
(Add $20 stipend per official per meet for starter pistol ammunition supply)
G. For all leagues prelims or finals, use the following formula:
Start with the basic dual meet fee. For each running event above 30 in the prelims the fee shall be $3 per event. Then add dual meet fee plus $29.00 for the finals. Add prelims cost and finals cost for a total amount for prelims and finals.
H. Invitationals - For all invitationals the fee is $200.00 for the first 5 hours and $37.00 for each hour beyond 5 hours.
*If a recall starter is employed, the fee shall be $20.00 less than the starter.
CIF-SS PLAYOFF FEES: LEAGUE PRELIMS - $185; PRELIMS - 3 Starters $241 DIVISIONAL; FINALS - 4 Starters $263; MASTERS - 3 Starters $189

<>VOLLEYBALL

A. *Varsity Match (2 Officials Assigned) $93
B. Varsity Match (1 Official Assigned) $139
C. Non-Varsity Match (2 Officials Assigned) $58
D. Non-Varsity Match (1 Official Assigned) $67
*Schools MUST REQUEST 2 officials for all varsity matches.
E. Line Judges (Optional) $60
TOURNAMENT FEES
Sets to 25 points: Pool play $22 - Playoffs $24
Sets to 21 points: Pool play $21 - Playoffs $23
Sets to 15 points or less: Pool play $20 - Playoffs $22
CIF-SS PLAYOFF FEES: ROUNDS-$108; FINALS - $119

WATER POLO

A. Varsity game (2 Officials Assigned) $70
B. Varsity game (1 Official Assigned) $81
C. Non-Varsity game with no Varsity game (2 Officials Assigned) $60
D. Non-Varsity game with no Varsity game (1 Official Assigned) $69
E. Additional non-varsity game (2 Officials Assigned) $41
F. Additional non-varsity game (1 Official Assigned) $45
G. Tournaments - 2 Officials Assigned
Varsity $51
Non-Varsity $48
H. Tournaments - 1 Official Assigned
Varsity $61
Non-Varsity $57
CIF-SS PLAYOFF FEES: ROUNDS - $80; FINALS - $88

<>WRESTLING

A. Single Match Varsity (Boys/Girls 1 Official Assigned) $93
B. Single Match Non-Varsity (Boys/Girls 1 Official Assigned) $83
C. Additional Levels (1-14 Matches Double Header) $36
D. Additional Levels (15-28 Matches Triple Header) $64
E. Additional Levels (29-42MatchesQuadruple) $90
F. Weigh-in fees (each official/each day)
Dual Meet $20
Multiple Team Meet $20
Elimination Tournament $50

Tournaments:

1. Both Dual/Multiple Teams and Individual/Elimination:
Varsity – Minimum of 4 Hours ..... $37 per hour
Non-Varsity – Minimum of 4 Hours..... $33 per hour
Hourly pay begins at posted time of first round of the tournament.
Overtime rate of time and a half starts nine (9) hours after posted start time of first round.
Tournament Directors may reduce the number of mats at anytime and officials will be released to maintain a 3/2 ratio.
All officials will be compensated for at least four (4) hours of work at the tournament rate.
Number of Officials for tournaments is as follows:
1 Mat – 2
2 Mats – 3
3 Mats – 5
4 Mats – 6
5 Mats – 8
6 Mats – 9
9 Mats – 14
Multiple Team Meets: (1 official per mat for up to 8 teams)

2. Weigh-In Fees:
Team Dual $20
Tournament Weigh-ins, Grooming Officials, Head Official $50
Must be at tournament two (2) hours prior before posted start time.

Number of Officials Needed	Number of Individual Wrestlers per Weight Class	Number of Competing Teams
1	6	8 or fewer
2	7-24	9-12
3	26-42	13-15
4	43 or more	16 or more

CIF-SS PLAYOFF FEES: INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING - DIVISIONALS: Will be paid at same rate as Tournament Fees.; MASTERS: Will be paid at same rate as Tournament Fees.

RECOMMENDED SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING TO GAME OFFICIALS

A. The safety and security of officials is a prime concern of the CIF Southern Section. It is recommended that each school put together a packet to be sent to the liaison providing information to officials pertaining to the game including but not limited to:

1. Map of school.
2. Location and availability of facilities.
3. Parking.
4. Officials security arrangements.
5. Contact person with phone number and availability.
6. Officials shall be paid in a timely fashion.

PROVIDING FOR THE GAME OFFICIAL...

B. It is required that:

1. When contacted by official at least 24 hours in advance, the host school will have available someone who will handle the needs of the officials assigned to the contest.

2. The host school have available someone who will handle the needs of the officials assigned to the contest. This should include, but not be limited to, facility orientation, locker room assignment and parking.

3. The officials' locker rooms be open at halftime and immediately after the game.

4. At the completion of the contest, the officials' locker and dressing facilities remain secured for at least 30 minutes in football and 20 minutes in all other sports. Coaches and other school officials should not enter an officials' dressing area for the purpose of complaints.

5. Coaches not approach or confront the officials at the completion of a contest.

6. Coaches and school officials not make public statements to the news media criticizing officials.

7. School officials be alert to potential problem situations and, when necessary, provide security for officials to and from their dressing facilities and to the parking area after the contest.

8. Athletic administrators convey to their coaching staff that if there is a problem regarding the officiating, it should be handled first through the Area Officials' Liaison and secondly by the CIF Southern Section Office if the problem is serious in nature.

9. A representative from the host school shall handle financial matters prior to the start of the contest. This task should not be handled by the coach.

10. The participating schools should enforce the principles of Victory with Honor and Education Code 48900 and 48915 with regards to fan and spectator behavior. Schools are strongly encouraged to remove and sanction any spectator who engages in abusive verbal or physical behavior or who uses profanity.

11. Schools not in compliance with numbers 1-10, will be reported to their Area Liaison by the officials' association within five (5) school days. Regardless of the infraction, the contest will be played.

1223. SUMMERTIME RULES/SUMMER DEAD PERIOD/SPORTS CAMPS – APPLIES TO ALL SPORTS SECTIONS

1223.1 With the exception of the summer dead period, until the beginning of the first official starting date for fall sports, there shall be no restriction on high school coaches working with high school students registered and/or attending their respective high school or entering them in summer competition, provided approval is received from the school principal.

QUESTION: Who may participate in high school summer athletic programs approved by the principal?

ANSWER: Only students registered for the upcoming school year in grades 9 through 12. Additionally, it would be a violation to allow elementary students (8th grade and below) to participate with the high school team. For students enrolled in more than one school, all summer practice and competition must be confined to one school.

1223.2 High schools may sponsor sport camps and/or allow non-school sponsored sport camps to use their facilities.

* High school students and individuals from the general community can attend.

* The high school name, nickname and identifying marks can be used in the title and/or promotion of the camp.

* The principal of the high school must give permission for the camp to take place; non-school sponsored camps must secure a facility permit for use of any facilities and equipment.

* The camp must comply with all CIF rules, including those pertaining to undue influence and dead period.

* Non-school sponsored camps should provide required liability insurance for the use of any school facilities.

1223.3 A summer dead period must be declared by the school district and/or principal for all sports. The dates of the dead period must be forwarded to the Southern Section Commissioner. The dead period must be the same for all sports all levels and must be two consecutive weeks, fourteen (14) days between the end of school in the spring and the first day of school in the Fall. No class could be offered which could circumvent the rule. There are no exceptions to the summer dead period.

During the dead period, NO weight lifting would be permitted. No running or other type of conditioning would be allowed. No coordinated workouts by ANY staff or volunteer member associated with the school are allowed.

Special nationally recognized programs in various sports that require a national or regional championship format, such as Bobby Sox Softball, American Legion or Mickey Mantle Baseball, Junior Olympics, etc., would be allowed to continue, until completion, during the dead period.

QUESTION: What activities or training is allowed during the Summer Dead Period?

ANSWER: None. During the Summer Dead Period there should be no association/contact of any kind between school personnel and student-athletes. Contact includes, but is not limited to: video/audio conference meetings, exchanges of emails or phone calls, etc. There should be no training or communication of any kind directed by school personnel, team members, or anyone else acting on behalf of the aforementioned. This school-wide time frame, chose by the school Principal, is designated as one free from any connection to school business.

1224. LEVEL OF COMPETITION – APPLIES TO ALL SPORTS SECTIONS

No student shall participate in more than one level of competition in the same sport on the same day.

NOTE: Two contests could be played in the SAME TOURNAMENT only, but not two games in two different tournaments.

QUESTION: Can a school enter two teams in the same tournament at the same level (i.e. varsity "A" and varsity "B")?

ANSWER: If a school chooses to split a single team into two teams in the same tournament at the same level they will be charged one allotted tournament for each team entered. If a school enters a varsity "A" and a varsity "B" team, they will be charged for two (2) of the allowable three (3) tournaments for the season.

1225. MAXIMUM CONTESTS IN ONE DAY – APPLIES TO ALL SPORTS SECTIONS

All interscholastic contests are to be arranged in such a way that no student shall take part in more than two athletic contests in any one day.

1226. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – APPLIES TO ALL SPORTS SECTIONS

Standards for school attendance are determined by local school governing boards.

1227. SUNDAY RESTRICTION – APPLIES TO ALL SPORTS SECTIONS

A school may not play nor conduct a practice of any type on Sunday during the season of sport.

QUESTION: May a team be assembled on Sunday for a "skill session" or review a game film?

ANSWER: Neither of these activities would be permitted.

QUESTION: Does a meeting on Sunday of a single student with a coach constitute a violation of Sunday Restriction?

ANSWER: Yes, the intent of Sunday Restriction is to allow no contact with student athletes on

QUESTION: What constitutes a scrimmage or practice on Sunday?

ANSWER: Any preparation of an upcoming contest in which a player or players meet with the coach(es) on a Sunday is prohibited.

QUESTION: If my club/travel team coach is also my high school coach can we meet on Sundays under the guidelines/ parameters of the club/ travel program?

ANSWER: No, the relationship of the club/ travel team does not release the student and/or coach from the Sunday Contact Rule during the season of sport.

1228. NOISEMAKERS PROHIBITED – APPLIES TO ALL SPORTS SECTIONS

No noisemakers (horns, bells, victory bells, sirens, chimes, musical instruments other than those in the band, etc.) will be permitted inside the gymnasium, stadium or playing fields at any CIF Southern Section contest (non-league, league, tournament or playoff). Cheering devices such as wooden blocks, or other similar objects, are prohibited. Megaphones shall be used only by uniformed cheerleaders for the purpose of directing and controlling rooting sections. The improper use of any of the above listed devices by supporters of a team would subject that team to possible forfeiture of the contest.

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BOXING
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ARTICLE 140
BADMINTON

1400. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Regional badminton events for boys, girls and coed will be conducted in the Spring.
NOTE: For related policies please consult the badminton section in the Blue Pages.
(Approved May 2014 Federated Council)

An invitational qualifying tournament will be held in the Southern Section to determine state advancement.

1401. RULES

All badminton matches in the CIF Southern Section will be played under United States Badminton Association Rules unless otherwise provided.

1402. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

No interscholastic matches (non-league, tournament, or league) may be scheduled prior to February 21.

1403. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

A badminton team will not be permitted to play more than 24 matches during the season.

<>1404. END OF COMPETITION

All competition for must end on or before Saturday, May 9.

QUESITON:	Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?
ANSWER:	No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

1405. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

Refer to Article 60 for specific guidelines.

1406. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for information regarding playoff information.

1406.1 TEAM BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS (Invitational culminating tournament)

1406.2 INDIVIDUAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS (Invitational culminating tournament)


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ARTICLE 150
BASEBALL

1500. PITCHING LIMITATION RULE – 30 OUTS

Sections shall adopt the following baseball pitching limitation rule: 30 outs and/or three (3) appearances in a calendar week through the season.

A. The calendar week begins on Monday.

B. Innings pitched in a no game (i.e., rainout, power failure, etc.) shall count toward the total.

C. If the 30th out involves a double or triple play, the team will not be penalized.

D. An appearance is defined as a pitcher pitching at least one (1) pitch. If a pitcher is removed from the mound to another position or to the dugout and later returns to pitch in the same game, the pitcher will be charged with a second appearance.

E. Any violation constitutes a forfeit of the contest.

1501. PITCHING LIMITATION RULE – PITCH COUNT

In addition to Bylaw 1500 above, Sections shall adopt the following baseball pitching limitation rule with respect to pitch count and required days of rest:

Pitch count limits and required rest:

Level	Maximum Contest Pitch Limit	0 Days Rest Required	1 Day Rest Required	2 Days Rest Required	3 Days Rest Required
Varsity	110 Pitches	1-30 Pitches	31-50 Pitches	51-75 Pitches	76+ Pitches
Freshman; F/S; JV	90 Pitches	1-30 Pitches	31-50 Pitches	51-75 Pitches	76+ Pitches

A. A pitcher may finish the current batter if the Maximum Contest Pitch Limit is reached during that at-bat.

B. Pitches thrown and appearances made in a no game (i.e., rainout, power failure, etc.) shall count toward the totals.

C. At the end of each half inning, the head coaches will confirm and both team score books will record the pitch count for all pitchers who threw a pitch in that half inning. In the case of a discrepancy, the home score book is considered the official score book.

D. Each school must keep a record of all pitches thrown by each of their players in each game and make this available to their respective Section Office upon request.

E. Any violation constitutes a forfeit of the contest.

QUESTION: If a pitch count mechanism is used that is visible to both teams, do the coaches still need to confirm the pitch count every half inning?
ANSWER: No. If the mechanism (i.e. scoreboard add-on, flip chart behind home plate, etc.) can be seen by both teams, the coaches may use that as verification of the pitch count.

QUESTION: How is a day of rest defined?
ANSWER: A day of rest is defined as a calendar day. For example, if a pitcher throws 76 or more pitches in a Monday game thus requiring three-days rest before being allowed to pitch again, those days of rest would be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday allowing that pitcher to pitch again on Friday.

QUESTION: If a pitcher exceeds the maximum number of allowable pitches with respect to the required days of rest while finishing a batter, how are the required number of rest days calculated?
ANSWER: The required days of rest is determined by the actual number of pitches thrown. For example, if a pitcher starts a batter with 48 pitches, finishes the batter with 53 pitches and is then removed from the game, that pitcher would be required to rest for two days before making another appearance.

QUESTION: What, if any role, do the umpires play in the confirmation and recording of the pitch count after each half inning?
ANSWER: The umpires are asked to ensure that the teams are exchanging the required information, but the actual recording of the pitch count is up to the head coach from each school.

QUESTION: If an intentional walk is issued to the batter and no pitches are delivered to home plate, are those pitches counted towards the pitcher's total number?
ANSWER: No. Those pitches would not count towards the pitcher's total number

QUESTION: In the case of balk, when does a pitch count towards the pitcher's total number?
ANSWER: A pitch would only count if the ball is delivered to the batter.

QUESTION: If a batter is awarded timeout by the umpire but the pitcher still delivers the ball to the batter, does that pitch count towards the pitcher's total number?
ANSWER: No. That pitch would not count towards the pitcher's total number.

QUESTION: Does the Pitch Count reset each Monday like the 30 Out Rule?
ANSWER: No. While the 30 Out Rule will reset each Monday, the Pitch Count Rule will not. For example, if a pitcher throws 76+ pitches in a game on Saturday, they would have to rest on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday before being eligible to pitch again on Wednesday.

QUESTION: May the same pitcher appear in two different games on the same day?
ANSWER: Yes. However, they may only do so if they threw 30 pitches or less in the first game and are not required to rest. Also, they may not throw more than 110 pitches total for the day.

QUESTION: What is the protest protocol for a possible violation of the pitch count Bylaw?
ANSWER: A school wishing to protest should follow the normal protocol of immediately informing the umpire that it is playing the game under protest. The contest will continue, and the protest will be forwarded to the local league and/or CIF/Section Office for review depending on the protocols in place for handling protests in that Section.

QUESTION: Does the above protocol preclude the Section from assessing a forfeiture for a violation of the pitch count Bylaw that is brought to them after the completion of the contest?
ANSWER: No. The above protocol simply outlines how a dispute is to be handled during a contest.

QUESTION: Do pitches thrown and appearances made in an incomplete inning during a suspended game count towards the totals?
ANSWER: Yes.
(Approved January 2017 Federated Council)

1502. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK

Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, flag football, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball, and water polo.
(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council/Editorial May 2023)

1502.1 All baseball games in the CIF Southern Section will be played under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided herein.

1503. PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

It is required that adult base coaches wear a protective helmet. Play will not continue until compliance with this rule is met. It is recommended that the helmet meet NOCSAE standards.
NOTE: NFHS rules govern use of protective equipment by a player/student.
(Approved January 2015 Federated Council)

1504. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A Regional Championship will be held following the completion of CIF Section playoffs. The CIF Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for their respective regional tournament.
(Approved January 2020 Federated Council)

<>1505. SCRIMMAGES

An interscholastic scrimmage in baseball is a training session between a minimum of two and a maximum of three schools where no score is kept, free substitution and time-outs are permitted, and spectators are not urged to attend. (See Question following Bylaw 220.8 for definition.) Schools are permitted two interscholastic scrimmages which may not be held prior to February 16 and must be held prior to the team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament, or league).

<>1506. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

No interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament or league) may be scheduled prior to February 16.

1507. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

A baseball team will be permitted to play no more than 28 games during the season, including tournaments, but excluding CIF Southern Section, CIF State playoffs, Section Foundation or Scholarship Games or League culminating tournament.

1507.1 FACULTY: Each team will be permitted to play one game with the faculty which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

1507.2 ALUMNI: Each team will be permitted to play one Alumni contest, which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

<>1508. END OF COMPETITION

All competition must end on or before Wednesday, May 6.

QUESITON:	Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?
ANSWER:	No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

1509. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

During Individual's Season of Sport - A member of a high school baseball team may *not*, during his or her season of sport, *compete* for an outside team in the sport of baseball. A season of sport is defined as that period which begins with student's first interscholastic competition (non-league, tournament or league game) and ends with that student's last interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament or CIF Southern Section playoff). (See Bylaw 504.)

1510. BASEBALL SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM SOFTBALL

The sport of baseball is considered to be separate and distinct from the sport of softball and competition by a school baseball player on an outside softball team during the individual's baseball season is permissible. Slow-pitch is considered to be softball.

1511. GAME TIME LIMIT/NIGHT GAME TIME LIMIT

In all non-varsity contests, no new inning will start after two and one-half hours have elapsed from the start of a regulation game (five innings or four and one-half innings with the host team ahead in the score).

In any night baseball game, no inning will be permitted to start after 11:30 p.m., with the exception of the CIF Southern Section championship game.

1512. COACHES IN UNIFORM

No adult coach or player may coach from the first or third base coaching box who is not in uniform. Students must be eligible to be in coaching boxes.

1513. SPORTSMANSHIP

Contrary to certain aspects of professional baseball, the players and coaches on CIF Southern Section baseball team are expected to accept the umpires' decisions and to refrain from unsportsmanlike gestures and remarks to opposing players and umpires. It is the direct responsibility of the coach to control such unsportsmanlike actions and remarks on the part of his players or bench. In the event the coach does not accept this responsibility; the umpire shall have the right to remove the offender from the scene of the contest.

1514. COUNTING A TIE GAME

A regulation *called* game with a tie score shall be counted as ½ game won and ½ game lost for each team. This rule will apply to all contests and leagues may not waive this rule.

1515. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for information regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.)

1515.1 Prior to each playoff contest, the coach of the host team will type out the ground rules on a card and will present a copy to both umpires and the opposing coach.

1515.2 Teams entered in the baseball playoffs will not be permitted to take batting practice on the day of a playoff game prior to the commencement of the contest or during the contest. (See playoff bulletin for definition of batting practice.)



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ARTICLE 160
BASKETBALL

1600. GIRLS MODIFICATION

The National Federation Basketball Rules shall be modified for girls basketball as follows:

A. Utilization of 30-second shot clock.

B. No 10-second rule in backcourt.

C. Utilization of five (5)-second count for holding the ball only.

1600.1 A visible clock is not required.

1601. BOYS MODIFICATION

The National Federation Basketball Rules shall be modified for boys basketball as follows:

A. Utilization of a 35-second shot clock.

1602. UNIFORMS

The National Federation boys and girls uniform rules shall be waived to allow for the wearing of a shirt with diagonal or tailed lettering at the non-varsity level.

1603. THREE (3)-PERSON OFFICIATING

Three (3)-person officiating teams may be used at all games in every round of the State Basketball Tournament.
(Approved October 2000 Federated Council)

1604. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK

Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, flag football, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball and water polo.
(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council/Editorial May 2023)

1605. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONAL PLACEMENT OF SCHOOLS

Boys and Girls Regional and State Championships will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. The CIF Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for their respective regional tournament.

NOTE: Sections still determine their own criteria for placement and seeding of schools within their own local playoff system.
(Approved May 2001 Federated Council/Revised 2002 Executive Committee/Revised February 2005 Federated Council/Revised May 2008 Federated Council/Revised May 2012 Federated Council/Revised May 2014 Federated Council/Revised October 2015 Federated Council/Revised April 2017 Federated Council)

1605.1 All basketball games in the CIF Southern Section will be played under National Federation basketball rules unless otherwise provided herein.

1606. MERCY RULE

At the conclusion of the third quarter or any point thereafter, if there is a point differential of 40 or more points, a running clock shall be instituted for the remainder of the game regardless of the score. This Bylaw applies to all levels of play.
(Approved May 2004 Federated Council)

<>1607. SCRIMMAGES – Reference State CIF Bylaw 1206.B and 1206.C

1607.1 SCRIMMAGES: In the CIF-SS an interscholastic scrimmage in basketball is a training session between a minimum of two schools where no score is kept, free substitution and time-outs are permitted, and spectators are not urged to attend. (See Q & A following Bylaw 220.8 for definition.) A carnival may be conducted in lieu of an interscholastic scrimmage and must be sanctioned by the Commissioner.

<>1607.2 Schools are permitted two interscholastic scrimmages which may not be held prior to Nov 15 and must be held prior to the team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, league or tournament).

1608. TOURNAMENTS

QUESTION: Can a school enter two teams in the same tournament at the same level (i.e. varsity "A" and varsity "B")?

ANSWER: If a school chooses to split a single team into two teams in the same tournament at the same level, they will be charged one for one for all games played by both teams against the maximum 28 contests. IE. 6 total games played by both teams (3 by each team) counts as 6 games against the 28 maximum contests

1608.1 Tournament managers are responsible for notifying participating schools of the number of games and/or teams participating in the tournament.

NOTE: Two contests could be played in the SAME TOURNAMENT only, but not two games in two different tournaments. (See Bylaw 1616.)

1609. CARNIVALS

The following conditions shall govern league or district carnival:

1609.1 All district or league carnivals must be sanctioned by the Commissioner.

1609.2 Such carnivals must include four or more schools from one league or one school district.

1609.3 Officials may be used.

1609.4 Each team will be permitted to participate in a maximum of two regulation 8-minute periods. Opponents must be different for each period.

1609.5 Admission may be charged, but net receipts may not go to the participating schools. Profits shall be donated to worthy charities or placed in the league treasury to benefit all schools in the league.

1609.6 Each carnival will count as the one allowable scrimmage per team.

<>1610. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

No interscholastic contest may be scheduled prior to November 17.

1611. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS – Reference State CIF Bylaw 1206.B

A basketball team will be permitted to play no more than 28 games during the season, including tournaments, but excluding CIF Southern Section CIF State playoffs, Section Foundation or Scholarship Games or League culminating tournament.

1611.1 FACULTY: Each team will be permitted to play one game with the faculty which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

1611.2 ALUMNI: Each team will be permitted to play one alumni contest, which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

<>1612. END OF COMPEITION

All competition must end on or before Wednesday, February 4.

QUESITON: Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?

ANSWER: No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

1613. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

During Individual's Season of Sport - A member of a high school basketball team may *not*, during his or her season of sport, *compete* for an outside team in the sport of basketball. A season of sport (See Bylaw 504) is defined as that period which begins with a student's first interscholastic competition (non-league, tournament, or league game) and ends with that student's last interscholastic contest (tournament, non-league or CIF Southern Section playoff).

1614. COLOR OF JERSEYS

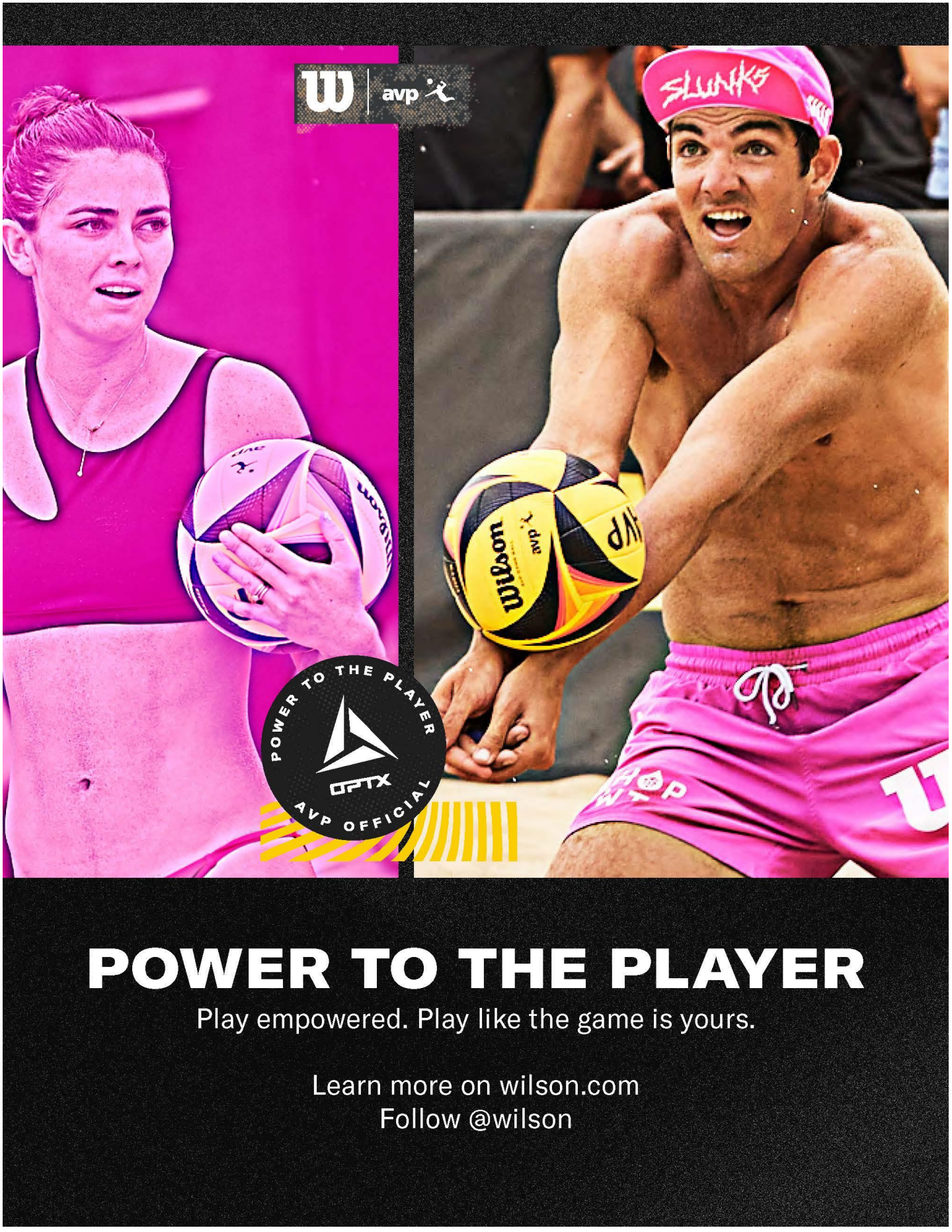
In all basketball games played between member schools of the CIF Southern Section, the host team shall wear white-colored jerseys, and the visiting team shall wear dark-colored jerseys. If a team has only one set of jerseys, it will be its responsibility to notify the opponent in sufficient time in advance of any scheduled contest, so that proper arrangements can be made to make certain both teams have contrasting colored jerseys.

1615. HOST TEAM SELECT LEGAL COURT

The host team in basketball shall select the court, and such court must be legal according to the rules.

1616. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.)


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ARTICLE 170
BEACH VOLLEYBALL

1700. SEASON OF SPORT

Girls beach volleyball will be conducted in the Spring.

1701. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK

Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball, and water polo.
(Approved February 2021 Federated Council)

1702. RULES

All beach volleyball contests in the CIF Southern Section will be played under USA Volleyball Association rules and regulations.

1703. RALLY SCORING

A. Rally scoring shall be utilized for all beach volleyball matches at the varsity level. A set (except the deciding 3rd set) is won by the team which first scores 21 points with a minimum lead of two points. In the case of a 20-20 tie, play is continued until a two-point lead is achieved (22-20, 23-21; etc.)

B. The match is won by the team that wins two sets. In the case of a 1 – 1 set tie, the deciding 3rd set is played to 15 points with a minimum lead of two points.

C. Rally scoring shall be utilized for all sub-varsity beach volleyball matches. All sets shall be played to 21 points with the deciding set played to 15 points.

1704. SCRIMMAGES

An interscholastic scrimmage is a training session between a minimum of two and a maximum of three schools where no score is kept, free substitution and time-outs are permitted, and spectators are urged not to attend. (See Q & A following Bylaw 220.8 for definition.) All allowable interscholastic scrimmages must be conducted prior to a team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament or league).

1704.1 Schools are permitted one (1) interscholastic scrimmage which may not be held prior to February 10 and must be held prior to team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament or league).

1705. TOURNAMENTS – Reference State CIF Bylaw 1206.D

A team may not be entered in more than three tournaments.

1705.1 For each tournament, a team will be charged the required number of contacts using the following formula regardless of the format in which the event is played:

One (1) day tournament counts as two (2) contacts
Two (2) day tournament counts as three (3) contacts
Three (3) day tournament counts as four (4) contacts
Four (4) day tournament counts as five (5) contacts

QUESTION: Can a school enter two teams in the same tournament at the same level (i.e. varsity "A" and varsity "B")?

ANSWER: If a school chooses to split a single team into two teams in the same at the same level they will be charged one allotted tournament for each team entered. If a school enters a varsity "A" tournament and a varsity "B" team, they will be charged for two (2) of the allowable three (3) tournaments for the season.

NOTE: Multiple matches could be played in the SAME TOURNAMENT only, but not multiple matches in two different tournaments. (See Bylaw 1227). All interscholastic matches are to be arranged in such a way that no student shall take part in more than two athletic contests in any one day. (See Bylaw 1226.)

EXCEPTION: The maximum number of matches allowable in any one day may exceed 2 matches but may not exceed 10 total sets on a school day and 15 total sets on a Saturday.

1706. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

Girls Beach Volleyball Teams - No interscholastic matches (non-league, tournament, or league) may be scheduled prior to February 9.

1707. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

A beach volleyball team will be permitted to play no more than 24 matches during the season, including tournaments or jamborees, but excluding CIF Southern Section playoffs.

1707.1 FACULTY: Each team will be permitted to play one faculty match, which will not be charged against the maximum number of allowable contest.

1707.2 ALUMNI: Each team will be permitted to play one alumni match, which will not count as one of the maximum number of allowable contests.

<>1708. END OF COMPETITION

All competition must end on or before April 15 (team).

QUESITON:	Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?
ANSWER:	No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

1709. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

During Individual's Season of Sport - A member of a high school beach volleyball team may *not*, during his or her season of sport, *compete* for an outside team in the sport of beach volleyball. This shall include any form of tryouts or player evaluations, occurring during the high school season of sport with a team, program, club, or any other outside organization other than the student-athlete's high school team. Any such event is considered a violation of this Bylaw. A student shall become ineligible for CIF competition in the sport of beach volleyball if they participates in any tryout or player evaluation for a team, program, club, or any other outside organization. A season of sport (See Bylaw 504) is defined as that period which begins with a student's first interscholastic competition (non-league, tournament or league game) and ends with that student's last interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament, league or CIF Southern Section playoff).

QUESTION:	Can a member of a beach volleyball team participate in organized indoor volleyball practice, tryout, or competition?
ANSWER:	Yes - Any beach volleyball player who participates in organized indoor volleyball competition during her high school season of sport would not be in violation of the "outside competition" Bylaw 600. Because they are two different sports, this would not violate Bylaw 600.
QUESTION:	Can an individual beach volleyball player enter an event during the season of sport unattached?
ANSWER:	Yes - unattached competition is allowed under Bylaw 600.G(1) and 600.G(2).

1710. TIME BETWEEN MATCHES

The time element between varsity and junior varsity matches shall not be more than 20 minutes. The time of 20 minutes to start consecutive matches will begin when the coaches/captains meeting is completed.

1711. NUMBER OF SETS IN A MATCH

All matches will consist of the best two (2) out of three (3) sets to 21 points with the third set to 15 points.

QUESTION:	May leagues, and schools by mutual agreement in non-league or league matches, conduct a non-varsity match as a modified 15-point sets?
ANSWER:	Yes - Leagues and/or schools by mutual agreement for non-varsity or league matches have the option of playing modified 15-point sets.

1712. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information.

ARTICLE 180
COMPETITIVE CHEER

1800. COMPETITIVE CHEER DEFINITIONS

A. Traditional Competitive Cheer (TCC)
For all CIF Bylaws, Traditional Competitive Cheer (TCC) will be defined as any competition using or following the traditional competitive format. TCC coaches must meet education requirements and safety of Article 22.B.(9) and Bylaw 1802. (Ca. Education Code 35179-35179.7, 49032 and 45125.01-45125.1)

B. STUNT

For all CIF Bylaws, STUNT will be defined as any cheer competition that consist of four quarters of play with a halftime in between the second and third quarters. STUNT coaches must meet education and safety requirements of Article 22.B.(9) and Bylaw 1802. (Ca. Education Code 35179-35179.7, 49032 and 45125.01-45125.1)

C. Competition Cheer (see A. and B. above) shall not be counted towards a school Title IX compliance unless the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights deems Competition Cheer compliant with its definition of a sport.

1801. OFFICIAL RULES BOOKS

As per Bylaw 1201 A., the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) Spirit Rules Book shall be the official rule book.

1802. SAFETY CERTIFICATION OF COACHES

Schools must ensure that all Traditional Competitive Cheer and STUNT coaches, paid and unpaid, will have completed a safety education program that emphasizes the following components:

A. A philosophy of safety awareness,

B. Understanding and assessing legal liability in cheerleading.

C. Knowledge of cheerleading safety equipment, including apparel and training aids such as spotting belts and mats.

D. Spotting techniques for tumbling and partner stunts.

E. Skill progressions for tumbling, partner stunts, and pyramids.

F. Physical and psychological performer readiness.

G. Medical responsibilities, including injury prevention, the development of an emergency plan, and the assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of injuries. (See also Article 22.B.(9))

(Approved April 2017 Federated Council)

1803. TRADITIONAL COMPETITIVE CHEER STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A State Championship will be held in January. School team entries will be placed into the appropriate divisions based on registration forms and participation in their Section Championships, when offered.
(Approved April 2024 Federated Council)

<>1804. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

For Traditional Competitive Cheer, interscholastic contests may be scheduled during the Fall, Winter, and/or Spring seasons of sport starting on or after September 1. For STUNT, no interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament or league) may be scheduled prior to February 16.

<>1805. END OF COMPETITIONS

For STUNT, all competition must end on or before Friday, April 24.

QUESITON:	Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?
ANSWER:	No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

<>1806. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

During Individual's Season of Sport - A member of a high school Traditional Competitive Cheer team may, during his or her season of sport (Fall, Winter and Spring), compete for an outside team in the sport of Traditional Competitive Cheer. A member of a high school Competitive Sport Cheer (STUNT) team may not, during his or her season of sport (Spring), compete for an outside team in the sport of Competitive Sport Cheer (STUNT). A season of sport is defined as that period which begins with student's first interscholastic competition (non-league, tournament or league game) and ends with that student's last interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament or CIF Southern Section playoff). (See Bylaw 504.)

<>Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, Traditional Competitive Cheer will be considered a Winter sport and Bylaw 600 will apply during the Winter sport season.

1807. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) details regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.).

ARTICLE 190
CROSS COUNTRY

1900. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONAL PLACEMENT OF SCHOOLS

Each Section will determine the divisional placement for its schools who qualify for the State Cross Country Championships. CIF member schools will be required to participate in the division that has been established by their respective Section. Sections may use their own established criteria to determine placement of teams in the five (5) divisions based on the following guidelines:

Division I	**As determined by Section**
Division II	**As determined by Section**
Division III	**As determined by Section**
Division IV	**As determined by Section**
Division V	**As determined by Section, but enrollment may not exceed 600**

(Approved May 2000 Federated Council/Revised May 2001 Federated Council/Revised June 2002 Executive Committee/ Revised May 2005 Executive Committee/Revised May 2008 Federated Council/Revised May 2014 Federated Council)

1901. AUTOMATIC TEAM ENTRIES

Team entries into the CIF State Championship Meet would be based on a formula that includes the following factors:

A. An established baseline providing a minimum number of entries for each Section;

B. Additional entries based upon the most recent four (4)-year history of the Section team performance in each divisional race;

C. No Section shall have more than seven (7) team entries in any divisional race.

(Approved May 2000 Federated Council/Revised May 2002 Federated Council)

1902. INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES TO THE CIF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

A maximum of five (5) individuals (not on an automatic team entry), per the criteria in each division, will qualify from the CIF Section to the CIF State Championship Meet finals as follows:

# of Section Teams that Automatically Qualify	Sections' Five Individual Qualifiers to the State Meet Must Finish in the Top
1	8
2	12
3	14
4	16
5	18
6	20

(Approved May 2001 Federated Council/Revised February 2005 Federated Council)

1903. SCRIMMAGES – Reference State CIF Bylaw 1206.B and 1206.C

1903.1 SCRIMMAGES: In the CIF-SS an interscholastic scrimmage in cross country is a training session between a minimum of two schools where no score is kept, free substitution, and spectators are not urged to attend. (See Q & A following Bylaw 220.8 for definition.) A carnival may be conducted in lieu of an interscholastic scrimmage and must be sanctioned by the Commissioner.

1903.2 Schools are permitted two interscholastic scrimmages which may not be held prior to September 1 and must be held prior to the team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, league or tournament).

<>1904. STARTING DATE FOR INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

Interscholastic competition in cross country may not start until August 18.

1905. MAXIMUM CONTESTS – Reference State CIF Bylaw 1206.D

An individual of a cross country team will be permitted to enter and participate in no more than a total of 14 dual, triangular, or invitational (sanctioned) meets during the season, not including all-league or CIF Southern Section championships.

<>1906. END OF COMPETITION

All competition must end on or before Friday, November 7.

QUESITON:	Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?
ANSWER:	No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

1907. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

Refer to Article 60 for specific guidelines.

1908. PROPER EQUIPMENT

All athletes competing in cross country must be in proper team uniform and wear running shoes. Spikes will not be permitted.

1909. DISTANCE OF RACES

The maximum distance in all non-league, league, and invitational cross country competition shall be 5,000 meters (3.1 miles). A shorter distance may be adopted by a league or by mutual agreement by schools for non-league competition.

1910. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for information regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.)

1910.1 The location of the preliminary and championship meets shall be determined by the Commissioner of Athletics.

ARTICLE 200
FIELD HOCKEY

2000. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK

Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, flag football, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball, and water polo.
(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council/Editorial May 2023)

2001. RULES

All field hockey games in the CIF Southern Section will be played under National Federation Field Hockey rules unless otherwise provided herein.

2002. SCRIMMAGES

An interscholastic scrimmage in field hockey is a training session between a minimum of two and a maximum of three schools where no score is kept, free substitutions and time-outs are permitted, and spectators are not urged to attend. (See Q & A following Bylaw 220.8 for definition.)

<>2002.1 Schools are permitted one interscholastic scrimmage which may not be held prior to August 13 and must be held prior to team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament or league).

2003. TOURNAMENTS

A team may not be entered in more than three tournaments.

2003.1 For each tournament, a team will be charged two games toward the allowable maximum number of contests.

QUESTION: Can a school enter two teams in the same tournament at the same level (i.e. varsity "A" and varsity "B")?

ANSWER: If a school chooses to split a single team into two teams in the same tournament at the same level they will be charged one allotted tournament for each team entered. If a school enters a varsity "A" and a varsity "B" team, they will be charged for two (2) of the allowable three (3) tournaments for the season.

2003.2 All tournaments, regardless of the number of teams participating, are allowed a maximum of 5 games while still counting as 2 of your allowable contests.

2003.3 Tournament managers are responsible for notifying participating schools of the number of games and/or teams participating in the tournament.

NOTE: Two contests could be played in the SAME TOURNAMENT only, but not two games in two different tournaments (See Bylaw 2010).

<>2004. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

No interscholastic contests (non-league, tournament or league) may be scheduled prior to August 12.

2005. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

A field hockey team will be permitted to play no more than 20 games during the season, including tournaments and invitationals.

2005.1 FACULTY: Each team will be permitted to play one game with the faculty which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

2005.2 ALUMNI: Each team will be permitted to play one Alumni contest which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

<>2006. END OF COMPETITION

All competition must end on or before Saturday, November 1.

QUESITON: Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?

ANSWER: No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

2007. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

Refer to Article 60 for specific guidelines.

2008. MAXIMUM ATHLETIC CONTESTS IN ONE DAY

Refer to Blue Book Bylaw 1227 for specific information on maximum contests in one day. In field hockey, a player may participate in two games in one day when the halves in both games are not more than 20 minutes in length.

2009. CHINGFORD COMPOSITION BALL

The Chingford composition ball may be used for CIF Southern Section contests.

2010. COLOR OF UNIFORM TOPS

In all field hockey games played between member schools of the CIF Southern Section, the host team shall wear solid white tops, and the visiting team shall wear solid black or dark colored tops. If a team has only one set of uniforms, it will be its responsibility to notify the opponent in sufficient time in advance of any scheduled contest, so that proper arrangements can be made to make certain both teams have contrasting colored uniform tops.

2011. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information.

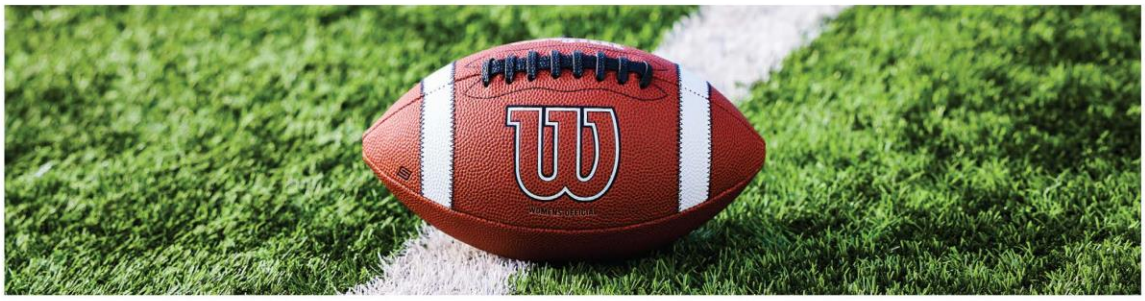
2011.1 GIRL'S TEAM FIELD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS (No playoffs - See Bylaw 3500.2)


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ARTICLE 210
FLAG FOOTBALL

<>2100. SEASON OF SPORT

Girls Flag Football will be conducted in the Fall.
<>NOTE: Girls Flag Football will use the 2025 NFHS rule book.
(Editorial June 2024/Editorial April 2025))

<>2101. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK

Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, flag football, flag football (2027), football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball, and water polo.
(Editorial May 2023/Editorial April 2025)

2102. RULES

All flag football games in the CIF Southern Section will be played under CIF defined rules.

2103. SCRIMMAGES

An interscholastic scrimmage is a training session between a minimum of two and a maximum of three schools where no score is kept, free substitution and time-outs are permitted, and spectators are not urged to attend. (See Q & A following Bylaw 220.8 for definition.) All allowable scrimmages must be conducted prior to a team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, league or tournament).

<>2103.1 Schools are permitted two interscholastic scrimmages which may not be held prior to August 4 and must be held prior to team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament or league).

2104. TOURNAMENTS

QUESTION: Can a school enter two teams in the same tournament at the same level (i.e. varsity "A" and varsity "B")?

ANSWER: If a school chooses to split a single team into two teams in the same tournament at the same level they will be charged single games for each team toward their allowable 28 at the level of the tournament.

2104.1 Tournament managers are responsible for notifying participating schools of the number of games and/or team participating in the tournament. NOTE: Two contests could be played on the same day in the SAME TOURNAMENT only, but not two games in two different tournaments.

EXCEPTION: Maximum of three flag football contests can be played in the same tournament as long as the total minutes played does not exceed 144 minutes for that day.

2105. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

No interscholastic contests (non-league, tournament, or league) may be scheduled prior to August 4.

2106. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

A flag football team will be permitted to play no more than 28 games during the season, including tournaments, but excluding CIF Southern Section playoffs.

2106.1 FACULTY: Each team will be permitted to play one game with the faculty which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

2106.2 ALUMNI: Each team will be permitted to play one Alumni contest, which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

<>2107. END OF COMPETITION

All competition must end on or before Wednesday, October 15.

QUESITON:	Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?
ANSWER:	No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

2108. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

During Individual's Season of Sport - A member of a high school flag football team may *not*, during his or her season of sport, *compete* for an outside team in the sport of flag football. A season of sport (see Bylaw 504) is defined as that period which begins with a student's first interscholastic competition (non- league, tournament, or league game) and ends with that student's last interscholastic contest (tournament, non-league or CIF Southern Section playoff).

2109. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.).

ARTICLE 220
FOOTBALL

<>2200. AGE REQUIREMENT

A student under 15 years of age may not participate in an interscholastic contest or scrimmage against the varsity team of another school. This Bylaw may be waived by Section action provided the Section adopts criteria for such a waiver which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

A. Participant must be at least 14 years of age;

B. A signed consent statement from the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, allowing participation at the varsity level;

C. A statement from the head coach that the student-athlete has the physical and mental maturity to compete at the varsity level;

<>D. A statement of compliance must be forwarded by the principal through CIFSSHome **to the respective Section Office verifying that all required documentation has been completed and is on file in the appropriate school office.**

<>Record the student's information under the "Forms" tab in CIFSSHome (Football 14 Year Old) as a statement of compliance by your school principal verifying that all required documentation has been completed and is on file in the appropriate school office.
(Revised May 2000 Federated Council/Revised March 2004 Executive Committee/Revised April 2019 Federated Council)

2201. NUMBER OF FOOTBALL PRACTICE DAYS; NO SUNDAY PRACTICE; TEAM CAMPS/OTHER OFF-SEASON ACTIVITIES

A. There shall be no football games until the team has had 14 days of practice before the first game. Each individual student on the team must have had at least 10 days of practice before being allowed to compete in a game. (The opening date of football practice may be determined by each Section.) No Sunday practice is permitted (See Bylaw 504.M. for exception)

B. Football teams are limited to two days per week of full contact practice, with no more than 45 minutes of full contact on each of those days during the season of sport. For purposes of this Bylaw, each team's season of sport is defined as the first day of practice, as allowed by the Section, until the final contest for the team. All full contact practices are prohibited in the off-season which includes team camps. Full contact practice is defined by state statute as a practice where drills or live action is conducted that involves collisions at game speed where players execute tackles and other activity that is typical of an actual tackle football game. For the purposes of this Bylaw, refer to the definition of Live Action as defined by USA Football.
(Revised April 2018 Federated Council)

C. Team camps and other off-season activities are allowable with the following equipment only: footballs, bags, blocking sleds and football shoes.
(Approved April 2015 Federated Council)

NOTE: For policies related to definition of full-contact and allowable in-season, off-season and team camp activities please consult the football section in the blue pages and local Section Bylaws.

The CIF has developed the following regarding full contact football practices:

Allowable Activities During the Season of Sport:

- **A team is allowed two days per week of full contact practice, with no more than 45 minutes of full contact on each of those days. This includes live action and thud.**
- **A team may participate in air, bags/ blocking sleds and control drills at any time unless the Section has implemented more restrictive rules. A team may continue to dress in full pads for practice when conducting any of these drills defined below:**
  - **Air – Players run unopposed without bags or any opposition**
  - **Bags/Blocking Sleds – Activity is executed against a bag/blocking sleds, shield or pad to allow for a soft- contact surface, with or without the resistance of a teammate or coach standing behind the bag.**
  - **Control – Drill is run at assigned speed until the moment of contact with a pre-determined winner. Contact remains above the waist and players stay on their feet allowing an exit for the ball carrier when one is involved in the drill.**

Allowable Activities During the Off-Season:

- **No full contact practice is allowed during the off-season. Please consult Section Bylaws for allowable off-season activities.**
- **For purposes of this Bylaw, the off-season is defined as the team's last football contest of the season until the first day of practice the following school year as set by the Section.**

Allowable Activities for Team Camps:

- **No full contact practice is allowed during the off-season.**
- **Team camps are considered practice**
- **If allowed by the Section, a team may participate in air, bags/blocking sleds and control drills (see above definitions for these activities) while attending a team camp. A team may continue to dress in full pads for practice when conducting any of these drills at a team camp. Please consult Section and School District rules regarding the use of school equipment in the off-season**
- **For purposes of this Bylaw, the off-season is defined as the team's last football contest of the season until the first day of practice the following school year as set by the Section.**

Question: What is the implementation date for this bylaw?
Answer: In order to comply with AB 2127, this bylaw will be implemented immediately.

Question: May teams continue to use Thud as a training drill?
Answer: Yes, However, the time spent in Thud rills is considered full-contact and would count against the team's allotment in both for both days and minutes.

Question: Does unused time carry over to the 2nd day of allowable full-contact?
Answer: No. Teams are allowed 2 days per week of full-contact with no more than 45 minutes on each of those days. If a team does not use the entire 90 minutes of full-contact on one day, it may not carry over those unused minutes to the next day.

Question: Is a team allowed any type of contact outside of the two days per week with no more than 45 minutes on each of those days? Answer: **Yes. A team may still engage in Control drills. See the Policy Page for Bylaw 2201 for the definition of control.**

Question: If allowed by the Section, may a team, in the off-season, engage in drills that are not considered full-contact? Answer: Yes. However, **no full-contact practice is allowed during the off-season at any time.**

Question: Is full-contact allowed at team camps?
Answer: No. According to AB 2127, team camps are considered practice so full-contact would be prohibited.

Question: May teams attend a full-contact team camp outside of California?
Answer: No. AB 2127 and CIF Bylaw 2201 apply no matter where the team camp is conducted.

Question: May teams attend a team camp that only utilizes activities that are not considered full-contact?
Answer: Yes. Teams may attend a team camp and participate in drills that are not considered full-contact such as Air, Bags/Blocking Sleds and Control.

Question: Are players allowed to attend individual camps and participate in full-contact drills?
Answer: Yes. However, schools should consult their Section and School District (or school) policies regarding the use of school equipment by individuals. Also, schools may not use individual camps to circumvent AB 2127 and Bylaw 2201 regarding team camps.

2202. SCRIMMAGE LIMITATIONS

No individual student shall participate in an interscholastic scrimmage before his/her 10th day of practice for that particular school. Scrimmage is defined as practice where the teams alternate in carrying the ball, downs are not counted, no score is kept and the coaches are on the field directing play.

2202.1 A team must complete a minimum of 10 days of practice prior to competing in an interscholastic scrimmage or football carnival. Neither the interscholastic scrimmage nor carnival for the team or an individual, may be on the tenth day of practice. Two or more sessions in one day count as one day's practice for the team or an individual.

<>2203. PHYSICAL CONDITIONING PRACTICE

A high school shall not conduct a physical conditioning practice session during the summer prior to the opening date of authorized football practice, unless so authorized by the appropriate Section. The start date for fall football practice, for each individual school, will be determined according to the following formula:

<>2203.1 Week 0 Games – The first official day of football practice is July 28, 2025. The period of July 28 – August 1 will serve as a five-day acclimatization period (Bylaw 503.K(1)) for prospective members of a high school team.

<>2203.2 Week 1 Games – The first official day of football practice is August 4, 2025. The period of August 4 through August 8 will serve as a five-day acclimatization period (Bylaw 503.K(1)) for prospective members of a high school team.

<>2203.3 During the first three days of the acclimatization period practice or testing activity of July 28 through July 30 (zero week) and August 4 through August 6 (week 1), helmets shall be the only protective equipment student-athletes may wear. During the next two days of practice or testing activity of July 31 through August 1 (zero week) and August 7 through August 8 (week 1), helmets, and shoulder pads shall be the only protective equipment student athletes may wear.

Participants shall not engage in more than one on-field practice per day during the five-day acclimatization period. On-field practices shall last no longer than two hours. The acclimatization period may include various facets of football training (teaching techniques, chalks talks, pass patterns, etc.) but MAY NOT include any body contact such as tackling or blocking. During acclimatization there will be no equipment used such as blocking or tackling dummies, pads, etc. Student athletes may practice in full pads on the sixth day of practice or testing activity.

2203.4 All conditioning sessions will be held at the schools regular practice field. No workouts will be permitted at beaches, mountain resorts, or military sites.

QUESTION: When will schools be allowed to fit equipment?

ANSWER: Schools may fit equipment prior to the conditioning period as long as it is during the summer and not during the dead period. Uniforms may not be issued prior to the conditioning period.

2203.5 Schools will be permitted to issue uniforms and equipment on the first day of conditioning after which a time may be designated for individual and team photos. No conditioning in any type of uniform will be permitted.

<>2203.6 The first official day of practice in full pads **cannot** occur before:

Week 0 Games – Saturday, August 2, 2025
Week 1 Games – Saturday, August 9, 2025

2203.7 The two-week dead period is mandatory.

2204. SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Eighth and ninth grade students from an elementary, middle or junior high school may not take part in the Spring football practice at the high school (See Bylaw 303 for multi-school exception). A high school coach may not conduct a football practice session at a separate junior high school.

2205. NUMBER OF GAMES LIMITATION

A high school football team of any classification or name shall not play more than two (2) games in any eight (8) day period. A continued game under National Federation football rules shall not be considered in this limitation.

2206. TIE-BREAKER SYSTEM

A. Each Section is authorized to establish a tie-breaker system for regular season football games and Section playoff football games.

(Revised October 2017 Federated Council)

2206.1 The "25-Yard Tie Breaker System" is authorized for use in the Southern Section for playoffs as follows:

2206.11 Respective leagues have the option of adopting the plan for use.

2206.12 If adopted, then all ties within that league must be resolved with the "25-Yard Tie Breaker System" for playoffs.

2206.13 If adopted, the plan may be used for the varsity, junior varsity or frosh-soph levels, or any combination of these levels.

2206.14 By mutual consent, the plan may be used for non-league contests.

2206.15 The "25-Yard Tie Breaker System" will be used for all levels of CIF Southern Section playoff contests, including the Championship game.

2206.16 The "25-Yard Tie Breaker System" may not be used beyond the last allowable regular playing date to determine entry into the playoffs.

2207. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK

Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, flag football, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball and water polo.
(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council/Editorial May 2023)

2208. MERCY RULE

At the conclusion of the third quarter or any point thereafter, if there is a point differential of 35 or more points, a running clock shall be instituted for the remainder of the game regardless of the score. The game clock shall stop only for a score, a free kick following a fair catch or awarded fair catch, a charged team timeout, a coach-referee conference or an officials' timeout. This Bylaw applies to all levels of play.
(Approved May 2011 Federated Council)

2209. JERSEY COLORS

In all football games played between member schools of the CIF Southern Section, the host team shall wear dark-colored jerseys, and the visiting team will wear white jerseys. If a team has only one set of jerseys, it will be its responsibility to notify opponents in sufficient time in advance of any scheduled contest in order that proper arrangements can be made to make certain that both teams have contrasting colored jerseys.

2210. OFFICIALS ASSIGNMENT PRACTICE

2210.1 The officials for all football games played between Los Angeles Section and Southern Section schools must be appointed by the Los Angeles City Supervisor of Athletics when the game is to be played at the Los Angeles Section schools and by the Southern Section Commissioner of Athletics when the game is to be played at the Southern Section school.

2210.2 By action of the CIF Southern Section Council, FIVE officials will be assigned to all eleven-man Varsity football contests.

2211. LENGTH OF QUARTERS

The length of the quarters in football games shall be twelve (12) minutes at the varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, Soph-Frosh and freshmen levels. Quarters may be shortened only by mutual consent of both competing schools.

2212. NATIONAL FEDERATION RULES

All football games in the CIF Southern Section will be played under the National Federation rules unless otherwise provided herein.

2213. ORGANIZED TEAM PRACTICE

Organized team practice shall be interpreted as meaning the association of a coach with potential team members for the purpose of learning or practicing the skills of football.

2213.1 See Rule 2203 to determine the start date for organized before and after-school team practice.

2213.2 All football practice sessions should be conducted on the campus or regular home practice field of the school holding the practice.

2214. SCRIMMAGES

A school is permitted one interscholastic scrimmage (at all levels) which may not be held until a team completes a minimum of 10 days of practice prior to the scrimmage. (See Rule 2202)

2214.1 The interscholastic scrimmage (or carnival) must be held prior to the first game of the regular season.

2214.2 An interscholastic scrimmage is a training session where the teams alternate in carrying the ball, no score is kept, and the coaches are on the field directing play.

QUESTION: Are there other parameters one should be aware of with regard to an interscholastic scrimmage?

ANSWER: An interscholastic scrimmage is defined as a training session in which students from more than one school participate, any aspect of play is exercised and no score is kept. Only students regularly enrolled in public and private CIF member school, grades 9-12, shall be permitted to participate in a scrimmage. Alumni shall not be permitted to take part other than the one allowable contest where noted in specific sports.

2214.3 Officials may be used.

2214.4 Two (2) or more teams may participate.

2214.5 Interscholastic scrimmages may be held at night by mutual agreement of the two participating schools.

2214.6 Schools are not permitted to charge admission to the scrimmage.

2215. CARNIVALS

All district or league carnivals must be sanctioned by the Commissioner.

2215.1 Such carnivals must include four or more schools from one league or one school district.

2215.2 Officials may be used.

2215.3 Each team will be permitted to participate in a maximum of two regulation 12-minute periods.

2215.4 Admission may be charged, but net receipts may not go to the participating schools. Profits shall be donated to worthy charities or placed in the league treasury to benefit all schools in the league.

<>2216. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS/"0" WEEK CONTEST

No interscholastic contests (non-league or league) may be scheduled prior to August 22, 2025. For information regarding scheduling of a contest prior, refer to the following guidelines:

2216.1 "0" Week Contest Approval Procedure: If a school chooses to schedule a "0" Week contest, they are required to do the following:

1. Include on the CIF Southern Section Football Practice Information Form the following information:

   a. The date of the "0" Week contest.

   b. The dates of the school's bye week - The bye week is from Monday through Saturday. Practices must be conducted without pads. Players are allowed to wear helmets during the bye week, similar to the first three days of the fall conditioning period. (See Rule 2203.3 for further clarification.)

QUESTION: What medical coverage is required for regular season football contests?

ANSWER: The host school shall designate and provide a medical practitioner for all regular season (non-league and league) football contests.

2217. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

A football team will be permitted to play no more than 10 football games during the season, not including CIF Southern Section playoffs. 8-man football teams will be permitted 9 games.

<>2218. END OF COMPETITION

All competition must end on or before Friday October 31, and Saturday, November 1, for 8-person schools.

QUESITON: Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?

ANSWER: No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

2219. SUMMERTIME RULES/SUMMER DEAD PERIOD/SPORTS CAMPS

Refer to Blue Book Bylaw 1223 for specific information on Summertime Rules/ Summer Dead Period/ Sports Camps

2219.1 It should be noted that in football only, the following is applicable as part of the high school program.

a. High school students participating in summer football practice may wear the following type of clothing or uniform: (1) football shoes; (2) "T" or sweat shirts; (3) trunks or sweat pants; (4) protective equipment for the ears and head. (Football or other hard plastic helmets will not be permitted because of the hazard to other players.

b. The following equipment will be permitted during summer football practice provided it is used in a safe and sane manner: (1) air dummies; (2) stand-up dummies; (3) two or seven-man sleds; (4) tackling dummies; (5) blocking aprons.

c. There shall be no live tackling at any time.

2219.2 A student with further high school eligibility may participate during the summer on a touch or flag football team. No CIF Southern Section restrictions shall be placed upon the personnel composition of such a team. A high school football coach may, as an individual, coach such a team.

QUESTION: Can protective gear such as shoulder pads, helmets, etc., be furnished by schools for use at private or public schools or camps?

ANSWER: No. Uniforms or any type of school equipment may not be used.

2219.3 A student with further high school eligibility may attend and participate in football activity at any public recreation, private football school or camp. A member of the football coaching staff from the school which the student attends may serve as an instructor at such a camp. A private football camp is defined where there are students from three or more schools in attendance and the camp is not being run by a high school coach who has students in attendance. A team contact camp is defined as a camp in which high school players utilizing helmets and pads participate along with their high school coach(es). Participation in team contact camps is prohibited.

2220. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

Refer to Article 60 for specific guidelines.

2221. COUNTING A TIE GAME

A regulation *called* game with a tie score shall be counted as ½ game won and ½ game lost for each team.

2222. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in sport preview booklet and playoff information bulletins.)

2222.1 The holding of night rallies or bonfires in connection with CIF Southern Section football games is prohibited. It is recommended that they not be permitted in connection with league or practice contests.

2222.2 A licensed medical doctor or the primary health provider designated by the home team as team physician or team doctor shall be in attendance at all playoff games. The fee shall be paid from the gross game receipts.

2222.3 Prior to each CIF Southern Section football playoff game there shall be a mandatory exchange of four game films/tapes between the competing schools. If a school entering the playoffs has not filmed/taped any of its games, it should communicate that fact to the Commissioner prior to the beginning of the playoffs. Each coach will have his choice of any four of his opponent's game films/tapes. These film/tapes will be unedited and shall include all plays as originally filmed/taped. In addition to the mandatory exchange, it shall be permissible for either coach to secure from other sources any game film/tape of his opponent that he may desire to view for the purpose of preparing for his next playoff game.

2222.4 The initial mandatory film exchange will take place immediately after pairings are released. Subsequent film exchanges will be made by 12:00 noon the day after each playoff game. The coaches shall make the return exchange of film/tapes the night of their playoff game.

2222.5 Any violation of the mandatory film/tape exchange rule (refusal to cooperate) should be reported at once to the CIF Southern Section Office. Such violation may subject a team to disqualification from the playoffs.

2222.6 The 25-yard tie breaker system may be used by leagues in order to determine entry, not priority, of their schools for playoffs so long as it is provided for in the league constitution and the competition is held no later than the last allowable regular playing date.

2222.7 The persons assigned to the “chain crew” responsible for marking down and distance on the field, shall be responsible adults.

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ARTICLE 230
GOLF

2300. SEASON OF SPORT

Girls Golf will be conducted in the Fall. Boys Golf will be conducted in the Spring. (Approved November 1998 Federated Council)

2301. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ADOPTED

State golf championships for girls will be conducted in the Fall, state golf championships for boys will be conducted in the Spring. (Approved May 2003 Federated Council.)

2302. RULES

All golf competition in the CIF Southern Section will be played under USGA rules unless otherwise provided herein.

2303. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

<>Girls Teams: No interscholastic matches (non-league, tournament, or league) may be scheduled prior to August 25.

<>Boys Teams: No interscholastic matches (non-league, tournament, or league) may be scheduled prior to February 23.

2304. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

Definition of a Match - Every contest in which two or more teams or individuals from teams meet for the purpose of competition or playoff entry constitutes a match. Matches must be completed on the same day as the scheduled competition (i.e. a school that plays nine holes against an opponent on one day, shall count that as a match, they may not play nine holes against that same opponent on another date and then count the 18-hole total as one match). The maximum number of allowable matches is 24. All teams in a league may meet for the purpose of competition if points are accumulated for the purpose of playoff entries. Individual golfers may not participate in more than 24 matches, regardless of the level played.**

**Exception: Any student engaged in a multi-round elimination tournament for the purpose of determining league individual entries may complete that tournament even if he/she would exceed the maximum number of matches.

Tournaments - Schools may compete in four tournaments during the season, regardless of the number of entries that score toward team finish. For purposes of this rule, a tournament is defined as follows:

* Sanctioned by the Section
* Attended by invitation from the host school and cannot be limited to only league schools.
* Order of finish must include at least the first, second and third place finishers.
* Finishes by participants cannot be used for league entries into playoffs.

Teams entering tournaments may not be “split” in order to participate at multiple sites. Each school team is limited to four tournaments total. Teams are defined as: Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Frosh/Soph.

Individual golfers may not participate in more than four tournaments regardless of level of competition.

<>2305. END OF COMPETITION

All competition must end on or before the Friday prior to the first playoff date. For girls, October 24 and for boys May 1.

QUESITON:	Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?
ANSWER:	No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

For the purpose of entry into Section Divisionals, leagues are to develop procedures for determining entrants. In the event of a tie for the last entrant, leagues should refer to their own Bylaws for determining entry.

2306. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

Refer to Article 60 for specific guidelines.

2307. SPECIAL RULES FOR GOLF

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Good sportsmanship requires that I -

- Adhere rigidly to all local golf course rules.
- Allow club members and faster players to pass through at all times.
- Replace my divots on fairways and repair ball marks on the greens.
- Do not walk needlessly in traps.
- Rake and smooth sand in traps.
- Do not play my shot if there is danger of hitting into players ahead.
- Do not throw my clubs at any time.
- Do not play, strike or throw my ball off the green after holing out.
- Do not yell or talk loudly on the course at any time.
- Do not swear or use offensive language.
- Do not smoke while going to and from the course or while on the course.
- Do not wager in connection with golf.
- Do not present myself in an unkempt appearance.
- Do not leave my bag in front of the green while putting out.
- Do not place my bag on the tee at any time.
- Strive to be a sports-person and athlete not only in dress and appearance but in conduct at all times.

2308. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.)

2308.1 USGA Rules will prevail.

ARTICLE 240
GYMNASTICS

2400. RULES FOR COMPULSORY ROUTINES

Sections are authorized to use USA Gymnastic rules for compulsory routines; all optional routines must follow National Federation rules.

2401. RULES

All gymnastics competition in the CIF Southern Section will be conducted under National Federation gymnastics rules unless otherwise provided.

2402. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

No interscholastic meets (non-league, invitational or league) may be scheduled prior to February 23.

2403. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

A gymnastics team will be permitted to schedule no more than 12 dual or triangular meets during the season, not including invitational meets. Any interscholastic dual or triangular gymnastic competition will be considered as one of the permitted number of meets.

<>2404. END OF COMPETITION

All competition must end on or before Friday, May 8.

QUESITON:	Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?
ANSWER:	No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

2405. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIUAL

Refer to Article 60 for specific guidelines.

2406. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information.

2405.1 INDIVIDUAL GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS (No playoffs - See Bylaw 3500.2)

2405.2 GIRLS TEAM GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS (No playoffs - See Bylaw 3500.2)

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ARTICLE 250
LACROSSE

2500. REFER TO SECTION BYLAWS

CIF Bylaws have established Boys and Girls Lacrosse as spring sports.

2501. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK

Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, flag football, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball, and water polo. (Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council/Editorial May 2023)

2502. RULES

Girls Lacrosse - All girl's lacrosse contests in the CIF Southern Section will be played under the U.S. Lacrosse rules endorsed by the National Federation, unless otherwise provided herein.

Boys Lacrosse - All boy's lacrosse contests in the CIF Southern Section will be played under the National Federation rules unless otherwise provided herein.

<>2503. SCRIMMAGES

2503.1 SCRIMMAGES: In the CIF-SS an interscholastic scrimmage in lacrosse is a training session between a minimum of two schools where no score is kept, free substitution and time-outs are permitted, and spectators are not urged to attend. (See Q & A following bylaw 220.8 for definition.) A carnival may be conducted in lieu of an interscholastic scrimmage and must be sanctioned by the Commissioner.

<>2503.2 Schools are permitted one interscholastic scrimmage which may not be held prior to February 14 and must be held prior to the team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, league or tournament).

2504. TOURNAMENTS

A team may not be entered in more than three tournaments.

2504.1 For each tournament, a team will be charged two games toward the allowable maximum number of contests.

QUESTION: Can a school enter two teams in the same tournament at the same level (i.e. varsity "A" and varsity "B")?

ANSWER: If a school chooses to split a single team into two teams in the same tournament at the same level, they will be charged one for one for all games played by both teams against the maximum 28 contests. i.e.. 6 total games played by both teams (3 by each team) counts as 6 games against the 28 maximum contests.

2504.2 All tournaments, regardless of the number of teams participating, are allowed a maximum of 5 games while still counting as 2 of your allowable contests.

2504.3 Tournament managers are responsible for notifying participating schools of the number of games and/or teams participating in the tournament.

NOTE: Two contests could be played in the SAME TOURNAMENT only, but not two games in two different tournaments (see Bylaw 1227).

EXCEPTION: Girls' lacrosse and lower level boys' lacrosse - the number of contests on a non-school day is not to exceed a total of 150 minutes for that day.

2505. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

No interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament or league) may be scheduled prior to February 14.

2506. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

A lacrosse team will be permitted to play no more than 20 games during the season, including tournaments, but excluding CIF Southern Section, CIF State Playoffs, Section Foundation or Scholarship Games or League culminating tournaments.

2506.1 FACULTY: Each team will be permitted to play one game with the faculty which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

2506.2 ALUMNI: Each team will be permitted to play one Alumni contest, which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

<>2507. END OF COMPETITION

All competition must end on or before Wednesday, April 22.

QUESITON:	Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?
ANSWER:	No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

2508. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

During Individual's Season of Sport - A member of a high school lacrosse team may *not*, during his or her season of sport, *compete* for an outside team in the sport of lacrosse. A season of sport is defined as that period which begins with student's first interscholastic competition (non-league, tournament or league game) and ends with that student's last interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament or CIF Southern Section playoff). (See Bylaw 504.)

2509. SPORTSMANSHIP

Contrary to certain aspects of professional lacrosse, the players and coaches on CIF Southern Section lacrosse teams are expected to accept the officials' decisions and to refrain from unsportsmanlike gestures and remarks to opposing players and officials. It is the direct responsibility of the coach to control such unsportsmanlike actions and remarks on the part of his players or bench. In the event the coach does not accept this responsibility, the official shall have the right to remove the offender from the scene of the contest.

2510. LENGTH OF GAMES

2510.1 GIRLS LACROSSE - The duration of all levels of girl's games shall be four twelve-minute periods. There shall be two-minute intervals between the first and second periods and between the third and fourth periods. The intermission between the second and third period shall not exceed ten minutes.

2510.2 BOYS LACROSSE - The duration of all levels of boy's games shall be four twelve-minute periods. There shall be two-minute intervals between the first and second periods and between the third and fourth periods. The intermission between the second and third period shall not exceed ten minutes.

2511. SPECIAL RULES FOR GIRLS' LACROSSE

2411.1(A) A player who receives a straight red card in any game (non-league, tournament, league or playoff) may not play for the duration of the game and will adhere to the appropriate number of subsequent game suspensions in accordance with bylaw 503.M.

2411.1(B) A player who receives two yellow cards in any game (non-league, tournament, league or playoff) may not play for the duration of the game. The player will be eligible for the team's next game **.**

2512. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for information regarding playoff information.

ARTICLE 260
SKIING

2600. SKIING

Skiing is not a sanctioned interscholastic sport in the CIF Southern Section.

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ARTICLE 270
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2700. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK

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(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council/Editorial May 2023)

2701. SOCAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boys and Girls Regional Championships will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. The CIF Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for respective regional tournament.

NOTE: Sections still determine their own criteria for placement and seeding of schools within their own local playoff system.
(Approved February 2007 Federated Council/Revised May 2014 Federated Council/Revised April 2016 Federated Council/Revised April 2017 Federated Council)

<>#2702. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A State Championship will be held following the CIF Regional Championship. The Regional Champions will compete for the State Championship.
(Approved April 2025 Federated Council)

#2703. RULES

All soccer games in the CIF Southern Section will be played under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided.

#2704. SCRIMMAGES

An interscholastic scrimmage is a training session between a minimum of two and a maximum of three schools where no score is kept, free substitution and time-outs are permitted, and spectators are not urged to attend. (See Q & A following Bylaw 220.8 for definition.) All allowable scrimmages must be conducted prior to a team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, league or tournament).

<>2703.1 Schools are permitted two interscholastic scrimmages which may not be held prior to November 18 and must be held prior to team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament or league).

#2705. TOURNAMENTS

QUESTION: Can a school enter two teams in the same tournament at the same level (i.e. varsity "A" and varsity "B")?

ANSWER: If a school chooses to split a single team into two teams in the same tournament at the same level they will be charged single games for each team toward their allowable 28.

#2705.1 Tournament managers are responsible for notifying participating schools of the number of games and/or team participating in the tournament. NOTE: Two contests could be played on the same day in the SAME TOURNAMENT only, but not two games in two different tournaments.

EXCEPTION: Maximum of three soccer contests can be played in the same tournament on a non-school day as long as the total minutes played does not exceed 150 minutes for that day.

<>#2706. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

No interscholastic contests (non-league, tournament, or league) may be scheduled prior to November 17.

#2707. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

A soccer team will be permitted to play no more than 28 games during the season, including tournaments, but excluding CIF Southern Section playoffs.

#2707.1 FACULTY: Each team will be permitted to play one game with the faculty which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

#2707.2 ALUMNI: Each team will be permitted to play one Alumni contest, which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

<>#2708. END OF COMPETITION

All competition must end on or before Wednesday, February 4.

QUESITON:	Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?
ANSWER:	No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

#2709. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

During Individual's Season of Sport - A member of a high school soccer team may *not*, during his or her season of sport, *compete* for an outside team in the sport of soccer. A season of sport (see Bylaw 504) is defined as that period which begins with a student's first interscholastic competition (non-league, tournament, or league game) and ends with that student's last interscholastic contest (tournament, non-league or CIF Southern Section playoff).

#2710. SPECIAL RULES FOR SOCCER

#2710.1 The duration of varsity games shall be two equal 40-minute halves. The duration of junior varsity and frosh-soph games shall be two equal 35-minute halves. In the case of a tie game, two extra periods of ten minutes each may be played, by league adoption for league games, or by mutual agreement between coaches in non-league games. A tie at this latter point then stands as official.

#2710.2

(A) A player who receives a straight red card in any game (non-league, tournament, league or playoff) may not play for the duration of the game and will adhere to the appropriate number of subsequent game suspensions in accordance with bylaw 503.M.

(B) A player who receives two yellow cards in any game (non-league, tournament, league or playoff) may not play for the duration of the game. The player will be eligible for the team's next game.

#2710.3 A player who receives a yellow card in any game (non-league, tournament, league or playoff) must leave the field and may be substituted for. The player may re-enter the game at any subsequent time that a legal substitution may be made.

#2710.4 Prior to any game (non-league, tournament, league or playoff) each coach must submit completed line-up cards to the referee and opposing coach.

#2710.5 Any high school soccer team (boys' or girls', Varsity or Non-Varsity) receiving its fourth straight red card during the high school season of sport, will immediately be put on probation and will lose four allowable contests the subsequent season.

If a boys' or girls' soccer team that is on probation receives an additional three (3) red cards during their probationary period, the following penalties will apply:

Varsity teams will be removed from the CIF Southern Section Playoffs for a period of one year and continue their probationary status for the following season

OR

Non-Varsity teams will be restricted to playing their league schedule only during the subsequent high school season.

If a team whose current status is "probationary" then violates the red card policy (again), that level of competition will be suspended from participation in the CIF Southern Section entirely the subsequent season.

Note: All individual player penalties shall apply (see Bylaw 503.M for details)

Upon written appeal to the Southern Section Commissioner, the school may petition the Section for reinstatement of the team to be removed from probationary status.

#2711. COUNTING A GAME

A regulation called game with a tie score shall be counted as ½ game won and ½ game lost for each team. This rule will apply to all contests and leagues may not waive this rule.

NOTE: All statistics that occur during overtime count towards team and individual totals. However, if the game reaches the point where a tiebreaker procedure of taking kicks from the penalty-kick line or spot occurs, no statistics – goals or saves – count toward team or individual totals.

All contests (non-league, tournament, league) decided by the tiebreaker procedure of taking kicks from the penalty-kick line or spot shall be counted as ties for each team's overall record. The score shall be recorded as a tie.

This application is for calculating a team's percentage. This does not apply to leagues using an internal point system to forward league entries.

QUESTION:	During a tournament game the score at the end of regulation/or overtime was tied so kicks from the mark were used to determine the winner and advance a team in the tournament. Does the advancing team count this contest as a win or a tie?
ANSWER:	Both teams would record this contest as a tie. The kicks from the mark were only used to determine who should advance and not who won or lost the contest.
QUESTION:	During the tournament championship final the score at the end of regulation / or overtime was tied. Kicks from the mark were used to determine who won the tournament championship. How would this contest be entered on each teams official schedule?
ANSWER:	The team that won the contest either in overtime or kicks from the mark would be declared the winner and would enter a win on the official schedule. The team that lost in overtime or kicks from the mark would enter a loss on the official schedule.

#2712. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.)


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ARTICLE 280
SOFTBALL

2800. LENGTH OF GAMES

CIF Sections are authorized to limit junior varsity softball games to seven (7) innings or a maximum of two (2) hours (no new inning shall begin after two (2) hours have expired from the start of the game), whichever comes first.

2800.1 Southern Section Leagues are allowed to adopt either or both of the following two rule modifications:

OPTION I - "VARSITY AND/OR LOWER LEVEL GAMES shall end after five innings of a seven-inning game when a team is behind by 10 runs."

OPTION II - "JUNIOR VARSITY games are limited to seven innings or a maximum of two hours. No new inning shall begin after two hours have expired from the start of the game."

NOTE: League approval is mandatory before either of the options can be used in league contests. For non-league games adoption of these rule modifications would be by prior mutual consent of the competing schools.

2801. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK

Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, flag football, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball, and water polo.
(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council/Editorial May 2023)

NOTE: All softball bats must meet the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) bat performance standard (NFHS Softball Rule 1-5-1d). Please see the National Federation Rulebook for further clarification on this rule.

2802. PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

It is required that adult base coaches wear a protective helmet. Play will not continue until compliance with this rule is met. It is recommended that the helmet meet NOCSAE standards.

NOTE: NFHS Rules govern use of protective equipment by a player/student. (Approved January 2015 Federated Council)

2803. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A Regional Championship will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. The CIF Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for their respective regional tournament.
(Approved January 2020 Federated Council)

2804. RULES

All softball games in the CIF Southern Section will be played under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided herein.

<>2805. SCRIMMAGES

An interscholastic scrimmage is a training session between a minimum of two and a maximum of three schools where no score is kept, free substitution and time outs are permitted, and spectators are not urged to attend. (See Q & A following Bylaw 220.8 for definition.)

<>2805.1 Schools are permitted two interscholastic scrimmage which may not be held prior to February 16 and must be held prior to team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament, or league).

2806. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

No interscholastic contests (non-league, tournament or league) may be scheduled prior to February 16.

2807. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

A softball team will be permitted to play no more than 28 games during the season, including tournaments but excluding CIF Southern Section playoffs, CIF State playoffs, Section Foundation or Scholarship Games or League culminating tournament.

2807.1 FACULTY: Each team will be permitted to play one game with the faculty which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

2807.2 ALUMNI: Each team will be permitted to play one Alumni contest, which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

<>2808. END COMPETITION

All competition must end on or before Wednesday, May 6.

QUESITON:	Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?
ANSWER:	No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

2809. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

During Individual's Season of Sport - A member of a high school softball team may *not*, during his or her season of sport, *compete* for an outside team in the sport of softball. A season of sport (See Bylaw 504) is defined as that period which begins with a student's first interscholastic competition (non-league, tournament or league game) and ends with that student's last interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament, league or CIF Southern Section playoff).

2810. SOFTBALL-BASEBALL SLOW-PITCH DISTINCTIONS

The sport of softball is considered separate and distinct from the sport of baseball and competition by a school softball player on an outside baseball team during that individuals' softball season is permissible. Slow-pitch, however, is considered to be softball.

2811. NIGHT SOFTBALL GAME TIME LIMIT

In any night softball game, no inning will be permitted to start after 11:30 p.m., except for the championship finals.

2812. COUNTING A GAME

A regulation *called* game with a tie score shall be counted as ½ game won and ½ game lost for each team. This rule will apply to all contests and leagues may not waive this rule.

2813. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 34 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.)

2813.1 The Commissioner has the authority to determine the sites of all softball playoff contests. For any playoff contest, the Commissioner may direct that such a contest be played on an alternate field if the home field does not meet CIF Southern Section standards.

2813.2 Teams entered in the softball playoffs will NOT be permitted to take batting practice on the day of a playoff game prior to the commencement of the contest or during the contest. (See playoff bulletin for definition of batting practice.)

ARTICLE 290
SWIMMING AND DIVING

2900. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

State Swimming and Diving Championships will be conducted in the Spring.
NOTE: For related policies please consult the swimming and diving section in the Blue Pages.
(Approved February 2014 Federated Council)

2901. RULES

All swimming and diving competition in the Southern Section will be conducted under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided.

<>2902. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

No interscholastic meets (non-league, invitational, or league) may be scheduled prior to February 21.

2903. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

A swimming team will be permitted to compete in no more than 14 meets during the season, including dual, triangular meets, and invitationals. There is no limit to the number of invitationals a team may enter (not to exceed 14 meets during the season). The league championship meet and the CIF Southern Section Championship Meets are not considered part of the charged limits.

<>2904. END OF COMPETITION

All diving competition must end on or before Monday, April 27. All swimming competition must end on or before Friday, May 1.

QUESITON: Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?

ANSWER: No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

2905. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

2905.1 Refer to Article 60 for specific guidelines.

2905.2 International competition during the season of sport, (sanctioned by the amateur governing body for swimming in the U.S.) by gifted swimmers traveling to a foreign country is permissible for athletes who have successfully petitioned in advance to the CIF Southern Section Commissioner for competition.
NOTE: You MUST ask the Section for permission in writing.

2905.3 A member of a high school swimming team, during the season of sport, may compete in outside water polo competition.

2905.4 High school divers will be permitted to enter outside diving competition during the season of sport as unattached individuals.

2906. MAXIMUM ATHLETIC CONTESTS IN ONE DAY

No team member will be permitted to compete in two different meets on the same day.

2907. SPECIAL RULES FOR SWIMMING

2907.1 Students who attend schools that do not field swimming teams may compete as individuals representing their school of attendance.

QUESTION: What is the qualifying procedure for a student into the CIF Southern Section prelims who attends a league which does not offer swimming?

ANSWER: Initially, if the league of which the school is a member conducts swimming, the student must be provided the opportunity to qualify at this level. If the league does not offer swimming, the school at the beginning of the season, must request freelance status. The student must meet the specific qualifying times for entry into the CIF Southern Section prelims, with all qualifying times being met in a CIF Southern Section sanctioned meet and/or invitational.

2907.2 When a meet is held in a pool that is not properly marked, the host school is required to furnish uniform markers, the use of which is legal in all CIF Southern Section swim meets.

2907.3 In the CIF Southern Section swim program, diving will be conducted as an open event, but points scored will be counted only in the varsity division. Students will be permitted to enter diving and still compete in varsity, junior varsity, or frosh-soph swimming as long as the individual's total does not exceed four events.

2907.4 When a school, representing a league which has diving, meets a school in practice competition from a league where diving is not conducted, diving competition will be held as an exhibition event with no points scored.

2907.5 CIF Southern Section swimming records may be established only in CIF Southern Section championship competition.

NOTE: When competition is conducted in 8 lanes or more (open lanes count toward the 8), 2 officials will be required for CIF time standard verification. If 2 officials cannot be obtained, qualification will only be recognized within the first 6 lanes (open lanes count toward the 6) from the starter.

2908. ORDER OF EVENTS

200-yard Medley Relay	100-yard Freestyle
200-yard Freestyle	500-yard Freestyle
200-yard Individual Medley	200-yard Freestyle Relay
50-yard Freestyle	100-yard Backstroke
Diving	100-yard Breaststroke
100-yard Butterfly	400-yard Freestyle Relay

NOTE: By league option, swim distances for non-varsity levels may be shortened.

2909. PLAYOFFS

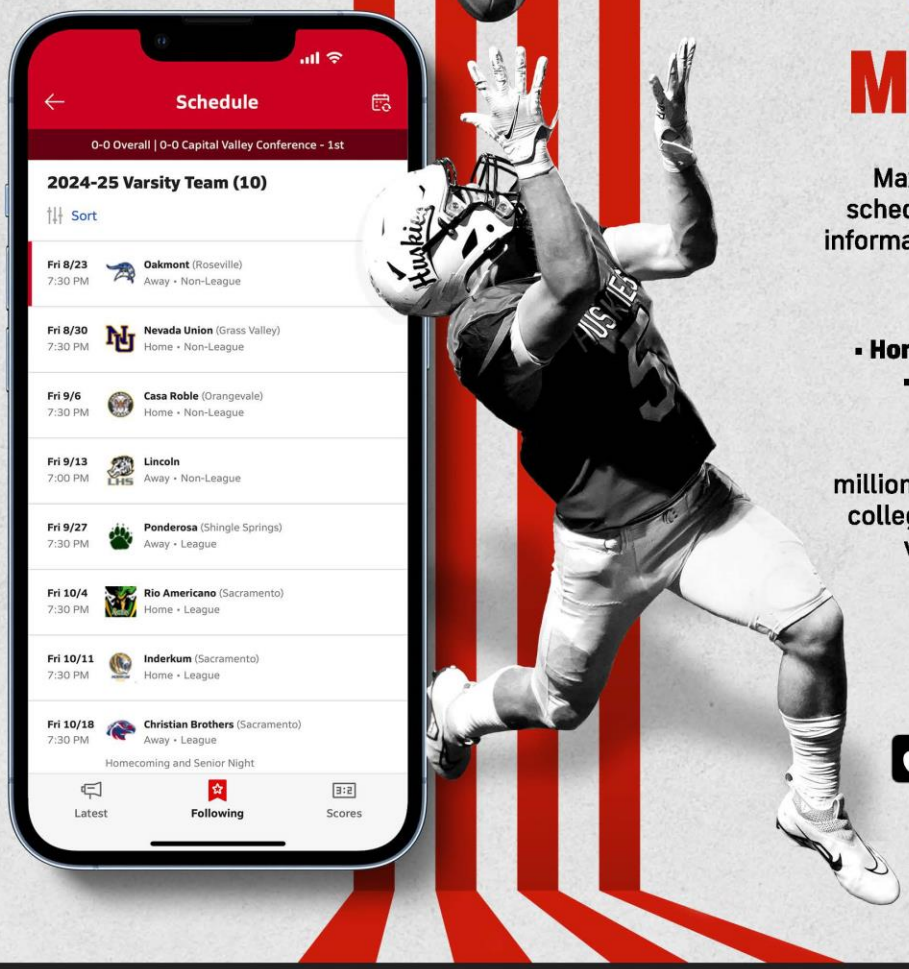
The CIF Southern Section Championship Swimming and Diving meets for varsity level only shall be on the dates established by the CIF Southern Section Council.

2909.1 Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.)

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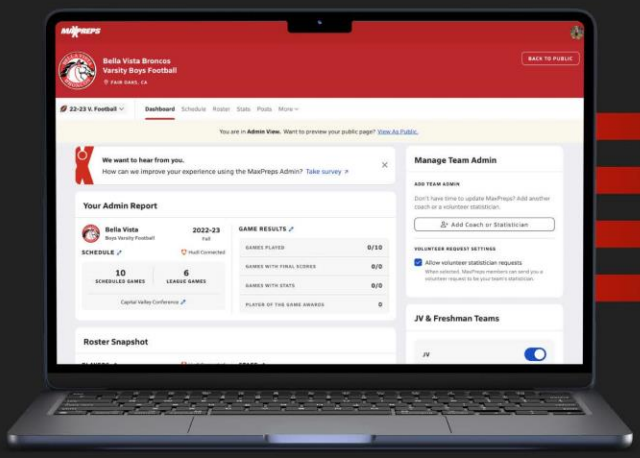
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ARTICLE 300
TENNIS

3000. REGIONAL TENNIS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

A Regional Boys and Girls Team Tennis Championship will be held following the completion of Section playoffs.
(Approved May 1998 Federated Council/Revised May 2011 Federated Council/Revised April 2016 Federated Council)

3001. STATE TENNIS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

A State Boys and Girls Team Tennis Championship will be held following the completion of the CIF Regional Championship.
(Approved April 2023 Federated Council)

3002. RULES

All tennis competition in the CIF Southern Section will be played under current United States Tennis Association regulations and the Southern California Tennis Association's "Code of Ethics" unless otherwise provided herein.

<>3003. SCRIMMAGES – Reference State CIF Bylaw 1206.B and 1206.C

3003.1 SCRIMMAGES: In the CIF-SS an interscholastic scrimmage in tennis is a training session between a minimum of two schools where no score is kept and the players can be switched between singles and doubles at the discretion of the coaches. (See Q & A following Bylaw 220.8 for definition.)

<>3003.2 Schools are permitted two interscholastic scrimmages which may not be held prior to August 18 for the girls' teams and February 16 for the boys' teams and must be held prior to the team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, league or tournament).

<>3004. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

<>Girls Teams: No interscholastic matches (non-league, tournament or league) may be scheduled prior to August 18.

<>Boys Teams: No interscholastic matches (non-league, tournament or league) may be scheduled prior to February 16.

3005. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS – Reference State CIF Bylaw 1206.D

A tennis team will be permitted to play no more than 24 matches during the season. This does not include CIF Playoff matches. Tournament(matches) using any format WILL count against the 24 match limit.

<>3006. END OF COMPETITION

All competition must end on or before the Wednesday prior to the first playoff date. For girls October 29 and for boys April 29.

QUESITON: Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?

ANSWER: No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

3007. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

Refer to Article 60 for specific guidelines.

3008. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 34 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.)

3007.1 Boys and Girls Individual Tennis Tournament - The CIF Southern Section Individual Tennis Championships, consisting of competition in both singles and doubles, shall be conducted during the appropriate boys' and girls' season on dates established by the CIF Southern Section Council and at times and sites designated by the Commissioner.

The Commissioner of Athletics shall secure the necessary officials, provide the balls, select a seeding procedure deemed appropriate and make up the draw.

Uniforms shall conform with the dress rules as established by the U.S.T.A.

The U.S.T.A. continuous play rule shall be emphasized and followed at all times, including the taking of practice serves and time limits on changing sides.

3008.2 Boys and Girls Team Tennis Playoffs - See playoff bulletin for details.

3009. SPECIAL RULES FOR TENNIS

Rest Rule - In all tennis tournaments conducted or sanctioned by the CIF Southern Section, except playoff round-robin matches, the following rules will apply:

3009.1 All players shall be entitled to a rest period of sixty (60) minutes between matches.

3009.2 Players in doubles only tournaments shall be entitled to a rest period of only thirty (30) minutes between matches.

3009.3 The tournament manager, tournament director, or referee may authorize additional rest when any of them concludes that the length of the previous match, heat, humidity, or other conditions justify an extension.

3009.4 The above listed rest periods can be shortened, not eliminated, by consent of the players involved and their respective coaches.

ARTICLE 310
TRACK AND FIELD

3100. EXHIBITION EVENTS

Exhibition events may be staged by the host Section, if approved by the Federated Council, using athletes from that Section only. The javelin event, hammer throw and steeplechase are not to be conducted in CIF track and field competition.

3101. LANDING SECTOR FOR DISCUS AND SHOT PUT

For safety reasons, the landing sector for both the discus and shot put will be changed to 34.92 degrees and, furthermore, a clearly marked safety area will be maintained at 60 degrees in order to increase safety for participants, officials and spectators. The present width of area for restraining spectators and other athletes, not throwing the shot or discus, will remain the same as per National Federation rules.
(Revised 2007 NFHS)

3102. AT-LARGE ENTRIES

An athlete shall earn an at-large entry into the State Championship if his/her mark at the final Section competition (which qualifies entrants to the State Championship) is equal to or better than the average of the ninth-place qualifying marks to the State Championship Finals from the three (3) most recent years.
(Approved May 2000 Federated Council)

3103. RULES

All outdoor track and field competition in the CIF Southern Section will be conducted under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided herein.

<>3104. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

No interscholastic meets (non-league, invitational, or league) may be scheduled prior to February 21.

<>3105. SCRIMMAGES – Reference State CIF Bylaw 1206.B and 1206.C

3105.1 SCRIMMAGES: In the CIF-SS an interscholastic scrimmage in track and field is a training session between a minimum of two schools where no score is kept, free substitutions are permitted, and spectators are not urged to attend. (See Q & A following Bylaw 220.8 for definition.)

<>3105.2 Schools are permitted two interscholastic scrimmages which may not be held prior to February 21 and must be held prior to the team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, league or tournament).

3106. MAXIMUM CONTESTS

An individual of a track and field team will be permitted to enter and participate in no more than a total of 14 dual, triangular or invitational (sanctioned) meets during the season, not including all league or CIF Southern Section championships.

3107. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MEETS/DAY

No student will be permitted to enter two different meets on the same day. A student may compete in different classifications during a calendar week but not in the same meet. League prelims and finals are considered to be one meet, as are the CIF Southern Section prelims and finals.

3108. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EVENTS

A student may enter a total of not more than four events in any one meet. These events may be four track events or four field events of any combination of track and field events totaling not more than four.

<>3109. END OF COMPETITION

All competition for both boys' and girls' teams must end on or before May 2.

QUESITON:	Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?
ANSWER:	No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

3110. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

Refer to Article 60 for specific guidelines.

3111. MEET POSTPONED

If it begins to rain after the start of a dual track meet, the starter shall make the final determination as to whether or not the meet should continue or be postponed. If the meet is postponed, it should not be rescheduled if the score at the time of postponement indicates a winner. If the meet is rescheduled, it is to continue from the terminated event.

3112. HIGH JUMP OR POLE VAULT POSTPONED

If either the high jump or pole vault is postponed, only those athletes remaining in competition shall resume participation when the meet is rescheduled. After a reasonable warm-up, jumping will continue at the height at which it was when the meet was postponed.

3113. LONG JUMP, TRIPLE JUMP, SHOT PUT POSTPONED

If the long jump, triple jump, discus, and/or shot put are postponed, they shall continue as though there had not been a halt in the event.

3114. CIF-SS DIVISIONAL AND STATE QUALIFYING COMPETITION

The CIF Southern Section Division 1, 2, 3, 4 Track and Field Prelims and Finals and State Qualifying Meet shall be conducted on the dates established by the CIF Southern Section Council and at times and sites designated by the Commissioner.

3114.1 Refer to Article 32 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.)

3114.2 The Commissioner's Office shall provide track and field information to representatives of every recognized track and field league. The completed information for the Divisional Prelims is to be delivered to the CIF Southern Section Office no later than the Saturday morning prior to the Divisional Prelims.

3114.3 The number of entries guaranteed each league (regardless of performance) will be determined annually by the Commissioner's Office.

3114.4 Divisional Finals shall be scored through eight places and scored 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1.

3114.5 There will be no scoring beyond the Divisional Finals.

3114.6 Each league will be required to furnish a fee (determined by the Commissioner's Office) to help defray the cost of officials for the CIF Southern Section Divisional Prelims and Divisional Finals to which each league is assigned and to the State Qualifying Masters Meet.

3114.7 At the CIF-SS Divisional Prelims, Divisional Finals and State Qualifying Masters Meet present college or high school track coaches are not permitted on the field. If a track coach appears on the field, his or her team may be disqualified from that meet and subsequent competition.

3114.8 Athletes will be qualified beyond the Divisional Finals according to a plan developed by the Commissioner's Office.

3114.9 Seeding - Because all league entries are guaranteed, the final league or qualifying meet marks submitted on the track and field entry sheets are used only to spread the talent among the heats.

3114.10 Lane Assignment Method:

League Finals to Divisional Prelims - seeded within each heat after talent has been spread among the heats.

Divisional Prelims to Divisional Finals - seeded by performance in Divisional Prelims.

Divisional Finals to State Qualifying Masters Meet - seeded by performance in Divisional Finals.

3114.11 All Running Events - Lanes 5, 6, 4, 7, 3, 8, 2, 9, 1.

3114.12 The 400m will be run in lanes for the entire race. The 800m will be run with a one-turn stagger. The 1600m and 3200m will be run from a scratch start. The 1600m Relay will utilize the three turn stagger with the second runner breaking at the 800m break.

3114.13 All athletes must appear in clean track uniforms at all (including regular season) CIF Southern Section track meets. Uniforms must consist of the proper school track shorts and jerseys. Hats, caps, scarves or other headgear will not be permitted. Head bands to control hair will be acceptable.

3114.14 All competitors in the field events shall make their trial within 1 minute (1 1/2 minutes in the pole vault) after their names are called by the judge of the event. The judge may excuse competitors for competition in another event, but the contestant is responsible to secure release from the judge.

3114.15 No school may enter more than one relay team in each relay event in the CIF Southern Section championship track and field meets.

3114.16 Only the students, or alternates listed on the official entry card, are eligible to compete in the relay preliminaries and/or finals. In relay events, no more than six (6) individuals may be listed. Any substitutions must come from these names.

3114.17 CIF Southern Section track and field records may be established only at divisional prelims and finals and the State Qualifying Masters Meet.

3114.18 The CIF Southern Section Divisional Prelims, Divisional Finals, and State Qualifying Masters Meet running events will be conducted in metric distances.

3115. CIF-SS DIVISIONAL AND STATE QUALIFYING COMPETITION

Girls	400m Relay	Girls	800m Run	FIELD EVENTS		
Boys	400m Relay	Boys	800m Run	BOYS & GIRLS		
Girls	1600m Run	Girls	300m LH		Pole Vault	Triple Jump
Boys	1600m Run	Boys	300m IH		High Jump	Shot Put
Girls	100m HH	Girls	200m Dash		Long Jump	Discus
Boys	110m HH	Boys	200m Dash			
Girls	400m Dash	Girls	3200m Run			
Boys	400m Dash	Boys	3200m Run			
Girls	100m Dash	Girls	1600m Relay			
Boys	100m Dash	Boys	1600m Relay			

3116. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for information regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.)

3116.1 The location of the preliminary and championship meets shall be determined by the Commissioner of Athletics.

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ARTICLE 320
VOLLEYBALL

3200. RALLY SCORING

A. Rally scoring shall be utilized for all rounds of the State Volleyball Championships. All games shall be played to 25 points, and the fifth and deciding game shall be played to 15 points.

B. Rally scoring shall be utilized for all volleyball contests at the varsity level for all Sections. All games shall be played to 25 points, and the fifth and deciding game shall be played to 15 points.

C. Rally scoring shall be utilized for all sub-varsity volleyball contests for all Sections. All games shall be played to 25 points with the deciding game played to 15 points.

(Approved May 2003 Federated Council)

3201. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK

Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, flag football, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball, and water polo.
(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council/Editorial May 2023)

3202. GIRLS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONAL PLACEMENT OF SCHOOLS

Girls Regional and State Championships will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. The CIF Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for their respective regional tournament.

NOTE: Sections still determine their own criteria for placement and seeding of schools within their own local playoff system.
(Approved May 2001 Federated Council/Revised June 2002 Executive Committee/Revised May 2005 Executive Committee/Revised May 2008 Federated Council/Revised May 2014 Federated Council/Revised October 2015 Federated Council/Revised May 2016 Federated Council/Revised April 2017 Federated Council)

3202.1 All volleyball matches in CIF Southern Section will be played under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided herein.

3203. BOYS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Boys Regional Championships will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. The CIF Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for their respective regional tournament.

NOTE: Sections still determine their own criteria for placement and seeding of schools within their own local playoff system.
(Approved May 2008 Federated Council/Revised May 2012 Federated Council/Revised April 2015 Federated Council/Revised April 2017 Federated Council)

3204. BOYS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

A State Championship will be held following the CIF Regional Championship. The Regional Champions will compete for the State Championship.
(Approved April 2024 Federated Council)

<>3205. SCRIMMAGES

An interscholastic scrimmage is a training session between a minimum of two and a maximum of three schools where no score is kept, free substitution and time-outs are permitted, and spectators are not urged to attend. (See Q & A following Bylaw 220.8 for definition.) All allowable interscholastic scrimmages must be conducted prior to a team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament or league).

<>3205.1 Girls Teams - Schools are permitted two (2) interscholastic scrimmages which may not be held prior to August 9 and must be held prior to team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament or league).

<>3205.2 Boys Teams - Schools are permitted two (2) interscholastic scrimmages which may not be held prior to February 14 and must be held prior to team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament or league).

3206. TOURNAMENTS – Reference State CIF Bylaw 1206.D

A team may not be entered in more than three tournaments.

3206.1 For each tournament, a team will be charged the required number of contacts using the following formula regardless of the format in which the event is played:

One (1) day tournament counts as two (2) contacts
Two (2) day tournament counts as three (3) contacts
Three (3) day tournament counts as four (4) contacts
Four (4) day tournament counts as five (5) contacts

QUESTION: Can a school enter two teams in the same tournament at the same level (i.e. varsity "A" and varsity "B")?

ANSWER: If a school chooses to split a single team into two teams in the same tournament at the same level they will be charged one allotted tournament for each team entered. If a school enters a varsity "A" and a varsity "B" team, they will be charged for two (2) of the allowable three (3) tournaments for the season.

NOTE: Multiple matches could be played in the SAME TOURNAMENT only, but not multiple matches in two different tournaments. (See Bylaw 1226). All interscholastic matches are to be arranged in such a way that no student shall take part in more than two athletic contests in any one day. (See Bylaw 1227.)

EXCEPTION: The maximum number of matches allowable in any one day may exceed 2 matches but may not exceed 10 total sets on a school day and 15 total sets on a Saturday.

<>3207. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

<>Girls Teams: No interscholastic matches (non-league, tournament, or league) may be scheduled prior to August 9.

<>Boys Teams: No interscholastic matches (non-league, tournament, or league) may be scheduled prior to February 14.

3208. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

A volleyball team will be permitted to play no more than 28 matches during the season, including tournaments or jamborees, but excluding CIF Southern Section playoffs.

3208.1 FACULTY: Each team will be permitted to play one faculty match, which will not be charged against the maximum number of allowable contests.

3208.2 ALUMNI: Each team will be permitted to play one alumni match, which will not count as one of the maximum number of allowable contests.

<>3209. END OF COMPETITION

All competition must end on or before Wednesday prior to the first playoff date. For girls teams October 15 and for boys' teams April 22.

QUESITON: Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?

ANSWER: No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

3210. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

During Individual's Season of Sport - A member of a high school volleyball team may *not*, during his or her season of sport, *compete* for an outside team in the sport of volleyball. This shall include any form of tryouts or player evaluations, occurring during the high school season of sport with a team, program, club, or any other outside organization other than the student-athlete's high school team. Any such event is considered a violation of this Bylaw. A student shall become ineligible for CIF competition in the sport of volleyball if he/she participates in any tryout or player evaluation for a team, program, club, or any other outside organization. A season of sport (See Bylaw 504) is defined as that period which begins with a student's first interscholastic competition (non-league, tournament or league game) and ends with that student's last interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament, league or CIF Southern Section playoff).

QUESTION:	Can a member of a volleyball team participate in organized “two player” or “three player” volleyball competition during his or her high school season of sport?
ANSWER:	Yes - Any volleyball player who participates in organized “two player” or “three player” volleyball competition during his or her high school season of sport would not be in violation of the “outside competition” Bylaw 600. Regardless of the surface (sand, grass, outdoor) “two player” or “three player” competition would not violate Bylaw 600.

3211. MAXIMUM ATHELTIC CONTESTS IN ONE DAY

Refer to Blue Book Bylaw 1227 for specific information on Maximum Contests in one day.

3211.1 See Bylaw 3205 (NOTE) for tournament exception.

3212. TIME BETWEEN MATCHES

The time element between varsity and junior varsity matches shall not be more than 20 minutes. The time of 20 minutes to start consecutive matches will begin when the coaches/captains meeting is completed.

3213. MARKING THE COURT

It is recommended that a volleyball court be parallel with a basketball court and clearly marked.

3214. NUMBER OF SETS IN A MATCH

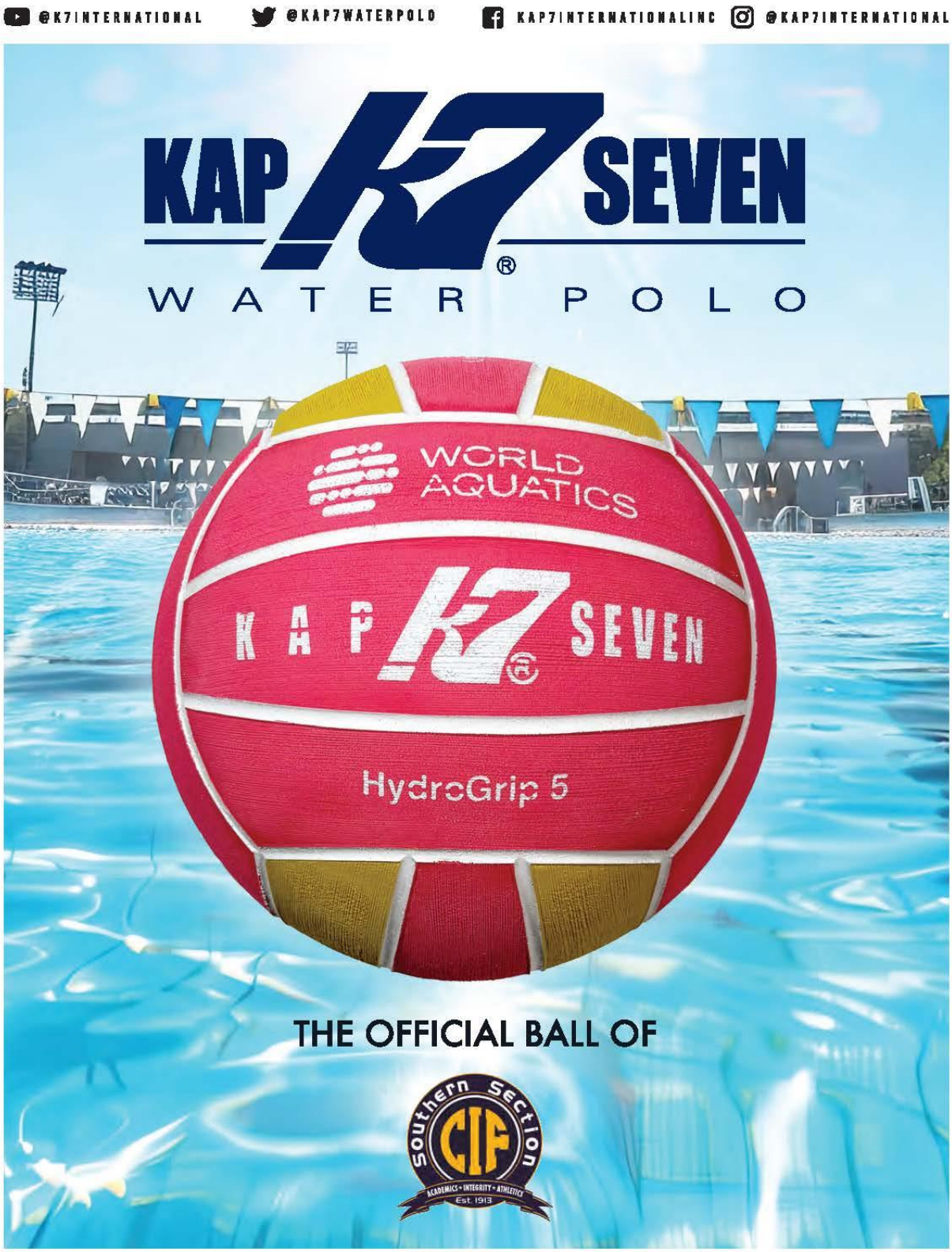
The varsity match will consist of the best three (3) out of five (5) sets to 25 points with the fifth set to 15 points. The junior varsity will consist of the best two (2) out of three (3) sets to 25 points with the third set to 15 points. (Refer to Rule 3200 B and C.)

QUESTION:	May leagues, and schools by mutual agreement in non-league or league matches, conduct the varsity match as an optional best two out of three sets?
ANSWER:	Yes - Leagues and/or schools by mutual agreement for non-league or league matches have the option of playing the best two out of three sets at the varsity level as per CIF Southern Section Council action. However, all playoff matches will be conducted as the best three (3) out of five (5) sets.

3215. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.)

3215.1 The Commissioner has the sole authority to determine the sites of all volleyball playoff contest. For any playoff contest, the Commissioner may direct that such a contest be played on an alternate court if the home court does not meet CIF Southern Section standards.


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ARTICLE 330
WATER POLO

3300. TIME CLOCKS

It is recommended, but not required, that clocks used in conducting water polo contests be visible to the participants.

3301. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK

Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, flag football, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball, and water polo.
(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council/Editorial May 2023)

3302. WATER POLO REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boys and Girls Water Polo Regional Championship will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. Water Polo Regional Championships entries will be placed into the appropriate region aligning with the Sections' current season of sport.
(Approved October 2016 Federated Council)

3303. RULES

All water polo games in the CIF Southern Section will be played under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided.

<>3304. SCRIMMAGES

An interscholastic scrimmage is a training session between a minimum of two and a maximum of three schools where no score is kept, free substitution and time-outs are permitted, and spectators are not urged to attend. (See Q & A following Bylaw 220.8 for definition.) All allowable interscholastic scrimmages must be conducted prior to the team's first interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament or league).

<>3304.1 Boys Teams: Two interscholastic scrimmages may be conducted beginning August 5.

<>3304.2 Girls Team: Two interscholastic scrimmages may be conducted beginning November 10.

3305. TOURNAMENTS

QUESTION: Can a school enter two teams in the same tournament at the same level (i.e. varsity "A" and varsity "B")?

ANSWER: If a school chooses to split a single team into two teams in the same tournament at the same level they will be charged single games for each team toward their allowable 28 at the level of the tournament.

NOTE: Two contests could be played on the same day in the SAME TOURNAMENT*, but not two games in two different tournaments (See Bylaw 3310). EXCEPTION: Maximum of three contests could be played in the SAME TOURNAMENT on a non-school day.

<>3306. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

<>Boys Teams: No interscholastic contests (non-league, tournament or league) may be scheduled prior to August 5.

<>Girls Teams: No interscholastic contests (non-league, tournament or league) may be scheduled prior to November 10.

3307. MAXIMUM TEAM CONTESTS

A water polo team is permitted to play no more than 28 games during the season, including tournaments, but excluding CIF Southern Section playoffs.

3306.1 FACULTY: Each team will be permitted to play one game with the faculty which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

3306.2 ALUMNI: Each team will be permitted to play one Alumni contest, which will not count toward the allowable number of contests.

<>3308. END OF COMPETITION

All competition must end on or before the Wednesday prior to the first playoff date. For boys teams Wednesday, October 22 and for the girls teams Wednesday, January 28.

QUESITON:	Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?
ANSWER:	No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

3309. OUTSIDE COMPETITION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

During Individual's Season of Sport - A member of a high school water polo team may *not*, during his or her season of sport, *compete* for an outside team in the sport of water polo. A season of sport (See Bylaw 504) is defined as that period which begins with a student's first interscholastic competition (non-league, tournament or league game) and ends with that student's last interscholastic contest (tournament, non-league or CIF Southern Section playoff).

3310. MAXIMUM ATHLETIC CONTESTS IN ONE DAY

Refer to Blue Book Bylaw 1227 for specific information on Maximum Contests in one day.

3310.1 See Rule 3305 (NOTE) for tournament exception.

3311. LENGTH OF QUARTERS

The length of quarters for water polo games shall be seven minutes for varsity games and six minutes for non-varsity games.

3312. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.)

ARTICLE 340
WRESTLING

3400. DAYS OF PRACTICE

A. Each individual student not a member and participant of a Fall sports team shall have at least 10 days of practice before the student can compete in a match or tournament.

B. Each individual who completes the regular season in a Fall sport shall have at least five (5) days of practice before the student can compete in a meet or tournament.

3401. 40-MATCH RULE

A wrestler will be allowed a maximum of 40 matches during the wrestling season prior to the first qualifying tournament for the CIF State Wrestling Championships (in most situations this would be the league wrestling tournament). Forfeits do not count towards the 40-match maximum. Matches wrestled in any tournaments or competitions held prior to the first qualifying tournament will count towards the 40-match maximum.

EXCEPTION: Any matches wrestled in a Section Team Dual Championship tournament will not count as part of the 40-match maximum.

PENALTY: Violation of Article 3401 will result in the following sanctions:

A. If an athlete goes over the prescribed 40 match limit, the athlete shall be ineligible for any further competition for the season. In addition, the Section may impose the following additional sanctions:

(1) The final season record will be reduced by at least one (1) win at the conclusion of the season;

(2) The school will be placed on probation;

(3) The team/individual will be ineligible to advance to or in Section, Regional or State Championships;

(4) Reduction of maximum number of matches allowed for the following year in that sport;

(5) Repeated violation may result in suspension of membership in the CIF.

(Approved October 2001 Federated Council/Revised November 2009 Federated Council)

3401.1 Tournaments are to be managed in such a way so that evening competition is completed at a reasonable time.

3402. WEIGH-INS

A. All CIF member schools must follow all National Federation Rules and procedures concerning weigh-ins.

(1) Violation of NFHS Rule 4-5-5 will result in the following sanction: the host school will not be allowed to host any tournament or the following year and cannot financially benefit from any other tournament for that year. In addition, the Section may impose the following additional sanctions:

a. The hosting school is placed on probation.

b. Reduction of maximum number of matches.

B. California provides 14 weight classes per NFHS Rules and the two (2) pound growth allowance to each weight class on January 1.

C. Each coach is required to bring his/her team's Pre-Match Weigh-In Form to all competitions including the CIF State Wrestling Championships.

PENALTY: Failure to comply will result in the entire team being ineligible to compete and charged with forfeiture.

D. Each wrestler is required to weigh in with his/her Pre-Match Weigh-In Form at all competitions up to and including the competition that begins the CIF State Championship qualifying series.

PENALTY: Failure to comply will result in the wrestler being ineligible for that competition.

E. The use of laxatives, emetics, excessive food and liquid restriction, self-induced vomiting, hot rooms, hot boxes, saunas and steam rooms is prohibited for any purpose. The use of diuretics at any time is prohibited. Regardless of the purpose, the use of vapor-impermeable suits (e.g. rubber or rubberized nylon) or any similar devices used solely for dehydration is prohibited. Artificial means of rehydration (i.e. intravenous hydration) are also prohibited. Violators of these rules shall be suspended for the competition(s) for which the weigh-in is intended. A second violation would result in suspension for the remainder of the season.

(Revised May 2010 Federated Council)

Only wrestlers who make weight at their league's qualifying tournament or through the freelance tournament are eligible for CIF-SS Individual Championship competition.

3403. CIF WRESTLING WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Bylaw 3403: Wrestling Weight Management has moved to the Blue Pages in the CIF State Constitution and Bylaws. (Approved April 2016 Federated Council) This information can be found as a "NOTE" at the end of this wrestling section.

3404. RULES

All wrestling competition in the CIF Southern Section will be conducted under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided herein.

3405. STARTING DATES FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

No interscholastic contests (non-league, tournament, or league) may be scheduled prior to November 11.

<>3406. END OF COMPETITION

All competition for Dual Wrestling must end on or before Tuesday, January 27, 2026, and for Individual Wrestling on or before Saturday, February 7. Dual meet entries will be due in the CIF Southern Section Office on Tuesday, January 27, at 10:00 p.m. Individual meet entries will be due from your league final meet manager on Sunday, February 8.

QUESITON:	Are contest(s) at any level allowed after the submission of league entries?
ANSWER:	No, once the league entries have been submitted no other contest(s) are allowed to be played. See last allowable contest date on the sports calendar.

3407. CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

The different wrestling teams at each school (i.e., varsity, JV, frosh-soph or extra teams that may be formed) must retain their team identity with regard to squad roster. When a wrestler moves from one team to the other, it should be by challenge match, and there should be no indiscriminate shuffling of wrestlers from one team to the other by coaches for the purpose of manipulating the makeup of the team in order to meet a certain opponent.

3408. POST-REGULAR SEASON WORKOUTS

Wrestlers who qualify for CIF post-season championship competition will be permitted to workout following the close of the league season with students from other high schools who have also qualified for this competition.

QUESTION:	Would it be permissible for a wrestler who has qualified for the CIF Southern Section post-season individual competition to practice with another wrestler who is a member the high school team but not qualified for post-season individual competition?
ANSWER:	Wrestlers who qualify for post-season individual championship competition will be permitted to workout following the close of the league season with students from other schools who have also qualified for individual championship competition. The rule is not intended to allow teams that qualify for dual meet championships to workout with another team. Those that qualify for the dual meet championships would be allowed to work out their entire varsity team until their elimination from the dual meet championships. They may not workout with another team or individual prior to elimination.

3409. ONE-PIECE UNIFORM

Southern Section wrestlers have the option of wearing and competing in a properly cut one-piece uniform to be worn without full-length tights. The uniform must meet all requirements listed for the shirt and must have a minimum of a four-inch inseam with close fitting legs.

3410. PLAYOFFS

Refer to Article 35 (Playoffs) for details regarding playoff information. (Specific information will be contained in playoff information bulletins.)

NOTE: CIF WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

CIF State Boys Weight Classes:

106 Pounds	132 Pounds	157 Pounds	215 Pounds
113 Pounds	138 Pounds	165 Pounds	285 Pounds
120 Pounds	144 Pounds	175 Pounds	
126 Pounds	150 Pounds	190 Pounds	

CIF State Girls Weight Classes:

100 Pounds	120 Pounds	140 Pounds	190 Pounds
105 Pounds	125 Pounds	145 Pounds	235 Pounds
110 Pounds	130 Pounds	155 Pounds	
115 Pounds	135 Pounds	170 Pounds	

The establishment of a certified minimum wrestling weight based on 7% body fat for males and 12% for females is required for all high schools. Participation in the CIF Wrestling Weight Management Program will be mandatory and binding for all CIF interscholastic wrestlers. No wrestler may compete until he/she has completed the required body composition assessment. The CIF will utilize The Optimal Performance Calculator as the mechanism to calculate the certified minimum weight for each wrestler and as the data reporting and retrieval tool for all member schools sponsoring wrestling.

A. Establishing Certified Minimum Weights

(1) For all initial assessments, the Ultrasound Wand will be the only method utilized to determine each wrestler's body fat percentage. The Body Metrix Ultrasound system does not require hydration testing. Only measurements taken by persons who have successfully complete the CIF Assessor Certification Workshop will be valid. Schools will receive a list of CIF Certified Assessors. It is the responsibility of the school to contact an assessor from this list and arrange a time to have its wrestling squad assessed or attend a CIF Section sponsored regional testing clinic. No wrestler may compete until the athlete has had a certified minimum wrestling weight determined by The Optimal Performance Calculator and it appears on the school's Pre-Match Weigh-In Form (Alpha Sheet). Once a wrestler competes at a weight class allowed by the weight loss plan, the option to appeal is voided.

(2) 1% Variance: The formula incorporated by the optimal performance calculator for assessment data for CIF wrestlers will automatically include a 1% variance of the wrestler's body weight at the certified minimum weight. (Example: If a male wrestler's minimum body weight at 7% is 150, the program will indicate that 148.5 lbs. is the certified minimum for that wrestler).

(3) The lowest weight class at which a wrestler may compete will be determined as follows:

a. If the certified minimum weight, at 7% or 12% body fat, is exactly that of one (1) of the adopted weight classes, that weight shall be the wrestler's minimum weight class;

b. If the certified minimum weight, at 7% or 12% body fat, is greater than one (1) of the adopted weight classes but lower than the next higher weight class, the next higher weight class shall be the wrestler's minimum weight class.

PENALTY: Failure to adhere to these bylaws will result in the wrestler being declared ineligible for that competition and for the next regularly scheduled competition. If this occurred during a tournament, then the athlete would be ineligible for the duration of that tournament and for the next regularly scheduled match/ competition for that team or individual.
(Revised May 2013 Federated Council)

B. Time Period for Assessments

(1) No wrestler may compete until he/she has participated in an initial assessment and his/her name and data are included on the school Pre-Match Weigh-In form and Alpha Master Report.

(2) **Assessments may begin on October 15 of each school year. Wrestlers may be measured any time on or following this date and no later than January 15 to establish a minimum wrestling weight. All wrestlers, including those coming out late, must have their minimum wrestling weight established prior to competing.**

a. Hardship Exceptions

Appeals may be submitted to the CIF Section Office for the following two exceptions only:

i. Assessment Exception One (1): A student under doctor's care may be assessed after January 15 before the student competes or within seven (7) days, whichever comes first, following the student's release from the doctor.

ii. Assessment Exception Two (2): A student who becomes eligible after January 15 may be assessed after January 15 before the student competes or within seven (7) days, whichever comes first, following the student becoming scholastically and/or residentially eligible.

(3) **A wrestler who competes at a weight class allowed by his/her weight loss plan before or during an appeal has accepted his/her most recent assessment and voids all other appeal options allowed within this policy.**

C. School Responsibilities for the Measurement Process

(1) **It is the school's responsibility to contact and contract with a CIF Certified Assessor from the list provided by the CIF or attend a Section sponsored regional testing clinic.**

(2) **Schools choosing to contract with a CIF Certified Assessor will be required to have available at the time of assessment:**

a. Assessment Data Forms.

b. Two (2) adults (teacher, AD, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, etc.) who will:

(i) Assist with measuring height (in feet and inches);

(ii) Assist with the recording of data;

(3) **Ultrasound assessments shall not be conducted by any active wrestling coach at any level.**

D. Wrestlers Below 7% or 12% Body Fat

Prior to competition, any male wrestler whose body fat percentage at the time of his initial assessment is below 7% may request a waiver in order to establish a certifiable wrestling weight class if a physician attests that the athlete is naturally at his sub-7% body fat level. In the case of a female wrestler, a waiver may be requested if the athlete is naturally at her sub-12% body fat. A waiver form must be signed by a physician, a parent(s)/ guardian(s)/caregiver, the principal and the head wrestling coach. The completed waiver form must be mailed or emailed to the appropriate Section office. Wrestlers may not compete at their waiver weight class until the completed waiver form, with all four (4) required signatures, has been received by the appropriate Section office. The waiver weight class is valid for one (1) season only and expires March 15 of each year. The sub-7% male or sub- 12% female, who receives clearance, may not wrestle below their actual weight class at the time of initial assessment.

PENALTY: Failure to adhere to these bylaws will result in the wrestler being declared ineligible for that competition and for the next regularly scheduled competition. If this occurred during a tournament, then the athlete would be ineligible for the duration of that tournament and for the next regularly scheduled match/ competition for that team or individual. (Revised May 2013 Federated Council)

E. Growth Allowance

(1) **The NFHS Wrestling rules provide a two (2) pound growth allowance on January 1 of each wrestling season.**

F. Weight Loss Per Week

(1) **An average weight loss limit per week of 1.5% of body weight at the time of initial assessment has been established. A season-long weight loss plan will guide each wrestler's weight loss during the season.**

(2) **The weight loss plan shall determine in which weight class(es) a wrestler may compete each week.**

(3) **A wrestler is ineligible to compete in a weight class below the lowest eligible weight class defined by the weight loss plan before the proper amount of time has passed to achieve the weight class.**

a. **NOTE: A wrestler shall not wrestle more than one (1) weight class above that class for which the actual weight, at the time of weigh-in, qualifies the competitor (NFHS Rule 4-4-2);**

b. **If a wrestler weighs in one (1) weight class below his/her lowest allowable weight class per his/her Pre-Match Weigh-in form, he/she is eligible per NFHS Rule 4-4-2 to only wrestle at the lower of the two (2) weight classes listed for that day on his/her Pre-Match Weigh-Inform.**

c. **If a wrestler weighs in two (2) or more weight classes below his/her lowest allowable weight class per his/her Pre-Match Weigh-in form, he/she is ineligible to wrestle in any weight class at that competition.**

d. **If a wrestler weighs in at a weight class higher than his/her allowable weight classes per his/her Pre-Match Weigh-in form, he/she may wrestle in compliance with NFHS Rule 4-4-2; a wrestler shall not wrestle more than one (1) weight class above that class for which the actual weight, at the time of weigh in, qualifies the competitor.**

PENALTY: Failure to adhere to these bylaws will result in the wrestler being declared ineligible for that competition and for the next regularly scheduled competition. If this occurred during a tournament, then the athlete would be ineligible for the duration of that tournament and for the next regularly scheduled match/ competition for that team or individual.
(Revised May 2013 Federated Council)

G. **Appeal of Assessment Results**

(1) **Any athlete may appeal his/her initial assessment results one (1) time by reassessment. In order to utilize the results of an appeal, the school must receive notification from the Section Office prior to allowing the challenging athlete to compete.**

(2) **The steps of the appeal process are as follows (Step 1 may be bypassed and only Step 2 utilized):**

STEP 1: The athlete shall repeat the assessment as described in the regulation.

a. **The reassessment shall occur within 14 calendar days of the initial assessment date unless a written extension is granted by the Section before the expiration of the 14-day period. The 14-day appeal period shall start on the day following the date of the initial assessment. Day one (1) through seven (7) does not permit any loss of weight for an appeal to be valid. During the second week, days 8-14, a wrestler may weigh no less than 1.5% (rounded down) of the body weight measured at the initial assessment. Failure to meet these conditions or timelines is cause for denial.**

b. **Data shall be recorded on the Assessment Data Form.**

c. **Reassessment may be done by Ultrasound assessment.**

PENALTY: A wrestler who competes at a weight class allowed by his/her weight loss plan before or during an appeal has accepted his/her most recent assessment and voids all appeal options allowed within this policy.

STEP 2: If dissatisfaction with the results remains, the wrestler may choose Bod Pod assessment to determine body fat percentage. Results obtained at this step are final: the athlete, family, school or coach may not appeal further.

a. **The Bod Pod assessment shall occur within 14 calendar days of the initial assessment date unless a written extension is granted by the Section before the expiration of the 14-day period. The 14-day appeal period shall start on the day following the date of initial assessment. Day one (1) through seven (7) does not permit any loss of weight for an appeal to be valid. During the second week, days 8–14, a wrestler may weigh no less than 1.5% (rounded down) of the body weight measured at the initial assessment. Failure to meet these conditions or timelines is cause for denial.**

b. **Bod Pod facilities must be approved by the CIF State Office; the proper form shall be filed with the Section Office.**

c. **Bod Pod assessment must be conducted before the wrestler participates in interscholastic competition.**

PENALTY: A wrestler who competes at a weight class allowed by his/her weight loss plan before or during an appeal has accepted his/her most recent assessment and voids all appeal options allowed within this policy.

H. Costs

(1) All costs incurred for initial assessment, appeal process, nutrition education program, and Optimal Performance Calculator are the responsibility of the school or parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver.

(2) Charges for ultrasound assessments conducted by a CIF Certified Assessor may not exceed $10 per wrestler.

(3) CIF Certified Assessors are permitted to charge mileage at the CIF adopted rate or a minimum service fee of $50 whenever travel is required to a location at which fewer than six (6) subjects are to be assessed on any given date.

I. Training the Assessor

(1) Persons eligible to be trained as CIF Certified Assessors shall be medical practitioners (e.g., physicians, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, certified athletic trainers, physical therapists, physician's assistants, nutritionists, health educators, exercise physiologists) or other persons approved by the CIF. Under no circumstances may an active wrestling coach be a certified assessor.

(2) Training and certification of CIF Certified Assessors will be conducted by CIF Master Assessors under the direction of the State CIF.

(3) The assessor will attend a training session and annual update certification.

(4) The assessor will participate in a random sample test to substantiate the quality and accuracy of his/her measurements.

(5) The assessor certification training will consist of a minimum of two (2) hours of training (classroom and practical training).

(6) A certification training fee will be charged to each assessor candidate attending the training program.

(7) Recertification

a. The CIF State Office will conduct annual recertification clinics for a minimum of one (1) CIF Head Master Assessor from each Section. Recertified Head Master Assessors will then conduct recertification clinics for CIF Master Assessors within each local Section.

b. CIF Master Assessors will conduct all recertification training programs for CIF Certified Assessors.

c. Recertification of CIF Certified Assessors will require a minimum of one (1)-hour training.

(8) Data Collection

a. The CIF will provide the reporting forms.

b. The assessor will conduct all Ultrasound measurements.

c. The assessor will be responsible for posting all wrestler data to the TRACKWRESTLING web site within 72 hours after the initial assessment is made.

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Procedures for skin checks and weigh ins

A. Skin Checks

(1) Prior to weigh ins all wrestlers will be examined for possible contagious skin conditions.

(2) Situation 1: All boys dual meet or tournament, skin checks can be conducted by a male official, medical personnel or administrator, with the athletes in appropriate undergarments.

(3) Situation 2: All girls dual meet or tournament, skin checks can be conducted by a female official, medical personnel or administrator, with the athletes in appropriate undergarments.

(4) Situation 3: Boys and Girls mixed dual meet or tournament, skin checks can be conducted by a female or male official, medical personnel or administrator with the athletes in their school issued competition uniform fully in place.

B. Weigh Ins

(1) Prior to any competition all wrestlers will weigh in, in accordance with NFHS rules with the following exceptions:

(2) All boys and girls will have the opportunity to weigh in shoulder to shoulder within the same timeframe for a dual meet or tournament.

(3) All boys and girls must weigh in, with their school issued competition uniform fully in place.

(4) The weigh ins can be conducted by either a male or female administrator/coach/official.

(5) At no time during either one of the weigh in procedures will the student athletes be allowed to remove any part of their competition uniform.



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ARTICLE 350
PLAYOFFS

3500. ALL PLAYOFFS MANAGED BY COMMISSIONER

All playoffs of the CIF Southern Section shall be under the management of the Commissioner of Athletics, who will have final authority and responsibility for their conduct.

3500.1 Enrollment based divisions will be used in the sports of boys and girls cross country and boys and girls track and field. By action of the Southern Section Council, once the divisions are established for the playoff, no school shall be allowed to move up to a larger enrollment division. Schools will participate based upon their CBED enrollment figures. Consideration will be given to geography after league placement has been recognized.

3500.2 No playoffs will be conducted by the CIF Southern Section Office when less than 20% of the membership field teams in that sport.

3500.3 See 54.8 (Emergency Powers).

3501. REPORT OF PLAYOFFS

At the close of the season for each sport, the Commissioner of Athletics shall compile a report of the playoffs in the "CIF Southern Section Bulletin."

3502. IDENTIFYING LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES INTO THE PLAYOFFS

Under the playoff format - in all sports - leagues have the responsibility of developing and identifying the priority for their representatives into the playoffs.

QUESTION: For recognition purposes, how many schools constitute a league?

ANSWER: A minimum of four schools or teams make up a league for recognition for guaranteed playoff entry, less than four teams or schools are not recognized for entry into playoffs.

3503. FIRST ROUND PLAYOFFS

In the first round of the playoffs in all sports, the arrangement shall be as follows:

The Commissioner shall match the teams for first-round playoff contests, and the host school for these games shall be predetermined by the Commissioner. Schools must fulfill their playoff obligation once entered by the league unless excused in an emergency by the Commissioner and/or replaced as an entry by the league prior to completion of the opening round.

3503.1 If schools falling into the category of California Youth Authority and probationary schools would qualify for the post- season playoffs, the contest will be played at an alternate site other than the facility where the school is located.

3504. HOST TEAM AFTER THE FIRST ROUND

To decide who shall be the host team after the first round of competition in any sport will be the sole responsibility of the Commissioner. In cases where two teams are paired after the first round of the playoffs, the team having the fewest number of host games in playoff competition shall be designated as the host team. When both teams have had an equal number of host playoff contests, the Commissioner shall toss a coin to decide the host team. When a school has been designated as the host school for a playoff contest it shall (1) act in that capacity unless excused by the Commissioner, (2) be considered the host team regardless of where the game is being played, and (3) a "bye" designation shall not count as a host contest for the team drawing the "bye" following the first round and throughout the remainder of the tournament.

3504.1 Teams receiving a bye in the first round shall be the host team in the next round of the playoffs.

3505. COMMISSIONER DETERMINES PLAYOFF SITES

The Commissioner shall have sole authority in determining sites for playoff competition in all sports and for all rounds.

3506. ALTERNATE SITE DEFINITION

An alternate court or field has been defined as one on which a team has not conducted practice sessions. A team may have played some of its league games and even a playoff contest on a particular court or field, and it could still be classified as an alternate court or field.

3507. HOST SCHOOL ACCOUNTS FOR ALL GAME REVENUE

In football, basketball and volleyball playoff games, the host school will account for all the revenue from the game, pay all expenses for the game, and compile the financial report, sending a copy to the visiting school and the CIF Southern Section. Please refer to Bylaw 144 for detailed information concerning the distribution of receipts from playoff contests in basketball, football, and volleyball.

3508. TEAM EXPENSES

The Commissioner shall set the team expenses to be allowed the traveling team in any playoff contest.

3509. BROADCAST OR TELECAST FEES

The Commissioner shall set the fee to be charged for the right to broadcast or telecast any playoff contest.

3510. FREELANCE PLAYOFF ENTRY QUALIFICATION

If a school does not have membership in a league or the school belongs to a league which does not offer students in a given sport an opportunity to qualify into CIF Southern Section championships, special conditions exist which must be followed in order to qualify for possible entry into a CIF Southern Section playoff activity.

3510.1 Team Sports - All freelance schools desiring entry into the playoffs must submit schedules to the Commissioner for evaluation and approval of conditions under which the team may qualify. Schedules must be submitted prior to the start of each season for evaluation.

3510.2 Individual Sports - Schools meeting the criteria outlined in 3510.1 above may petition individual athletes for possible entry into CIF Southern Section individual playoff competition. Petitions for such athletes must include a complete data sheet for each individual showing best marks, scores or rankings from any competition held during the current school year. All such petitions must be submitted two calendar weeks prior to the first scheduled date of CIF Southern Section playoff competition.

QUESTION: How can a freelance team qualify for CIF playoff consideration?

ANSWER: A school must schedule 80% of allowable contests per sport and they must be at the varsity level. In order to be considered for the playoffs, the school must have a .500 or better record in all contests played and there must be openings in the bracket. Additionally, teams that win 80% of their contests played will be guaranteed entry. (Except football.)

QUESTION: How can an individual qualify for consideration for freelance competition?

ANSWER: To be eligible for freelance individual competition, an individual must participate in at least one-half of the number of allowable varsity contests permitted in a particular sport.

3511. PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY

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

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

B. From the time the CIF Southern Section Office receives the entries from the league, violations discovered will be assessed only against the individual(s) and will not affect the advancement of a team into the playoffs.

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

D. Freelance schools will submit eligibility rosters prior to their second contest of the season to the CIF Southern Section Office. Any additions to the freelance school eligibility roster will be made directly to the CIF Southern Section Office within five (5) school days of each occurrence.

3512. CIF SOUTHERN SECTION TROPHIES

Appropriate trophies shall be awarded by the CIF Southern Section to team champions and runner-up in all official sports. The winning or runner-up team has the option of awarding more than the prescribed number of medals or patches at its own expense.

3513. PLAYOFF ENTRIES TENTATIVE

All entries into the playoffs are tentative until entry deadline is reached. Updated results or new information may necessitate changes in any draw when necessary by the CIF Southern Section Office.

3514. NUMBER OF TEAM ENTRIES INTO PLAYOFFS

In the sport of 11-person football, the team entry formula for each league into the playoffs is as follows:

4 and 5 team leagues = 2 entries
6-8 team leagues = 3 entries
9 or more team leagues = 4 entries

In the sport of 8-person football, only league champions will be guaranteed automatic entries into the playoffs.

In all sports other than football, the team entry formula for each league into the playoffs is as follows:

4 team leagues = 2 entries
5 and 6 team leagues = 3 entries
7 and 8 team leagues = 4 entries
9 or more team league = 5 entries

3514.1 In all team sports other than wrestling and football (For information regarding at-large entries for Football, see the Football Playoff Bulletin), additional entries beyond a league's guaranteed number of entries will only be permitted to enter the playoffs to fill any byes which exist in the opening round. At-large teams, teams meeting the at-large criteria (.500 or better overall record), can only be accepted into the playoffs if there are openings in the original draw after all of the league's guaranteed entries are submitted. (For example, when there are 30 teams entered as guaranteed entries from their leagues into a 32-team draw, there would be 2 byes in the bracket and those byes could be filled by teams who were not guaranteed entries from there.)

QUESTION: How will the CIF Southern Section Office determine additional entries into the playoff draw to fill byes after each league has submitted their three guaranteed entries?

ANSWER: In the sport of Wrestling, as provided for under Bylaw 3502, a playoff committee will select the additional entries to fill the draw from the league's priority team entry that has been submitted for consideration as an at-large berth to fill any bye which may exist.

3515. NOISEMAKERS PROHIBITED

No noisemakers (horns, bells, victory bells, sirens, chimes, musical instruments other than those in the band, etc.) will be permitted inside the gymnasium, stadium or playing fields at any CIF Southern Section contest (non-league, league, tournament or playoff). Cheering devices such as wooden blocks, or other similar objects, are prohibited. Megaphones shall be used only by uniformed cheerleaders for the purpose of directing and controlling rooting sections. The improper use of any of the above listed devices by supporters of a team would subject that team to possible forfeiture of the contest

3516. EQUAL FACILITIES

The visiting school in dual team playoff contests is entitled to equal facilities, including one-half of the seating, locker rooms, phone lines, spotting facilities, etc.

3517. WILD CARD TEAMS

Where the number of automatic qualifying teams exceeds the number of openings in the draw, the Commissioner may order a special playoff contest ("Wild Card System") to determine the draw for the playoffs. Insofar as host team designation in the regular playoff draw, this "Wild Card Contest" will have no bearing when such a procedure is used. For all enrollment-based playoffs, please refer to specific sport bulletins.

3518. ADDITIONAL CONTESTS TO DETERMINE ENTRY ONLY

Leagues may not conduct additional contests beyond the prescribed limits unless said contests are to determine ENTRY and not representative priority.

3518.1 Please note, leagues **MAY NOT** conduct additional contests beyond the prescribed limits unless said contests are to determine **ENTRY** and not representative priority. Additionally, leagues must have this as part of their Constitution and must secure permission from the CIF Southern Section Office before conducting such playoffs for entry. If a league covers such Conditions in its constitution, it is still obligated to stage said contest on or before the last specified allowable playing date.

An example of the above application would be that two teams finish in a tie for the last guaranteed entry in the final league standings and the league also has it stipulated in its Constitution that the deadlock may be broken by a special playoff game. As long as that contest is played on or before the last specified date, the two teams would be permitted to play as a process in determining **ENTRY** into the playoffs. However, should there be an outright league champion and the two teams deadlocking for second place, except in a four-team league, a special playoff game would NOT be permitted, as both teams already have guaranteed entry into the playoffs.

3518.2 If time does not permit a playoff for entry, the league must again resort to the next item in its Constitution to determine its designation.

3518.3 In the sport of football, the 25-yard tie breaker system may be used to determine ENTRY, provided it meets all other guidelines noted above, including the last specified playing date.

3519. PLAYOFF GROUPINGS

The following procedures for conducting the business of playoff groupings will be in effect for the sports listed below:

Fall – Flag Football (Girls), Football (8/11-person), Team Golf (Girls), Tennis (Girls), Volleyball (Girls), Water Polo (Boys)
Winter – Basketball (Boys/Girls), Soccer (Boys/Girls), Water Polo (Girls)
Spring – Baseball, Team Beach Volleyball (Girls), Team Golf (Boys), Lacrosse (Boys/Girls), Softball, Tennis (Boys), Volleyball (Boys)

3519.1 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.

3519.2 It is MANDATORY that all Southern Section member schools enter the results of ALL regular season contests into the CIFSSHome system immediately following each game (www.cifsshome.org).

3519.3 Member schools who fail to accurately enter complete regular season results into the CIFSSHome system, in any of the sports listed above, will not be placed into a playoff division and will be ineligible to participate in the Southern Section Championships in that sport for that year.

3519.4 Leagues are guaranteed their appropriate number of entries into the Southern Section Championships, per current Southern Section Blue Book Rule 3514.

<>3520. PLAYOFF GROUPINGS – ENROLLMENT/GEOGRAPHY/DATA-BASED

3520.1 Boys and Girls Cross Country – Divisional placement for each school will be done yearly using school enrollment, according to Section and State designated numbers.

3520.2 Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving– Divisions will be formulated every year by individual team and gender competitive equity. Competitive equity will be calculated using League Finals and Southern Section Swimming and Diving Championship results, and assigning corresponding point values from the NISCA Power Point tables. Points will be averaged and totaled and teams will be rated. The CIF office will determine teams within each of four divisions. Boys and Girls will be rated separately and may be placed in different divisions. Leagues MUST submit exported results in .HY3 or .SD3 format before the completion of the CIF Championship Meet.

3520.3 Boys and Girls Track and Field – Divisional placement for each school will be done yearly using school enrollment, according to Section and State designated numbers.

<>3520.4 Dual Meet Wrestling – Divisions formulated every year using Masters Meet qualifiers, by schools over a two-year period.

3520.5 Individual Wrestling – Divisions formulated every two years using Masters Meet qualifiers, by league, over a two-year period.

3521. PLAYOFF FINANCIAL REPORTS

After a reasonable request from the Commissioner's office, schools that continue to be delinquent with financial reports will not be allowed to host a game during the playoffs in all sports for a period of one year.

FINANCIAL PRINCIPLES AND AUDIT POLICY

1. GUIDING PRINCIPLE FOR FINANCIAL OPERATIONS (ADOPTED MAY 1995, FEDERATED COUNCIL)

It is recognized that all funds handled by the California Interscholastic Federation, or any of the CIF entities, are monies designed for the enhancement and administration of athletics for the students of the high schools in California.

2. PRINCIPLES GUIDING POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION (ADOPTED MAY 1995, FEDERATEDCOUNCIL)

The following principles should guide the formulation and administration of financial policies within the State CIF and all CIF sections and leagues. All financial policies and regulations adopted apply to all California Interscholastic Federation entities (state, sections, and leagues) and to all CIF personnel (staff and elected representatives) unless a specific distinction has been recognized and authorized in writing. An adequately financed program of competitive athletics is essential for California's youth to receive a well-rounded education.

(a) **It is the intent of these policies to develop a bright line definition of what is and is not appropriate. Therefore, these policies are written as unambiguously and published as widely as possible. These principles and policies apply to all CIF entities.**

(b) **Financial information at all levels should be kept on a computer data base for easy access, appropriate administration, and accountability to local constituencies as well as the State CIF and auditors.**

(c) **Staff at all levels should not be in the position of supervising and approving the expenses of elected representatives, and therefore will administratively review and approve for payment these expenses which fall within the framework of pre-approved written guidelines. A detailed report of all expenses approved in this manner shall be prepared monthly and be available for review by any CIF elected official. A committee of elected representatives, appointed by the State President with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee/Administrative Committee, will review and authorize, where appropriate, all actual and necessary expenses of elected or appointed representatives which do not fall within the framework or written guidelines. Sections shall have a similar procedure for review and authorization of expenses exceeding guidelines.**

(d) **All entities collecting and disbursing funds, whether it be league, section, or the state, are required to have two signatures for all expenditures. Staff/elected officials shall not approve or sign their own pay or reimbursement forms.**

(e) **Yearly audits for sections and the State CIF shall be conducted by reputable auditing firms with established expertise in dealing with school district and/or other non-profit organization finances. The audits shall be based upon the principles contained in this document and conclude with a presentation by the auditor to the elected representatives of the entity. All relevant documentation shall be distributed to the elected representatives in sufficient time prior to the meeting to allow familiarization of the data in order to have a meaningful discussion with the auditor during the presentation. The audit shall not be edited or have items altered or deleted by any person and must be presented and retained in its original form from the auditor. League audits shall be conducted according to policies listed in this document and approved by sections.**

(f) **All fiscal accounting at all levels shall use generally accepted accounting principles when handling and disbursing funds.**

(g) **All funds expended by any CIF entity must be budgeted and authorized. Commissioners/league presidents, etc., must have prior limited authorization for all expenditures. An example would be some limited authorization for general expenses including lunches, recognitions, etc. These expenses would then be reported to the governing body at the next meeting.**

(h) **No alcohol or tobacco shall be purchased or paid for out of any CIF funds. CIF funds may not be used for gifts or personal loans.**

(i) **All financial practices and information shall be open to review by CIF members or other interested parties. CIF financial records are public information.**

(j) **The allocation of CIF funds should be as simple and equitable as possible. An annual budget for each fiscal entity should be prepared with the affected parties sufficiently involved so that they are a part of the process. The process should have as its goal maximizing the benefits to our school children.**

(k) **The CIF should improve the degree to which participation in high school athletics are available to students of all economic and social stations.**

3. POLICIES RELATED TO AUDITS

The following are policies related to audits:

(a) A thorough yearly audit shall be required at the CIF State and section levels. The audit shall consist of a complete examination and reassessment of present methodologies, procedures, and policies for the administration and control of CIF funds and all financial flows associated with or relevant to the CIF and its sections and leagues. It shall be the responsibility of the section to ensure compliance of leagues within the section to all state and section financial policies. Sections will assume responsibility for the creation and implementation of financial policies, practices, and procedures for each league within that section. As long as the section has financial policies in place which provide for league financial policies, practices, and procedures, and as long as the section is satisfied that the league financial policies, practices and procedures are consistent with state and section policy, the section may waive the requirement for a complete, thorough league audit. However, a section may require an audit of league financial records at any time.

(b) The State CIF, and all sections, shall seek proposals from auditing firms on a cycle of three to five years. Procedures for auditing and the names of auditing firms used by the sections shall be forwarded to the State CIF on a yearly basis. Yearly audits shall be forwarded to the executive director upon completion. Sections with audits requiring corrective action shall include an addendum of the proposed corrective actions in the yearly audit report to the state office. (February 1996, Federated Council).

NOTE: The Financial Policies Handbook will be distributed, annually, to the Federated Council and to the Executive Committee.

4. CBEDS ENROLLMENT AND SCHOOL DUES

The CIF state office shall employ the latest possible CBEDs report used by the State Department of Education as the basis for assessment of dues and legal and liability costs. (Executive Committee, June 1999.)

5. LEGAL EXPENSES, LIABILITY INSURANCE COSTS AND SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

Each year the CIF state office will assess schools, based upon enrollment, an amount equal to the legal expenses and insurance costs for the fiscal year immediately preceding the year of assessment. Legal expenses and insurance costs shall be for all direct and indirect costs of same including, but not limited to, attorney and clerical salaries and fees, office expenses, travel, court fees, insurance policy premiums, training expenses for state and section staff and officers related to legal or insurance matters. (Executive Committee, June 1999.)

EQUITY COMPLAINT AND APPEAL PROCEDURE

The following is a model for schools, leagues and sections which describes a process for responding to a grievance filed by a student, employee, parent/guardian, or general public, alleging gender discrimination under the Title IX regulation. Districts are required to have a Title IX coordinator who should be utilized to resolve complaints at the local level (November 1998).

COMPLAINT PROCEDURE FOR SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS

Complaints related to sports equity should be resolved at the level closest to the school site. First, at the local school district, the person who has a concern should speak with district administrators or the local Tile IX coordinator. The Title IX coordinator's role is to investigate local complaints of gender discrimination or refer it to the appropriate level (if the complaint is a league or section problem, the appeal should be directed to that league or section for initial resolution.) Districts are required to distribute or post the name, business address and telephone number of the Title IX coordinator. Investigations of athletic programs are frequently difficult, lengthy, and sometimes expensive primarily because of the considerable amounts of information that must be collected, analyzed and evaluated to determine compliance. The decision regarding compliance involves determining which benefits and services are provided to males and which are provided to females, whether there are any differences between benefits and services for males and females, whether these differences have a negative impact on athletes of one gender, and thus, may result in noncompliance.

Section 1. DEFINITION AND INTERPRETATION

A. **Students, parents, district employees, and the general public may use this complaint procedure.**

B. **Any claim by a student, parent, general public, or employee that there has been a violation or misinterpretation of Title IX shall be a gender equity complaint.**

C. **The term "complainant" means any student, parent, from the general public, or employee filing a complaint.**

D. **The term "days" means any calendar day, except Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays.**

E. **The filing or service of any notice shall be timely if it bears a postmark of the U.S. mail, or a date stamp from the responsible agency, within the time period.**

F. **The time limits provided in this complaint procedure shall be strictly observed, but may be extended by written mutual agreement between the complainant and the body investigating the complaint.**

G. **In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by procedures herein, the date of the act, event, or default for which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. The last day of the period as computed shall be counted, unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, in which event, the period runs until the end of the next day, which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.**

H. **The report of findings and proposed resolution at all levels, shall not conflict with state law and local policy governing employee discipline.**

I. **The services of a fact finder are available to any level to which the appeal is directed, i.e., school, district, league, and section. The CIF also encourages the use of a mediator and/or arbitrator to bring about resolution of problems.**

J. **Jurisdiction means that:**

(1) **the complainant has filed a complaint within 360 days from the date of the alleged violation or from the date when the complainant knew or should have known of the violation.**

(2) **the level (district, league, section, state) has the authority to resolve the complaint.**

Section 2. COMPLAINT PROCEDURE FOR LOCAL LEVELS

The sports-related gender equity complaint should be processed using the local School District's Uniform Complaint Procedures as adopted by the local governing board or similar process as adopted by a private school governing board. The school district uniform complaint procedures should include all sports-related issues. If the complaint is a league or section issue, the appeal should be directed to that league or section for initial resolution. After completing all steps outlined in the district process if the complainant is not satisfied with the disposition of the complaint, the complainant may appeal as applicable to the California Department of Education, or use the procedures in Section 3 or 4 if the complaint has an effect or falls within the jurisdiction of the CIF. NOTE: For private schools, the procedure may be an appeal to the Office For Civil Rights.

Examples of a possible local complaint may include, but are not limited to discrepancies in the baseball vs. softball diamonds at a local school site or discrepancies between boys' and girls' locker rooms or etc.

It is noted that the Office For Civil Rights requires filing a complaint within six months of the knowledge of such a violation. Concurrent complaint filings with the Office For Civil Rights are at the discretion of the complainant.

Section 3. COMPLAINTS TO CIF LEAGUES

The following is a model for CIF leagues which provides a process for responding to a complaint not applicable or able to be resolved at the local school district or board of education levels i.e. the matter falls within the jurisdiction of a league.

A. The complaint shall be filed with the State CIF office on a CIF form available from that office. A copy of the complaint shall be delivered to the Commissioner of that CIF Section in which the league is located. Copies shall also be forwarded to all other agencies or persons named in the complaint.

B. The CIF Section shall review the complaint for initial jurisdiction within 10 days and shall inform the complainant in writing as to whether or not the league/section has jurisdiction. A copy of the Section decision on jurisdictional review shall be forwarded to the State CIF office.

C. If the league has jurisdiction, the league shall present a written report of findings and proposed resolutions, if applicable, on the complaint within a 60-day period from receipt of the complaint. Copies of the findings shall also be forwarded to the CIF Section and to all other agencies or persons named in the complaint. The CIF Section shall forward the league findings to the State CIF.

Examples of a possible league complaint may include, but are not limited to discrepancies between genders in the number or quality of league awards or discrepancies in equal opportunity in the number or levels of sports.

Section 4. APPEALS TO THE CIF SECTION

A complaint from the league level may be appealed to the CIF Section.

A. The CIF Section shall review the complaint for initial jurisdiction and shall inform the complainant as to whether or not the section/state has initial jurisdiction.

B. If the complainant is not satisfied with a league decision, the complaint may be appealed to the section within 30 days of the league's written decision being sent to the complainant.

If a complaint is appealed to the CIF Section, the Section shall notify the State CIF. The Section may request that the State CIF provide a fact finder/investigator who shall be responsible for making findings of facts and proposed resolution to the Section.

C. The Section shall present a written report of findings on the grievance within 60 days from receipt of said complaint. The fact finder may also assist the parties in reaching a resolution through mediation.

Examples of a possible Section complaint may include but not limited to a discrepancy between genders involving section season of sport, awards, tournament facilities and/or locations, etc.

Section 5. **STATE CIF APPEAL PROCESS**

A. **If the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the Section, the complainant may appeal to the State CIF within 30 days of the Section's decision being sent to the complainant. If the State CIF receives the appeal, the CIF shall refer the matter to a neutral mediator and/or proceed directly to a final, neutral hearing panel, which will render a decision within 60 days.**

B. **A complaint about a decision, not related to an appeal regarding a decision of a section under this complaint and appeal procedure, but related to a decision or practice of the executive director, the state staff, or directly related to any regional or state championship event, must be filed with the state executive director and/or the president of the Federated Council within 30 days following the decision or event. The executive director shall reply within 30 days of reception of the complaint. If the complainant is not satisfied with the reply, the complainant may appeal to the CIF Federated Council president within 30 days of the receipt of the reply. The CIF Federated Council president shall refer the matter to a neutral mediator, to a final neutral hearing panel or employ the procedure within Article 3, Section 34, J. A final decision will be rendered in 60 days. (Approved February 2001, Federated Council.)**

Section 6. **RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE**

A. **No reprisal of any kind will be taken by the Board, an administrator, or any employee of any District or CIF against any person bringing a complaint under this procedure.**

B. **Exhaustion of these procedures is NOT a prerequisite to filing of complaints with the office of Civil Rights. The grievant may at any time during or concurrently with this procedure, file a complaint with the Office For Civil Rights or with the California Department of Education.**

It is noted that the Office For Civil Rights requires filing a complaint within six months of the knowledge of such a violation. Concurrent complaint filings with Office For Civil Rights are at the discretion of the complainant.

ALL LEVELS INCLUDING SCHOOLS, LEAGUES, AND SECTIONS MUST DEVELOP PROCEDURES WHICH ENSURE THAT ALL INVOLVED PARTIES, INCLUDING THE COMPLAINANT, HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE, TESTIMONY, AND INFORMATION AS NEEDED. PROCEDURES SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR WRITTEN NOTICE OF HEARINGS AND OF THE FORMAT IN WHICH ANY HEARING WILL BE HELD.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR NEW EVENTS

Recommended criteria and procedures for development and approval of invitational and championship activities which provide equitable opportunities for student athletes and promote the values and goals of CIF within a financially responsible framework are as follows:

1. Financial Criteria for New Events Sponsored by CIF

- **A. Future championships will include reimbursement for participants of travel, lodging and meals according to CIF adopted criteria.**
- **B. Participants in invitational events (pre and mid-season) will be expected to be responsible for travel, lodging and meals.**
- **C. Participants in post-season invitational events will be expected to be responsible for travel, lodging and meals. If invitational events are sufficiently profitable, then payment of such expenses will be considered for participants.**
- **D. New events cannot place section championships at risk financially.**
- **E. Consideration must be given in proposals to mitigating expenses of new events.**
- **F. Detailed, specific, feasible cost estimates will accompany all proposal.**
- **G. In reviewing and approving proposals for invitational events, consideration should be given to designating at least a portion of any profits to go for reimbursement of school costs for participation in existing and new championships.**
- **H. The event cannot be a burden on any section budget or on the state CIF budget and the staging of the event must be economically responsible.**
- **I. The proposal must show how the event may be sustained economically, over many years.**

2. Philosophical Criteria for New Events.

Any additional event should contribute to the goals of the organization (for instance, a new event might enhance gender equity, economic stability and enhance the awareness of values taught through sport or enhance the recognition of achievement of students). Sponsors of an event will be required to adhere to a "code of ethics" developed by the CIF to promote the values of the organization.

3. Qualifying Participation Criterion for a State Championship

At least 60 percent of all CIF schools participate in the sport in the same season or at least 6 or more sections have championships in the sport to include at least 2 in the north and 2 in the south. The committee may recommend that proposals for state championships be inaugurated as regional events even if criteria is met.

4. Feasibility

- **A. A new event can be managed by present CIF staff or efficient, competent management staff may be found by CIF.**
- **B. The event may be financially supported by the revenue from the event and financial support can be sustained over a period of years.**
- **C. A state championship or regional championship shall be scheduled only after the conclusion of the championships in those sections taking part in the championship.**

5. Other Recommendations/Questions

The following are recommendations/questions to consider:

- **A. What is the benefit to participating schools and students?**
- **B. Is there a conflict with other activities or athletic events?**
- **C. Does this extend the season of sport? Has there been consideration of shortening the season or starting a season earlier?**
- **D. Does the vent cause additional loss of instructional time? If so, has any thought been given to mitigating this loss (Saturday contest, evenings, vacation time)?**
- **E. If the proposal is for a sport which is played now in more than one season in the state, what dates are selected and why?**
- **F. How, specifically, will this event be a demonstration of the values of participation in high school athletics? Are there awards based upon values? In choosing teams or individuals for an event, is there any criterion such as demonstration of respect, sportsmanship, citizenship, achievement through effort and cooperation, full compliance to CIF code of ethics, rules, regulations, guidelines, etc?**
- **G. Will the proposed event lend itself to a partnership between the State CIF and a CIF Section?**
- **H. If there is a partnership proposed between a section and the State CIF, the nature of the partnership must be detailed. That is, what are the proposed financial details? If resources, other than financial, are to be used as part of a partnership, what are the anticipated resources?**
- **I. Any proposal that involves a section/state partnership should consider whether or not an event should be rotated, upon request, among sections.**
- **J. Proposals should involve consideration of adding to basic competition ancillary activities to make the event more attractive and reflective of the goals/mission of CIF; e.g. training for coaches, sportsmanship activities for student/schools.**

6. Process

A. Proposals for new athletic events or championships which would be State CIF directed and implemented or directed and implemented in partnership between the State CIF and a CIF section must be submitted no later than 15 months before the desired event implementation date in order to allow for full discussion necessary for approval and implementation.

B. The 15-month application requirement can be waived only by specific action by the Federated Council regarding a state or regional championship or by the Executive Committee or the Federated Council for a new pre, mid or post-season invitational event. The waiver is granted only when the decision-making body mentioned above is satisfied that all necessary consideration has taken place.

C. Process for proposals for championships:

(1) Requests for proposals mailed to sections/schools in September.

(2) Proposals must be submitted for committee review by May 1.

(3) Sub-committee of Events Committee will review proposals by June 1.

(4) Commissioners will review proposals in mid-June.

(5) Events Committee develops recommendation for Federated Council - September.

(6) Federated Council - First Reading - November.

(7) Federated Council - Action -February. (Approved November 1999 Federated Council.)

INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION

1. GENERAL RESERVE

The California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) shall create a general unallocated reserve comprised of cash and investments to be set aside for unanticipated needs, for major purchases meant to enhance the organization's assets and provide annually specified income to support the operating budget.

Decisions to use any part of the general unallocated reserve shall be the responsibility of the CIF Executive Committee in accord with this policy and the authority granted in Article Seven of the CIF Constitution.

2. GENERAL RESERVE GOAL

The Executive Committee, the Federated Council and the Economic Viability Committee established that the amount in reserve should be capped at an amount equal to the current year's operating expenses for the organization.

3. INVESTMENTS

A. Policy Goal

It shall be the policy of the CIF that investments are made to preserve the capital and maximize rate of return.

(1) Objectives

- **a. Preservation of capital.**
- **b. Maximum rate of return.**
- **c. Investments made consistent with prudent principles regarding those investments.**
- **d. Provision of resources to allow CIF to meet any major, unanticipated, expense.**
- **e. Investments and policy, which will produce annual income to aid the CIF's annual budget needs.**
- **f. Balance in investments should be maintained to produce:**
  - **(i) Income - current, annual income to help meet budget needs**
  - **(ii) Growth - provide for growth of principal**
  - **(iii) Safety - provide for sufficient limitations upon risks and protect the principal through diversification of assets and the setting of specific standards.**

(2) Compliance with State and Federal Laws

Investments will be made in compliance with State and Federal Laws and regulations.

(3) Permitted Investments

- **a. Common and Preferred Stocks**
- **b. US Government Obligations**
- **c. Corporate bonds**
- **d. Bond funds**
- **e. Mutual funds (Equity and Bond)**
- **f. Money market funds**
- **g. Purchase of real property**
- **h. International investments (Equity and Bond)**

(4) Prohibited Investments

- **a. Securities on margin**
- **b. Commodity futures**
- **c. Derivative securities**
- **d. Selling "short"**
- **e. Leveraged buyouts**
- **f. Venture capital**
- **g. Private placement**
- **h. Limited partnerships**

(5) Return Focus

The CIF is interested in preservation of principal, current income, along with long-term growth in an attempt to keep pace with inflation. Accordingly, a moderate to conservative risk profile should be kept in mind.

An example of a moderate to conservative portfolio would be as follows:

Equity		
	U.S. Stocks	**26%**
	Non-U.S. Stocks	**11%**
Bonds		
	U.S. Bonds	**51%**
	Non-U.S. Bonds	**10%**
	Cash	**2%**

NOTE: If necessary, the investment portfolio shall be rebalanced every six months in order to maintain the asset allocation by category outlined in this moderate to conservative portfolio model.

(6) Performance Monitoring

Performance numbers should be compared with a benchmark and appropriate indexes. An attempt should be made to keep the target allocation at +/- 4%. A benchmark for the strategy outlined above is a moderate-conservative benchmark, which consists of the following allocations to the indexes listed below:

Russell 1000 Growth	**10%**
Russell 1000 value	**10%**
Russell Mid Cap Value	**7%**
MSCI EAFR Net	**11%**
Lehman Bros. Bond Aggregate	**26%**
Lehman Bros. Credit L.T.	**25%**
LB Global Aggregate	**10%**
30-Day Money Market	**2%**

(7) Allocation Goal

A moderate to conservative portfolio will have more emphasis on bonds and less on equities. This blend will most likely exceed long-term inflations by a small margin and has a moderate degree of risk. Assets should be managed in such a fashion that future changes to the allocation can be made without commissions or penalties.

4. REPORTING

The Executive Committee shall receive a report on current holdings and investments at each regularly scheduled meeting. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Director to present this report or to designate responsibility for this report to an appropriate staff member.

The Executive Director, or designee, shall present a report on current holdings and investments to the Economic Viability Committee at its regularly scheduled meetings and, as requested by the Executive Committee, to the Federated Council.

The Economic Viability Committee will review the report and advise the Executive Committee on actions when deemed appropriate.

Such reports should include a complete listing of holdings, investments and cash (cash equivalents) and should show profit or loss along with comparisons to appropriate benchmarks.

5. APPROVAL, DIRECTION OF INVESTMENTS

Recommendations for purchase and/or sale of investments shall be made in accordance with the following process:

A. Investment Advisor

The CIF may use the services of an investment advisor. Such advisor shall report regularly to the Executive Director and, when requested, to the Economic Viability Committee and the Executive Committee. The Investment Advisor may advise the Executive Director with respect to recommended changes to the CIF Investment Portfolio.

B. Finance/Investment Committee

The CIF Investment Committee shall be comprised of the CIF officers (President, President-Elect and Past President). The Executive Director shall recommend portfolio changes, as needed, to the Investment Committee. The Investment Committee shall make its recommendation to the CIF Executive Committee.

C. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall make final decisions with respect to purchases, transfers and/or liquidation of portfolio assets. All investment decisions must be consistent with the goals and objectives of the CIF Investment Policy.

(Revised May 2007 Federated Council)

DECLARED EMERGENCY POLICY

In the event an emergency is declared by any governmental agency at the local, state and/or national level the CIF policy will be:

A. LOCAL

1. If a local emergency is declared, schools will be expected to follow their local jurisdictions instructions. In the event postponement of scheduled contests is required, the rescheduling of these contests will be determined by the league, conference or section policies.

B. STATE

1. If a state emergency is declared, all schools/school districts will determine whether they should postpone scheduled contests.

2. If a school/school district determines it is in its community's best interest to postpone a scheduled contest, that is a decision that rests with the principals of both schools after consulting with each other. Nevertheless, if one principal decides it is in the best interest of his/her school not to play, the contest will be postponed and rescheduled.

3. If an event is postponed, it will be rescheduled at a date and time mutually agreed upon by both principals according to the policies of the league, and/or conference and/or Section. If there is a dispute on a rescheduled date or time, the league commissioner (if there is one} or Section commissioner in accordance with section policy will make the final determination.

4. If a contest cannot be rescheduled there will be no recorded win or loss on a team's season record. Sections are to ensure that in this case a season record absent this contest(s} will not be a mitigating factor whether or not a team/individual is eligible for a Section's postseason play.

C. NATIONAL

If a national emergency is declared the CIF will follow all directives and will determine whether play should continue or not.

1. Postseason Playoffs

If a declared emergency is called after section playoffs, the CIF will make the determination whether to continue play or not after consulting with all parties involved.

2. Section Play

Depending on the level of a declared emergency during Section play, all parties involved should be consulted prior to any decision.

Regardless of the situation, member schools should go to the State CIF web site (www.cifstate.org} or your Section web site for specific directions and instructions.

BROWN ACT

CIF is subject to the Brown Act - Section 33353 of the Education Code - includes sections and leagues. Brown Act Covers Legislative Bodies which are the governing body of the agency and, also, ... "a commission, committee, board, or other body of (the) agency, whether permanent or temporary, decision making or advisory, created by charter, ordinance, resolution, or formal action of a legislative boys." Government Code 54952.

> Advisory committee made up of less than a quorum of the members of a legislative body are not covered unless it is a standing committee with continuing subject matter jurisdiction and, then, it is covered.

A meeting is "Any congregation of a majority of the members of a legislative body in the same time and place to hear, discuss, or deliberate upon any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the ... agency." It includes: "Any use of direct communication, personal intermediaries or technological devices that is employed by a majority of the members of the legislative body to develop a collective concurrence as to action to be taken on an item (of business). GC 54952.2

> A majority of members can be present at community gatherings (i.e., a majority of the board attends a city council meeting) and purely social events, when business is not discussed, without violating the Brown Act.

POSTING THE AGENDA

Must be posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting in a place that is freely and continuously accessible to the public. Must list each item of business (including those to be discussed in closed session) along with a general description of each item which need not normally be longer than 20 words. GC 54954.2. Must also mail to persons who formally request. **Must Follow the Agenda - No Action or Discussion if not Posted**- GC54954.3 prohibits action or discussion if not on the agenda except in(1) Emergency Situations- i.e. (1) work stoppages or crippling disasters voted upon by a majority-vote of the board; (2) Response to a question from the public; (3) Provide a reference to staff for factual information or request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting; (4) Request that an item be placed in the agenda of a future meeting; (5) Determination by a two-thirds vote if all members present (unanimous vote if less than all members present) that there is a need for immediate action and the need for action came to the attention of the agency subsequent to the agenda being posted (less than 72 hours). GC 54956.5

TAPE RECORDINGS BY THE PUBLIC PERMITTED

Must let the public record the meetings - includes video cameras and broadcasting. GC 54953.5 If the agency records meetings that recording is a public record, subject to examination by the public, but it may be destroyed after thirty days. **Meetings must be held in jurisdictional boundaries** of the local agency except to (1) otherwise comply with state or federal law or court order, (2) inspect real or personal property, (3) participate in multi-agency discussions, (4) meet with elected or appointed United States or California officials, (5) meet with the agency's legal counsel in closed session on pending litigation, if to do so would reduce legal fees or costs. **No Meetings in Facilities that Discriminate** on basis of race, religion, color, sex, etc. Public's Right to Speak - Every agenda for regular meetings shall provide an opportunity for the public to directly address the board.

> **Special Meetings** - Every notice for a special meeting at which action is proposed to be taken on an item shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the legislative body concerning that item prior to action on the item (GC 54954.3).

HEARINGS ARE OPEN

Quasi judicial matters, such as hearings, are under the Brown Act and, therefore must be open. 61 Cal. Atty. Gen. 220;57 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen.189.
Possible Closure for Terrible Facts - Consider closing for terrible facts - e.g., rape, incest, etc., but call before doing so.

Limited Closure for Pupil Records - 35146 Ed. Code - requires that the giving out of information from pupil records be done only in closed session unless the student and/or parent objects within forty-eight hours prior to the hearing. A pupil record is information from school records related to a particular pupil - other than the student's name, address, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous public or private school attended. See generally, s49601 and s49073 Cal. Ed. Code. **CAVEAT**: Hearing should only be closed while information from the pupil record is raised and discussed. **CAVEAT**: Don't close meeting because of a change of residence issue. Refer to address generally - i.e., the Norwalk residence - rather than by street number. Call for more information regarding the above distinctions and for boilerplate for letter to parents and students.

CLOSED SESSIONS
Permitted only under the following limited circumstances:

1. ADVICE FROM LEGAL COUNSEL - PENDING LITIGATION (GC 54956.9) Pending Litigation defined as:
   - (A) Agency is party to litigation (GC54956.9) (a);
   - (B) Agency is meeting to decide whether to litigate; (GC54956.9) (c)
   - (C) To decide if significant exposure to litigation exists; (GC54956.9)(b)(2)
   - (D) In opinion of counsel discussion of facts and circumstances indicate a significant exposure to litigation; (GC54956.9)(b)
   - (E) A claim has been filed; (GC54956.9) (b)
   - (F) A threat of litigation has been received in an open meeting or has been otherwise received and recorded; (GC54956.9) (b)(1)

CAVEAT: Purpose of *Pending Litigation* exception is to permit agency to confer with counsel- therefore if counsel not present- either in person or by teleconference - session may not be closed. 71 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 96. Also, only litigation decisions may be discussed - may not be used as subterfuge for policy discussions. *Ante*.

1. IN AGENDA SPECIFY
- A. Name of case (Specify by reference to claimant's name, names of parties, case or claim numbers). Exception: May omit case identification if disclosure would harm service of process, settlement negotiations or would increase chance of filing of prospective lawsuit against agency. Must state reason for lack of specification in agenda.
- B. Must state code sections under which meeting closed.

2. LIABILITY CLAIMS (GC54956.95)
- A. Claimant: (Specify name in agenda unless prohibited by state or federal law, e.g., the name of a claimant alleging sexual misconduct or child abuse).
- B. Agency claimed against: (Specify name in agenda).

3. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (GC54957)
- A. Specify description of position to be filled in agenda.

4. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (GC54947)
- A. Specify position title of employee being reviewed in agenda.

5. EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE, DISMISSAL, RELEASE (GC54957)
- A. No additional information or description required. Employee may have rights - administrative remedies, etc.

6. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES (GC54957)
- A. Conclusion with (Specify name of law enforcement or other agency and title of officer in agenda).

7. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GC54957.6) - Call

8. LICENSE/PERMIT DETERMINATION (GC54956.7) -Call

9. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (GC54956.8) - Call

REPORTS OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (GC54957.1) If final action was taken in closed session, a report of that action must be made in public session. The agency must publicly report actions taken in closed session and the vote or abstention of every member present. May be non-specific where ongoing activities such as litigation, negotiations, etc. are continuing but must publicly report ultimate results as soon as finalized. Report must be given orally, after closed session, even if nobody in the public meeting room. A written report may also be given. The agency has discretion whether to maintain a confidential minute book. GC54957.2

CAVEAT: Use closed session only when necessary and well within legislative policy.

CAVEAT PUBLIC RECORDS ACT: Public has right to inspect and copy public records. Public record is a record used or retained by a public agency except preliminary drafts, notes or interagency memoranda which are not retained in the ordinary course of business. Also, personnel and pending litigation records are excepted from definition of public records. GC6252 GC6254.

EXTREME HEAT AND AIR QUALITY POLICY

As per CA State Law AB 1653 and CIF Bylaw 503.K. Heat Illness and 503.L. Air Quality Index Protocols, all CIF member schools must adhere to the CIF Heat Illness Prevention and Heat Acclimatization Policies as outlined below.

Extreme Heat Procedures:

The WetBulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) is a measure of the heat stress in direct sunlight, which takes into account: temperature, humidity, wind speed, sun angle, and cloud cover (solar radiation). This differs from the Heat Index, which takes into consideration temperature and humidity and is calculated for shady areas. The WBGT is especially valuable in environments where people are physically active, such as sports, as it provides a better assessment of the risk of heat-related conditions during physical exertion. The CIF requires that schools use the WBGT for the most accurate measurement.

Depending on your Category Region (see map below), it is mandated for the benefit of the health and safety of our student-athletes that practice/games be canceled, or delayed until cooler when WBGT exceeds these levels:

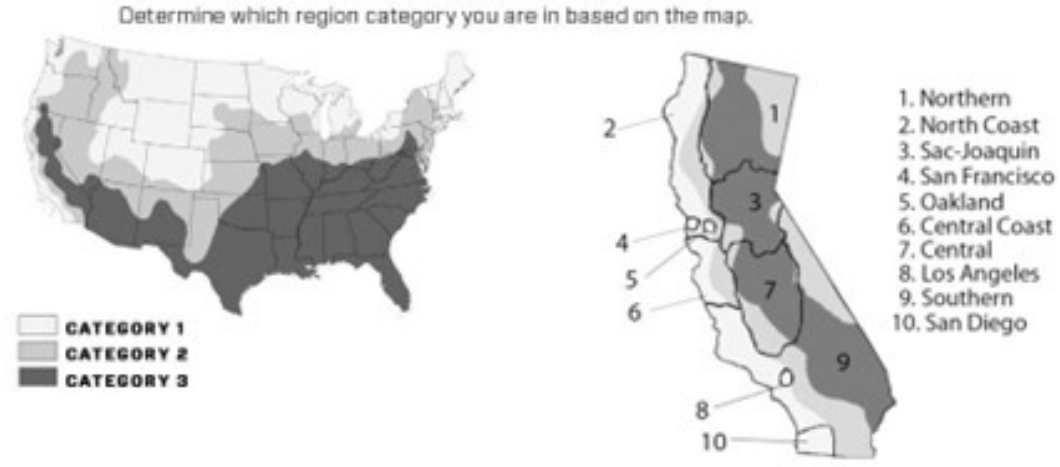
- Region Category 1 >86.2°F
- Region Category 2 >89.9°F
- Region Category 3 >92.0°F

STEP 1

Find your Region Category

Based on the following map, schools should select the heat category for their region to follow the required guidelines shown below. Click here to find your school's heat catagory: https://www.cifstate.org/sports-medicine/WBGT_Category.pdf

The majority of states fall under just one category or two at the most. However, due to its diverse climate across the state, California encompasses all three categories: light gray - Category 1 / medium gray - Category 2 / dark gray - Category 3. (See image below).



STEP 2

WBGT Readings (Note: Temperatures listed in the chart below are calculated using a WBGT and are **not** basic air temperatures) Please see Step 3 below for samples of WBGT readings.

Cat 3	Cat 2	Cat 1	Outdoor Activity Guidelines
<82.0°F	<79.7°F	<76.1°F	Normal Activities – Provide at least three separate rest breaks each hour with a minimum duration of 3 min each during the workout.
<27.8°C	<26.5°C	<24.5°C	
82.2 - 86.9°F	79.9 - 84.6°F	76.3 - 81.0°F	Use discretion for intense or prolonged exercise; Provide at least three separate rest breaks each hour with a minimum duration of 4 min each.
27.9 - 30.5°C	26.6 - 29.2°C	24.6 - 27.2°C	
87.1 - 90.0°F	84.7 - 87.6°F	81.1 - 84.0°F	Maximum outdoor practice time is 2 h. Provide at least four separate rest breaks each hour with a minimum duration of 4 min each. For Football/Field Hockey: players are restricted to helmet, shoulder pads, and shorts during practice. If the WBGT rises to this level during practice, players may continue to work out wearing full pads without changing to shorts.
30.6 - 32.2°C	29.3 - 30.9°C	27.3 - 28.9°C	
90.1 - 91.9°F	87.8 - 89.6°F	84.2 - 86.0°F	Contests are permitted with additional hydration breaks. Maximum outdoor practice time is 1 h. No protective equipment may be worn during practice, and there may be no conditioning activities. There must be 20 min of rest breaks distributed throughout the hour of practice.
32.2 - 33.3°C	31.0 - 32.0°C	29.0 - 30.0°C	
≥92.1°F	≥89.8°F	≥86.2°F	No outdoor workouts/contests. Delay practice/competitons until a cooler WBGT is reached.
≥33.4°C	≥32.1°C	≥30.1°C	

STEP 3

Schools without a WBGT should use the link below from the NOAA for a WBGT reading

https://digital.mdl.nws.noaa.gov/?zoom=7&lat=35.28787&lon=-79.36779&layers=F000BTTTFTT&region=0&element=8&mxmz=true&barbs=false&subl=TTFFFF&units=english&wunits=nautical&coords=latlon&tunits=localt

EXAMPLE @2:30 PM

AUGUST 31, 2023	AUGUST 31, 2023	AUGUST 31, 2023
CATEGORY 1 SCHOOL	CATEGORY 2 SCHOOL	CATEGORY 3 SCHOOL
Outside Air Temp 87° F	Outside Air Temp 97° F	Outside Air Temp 92° F
WBGT Reading =80	WBGT Reading =82	WBGT Reading =81

CIF Fall Outdoor Sports Acclimatization Policy

Given the extreme heat issues typically experienced at the start of the Fall sports season, heat acclimatization is crucial for high school athletes to help them adapt to hot weather conditions and reduce the risk of heat-related illnesses. The following is a four-step plan for heat acclimatization in outdoor high school sports:

1. **Gradual Increase in Activity:**
   - Start with light workouts in cooler conditions to prepare athletes for increased heat exposure.
   - Gradually increase the intensity and duration of practice sessions over 10-14 days.

2. **Hydration Education:**
   - Teach athletes the importance of staying hydrated and recognizing signs of dehydration.
   - Encourage regular water breaks during practice and games and always provide access to water.

3. **Modify Practice Schedules:**
   - Schedule outdoor practices during cooler times, like early morning or late evening.
   - Allow frequent breaks and shade to help athletes cool down and recover.

4. **Monitor Athlete Health:**
   - Educate coaches, trainers, and athletes on the signs of heat-related illnesses (heat exhaustion and heat stroke).
   - The school will have available a method to institute whole-body cooling to treat a student-athlete with exertional heat illness, especially heat stroke (e.g., ice tub, “taco tarp”, ice towels) which is easily acces sible at all practice and contest venues.

Safety should always be the top priority when acclimating high school athletes to hot weather conditions. This plan helps athletes adapt while minimizing the risk of heat-related issues.

For All Outdoor Fall Sports

Five-Day Acclimatization Period. Preseason practice shall begin with a five-day acclimatization period for all Fall student-athletes. All student-athletes, including those who arrive at preseason practice after the first day of practice, are required to undergo a five-day acclimatization period. The five-day acclimatization period shall be conducted as follows:

(a) Participants shall not engage in more than one on-field practice per day during the five-day acclimatization period. On-field practices shall last no longer than two hours.

For Football Only

(b) During the first three days of practice or testing activity, helmets shall be the only protective equipment student-athletes may wear. During the next two days of practice or testing activity, helmets, and shoulder pads shall be the only protective equipment student-athletes may wear. Student-athletes may practice in full pads on the sixth day of practice or testing activity.

For Aquatic Sports Only

(c) For practice only, schools may use the NFHS rule regarding water temperature (Section 6 Article 3) in place of the CIF Outdoor Activity Guidelines.



Pictured: Air quality index chart with corresponding PM2.5 µg/m3.

Air Quality and Sport Participation: CIF Position Statement Sports Medicine Advisory Committee

Recent catastrophic and historical fires in California continue to raise numerous questions regarding safe participation in sport and practice for young athletes. This position statement serves as a resource to coaches, administrators, parents and students who have questions about participation in outdoor activity during periods of diminished air quality for California high school sport.

Healthy athletes are at increased risk for inhaling pollutants in the air. Physical activity increases ventilation and the number of pollutants that are inhaled are increased compared to periods of rest. During physical activity, air is often inhaled directly into the mouth, bypassing the built-in nasal filtration system. Deep inhalation diffuses pollutants into the bloodstream more quickly during exercise. These risks are increased if an athlete has a pre-existing medical condition such as asthma or a cardiac condition.

A valid and reliable standardized national air quality resource is the National Weather Service (NWS) Air Quality Forecast System. This system provides constant monitoring of ozone, particulate matter and pollutants with accurate and advanced notice to prevent the adverse effects of decreased air quality.

The key component of the standardized air quality resource is the NWS Air Quality Index (AQI). The AQI provides real time monitoring and alerts in response to changing air quality levels. Five different pollutants are tracked in this system including the following: 1) ground level ozone 2) particle pollution 3) carbon monoxide 4) sulfur dioxide 5) nitrogen dioxide. Ground level ozone and particulate matter are the most concerning pollutants for outdoor physical activity. The AQI is reported as a single number based on a scale of 0 to 500 with 0 being completely safe and 500 indicating the most hazardous levels of air pollution.

Consistent with this national reporting system and consistent with the National Collegiate Athletic Association Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspect of Sport, the CIF Sports Medicine Advisory Committee offers the following general guidance to institutions seeking to make decisions about the appropriateness of practice or competition in questionable air quality situations. With recent severe fires within the state of California, both regional and statewide authorities have often established alerts to cancelling sport events or practices because of local risk. CIF recommends following these guidelines. If specific guidelines have not yet been provided, the following are useful guidelines consistent with NCAA and NFHS position statements on air quality.

1) Monitoring of local AQI and associated air quality alerts, especially during times of extreme environmental conditions is recommended. Advice and monitoring is best done by the primary athletics health care providers (athletic trainers, school nursing staff, team physicians) who have training in such monitoring. Schools may choose to delegate this responsibility to a staff member with knowledge of AQI.

2) Member schools should consider shortening or cancelling outdoor athletic events (practices or competition) in accordance with AQI recommendations. Exposure to air should be managed more carefully for students with pre-existing lung or heart conditions. When the AQI rises above 100 schools should consider removing such athletes at risk from practice or competition.

3) At AQI values above 150 serious consideration should be given to rescheduling the activity or moving it indoors if possible. Prolonged exposure and heavy exertion should be avoided.

4) School Emergency Action Plans may guide the emergency care response in these circumstances and the staff should be made aware of this plan.

5) The Preparticipation Physical Examination for Sport will be used as a tool to identify students at risk for smoke inhalation exposure such as asthma, cardiac disease and respiratory disease.

6) Emphasize to student athletes that the wearing of masks, such as for protection against COVID-19 does not protect against exposure to hazardous air quality. Consequently, wearing masks will not allow competition or practices when AQI is at hazardous levels.

There are now validated online applications to smart phones which can track not only AQI in a town or city, but also AQI regionally near each neighborhood within each town or city. Consistent with NFHS, California Air Quality Board and California Environmental Protection Agency, the CIF recommends using the www.airnow.gov application for this purpose. The AQI may even be checked periodically during a day of competition or practice in case of changing conditions. The application was created with the collaboration of the Environmental Protection Agency and contains not only air quality data but also current fire conditions, webcams and email notifications consistent with local and regional up to date conditions.

References

1) Air Quality Position Statement. NCAA Sports Science Institute, Sept 2018

2) NFHS Position Statement on Physical Activity, Air Quality and Wildfires, April 2019

3) CIF North Coast Section. Air Quality Index Rules, Bylaw 1003H.

4) US Environmental Protection Agency. Air Now website www.airnow.gov

OFFICIAL BALL PROGRAM

2025-2026

Official Ball per sport (updated 7-2-25):

Baseball	**Rawlings RCIF-SS**	Must be CIFSS/**NOCSAE** stamped ball
Basketball, Boys	**Wilson NCAA EVO NXT GAME BALL Size 7 (Used in CIF-SS Championship)** **Wilson Evolution Game Basketball Size 7**	
Basketball, Girls	**Wilson NCAA EVO NXT GAME BALL Size 6 (Used in CIF-SS Championship)** **Wilson Evolution Game Basketball Size 6**	
Football, Flag	**Wilson GST SPEEDSKIN HEIR** **Wilson GST TDY** **Wilson GST SPEEDSKIN**	
Football (8/11)	**Wilson GST** **Wilson Omega** **Wilson GST Prime** *(discontinued)*	
Lacrosse	**PEARL X (Used in CIF-SS Championship)** **PEARL LT**	
Soccer	**Wilson NCAA Vivido Match Ball (Used in CIF-SS Championship)** **Wilson NCAA Veza Match Ball** **Wilson Forte Fybrid II NCAA Match Soccer Ball** *(discontinued)*	
Softball	**Rawlings FPCIF-SS (Used in CIF-SS Championship)** **Rawlings Dream Seam** **Rawlings Red Dot**	
Tennis	**Penn Tour (Used in CIF-SS Championship)** **Pro Penn Marathon** **Penn Championship**	
Volleyball, Beach	**Wilson NCAA OPTX Game Ball (Used in CIF-SS Championship)**	
Volleyball, Indoor	**Mikasa VFC1000 Series (Used in CIF-SS Championship)** **Mikasa VQ2000 Series**	
Water Polo, Boys	**KAP7 HydroGrip Size 5 with NFHS stamp (Used in CIF-SS Championship)**	
Water Polo, Girls	**KAP7 HydroGrip Size 4 with NFHS stamp (Used in CIF-SS Championship)**	

Mandatory Playoff Use Requirement:
The mandatory "official" ball rule for all playoff rounds, excluding golf. The rule applies throughout the conduct of **all** CIF-SS **playoff** contests.

*Items in red will be provided for use in the **Championship final** game only. Any model listed above is approved for play in CIF-SS post season play.

Playoff Ball Use Rule Enforcement:
Should a school fail to provide the correct game ball, the game will always be played. Teams/schools failing to utilize the correct official ball in CIF-SS playoffs will be reported by officials to CIF-SS and will not be allowed to host their next available home playoff game. Penalty will carry over to the next season if not enforceable this season due to elimination.

Note: NFHS stamp is required in all sports *except in girl's flag football, golf, tennis and beach volleyball.*

PURSUING VICTORY WITH HONOR

The Operating Principles of the CIF

1. The essential elements of character building and ethics in CIF sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

2. It's the duty of School Boards, superintendents, school administrators, parents and school sports leadership -including coaches, athletic administrators, program directors and game officials - to promote sportsmanship and foster good character by teaching, enforcing, advocating and modeling these "six pillars of character."

3. To promote sportsmanship and foster the development of good character, school sports programs must be conducted in a manner that enhances the academic, emotional, social, physical and ethical development of student-athletes and teaches them positive life skills that will help them become personally successful and socially responsible.

4. Participation in school sports programs is a privilege, not a right. To earn that privilege, student-athletes must abide by the rules and they must conduct themselves, on and off the field, as positive role models who exemplify good character.

5. School Boards, superintendents, school administrators, parents and school sports leadership shall establish standards for participation by adopting and enforcing codes of conduct for coaches, athletes, parents and spectators.

6. All participants in high school sports must consistently demonstrate and demand scrupulous integrity and observe and enforce the spirit as well as the letter of the rules.

7. The importance of character, ethics and sportsmanship should be emphasized in all communications directed to student-athletes and their parents.

8. School Boards, superintendents, school administrators, parents and school sports leadership must ensure that the first priority of their student-athletes is a serious commitment to getting an education and developing the academic skills and character to succeed.

9. School Boards, superintendents, principals, school administrators and everyone involved at any level of governance in the CIF must maintain ultimate responsibility for the quality and integrity of CIF programs. Such individuals must assure that education and character development responsibilities are not compromised to achieve sports performance goals and that the academic, social, emotional, physical and ethical well-being of student-athletes is always placed above desires and pressured to win.

10. All employees of member schools must be directly involved and committed to the academic success of student-athletes and the character-building goals of the school.

11. Everyone involved in competition including parents, spectators, associated student body leaders, and all auxiliary groups have a duty to honor the traditions of the sport and to treat other participants with respect. Coaches have a special responsibility to model respectful behavior and the duty to demand that their student-athletes refrain from disrespectful conduct including verbal abuse of opponents and officials, profane or belligerent trash-talking, taunting and inappropriate celebrations.

12. School Boards, superintendents, and school administrators of CIF member schools must ensure that coaches, whether paid or voluntary, are competent to coach. Training or experience may determine minimal competence. These competencies include basic knowledge of: 1} The character building aspects of sports, including techniques and methods of teaching and reinforcing the core values comprising sportsmanship and good character. 2} The physical capabilities and limitations of the age group coached as well as the first aid. 3} Coaching principles and the rules and strategies of the sport.

13. Because of the powerful potential of sports as a vehicle for positive personal growth, a broad spectrum of school sports experiences should be made available to all of our diverse communities.

14. To safeguard the health of athletes and the integrity of the sport, school sports program must actively prohibit the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and performance enhancing substances, as well as a demand compliance with all laws and regulations, including those related to gambling and the use of drugs.

15. Schools that offer athletic programs must safeguard the integrity of their programs. Commercial relationships should be continually monitored to ensure against inappropriate exploitation of the school's name or reputation. There should be no undue influence of commercial interests. In addition, sports programs must be prudent, avoiding undue dependency on particular companies or sponsors.

16. The profession of coaching is a profession of teaching. In addition to teaching the mental and physical dimensions of their sport, coaches, through words and example, must also strive to build the character of their athletes by teaching them to be trustworthy, respectful, responsible, fair, caring and good citizens.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION, SOUTHERN SECTION

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, have this day voluntarily associated ourselves together for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of California, pursuant to Part I, of Division 2 of Title 1, of the Corporation Code.

ARTICLE I

That the name of this corporation is:

"CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION,
SOUTHERN SECTION"

ARTICLE II

1. That the specific and primary purposes for which the corporation is formed are:
   - (a) To incorporate the present "California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section" an incorporated association;
   - (b) To so direct and control athletics of the Southern Section of the California Interscholastic Federation, that boards and facilities will regard them as educational resources to be encouraged and fostered rather than decried and suppressed;
   - (c) To locate the responsibility for the administration of athletics with reference to satisfactory supervision;
   - (d) By means of constitution, bylaws and efficient organization to simplify and make definite the administration of athletics;
   - (e) Through the observance of good standards of sportsmanship, to cultivate cordial and friendly relations among schools.
2. That the general purposes of the corporation are:
   - (a) Generally, to do any or all things that the corporation deems necessary or expedient where the welfare of the corporation or the membership thereof is concerned;
   - (b) To acquire, hold, convey, transfer, lease from others, lease to others, and to otherwise dispose of, mortgage or otherwise encumber such real and personal property as it may desire and to do any and all other acts necessary or convenient in the furtherance of its purposes; to exist as a social and service corporation under the laws of the State of California covering such corporations and to have no capital stock;
   - (c) This corporation is not organized, nor shall it be operated, for pecuniary gain or profit, and it does not contemplate the distribution of gains, profits or dividends to the members thereof and is organized solely for nonprofit purposes. The property, assets, profits and net income of this corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the profits or net income of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual. Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation, which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If this corporation holds any assets on trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such manner as may be directed by decree of the superior court of the county in which this corporation's principal office is located, upon petition therefore by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.
   - (d) To do any one or more acts and things to carry out any one or more of the purposes herein set forth and to transact business in the State of California, and any other or all of the States.

ARTICLE III

The principal office for the transaction of business of the corporation will be located in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

ARTICLE IV

That the Board of Directors of this corporation shall consist of thirty-eight members to be elected as provided in the Bylaws of this corporation. These persons, shall act in the capacity of the Directors of this Corporation until their successors are selected and qualified.

ARTICLE V

The authorized number and qualification of the members of the corporation, the different kinds of membership, if any, the property, voting and any other rights and privileges of members, and their liability for dues or assessments and the method of collection thereof, the number and tenure of office of the directors and their powers, duties and compensation and the manner in which they are chosen shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the President and Secretary, respectively of the California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section, an unincorporated association in accordance with the resolution of its members regularly adopted on the 13th day of December, 1958, have hereunto subscribed our names to the within Articles of Incorporation.

Dated this 31st day of December, 1958.

Vaughn Cummings	Kenneth Fagans
As President	As Secretary of the
	California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section

CIF SOUTHERN SECTION LIFE PASS RECIPIENTS

Ackerman, Dale	Thousand Oaks High School	1997
Alexander, Alex	Desert Sun School District	1978
Allen, George	Valencia High School	1997
Andrews, Ted	Crescenta Valley High School	1987
Aney, Tom	Rowland High School	1991
Arason, Larry	Santa Ana Valley High School	1995
Ashcraft, Holley	Long Beach City Schools	1960
Ashton, Robert D.	Excelsior High School	1968
Balsamo, Tony	Apple Valley High School	1989
Barney, Ron	Ojai Unified School District	1997
Bell, Walter W.	Poly/Long Beach High School	1961
Bergstrom, Bernhardt L.	El Monte High School	1960
Bierman, Ken	Glendale Unified School District	2001
Bigger, Harry L.	Fillmore High School	1967
Billinger, Les	La Mirada High School	1987
Bonnett, Joseph F.	Pomona Unified	1966
Bosson, Dr. Wesley	Temple City High School	1995
Boswell, Bill	Westminster High School	1995
Brady, Bill	Los Amigos High School	1996
Burrud, Sheila	Muir High School	1998
Byrnes, Thomas E.	CIF-SS Commissioner	1980
Cano, Frank	Alhambra High School	1999
Cappiello, John	Fontana High School District	1981
Carmichael, Jim	Palmdale High School	1990
Castillo, Speed	Anaheim Union School District	1995
Chavez, Moe	Downey High School	1987
Chick, Vern	Inglewood High School	1985
Clark, William R.	CIF-SS Assistant Commissioner	2001
Conde, Don	Victor Valley High School	1981
Corbin, Oliver L.	Covina High School	1961
Cordano, Dr. Dick	Arcadia High School	1986
Crowley, Dean	CIF-SS Commissioner	2000
Cummings, Vaughn	Pasadena City Schools	1964
Davis, Margaret	CIF-SS Administrative Assistant	1982
Davis, Ron	Corona del Mar High School	1990
Deal, Joe	South Hills High School	1989
Douglas, Jim	Schurr High School	1993
Duddridge, Ken	Fountain Valley High School	1984
Dugard, Bob	California High School	1997
Duncan, Don	Hoover High School	1997
Engman, Earl	Saddleback High School	1990
Evans, Dr. Dennis	Corona del Mar High School	1996
Ewing, R.H. "Bud"	Atascadero High School	1971
Fagans, Kenneth J.	CIF-SS, Commissioner	1975
Faul, James	Wilson/Hacienda Heights High School	1985
Fischer, Ernest A.	Chaffey High School	1956
Fisher, Carl	Mira Costa High School	1984
Flamson, George H.	Paso Robles High School	1961
Fleming, Dr. James	Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District	2001
Fox, Jack	Anaheim Canyon High School	1992
Francisco, Clyde	Chaffey High School	1989
Franklin, Dr. Ron	Redlands Unified School District	1996
Franks, Mary	Savanna High School	1984
Fulton, Marge	West Torrance High School	1997
Glover, Richard	Anaheim High School	1971
Gossard, Ted	Aviation High School	1979
Graham, Jim	Gladstone High School	1994
Green, Ellsworth N.	Bonita High School	1961
Greenough, Fred	Carpinteria High School	1970
Grenfell, John	Pacific High School	1979
Grennan, Cynthia	Anaheim Union HS District	1997
Gunn, Keith	Victor Valley High School	1970
Hahn, Robert	Redlands High School	1997
Hamilton, Kinter	Harvard School	1956
Hamilton, Tom	Pasadena High School	1992
Hardesty, Claud H.	Santa Barbara High School	1970
Hardgrave, Lon	Alvord Unified	1991
Hartley, Gene	San Marcos High School	1986
Harvey, Sam	Glendale High School	1992
Heaman, Robert S.	Montbello High School	1973
Hold, Frank	San Luis Obispo High School	1967
Hold, Harvey	Santa Barbara High School	1955
Hoorebeke, Van Clare	Anaheim High School	1977
Hopkins, Frank O.	Brea Olinda High School	1965
Horst, Maynard	Mark Keppel High School	1993
Howard, Bob	Lynwood High School	1989
Jacobson, Dr. Tom	Newport-Mesa Unified School District	1999
Jamison, Ben F.	Centennial High School	1960
Johnson, Floyd A.	Hoover High School, San Diego	1956
Jones, Dr. Phil	Downey High School	1995
Jones, Perry T.	Youth Tennis Foundation	1969
Joseph, Sr. Barbara	St. Joseph/Lakewood H.S.	1995
Joseph, Lou	South Pasadena Unified	1994
Judd, Jim	Hemet High School	2000
Kellogg, Joanne	Huntington Beach High School	1995
Kemp, James F.	Keppel High School	1971
Kerry, Wynola	Palm Springs High School	1982
Keuning, Bruce	Valley Christian High School	1990
Knott, Gene	Ramona High School	1992
Laurenson, Ed J.	Muir High School	1958
Lawson, Burce	Mark Keppel High School	1967
Lee, Keith J.	Yucca Valley High School	1974
Lewis, Glenn H.	Fullerton High School	1960
Lindsey, Truscott "Truck"	Chaffey High School	1972
Looney, H.L.	Troy High School	1986
Lopez, William G.	Los Angeles City Schools	1959
Mauch, Pat	Los Altos High School	1989
Mann, John	Claremont High School	1990
Manville, Lewis	Ganesha High School	1983
Martin, Lyle C.	Claremont High School	1964
Masters, Ardyce	Canyon/Canyon Cty HS	2000
McConell, Arleigh	Buena High School	1980
McEuen, Fred	Riverside Poly High School	1957
McGuire, Bob	La Mirada High School	1998
McIntosh, Chester	La Puente High School	1956
McIntosh, Donald H.	Colton High School	1960
McTaggert, Scott	Garden Grove Unified School District	1999
Merlo, Joe	Sonora High School	1978
Metten, Carl	Pasadena School District	1967
Michaels, Mike	Rio Mesa High School	1987
Miletich, Steve	Beverly Hills High School	1975
Montgomery, Don	Monrovia Unified	1992
Moore, Harry J.	Wilson/Long Beach High School	1956
Mount, Jack	San Gabriel High School	1997
Mumma, C.W. "Bill"	Riverside Poly High School	1962
Nelson, Winston	Pomona High School	1971
Newland, Walter	Hill Junior High School	1976
Nicholson, Sam	Crescenta Valley High School	1989
Noel, Tom	Magnolia High School	1989
North, Arthur H.	Santa Barbara High School	1976
Ogborn, Gerald A.	Bishop High School	1964
Oswalt, Dr. Stanley G.	Rowland Unified	1988
Packer, Dr. Robert	Duarte Unified School District	1995
Paisola, Bob	Lompoc High School	1989
Pappas, Pete	Pasadena High School	1991
Payne, Ernest A.	Chaffey High School	1969
Pecchia, Sam	Arlington High School	1989
Plutko, Ray	CIF-SS Commissioner	1987
Ramirez, Rich	Coachella Valley High School	1993
Rammondetti, Margaret	Tustin High School	1988
Rants, Dr. Hanford	Gahr High School	1981

CIF SOUTHERN SECTION LIFE PASS RECIPIENTS (Cont.)

Reece, Dr. Dean	Santa Maria JUHSD	2001
Reed, Ralph K.	Newport Harbor High School	1963
Ronin, Charles M.	Redlands High School	1966
Ross, Dr. Maury	Tustin Unified	1991
Rossi, Larry	Long Beach Unified	1985
Rotcher, Joe	Torrance High School	1994
Roundy, Darol	CIF-SS Officials Assigner	1989
Rozelle, Doug	Paramount High School	1989
Russell, William	State CIF Commissioner	1980
Ryan, Jim	Foothill High School	1992
Ryan, Richard F.	Magnolia High School	1969
Saari, Urho "Whitey"	El Segundo High School	1973
Salter, Dick	Arcadia High School	1997
Schilling, Robert	Hacienda-La Puente USD	1982
Schroeder, W.R. "Bill"	W.R. Helms Athletic Foundation	1959
Scott, George	Pasadena Unified	1993
Seixas, John B.	San Gabriel High School	1973
Shanahan, Mike	Buena High School	1992
Sheperd, Rev. Robert H.	Loyola High School	1959
Shirk, Chester R.	Anaheim High School	1968
Smick, Earl	Savanna High School	1991
Smith, S.S.	Brea Olinda High School	1962
Smith, Ted	Hemet High School	1984
Sowers, Ed	Alhambra High School	1981
Spalding, Richard	Buena Park High School	1974
Squire, Roy E.	Huntington Park High School	1962
Stand, Bob	San Gabriel High School	1999
Striff, Russell	Redondo High School	1970
Tenney, Blinn	Central Union High School	1989
Thorson, B.E. "Doc"	Riverside Poly High School	1969
Toutz, Vicki	Garden Grove High School	1999
Townsend, Verrill A.	Orange High School	1971
Triggs, Tom	Buena Park High School	1999
Uhls, Hobart C.	Aviation High School	1965
Upton, Marie	Cypress High School	1996
VanPatten, Seth F.	Los Angeles High School	1952
Veenker, A.R. "Gus"	Santa Monica High School	1970
Waller, Lloyd W.	Mira Costa High School	1965
Weeks, Roger	Sierra High School	1975
Wilson, Barbara	Tustin Unified	1991
Winchester, Warren	Bell Gardens High School	1992
Wohlheter, Walt	Schurr High School	1981
Wood, Bill	Buena High School	1998

By action of the CIF-SS Council in 2002, the Life Pass Award was revised to the Distinguished Service Award.

By action of the CIF-SS Council in 2021, those qualified CIF-SS Hall of Fame coaches who are Life Pass Recipients, will have their names added to the list of CIF-SS Hall of Fame Recipients.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Aandahl, Nancy	Baldwin Park High School	2012
Arrowsmith, Todd	West Ranch High School	2024
Belcher, Bruce	Edison High School	2012
Bell, Randy	West Coviina High School	2025
Billingsley, Dick	CIF-SS Executive Committee	2022
Blake, Roger	CIF State Office	2019
Bodenshot, Paul	Blair High School	2011
Brand, Carmel	Pacific High School	2023
Bray, Ray	Fountain Valley High School	2005
Burlison, Frank	Media	2019
Calderwood, Chris	CIF-SS Executive Committee	2023
Caperton, Sharen	Brea Olinda High School	2006
Castillo, Speed	Liaison of Officials	2004
Cathcart, Scott	CIF Southern Section Staff	2009
Cebrun, Dr. Harold	Lynwood Unified School District	2003
Cereceres, Sam	San Bernardino Unified School District	2005
Chabola, Jerry	Culver City High School	2014
Clement, Jack	El Toro High School	2002
Clickard, Donn	Atascadero High School	2004
Clifton, Ray	Liberty Christian High School	2014
Clover, Jim	Sport Medicine	2015
Colunga, Monica	Irvine High School	2024
Conley, Terry	El Dorado High School	2017
Conte, Joe	CIF-SS Area Liaison	2025
Cunningham, Mark	University High School	2018
Dabbs, William	Rio Mesa High School	2015
Dahlem, John	Loara/ Western High School	2008
Dever, Rita	CIF-SS Executive Committee	2022
Davis, Dr. Tom	Redlands East Valley High School	2005
Day, Rich	Official	2019
DeBie, Harold	Valley Christian/Cerritos High School	2009
Diaz, Tony	Pacifica/Oxnard High School	2015
Drake, Jim	Upland High School	2013
Driggs, Merlin	Bellflower High School	2007
Dunne, Raymond	Servite/Santa Margarita High School	2019
Fopma, Anita	CIF Southern Section Staff	2023
Ford, Stan	Temecula Valley High School	2009
Frazier, Shirley	CIF Southern Section Staff	2012
Fryer, Steve	Orange County Register	2017
Fuller, Gary	Hart High School	2008
Gahring, Sandra	CIF-SS Executive Committee	2023
Gatson, Mel	Liaison of Officials	2017
Godfrey, Margie	Lucia Mar Unified School District	2002
Gonzalez, Ben	Norco High School	2014
Groff, Marc	Santa Clara/St. Bonaventure High School	2019
Gunn, Ken	Walnut High School	2006
Hamro, Jon	San Clemente High School	2025
Harkness, Hal	CIF-SS Track & Field Management	2016
Harris, Ralph	Rowland High School	2018
Haugen, Earl	Downey Unified School District	2010
Hill, Steve	Warren High School	2011
Holbrook, Don	Los Altos HS/CIF-SS WaterPolo/Swim Management	2023
Houston, Cal	Northern Area Official	2008
Howard, Bob	CIF-SS Area Liaison	2025
Hurlburt, David	Loara High School	2008
Iribarren, John	Official/Assigner	2009
Ishida, Marie	State CIF Office	2012
Jacobsmeyer, Will	La Sierra HS/CIF-SS Cross Cty Management	2020
Johnson, Kelly	Peninsula High School	2007
Jones, Ted	Palm Springs High School	2006
Jordan, Dr. Jeff	CIF-SS Executive Committee	2020
Katsuyama, Ryan	Poly/Pasadena HS/CIF-SS Swim Management	2023
Kearby, Ed	CIF-SS Executive Committee	2023
Kelly, Dr. Nancy	CIF-SS Executive Committee	2020
Kleinrock, Loren	CIF-SS Executive Committee	2022
Kosik, Nicki	San Dimas High School	2018
Knabe, Don	Los Angeles County Supervisor/Golf	2016
Kozak, Joe	Orange County Official	2008
Kulisich, John	Official	2019
La Commare, Charlie	Bell Gardens High School	2012
Larsen, Kay	CIF Southern Section Staff	2002
Layne, Allen	Downey High School	2011
Le Duc, Mark	TLC Sportswear	2012
Martin, Steve	Ayala High School	2013
Martinez, Glenn	CIF Southern Section Staff	2019
McIntosh, Bruce	Historian	2017
McReynolds, Dennis	Cerritos High School	2006
Miller, Susan	CIF Southern Section Staff	2022
Milner, Sr. Cheryl	Paraclete High School	2012
Monico, Jim	CIF-SS Executive Committee	2018
Montrella, John	Millikan HS/CIF-SS WaterPolo/Swim Management	2023
Moore, Ray	Diamond Bar/Vista Murrieta High Schools	2015
Neessen, Bill	Basketball Official	2017
Nero, Bob	Bassett Unified School District	2002
Nishigaya, Dr. Wayne	Anaheim Union High School District	2007
Novick	El Dorado High School	2024
Orabona, Terry	Santa Ana Valley High School	2019
Ortega, Tony	El Monte Unified High School District	2013
Obrand, Rick	CIF Southern Section Historian	2015
Ochi, Tokiyo	Bassett High School	2016
Osbrink, Dr. Carol	Huntington Beach UHSD	2007
Osterman, David	Orange County Register	2013
Patterson, Andy	CIF Counsel	2002
Patterson, Jim	Esperanza High School	2003
Paul, Nancy	Lutheran/Orange High School	2011
Paysinger, Carter	CIF-SS Executive Committee	2022
Phelps, Joyce	CIF-SS Swim Management	2023
Prange, Ed	Loara High School	2024
Prichard, Bill	Newport Harbor High School/Media	2023
Proctor, Brett	Alta Loma High School	2022
Puailoa, Satini "Sut"	San Marcos HS/CIF-SS Golf Committee	2020
Recla, Jack	Trabuco Hills HS/CIF-SS Track Management	2023
Reclusado, Sally	El Dorado High School	2011
Reeder, Stu	Wilson/Hacienda Heights High School	2003
Reid, Dave	CIF-SS Executive Committee	2022
Rens, Greta	CIF Southern Section Staff	2015
Reupert, Roger	Eisenhower High School	2005
Ricards, Charlie	Woodcrest Chr HS/ CIF-SS Executive Com.	2020
Rose, Mark	CIF-SS Executive Committee	2022
Salay, John	Spalding	2019
Sarkissian, Carol	Magnolia High School/CIF-SS Golf Management	2022
Schaaf, Rich	Santa Margarita High School	2018
Schmidt, Pat	CIF Southern Section Staff	2014
Scruggs, Dr. Liza	Los Angeles Unified School District	2004
Shearer, Rich	CIF Southern Section Staff	2025
Simpson, Steve	Fox Sports West	2016
Sleight, Jill	Sports Medicine	2020
Sondheimer, Eric	Media	2019
Speck, Doug	Arcadia High School	2015
Speir, Terry	Poly/Long Beach High School	2014
Staunton, Dr. James T.	CIF Southern Section Commissioner	2012
Sullivan-Henry, Timmerie	Connelly High School	2020
Sweet, Carl	El Dorado High School	2016
Talbert, Gary	Crescenta Valley High School	2003
Taylor, Jim	Yucaipa High School	2012
Terlaak, George	Pacifica/Garden Grove High School	2009
Thompkins, Reggie	CIF-SS Executive Committee	2016
Tomazic, Todd	CIF-SS Wrestling Management	2022
Trigsted, Ralph	Sunny Hills High School	2013
Tucker, Rich	Mammoth Unified School District	2002
Tweit, Eric	Newport Harbor High School	2016
Walesiak Dave	Glendora High School	2004
Wallace, Tom	Kennedy High School	2003
Walton, Bob	Brea Olinda High School	2025
White, Tom	Capistrano Unified School District	2006
Whitney, Linda	Katella/Magnolia High School	2003
Wiese, Joel	Garey High School	2005
Wigod, Rob	CIF-SS Commissioner	2023
Williams, Jeff	CIF-SS Executive Committee	2023
Wulf, Rainer	CIF Southern Section Staff	2023
Yanez, Fred	Downey High School	2005
Zirkle, David	Murrieta Valley High School	2005

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Ackermann, Peter	Oaks Christian High School	2023
Aldrich, Daelea	Mira Costa High School	2007
Alpert, Arnold	El Dorado, Arroyo, Temecula Vly HS	2024
Ameluxen, Jack	Mark Keppel High School	1985
Ancich, Marijon	St. Paul High School	2015
Anderson, Claude	Media	1985
Armstrong, Bill	Compton High School	2008
Arnett, Richard W.*	Inglewood High School	1965
Ashbach, Chris	Mission Viejo High School	2022
Azevedo, John	Calvary Chapel High School	2013
Bangs, Eric	Woodbridge High School	2018
Barnes, John	Los Alamitos High School	2016
Barnett, Bill	Newport Harbor High School	2012
Bartee, Mike	J.W. North High School	2009
Bassett, Glenn	Santa Monica High School	2008
Bastion, James	South Hills High School	2005
Bayshore, Jim*	Carpinteria High School	1997
Beatty, Robert	San Gorgonio High School	1994
Bergeron, Tom	Gahr High School	2015
Baiz, Bob	Claremont High School	2000
Bodary, Dan	Lompoc High School	2015
Bonning, Bob	The Cate School	2017
Boswell, Bill	Westminster High School	2007
Bowden, Gary	Canyon/Anaheim High School	2017
Brabander, Lillian	Estancia High School	2020
Branum, Paul	Trona High School	2000
Brinkley, Jeff	Newport Harbor/Excelsior/Norwalk HS	2018
Brock, Vern	La Serna High School	2005
Brodbeck, Rick	Gladstone High School	2012
Brown, Dave	Laguna Hills High School	2002
Brownfield, Jim	Muir High School	2013
Bruich, Dick	Fontana/Kaiser High Schools	2016
Brumm, Jim	Foothill High School	2023
Burt, Bob	Santa Rosa Academy/Notre DameHS	2016
Bryant, Maureen	San Marino High School	2003
Bryant, Roger	South Torrance High School	2003
Byrd, JoAnn	Corona High School	2013
Caffrey, Tom	Whittier Christian High School	2014
Calentino, Mark	San Clemente High School	2025
Cariss, Al	Linfield Christian High School	2005
Carr, Lonny Lee	Bonita High School	2014
Castillo, Paul	Paramount High School	2002
Cathcart, Sam	Santa Barbara High School	1985
Cholodenko, Don	Capistrano Valley High School	2024
Ciarelli, Rocky	Huntington Beach/Newport Harbor HS	2023
Ciarelli, Tony	Newport Harbor High School	2023
Clinton, Alan	Servite High School	2025
Clower, Lyman	Edison High School	2000
Craven, Bill	Pacifica/Garden Grove High School	2005
Crosby, Frank	San Diego High School	2010
Curran, Mike	Esperanza High School	2017
Cvijanovich, Lou	Santa Clara High School	2005
Dahlem, Dr. John	Loara High School	2007
Danley, Tom	Anaheim UHigh SchoolD	2004
Davis, Roland	Wilson/Long Beach High School	1984
DeLong, Tom	Foothill High School	2005
Demarest, David	La Quinta High School	2011
DeSpain, Dwayne	Los Altos High School	2009
Devaney, Tim	Sunny Hills High School	2024
DiPalma, Fred	SantiagoGG/Savanna/Katella HS	2025
Donerson, Willie	Dominguez High School	2020
Drain, Ken	Rio Hondo Prep High School	2025
Draghi, John	Baldwin Park High School	2009
Dykstra, Eleanor	Valley Christian/Cerritos High School	2009
Ehrlich, Jeff	Villa Park High School	2017
Emard, Richard	Temecula Valley High School	2004
Engman, Earl	Santa Ana High School	2015
Ernaga, Marty	Inglewood High School	1990
Espinoza, Bob	San Dimas High School	2001
Farer, Howard	Poly/Pasadena High School	2019
Farrar, Lou	Charter Oak High School	2020
Faul, Jim	Wilson/Hacienda Heights High School	1984
Fenenga, Chip	Santa Ynez High School	2020
Fernandez, Jack	Mira Costa High School	1999
Fisher, Joe	Costa Mesa High School	2012
Flanderka, Connie	Westlake High School	2019
Fleming, Debbie	Los Alamitos High School	2012
Forman, Leon	Poly/Long Beach High School	1984
Foster, Michelle	Laguna Beach High School	2019
Francy, Vic	Hoover High School	1987
Ferguson, Bob	Royal High School	2024
Fricioni, Flo	La Quinta/Westminster High School	2017
Frost, Howard	Media	1986
George, Leon	Ganesha High School	1984
Glenn, Dan	Newport Harbor High School	2023
Gonzalez, Frank	El Dorado High School	2015
Goodwin, Clark	Montclair High School	1991
Goorjian, Ed	Crescenta Valley High School	2015
Gordon, Jeff	Sunny Hills High School	2023
Grady, Steve	Loyola High School	2015
Green, Donald	Pomona High School	1993
Greene, Regan	Mammoth High School	2014
Grody, Harvey	Athletic Official	1995
Gullotti, Steve	El Dorado High School	2017
Gurney, Cynthia	Alta Loma High School	2023
Gurney, Walt	Azusa High School	1990
Hackett, Eddie	Ganesha High School	2025
Hailey, Bob	Newport Harbor High School	2013
Hale, Gail	Canyon Springs High School	2022
Hall, Susan	Kennedy High School	2004
Halleck, Maury	San Marcos High School	2015
Harris, Jim	Ocean View High School	2012
Hartmann, Ernest F.*	Compton High School	1965
Hawk, Russell	Sunny Hills High School	1985
Hedges, Jack	Westminster High School	2014
Hethcock, Jan	Oaks Christian High School	2022
Henigan, Terry	Irvine High School	2014
Herbold, John	Poly/Long Beach High School	2009
Hernandez, Dave	Los Alamitos High School	1991
Herrington, Mike	Hart High School	2020
Hill, Dick	Downey/Santa Ana High School	2010
Hill, Herb*	Loara High School	1991
Hinman, Scott	Irvine High School	2017
Hirsch, Daniel	Buena Park High School	2009
Hitchcock, Bob	Temple City High School	2012
Horst, Maynard	Mark Keppel High School	1992
Howell, Donald	Corona High School	1984
Hurley, George	Newbury Park High School	2010
Hurt, Dwan	Serra High School	2017
Hyatt, Don	La Reina High School	2015
James, Larry	La Quinta/Westminster High School	2015
Jamie, Cliff	Laguna Hills High School	2018
Johnson, Bob	Mission Viejo/El Toro High Schools	2018
Johnson, Ernie	El Rancho High School	2011
Johnson, Fred	Wilson/Long Beach High School	1984
Johnson, Randall	Rio Hondo Prep High School	2005
Kanow, Larry	San Gabriel High School	2019
Kellogg, Joanne	Huntington Beach High School	2015
Kenyon, Pam	Coast Union High School	2022
Kohlmeier, Dee	Hoover High School	1993
Kurrle, Dave	Laguna Hills High School	2016
Kusserow, Dr. Tebb	Santa Monica High School	2004
LaRuffa, Ron	Fountain Valley High School	2015
Larson, Dick*	Damien High School	2000
Lee, Donna	Valencia/Valencia High School	2023
Lester, Bob	El Modena High School	2014
Lewis, Dr. Phillip	La Salle High School	1984
Liebhart, Don	Anaheim High School	1984
Luth, Shelly	Marina High School	2016
Lynch, Michael	Price/La Salle High Schools	2022
Mang, Tim	Corona del Mar/Edison High Schools	2018
Massey, Ron	Jordan High School	2012

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McKnight, Lester	Saddleback High School	1984
McNamee, Mickey	San Marino High School	2004
Mears, Dr. Ivan	Los Angeles Baptist High School	1987
Meek, Gary	Esperanza High School	2023
Miller, Myron	Tustin High School	2025
Monger, John	Don Lugo/Chino High Schools	2022
Morales, Chuck	Santa Margarita High School	2019
Moropoulos, Mike*	Santa Barbara High School	1990
Most, Jan	Mission Viejo High School	2009
Muckey, Scott	Crespi High School	2016
Mullen, Ted "Moon"	Villa Park High School	2013
Mulligan, Bill	Poly/Long Beach High School	2017
Mulligan, Mary	San Clemente High School	2018
Murakami, Ray	Ontario High School	1987
Murillo, Joe	Chino High School	2022
Neill, Margaret	Paraclete High School	2022
Nerelli, Cary	Morro Bay High School	2014
Newcomb, Brent	Antelope Valley High School	2018
Nissley, Harry	El Monte High School	1997
Norford, Don	Poly/Long Beach High School	2014
O'Hara, Jim	Westminster High School	1989
Odell, Bill	Northview/Millikan High School	2019
Olmstead, Richard	Athletic Official	1986
Opp, Walter	Muir High School	1986
O'Rourke, Tim	Arroyo High School	2024
Pagone, Trifone	Baldwin Park High School	2011
Palmer, Ron	Poly/Long Beach High School	2009
Panizzon, Lou	Carpinteria High School	2002
Paredes, Mark	Bishop Amat/JW North/Damien High Schools	2020
Parker, Jim	Media	1999
Parvin, Nori	Newbury Park High School	2014
Patrick, John	Alhambra High School	1992
Pattison, Linda	Rim of the World High School	2020
Perry, Lesley	Webb High School	1985
Peters, Dan	Millikan High School	2018
Petersen, Fred*	West Torrance High School	1996
Petkovic, Rod	Millikan High School	2020
Phelps, Garry	Palmdale High School	2008
Phillips, John	Irvine High School	2022
Prater, Glenn	Woodcrest Christian High School	2024
Prestesater, Gary	San Dimas High School	2008
Pronier, Mike	San Clemente High School	2024
Pry, Dan	Atascadero High School	2018
Raftery, Scott	Linfield Christian High School	2013
Reck, JoAnn	Santa Ynez High School	2018
Redell, Bill	Oaks Christian High School	2024
Reeves, Ken	Nordhoff High School	2010
Regenfuss, James	Leuzinger High School	1993
Reynolds, Jerry	Templeton/Paso Robles High School	2019
Reza Jr., Joe	Los Amigos High School	2012
Ritzau, Gwen	Poly/Riverside High School	2025
Roberts, Jack	Pacifica High School	1984
Roberts, K. Tracy	Woodbridge High School	2022
Rollinson, Bruce	Mater Dei High School	2023
Romano, John	Nogales High School	2015
Rooney, Kevin	Notre Dame/Sherman Oaks High School	2020
Rowland, Skip	Wilson/Long Beach High School	1989
Saari, Urho	El Segundo High School	2008
Salazar, Darol	Palm Desert High School	2022
Salter, Dick	Arcadia High School	1994
Salter, Tim	Upland High School	2019
Schutte, Clarence	Santa Barbara High School	1984
Segesman, Chris	Mater Dei High School	2022
Sheehan, Robert	Chino High School	2022
Seckington	Huntington Beach High School	2023
Schade, Mike	Sunny Hills High School	2024
Sheue, Harry	Huntington Beach High School	1986
Sink, Jeff	Brea Olinda High School	2018
Smith, Bruce	La Quinta/Westminster High School	2019
Smith, Doug	Arcadia High School	2008
Smith, Gene	Athletic Official	1995
Smitheran, William	Downey High School	1985
Snider, Kit	Santiago High School	2013
Stevenson, John	El Segundo High School	2010
Stewart, Walter	Harvard High School	1986
Stoll, Don	El Toro High School	2018
Stoney, John	San Marcos High School	2016
Stout, Jeff	Yucaipa High School	2018
Strausberg, Carol	Fountain Valley High School	2005
Sutch, Ken	Paramount High School	2017
Takahashi, Roger	Los Amigos High School	2012
Taylor, Ken	Sherman Indian High School	2010
Terzian, George	Pasadena High School	2016
Tilson, Tom	Poly/Riverside High School	2018
Timberlake, Robert	Mira Costa High School	2025
Toutz, Vicki	Garden Grove High School	2002
Trotter, George	Tustin High School	1984
Tucker, Dick*	Brea Olinda High School	1991
Valdes, Al	Athletic Official	1998
Valenti, Pamela	Brea Olinda High School	2008
Van Hoorebeke, Clare	Anaheim High School	2008
Vaughn, Joe	Buena High School	2007
Villasensor, Rafa	Paramount High School	2024
Wade, Aaron	Centennial/ Compton High School	2013
Wallis, Tex	La Habra High School	1986
Weber, Tom	El Modena High School	2010
Welch, Harry	Canyon/St. Margaret's/Santa Margarita HS	2022
Welsh, Larry	Atascadero High School	2017
West, Eugene	Hemet High School	1984
White, Dave	Edison High School	2017
Wiard, Richard	Bishop Amat/Charter Oak High Schools	2023
Wilkerson, Lyle	Corona High School	2015
Willeman, Kim	Bishop Montgomery High School	2011
Williams, Mike	Alhambra High School	2017
Wilton, Robert	Peninsula High School	2013
Witham, Robert	Paramount High School	2011
Womack, Paul	Redlands	1999
Worthington, William	Inglewood High School	1984
Wunderley, Mike	Valley Christian/Cerritos High School	2004
Yancy, Steven	San Clemente, Capistrano Valley HS	2024
York, Billy	Woodcrest Christian High School	2015
Yoshida, Wendell	Peninsula High School	2014
Zamora, Bob	Capistrano Valley High School	2019
Zepeda, Jimmy	Official	2012

By action of the CIF-SS Council in 2021, the CIF Southern Section Hall fo Fame Award is for coaches only.

***By action of the CIF-SS Council in 2021, those qualified CIF-SS Hall of Fame coaches who are Life Pass Recipients, had their names added to the list of CIF-SS Hall of Fame Recipients.**

STATE CIF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Balsamo, Tony	1996
Berardi, Janet	2014
Branum, Paul	2000
Byrnes, Tom	2001
Castillo, Paul	2025
Chavez, Moe	1998
Clark, Bill	2001
Clinton, Alan	2020
Clower, Lyman	2000
Crowley, Dean	1999
Dahlem, Dr. John	2008
Davis, Margaret	1999
Fopma, Anita	2023
Glaeser, Doug	2014
Godfrey, Margie	2002
Grennan, Dr. Cynthia	1997
Gunn, Dr. Ken	2007
Harkness, Hal	2004
Haugen, Earl	2010
Hellyer, Karen	2015
McGuire, Bob	2004
Milner, Sr. Cheryl	2011
Osterman, Dave	2001
Packer, Dr. Robert	1997
Plutko, Ray	2012
Rants, Dr. Hanford	1996
Reeder, Stu	2011
Smidderks, Dr. Gary	1998
Staunton, Dr. James T.	2011
Triggs, Tom	1998
White, William	2000
Wigod, Rob	2023
Wulf, Rainer	2023

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Guidelines for Communication with Office Personnel – 2025-2026

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Blue Book
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Champions for Character Awards
Champions for Character Golf Tournament
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Commissioner's Messages
Council
Courtesy Cards
Eligibility
Executive Committee and Meetings
Financial Matters
Golf (Boys and Girls)
Hall of Fame/Distinguished Service Awards
Hardships/Hardship Appeal Hearings
Historical Archives
League Minutes and Sports Survey
Life Passes
Membership
Multi-School
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Hardships/Hardship Appeal Hearings
Historical Archives
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Office Calendar (Yearly)
Officials (Assigned Sports)
Officials Fees/Relations Committee
President's Council
Public/Private Committee
Sanctioned Event Oversight
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Employment Verification
Event Ticketing
Financial Statements
Historical Archives
Human Resources
Investments
Member School Dues and Assessments
Office Management/Building Maintenance/IT
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Eligibility
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Football
Historical Archives
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Officials (Assigned Sports)
Officials Fees/Relations Committee
President's Council
Principal/Athletic Director Orientation
Public/Private Committee
Sanctioned Event Oversight
Transfer Eligibility (Schools S-Z)
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Eligibility
Historical Archives
Hytek Codes – New Schools
Officials (Assigned Sports)
Officials Fees/Relations Committee
President's Council
Public/Private Committee
Sanctioned Event Oversight
Tennis (Boys and Girls)
Track and Field (Boys and Girls)
Transfer Eligibility (Schools A-D)

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Commissioner's Cup
Corporate Support
Digital Content/Video
Eligibility
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Historical Archives
LA 84 Foundation (Amateur)
Lacrosse (Boys and Girls)
League Standings
Media Credentials Approval
Media Releases
Officials (Assigned Sports)
Officials Fees/Relations Committee
Officials Survey
President's Council
Public/Private Committee
Radio/TV Rights
Record Book
Sanctioned Event Oversight
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Officials (Assigned Sports)
Official Fees/Relations Committee
President's Council
Public/Private Committee
Sanctioned Event Oversight
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Code of Ethics – Athletes

DO NOT SEND TO CIF SOUTHERN SECTION
A copy of this form must be kept on file in the athletic director's office at the local high school.

Athletics is an integral part of the school's total educational program. All school activities, curricular and extra-curricular, in the classroom and on the playing field, must be congruent with the school's stated goals and objectives established for the intellectual, physical, social and moral development of its students. It is within this context that the following Code of Ethics is presented.

As an athlete, I understand that it is my responsibility to:

1. Place academic achievement as the highest priority.
2. Show respect for teammates, opponents, officials and coaches.
3. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
4. Exhibit fair play, sportsmanship and proper conduct on and off the playing field.
5. Maintain a high level of safety awareness.
6. Refrain from the use of profanity, vulgarity and other offensive language and gestures.
7. Adhere to the established rules and standards of the game to be played.
8. Respect all equipment and use it safely and appropriately.
9. Refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal and non-prescriptive drugs, anabolic steroids or any substance to increase physical development or performance that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, Surgeon General of the United States or American Medical Association.
10. Know and follow all state, section and school athletic rules and regulations as they pertain to eligibility and sports participation.
11. Win with character, lose with dignity.

As a condition of membership in the CIF, all schools shall adopt policies prohibiting the use and abuse of androgenic/anabolic steroids. All member schools shall have participating students and their parents, legal guardian/caregiver agree that the athlete will not use steroids without the written prescription of a fully licensed physician (as recognized by the AMA) to treat a medical condition (Article 503.I).

By signing below, both the participating student athlete and the parents, legal guardian/caregiver hereby agree that the student shall not use androgenic/anabolic steroids without the written prescription of a fully licensed physician (as recognized by the AMA) to treat a medical condition. We recognize that under CIF Bylaw 202, there could be penalties for false or fraudulent information. We also understand that the _____ _____ (school/school district name) policy regarding the use of illegal drugs will be enforced for any violations of these rules.

_____
Printed Name of Student Athlete

_____
Signature of Student Athlete Date

_____
Signature of Parent/Caregiver Date

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Code of Ethics – Coaches

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1. Show respect for players, officials and other coaches.
2. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
3. Establish and model fair play, sportsmanship and proper conduct.
4. Establish player safety and welfare as the highest priority.
5. Provide proper supervision of students at all times.
6. Use discretion when providing constructive criticism and when reprimanding players.
7. Maintain consistency in requiring all players to adhere to the established rules and standards of the game to be played.
8. Properly instruct players in the safe use of equipment.
9. Avoid exerting undue influence on a pupil's decision to enroll in an athletic program at any post-secondary educational institution.
10. Avoid exerting undue influence on pupils to take lighter academic course(s) in order to be eligible to participate in athletics.
11. Avoid suggesting, providing or encouraging any athlete to use non-prescriptive drugs, anabolic steroids or any substance to increase physical development or performance that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, Surgeon General of the United States or American Medical Association.
12. Avoid recruitment of athletes from other schools.
13. Follow the rules of behavior and the procedures for crowd control as established by the local board and the league in which the school participates.
14. Refrain from the use of profanity, vulgarity and other offensive language and gestures.
15. Support the principles of Pursuing Victory with Honor.
16. Accept and fulfill the contractual and sponsorship commitments made by the CIF Southern Section during playoff competition.

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By signing below, I agree to only provide non-muscle building, nutritional supplements to student athletes. (State Rule 22.B.12)

Printed Name of Coach _____ School _____

Signature of Coach _____ Date _____

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