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The Granada Hills-Kennedy High School softball team celebrates winning the Los Angeles City Section championship.

Mission Statement

The CIF governs interscholastic athletics, promoting equity, quality, character and academic development.

- Equity Equal opportunity without regard to race, gender and ethnicity within all aspects of the athletic program for students, personnel, schools and governance.
- Quality Training, education and commitment of coaches, officials, administrators and parents to improve the quality of athletic programs.
- Character Trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship.
- **Academic Development** Commitment to encourage academic growth is a high priority.

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CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION MEETING DATES 2011-12

STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL

FALL WINTER SPRING

October 31, 2011 (Monday) DoubleTree, San Francisco Airport February 3-4, 2012 (Friday-Saturday) Ontario Hilton, Ontario Airport May 4-5, 2012 (Friday-Saturday) Embassy Suites, Milpitas

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

September 26, 2011 (Monday) State Office, Sacramento

October 30, 2011 (Sunday) DoubleTree, San Francisco Airport

November 30, 2011 (Wednesday) Airport Sheraton, San Diego February 2, 2012 (Thursday) Ontario Hilton, Ontario Airport

March 23, 2012 (Friday) State Basketball, Power Balance Pavilion, Sacramento

May 3, 2012 (Thursday) Embassy Suites, Milpitas June 8, 2012 (Friday) State Office, Sacramento

COMMISSIONERS

October 4-5, 2011 (Tuesday-Wednesday) State Office, Sacramento

December 11, 2011 (Sunday) Home Depot Center, Carson (Selection Sunday)

January 11-12, 2012 (Wednesday-Thursday)

March 14-15, 2012 (Wednesday-Thursday)

State Office, Sacramento

State Office, Sacramento

June 12-14, 2012 (Tuesday-Thursday) Reno, Nevada

NATIONAL FEDERATION

Section 7 & 8 September 18-20, 2011 (Sun-Tue) Anchorage, AK
Winter Meeting January 3-6, 2012 (Tue-Fri) San Antonio, TX
Summer Meeting July 7-11, 2012 (Sat-Wed) Nashville, TN

ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS

ACSA November 3-5, 2011 (Thur-Sat) Sacramento **CSBA** December 1-3, 2011 (Thur-Sat) San Diego **CADA** Feb. 29-March 3, 2012 (Wed-Sat) Reno, Nevada **CAHPERD** February 22-26, 2012 (Wed-Sun) Pasadena **CSADA** April 18-22, 2012 (Wed-Sun) San Diego Cal Coaches June, 2012 **TBD**



About the CIF

The CIF has a proud heritage in providing equitable athletic competition for more than 1,500 high schools in California. Since its beginnings in 1914, the CIF has grown to become the largest youth agency in the nation, serving more than 757,000 young studentathletes each year who participate in the interscholastic athletic activities of California's secondary schools.

As a problem-solving organization, the CIF retains its original responsibility to enforce the rules, but has expanded its duties to include much more. The CIF offers educational programs in coaching education, parent education, and has adopted the principles of Pursuing Victory With Honorsm (a character education program) as the cornerstone of the organization.

California has trained more coaches than any other state and has continued to expand, adapt and modify its educational programs to better serve the needs of schools across the state.

The CIF also is a service organization to its 1,500-plus member schools, providing awards, honor programs and distributing information on up-to-date health and safety issues.

The CIF is organized under the State Department of Education and is governed by the CIF Federated Council, which consists of high school superintendents, principals, athletic directors, educators and allied organizations. Ten semi-autonomous, geographical Sections make up the CIF.

CIF State Sport Management Team

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	HOLIDAY	DATE
	Labor Day	Monday, September 5, 2011
	Veterans Day	Friday, November 11, 2011
	Thanksgiving	Thursday-Friday, November 24-25, 2011
	Winter Vacation	Thursday-Friday, Monday, December 22-23, 26, 2011
	New Year's Break	Thursday-Friday, Monday, December 29-30, 2011 and January 2, 2012
	Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 16, 2012
	President's Day	Monday, February 20, 2012
	Spring Vacation	Friday & Monday, April 6 & 9, 2012
	Memorial Day	Monday, May 28, 2012
	Independence Day	Wednesday, July 4, 2012

CIF Award Programs

CIF/FARMERS Scholar-Athlete of the Year

This prestigious program has been expanded to recognize 22 student-athletes based on excellence in athletics, academics and character. One male and one female statewide winner will each receive \$5,000 as well as a visit to the State Capitol in Sacramento where they will be honored in front of the legislature. In addition, two winners (one male and one female) from each of the 10 CIF Sections will receive \$2,000 each. Nomination packets are sent to all school principals and also are available on the State CIF web site (www.cifstate.org).

Deadlines

- * Nominations packets to schools: Mid-November, 2011 *
- * Must be postmarked by: Friday, February 10, 2012 * *Winners Notified By: Early-May, 2012 *



2010-11 Spirit of Sport Winners (l to r): Andrew Rishwain (Stockton-St. Mary's HS); Carrie Wiegand (Madera-Liberty HS); Jer Vang (Olivehurst-Lindhurst HS); Marina Rinzler (Colusa HS); Alex Chan (Saratoga HS); Jenna Belknap (Poway HS)

CIF Team Academic Award

Designed to recognize teams that have achieved academically. The academic champion program recognizes teams, participating in CIF-approved sports, with the highest collective grade-point average as requested by, and submitted to, their respective Section office. Schools shall send nominations to their Section office who, in turn, submit entries to the State CIF office. Winning schools will be announced in May 2012, and awarded with a banner suitable for display in their gym.

2010-11 CIF Scholar-Athletes of the Year



VALERIE FONG
Alameda
High School



ANDREW MILLS Jesuit (Carmichael) High School

CIF Spirit of Sport Award

Recognizes one male and one female student-athlete during each season of sport. Student-athletes are selected based on exemplary sportsmanship, school/community service and leadership. Winners receive \$500 as well as an award at the spring, Federated Council dinner. All finalists receive a sportsmanship medal. Nomination forms are sent to all CIF-member schools prior to each season of sport and also are available on the State CIF web site (www.cifstate.org).

Deadlines

- * Fall Monday, October 31, 2011 *
- * Winter Monday, January 30, 2012 *
- * Spring Thursday, March 29, 2012 *
- * Winners awarded at Federated Council dinner, May 4, 2012 *

CIF Model Coach Award

Member schools and CIF Sections may nominate deserving coaches who have coached at the high school level for at least 10 years. Each Section office may select up to two honorees, one male and one female. Model coaches will be selected based on positive role modeling, leadership, and school and community service.

Nomination forms are available through your local CIF Section office and are sent to member schools in the fall.

Deadlines

CIF Educational Programs

Coaching Education Program

All coaches in California are required to complete a certified Coaching Education course. The CIF Coaching Education program includes the *NFHS Fundamentals* of Coaching, available online at www. nfhslearn.com, as well as the *ASEP Coaching Principles courses*. These courses include instruction in current issues such as coaching diverse athletes, coaching for character and preventing steroid use. In addition, the CIF Coaching Education program is designed to further a coaches' professional development in the fundamentals of coaching high school student-athletes.



For more information about the CIF Coaching Education Program ... visit the CIF State web site www.cifstate.org or contact the CIF State Office at (916) 239-4477

Pursuing Victory with Honorsm Program

Information including implementation tools and codes of conduct for athletes, coaches and all involved in educational athletics represented the initial phase of this program.

Sports Parent Presentation

CIF Sports Parent Presentation is a new program that features a "CIF" speaker, the "Parents Guide to A Successful Sport Experience" and a videotape on "What Kids Want Their Parents to Know About Sportsmanship." This 45-minute presentation is a perfect complement or supplement to any school-parent function.



CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS PLAYOFF CALENDAR

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CKOSS COUNTRY - Boys & GIFIS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS	Woodward Dark Fraces	November 26, 2011	November 24, 2012	November 30 2013	November 20, 2014	November 28, 2015
TENNIS – Boys & Girls	WOOdwald Lain, Licano	1107 (21) 20, 2011	1107 (21)	100 CHOCK 20, 2013	1000011001 27, 2014	140 vehice 26, 2015
GIRLS NORTHERN CHAMPIONSHIPS	Natomas Racquet Club	Nov. 18-19, 2011	Nov. 16-17, 2012	Nov. 22-23, 2013	Nov. 21-22, 2014	Nov. 20-21, 2015
BOYS NORTHERN CHAMPIONSHIPS	Natomas Racquet Club	May 18-19, 2012	May 17-18, 2013	May 23-24, 2014	May 22-23, 2015	May 20-21, 2016
VOLLEYBALL - Girls						
NORTHERN/SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIPS	Home School Sites	Nov. 22, 26, 29 2011	Nov. 20, 24, 27 2012	Nov. 26, 30, Dec. 3 2013	Nov. 25, 29, Dec. 2 2014	Nov. 24, 28, Dec. 1 2015
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS	Concordia University, Irvine	December 3, 2011	December 1, 2012	December 7, 2013	December 6, 2014	December 5, 2015
FOOTBALL - Boys						
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BOWL GAMES	The Home Depot Center Carson	Dec. 16-17, 2011	Dec. 14-15, 2012	Dec. 20-21, 2013	Dec. 19-20, 2014	Dec. 18-19, 2015
WRESTLING - Boys & Girls						
GIRLS STATE INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	TBD	Feb. 24-25, 2012	Feb. 22-23, 2013	Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2014	Feb. 27-28, 2015	Feb. 26-27, 2016
BOYS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS	Rabobank Arena Bakersfield	March 2-3, 2012	March 1-2, 2013	March 7-8, 2014	March 6-7, 2015	March 4-5, 2016
SOCCER - Boys & Girls						
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIPS	Home Sites (Rounds I & II) Warren HS, Downey (Finals)	DIII: March 5, 7, 9 2012 DI & DII: March 6, 8, 10 2012	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
BASKETBALL - Boys & Girls						
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIPS	Power Balance Pavilion, Sacramento Folsom High School	March 7, 10, 13, 17 2012	March 6, 9, 12, 16 2013	March 12, 15, 18, 22 2014	March 11, 14, 17, 21 2015	March 9, 12, 15, 19 2016
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIPS	Galen Center, USC Colony HS, Ontario	March 7, 10, 13, 17 2012	March 6, 9, 12, 16 2013	March 12, 15, 18, 22 2014	March 11, 14, 17, 21 2015	March 9, 12, 15, 19 2016
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS	Power Balance Pavilion Sacramento	March 23-24, 2012	March 22-23, 2013	March 28-29, 2014	March 27-28, 2015	March 25-26, 2016
TRACK & FIELD - Boys & Girls						
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS	Veterans Memorial Stadium Clovis	June 1-2, 2012	May 31-June 1 2013	June 6-7, 2014	June 5-6, 2015	June 3-4, 2016
VOLLEYBALL - Boys						
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIPS	Home Sites (Rounds I & II) Irvine Valley College (Finals)	May 22, 24, 26 2012	May 21, 23, 25 2013	May 27, 29, 31 2014	May 26, 28, 30 2015	May 24, 26, 28 2016
GOLF - Boys & Girls						
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIPS	Stanford University GC - girls TBD - boys	Nov. 7, 2011 - girls May 21, 2012 - boys	Nov. 5, 2012 - girls May 20, 2013 - boys	Nov. 4, 2013 - girls May 19, 2014 - boys	Nov. 10, 2014 - girls May 18, 2015 - boys	Nov. 9, 2015 - girls May 23, 2016 - boys
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIPS	Golf Club at Rancho CA, Murrieta – girls TBD - boys	Nov. 10, 2011 - girls May 31, 2012 - boys	Nov. 8, 2012 - girls May 30, 2013 - boys	Nov. 14, 2013 - girls June 5, 2014 - boys	Nov. 13, 2014 - girls June 4, 2015 - boys	Nov. 12, 2015 - girls June 2, 2016 - boys
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS	Poppy Hills GC, Pebble Beach - girls TBD - boys	Nov. 15, 2011 - girls June 6, 2012 - boys	Nov. 13, 2012 - girls June 5, 2013 - boys	Nov. 19, 2013 - girls June 11, 2014 - boys	Nov. 18, 2014 - girls June 10, 2015 - boys	Nov. 17, 2015 - girls June 8, 2016 - boys
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ARTICLE/BYLAW CHANGES FOR 2011-2012

The following Articles and Bylaws were either adopted or revised by the CIF Federated Council or Executive Committee

Constitution Article Name

None

Bylaw Name

201 Standards of Eligibility (May 2011 Federated Council)

207 Transfer Eligibility, Low Achieving Schools (February 2011 Federated Council)

511.C Last Contest Date (May 2011 Federated Council)
801 Coach Award Limitations (May 2011 Federated Council)

802 Student Award Limitations (May 2011 Federated Council) 803 Contributions (May 2011 Federated Council)

1908 Football Mercy Rule (May 2011 Federated Council)
2701 SoCal Tennis (May 2011 Federated Council)

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Standards of Eligibility
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204 Eight Consecutive Semesters

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212.B.(4) Continuation School Eligibility

213.C Violations in CIF Sponsored Competition 306 Q&A Independent Study Programs/Schools

307 Grade Level Restrictions
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511.C Season of Sport Definition

520 Equal Assignment of Playoff Facilities

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522 Equity

600 Competition on an Outside Team

704.A Interstate Competition 802 Student Award Limitations 900 Participation (dates)

1101 Section Student Eligibility Appeals Procedures

1500.D Pitching Limitation Rule

1607 Mercy Rule

2902 State Championship Division Placement of Schools

2903 SoCal Regional Championships

6/7/2011

California Interscholastic Federation Constitution

A MEMBER OF THE

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

ARTICLE 1 NAME AND PURPOSE

10. 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 through 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 Honors*m* 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 race, religion, sex, national origin 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.

(Revised May 2001 Federated Council)

12. CIF OPERATING PRINCIPLES/PURSUING VICTORY WITH HONORSM

- A. The CIF Operating Principles are the 16 Principles of the Pursuing Victory with Honorsm program as follows
 - 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, 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."
 - (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, 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.
 - (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 parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver.
 - (8) 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.
 - (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 pressures 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 parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, spectators, associated study 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:
 - a. The character building aspects of sports, including techniques and methods of teaching and reinforcing the core values comprising sportsmanship and good character;
 - b. The physical capabilities and limitations of the age group coached as well as first aid; ANDc. 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 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.
- (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. 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 race, religion, sex, national origin or 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 State CIF shall consist of Sections, one of which shall be the State 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 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 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 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. (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
 - 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) Submittal to Section relation 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

(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 Honorsm 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 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.
- B. As a condition of membership and continuing membership a member school agrees to:
 - Request to join the CIF 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 and Section;
 - (3) To ensure that the local school board or board of directors will adopt the 16 Principles of Pursuing Victory with Honors 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 and Section Constitution and Bylaws, Policies and Procedures adopted by the governing body;
 - (5) Ensure that the administrative decisions of the CIF Federated Council, CIF Executive Committee, CIF 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 State CIF and/or one of its sections and the State CIF and/or its section prevails, the member school shall reimburse the State 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;
 - 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;
 - Sport management: team management; risk management; and working within the context of an entire school program;
 - f. Training: certification in CPR and first aid;
 - 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; AND
 - h. Sound planning and goal setting. A school/district may use a coach that does not meet these standards for one sports season in an emergency. The coach must still hold a CPR and First Aid 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, a 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 33190-33192, 45125.01 and 45125.1.

- (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.

C. Enforcement

- (1) The State CIF Executive Director and/or CIF 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.
- A violation of the State 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. (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 State 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, 207 and 208 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 years. If a Section has more than one 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 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 representatives;
 - (2) California State Athletic Directors Association, two representatives;
 - (3) California School Boards Association, two representatives:
 - (4) Association of California School Administrators, one representative;
 - (5) California Association of Private School Organizations, two representatives;
 - (6) California Superintendents Liaison Committee, one representative;
 - (7) California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, two representatives;
 - (8) California Association of Directors of Activities, one representative.

NOTE: An Allied Organization with two representatives shall have one male and one 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 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 State CIF consistent with the expense formula for all other Section representatives to the Federated Council.
- B. Each CIF Section and Allied Organization shall send a delegation of representatives to the Federated Council which is reflective of the student demographics within the Section and will include at least one 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 STATE CIF 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 make-up;
- 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:
 - a. 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.).
 - b. 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.
 - c. 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.
 - d. 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 April 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-year term, no longer meet the criteria for membership and inclusion as defined by the Federated Council.

(Revised November 2009 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, 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-person committee, selected by the Council President from a standing appeals committee of seven 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 years of service.

(Revised January 2008 Federated Council)



ARTICLE 4 MEETINGS

40. SCHEDULE FOR FEDERATED COUNCIL

The Federated Council shall hold three meetings annually unless the adopted budget should require, in the judgment of the Executive Committee and the Executive Director, the elimination of one 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 Council members.

44. MEETINGS AT LEAGUE, SECTION AND STATE LEVELS

All league, Section and State meetings, excluding State 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.).

(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 STATE 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 1st will be immediately notified of CIF membership suspension effective January 21st. 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 year from the time of sanction.

(Approved May 2009 Federated Council)

52. STATE 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 year from the time of sanction.

(Approved May 2009 Federated Council)

53. FISCAL LEGISLATION

Legislation which has a fiscal impact upon the State CIF budget shall be submitted, no later than March 10, to the State 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 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 5 percent annual growth. Indemnification of loss shall cease after one 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 nine members of the Federated Council.

A. Duties and Responsibilities of the Executive Committee

- 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) Five additional members who are representatives of Sections/Allied Organizations with no more than one member representing the group of Allied Organizations; AND
- One at-large representative from the Federated Council who shall be selected in an effort to reflect both gender and ethnic representation on the Federated Council.

C. Limitations of Membership on the Committee

- (1) No Section shall have more than one 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 member eligible to be elected to the Executive Committee unless another Allied Organization representative is an officer or at-large representative on the committee.
- (3) No Section may have more than one representative serving as an officer at any one time. (See Article 7-70.G. (2)) for exception.
- (4) Only one person from the group of Allied Organizations may serve as an officer at any one time.

D. Terms of Office

- (1) The President-Elect will serve two 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-year term.
- (3) The Past-President shall serve a two-year term immediately following service as President.
- (4) Other committee members including the at-large representative shall be chosen annually to serve oneyear terms. An Executive Committee member may serve for three consecutive terms of one year.
- (5) If there is a break of one 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 three additional terms of office as an Executive Committee member but no one shall be eligible to serve more than a total of seven years on the committee.

E. **Nominations**

- (1) Each year, the President shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of at least five members.

 Members of the nominating committee shall be selected from among the Federated Council and may include no more than two 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 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 seven candidates for one-year terms for the Executive Committee and at least two candidates for President-Elect.
- (7) Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the Federated Council meeting whereupon nominations are presented.



(8) Nominations for an at-large representative will be solicited from Sections and Allied Organizations after the election of Executive Committee members for the following year. The Executive Committee, at its June meeting, will select a candidate from among those nominations to serve as an at-large representative for the following year.

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 at-large committee member will be held annually. (The at-large representative will be chosen annually following the election for other Executive Committee members).
- (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 seat available and/or remaining, a revote for the remaining position will take place only between/among the candidates that are fied
- (6) In the event there is still a tie vote after the first revote, one 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 the 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 the 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.

(Revised February 2005 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 State CIF 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 State CIF Office.
- B. Copies of individual policies shall be available on written request to the State or a Section Office.
- C. Each Section shall develop and pass administrative regulations to implement policies not the exclusive responsibility of the State CIF Office.
- 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 BYLAWS

ARTICLE 10 AMENDMENT, DELEGATES AND MEETINGS

100. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Federated Council. An amendment shall be considered approved whenever it receives a majority of the Federated Council votes and is supported by more than 60 percent of the Sections. (Revised November 2002 Federated Council)

101. RECONSIDERATION OF 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 60 percent of the Sections, the action may be reconsidered through the following procedures:

A. Timeline for Reconsideration

- (1) Reconsider Notification: Within 10 calendar days after the initial vote, the State Office must receive notification of intent to ask for reconsideration.
- (2) Written materials to Sections: 30 calendar days after the initial vote, Sections activating the reconsideration process must send out materials to all Sections and the 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 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 Federated Council meetings in order for an item to be passed once this bylaw is put into effect.)
- B. Upon majority action of the Executive Committee, Bylaw 100 and/or 101 shall be set aside in the event of a need for emergency action. In that event, a majority vote shall prevail.
- C. Following adoption of the amendment, the effective date shall be July 1, unless the motion carries a specific implementation date.

(Approved November 2002 Federated Council)

102. **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.

103. 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 the Constitution.

104. **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 sized 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 10, Central Coast 13, Los Angeles 13, North Coast 14, Northern 5, Oakland 2, Sac-Joaquin 18, San Diego 12, San Francisco 2, Southern 36, 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 137).

(Revised November 2010 Federated Council)

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.

105. AGENDAS

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

C. The State and each 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 State CIF web site (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.

106. 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)

ARTICLE 20

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

(200 series revised May 2007 Federated Council)

200. CIF PHILOSOPHY ON STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR INTERSCHOLATIC ATHLETIC COMPETITION

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

- A. Keep the focus on athletic participation as a privilege, not a right;
- B. Reinforce the principle that students attend school to receive an education first; athletic participation is secondary;
- C. Protect the opportunities to participate for students who meet the established standards;
- D. Provide a fundamentally fair and equitable framework in which interscholastic athletic competition can take place;
- E. Provide uniform standards for all schools to follow in maintaining athletic competition;
- F. Serve as a deterrent to students who transfer schools for athletic reasons and to individuals who recruit
- G. Serve as a deterrent to students who transfer schools to avoid disciplinary action;
- H. Maintain an ethical relationship between high school athletic programs and others who demonstrate an interest in high school athletes;
- I. Support the Principles of "Pursuing Victory with Honor_{sm."}

201. STANDARDS OF ELIGIBILITY

Only students regularly enrolled in public, charter and private CIF-member schools, grades 9-12, shall be permitted to participate in the CIF and shall represent only that school of enrollment except as provided in Bylaws 303, 304 and 306. The CIF establishes the standards for eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletes to include the following:

 $(See\ Related\ Bylaws:\ 305-Home\ Study/Home\ Schooling;\ 306-Independent\ Study$

 $Programs/Schools; 510-Undue\ Influence; and\ the\ 600\ Series-Outside\ Competition)$

- A. Philosophy statement (Bylaw 200)
- B. Accurate information requirement (Bylaw 202)
- C. Age requirement (Bylaw 203)
- D. Eight Consecutive Semesters requirement (Bylaw 204)
- E. Scholastic Eligibility (Bylaw 205)
 - (1) Initial scholastic eligibility (Bylaw 205.A.)
 - (2) Continuing scholastic eligibility (Bylaw 205.B.)
 - (3) Summer School Credits (Bylaw 205.C.)
 - (4) Non-Traditional Programs (Bylaw 205.D.)
 - (5) Waivers of 20 semester credits requirement (Bylaw 205.E.)
- F. Residential Eligibility (Bylaw 206)
 - (1) Initial residential eligibility (Bylaw 206.A.)
 - (2) Continuing residential eligibility (Bylaw 206.B.)
- G. Transfer rule (Bylaw 207)
- H. Hardship waivers of the transfer rule (Bylaw 208)
- I. Foreign student eligibility (Bylaw 209)
- J. Discipline eligibility (Bylaw 210)



- (1) Expulsion (Bylaw 210.A.)
- (2) Suspended Expulsion (Bylaw 210.B.)
- (3) Transfer Compelled for Disciplinary Reasons (Bylaw 210.C.)
- K. Physical Assault (Bylaw 211)
- L. Continuation School eligibility (Bylaw 212)
- M. Amateur status requirement (Bylaw 213)
- N. Hardship waivers of eligibility standards other than transfer (Bylaw 214)
- O. Post-Injunctive Remedies (Bylaw 215)
- P. Intercollegiate Competition (Bylaw 216)
- Q. Graduates (Bylaw 217)
 - (1) Mid-Year/Spring Graduation (Bylaw 217.A.)
 - (2) California High School Proficiency Exam (Bylaw 217.B.)

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

(Revised Federated Council May 2011)

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 fraudulent.
- B. Penalty for Providing Incorrect, Inaccurate, Incomplete or False or Fraudulent 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 (coach, 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 or fraudulent practices 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.
 - 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 State 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 the 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 years (eight semesters) of eligibility; AND
- B. Such a waiver would not grant more than four 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 214; 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.

204. EIGHT CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS

A. Definition of a Semester of Attendance

- (1) Enrollment and/or attendance for 15 school days or more shall count as one of the eight semesters.
- (2) Participation in one or more interscholastic athletic contests shall count as one of the eight semesters.

B. Eight 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 consecutive semesters following the initial enrollment in the 9th grade of any school, and eligibility must be used during the student's first eight consecutive semesters of enrollment at that school or any other school. Each Section may, at its discretion, establish rules and procedures for waiving the limitation on semesters of eligibility, providing:

- (1) The student is required by the student's school principal to return to grade eight from grade nine and the student did not take part in an interscholastic contest while in the 9th grade, for the first time; OR
- (2) 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
- (3) 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.
- C. Other than paragraph B. (1), (2) and (3) above, relief under this rule may only be granted in accordance with the conditions set forth below in Bylaw 204.D. Any other or past rationales or bases for relief under this bylaw are disapproved.

D. Waiver of the Charge of a Semester of Attendance

Each Section may waive the charge of one or more of the eight 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 consecutive semesters, PROVIDED:

- (1) That a hardship condition exists that, in the judgment of the Section, warrants a waiver. "Hardship" is defined in CIF Bylaw 214;
 - a. The hardship caused the student to remain out of school for more than half of any semester during his/her high school career; OR
 - b. The hardship is the direct and sole cause of the student extending his/her attendance beyond eight consecutive semesters even though the student was in attendance for those eight consecutive semesters. Further, the student's extension of his/her attendance beyond eight semesters has no athletic motivation.
- (2) 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 semesters;
- (3) Such a waiver would not grant more than four years of participation in any sport;
- (4) All other eligibility requirements 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.

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.

(Revised May 2001 Federated Council) SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY

A. Initial Scholastic Eligibility

In order to be eligible, any student entering from the 8th grade into a CIF four-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.

(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 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.

B. Continuing Scholastic Eligibility

(1) **Minimum Requirements**

A student is scholastically eligible if:

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



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- (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.

 Accelerated Programs
 Students studying on an accelerated program that includes one 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 or more required 20 semester credits of work; evaluation of these courses is to be done by the high school principal.
- b. The student was passing in the equivalent of at least 20 semester credits of work at the completion of the most recent grading period;
- c. The student is maintaining minimum progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements as prescribed by the governing board;
- d. 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.

(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 "c." or "d." 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 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 "c." or "d." 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 grades are given at the end of a grading period, scholastic eligibility shall be established according to the grade issued for credit.

(4) 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.

(5) Physical Education Credits

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

C. 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 criteria:

- The course(s) must be approved by the local board of trustees as a valid part of the district's school program;
- (2) The student receives a passing grade in the courses taken;
- (3) The personnel providing the instruction and course supervision are approved by the board of trustees;
- (4) The school credit is recorded on student's transcript.

D. 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 as 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.

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

E. 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 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 214 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:

- The 9th grade of any CIF high school, a CIF junior high school, or a junior high school under provisions of Bylaw 303; OR
- (2) The 10th grade of any CIF high school from 9th grade of a junior high school in California.

B. Continuing Residential Eligibility

Sections will require paperwork for the following provisions:

- (1) 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; OR
- (2) A student changes schools with a valid change of residence by the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/ caregiver provided there is a valid change of residence.

a. Valid 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. A student (with the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver with whom eligibility has been established) may only have one valid residence at one time.

b. Valid Change of Residence

Determination of what constitutes a valid change of residence depends upon the facts in each case, however, to be considered, the following facts must exist:

- (i) The original residence must be abandoned as a residence by the immediate family (new school is responsible to validate) AND
- (ii) The student's entire immediate family must make the change and take with them the household goods and furniture appropriate to the circumstances. For eligibility purposes, a family unit may not maintain two or more residences; AND
- (iii) The change of residence must be genuine, without fraud or deceit, and with permanent intent; AND

NOTE: A student whose family makes a valid move into a new school boundary (See "iv" below) is immediately residentially eligible for varsity competition. 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.

- (iv) A request for transfer 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 (i),(ii)and (iii); and that the family no longer has the use and enjoyment of that former residence. The Section Commissioner and school may request additional documents 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;

Other documentation that a Section or school/district may require that establishes that a person is living at the new address. The Section Commissioner and/or school has the discretion to request additional documents that he/she deems necessary to confirm residency. Examples may include:



- Real estate documents indicating and verifying a change of residence (sale and purchase, for instance);
- 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 ageappropriate student driver's license;
- Voter registration listing the new address;
- Proof of entering a long-term lease;
- Rent payment receipts;
- Declaration of residency executed by the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/ caregiver;

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

c. A Change of Residence for Athletic Reasons Is Not Permitted

If a student completes a valid change of residence as provided in Paragraphs 206 (a) or (b), a student may not be eligible to participate at the varsity 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; 207(c)).

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

A: Based on the CIF philosophy that the "student attend school to receive an education first; athletic participation is secondary" (Bylaw 200 B), 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 be, but is not limited to:

- Evidence of parental or student dissatisfaction with a coach or a coaching decision at the former school.
- Evidence the student's move would result in the assurance the student would gain varsity participation at the new school or result in more playing time.
- A move to a school by the student that is believed (objectively or subjectively) to be more competitive or athletically "visible".
- A demonstrated move or transfer that is prompted by association with club programs or outside agencies that
 use the facilities of the new school.
- A demonstrated move or transfer to a school with which the student has had an athletic association.
- A move or transfer to a school by a student who is associated with outside agencies that use the facilities or personnel at the new school of attendance.
- The preponderance of credible evidence the move was not made in good faith to secure greater educational advantage for the student.

The standard applied to the evidence of "athletic motivation" is that which is associated with a student move or transfer proffered to a hearing officer or Section Commissioner is that which a responsible person acting in a thoughtful manner would judge be with "athletic motivation"

(3) School Choice Following a Valid Change of Residence

A student, whose parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver with whom the student was living when the student established residential eligibility at the prior school move from a residence in public high school attendance area "A" to a residence in public high school attendance area "B," has a choice among continued attendance at the previous school, attendance at School "B," attendance at a charter school within the boundaries of School "B" or attendance at a private school. The student is eligible if the student remains in School "A," or if the student enrolls and attends class immediately or no later than the beginning of the next school year in School "B", a charter school within the boundaries of School "B" or a private school.

(4) Return to Previous School

When a student eligible in School "A" transfers to School "B" and is residentially not eligible, the student may return to School "A" and be residentially eligible provided the student did not participate in an interscholastic athletic contest while at School "B" and provided the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver still reside in School "A's" attendance area.

(5) Intra-district and Inter-district Transfers/Open Enrollment

Each Section shall adopt rules and procedures that address eligibility pursuant to the provisions of the State Education Code sections 35160.5(b)(1) et seq. and 48300 et seq. ("open enrollment" and school choice legislation). However, the Section Commissioner shall make all final determinations of transfer eligibility. (See Bylaw 207.B.)

(6) Court Order

If court action requires a student to transfer from one school to another when there has been no corresponding change of residence on the part of the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver with whom the student was living when the student established residential eligibility, the student will be ineligible at the new school unless approved by action of the Section.

(7) Foster Children

A student 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, shall be immediately residentially eligible for interscholastic athletics provided all other CIF rules and regulations are met. 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.

(8) Military Service

A student is eligible immediately for athletic competition when returning from military service provided:

- a. The student was eligible when the student entered into the Armed Forces; AND
- b. 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
- c. The student enrolls in the school no later than the succeeding semester after being discharged; AND
- d. Provided student did not receive a dishonorable discharge; AND
- e. The student is fully eligible under all other rules of the CIF.

(9) Married Status

A student who marries and lives with the student's spouse has residential eligibility in the school in the attendance area in which the student resides.

(10) Anticipated Residence Change

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, student shall become eligible when the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver actually complete a valid change of residence to that school's attendance area.

(11) Same Sport at Two Different Schools

No student shall be eligible to participate in the same sport at two different schools in the same school year unless the student changed schools as a result of a valid change of residence by the student and his parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver. 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 different schools not to exceed, in total, the maximum number of contests in that sport as established by the Section. (Revised May 2010 Federated Council)

207. TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY

A student who participates in an interscholastic athletic contest or attends a school shall be considered enrolled in that school and shall be classified as a transfer student if the student subsequently enrolls at another school.

- A. A student may have transfer eligibility provided the student moves from any school to a CIF school due to:
 - (1) A valid change of residence (See also Bylaw 206.B.) from one school attendance area to the attendance area of the new school by the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver with whom the student was living when the student established residential eligibility (See also Bylaw 206.A.) at the prior school and the following conditions are met;
 - a. The student is not transferring as a result of a disciplinary situation (See also Bylaw 210); AND
 - The Pre-Enrollment Contact Affidavit is completed verifying there is no evidence of the use of undue influence (recruiting) by anyone associated with either school; OR
 - (2) A ruling by the Board of Education of a school district that has two or more high schools mandating a change of school attendance boundaries affecting an individual student or group of students provided the change of schools is not the result of a disciplinary action; OR
 - (3) A family decision to transfer the student prior to the first day of the student's third consecutive semester (typically the first semester of the sophomore year) of attendance since the initial enrollment when the following conditions are met:
 - a. This is the first transfer of this student since his/her initial enrollment in the 9th grade; AND
 - The student is not transferring as a result of a disciplinary situation (See also Bylaw 210);
 AND
 - The student was scholastically and otherwise eligible at the former school immediately prior to the transfer; AND
 - There is no evidence that the transfer, in whole or part, is athletically motivated (See also Bylaw 510.B); AND



- The CIF Form 510 Pre-Enrollment Contact Affidavit is completed verifying that there is no
 evidence of the use of undue influence (recruiting) by anyone associated with either school;
 AND
- f. The CIF Form 207 Athletic Transfer Eligibility Application and CIF Form 510 Pre-Enrollment Contact Affidavit have been approved by the Section.
- g. No student shall be eligible to participate in the same sport at two different schools in the same school year unless the student changed schools as a result of a valid change of residence by the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver. 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 different schools not to exceed, in total, the maximum number of contests in that sport as established by the Section.
- B. All 9th grade students who are transferring for a second time, or any 10th, 11th or 12th grade students, who transfer without a valid change of residence, will have limited eligibility for one year from the date of transfer. (See "a." below):
 - (1) A student who transfers from a school located in the U.S., a U.S. Territory, a U.S. Military Base, or Canada (to be referred to as School "A") to School "B", without a change of residence on the part of his/her parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver with whom the student was living when the student established residential eligibility, from school attendance area A to school attendance area B, shall be residentially eligible for all athletic competition EXCEPT varsity level competition in sports in which the student has competed in any level of interscholastic competition during the 12 calendar months preceding the date of such transfer (defined as limited eligibility).
 - Based on the conditions below, the student shall be ineligible for all sports for one calendar year unless otherwise noted.
 - (i) A student who was scholastically ineligible at their previous school will not be eligible to compete at the 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.
 - (ii) A student will be declared ineligible for one calendar year from the date of transfer if he/she is transferring for disciplinary reasons as defined in Bylaw 210.
 - (iii) There is evidence of a violation of Bylaw 510.
 - b. The student shall become varsity eligible under the rule after one calendar year from the date of first attendance at the new school.
 - (2) 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.
 - (3) Low Achieving Schools
 - A student at any grade level may transfer from a low achieving school, as defined by the State Department of Education and on the annual published list, without limitation upon receipt of a valid 207 Form. Any student transferring under the provisions of this bylaw must meet all other applicable eligibility guidelines [see Bylaws 203, 204, 205, 207.B (1), 210]. Students may not receive unlimited eligibility if there is evidence that the transfer is athletically motivated, or there is undue influence or pre-enrollment contact (see Bylaw 207.C). All requests for athletic transfer eligibility (Bylaw 207) must be accompanied by a copy of their district-approved transfer documentation/form under the applicable district guidelines. Students transferring under the provisions of Bylaw 207.B (3) may transfer to a public school, including a charter school (that is or is not on the list of low achieving schools) as long as the school to which a student transfers has a higher API than the student's current school. The school to which the student transfers must be to either the geographically closest public school or the geographically closest charter school to the residence of the student and to the parent(s)/guardians(s)/caregiver(s) with whom the student was living when the student established residential eligibility at the low achieving school. To obtain athletic eligibility at a school other than the closest public or charter school, a student must apply for, and be granted, a hardship waiver pursuant to other CIF eligibility rules.
- *Q:* Why are charter schools included?
- A: Charter schools are considered public schools and are included on the list of Low Performing Schools and are subject to this bylaw.
- Q: Does this bylaw apply to private schools?
- A: No. Private schools do not have an API score and therefore there is no score to measure where they stand.
- Q: 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?
- A: No. This bylaw indicates you are eligible at the next geographically closest higher performing school.
- Q: What if the next geographically closest school is impacted and closed to new students?
- A: You would be eligible at the next geographically closest school as long as that school is a higher performing school.

(4) Hardship Waivers Sections may waive the limited eligibility of a student pursuant to Bylaw 208-Transfer Hardship. (Revised Feb 2011 Federated Council)

C. Pre-Enrollment Communication or Contact

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) 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.

*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.

- (2) 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.
- (3) A transfer of a student from his or her current school of attendance with or without a corresponding change of residence to any high school where the student participated or 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 calendar year from the date of the student's enrollment in the new school in all sports in which the student participated at the former school 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.

**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.

- (4) A student at any grade level who transfers to a new school within one calendar year of the relocation of his/her high school coach to that school with or without a corresponding 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. When a prima facie case ("sufficient evidence") of undue influence/recruiting exists, the student shall be ineligible to represent the new school in interscholastic athletic competition for a period of one calendar year from the date of the student's enrollment in the new school in all sports in which the student participated at the former school 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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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: the communication was completely unrelated to any aspect of School "B;" AND 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."



(7) 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.
- D. This bylaw also applies to students 18 years of age or older and emancipated minors.
 NOTE: Students transferring to another school under any provision of the federal legislation "No Child Left Behind Act" are not residentially eligible at their new school. However, a student may become eligible under the provisions of the appropriate Section and State CIF Constitution and Bylaws.
 (Revised May 2010 Federated Council)

208. HARDSHIP WAIVERS

The CIF recognizes that, in certain circumstances, students may transfer from one school to another due to a compelling need or situation beyond a student's control. In such cases the Section may waive the transfer limitation imposed on a student when the case meets the definition of a hardship. (See "A." below.) Consideration of any hardship request under this bylaw requires documented proof of the hardship circumstance, and all facts to be considered must be submitted at the time of application. Consideration will be given to those situations in which there is no evidence of athletic motivation, undue influence, pending disciplinary action or falsification of information (See also Bylaw 202).

- A. A hardship is defined as an unforeseeable, unavoidable and uncorrectable act, condition or event that causes the imposition of a severe and non-athletic burden upon the student or his/her family. Sections may only waive the transfer limitation if the conditions of hardship are met, and there is sufficient documentation to support the hardship claim. Sections may not waive the applicable rule if the conditions of hardship are not met.
- B. Consideration of any hardship request to a Section requires documentation. Such documents may include, but not be limited to copies of current transcripts, financial documents, medical statements and/or supportive statements from the previous school attended.

HARDSHIP QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

NOTE: CIF provides these questions and answers as a guide for parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and school personnel to aid them in determining if a transfer waiver is possible under the hardship definition. Every case is different and heard on its merits. The following is meant as a guide only and is not a definitive list of what is and is not a hardship.

Question: If my daughter does not have a hardship as defined in Bylaw 208, will she be allowed to compete on the athletic teams at her new school?

Answer: If a student leaves a school in good standing and is eligible under all other CIF Bylaws and both principals have no objection, she may compete at the non-varsity level in any sport she participated in at the previous school during the last 12 months or at the varsity level in any other sport.

Financial Considerations

Question: I can no longer afford to send my son to a private school. I want my son to return to the public school of attendance and compete at the varsity level. Is that allowed?

Answer: Under certain circumstances a hardship waiver of the transfer penalty may be granted because of financial situations. However, there must be evidence of an unforeseeable, unavoidable, and uncorrectable circumstance that necessitated the transfer. The Section will need evidence to show that a hardship circumstance occurred. The Section will require evidence the family attempted to address the situation with the private school and that aid or assistance by the private school was insufficient to address the hardship. Increases in tuition or additional costs at the private school are considered foreseeable and, therefore, do not meet the criteria.

Transportation Considerations

Question: My son is enrolled in a school outside the public school attendance area. It is becoming more and more difficult to travel this distance. If we transfer, will he still be eligible for varsity competition?

Answer: Generally, no. Transportation problems are foreseeable, as are instances of difficulty because of weather or changes in carpools.

Question: The price of gas has skyrocketed and limited our ability to transport our daughter to our school of choice. We are considering changing to a school closer to our home. If we transfer, will she still be eligible for varsity competition?

Answer: Generally, no. The student may be given "limited eligibility" at her new school. Fluctuations in gasoline prices, as with most transportation issues, are foreseeable and must be considered when making your initial choice of schools.

Divorce or Change of Guardianship

Question: We are divorced (or divorcing) and my son will be moving to live with his father. Will he be eligible at his new school at the varsity level?

Answer: A student who moves without the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver with whom he established residential eligibility is ineligible for varsity competition. However, a hardship waiver may be requested that documents why the student must move to a new parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver. In the case of a divorce decree that requires the student to transfer to a new school and live with a parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver different from the one with whom he/she established initial eligibility, a copy of the court order must accompany the hardship request. Other changes of custody, if out of the control of the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver or student, may be the basis for a hardship waiver of the bylaw. In transfers made as a result of a change of legal guardianship, determined by a court having jurisdiction to do so, the request may be approved provided that the student has changed his/her residence to that of the new legal guardian.

NOTE: Affidavits of responsibility outside the purview of a court do not meet the criteria of this policy. (See also Bylaw 206.B.(6))

Question: We have been divorced for several years and have joint custody of our daughter. Our child has lived with me, but this past year has been unable to follow our house rules, so we have decided that she should now live with her father. Is she eligible at her new high school?

Answer: A student's behavior and disciplinary issues are NOT considered a hardship since behavior is typically correctable and avoidable. The student most likely would have "limited eligibility" at their new school.

Question: What does court-appointed change of guardianship mean?

Answer: The Section will look for documentation that the student has changed from one parent to another or to a guardian(s)/ caregiver. Such proof of this type of transfer is a court document transferring physical custody from one parent to another. This is not a modification of custody rights; it recognizes that parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver with whom the student resides.

Discontinued Programs

Question: The school my daughter attends has discontinued a program in which she participated. Can a hardship waiver be granted if she transfers to a school that offers the same program?

Answer: When a transfer is made as a result of a school discontinuing a particular program in which the student had previously been enrolled or participated, the student may request a waiver of the transfer rule. Proof of the student's enrollment in the program at the new school should be submitted at the time of the request.

Student Emergencies

Question: My son changed schools because of a medical condition. Will he be allowed to compete at his new school at the varsity level?

Answer: Transfers based upon medical considerations may be approved, provided that Medical Doctor/Doctor of Osteopathy substantiates the need for such a transfer as an integral part of medical therapy of prevention or aggravation of an existing condition serious enough to warrant a compelling need to transfer. The Section Commissioner may deny the request if it is established that the diagnosis was made for the purpose of establishing athletic eligibility at the new school.

NOTE: Letters/notes from a psychologist, nurse, or social worker will not be considered for medical emergencies and/or conditions.

Student Social Issues

Question: My daughter is having trouble making friends at her school of choice. She wants to transfer to a school where she has friends and the course offerings will be better for her. Will she be eligible at the varsity level at her new school?

Answer: It is reasonable to expect that there may be social adjustment problems or scholastic problems when a student chooses to attend a school outside of the neighborhood or a school that has a rigorous curriculum. Such circumstances do not satisfy the criteria for a hardship.

Question: I want my son to attend a different school because the scholastic program is better at that school. He also feels he will fit in better at that school. Will he be eligible at the varsity level?

Answer: Defining a "better" school scholastically or socially is subjective. Parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver are urged to research schools prior to enrollment. Transfers for these reasons do not meet the hardship criteria. If your child attends a school defined as "Low Achieving" by the State Department of Education, (must be named on the annual published list) please see Bylaw 207 for transfer options.

Question: Can my daughter apply for a hardship waiver if she has been subject to a disciplinary action?

Answer: Transfers as a result of disciplinary action or pending disciplinary action by a school do not meet the criteria for consideration.

Question: The school my son attends is not a safe environment and I want to transfer him to another school. Will this transfer limit his athletic eligibility?

Answer: Any hardship waiver request MUST be substantiated with documented evidence. In a claim of an unsafe school environment, there must be documented school reports of incidents involving the student that makes remaining on that campus a dangerous situation that is beyond the control of the student.



Question: What if these incidents occurred in the community and not at school?

Answer: Any hardship waiver request MUST be substantiated with documented evidence. If something happened in the community, the Section would require police documentation and/or reports that would substantiate that the incident occurred in the community and was beyond the control of the student. Additionally, school officials may be required to provide letters and documentation affirming knowledge of the circumstances.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Hardship — A hardship is defined as an unforeseeable, unavoidable, and uncorrectable act, condition or, event, that causes the imposition of a severe and non-athletic burden upon the student or his/her family.

Hardship Waiver — The CIF recognizes that in certain circumstances students may transfer from one school to another due to a compelling need or situation beyond a student's control. In such cases the Section may waive the "Limited Eligibility" imposed on a student when the case meets the criteria. Consideration will be given to those situations in which there is no evidence of athletic motivation, undue influence, pending disciplinary action, or falsification of information. For more detailed information and a question and answer guide, please refer to Bylaw 208.

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 3-year high school.

Limited Eligibility — Students granted limited eligibility are limited for one 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.

Transfer Eligibility — Once a student enters high school and then changes schools, he/she is considered a transfer student. There are several types of transfer students.

- A student and his/her immediate family complete a valid change of residences as explained above. In most cases, this student will be eligible for all sports at the new school if the student meets all CIF scholastic standards and other rules and regulations.
- · 9th-grader transferring before the start of the sophomore year without a valid change of residence.

A family decision to transfer the student during his/her 9th grade year or immediately upon the completion of 9th grade and/or no later than the first day of the third consecutive semester (typically the first semester of the sophomore year) may be eligible to compete in sports, at all levels, at the new school of choice if he/she meets CIF scholastic standards and all other rules and regulations.

• 10th, 11th, 12th-grader transferring without a valid change of residence.

A family decision to transfer the student during his/her 10th, 11th or 12th grade year without a valid change of residence may have limited eligibility to participate in athletics at the new school. A student who changes residence and resides with someone other than his/her immediate family with whom he/she first established residential eligibility may have limited eligibility to participate in athletics at the new school.

Valid Residence — Where the student and his/her immediate family reside when the student entered high school for the first time (See Initial Residential Eligibility). A valid residence is further defined as the location where the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver live with that student and thereby have the use and enjoyment of that location. A student (with the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver with whom eligibility has been established) may have only one valid residence at a time.

Valid Change of Residence — A family makes a valid change of residence into a new school boundary when the student's immediate family relocates and takes with them the household goods and furniture appropriate to the circumstances. For eligibility purposes, a family unit may not maintain more than one valid residence. A subsequent move by the family (or other family members) during that same school year will result in the student being declared ineligible until cleared for competition by the Section Commissioner. CIF rules and regulations will require the new school to document and verify a Valid Change of Residence. Evidence that a valid change of residence has occurred may include:

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

Other documentation that a Section or school/district may require that establishes that a person is living at the new address. The Section Commissioner and/or school has the discretion to request additional documents that he/she deems necessary to confirm residency. Examples may include:

- Real estate documents indicating and verifying a change of residence (sale and purchase, for instance);
- 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;
- Rent payment receipts;
- Declaration of residency executed by the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver;

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

209. TRANSFERS FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY

Any student who transfers from a school located outside the United States, a U.S. Territory, a U.S. Military Base or Canada (to be referred to as School "A" to a CIF-member school, without a change of residence on the part of his/her parent(s) with whom the student was living when the student while enrolled in School A, (See CIF Bylaw 206.B.(2)) shall be considered a transfer from a foreign country and as such is subject to the following CIF residential eligibility bylaws.

A. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

A foreign exchange student is a transfer student from one school to another without a valid change of residence (See CIF Bylaw 206.B.(2)) under the auspices of a foreign exchange program.

(1) 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:

a. 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:

- (i) Stating that their placement procedures for foreign exchange students are purely random with respect to athletic participation and school placement; AND
- (ii) 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
- (iii) Has been approved by the CIF; AND
- (iv) The program has been recognized by the U.S. State Department and the California Attorneys' General Office;

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; AND

(v) Any CIF-approved foreign exchange program that fails to fulfill the State 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 State CIF web site (www.cifstate.org)

NOTE: Only foreign exchange programs registered with the California Attorneys General office and the U.S. State Department may place foreign exchange students in a California School (Government Code Section12620 et seq.). The list above reflects the list approved by both the CIF and those registered with the California Attorney General, Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) and the U.S. State Department. No other exchange programs will be recognized by the CIF as approved exchange programs for 2010-11. AND

- b. 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 either:
 - (i) The public school in the host family's public school attendance area; OR
 - (ii) A private school located in the host family's public school attendance area. 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
 - (iii) 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; AND



- 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
- No member of the school's coaching staff, paid or voluntary, may serve as the host family for the foreign exchange student; AND
- e. A foreign exchange student involved in an approved foreign exchange program where placement is not in accordance with State CIF conditions for exempt status is subject to loss of his/her residential eligibility (waiver of the transfer rule); AND
- A foreign exchange student must possess a current J-1 visa, issued by the U.S. State Department; AND
- A foreign exchange student must comply with all eligibility requirements set forth by the CIF and the Section having jurisdiction; AND
- h. 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 preschool 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
- A foreign exchange student participating in a CIF-approved foreign exchange program must comply with the maximum of eight consecutive semesters bylaw. A foreign exchange student who is not in compliance with the eight consecutive semesters bylaw may apply for a waiver under the bylaws established by the State CIF and the respective Section of the student's current CIF school; AND
- j. A foreign exchange student must be eligible under all other State and Section bylaws; AND
- k. 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 209 with a CIF Pre-Enrollment Contact Affidavit (CIF Form 510) 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
- A foreign exchange student who participates in an interscholastic athletic contest or is enrolled in and/or attends a school for 15 school days or more 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.
- m. Hardship Waiver: A hardship waiver of 209.A. (1) may be granted to a foreign exchange student pursuant to the conditions of Bylaw 208.
- (2) CIF STUDENTS TRANSFERRING BACK TO A CIF MEMBER SCHOOL FROM ENROLLMENT IN A FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

A Foreign Exchange Student who, after being enrolled in a CIF member school (referred to as school A), transfers under the auspices of a foreign exchange program 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 their foreign exchange program, transfers back to school A, may be residentially eligible for all sports at all levels at School A when the following conditions are met:

- (a) 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
- (b) There is no evidence that the transfer to or from the foreign country was athletically motivated (see also Bylaw 510); AND
- (c) There is no evidence of the use of undue influence (recruiting) by anyone associated with either school or the foreign exchange program; AND
- (d) The CIF student is in compliance with all eligibility requirements set forth by the CIF and the Section having jurisdiction; AND
- (e) The CIF student who has participated in the foreign exchange program must comply with the maximum of eight consecutive semesters bylaw. If a student has exceeded eight consecutive semesters of attendance upon return from the foreign exchange program, they may apply for a waiver under the bylaws established by the State CIF and the respective Section of the student's CIF-member school. All CIF students returning from enrollment in a foreign exchange program shall submit the appropriate waiver application(s) for approval as required by their respective Section.

B. Foreign Transfer Students:

A Foreign Transfer Student is any student transferring from a school located outside of the United States, a U.S. Territory, a U.S. Military Base or Canada to a CIF member school without a valid change of residence (see CIF Bylaw 206.B.(2)) who has been enrolled in the equivalent of a United States high school secondary educational program and is NOT under the auspices of, and/or placed by, a CIF-approved foreign exchange program.

- (1) Foreign Transfer Students transferring from a school located outside the United States, a U.S. Military Base, a U.S. Territory or Canada (to be referred to as School "A") to a CIF member school (School B) without a valid change of residence on the part of his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) with whom the student was living when attending School A into the attendance area of School B, shall be residentially eligible for all CIF athletic competition EXCEPT varsity level competition in sports in which the student has competed at any level of play for a school or club during the 12 calendar months preceding the date of transfer to the CIF member school (defined as limited eligibility) under the following bylaws:
 - a. 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.
 - b. The foreign transfer student must 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
 - c. The foreign transfer student must 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
 - d. If required, the foreign transfer student must pay tuition to the school/school district he/she attends as prescribed in Education Code Section 48052 et seq.; AND
 - The foreign transfer student is subject to the maximum of eight consecutive semesters bylaw;
 AND
 - f. The foreign transfer student is subject to the age requirement bylaw; AND
 - g. Any foreign transfer student who graduated, or should have graduated, or has completed the equivalent coursework for graduation from high school/secondary school is ineligible to participate in CIF competition; AND
 - h. No member of the school's coaching staff, paid or voluntary, may serve as the resident family for the foreign transfer student; AND
 - i. *Boarding School:* Foreign transfer students who transfer to or from the status of a full-time resident at a 24-hour boarding school shall be subject to all provisions of Bylaw 209.B.(1)
 - All foreign transfer students shall submit the appropriate waiver application(s) for approval as required by their respective Section under Bylaw 209.
 - k. Hardship Waiver: A hardship waiver of 209.B. (1) may be granted to a foreign transfer student pursuant to the conditions of Bylaw 208.

C. Appeals

Appeals of eligibility involving foreign 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. (Revised May 2010 Federated Council)

210. 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 and 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 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 that contributes in any way to the decision to transfer, that student shall be ineligible for competition in all sports for one year from the date of the transfer to the new school.
- (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;
 - b. Applicable behavior standards;



- 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.

(Revised May 2005 Federated Council)

211. PHYSICAL ASSAULT

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 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 Section Office concerning his/her investigation of the incident.

NOTE: 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.

(Approved May 2009 Federated Council)

212. 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 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 the process under Bylaw 210.C.). (Approved May 2003 Federated Council)

213. AMATEUR STATUS

A. CIF Sponsored Competition

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 ineligible for CIF competition in that sport until appeal and reinstatement as an amateur by the CIF Federated Council. A student may apply to the CIF Federated Council for reinstatement when the student can again qualify as an amateur in that sport.

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

A student shall become ineligible for CIF competition in the respective sport and shall be penalized according to A. and B. above for the following violations related to CIF competition:

(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, Region and State Playoff competition is considered to be one 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;
- 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;
- (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, California Community College Association and National Sports Governing Body, etc.). Students desiring information on the amateur rules of other organizations must communicate with the respective organization.

(Revised May 2009 Federated Council)

214. 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.

- A. Twenty-semester credit requirement (Bylaw 205.E.)
- B. Charged semester of attendance (Bylaw 204)
- C. Age requirement (Bylaw 203)

215. **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 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.

216. INTERCOLLEGIATE PARTICIPATION

A student who participates in an intercollegiate athletic contest prior to the completion of his/her eight 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.

(Approved February 2003 Federated Council)

217. **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 years of the student's first entry into the 9th grade.

(Revised May 2003 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 30 SCHOOL REGULATIONS

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.

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 State CIF Federated Council.
- (4) Mixed Team (Co-ed): 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.

C. Limitations

If a boys team is created in a sport after a boy has competed on a student team (See (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 (2) above) in that sport, that girl must compete on the girls team.

(Approved May 1997 Federated Council)

301. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Schools shall be responsible to furnish eligibility information as required by the State CIF Federated Council, local Section, or leagues, for students participating in interscholastic athletics.

302. PRINCIPAL'S RESPONSIBILITY

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 rules. Ineligible students shall not compete as representatives of the school in any CIF contest. In CIF competition, no person shall be permitted to participate as an unattached athlete or an unofficial entrant. (See Bylaw 500).

303. MULTI-SCHOOL TEAM

- A. CIF-member schools may allow only students currently enrolled, in grades 9-12, in their school, to participate in any CIF competition (See Bylaw 201).
- B. Any non-CIF-member school that wishes to have its students participate in CIF competition must apply for multi-school status through a CIF-member school prior to May 31 of the prior school year. A non-CIF-member school must have a California County-District-School Code (CDS Code) as a prerequisite to applying for multi-school status.
 - (1) 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.
 - (2) All fees must accompany the application and be received prior to May 31. The request will not be considered until the fees are submitted.
 - (3) 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.
- C. Any CIF-member school that wishes to allow participation on its team(s) by students, who are currently enrolled in 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.), junior high schools, necessary small schools and charter schools], may request approval to do so under the following conditions:
 - (1) 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 E.-F. below.



- (2) For the purposes of determining dues, legal and liability assessments, realignment issues and State 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.
- (3) 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)
- (4) 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 State CIF Executive Committee
- (5) Appeals Procedure (Applies only to (4) 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 CIF Executive Committee, but only after exhausting any and all appeals procedures established by the respective Section.
- (6) Renewal applications for multi-school teams under this bylaw must be filed annually.
 - All renewal applications must be submitted to the State Office by May 31 of the current school year to continue multi-school status for the following year.
 - 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.
 - c. 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, it will not be considered.
 - d. 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.

D. Small Learning Communities, Small Schools, Alternative Schools, and Charter Schools Housed on a Member School's Campus

- (1) Students in small learning communities, small schools, alternative schools or charter schools housed on an existing school's campus are eligible at the member school upon their initial enrollment in the 9th grade. Small learning communities, small schools, alternative schools and charter schools housed on an existing member school's campus are not required to apply for multi-school status through the member school.
- (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.
- (4) If a small learning community, small school, alternative school or charter school is housed on an existing member school's campus, its students are not 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.
- E. 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.
- F. CIF-Member School with Multiple Campuses

Teams representing a high school must be composed of students under the direct supervision of one principal and attending class on one 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. These petitions must be filed prior to May 31 of the current school year.

DEFINITIONS

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.

G. 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 212.

(Revised May 2009 Federated Council)

304. SPECIAL SCHOOLS (CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF)

- A. Students attending special schools (as defined in Education Code Sections 59000 et seq. and 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.
- B. 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 56365 et seq.) pursuant to placement by a public school Individualized Education Program (IEP) team 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)

305. 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. (Revised May 2002 Federated Council)

306. INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM / SCHOOLS

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
- 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.

(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 Note 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.

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.

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 305.

Characteristics of Each:

Meets Bylaw 306 for Eligibility	Does Not Meet Eligibility Requirements for Bylaw 306
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 an 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

307. 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.

308. 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's Refusal to Consent. The CIF Health and Safety Committee strongly recommends schools use the Pre-Participation Physical Examination form that is endorsed by five 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)

309. 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. (Bylaw 506).

310. SUNDAY RESTRICTIONS

A. In order to provide at least one 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: Those schools founded upon religious tenets that observe the Sabbath from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown may practice or play on Sundays. Schools must register each year by August 1 for the following year with their Section office and indicate either Friday or Saturday as their alternate day of respite. **NOTE:** Declaration of Alternate Day of Respite form is available through your local Section Office.

- B. Violation of Bylaw 310 will result in the following sanctions:
 - (1) Practice: For every practice conducted on a declared day of respite, the violating school will be prohibited from conducting twice as many regularly scheduled practices (2 for 1);
 - (2) Game: A game played on a declared day of respite will result in forfeiture of the game.
- C. In addition to the above sanctions, the Section may impose any of the following additional sanctions:
 - (1) The final season record will be reduced by at least one 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 contests allowed for the following year in that sport;
 - (5) Repeated violation may result in suspension of membership in the CIF.

(Revised May 2004 Federated Council)

311. **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.

312. 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 1999 Federated Council; Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council)

313. 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.

(Approved May 2010 Federated Council)

Q: What is meant by "licensed health care provider?"

A: The "scope of practice" for licensed health care providers and medical professionals is defined by California state statues. This scope of practice will limit the evaluation to a medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO).

ARTICLE 40 CIF AMATEUR STANDING RULE

The 400 series has been incorporated into Bylaw 213.

ARTICLE 50 GENERAL RULES

500. AUTHORIZED PARTICIPATION

- A. All athletic activities in sports approved by the CIF involving two or more member schools must be held under rules and regulations of the participating school's respective league, Section and the CIF.
- B. Ineligible students shall not compete as representatives of the school in any competition involving CIF-member schools.
- C. In any CIF competition, only the following person(s) shall be permitted to participate:
 - (1) An attached athlete (representing a CIF-member school);
 - (2) An official entrant (earning points for a CIF-member school).
- D. "Exhibition" competition (such as, but not limited to, fifth quarter, open lane and open court competition) involving CIF-member schools may be allowed as an adjunct to regular CIF competition, provided:
 - (1) Duly-appointed coaches (as specified in Bylaw 506) and contest officials are present and supervising the activity; AND
 - (2) Such contests count toward the competing individual's allowable maximum number of contests; AND
 - (3) A team score is not kept or recorded; AND
 - (4) Such team competition is not conducted concurrently with the regulation CIF competition (See **NOTE** below; AND)
 - (5) Such team competition is held at the same site, immediately preceding or following the regulation competition (See **NOTE** below); AND
 - (6) Such team competition is shorter in duration than the regulation competition in that sport (See **NOTE** below); AND
 - (7) Participants in such competition shall not compete in any regulation CIF competition in the same sport during the same day or event; AND
 - (8) 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 or more school is prohibited); AND
 - (9) Written permission is granted for such competition by the principals of all schools involved; AND
 - (10) Participants in such competition meet all eligibility requirements of the State CIF, Section and league.



NOTE: For purposes of this bylaw, team sports are designated as the following: baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer, volleyball and water polo.

- 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, 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. Sections may establish sport specific rules and/or policies.

(Revised May 2010 Federated Council)

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 interschool play day 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 State 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 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 play day.

502. OUTSIDE TEAMS

- A. No school belonging to the CIF shall compete, scrimmage or practice with any team outside the jurisdiction of the Federation without the consent of the CIF Section involved. A school disregarding this rule may be barred from participation in that sport during the following season.
- B. 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;
 - Officials of the requesting school(s) must understand this request is granted for up to a two-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.

503. 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.

504. **NON-CIF COMPETITION**

If a CIF high school team competes against a non-CIF team in any approved competition, the activity shall be played under the high school rules for that sport.

505. OUTSIDE TEAM AGE REQUIREMENT

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.

506. WHO MAY COACH

All coaches of CIF member school teams must meet the requirements of the California Education Code 49032, 35179.1 and Bylaw 22.B.9.

(Revised February 2009 Federated Council)

507. 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.

508. PENALTY FOR IMPROPER COACHING COMPENSATION

Any team, coached by any person receiving any part of the salary for coaching from other than school funds without the approval of the school's governing board, is ineligible.

(Revised February 2009 Federated Council)

509. OUT-OF-STATE COACHING CERTIFICATION

Teams of affiliated CIF-member schools must be coached by staff members certified in their own State (for certain schools outsideCalifornia).

510. UNDUE INFLUENCE, PRE-ENROLLMENT CONTACT, FAILURE TO DISCLOSE PRE-ENROLLMENT CONTACT AND ATHLETICALLY MOTIVATED TRANSFERS

- a. The use of undue influence by any person or persons to secure or retain a student or to secure or retain one or both parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver of a student as residents may cause the student to be ineligible for high school athletics for a period of one year and shall jeopardize the standing of the high school in the CIF.
- b. Transferring and enrolling in a school, in whole or in part, for athletic reasons may jeopardize a student's eligibility.

 NOTE: 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.

A. Pre-Enrollment Contact

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 to the Section office on a completed CIF Pre-Enrollment Contact Affidavit (CIF Form 510). 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.

B. Athletically Motivated Transfers

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 and 206.C) 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, 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 case ("sufficient evidence") of an athletically motivated move exists, the student shall be ineligible to represent the new school in interscholastic athletic competition for a period of one calendar year from the date of the student's enrollment in the new school in all those sports in which the student participated at the former school (See also "C." and "D.") unless sufficient proof is presented to the satisfaction of the Section Commissioner that rebuts or disproves the presumption that the move was athletically motivated.

- C. Failure to disclose Pre-Enrollment Contact
 - A failure to disclose pre-enrollment contact may be considered prima facie evidence ("sufficient evidence") of recruiting or undue influence to attend the school and may cause the student to be ineligible for high school athletics and shall jeopardize the standing of the high school in the CIF. When there is failure to disclose pre-enrollment contact, the student shall be ineligible under the provisions of Bylaw 202 to represent the new school in interscholastic athletic competition for a period of one calendar year from the date of the student's enrollment in the new school 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. Transferring to a School after Participating on a Non-School Athletic Team Associated with the School A transfer of a student 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 previous 24 months, on a non-school athletic team, (i.e. AAU, American Legion, club team, etc.) that is associated* with (See definition in "A.") 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 transfers may be considered prima facie evidence ("sufficient evidence") that the student enrolled in that school in whole or in part for athletic reasons. 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 "A."), 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 influence/recruiting exists, the student shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic competition for one calendar year from the date of enrollment in the new school in all sports in which the student participated at the former school 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.
- E. Transferring to a School Where a Former High School Coach has Relocated

A student at any grade level who transfers to a new school within one calendar year of the relocation of his/her high school coach to that school with or without a corresponding 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. When a prima facie case ("sufficient evidence") of undue influence/recruiting exists, the student shall be ineligible to represent the new school in interscholastic athletic competition for a period of one calendar year from the date of the student's enrollment in the new school in all sports in which the student participated at the former school 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.



- F. A student shall become ineligible for CIF competition and shall be penalized according to Bylaw 213 for accepting material or financial inducement to attend a CIF-member school for the purpose of engaging in CIF competition, regardless of the source.
- G. All transfer students shall submit a completed CIF Pre-Enrollment Contract Affidavit (CIF Form 510) with appropriate transfer application(s) as required by their respective Section under Bylaw 207 and/or Bylaw 209.

 * 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.

NOTE: CIF Form 510 is available through the local Section Office.

(Revised May 2009 Federated Council)

511. SEASON OF SPORT DEFINITION

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 contest for that particular sport.

- A. 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."
- B. 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.

C. Last Contest Date

- Each section shall determine the last contest date for regular season competition.
- For sports culminating in Regional or State championships, Section playoff competition must be completed by the Saturday prior to Regional or State competition.
- D. 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) Winter - Wrestling (boys and girls)

Fall - Cross Country (boys and girls) Winter - Soccer (boys and girls - SoCal Regionals only)

Fall - Football (boys) Spring - Track (boys and girls)

Fall - Golf (girls) Spring - Golf (boys)

Fall - Tennis (girls-NorCal Reg. only. 2012 SoCal)

Winter - Basketball (boys and girls)

Spring - Tennis (boys - NorCal Regionals only. 2013 SoCal)

Spring - Volleyball (boys - SoCal Regionals only)

E. 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)

512. LEAGUE REALIGNMENT CYCLE

Leagues that use a two-year cycle of alignment shall realign on even years only. Leagues that realign every year or "upon demand" are not to be affected by this rule.

513. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SEASONS

A student shall not participate in more than four seasons of sanctioned CIF competition in any given sport in a four-year high school or three seasons of sanctioned CIF competition in any given sport in a three-year high school. Activities in the summer are exempt.

514. ONE SEASON OF SPORT

Each student shall be limited to one season of a particular sport for each school year.

515. EOUAL OPPORTUNITY

Each Section shall adopt policies and/or establish procedures that will promote, within its jurisdiction, equal opportunity for all students regardless of race, religion, sex, national origin or physical disability.

516. SUPPLEMENTAL CROSS-LEAGUING

Each Section shall allow the formation of cross leagues for schools in which a sport or sports are not available through its immediate league.

517. SEASONS OF SPORT

- A. Sections and/or leagues shall set seasons of sport so that they provide year-round equal opportunity for all students to participate, including intersectional competition and State championships in like sports, and softball and baseball.
- B. Section and/or leagues are encouraged to conduct all sports during the State-approved season.
- C. 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.
- D. Each Section that participates in State championships in a sport shall conduct Section playoffs, if any, during the season immediately preceding such State championships.
- E. 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.

518. 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 entry per Section. All Sections shall have representation in all playoffs.

519. NUMBER OF ALLOWABLE CONTESTS

- A. 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.
- B. 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.

520. 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.

521. EQUAL ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICIALS

Officials for all interscholastic contests shall be assigned and compensated on a gender-neutral basis.

522. 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 State 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.

523. 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.A.(14)

(Revised May 2005 Federated Council)

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 511). 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.
- B. FLAG FOOTBALL

For purposes of this rule, touch football and flag football are considered to be a different sport than tackle football.

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.

D. SWIMMING & DIVING

Swimmers may compete for an amateur team during the season of sport in the USA Swimming Senior National Championship Meet, the USA Swimming Sectional Championship meets and the YMCA National Meet. Divers may compete for an amateur team during the season of sport in the USA National Diving Championships and the USA National Junior Diving Championships.

E. Bylaw 600 shall not be in effect for those sports conducted outside the State-adopted season of sport.

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.)



G. UNATTACHED COMPETITION IN INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

- (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), 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.
- (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 302). Individuals or teams entered in CIF competition must represent a CIF-member school. No other form of representation shall be permitted in CIF competition.

(Revised October 2008 Federated Council)

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 year (365 days) from the second infraction in all sports.
- (3) 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 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 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 State 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, 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.

(Revised May 2007 Federated Council)

604. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

The 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 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)

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 State 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.A., 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 on-line 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 State CIF Office, a financial statement indicating all high school, league or Section revenues and expenditures must be filed with the State 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 State 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" event management is requested not to accept an entry from an ineligible high school student, unless the student has already completed eight 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" section of the event.

(Approved May 2003 Federated Council)

703. INTER-SECTIONAL/BORDER STATES COMPETITION

State 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 705C(2) will also be considered "border states".

(Approved May 2003 Federated Council)

704. INTERSTATE COMPETITION

A. Dual competition (involving two schools only) in CIF-approved sports does not require sanction approval by the State 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 sanctions:
 - 1. 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
 - 2. Events in non-bordering states if five (5) or more states are involved.
 - 3. Events in non-bordering states if more than eight (8) schools are involved.
 - 4. 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:

- 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 Semesters); 213 (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, sign and forward the form to the State CIF.
- c. The State CIF, upon receipt and approval of the application, will process the form to the state associations involved, and to the National Federation (if applicable).
- d. The State CIF will be responsible for notifying the appropriate Section, and the Section will notify the school of the final action.
- (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 State CIF will process the request to Section offices on behalf of the invited schools.
- c. Following Section action, the State CIF will return the form to the National Federation for final approval.
- d. The State CIF is responsible for notifying the invited Section of final action.

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 State CIF and the National Federation and the sanction of the appropriate international body involved.

B. Sanctioning of Qualifying Trials

The State 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.

(1) Eligibility of Participants

The hosting entity is responsible for submitting, upon request, to its respective Section Office written verification of all of the following:

a. All participants in the event represent only their respective schools of enrollment; AND

- All participants in the event meet the provisions of the following Bylaws: 203 (Age Requirement), 204 (Eight Semesters), 213 (Amateur Standing), 600 (Outside Teams) and 900 (All-Star Competition); AND
- c. 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.
- D. Traveling School Procedures

Schools wishing to travel internationally to participate in a school sponsored sanctioned event should be aware of the following procedures:

- (1) The traveling school is responsible for the following:
 - Initiating and forwarding the completed State CIF international sanctioning form to its respective Section Office; AND
 - b. Submitting to its respective Section Office written verification of the eligibility of all participants in the event, as stipulated in 705.c.(1) above; AND
 - Obtaining written approval to participate in the event from the appropriate amateur governing body and submitting to the respective Section Office.
- (2) Upon receipt and approval of the completed State CIF international sanctioning form and the appropriate written verifications referenced above, the Section Commissioner will process the application to State CIF Office.
- (3) The State CIF will be responsible for notifying the appropriate Section of final action.

(Revised November 2009 Federated Council)

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.

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 213.

(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.

(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 State 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 311 Donated Equipment) (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 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 or more high schools, or from one or more CIF leagues, or from one 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 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, 209)

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 State CIF Web site (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 May 2007 Federated Council)

1101. SECTION STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEALS PROCEDURES (BYLAWS 203, 204.D. 205.E.)

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.D.); and waiver of the requirement to be passing 20 semester credits of work (Bylaw 205.E.), 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.D. or 205.E., 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 State 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

- 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.

(Revised May 2007 Federated Council)

1102. STATE REVIEW PROCEDURE OF SECTION APPEAL PANEL DECISIONS

Appeals 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 State CIF Executive Director after the Section decision has been made in accordance with the following, if the appellant believes that the Section violated one 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 an appeal, 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 State CIF Student Eligibility Appeals

- (1) An appeal 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 appeal within the 30 calendar day period, the Executive Director will not hear the appeal and the Section's decision, denying eligibility, shall be final.
- (3) If the appeal 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 receiving the appeal, to the Section, and to the appellant. The notice to the Section shall include all documents filed by the appellant.
- (4) The Section may file a response to the appeal within 15 business days after receiving the notice of appeal. The response shall be served on the appellant. The appellant may have five days to file a reply with the Executive Director.
- (5) A written decision of the Executive Director shall be sent to the Section and appellant within 15 business days of receipt of the final reply.

(Revised May 2007 Federated Council)

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;
- 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 APPEAL PROCEDURES INVOLVING MATTERS OTHER THAN STUDENT ELIGIBILITY OR SECTION PLAYOFFS

- A. Appeals of final decisions determined through the Section appeals procedure concerning the Constitution and Bylaws of the State CIF or Section may be presented to the CIF Executive Director for mediation after the Section decision has been made in accordance with the following:
 - (1) 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?
 - (2) Was the Section's decision or action fraudulent?
 - (3) Did the Section act arbitrarily?
 - a. Did the Section have rules and criteria by which it reached its decision?
 - b. Were the Section's rules and criteria reasonable; i.e., do the Section's rules reasonably relate to a legitimate objective?
 - c. Did the Section follow its own rules and criteria?
 - d. 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 this criterion 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 believe the decision.
- B. Upon receiving such an appeal, the Executive Director may, after consultation with the parties to the appeal, schedule a mediation process if, in the judgment of the Executive Director, there is a likelihood of success for this process.

(Revised May 2003 Federated Council)



1105. 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

Each Section shall establish, to the greatest extent possible, a fair procedure to ensure a review of such matters, consister with the time constraints involved. The decision of the Section on such matters will be final.

1106. STATE CIF PLAYOFF APPEALS PROCEDURES

The State CIF 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.

1107. INTER-SECTIONAL DISPUTES PROCEDURE

In the event that two Sections cannot come to a mutual agreement on an issue, a three-person committee composed of the President, President-Elect and Past President, along with the State CIF 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.

1108. 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)

1109. **DELEGATED POWERS**

- A. In emergency situations, the State 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.

1110. 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 214;
- 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.

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, cross country, field hockey, football, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, skiing, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, 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.
- All sports or events not listed as CIF-approved sports need not be conducted under CIF rules or jurisdiction.

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 year in duration.

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. Gymnastic 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 and volleyball, the following rules guide shall be used: Tennis - United States Tennis Association (USTA); Volleyball - United States Volleyball Association (USVBA).

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 athletic contests in any one day.

NOTE: The two-contest maximum rule does not apply to tournaments.

B. Tournaments

All interscholastic athletic tournaments (involving four 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 tournament in the same sport in any one 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.

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 State CIF Federated Council action except where provisions are allowed under National Federation rules.

ARTICLE 130 BOXING

The 1300 series has been incorporated into Bylaw 1200. (Revised May 2008 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 140 BADMINTON

1400. Refer to Section Bylaws.

ARTICLE 150 BASEBALL

1500. PITCHING LIMITATION RULE

Sections shall adopt the following baseball pitching limitation rule: 30 outs and/or three 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 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. 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.

(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council)

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. Utilization of midcourt line.
- C. No 10-second rule in backcourt.
- D. Utilization of five-second count for holding the ball only.

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-PERSON OFFICIATING

Three-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, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball and water polo.

(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council)

1605. COACHES' BOX

A 14-foot coaches' box will be utilized.

(Revised May 2007 Federated Council)

1606. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION PLACEMENT OF SCHOOLS

Each Section will determine the divisional placement for its schools who qualify for the state basketball championships and is required to submit the placement of schools into the five divisions to the State CIF Office no later than December 1. 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 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, but enrollment may not exceed 1,250 Division V As determined by Section, but enrollment may not exceed 500

(Revised May 2008 Federated Council)

1607. **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)

ARTICLE 170

CROSS COUNTRY

1700. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION PLACEMENT OF SCHOOLS

Each Section will determine the divisional placement for its schools who qualify for the state cross country championships and is required to submit the placement of schools into the five divisions to the State CIF Office no later than October 1. 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 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, but enrollment may not exceed 1,250 Division V As determined by Section, but enrollment may not exceed 500

(Revised May 2008 Federated Council)

1701. AUTOMATIC TEAM ENTRIES

Team entries into the 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-year history of the Section team performance in each divisional race:
- C. No Section shall have more than seven team entries in any divisional race.

(Revised May 2002 Federated Council)

1702. INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES TO THE STATE MEET

A maximum of five individuals (not on an automatic team entry), per the criteria in each division, will qualify from Section to State meet finals as follows:

of Section Sections' Five Teams Individual Automatic Qualifiers Qualify to State Meet

Must Finish in the Top

1 8 2 12 3 14 4 16 5 18 6 20

(Revised February 2005 Federated Council)



ARTICLE 180 FIELD HOCKEY

1800. 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.

(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 190 FOOTBALL

1900. 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 letter from a licensed medical practitioner that the student is able to compete at the varsity level;
- C. A signed consent statement from the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, allowing participation at the varsity level;
- D. A statement from the head coach that the student-athlete has the physical and mental maturity to compete at the varsity level;
- E. A statement of compliance must be forwarded by the principal to the respective Section Office verifying that all required documentation has been completed and is on file in the appropriate school office.

(Revised March 2004 Executive Committee)

1901. NUMBER OF PRACTICE DAYS; NO SUNDAY PRACTICE

There shall be no football games until the squad 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 310 for exception).

1902. 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.

1903. 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.

1904. SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Eighth and 9th 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.

1905. NUMBER OF GAMES LIMITATION

A high school football team of any classification or name shall not play more than two games in any eight-day period. A continued game under National Federation football rules shall not be considered in this limitation.

1906. TIE-BREAKER SYSTEM

- A. Each Section is authorized to establish a tie-breaker system for regular season football games and Section playoff football games.
- B. The 10-yard tie breaking procedure as specified in the National Federation Football Rules Book will be utilized to determine a champion in the CIF State Football Championship Bowl Games.

1907. 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.

(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council)

1908. 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)

ARTICLE 200 GOLF

2000. SEASON OF SPORT

Girls golf will be conducted in the fall, while boys golf will be conducted in the spring. (Approved November 1998 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 210 GYMNASTICS

2100. **RULES**

Sections are authorized to use USGF rules for compulsory routines; all optional routines must follow National Federation rules.

ARTICLE 220 LACROSSE

2200. 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.

(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 230 SKIING

2300. Refer to Section Bylaws.

ARTICLE 240 SOCCER

2400. 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.

(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council)

2401. SOCAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ADOPTED

A Southern California boys and girls soccer championship (three divisions) will be held following the completion of Section playoffs for the Central, Los Angeles, San Diego and Southern Sections.

(Approved Federated Council February 2007)

ARTICLE 250 SOFTBALL

2500. LENGTH OF GAME

Sections are authorized to limit junior varsity softball games 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), whichever comes first.

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, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball and water polo.

(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 260 SWIMMING AND DIVING

2600. Refer to Section Bylaws

ARTICLE 270 TENNIS

2700. NORCAL TENNIS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

A Northern California boys and girls team tennis championship will be held following the completion of Section playoffs for the Northern, North Coast, Central Coast, Sac-Joaquin, Oakland and San Francisco Sections. (Approved May 1998 Federated Council)

2701. SOCAL TENNIS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

A Southern California boys and girls team tennis championship will be held following the completion of Section playoffs for the Central, Los Angeles, San Diego and Southern Sections. (WILL BEGIN IN 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR.) (Approved May 2011 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 280 TRACK AND FIELD

2800. 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.

2801. 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)

2802. AT-LARGE ENTRIES

An athlete shall earn an at-large entry into the State Meet if his/her mark at the final Section competition (which qualifies entrants to the State Meet) is equal to or better than the average of the ninth place qualifying marks to the State Meet finals from the three most recent years.

(Approved May 2000 Federated Council)



ARTICLE 290 VOLLEYBALL

2900. 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)

2901. 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.

(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council)

2902. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION PLACEMENT OF SCHOOLS

Each Section will determine the divisional placement for its schools that qualify for the state girls volleyball championships and is required to submit the placement of schools into the five divisions to the State CIF Office no later than October 1. 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 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, but enrollment may not exceed 1,250 Division V: As determined by Section, but enrollment may not exceed 500

(Revised May 2008 Federated Council)

2903. SOCAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ADOPTED

A Southern California boys volleyball championship (three divisions) will be held following the completion of Section playoffs for the Central, Los Angeles, San Diego and Southern Sections. (Approved May 2008 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 300 WATER POLO

3000. CLOCKS

It is recommended, but not required, that clocks used in conducting water polo contests be visible to the participants

3001. 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.

(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 310 WRESTLING

3100. 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 days of practice before the student can compete in a meet or tournament.

3101. **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 3101 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 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.

(Revised November 2009 Federated Council)

3102. **WEIGH-INS**

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- All CIF-member schools must follow all National Federation rules and procedures concerning weigh-ins. A.
 - (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 for the following year and cannot financially benefit from any other tournament for that year. In addition, the Section may impose the following additional sanctions:
 - The hosting school is placed on probation.
 - b. Reduction of maximum number of matches.
- В. California provides 14 weight classes per NFHS rules and the two-pound growth allowance to each weight class on January 15.
- C. Each coach is required to bring his/her team's NWCA 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. Each wrestler is required to weigh in with his/her NWCA 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)

3103. CIF WRESTLING WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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 NWCA 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**

- For all initial assessments, Bioelectrical Impedance will be the only method utilized to determine each wrestler's body fat percentage. Refractometers will be utilized to determine hydration levels through analysis of urine. Only measurements taken by persons who have successfully completed 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 Section sponsored regional testing clinic. No wrestler may compete until the athlete has had a certified minimum wrestling weight determined by the NWCA Optimal Performance Calculator and it appears on the school's NWCA Pre-Match Weigh-In Form. 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 NWCA 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:
 - If the certified minimum weight, at 7% or 12% body fat, is exactly that of one 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 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.

B. **Time Period for Assessments**

- No wrestler may compete until he/she has participated in an initial assessment and his/her name and data are included on the school NWCA Pre-Match Weigh-In Form and Alpha Master Report.
- The specific gravity of the urine, as determined by a refractometer analysis, will determine whether a (2)candidate may participate in an assessment on any date. A specific gravity result of less than or equal to 1.025 is required in order to participate in the body assessment. Any wrestler not passing the urine specific gravity test must wait a minimum of 24 hours in order to be retested.
- Assessments may begin on October 15 of each school year. Wrestlers may be measured any time on (3) 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.
 - Hardship Exceptions
 - Appeals may be submitted to the Section office for the following two exceptions only:
 - Assessment Exception One: A student under doctor's care may be assessed after January 15 before the student competes or within seven days, whichever comes first, following the student's release from the doctor.



- (ii) Assessment Exception Two: A student who becomes eligible after January 15 may be assessed after January 15 before the student competes or within seven days, whichever comes first, following the student becoming scholastically and/or residentially eligible.
- (4) 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 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. Bioelectrical Impedance Assessment Data Forms.
 - b. Plastic collection cups to conduct urine specific gravity tests.
 - c. Two 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;
 - (iii) Assist with urine specific gravity testing.
- (3) Bioelectrical Impedance 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 faxed to the appropriate Section office. Wrestlers may not compete at their waiver weight class until the completed waiver form, with all four required signatures, has been received by the appropriate Section office. The waiver weight class is valid for one 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.

E. Growth Allowance

 The NFHS Wrestling Rules provide a two-pound growth allowance on January 15 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.
- NOTE: a. A wrestler shall not wrestle more than one 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 weight class below his/her lowest allowable weight class per his/her NWCA Pre-Match Weigh-in Form, he/she is eligible per NFHS Rule 4-4-2 to only wrestle at the lower of the two weight classes listed for that day on his/her NWCA Pre-Match Weigh-In Form
 - c. If a wrestler weighs in two or more weight classes below his/her lowest allowable weight class per his/her NWCA 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 NWCA 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 weight class above that class for which the actual weight, at the time of weigh in, qualifies the competitor.

G. Appeal of Assessment Results

- (1) Any athlete may appeal his/her initial assessment results one 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.
 - 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 through seven 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 Bioelectrical Impedance Assessment Data Form.
- c. Reassessment includes hydration and Bioelectrical Impedance assessment.
- d. 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 through seven 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.
- Bod Pod assessment must be conducted before the wrestler participates in interscholastic competition.
- d. 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 NWCA Optimal Performance Calculator are the responsibility of the school or parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver.
- (2) Charges for Bioelectrical Impedance assessment 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 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, physicians 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 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 CIF Head Master Assessor from each Section. Recertified Head Master Assessors will then conduct recertification clinics for CIF Master Assessors within each local Section.
 - CIF Master Assessors will conduct all recertification training programs for CIF Certified Assessors.
 - Recertification of CIF Certified Assessors will require a minimum of one-hour training.
- (8) Data Collection
 - a. The CIF will provide the reporting forms.
 - b. The assessor will conduct all Bioelectrical Impedance measurements.
 - c. The assessor will provide the supplies to conduct the urine specific gravity test.
 - d. The assessor will be responsible for posting all wrestler data to the NWCA Web site within 72 hours after the initial assessment is made.
 - e. Failed urine tests will not be reported to the CIF.

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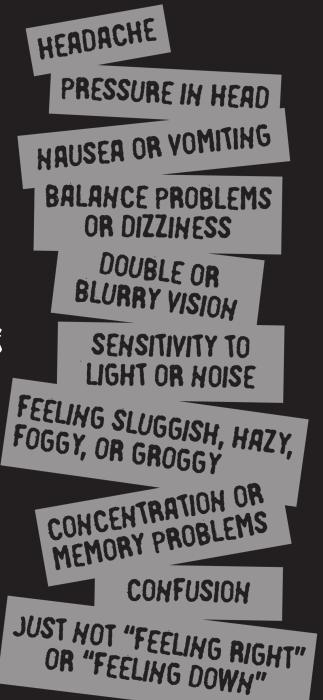


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POLICIES OF THE CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION

- Financial Principles and Audit Policy
 (Approved May 1995 Federated Council)
- Equity Complaint and Appeal Procedures
 (Revised February 2001 Federated Council)
- 3. Policies and Procedures for New Events (Revised May 2003 Federated Council)
- 4. Investment Policy for the California Interscholastic Federation (Revised February 2003 Federated Council)
- Declared Emergency Policy(Approved May 2005 Federated Council)

FINANCIAL PRINCIPLES AND AUDIT POLICY

1. GUIDING PRINCIPLE FOR FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

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. (Approved May 1995 Federated Council)

2. PRINCIPLES GUIDING POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION

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 database 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.

(Approved May 1995 Federated Council)



3. POLICIES RELATED TO AUDITS

The following are policies related to audits:

- A. A thorough yearly audit shall be required at the State CIF 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. Procedure 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.

(Approved 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 State CIF 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.

(Approved June 1999 Executive Committee)

5. LEGAL EXPENSES, LIABILITY INSURANCE COSTS AND SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

Each year the State CIF 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.

(Approved June 1999 Executive Committee)

EQUITY COMPLAINT AND APPEAL PROCEDURE

The following is a <u>model</u> 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.

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 Title 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.

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.

2. COMPLAINT PROCEDURE FOR LOCAL LEVELS

The sports-related gender equity complaint should be processed using the local School District's <u>Uniform Complaint Procedures</u> 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, etc.

It is noted that the Office For Civil Rights requires filing a complaint within <u>six months</u> of the knowledge of such a violation. Concurrent complaint filings with the Office For Civil Rights are at the discretion of the complainant.



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.

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.

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)

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 <u>NOT</u> 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 <u>six months</u> of the knowledge of such a violation. Concurrent complaint filings with Office For Civil Rights are at the discretion of the complainant.

ALL LEVELS (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

New events conducted by the CIF under the philosophy of the CIF would provide the best possible educational environment for our member schools. The criteria and procedures for development and approval of invitational and championship activities that provide equitable opportunities for student athletes and promote the values and goals of CIF within a financially responsible framework are as follows:

PHILOSOPHICAL CRITERIA FOR NEW EVENTS

Any CIF sponsored Invitational, Regional or State Championship 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.

PROPOSALS FOR NEW EVENTS

All proposal(s) submitted must fall under CIF Bylaw 1200, CIF-Approved Sports, regardless of the author, must include the following information:

I. QUALIFYING PARTICIPATION CRITERION FOR A NEW EVENT

A. CIF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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.

- B. CIF REGIONIAL CHAMPIONSHIP
 - At least 50% of a regions sections participate in the sport in the same season.
- C. CIF INVITATIONAL EVENTS

Provide opportunities for a sport that does not meet the above state criteria for regional or state championships.

II. FEASIBILITY

- A. Can the 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 or must the event be sustained by excess revenue from other Regional or State Championships?
- 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.

III. FINANCIAL CRITERIA FOR NEW EVENTS SPONSORED BY CIF

- A. Proposals for a new event must include detailed, specific estimated reimbursable expenses to participating member schools using the State CIF Reimbursement Formula.
- B. Proposals for a new event must included detailed, specific estimates of all administrative and staffing expenses associated with the proposed new event. Consideration must be given in proposals to mitigating expenses of new events.

IV OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/QUESTION

The following are recommendations/questions that should be addressed within the proposal:

- A. What is the benefit to participating schools and students?
- B. 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.
- C. Is there a conflict with state mandated testing?
- D. Does the event cause additional loss of instructional time? If so, has any thought been given to mitigating this loss (Saturday contests, 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?
- 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 duties and responsibilities of the Section and State entities? If there is to be risk/profit sharing, 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 students/schools.
- K. Does the new events place Section championships at risk financially?
- L. Does the new event cause a burden on any Section budget?

V. PROCESS FOR SUBMISSION OF NEW EVENT PROPOSAL

- A. Proposals for new events must follow the timetable established by the Championships and New Events Committee to ensure timely implementation that meets the requirements of the CIF including, but not limited to equity and staffing.
- B. Process for proposals for championships:
 - (1) Proposals must be submitted for committee review by May 1.
 - (2) Sub-committee of Events Committee will review proposals by June 1.
 - (3) Commissioners will review proposals in mid-June.
 - (4) Events Committee develops recommendation for Federated Council September.
 - (5) Federated Council First Reading November
 - (6) Federated Council Action February
 - (Revised May 2003 Federated Council)

Revised Federated Council May 2009

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.
 - 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**

- 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%
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:

LOCAL

A. 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.

2. STATE

- If a state emergency is declared, all schools/school districts will determine whether they should postpone scheduled contests.
- B. If a school/school district determines it is in its community's best interest to postpone a scheduled contest that is a decision that rest with the principals of both schools after consulting with each other. Nevertheless, if one principal decides it is in the best interests of his/her school not to play, the contest will be postponed and rescheduled.
- C. 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.
- D. 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.

3. NATIONAL

If a national emergency is declared the CIF will follow all directives and will determine whether play should continue or not.

A. 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.

B. 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.

(Approved May 2005 Federated Council)







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Most athletes play sports without injury. Sometimes a player may receive a blow to the heart but not recognize they have an injury that may require medical attention

The appearance of any of these symptoms may signify a head injury that requires immediate medical attention. Regert to the nearest emergency room or call 911.

- Headache
- Nazzea Balance problems and dizziness Double or fuzzy vision Sensitivity to light or noise

- Feeling sluggish
 Feeling "foggy"
 Change in sleep pattern
 Difficulty remembering secant events

- Change in personality or incremed initiability Difficulty concentrating May experience initial improvement followed by worsening symptoms. Symptoms and worsen with exercise.

(EXTILMED MIEVELY 19) HEAT THE NEXT

Brink Up. Orink plenty of fluids before practice. To be properly hydrated your union should be a light color, like week lemonade. If it is dark like apple juice you are NOT hydrated.

Allow your body time. Your body will adapt to the hot summer heat, but it will take up to 1.4 days. Start off slowly and increase practice intensity and duration over the first two weeks of training. Start slowly.

there finish close within arm's reach. Fluids should be easily accessible during workcom, practice and games. Drink other, Take fluid breaks on a regular schedule and drink at least 7-10 or every 10-20 minutes.

Drink it - Den't peur itt. While it might teet good to pour fluid over your head, it won't help rectore body fluids or lower body temperature.

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1942

J.R. Altucker M.G. Blair J.F. Graham A.B. Ingham D.R. Lighter S.C. McIntosh H.J. Moore C.L. Reeves D.P. Snyder

1943

E.O. Talbot

A.C. Stevens Jr.

1948

Herman Spindt

1950

Vern S. Landreth Delmer S. Marshall Dr. F.T. Ship

1954

F.L. Dougherty W.B. Knowles H.R. Olson

1959

C.C. Conrad Paul Goodwin Winston Nelson

Norman MacDonald Oliver Corbin

1962

Edwin Hendrix Bruce Kirkpatrick H.W. Jennings O.I. Schmaelzle Bryce Schurr

1965

Frank Hopkins Ralph Kauer William Schlechte Harold Whitlock George Williamson

1967

Robert Ashton Donald Bell Keith Gunn

1971

Sam Benedettino Grant Jensen Keith Lee Jack Mann Bill Russell John Sanders

1973

Alex Alexander Clarke Coover Louis Jones Steve Militich Aldo Nelson G.W. Quade Norman Schachter 1974

Gene Arnold Ferren Christenson George Egling Howard Henderson Jack Lytton Floyd Williams

1975

Tony Balsamo Jim Cheffers Paul Gaddini John Klumb Saul Madjes Richard Neal

1978

Wilbur Concklin Richard Cordano Kathy Haines Doug Pederson Mary Reed Stanton Tong Art Williams

1979

Pat Harvey Judy Steele

1980

Barbara Beard Thomas Byrnes Bill Elam James Kearney Elmer Malakoff Vance Nelson Larry Rice Bob Steuart Kendall Webb

1981

Carl Berra Merritt Gilbert Richard Jackson Dale Lacky Robert Loveland Martin Murray Hanford Rants John Rilev Gloria Webster Barbara Wilson

1982

Vincentine Contrero Robert Hagler Carol Johnson Lou Joseph Joyce Murray

George Bergna Sister Mary Brennan Eleanor Brown Jug Covich Bob Packer Andy Patterson Ray Plutko Janine Stark

1984

Margaret Davis Mary Anne Houx Bruce Keuning Gale Martella Neal Olson

Moses Chavez Gregg Lemaster Linda Ritchie

Ray Bell Dan Fukushima Rudy Gatti Jack Hayes Anne Heinline Donald Holmstedt Phillip Lum Lew Pebbles Robert Thomas Rene Townsend

Jennifer Earle Don Grady Joan King Melinda Self

Cynthia Grennan Patrick Mauch Charles Nelson Ron Walters

Darold Adamson Dennis Chaconas Hal Harkness Jon Mayhew Richard Nelson Roger Oraze Stan Thomas

Orlando Chiavini Pat Valladao

Marie Ishida Tom Jacobson Sheri Ross Gary Smidderks

James Fleming Patricia Geister Sue Kamiyama Nancy Lazenby Blaser Jim Olson Charles Rowins Hollis Shannon

1993

Jim Bailey Tony Guevara Augie Herrera Jan Jessop Dina Lowe Maureen Sanders Jo Ann Smith Steve Stearns Laurence Strauss

1994

Don Bell Joanne Grimm Jerry Laird Daryl Talken Fred Tempes

Ken Gunn Darrell Ovid John Tarman

1996

Charley Berger Gwen Chan Karen Childs Dean Crowley Jim Duel Bob Ferguson Barbara Fiege Margie Godfrey Steve Hirabayashi Dotty McCrea Pete Saco

1997

Virgina Behm-Suiste Charles Bononi Mike Henson Jerry Laird Tom Triggs Wanda Wach

1998

Frank Anderson Jim Arnaiz Jerry Luzar Ellen Posey Bob Wallace

Robert Kladifko Lorraine Martinez-Ohlson Mattie Walker

Elias Chamorro Sally Chou Carnell Edwards Tom Ehrhorn Rob Grialou Mary Lou Guy David Jackson Greg Sanchez Larry Yeghoian

2001

Kim Brown Lars Christensen Cheryl Ernst Dave Reid Tom Schroeder

2002

Allen Abraham Ed Brand Camille Maben Calvin Meek Ray Odom Steve Raupp Jan Smith Billing Jim Staunton Brad Syth Lois Walker Kathy Wheeler

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Susana Arce Pam Bradford Paul Breit Nancy Evangelho Shanda Hahn William Hooper Nancy Veilleux

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Dennis Ackerman Don Collins Jim Crichlow Trudy McCulloch Brian McKibben Sister Cheryl Milner Anthony Monreal Dennis Regalado Jeff Reich Jose Reves John Williams Diane Wilson-Graham

John Dahlem Lynn Dodd Mike Duncan George Hinds Andrew Ishibashi William McLaughlin Susan Saunders

2006

Ray Alvarado Marci Cranford Heather Daims Tony Ortega Marilyn Wheeler

2007

Earl Haugen Elizabeth Kyle Kim McEwen Richard Morris Jim Rear Rick Spears Doug Walker

2008

Dick Fukuda Catherine Manthey Jennifer Owen

Nancy Acerrio Sheilagh Andujar Mary Barsaleau Jeff Cardoza Dave Contreras James Perry Karl Stemmler Ralf Swenson Kim Wheeler

2010

Diane Burbank Cindy Cunningham Richard Graey Bill Kappenhagen Nancy Lambert Michael Lewis Keith Mathews Thom Sembritzki

2011

William Dabbs Michael Garrison



HISTORICAL SKETCH

The California Interscholastic Federation was organized on March 28, 1914. Will C. Wood was State Commissioner of Secondary Education at the time. He was a man of great wisdom, vision and comprehension. It was his wish to see formed a statewide organization which would give direction to the high school athletic program and make it educational and constructive. He made the following statement in his call for the formation of the organization:

"For a long time we have recognized the need for general faculty control of interschool activities. Each high school principal may control student activities within his own school, but he feels the need of general control when his students are competing with the students of other schools. In consequence of a lack of general organization, many abuses have grown up in interschool contests. In many instances, interschool athletic contests are positively harmful because of these abuses. We are faced with a condition, not a theory. High school athletics are with us and they are generally regarded as a natural means of expression for adolescent human beings. However, they must be controlled if they are to serve their real purpose in moral and physical training. School activities that are allowed to run wild, militate against, rather than assist in the development of character. All of us must realize the need for a greater moral emphasis in athletics and this can be secured through statewide control." ----- Will C. Wood

CIF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

E. W. Barnhart	July 1914 - February 1915
C.L. Biedenbach	February 1915 - December 1937
A. B. Ingham	December 1937 - June 1955
William Russell	July 1955 - June 1980
Thomas E. Byrnes	1980 - 1995
Jack J. Hayes	1995 - 2001
Marie M. Ishida	2001 - current

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A.M. Simmons	1914 - 1918
W.C. Wilson	1919 - 1920
Harry J. Moore	1920 - 1953
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Winston Nelson	1959 - 1961
Otto I. Schmaelzle	1962
Norman MacDonald	1962 - 1965
Bryce Schurr	1966 - 1968
Edwin A. Hendrix	1969 - 1971
George Miskulin	1972 - 1974
Steve Miletich	1975 - 1977
Dale Lacky	1978 - 1980
John Sanders	1981 - 1983

Tony Balsamo	1983 - 1986
Vance Nelson	1986 - 1988
Neal Olsen	1988 - 1990
Robert Packer	1990 - 1992
Richard Nelson	1992 - 1994
Marie Ishida	1994 - 1996
Ken Gunn	1996 - 1998
Steve Hirabayashi	1998 - 2000
Charley Berger	2000 - 2002
Cheryl Ernst	2002 - 2004
Bob Wallace	2004 - 2006
Kathy Wheeler	2006 - 2008
Mike Henson	2008 - 2010
Heather Daims	2010-Present

GAME MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

What follows are game management guidelines as adopted by the State CIF Federated Council. The guidelines include recommended roles for every participant in a contest and are meant to be used in high schools as preparations begin each year for athletics. The guidelines, in whole or in part, are designed for adaptation into district or school policy regarding athletics.

The recommended policy is a means to improve sportsmanship by all participants in high school athletics. Please post these guidelines, or feel free to reprint for distribution to coaches, players, spectators etc.

RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES FOR GAME MANAGEMENT

Believing that working toward prevention is better than seeking a cure, the CIF offers the following guidelines to aid in planning crowd control strategy which will help insure the safety of contestants and fans. Good sportsmanship must become a common goal.

- 1. Schools should understand the true purposes of athletic contests and educate their parents to that purpose. Athletic contests are not to become rivalries to the point of losing the primary objective of the game.
 - A. Provide worthwhile educational experiences for all students, players, and spectators.
 - B. Provide enjoyable recreation regardless of whether the game is won or lost.
- A full knowledge of each game's rules applying to sportsmanship which have their purpose to enhance the educational values of
 interscholastic athletics should be taught. How these are taught will depend upon the innovation of the school personnel. Schools might
 be wise to insert in their eligibility rules some concern over misconduct of players.
- 3. Copies of game rules pertaining to sportsmanship should be made available to fans. These rules could be printed in the game programs, along with the sport's recent rule changes. In the buildings where contests are being held, bulletin boards and other means of conveying the information can be used to inform the public.
- 4. Leadership must be provided by the high school faculty with the superintendent or principal leading the way and delegating authority.
- 5. Supervisory/security personnel, including appropriate use of law enforcement stationed at strategic points and alerted to potential problems, will help prevent conflicts.
- 6. All schools should inform their personnel involved in any contest that there is a specific role for the visiting participants to play as well as the host school. Amenities and courtesies should be displayed and extended to the visiting organizations without flaunting of rivalries
- Spectators should not be allowed to enter or remain in the area where a contest is being held if they are observed in the possession of
 alcohol or other mood altering substances or are believed to be under the influence of these substances.
- 8. In the event a spectator assaults an official or any individual at an interscholastic association contest, the host school shall take all appropriate action to maintain order and in the event a disruption of order occurs, immediately restore peace. Schools should work together and be alert to potential dangers in their own communities and when they are visiting other communities.

COACHING STAFF

Coaches bear the greatest burden of responsibility for sportsmanship. Their influence upon the attitudes and behavior of the players, the student body, and the community is unequaled. In order for good sportsmanship to become a reality, it is essential that coaches subscribe to the values of sportsmanship and teach its principles through word and deed. Specifically, it is recommended that coaches:

- 1. Always set a good example for others to follow;
- 2. Instruct the players about their sportsmanship responsibilities;
- 3. Must control their players. There will be consequences for those players who display unsportsmanlike conduct;
- 4. Be a good host to opponents; treat them as guests;
- 5. Respect the official's judgment and interpretation of the rules;
- 6. Publicly display respect and sportsmanship to officials before, during and after the contest;
- 7. Take all appropriate steps to be knowledgeable of rules and interpretations.

PLAYERS

The responsibility of the players for sportsmanship is extremely important. Because players are admired and respected, they exert a significant influence over the actions and behavior of the spectators. Desirable behavior for players would be as follows:

- 1. Treat opponents with respect that is due them as guests and fellow human beings;
- 2. Exercise self-control at all times, accepting decisions and abiding by them;
- 3. Respect the official's judgment and interpretations of the rules. Never argue or make gestures indicating dislike for a decision;
- 4. CIF Bylaw 522 addresses consequences for inappropriate behavior.

CHEERLEADERS AND OTHER SPIRIT GROUPS

Cheerleaders must play a vital role in promoting a positive attitude.

- 1. Stimulate and control crowd response.
- 2. Choose the right cheers and the right time.
- 3. Be certain that words used in a cheer do not inflame the audience.
- 4. Use gestures that are synchronized, pleasing to watch, and easy to follow.
- 5. Divert the crowd's attention by starting a popular yell if booing develops.
- Cheer for your team.

STUDENTS

Student's habits and reaction as spectators determine the quality of sportsmanship which reflects upon the reputation of the school. Profane and abusive language and obnoxious behavior have no place at an athletic contest.

- 1. Know and demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- 2. Respect and cooperate with the cheerleaders.



- Respect the property of the school and the authority of the school officials.
- 4. Show respect for an injured player.
- 5. Show positive support at all times.
- Cheer for your team.

SPECTATORS

Fan behavior, whether at home or away at athletic contests, reflects on the entire community. Home fans should treat visitors with respect. Similarly, visiting fans should treat their hosts - both individuals and property - with the proper appreciation.

- 1. Know and demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- 2. Be positive. Cheer for your team rather than against the opposition.
- 3. Refrain from booing and name calling.
- 4. Respect the official's judgment and interpretation of the rules.
- 5. Exhibit respect for visiting and home coaches.

OFFICIALS

- 1. Know the rules and accepted officiating procedures.
- 2. Make decisions fairly and; be consistent.
- 3. Be on time and start the game on time.
- 4. During the pre-game conference inform captains/teams that you expect them to exhibit sportsmanship-like behavior and demand it from all team members.

POLICE, SECURITY AND/OR STAFF SUPERVISORS

- Check with the game site administrator/manager prior to the contest time for assignments.
- Arrive on time
- 3. Discourage small groups from gathering near entrances and exits.
- 4. Keep playing area clear of spectators before, during, and after the contests.
- 5. Survey the area after the contest.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

- Arrange for a supervision and crowd control meeting before each season of sport with inclusion of appropriate personnel to ensure a
 safe, orderly, enjoyable event. Distribute game management plan and assignments to appropriate personnel and participants before the
 contest.
- Maintain awareness of events which might require additional supervision.
- 3. Check the physical facility to see that it is in the best possible condition to accommodate crowds.
- Provide first-aid capability and/or medical doctor availability as needed.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR/GAME ADMINISTRATOR

- 1. Review game management responsibilities.
- Explore crowd control ideas with other schools.
- 3. Discuss crowd control with civic and/or booster organizations.
- Schedule preseason school meetings, assemblies with students to review contest rules, good sportsmanship, and spectator behavior.
- 5. Review with security personnel their assignments prior to each contest.
- 6. Review assignments with staff prior to each contest.
- 7. Assure that officials and their dressing area are taken care of in the proper manner.
- 8. Meet with officials and identify administrative contact.
- 9. Announce that no spectator is allowed on area of competition during a contest.
- 10. Assure that security personnel are properly supervised.
- 11. Provide supervision after the contest to ensure a safe environment.

RECOMMENDED SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING TO GAME OFFICIALS

PROVIDING FOR THE GAME OFFICIAL...

It is recommended that:

- 1. 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, dressing facility assignment, and parking;
- 2. The officials dressing facilities be open at halftime and immediately after the contest;
- 3. At the completion of the contest, the officials dressing facilities remain secured for at least 30 minutes in football and 20 minutes in all other sports. Coaches and other school personnel should not enter an officials dressing area for the purpose of complaints;
- Coaches publicly display respect and sportsmanship before, during, and after a contest;
- 5. Coaches and school personnel should not make public statements to the news media criticizing officials;
- 6. School personnel 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;
- Athletic administrators convey to their coaching staff that if there is a problem regarding the officiating, it should be referred first to the
 principal or designee who will be responsible for filing the proper forms according to section guidelines;
- 8. School staff assure that officials are able to proceed to dressing facilities after the contest without confrontation;
- School game management representative meet with the officials prior to the contest for introductions and discussion of potential situations.

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