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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 9-12), and establish agreed upon minimum standards for certain aspects of the interscholastic athletic program; to guide schools and school districts in the discharge of their responsibilities for, among other considerations, the health, safety, general welfare and educational opportunities of the students taking part in interscholastic athletics.
B. The CIF is limited to facilitating the establishment of these regulations and minimum standards and to the application of appropriate sanctions when failure to meet these standards, rules and regulations comes to the attention of the CIF.
C. To cultivate cordial and friendly relations among schools through good standards of sportsmanship.
D. To promote the acceptance of the CIF Operating Principles and Code of Ethics of the California Interscholastic Federation.
NOTE: The CIF Operating Principles are defined as the 16 Principles of the Pursuing Victory with Honor® 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.
(Adopted May 2001 Federated Council)

12. CIF OPERATING PRINCIPLES/PURSUITING VICTORY WITH HONOR®
The CIF Operating Principles are the 16 Principles of the Pursuing Victory with Honor® program as follows:
A. 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”;
B. It’s the duty of school boards, superintendents, school administrators, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and school sports leadership (including coaches, athletic administrators, program directors and game officials) to promote sportsmanship and foster good character by teaching, enforcing, advocating and modeling these “six pillars of character”;
C. To promote sportsmanship and foster the development of good character, school sports programs must be conducted in a manner that enhances the academic, emotional, social, physical and ethical development of student-athletes and teaches them positive life skills that will help them become personally successful and socially responsible;
D. Participation in school sports programs is a privilege, not a right. To earn that privilege, student-athletes must abide by the rules and they must conduct themselves, on and off the field, as positive role models who exemplify good character;
E. School boards, superintendents, school administrators, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and school sports leadership shall establish standards for participation by adopting and enforcing codes of conduct for coaches, athletes, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and spectators;
F. All participants in high school sports must consistently demonstrate and demand scrupulous integrity and observe and enforce the spirit as well as the letter of the rules;
G. The importance of character, ethics and sportsmanship should be emphasized in all communications directed to student-athletes and their parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver;
H. School boards, superintendents, school administrators, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and school sports leadership must ensure that the first priority of their student-athletes is a serious commitment to getting an education and developing the academic skills and character to succeed;
I. School boards, superintendents, principals, school administrators and everyone involved at any level of governance in the CIF must maintain ultimate responsibility for the quality and integrity of CIF programs. Such individuals must assure that education and character development responsibilities are not compromised to achieve sports performance goals and that the academic, social, emotional, physical and ethical well-being of student-athletes is always placed above desires and pressures to win;
J. All employees of member schools must be directly involved and committed to the academic success of student-athletes and the character-building goals of the school;
K. Everyone involved in competition including parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, spectators, associated 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;
L. School boards, superintendents and school administrators of CIF member schools must ensure that coaches, whether paid or voluntary, are competent to coach. Training or experience may determine minimal competence. These competencies include basic knowledge of:
(1) The character building aspects of sports, including techniques and methods of teaching and reinforcing the core values comprising sportsmanship and good character;
(2) The physical capabilities and limitations of the age group coached as well as first aid; AND
(3) Coaching principles and the rules and strategies of the sport.
M. Because of the powerful potential of sports as a vehicle for positive personal growth, a broad spectrum of school sports experiences should be made available to all of our diverse communities;
N. To safeguard the health of athletes and the integrity of the sport, school sports programs must actively prohibit the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and performance-enhancing substances, as well as demand compliance with all laws and regulations, including those related to gambling and the use of drugs;
O. Schools that offer athletic programs must safeguard the integrity of their programs. Commercial relationships should be continually monitored to ensure against inappropriate exploitation of the school’s name or reputation. There should be no undue influence of commercial interests. In addition, sports programs must be prudent, avoiding undue dependency on particular companies or sponsors;
P. The profession of coaching is a profession of teaching. Along with the mental and physical dimensions of their sport, coaches, through word and example, must also strive to build the character of their athletes by teaching them to be trustworthy, respectful, responsible, fair, caring and good citizens.

(Approved February 2002 Federated Council)

13. PROPERTY
The property of this organization is irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes, meeting the requirements for exemption provided by Section 214 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. No part of the net income or assets of this organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof nor to the benefit of any private persons. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the organization, which is dedicated to charitable and educational purposes meeting the requirements for exemption provided by Section 214 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this organization, shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If this organization holds any assets in trust, such assets must be disposed of in such manner as may be directed by decree of the Superior Court of the county in which the organization has its principal office, upon petition therefore by the Attorney General or any other person concerned in the liquidation, in a proceeding to which the Attorney General is a party.

14. NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY
It is the policy of the CIF not to discriminate on the basis of 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 school year. Any Section or Allied Organization which has an odd number of representatives on the Federated Council shall achieve gender balance as closely as possible, unless the Allied Organization has only a single representative. Any Section of more than two 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.


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/Board Structure

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

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

6. **Submit to Section 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

(Approved May 2002 Federated Council)

D. **Guidelines/Criteria for a New Section Formation**

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

1. Sections shall abide by the CIF Constitution, Bylaws and the Operating Principles of the organization as found in the Pursuing Victory with Honor Program.
2. All Sections shall be contiguous.
3. Sections shall be geographically configured, considering physical and natural boundaries.
4. Section formation shall be flexible and responsive to address the changing demographics and long-term growth in California.
5. Section formation shall address the needs of all schools, non-public and public schools, within the geographic boundaries of the new Section.
6. Sections shall consist of multiple leagues.
7. Sections shall consist of multiple school districts.
8. Sections shall have sufficient resources to provide adequate governance and services to their member schools.
9. Section formation shall take into consideration the financial impacts on local schools.
10. Section formation application must address the impact on opportunities to participate in State Championships.
11. Sections must be of sufficient size to address issues of economic viability, competitive opportunities and State competitions.

(Approved May 2002 Federated Council)

22. **MEMBERSHIP/CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP**

A. Membership in the California Interscholastic Federation shall be open to public, charter and private high schools of the State of California. The CIF Section in which the school is located may grant membership according to the Section’s policies and
B. As a condition of membership and continuing membership a member school agrees to:

1. 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 Honor, 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;
   d. Sport physiology: principles of training; fitness for sport; development of a training program; nutrition for athletes; and the harmful effects associated with the use of steroids and performance-enhancing dietary supplements by adolescents;
   e. Sport management: team management; risk management; and working within the context of an entire school program;
   f. Training: certification in CPR and first aid, that includes training in signs and symptoms of concussions;
   g. Knowledge of, and adherence to, statewide rules and regulations; as well as school regulations including, but not necessarily limited to, eligibility, gender equity and discrimination;
   h. Sound planning and goal setting; AND
   i. A school/district may use a coach that does not meet these standards for one 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, as determined by the local administration, is exempt from this provision. The above certification is transferable between/among CIF member schools. Coaches may need to complete additional local school or school district requirements.

NOTE: Definition of a coach, paid or unpaid: Any individual that the school/district is required to approve under Title V, California Code of Regulations, Section 5593 and 5594 and/or under California Education Code 35179-35179.7, 49032 and 4125.01-45125.1.

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
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 an investigation of possible violations of the Constitution or Bylaws as well as the nature and extent of any investigation that may be conducted and the procedures to be used in any such investigation. Factors to be considered by the Executive Director or Section Commissioner in making these determinations may include, but are not limited to:
   a. The seriousness of the alleged violation;
   b. Any other factor the Executive Director or Section Commissioner may deem relevant in making these decisions.

3. A violation of the 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.

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

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

(NOTE Approved January 2008 Federated Council)

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.

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

MEMBERSHIP

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

A. Representatives elected from each Section shall be elected to hold office for two (2) years. If a Section has more than one 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
Each Allied Organization represented on the Federated Council shall:

CRITERIA FOR ALLIED ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP ON THE STATE CIF FEDERATED COUNCIL

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:

1. Conduct meetings, hearings and decision making involving the CIF, interscholastic athletics and/or other legislative matters in open session with a view to transparency, providing opportunity for membership/public input reflecting the intention of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et.seq.);
2. Validate the viable system of communication by showing agenda, minutes and membership present when decisions were made regarding CIF, interscholastic athletics and/or legislative decisions that impact CIF and/or interscholastic athletics;
3. Submit as part of the request for inclusion all documentation of communications made by the organization regarding CIF philosophy, policies and procedures that has been forwarded to their membership;
4. Submit as part of the request for inclusion all documentation of communications received from their membership regarding any CIF philosophy, policies and procedures.

F. Have a commitment to providing educational opportunities for students through interscholastic athletics. Prior to being formally accepted as an Allied Organization, each interested group, including those presently represented on the Federated Council, shall complete a Request for Inclusion application. An organization’s request for inclusion on the Federated Council as an Allied Organization must be submitted to the Executive Director by January 15 of the school year prior to the desired effective date of inclusion. The request will be reviewed by a membership committee designated by the Executive Committee. A recommendation by the membership committee for approval or disapproval of the Request for Inclusion will be made to the Executive Committee.

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)
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.

(Approved May 1997 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. 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.).
(Approved October 2000 Federated Council/Revised May 2003 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 5
FINANCES

50. REIMBURSEMENT
Consistent with approved policy, some or all of the expenses of each member of the Federated Council and Section Commissioners may be reimbursed by the Federation for attending meetings of the Council.
51. **ASSESSMENT**
The expenses of the Federated Council shall be met by an assessment levied upon each Section at the beginning of the school year.

**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 1 will be immediately notified of CIF membership suspension effective January 21. Reinstatement of membership will be made upon receipt of assessment that must include all past due and interest charges. Reinstated schools will not be allowed to host any Regional or State playoff contest in any sport for a period of one 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**
(1) Review, monitor and update goals of the CIF as indicated within the CIF strategic plan and/or the committee’s own process and procedures.
(2) Develop operational procedures.
(3) Review annual budgets prior to proposal to the Federated Council.
(4) Set dues.
(5) Act as the decision making body between meetings of the Federated Council when it is not necessary to call an emergency meeting.
(6) Advise the Executive Director or liaise activities with groups and organizations outside the CIF.
(7) Review the agenda of the Federated Council meeting prior to each council meeting.
(8) Review committee reports and presentations prior to the presentation at the Federated Council.
(9) Recommend positions, considerations and actions to the Federated Council.
(10) Employ an Executive Director and contribute to the evaluation of the Executive Director.
(11) Consider and recommend salary and other benefits.
(12) Review and control expenditures and other fiscal operations.
(13) Monitor the office structure and operation.
(14) Advise the Executive Director on issues, programs and matters brought to the committee by the Executive Director.
(15) Other duties as prescribed by the Federated Council.

**B. Composition of the Executive Committee**
(1) Federated Council Officers — President, President-Elect and Past-President; AND
(2) Five additional members who are representatives of Sections/Allied Organizations with no more than one member representing the group of Allied Organizations; AND
(3) 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 one-year 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 tied. 

(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.


**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.

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

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

ARTICLE 10
AMENDMENT, DELEGATES AND MEETINGS

100. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS
A. These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Federated Council by a majority vote.
B. Reconsideration of 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:
   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.)
C. Upon majority action of the Executive Committee, this Bylaw shall be set aside in the event of a need for emergency action. In that event, a majority vote shall prevail.
D. Following adoption of the amendment, the effective date shall be July 1, unless the motion carries a specific implementation date.

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

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

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

103. WEIGHTED VOTING
A. Votes cast at any Federated Council meeting shall be determined according to a weighted voting system. CIF Section votes shall be based upon:
   (1) One (1) vote per 0-25 member schools; Plus
   (2) One (1) vote per 0-25,000 students enrolled in the Section.
B. The Southern Section shall have weighted votes equal to double the second largest Section.
C. The composition of member schools and enrollment shall be reviewed every year based upon the prior year’s CBEDS enrollment and adjusted accordingly.

(Revised May 2000 Federated Council)
D. Weighted votes on the Federated Council shall be allocated as follows: Central 11, Central Coast 13, Los Angeles 14, 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 139).

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

104. AGENDAS
A. 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 website (www.cifstate.org). This guide applies to State meetings as well as to meetings of the Sections and leagues, but does not apply to State and Section appeal hearings involving student eligibility, Section playoffs or appeal hearings of matters other than student eligibility or Section playoffs, pursuant to Bylaws 1100-1103.

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

(Approved May 2001 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 20
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

(200 series revised: May 2007 Federated Council/May 2012 Federated Council)

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

200. CIF STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC COMPETITION

A. Philosophy

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

1. Keep the focus on athletic participation as a privilege not a right;
2. Reinforce the principle that students attend school to receive an education first; athletic participation is secondary;
3. Protect the opportunities to participate for students who meet the established standards;
4. Provide a fundamentally fair and equitable framework in which interscholastic athletic competition can take place;
5. Provide uniform standards for all schools to follow in maintaining athletic competition;
6. Serve as a deterrent to students who transfer schools for athletic reasons and to individuals who recruit student-athletes;
7. Serve as a deterrent to students who transfer schools to avoid disciplinary action;
8. Maintain an ethical relationship between high school athletic programs and others who demonstrate an interest in high school athletes;
9. Support the Principles of “Pursuing Victory with Honor...”

B. Rules

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

1. Philosophy statement (Bylaw 200)
2. Accurate information requirement (Bylaw 202)
3. Age requirement (Bylaw 203)
4. Eight Consecutive Semesters requirement (Bylaw 204)
   a. Initial scholastic eligibility (Bylaw 205.A.)
   b. Continuing scholastic eligibility (Bylaw 205.B.)
   c. Summer School Credits [Bylaw 205.B.(3)f.]
   d. Non-Traditional Programs [Bylaw 205.B.(3)g]
   e. Waivers of 20 semester credits requirement (Bylaw 205.C.)
5. Residential Eligibility (Bylaw 206)
   a. Initial residential eligibility (Bylaw 206.A.)
   b. Continuing residential eligibility (Bylaw 206.B.)
   c. Valid change of residence (Bylaw 206.C.)
6. Transfer Eligibility (Bylaw 207)
7. Foreign Exchange Student Eligibility (Bylaw 208)
8. Discipline Eligibility (Bylaw 209)
   a. Expulsion (Bylaw 209.A.)
   b. Suspended Expulsion (Bylaw 209.B.)
   c. Transfer Compelled for Disciplinary Reasons (Bylaw 209.C.)
9. Physical Assault (Bylaw 210)
10. Continuation School eligibility (Bylaw 211)
11. Amateur status requirement (Bylaw 212)
12. Hardship waivers of eligibility standards other than transfer (Bylaw 213)
13. Post-Injunction Remedies (Bylaw 214)
14. Intercollegiate Participation (Bylaw 215)
15. Graduates (Bylaw 216)
   a. Mid-Year/Spring Graduation (Bylaw 216.A.)
   b. California High School Proficiency Exam (Bylaw 216.B.)
201. **STANDARDS OF ELIGIBILITY**

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

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

1. **Enrollment standard required for participation: (Bylaws 201 and 205)**
   a. Students must be enrolled full time (minimum 20 units) at the school for which they are competing. (See also Bylaws 205.B.(1)a., 216, 303, 304, 503.C. & 503.G.)
   b. Students will be considered enrolled in a school for purposes of participation in interscholastic athletics (205.B) when they have:
      i. Been entered as a full-time student [20 units or equivalent in a non-traditional programs; see also Bylaw 205.B.(1)a. and (ii)] on the attendance roll for 15 days or more in classes at that school, whether the student has physically been in attendance at those classes for all 15 days or not; OR
      ii. Participated in a fall sport when the tryouts and/or practices of that team begin before classes at the school begin in the fall. Such a student will be considered to be enrolled during that practice time as long as they have registered for, and are enrolled, as a full-time student for the fall semester of that school year [20 units or equivalent in a non-traditional program; see also Bylaw 205.B.(1)a. and (ii)].

**Q:** My son was not registered for any classes at any school. He was not attending school anywhere because we had just moved here. He enrolled in classes at the new school (CIF Member School A) two (2) weeks after the first day of this school year. When does his 15 days begin?

**A:** Because he was not registered or currently scheduled for classes at any school he is not considered to have been on the attendance roll prior to his actual enrollment. His 15 days would begin on the day he enrolled at the new school, whether he began to attend immediately or whether he was physically in attendance at those classes for all 15 days or not. He would not be eligible to practice or compete with any of this school’s teams until two weeks after the first day of this school year when he was registered and currently scheduled for classes, since he would not have been considered enrolled in this school until that time.

**Q:** My son was registered and scheduled in classes, but due to illness did not begin attending until five (5) days after the school year/term began. When does his 15 days begin?

**A:** Because he was registered and scheduled in classes, even though he was not attending those classes, his 15 days begin the first day of that school year/term.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**A:** No. For eligibility purposes, she is not considered to be enrolled at the new school (School B) since she had not withdrawn from or stopped attending School A and therefore may not participate, practice or compete in any way with their athletic program. If she does, she may be declared to be in violation of Bylaws 207.C.(3) & 510 pre-enrollment contact with the new school (School B) which may jeopardize her athletic eligibility.
e. Students may not practice with or compete for any CIF member school in which they are not enrolled as a full-time student regardless of the sports offerings, or lack thereof, at the school in which they are enrolled.

(2) **Enrollment standard establishing a semester of attendance**

a. The first time any student has been entered on the attendance roll for 15 school days in the 9th grade, and/or in any classes taken subsequent to the completion of the 8th grade, at any school whether the student has physically been in attendance at those classes for all 15 days or not, or has played in an interscholastic athletic contest, the CIF will count that as the student’s first semester of high school eligibility.

**Q: Because of family circumstances, we enrolled our daughter in the 9th grade at a school after her completion of the 8th grade. She was unable to and did not begin attending until a month after school started. Because she was so far behind, we waited until the 2nd semester of that year for her to actually start attending classes. When does her eight (8) semesters begin?**

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

**Q: My son was struggling in the 8th grade. After he completed the 8th grade we decided that he needed some remedial work in order to enter the 9th grade at his local high school. Following his 8th grade year of school, we enrolled him in the fall in (a) Independent Study Program; (b) home schooling; (c) on-line course work. He only took a few credits of remedial work. The following school year we enrolled him as an “official” 9th grader. When does his 8 consecutive semesters begin?**

A: As soon as a student completes 8th grade as a result of completing their 8th grade course work, or because they have graduated from 8th grade, all subsequent coursework, no matter where it is earned (a, b or c above), is considered to be high school courses. Whether the student is enrolled full-time or part time in any such coursework, their eight (8) consecutive semesters begin in the semester immediately subsequent to their completion of 8th grade in the spring. (Typically with a spring 8th grade completion, this is the next fall semester. This does not include summer school).

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

(3) **Enrollment standard establishing students as a transfer (Bylaw 207)**

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

(i) The student has been on the attendance roll of their former school (School A) for 15 days or more for classes occurring at School A, whether or not they have been in attendance during those 15 days; AND/OR

(ii) The student has played in an athletic contest for their former school; AND/OR

(iii) The student has tried out for or practiced with a team prior to the beginning of the school year for five (5) days or more; AND

(iv) That student withdraws from School A or has completed the courses in which they were enrolled in at School A, so that student is no longer enrolled in any way at School A; AND

(v) That student enrolls as a full-time student in a new school (School B);

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

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

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

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

(4) **Enrollment standards for purposes of Bylaw 510 (pre-enrollment contact) (Bylaw 510)**

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

**Q: What may representatives of a senior high school do as far as contact with junior high/middle school students is concerned?**

A: Because a graduate of a junior high/middle school may enter any high school in California and may be residentially eligible in accordance with all CIF rules, contact by senior high school representatives is regulated. Individual coaches cannot visit or initiate contact with junior high/middle school students, but it would be permissible for the school administrator or athletic director (not the coach) of a
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 [coaches, teachers, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, friends, etc.] provided incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information in order to fraudulently gain favorable eligibility status for a student, that student is subject to immediate ineligibility for competition at any Section member school at any level in any sport for a period of up to 24 calendar months from the date the determination that incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information was provided whether the student was aware of the fraudulent information or not.

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(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.

b. Any context 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 their respective sport for competing in CIF competition under an assumed name.

203. AGE REQUIREMENT

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

A. Such a waiver would not grant more than four years [eight (8) semesters] of eligibility; AND
204. EIGHT CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS REQUIREMENT- See also 201.A.(2)

A. Definition of a Semester of Attendance
The first time any student has been entered on the attendance roll for 15 school days in the 9th grade, and/or in any classes taken subsequent to the completion of the 8th grade, at any school whether the student has physically been in attendance at those classes for all 15 days or not, or has played in an interscholastic athletic contest, the CIF will count that as the student’s first semester of high school eligibility.

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

C. Section Waivers

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

a. The student is required by the student’s school principal to return to grade eight (8) from grade nine and the student did not take part in an interscholastic contest while in the 9th grade for the first time; OR
b. The student, because of mid-year completion of an 8th grade or a mid-year completion of the 9th grade in a junior high school, is required by the student’s school principal to repeat a semester of work in order to conform to a school program having annual terms; AND
c. The student has not taken part in an interscholastic athletic contest while enrolled for the first time in the semester which the student’s school principal required the student to repeat.

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

a. Other than C.(1) above, relief under this rule may only be granted when the conditions set forth in Bylaw 204.C.(2)b. below are found to be present. Any other past rationales or basis for relief under this Bylaw are invalidated.

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b. Each Section may waive the charge of one 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:

• That a hardship condition exists that, in the judgment of the Section, warrants a waiver. Hardship is defined in Bylaw 213; AND
• The hardship caused the student to remain out of school for more than half of any semester during his/her high school career; OR
• 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 (8) consecutive semesters. Further, the student’s extension of his/her attendance beyond eight (8) semesters has no athletic motivation; AND
• That the student was eligible under all rules in the semester immediately prior to either his/her absence or the onset of the hardship condition that is the direct and sole cause for extending his/her attendance beyond eight (8) semesters; AND
• Such a waiver would not grant more than four years of participation in any sport; (See Bylaw 504.K. and 504.L.); AND
• Hardship applications may not be submitted prior to the conclusion of the student’s 7th semester in high school.

(3) All other eligibility requirements apply.

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

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

205. 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;

   (i) Non-Traditional Programs

      In schools where other than traditional semester programs are offered, the principal of each individual school shall be responsible for determining the equivalent of 20 semester credits of work.

   (ii) Accelerated Programs

      Students studying on an accelerated program that includes one 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.

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

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

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

d. Incomplete Grades

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

e. Physical Education Credits

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

f. Summer School Credits

Summer school credits shall be counted toward making up scholastic deficiencies incurred in the grading period (semester) immediately preceding. Summer school courses failed shall not impair an athlete’s scholastic eligibility achieved in the semester immediately preceding. A course taken by contract or
independent study during the summer must meet the following four criteria:
(i) The course(s) must be approved by the local board of trustees as a valid part of the district’s school program;
(ii) The student receives a passing grade in the courses taken;
(iii) The personnel providing the instruction and course supervision are approved by the board of trustees;
(iv) The school credit is recorded on student’s transcript.

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 the established eligibility date to the scholastic eligibility of each student based upon satisfactory progress in accordance with the standards defined above. Students may apply college course units to satisfy the 20 semester credits of work requirement and the grade point average requirement.

NOTE: Students who are eligible for differential standards of proficiency pursuant to Section 51412 of the Education Code are covered by that Section.

C.
Waiver of the Requirement of Passing 20 Semester Credits of Work
Each Section may waive the requirement of passing 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 213 for definition of hardship); AND
(6) That the student was eligible under all rules in the semester immediately prior to his/her absence; AND
(7) All other rules such as age and number of seasons of sport shall apply.

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

205.1 In the San Diego Section:
1. Incomplete grades are considered failing grades for determining scholastic eligibility until such time as the incomplete grade is changed in accordance with a written school district policy and a passing grade is substituted for the incomplete grade.
2. 20 semester periods of work is computed based on one class meeting 5 days per week valued at 5 periods of work. Four (4) classes meeting five (5) days a week is the equivalent of twenty semester periods of work. Non-traditional programs must establish by conference or league written policy what is the equivalent of 20 semester periods of work.
3. Other than an issued incomplete grade that is made-up without further work by the student and in accordance with district policy, grade changes in the San Diego Section (except for clerical or typographical error) will not be considered for scholastic eligibility purposes.
4. No credit is allowed for plus or minus grades when computing scholastic grade point average.

NOTE: Scholastic eligibility is only determined on a 4.0 grading scale by relevant provision of the California Education Code. Enhanced grades for honors and advanced placement course are not considered in determining scholastic eligibility.

205.2 Changes in scholastic eligibility for San Diego Section athletes, based upon the end of a grading period, become effective on the next calendar day following:
1. Official school-wide written, typed, or printed notification of grades to the student body, regardless of any delay (of any duration) between the end of a grading period (must be the same grading period for athletes and non-athletes) and the subsequent official school-wide notification of students, OR
2. A grade-check of ALL athletes in ALL sports in that season (presently eligible or ineligible) authorized by the principal.

NOTE: Such grades or grade checks may cause ineligible students to become eligible as well as eligible students to become ineligible.

205.3 When an ineligible athlete competes due to the failure of the school administration to submit proper transfer paperwork, which would have granted immediate eligibility with no restrictions, the school will:
1. Forfeit the initial contest that the student-athlete participated in that was won or tied.
2. Lose the ability to host a home game in any round of the playoffs for that sport in that year.

205.4 In the CIFSDS, for scholastic eligibility purposes, a student must be enrolled, or concurrently enrolled with the member
school principal’s permission, and passing in at least 20 semester periods of work at the member school, or the school which
has a multi-school agreement with the member school, in which the student is enrolled and for which the student competes.
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206. RESIDENTIAL ELIGIBILITY
A. Initial Residential Eligibility
   A student has residential eligibility upon initial enrollment in: (See also Bylaw 201.A. for definition of enrollment)
   (1) The 9th grade of any CIF high school, a CIF junior high school, or a junior high school under provisions of Bylaw 303;
       OR
   (2) The 10th grade of any CIF high school from 9th grade of a junior high school in the United States.
B. Continuing Residential Eligibility – See also Bylaw 201.A.
   A student retains residential eligibility as long as he/she is continuously enrolled in the CIF member high school in which the
   student initially enrolled.
C. Valid Change of Residence
   A student may be determined to be residentially eligible when a student, whose parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver with whom the
   student was living when the student established residential eligibility at the prior school (School A), completes a valid change of
   residence as described herein when the following conditions are met:
   (1) A valid change of residence must be made from a residence located in the public high school attendance area (School
       A’s attendance area), even if the student is not currently attending nor ever has attended the school in which attendance
       area they reside, to another public high school’s attendance area (School B’s attendance area).
   (2) School A may be a CIF member school or a non-CIF member school or may be a school located outside of the United
       States.
   (3) Definition of a Valid Change of Residence
       A valid residence is defined as the location where the student’s parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver (with whom eligibility
       has been established) live with that student and thereby have the use and enjoyment of that location as a residence. A
       valid change of residence for eligibility purposes requires the former residence to have been vacated by the entire
       family for use as its residence. For athletic eligibility purposes, a student (with the student’s
       parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver with whom residential eligibility has been established) may only have one primary valid
       residence at one time.
   (4) Determination of What Constitutes a Valid Change of Residence
       Determination of what constitutes a change of residence depends upon the facts in each case. In determining that
       a valid change of residence occurred, the following facts must exist:
       a. The original residence must be abandoned as a residence by the immediate family. The new school is
          responsible for validating this fact; AND
       b. The student’s entire immediate family must make the change of primary residence and take with them the
          household goods and furniture appropriate to the circumstances. For eligibility purposes, a family unit may
          not maintain more than one primary residence; AND
       c. The change of primary residence must be genuine, without fraud or deceit and with permanent intent; AND

NOTE: A student whose family makes a valid change of residence into a new school’s attendance area (See d. below) may be
   residentially eligible for varsity competition upon receipt and recording of a CIF 206 Form by the CIF Section of the student’s
   new school. A subsequent move into a different school boundary by the family (or other family members) during the next 12
   calendar months will result in the student being declared ineligible until cleared for competition by the Section Commissioner.
   A request for eligibility based on a valid change of residence must be supported by documentation. Documentation may be cumulative and no single document or any
   combination of documents listed below will be considered as definitive that a valid change of residence
   occurred. The documents must support a finding by the Section that a valid change of residence by the
   student’s entire immediate family occurred prior to participation at the new school; that the previous
   residence was vacated as required above in paragraphs a., b. and c. and that the family no longer has the use
   and enjoyment of that former residence. The Section Commissioner and school may request additional
   documents they deem necessary to establish that a valid change of residence occurred as defined above.
   Evidence may include:
   • Property tax receipts;
   • Bank account statements;
   • Credit card statements.
   The Section Commissioner and/or school have the discretion to request additional documents that he/she
   deems necessary to confirm change in residency. Examples may include:
   • Real estate documents indicating and verifying a change of residence;
   • Court documents indicating a change of residence;
   • Declaration of residency executed by the student’s parent(s)/guardian(s)/ caregiver;
   • Operative telephone and utility service at the student’s new residence and terminated at the former
     residence;
   • Utility service receipts;

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

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

(5) **Change in School Enrollment Made in Anticipation of a Valid Change of Residence**
If a student transfers to a high school in advance of the anticipated change of residence by the student’s parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver with whom the student was living when the student established residential eligibility, the student shall become eligible when the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver actually complete a valid change of residence to that school’s attendance area.

(6) **Choice of Schools After a Valid Change of Residence**
A student choosing a school after making a valid change of residence in accordance with CIF’s definition of valid change of residence has a choice for residential eligibility as follows:

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

b. **Changing Schools**
   A student must make a valid change of residence out of the public school (School A) attendance area in which their former family residence was located and into another public school’s attendance area (School B). This is true even if the student was not attending public school A but was enrolled in a private school or a charter school. Changing schools following such a valid change of residence will result in full residential eligibility if the following conditions are met:
   (i) Student enrolls, attends, and/or is carried on the attendance roll at the new public school (School B) into whose attendance area the family moved, or another public school in accordance with the district(s) policies or a private school or a charter school; AND
   (ii) The student changes schools immediately following the family valid change of residence or no later than the beginning of the next school year following that family move; AND
   (iii) The new school verifies the family valid change of residence of the family; AND
   (iv) A CIF form 206 documenting the new school’s verification of a the family’s valid change of residence is completed by the new school and family and received by the CIF Section within 30 days of the valid change of residence and recorded by the respective CIF Section.

(7) **Valid Change of Residence After a Discipline Situation**
Such a student will not be granted residential eligibility except as outlined in Bylaw 209 if the student is changing residence and schools, voluntarily or if compelled by the former school or district, as a result of a disciplinary situation at the previous school.

(8) **Pre-Enrollment Contact**
Such a student will not be granted residential eligibility until the Pre-Enrollment Contact Affidavit with the 206 form is completed by the family and school, received and recorded by the CIF Section, verifying there is no evidence of the use of undue influence (recruiting) by anyone associated with either school in order to procure the student’s enrollment in the new school. [See also (10) below and Bylaw 510]

(9) **Same Sport at Two 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. 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 CIF and/or the CIF Section.

(10) **Athletically-Motivated Valid Change of Residence**
If a student completes a valid change of residence as provided in Bylaw 206.C.(1-5), a student may not be eligible to participate at 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; 510.B.-E.)

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

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

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

a. The student has been on the attendance roll of their former school (School A) for 15 days or more for classes occurring at School A, whether or not they have been in attendance during those 15 days; AND/OR

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

c. The student has tried out for or practiced with a team prior to the beginning of the school year for five (5) days or more; AND

d. That student withdraws from School A or has completed the courses in which they were enrolled in at School A, so that student is no longer enrolled in any way at School A; AND

e. That student enrolls as a full-time student in a new school (School B).

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

(2) Students may not practice with or participate in an interscholastic athletic contest for the new school prior to establishing enrollment in the new school meeting these enrollment standards except if they are transferring at the beginning of the school year and practice for that season of sport begins prior to the first day that school and classes begin. These conditions must be met even if prior to this such a student has registered for classes and/or paid a non-refundable registration fee to the new school.

a. For eligibility purposes, students cannot have dual enrollment in two different schools at the same time.

During the time a student is intending to transfer schools, has registered for classes at the new school and/or paid a non-refundable registration fee at the new school, but still remains enrolled in the former school, the student will be considered to be enrolled in the former school. Only at such time as the student has withdrawn from or has completed the courses in which they were enrolled at the former school, and is no longer enrolled in any way at the former school, shall that student be considered as having “transferred” to the new school.

This applies to 8th graders matriculating the following school year to 9th grade in a CIF member school.

(3) No one associated with the athletic program at the new school may perpetrate any violation of Bylaw 510 or have inappropriate pre-enrollment contact as outlined in Bylaw 207.B or 510 prior to their enrollment in the new school as defined above. [See also Bylaw 201.A (4)]

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

A: Based on the CIF philosophy that students “attend school to receive an education first; athletic participation is secondary” [Bylaw 200 A. (2)], individual Section Offices may limit eligibility for a student when there is evidence the transfer, or move is made to acquire athletic participation at School B. Such evidence of an athletically motivated move may 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.”

B. CIF Transfer Rule

All students transferring at any time during their enrollment in high school to a CIF member school after their initial enrollment in the 9th grade in any school (referred to as Former School or School A) shall have their eligibility determination made in compliance with the following 207. B. bylaws except:

- Those making a valid change of residence (Bylaw 206); OR
- Those transferring to or from a CIF member school under the auspices of a CIF-approved foreign exchange program (Bylaw 208); OR
- Those transferring as a result of discipline (Bylaw 209).

NOTES:

Emancipated Minors: This bylaw also applies to students 18 years of age or older and emancipated minors.

No Child Left Behind Act: 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.

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.

(1) Mandatory Applications for Eligibility Determination

All such transfer students addressed in 207 must complete the respective CIF Section-required 207/510 Application form. This form must be submitted to the CIF Section for an eligibility determination. No transfer student is eligible to compete for their new school of enrollment until a determination has been made by their respective CIF Section. (See also Bylaws 501, 510 and 700.)

(2) Pre-Enrollment Disclosure Requirements

[Please see also Bylaws 201.A.(1) & (4) and 510] Any and all pre-enrollment contact of any kind whatsoever with a student must be disclosed by the student, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver; and the schools involved to their respective CIF Section office on a completed CIF Pre-Enrollment Contact Affidavit (CIF Form 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 per Bylaws 201.A.(1) & (4).

(3) Transfers to a CIF Member School (described as New School or School B) From Schools (described as Former School or School A) Located in the United States, a U.S. Territory, Canada or a U.S. Military Base (referred herein as Domestic Transfers)

Such transfer students who meet all other requirements for eligibility outlined in bylaws will be granted unlimited residential eligibility in all sports at all levels at the new school except:

a. In any sport(s) in which the transfer student has competed at any level at the former school(s) in the 12 calendar months immediately preceding their transfer to the new school, the student will be limited to sub-varsity (limited) eligibility in those sports;

b. No student shall be eligible to participate in the same sport at two different schools in the same school year;

c. If the transfer is determined to be athletically motivated. Athletically motivated transfers may be considered prima facie evidence that the student enrolled in that school in whole or in part for athletic reasons and cause the student to be ineligible for participation in those sports in which the student participated at the former school as outlined in Bylaws 510 and 207.C. (3) & (4). (See also Bylaw 510);

d. The transfer is not determined to be based upon a disciplinary situation (See CIF Bylaw 209);

e. The student meets all other provisions of all CIF Bylaws.

The student shall have unlimited residential eligibility for all sports at all levels under Bylaw 207 after having been enrolled for 12 calendar months from the date of transfer to the new school.

NOTE: Refer to (5) below for applications for transfer eligibility limitations determinations and exceptions.

(4) Foreign Transfers Not in a CIF-Approved Foreign Exchange Program (referred herein as Foreign Transfers)

Students who transfer to a CIF Member school (described as New School or School B) from:

- Any school (described as Former School or School A) which is located outside of the United States, a U.S. Territory, U. S. Military Base or Canada; AND
- Who are not enrolled in the CIF member school under the auspices of a CIF-approved foreign exchange program; AND
- Who meet all other requirements for eligibility in bylaws.

THEN they may be granted unlimited residential eligibility in all sports at all levels at the new school except:

i. In any sport(s) in which the transfer student has competed at any level for a club or school team, in the 12 calendar months immediately preceding their transfer to the new school. The student will be
limited to sub-varsity (limited) eligibility in those sports. For the purpose of this bylaw, any and all organized sports programs (e.g., youth teams, community teams, club teams, national teams at any level or individualized instruction for competition in development schools or programs) in which the international student competed on, or participated within the last 12 months, will be considered by the CIF in determining whether the student participated in the equivalent of interscholastic competition; AND

ii. No student who has participated with a club or school team as described in a., shall be eligible to participate in the same sport at the CIF member school within the same 12 month period (See also Bylaw 504.L.); AND

(iii) If the transfer is determined to be athletically motivated. Athletically motivated transfers may be considered prima facie evidence that the student enrolled in that school in whole or in part for athletic reasons and cause the student to be ineligible for participation in those sports in which the student participated at the former school. (See also Bylaw 510)

The student may be granted unlimited residential eligibility for all sports at all levels under Bylaw 207 after having been enrolled for 12 calendar months from the date of transfer to the new school.

In Addition, Such Foreign Transfers 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
- 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
- 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
- Be subject to the maximum of eight (8) consecutive semesters Bylaw 204; AND
- Be subject to the age requirement Bylaw 203; AND
- Not have graduated from high school. If they should have graduated, or have completed the equivalent coursework for graduation from high school/secondary school, the student is ineligible to participate in CIF competition; AND
- Not have the school’s coaching staff, paid or voluntary, serve as the resident family for the foreign transfer student.

NOTE: CIF Sections may require individual students to have their school records/transcripts from the school from which they are transferring evaluated by an outside agency at the students or school expense.

(5) Applications for Transfer Eligibility Limitations, Determinations and Exceptions

The CIF recognizes that, in certain circumstances, students may transfer from one school to another due to a compelling hardship need or situation that is beyond a student’s or their family’s control. In response to such cases, the CIF allows for the CIF Section to make an exception to the limited eligibility status whenever they transfer and the case meets one of the hardship circumstances outlined in Bylaw 207.B.(5)c.(viii). The first time a student transfers in high school, they may utilize the Sit Out Period exception covered in Bylaw 207.B.(5)b. below if they meet all of the conditions required. Any student whose transfer circumstances do not meet the conditions required by these two options, will have their residential eligibility determined in compliance with 207.B.(5)a. as long as they meet the conditions required in that Bylaw.

NOTE: Foreign Transfers as described in 207.B.(4) above are subject to all provisions of 207.B.(5) that follows except that whenever there is a reference to “sports in which the student has participated at their previous school” foreign students shall read “sports in which the student has participated at their previous school or on any club team.”

a. Limited Eligibility Applications

Any student who submits a limited eligibility application to their respective CIF Section may be made eligible to play at the sub-varsity level in any sports in which they have participated at any previous school in the 12 months prior to this transfer under the following conditions:

(i) The student was academically eligible at the time of transfer from the former school. Students who are academically ineligible at their previous school will not be eligible to compete at their new school until the requirements in Bylaw 205 are met and the new school has completed a grading period to verify that the student has met the CIF and school district academic eligibility requirements. A student cannot be placed on probation at the new school to fulfill this requirement; AND

(ii) The principal of the former school attests in writing that the move was not made in violation of Bylaw 510; AND

(iii) The student is not transferring either voluntarily or because their former school has determined they must withdraw, because of a disciplinary infraction at the former school as defined in Bylaw 209.C. (1); AND

(iv) The student is not found by the CIF Section to have transferred to a school where their former high
school coach has relocated or where a club coach, with whom they have been associated, is coaching per Bylaw 207.C.(3) or (4); AND
(v) 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 or pursuant to a hardship approved by their respective CIF Section; AND
(vi) A completed 207/510 Limited Transfer Application is received by the respective CIF Section office and has been processed and approved; AND
(vii) The student who is approved by their respective CIF Section office and competes in a contest at the sub-varsity level following such approval and before the Sit Out Period (SOP) dates described in B.(5).b.(ix) below, is ineligible for and may not compete at the varsity level in that sport for the remainder of that school year. This applies through the end of any Section, Regional or State championship finals in that sport; AND
(viii) The student has not been determined by their respective CIF/Section Office or the CIF to have made a transfer or change in schools in violation of Bylaw 510.

b. Varsity Eligibility Applications (Non-Hardship Sit Out Period)
Any student who transfers for the first time since their initial enrollment in the 9th grade in any school, or if the first transfer of schools for this student was granted due to an approved CIF hardship [see 207.B.(5).c.], or a valid change of residence and whose circumstances causing the transfer do not meet any of the Hardship Exceptions outlined in c.(viii) below, may become eligible for varsity competition for the sport(s) in which they competed in the last 12 months at the former school or any other school, upon submission, review and approval by their respective CIF Section under the following provisions:
(i) This is the student's first transfer since they first enrolled anywhere in the 9th grade or had their first transfer determined to be a CIF hardship circumstance [207.B.(5).c.]; or a valid change of residence AND
(ii) The student was academically eligible at the time of transfer from the former school; AND
(iii) The principal of the former school attests in writing that the move was not made in violation of Bylaw 510; AND
(iv) The student is not transferring either voluntarily or because their former school has determined they must withdraw, because of a disciplinary infraction at the former school as defined in Bylaw 209.C.(1); AND
(v) The student is not found by the CIF Section to have transferred to a school where their former high school coach has relocated or where a club coach with whom they have been associated is coaching, per Bylaw 207.C.(3) or (4); AND
(vi) The student has not been determined by their respective CIF/Section Office or the CIF to have made a transfer or change in schools in violation of Bylaw 510; AND
(vii) No student shall be eligible to participate in the same sport at two different schools in the same school year unless the student changed schools as a result of a valid change of residence or pursuant to a hardship approved by their respective CIF Section; AND
(viii) The student has not competed at the new school at the sub-varsity level in that sport following the transfer during the current school year; AND
(ix) The student shall remain out of any competition at any level in each sport in which they competed in the last 12 months at the former school or any other school in accordance with the following Sit Out Periods (SOP):
  1. Fall Sports: The Monday of the NFHS week 14
     2014: October 6
     2015: October 5
     NOTE: In order to promote gender equity and ensure participatory comparability for female athletes with respect to the Sit-Out-Period in the sports of golf and tennis, the CIF Sections shall adjust their Sit-Out-Period eligibility dates in the sports of girls’ golf and girls’ tennis, if needed.
  2. Winter Sports: The Monday of the NFHS week 27
     2015: January 5
     2016: January 4
  3. Spring Sports: The Monday of the NFHS week 40
     2015: April 6
     2016: April 4
  4. The student who transfers to a school after School B’s first game will have a SOP equivalent in calendar days to the SOP of all other students who transferred before the season started. The respective CIF Section Office will provide the actual date once the proper forms are received, reviewed and approved.

c. Unlimited Eligibility Applications
Exceptions to the determination of limited eligibility under 207.B. (application for unlimited residential eligibility in all sports) may be applied for by the new school (CIF Form 207/510) on behalf of the student.
Consideration for unlimited residential eligibility will be given by the respective CIF Section upon review of the application only under the following provisions.

(i) The student was scholastically eligible at the time of transfer from the former school. Students who are scholastically ineligible at their previous school will not be eligible to compete at their new school until the requirements in Bylaw 205 are met and the new school has completed a grading period to verify that the student has met the CIF and school district scholastic eligibility requirements. A student cannot be placed on probation at the new school to fulfill this requirement; AND

(ii) The student is NOT transferring, either voluntarily or because their former school has determined they must withdraw, because of a disciplinary infraction at the former school as defined in Bylaw 209.C.(1); AND

(iii) The student is not found by the CIF Section to have transferred to a school where their former high school coach has relocated or where a club coach, with whom they have been associated, is coaching per Bylaw 207.C.(3) or (4) & 510.E; AND

(iv) The student has not been determined by their respective CIF/Section Office or the CIF to have made a transfer or change in schools in violation of Bylaw 510 AND

(v) The student has not competed at the new school at the sub-varsity level in that sport at any time following the transfer to the new school; students who chose to play at the sub-varsity level under the provisions outlined in (5)a. (Limited Eligibility Applications) above may not subsequently be granted unlimited eligibility for that same sport during the same season at the new school; AND

(vi) No student shall be eligible to participate in the same sport at two different schools in the same school year unless the student changed schools as a result of a valid change of residence or pursuant to a hardship approved by their respective CIF Section; AND

(vii) A completed 207 Unlimited Transfer Application and documentation required by the CIF Section is received by the respective CIF Section office and has been processed, reviewed and approved; AND

(viii) One of the following hardship circumstances is documented to the satisfaction of the respective CIF Section:

(a) **Court-Ordered Transfers**

Unlimited eligibility may be granted by the CIF Section in which the student’s new school is located in cases where a student is residentially placed from one school attendance area to the attendance area of the new school by a court order or a child protection order and all provisions listed above in c.(i-vii) are met. The student may be determined to have unlimited residential eligibility upon receipt of the 207/510 application and sufficient documentation (including but not limited to a copy of the court order) to satisfy that CIF Section Commissioner that the circumstances meet this criteria. The student will become eligible for varsity competition upon notification to the new school of the approval of such an application by the CIF Section.

(b) **Children of Divorced Parents**

Unlimited eligibility may be granted by the CIF Section in which the student’s new school is located when a student changes residence from one parent’s domicile to the other parent’s domicile as a result of a court-ordered custody change, or court ordered or approved joint custody agreements and all provisions listed above in c.(i-vii) are met. The student may be determined to have unlimited residential eligibility upon receipt of the 207/510 application and sufficient documentation (including but not limited to a copy of the divorce papers and custody agreements) to satisfy that CIF Section Commissioner that the circumstances meet this criteria. The student will become eligible for varsity competition upon notification to the new school of the approval of such an application by the CIF Section.

(c) **Individual Student Safety Incidents**

Unlimited eligibility may be granted by the CIF Section in which the student’s new school is located when a student is transferring as a result of a specific, documented safety incident in which the student was involved and all provisions listed above in c.(i-vii) are met. The student may be determined to have unlimited residential eligibility upon receipt of the 207/510 application and sufficient documentation is submitted to satisfy that CIF Section Commissioner that the circumstances meet this criteria. Required documentation may include, but is not limited to, administrative records and documentation from the former school about the specific safety incident that occurred at the former school and/or police records (if any). The student will become eligible for varsity competition upon notification to the new school of the approval of such an application by the CIF Section.

(d) **Discontinued Program**

When the former school, in which a student has been enrolled, discontinues a particular
program in which the student had previously been enrolled or participated, and that student transfers to another school because of these circumstances, the student shall be determined to be residentially eligible for unlimited participation in the new school provided that new school offers a continuation of that same program and the student can show documentation that they were enrolled in or participated in that program at the former school and are currently enrolled or participating in that same program at the new school.

(c) **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 shall be determined to be residentially eligible for unlimited participation in interscholastic sports provided the student did not participate in an interscholastic athletic contest while at School B and provided the student’s parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver still reside in School A’s attendance area.

(f) **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 determined to be residentially eligible for unlimited participation in 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.

(g) **Military Service**
A student shall be determined to be residentially eligible for unlimited participation interscholastic athletics when returning from military service provided:
- The student was eligible when the student entered into the Armed Forces; AND
- The student enrolls in the same school which the student attended before leaving for the service, or enrolls in the school in the district in which the student’s parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver reside; AND
- The student enrolls in the school no later than the succeeding semester after being discharged; AND
- Provided student did not receive a dishonorable discharge; AND
- The student is fully eligible under all other rules of the CIF.

(h) **Married Status**
A student who marries and lives with the student’s spouse shall be determined to be residentially eligible for unlimited participation in interscholastic athletics in the school in the attendance area in which the student and their spouse resides.

(i) **Board of Education Ruling**
A student, or group of students, who transfer as a direct result of a ruling by the Board of Education of a school district that has two or more high schools and which mandates a change of school attendance boundaries shall be determined to be residentially eligible for unlimited participation in interscholastic athletics in the school in the attendance area in which the student(s) are required to attend, provided the Board of Education Ruling is not a result of a disciplinary situation.

(j) **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 this Bylaw 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)/guardian(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
C. Pre-Enrollment Communication or Contact (Domestic and Foreign Transfers)

A student who transfers from School A to School B, as described in Bylaws 207.A. and 207.B. above, shall not be eligible for interscholastic athletics at School B until application under the appropriate CIF Section procedures is completed, including the following:

1. **Mandatory Parent/Student Certification**
   [Please see also Bylaws 201.A.(1) & (4), 207.B.(2) and 510]
   Any and all pre-enrollment contact of any kind whatsoever with a student must be disclosed by the student, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, and the schools involved to their respective CIF Section office on a completed CIF Pre-Enrollment Contact Affidavit (CIF Form 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 per Bylaws 201.A.(1) and (4).

2. **Mandatory Former School Certification**
   The principal and athletic director of School A shall attest to the best of their knowledge they have no credible evidence* of any person: who is connected with the athletic department 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.

3. **Definition of Credible Evidence**
   *Credible evidence is considered as evidence which proceeds from a trustworthy source; evidence which is so natural, reasonable and probable as to make it easy to believe; information which is obtained from authentic sources or from the statements of persons who are not only trustworthy, but also informed as to the particular matter; that which is not mere speculation, or rumor.

4. **Mandatory New School Certification**
   The principal, athletic director and head coach of School B shall certify that to the best of their knowledge, no person: who is connected with the athletic department of School B; 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.

5. **Club Coach Association with new School (student transfers to a new school which a coach from the student’s non-CIF sports participation experience is associated)**
   The transfer of a student from his or her current school of attendance with or without a valid change of residence (Bylaw 206) to any CIF member high school where the student participated 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.

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**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.

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**Appeals**

All eligibility determinations made by the respective CIF Section office under the provisions of 207.B.5(c), 207.B.5(d) and 510 may appeal that portion of their eligibility determination in accordance with Bylaw 1100. Students may appeal a determination by their respective CIF Section if they have been found to not meet the following criteria:

(i) 207.B.(5)a.(ii) or b.(iii)-Conflict with Coach at former school

(ii) 207.B.(5)a.(iv) or b.(v) or c.(iii)-Following Coach

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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 any school in the last 12 months and/or the sport with which the coach referenced herein is associated, unless sufficient proof is presented to the satisfaction of the Section Commissioner that rebuts or disproves the evidence of undue influence/recruiting for athletic reasons.

**Definition of Terms**

- **Initial Residential Eligibility** — Under CIF rules and regulations, students establish their “Initial Residential Eligibility” at their school of choice entering the 9th grade or the 10th grade of a three (3)-year high school.

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**Definition of Persons Associated With School**

*Defined as: Persons associated with a school include, but are not limited to; current or former coaches, current or former athletes, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver of current or former student/athletes, booster club members, alumni, spouses or relatives of coaches, teachers and other employees, coaches who become employed, active applicants for coaching positions, and persons who are employed by companies or organizations that have donated athletic supplies, equipment or apparel to that school.

**Relocation of Former High School Coach (Domestic and Foreign Transfers)**

A student at any grade level who transfers to a new school within one calendar year of the relocation of his/her former high school coach to that school with or without a corresponding valid change in residence shall be considered prima facie evidence (sufficient evidence) of undue influence/recruiting by the school to which the student transfers or may be considered prima facie evidence (sufficient evidence) that the student enrolled in that school in whole or in part for athletic reasons (See Bylaw 510). When a prima facie 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 any school in the last 12 months and/or the sport with which the coach referenced herein is associated, unless sufficient proof is presented to the satisfaction of the Section Commissioner that rebuts or disproves the evidence of undue influence/recruiting for athletic reasons.

**Athletically Motivated Transfers (Copied from Bylaw 510.E.)**

The CIF, as the governing body of high school athletics, affirms that athletic competition is an important part of the high school experience and that participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege. The privilege of participation in interscholastic athletics is available to students in public or private schools who meet the democratically established standards of qualification as set forth by the CIF Federated Council. As stated in CIF Bylaw 200.A.(6) the CIF Bylaws shall serve as a deterrent to students who transfer or change schools for athletic reasons and to individuals who attempt to recruit (unduly influence) student-athletes or their parents to enroll in a school because of athletics. As stated in CIF Bylaw 200.A.(2) the CIF Bylaws reinforce the principle that students attend school to receive an education first; athletic participation is secondary. CIF Bylaws provide for individual Section Offices to limit eligibility for a student when there is evidence the transfer, or move is made to acquire athletic participation at their new school (School B). Students may be determined by their respective CIF/Section Office or the CIF to have made an athletically motivated transfer or change in schools under any of the basis listed in CIF Bylaw 510.E.(1)-(4).

**Disclosure**

Any pre-enrollment communication as described above must be disclosed in full, and in writing, to the appropriate Section. The Section Commissioner shall determine if the pre-enrollment communication is a violation of Bylaw 510.

**Clearance of Pre-Enrollment Contact**

A student with whom contact or communication has occurred, as described in C.(1) above, and who meets all other CIF Section transfer waiver requirements, may become eligible upon determination that:

- 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.

**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.

**Appeals**

Students whose eligibility determination is made by the Section Commissioner that the prima facie evidence has not been successfully rebutted by sufficient proof to satisfy said Commissioner under the provisions of 207.C.(4), (5), or (6) and/or 510 may appeal that portion of their eligibility determination in accordance with Bylaw 1100.
Limited Eligibility — Students granted limited eligibility are limited for one (1)-year (from the date of transfer) to non-varsity competition in the CIF sports they participated in during the previous 12 calendar months but may participate in varsity competition in all other CIF sports.

Prima Facie — A legal term that means at first sight; on the first appearance; on the face of it; a fact presumed to be true unless disproved by some evidence to the contrary. A prima facie case is one in which the evidence presented is sufficient proof for the plaintiff (Section) to win its case of undue influence. In such a case, the defendant (school) must successfully refute the evidence for the student to gain eligibility.

208. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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

A. Students Transferring to a CIF Member School Under The Auspices of a CIF-Approved Foreign Exchange Program

Foreign Exchange students transferring under the auspices of a CIF-approved foreign exchange program from a school located outside the United States, a U.S. Military Base, a U.S. Territory or Canada to a CIF member school may be granted unlimited residential eligibility for all CIF athletic competition if all of the following conditions apply:

(1) Such student must be under the auspices of, and be placed with a host family in the United States by, a foreign exchange program that meets all the requirements listed below:
   - The program has been accepted for listing by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET);
   - AND
   - The program has submitted a signed CIF Foreign Exchange Program Approval Request form:
     a. Stating that their placement procedures for foreign exchange students are purely random with respect to athletic participation and school placement; AND
     b. Stating that there shall be no school, coach, community, relative or friend contact related to athletics regarding the enrollment of any student in a particular school; AND
     c. Has been approved by the CIF; AND
     d. The program has been recognized by the U.S. State Department and the California Attorneys’ General Office, and the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET); AND
     e. 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 website (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 Section 12620 et seq.). The CIF-approved list of programs posted on the CIF website, reflects the programs approved by CIF that are also registered with the California Attorneys General Office, the U.S. State Department, and the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). No other exchange programs will be recognized by the CIF as approved exchange programs for 2014-15.

(2) A foreign exchange student shall have been placed with a host family in compliance with this bylaw and Bylaw 510 (undue influence). Such student will have the choice of attending:
   a. The public school in the host family’s public school attendance area; OR
   b. A private school located in the host family’s public school attendance area; OR
   c. To gain residential eligibility at any other school, the student must receive written approval from both the principal of the public school located in the host family’s attendance area and the principal of the other school; OR
   d. In the event of a change of placement by the CIF-approved foreign exchange program, a different public school or private school with written approval from the principal of the new school.

   **NOTE:** A foreign exchange student is considered to be placed with a host family when written notice of placement is provided by the exchange organization to the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, and to the host family;

(3) Neither the school the foreign exchange student attends, nor any person associated with the school, shall have input into the selection of the foreign exchange student; AND

(4) No member of the school’s coaching staff, paid or voluntary, may serve as the host family for the foreign exchange student; AND

(5) 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

(6) A foreign exchange student must possess a current J-1 visa, issued by the U.S. State Department; AND

(7) A foreign exchange student must comply with all eligibility requirements set forth by the CIF and the Section having jurisdiction; AND

(8) A foreign exchange student who graduated from high school is ineligible to participate in CIF competition, unless the educational program in the student’s country completes high school (graduation) after the student’s 10th or 11th year of regular schooling (not including pre-school or kindergarten classes), in which case the student may have CIF athletic eligibility through the 12th consecutive year of regular school attendance after initially enrolling in the first grade (not pre-school or kindergarten classes); AND

(9) Foreign Exchange Students who change from a J-1 visa to any other type of visa that requires them to change schools, are subject to Bylaw 207.B.(5)a. and cannot be made eligible for 207.B.(5)b. (Sit Out Period) since this would
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

A foreign exchange student must be eligible under all other State and Section Bylaws; AND

All foreign exchange students in CIF-approved foreign exchange programs shall submit the appropriate waiver application(s) as required by their respective Section under Bylaw 208 with a CIF Pre-Enrollment Contact Affidavit (CIF Form 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.

B. 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 granted unlimited residential eligibility for all CIF athletic competition when the following conditions are met:

1. The student is returning to the same CIF member school in which they were enrolled immediately prior to their enrollment in the foreign school; AND
2. There is no evidence that the transfer to or from the foreign country was athletically motivated (see also Bylaw 510); AND
3. There is no evidence of the use of undue influence (recruiting) by anyone associated with either school or the foreign exchange program; AND
4. The CIF student is in compliance with all eligibility requirements set forth by the CIF and the Section having jurisdiction; AND
5. The CIF student who has participated in the foreign exchange program must comply with the maximum of eight consecutive semester 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.

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.

210. 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 CIF State Executive Director.

B. Coach
Any coach who physically assaults the person of a game or event official shall be considered to have violated Bylaw 22 (Conditions of Membership) and, pending action by the building principal, subjects the member school to sanctions or loss of standing as a member. When a coach allegedly assaults a person of a game or event official it is mandatory that the principal/designee notify the CIF Section Office within 48 hours (excluding holidays and weekends) after the receipt of the assault report notification. The competing schools and officials will be required to file written reports within 10 days of the incident. After reviewing the material, the principal of the school involved will be required to respond to the respective 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.

211. CONTINUATION SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY

A. Current Eligibility
While enrolled in a continuation school, a student is only eligible to represent the continuation school of attendance.

B. Transfer Eligibility
A student who transfers from continuation school to the student’s school of residential eligibility is eligible immediately provided:

1. The student is currently enrolled in the school of residential eligibility in at least 20 semester credits of work.
2. The student was currently passing in at least 20 semester credits of work or a maximum program in the continuation school when the student transferred to the school of residential eligibility.
3. The student is maintaining minimum progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements as prescribed by the governing board.
4. The student has maintained during the previous grading period a minimum of passing grades which is defined as at least an unweighted 2.0 grade-point average, on a 4.0 scale, in all enrolled courses.

a. Probationary Period
The governing board of each school district, private school, or parochial school may adopt, as part of its policy, provisions that would allow a student who does not achieve educational progress in items (3) or (4) above in the previous grading period to remain eligible to participate in interscholastic activities during a probationary period. The probationary period shall not exceed one semester in length, but may be for a shorter period of time as determined by the governing board of the school district, private school, or parochial school. A student who does not achieve educational progress, as defined in items (3) or (4), during the probationary period shall not be allowed to participate in interscholastic athletics in the subsequent grading period. For the purpose of determining the maximum length of a semester, the measure should be the maximum as used in that school.

5. Student was eligible under all rules at the time student was transferred from student’s school of residential eligibility to continuation school. Exception: If a student spends a full grading period or more in the continuation school and passes all required subjects which that continuation school considers to be a full program, even if it is less than 20 semester credits, the student is eligible immediately upon transfer to student’s school of residential eligibility as long as the student meets the requirements of Bylaw 205.B.(1).

6. Semesters of attendance at continuation school are to be counted as part of student’s eligibility as defined in Bylaw 204.

7. The student was not compelled to transfer to the continuation program for disciplinary reasons or the student was not administratively placed in the continuation program as a result of expulsion, suspended expulsion or rehabilitation program pursuant to re-admittance following expulsion. (If the student was compelled to transfer under disciplinary reasons, please refer to the process under Bylaw 209.C.).

(Approved May 2003 Federated Council)
212. 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.

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 2004 Executive Committee/Revised May 2009 Federated Council)

212.1 In the San Diego Section, a student may not wear a school team uniform or any identifying school insignia while appearing in any advertisement, promotional activity, or endorsement for any commercial product or service. A student may not lend his/her name and team affiliation for purposes of commercial endorsement. The Board of Trustees must approve any appearances, by students, for nonprofit organizations. 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.

213. HARDSHIP WAIVERS OTHER THAN TRANSFER
A hardship is defined as an unforeseeable, unavoidable, and uncorrectable act, condition or event, which causes the imposition of a severe and non-athletic burden upon the student or his/her family. Due to hardship circumstances experienced by the student, the following bylaws may be waived, provided that the Section has established rules and procedures regulating hardship waivers. Waivers granted by a Section are not transferable to another Section.

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

214. POST-INJUNCTION REMEDIES
If a student-athlete, who is ineligible under the terms of the Constitution, Bylaws or other legislation of the California Interscholastic Federation, is permitted to participate in interscholastic competition contrary to such CIF legislation, but in accordance with the terms of a court restraining order 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:

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A. Require that individual records and performances achieved during participation by such ineligible student-athlete shall be vacated or stricken;
B. Require that team records and performances achieved during participation by the ineligible student-athlete shall be vacated or stricken;
C. Require that individual awards earned during participation by such ineligible student-athlete be returned to the CIF, the sponsor or the competing institution;
D. Require that team awards earned during participation by such ineligible student-athlete be returned to the CIF, the sponsor or the competing institution;
E. Require that team victories achieved during participation by such ineligible student-athlete shall be abrogated and the games or events forfeited to the opposing schools;
F. Make a determination of future ineligibility for one or more CIF championships, or playoff competition, in the sports in which the ineligible student-athlete participated;
G. Make a determination of future ineligibility for invitational and postseason meets and tournaments in the sports in which the student-athlete participated;
H. Require that a school which has been represented in a CIF championship or playoff event by an ineligible student-athlete return its share of the net receipts from such competition in excess of the school’s actual cash expenses with reference to such event or, if such funds have not been distributed to the school, require that funds be withheld by the State Executive Director or Section Commissioner. Funds remitted or withheld pursuant to the above, shall be utilized by the CIF in either the State or Section scholar-athlete or drug abuse programs;
I. When a student-athlete competing as an individual is declared ineligible subsequent to the competition, or a penalty has been imposed or action taken as set forth above, the student-athlete’s performance shall be stricken from the championship’s records, the points the student-athlete has contributed to the team’s total shall be deleted, the team standings shall be adjusted accordingly and any awards involved shall be returned to the CIF. The placement of other individual competitors shall be altered appropriately;
J. When a student-athlete representing a school in team events is declared ineligible subsequent to the competition, or a penalty has been imposed or action taken as set forth above, all records of the team’s performance shall be deleted, the team’s place in the final standings shall be vacated and the team’s trophy, banner, patches and other indicia of victory shall be returned to the CIF. In the event the student-athlete’s school has been previously declared champion, the runner-up school shall be declared champion and all records adjusted accordingly.

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

216. GRADUATES
High school graduates are not eligible for CIF competition and are not subject to CIF rules except as noted below in A. and B. A “recent graduate” game is outside the jurisdiction of the CIF.

A. Mid-Year/Spring Graduation
   (1) Mid-Year: Students completing graduation requirements mid-year and no longer enrolled become immediately ineligible for further CIF competition.
   (2) Spring: Students graduating at the end of a school’s spring semester shall have continuing eligibility until all CIF spring competition is completed.

B. California High School Proficiency Exam
A student who successfully passes the California High School Proficiency Examination and withdraws from high school has one opportunity to re-enroll in high school and be eligible immediately for athletic competition provided the student:
   (1) Was eligible under all rules of the CIF at the time of withdrawal from school; AND
   (2) Meets all rules of the CIF other than “a.” and “b.” under Bylaw 205.B.(1) at the time of re-enrollment; AND
   (3) Re-enrolls in the same school which the student attended prior to withdrawal, or enrolls in the school of the attendance area to which the student’s parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver with whom the student was living when the student established residential eligibility have moved; AND
   (4) Is within four years of the student’s first entry into the 9th grade.

(Revised May 2003 Federated Council)

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ARTICLE 30
SCHOOL REGULATIONS
(300 series revised May 2014 Federated Council)

300. GENERAL PROVISIONS
A. Student Participation
Interscholastic sports teams composed of boys and/or boys and girls shall be conducted in accordance with these Bylaws. Girls’ interscholastic sports teams shall be conducted according to these Bylaws, including certain additional rules and modifications pertaining to girls’ sports teams and mixed (co-educational) sports teams. (See also Bylaw 201 for enrollment standards)

B. Team Designations
Schools shall designate the type of team for each sport according to the following:

(1) Student Team
Whenever the school provides only a team or teams for boys in a particular sport, girls are permitted to qualify for the boys 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.

• Gender Identity Participation
Participation in interscholastic athletics is a valuable part of the educational experience for all students. All students should have the opportunity to participate in CIF activities in a manner that is consistent with their gender identity, irrespective of the gender listed on a student’s records. The student and/or the student’s school may seek review of the student’s eligibility for participation in interscholastic athletics in a gender that does not match the gender assigned to him or her at birth, should either the student or the school have questions or need guidance in making the determination, by working through the procedure set forth in the “Guidelines for Gender Identity Participation.”

NOTE: The student’s school may make the initial determination whether a student may participate in interscholastic athletics in a gender that does not match the gender assigned to him or her at birth.

(300.D. Approved February 2013 Federated Council)

301. HOME STUDY, HOME SCHOOLING
Students who are not enrolled in programs under the jurisdiction of a member school’s governing body are not eligible to participate in CIF competition. Such programs would include, but not be limited to, home schooling or home study wherein parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, or other persons, are responsible for instruction and evaluation.

(Adopted February 2000 Federated Council/Revised May 2002 Federated Council)

302. INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM
CIF defines independent/home study programs under the jurisdiction of a CIF member school or school district as those independent/home study programs in which the curriculum is approved, the program administered and the students evaluated by that school/school district’s governing body’s designees.

A. A student enrolled in an Independent Study Program is eligible at the public school in whose attendance area his/her parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver reside, or where the student most recently established his/her residential eligibility provided that:

(1) A student’s registration is accepted by the local school board; AND

(2) The courses taken by the student meet the standards adopted by the local school board and Education Code Section 51745 et seq.; AND

(3) The administrative responsibility for the student involved in athletics would rest with the principal of the school for which the student is competing; AND

(4) The student meets all other eligibility requirements of the CIF and its member sections; AND

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(5) For the purposes of determining dues, legal and liability assessments, realignment issues and CIF State and Section divisional placement, the enrollment figures for non-CIF member school/program students residing in the CIF member school’s attendance area must be included in the CIF member school’s CBEDS enrollment figures.

(Approved May 2003 Federated Council/Revised May 2008 Federated Council)

Q: Can a student involved in independent study participate in interscholastic athletics?
A: 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;
   5. A member of that school’s teaching staff must perform testing and grading of the student’s progress;
   6. The student’s grades and performance are recorded on the school’s transcripts;
   7. The student must be enrolled in a minimum of 20 semester credits of work;
All of the above characteristics must be present for the student to have eligibility to participate in a CIF member school.

1 A member of the staff is considered a paid staff member employed by that school or school district and subject to the standards set forth by that governing body.

Q: Why can’t home-schooled students participate in CIF interscholastic competition?
A: 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.

Q: What is meant by “home-schooled?”
A: Any program or instruction administered by a person other than a member of a school staff that is not approved and/or adopted by a local governing body. Any such program that has an affiliation with a school, but is not administered by members of that school’s staff (meaning paid teaching staff) is considered a home-school program; students in home-school programs are not eligible for CIF interscholastic competition under Bylaw 301.

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303. MULTI-SCHOOL CIF MEMBERSHIP

A. CIF member schools may allow only students currently enrolled as full time students, in grades 9-12, in their school, to participate in any CIF competition (See Bylaw 201).

B. CIF member schools may apply for a change in membership status under the provision of this bylaw. Any CIF member school that wishes to allow participation on its team(s) by all the students, who are currently enrolled in any non-CIF member school programs which do not offer any interscholastic athletic programs, such programs or schools would include, but not be limited to, alternative schools (as defined in Education Code Section 58500 et seq. in compliance with the condition set forth in Bylaw 303), junior high schools (9th graders only), necessary small schools and charter schools, may request approval to do so under the following conditions:

1. Any such application submitted by a CIF member schools must be with a non-CIF member school that has a current California County-District-School Code (CDS Code) as a prerequisite to applying for multi-school status.

2. The administrative responsibility for all students involved in athletics shall rest with the principal of the CIF member school for which the student(s) is competing. Such responsibility shall include:
   - Verification that residential eligibility of the student(s) is limited to the public school in whose attendance
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Small Learning Communities, Small Schools, Alternative Schools, and Charter Schools Housed on a Member School’s Campus

(1) Small learning communities, small schools, alternative schools and charter schools housed on an existing member school’s campus are subject to Bylaws 303.B. and C. However, a small learning community, small school, alternative school or charter school housed on an existing member school’s campus may apply for an exclusive multi-school relationship with the member school on whose campus they are housed. Where a small learning community, small school, alternative school or charter school housed on an existing member school’s campus and the member school on whose campus they are housed apply for an exclusive multi-school relationship, the students at the small learning community, small school, alternative school or charter school will not be eligible to participate for any CIF member school other than the member school on whose campus the small learning community, small school, alternative school or charter school is housed. If a small learning community, small school, alternative school or charter school and the member school on whose campus they are housed are applying for an exclusive multi-school relationship, they shall notify the CIF State Office when they submit their multi-school application.

(2) Students transferring into small learning communities, small schools, alternative schools or charter schools housed on
an existing member school’s campus after their initial enrollment in the 9th grade are subject to Bylaw 207.

(3) Sections are empowered to waive the transfer rule upon request by a school district establishing a new magnet program, small learning community, small school, alternative school or charter school housed on a member school’s campus for the first year only; thereafter, all transfer rules apply.

(Revised May 2012 Federated Council)

D. Private and Charter Schools Partnering With CIF Member Public Schools Housed On a Separate Campus
Where a private school or a charter school enters into a multi-school agreement with a public school that is housed on a separate campus or with a public school district, only those students who live within the boundaries of the public school district may participate in athletics at the member school or at a member school within the district. A student attending such a private school or charter school must participate for the member school in whose attendance area his/her parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver reside or the school in the district where the student most recently established residential eligibility prior to attending the private or charter school entering the multi-school agreement.

E. CIF Member School with Multiple Campuses
Teams representing a high school must be composed of students under the direct supervision of one 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. 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 and meet all provisions of CIF Bylaw 303 listed above.

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.

F. Continuation Schools
Continuation schools may not apply for multi-school team status as provided for under this provision. For continuation school eligibility, refer to Bylaw 211.


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)

ARTICLE 40
CIF AMATEUR STANDING RULE
The 400 series has been incorporated into Bylaw 212.

ARTICLE 50
GENERAL RULES
(500 series revised May 2014 Federated Council)

500. AUTHORIZED PARTICIPATION
A. All CIF eligibility rules apply in all games including practice games.
B. All athletic activities in sports approved by the CIF involving two or more member schools must be held under rules and regulations of the participating schools’ respective league, Section and the CIF.

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C. Ineligible students shall not compete as representatives of the school in any competition involving CIF member schools.
D. In any CIF competition, an attached eligible athlete (representing a CIF member school in compliance with all CIF, Section and league eligibility requirements) may be permitted to participate.

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 playday activity per CIF-approved sport with any students not involved in that sport’s interscholastic athletic program, as long as the schools involved agree in writing to indemnify and hold harmless Sections and the 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 playday.
D. Exhibition Competition
Exhibition competition (such as, but not limited to, fifth quarter, open lane, open mat and open court competition) involving CIF member schools may be allowed as an adjunct to regular CIF competition under the following provisions. Team sports for the purposes of this Bylaw include baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer, volleyball, water polo and wrestling. Individual sports for the purposes of this Bylaw include badminton, cross country, golf, gymnastics, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field and skiing.
(1) Team Sports
a. Duly-appointed coaches (as specified in Bylaw 503.F) and contest officials are present and supervising the activity. If officials require any additional fees for officiating exhibition competition, it shall be negotiated with the host school and their officials associations in compliance with and Section rules and regulations;
AND
b. Such contests count toward the competing individual’s allowable maximum number of contests; AND

c. A team score is not kept or recorded; AND

d. Such team competition is not conducted concurrently with the regulation CIF competition; AND

e. Such team competition is held at the same site, immediately preceding or following the regulation competition; AND

f. Such team competition is shorter in duration than the regulation competition in that sport; AND

g. Participants in such competition shall not compete in any regulation CIF competition in the same sport during the same day or event; AND

h. Participants in such competition represent their own school enrollment (i.e., competition on a rainbow team and/or a team made up of students representing two or more schools is prohibited); AND

i. Written permission is granted for such competition by the principals of all schools involved; AND

j. Participants in such competition meet all eligibility requirements of the State CIF, CIF Section and league.

(2) Individual Sports
a. Duly-appointed coaches (as specified in Bylaw 503.F) are present and supervising the activity; AND

b. Such contests count toward the competing individual’s allowable maximum number of contests; AND


c. A team score is not kept or recorded nor are individual finishes or records kept of recorded; AND


d. Individual events may be conducted concurrently with the regulation CIF competition events (i.e. open lane, open court, open apparatus); AND


e. The primary CIF team and/or individual competition is held at the same site, and the individual exhibition competitions occurs during or immediately preceding or following that regulation CIF competition; AND


f. Participants in such competition shall not compete in any regulation CIF competition in the same sport during the same day or event; AND


g. Participants in such individual event competition represent their own school enrollment (i.e., competition on a rainbow relay team and/or a relay team made up of students representing two or more schools is prohibited); AND


h. Written permission is granted for such competition by the principals of all schools involved; AND

i. Participants in such competition meet all eligibility requirements of the State CIF, CIF Section and league.

(Revised May 2013 Federated Council)
E. During the school year, all athletic activities in CIF-approved sports involving CIF member schools must be held under the rules and regulations of the participating school’s respective league, CIF Section and the State CIF during the established school year (district, Section, league).
F. During the summer period, CIF Bylaws pertaining to transfer eligibility, undue influence, pre-enrollment contact and athletically motivated transfers apply (Bylaws 206, 207 and 510).
G. During the summer period, no physical conditioning or practice sessions prior to the opening of authorized practice may be conducted by a high school unless specifically authorized by the school principal/designee. CIF Sections may establish sport specific rules and/or policies.

(Revised May 2010 Federated Council)

502. NON-CIF MEMBER SCHOOL/CLUB TEAMS
A. No school belonging to the CIF shall compete, scrimmage or practice with any team outside the jurisdiction of the CIF without
the consent of the CIF Section involved. A school disregarding this rule may be suspended from participation in that sport as determined by their respective CIF Section. (See Bylaw 511)

B. Sections may establish a policy, procedure and requirements for review of applications of CIF member schools wishing to compete with a Non-CIF member.

C. If a CIF high school team is approved by their section to compete against a non-CIF team in any competition, the activity shall be played under the high school rules for that sport.

D. High school students or teams shall not compete or practice against other individuals or teams in football or wrestling unless the players or such teams meet the age requirements of the CIF. High school students or teams shall not compete or practice against other individuals or outside/club teams unless the individual players and the individuals on the outside/club team meet the age requirements of the CIF.

E. In order to grant athletic opportunities to students who attend schools that for a limited amount of time cannot afford to offer a sport, an outside team consisting of students from these schools may be formed and may scrimmage or practice against a CIF member school provided the following:
   (1) A district board or private school governance board states that a program is not affordable for a limited time to be designated by the district board or the private school board;
   (2) A district board or private school governance board requests participation for its students;
   (3) The league against which these teams plan to compete grants approval prior to Section approval;
   (4) Approval of the Section is granted;
   (5) Officials of the requesting school(s) must understand this request is granted for up to a two-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.

502.1 In the CIFSDS, teams participating in approved sports may compete in a dual contest with a United States team outside the jurisdiction of the CIF or a team outside of the United States, only with prior approval from the CIFSDS office. The participants in the contest must 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.

The penalty for violation of this provision may include, but is not limited to, forfeiture of those contests against unapproved teams; forfeiture of the allowable number of contests in that sport for the following academic year; prohibition to participate in or to host tournaments in that sport; suspension of the team from competition in the sport; suspension of the school from participation in interscholastic competition; or denial of membership to the school. Any penalty imposed shall be at the discretion of the CIFSDS commissioner.

503. ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT

The principal of each school shall be held responsible for the amateur standing and eligibility of the school’s teams and team members under CIF, Section, and league rules.

A. Schools shall be responsible to confirm the eligibility status for all students participating in interscholastic athletics at their schools as required by the State CIF Federated Council, local Section, and leagues.

B. **Ineligible Athletes**

Ineligible students shall not compete as representatives of the school in any CIF contest.

C. **Grade Level Restrictions**

Only 9th through 12th grade students may practice with or compete on a high school team. Ninth grade students of a junior high school which is located on the same campus and is under the supervision of the same principal as the senior high school may practice with and compete on the high school team. For a multi-school situation, see Bylaw 303.

D. **Unattached/Unofficial Participants**

In CIF competition, no person shall be permitted to participate as an unattached athlete or an unofficial entrant. (See Bylaw 501).

E. **Supervision Requirement**

No CIF team shall participate in interscholastic or approved competition with any other team unless the CIF team is under supervision as required by the California Education Code 49032. (See also Bylaw 503.F.).

F. **Coaching**

Principals are responsible to insure that all coaches of the CIF member school for all individual or team(s) meet the requirements of the California Education Code 49032, 35179.1 and Bylaw 22.B.(9)

(Revised February 2009 Federated Council)

1. **Coaching Compensation**

A coach shall not be reimbursed for coaching services from any source other than the school funds without the approval of the school’s governing board, nor be subject to any bonus arrangement dependent upon the success of the school’s team.

2. **Penalty For Improper Coaching Compensation**
Any team, coached by any person receiving any 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)

G. **Physical Examination**

As a condition of membership, schools will require that a student receive an annual physical examination conducted by a medical practitioner certifying that the student is physically fit to participate in athletics. The report of the examination will be on a school board-approved form that includes a health history. The physical examination must be completed before a student may try out, practice or participate in interscholastic athletic competition. A student will be excused from this physical examination provided there is compliance with the Education Code provisions concerning Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Caregiver’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)

**Note:** In the CIFSDS, the acceptability of chiropractic examinations is based on school district policy.

H. **Concussion Protocol**

A student-athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time for the remainder of the day. A student-athlete who has been removed from play may not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in education and management of concussion and receives written clearance to return to play from that health care provider. On a yearly basis, a concussion and head injury information sheet shall be signed and returned by all athletes and the athlete’s parent or guardian before the athlete’s initiating practice or competition. (Approved May 2010 Federated Council/Revised May 2012 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 statutes. This scope of practice will limit the evaluation to a medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO).

I. **Steroid Prohibition**

As a condition of membership, all schools shall adopt policies prohibiting the use and abuse of androgenic/anabolic steroids. All member schools shall have participating students and their parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver agree that the athlete will not use steroids without the written prescription of a fully licensed physician (as recognized by the AMA) to treat a medical condition.

**NOTE:** Article 1-12. N. (Revised May 2005 Federated Council)

504. **SEASON OF SPORT**

All CIF member school interscholastic activities must be conducted in accordance with the following season of sport Bylaws.

A. **Definition of School and Individual Student Athlete Season of Sport**

The season of sport for a school is that period of time which elapses between the first interscholastic contest and the final contest for that particular sport. The season of a sport for any individual student is that period of time which elapses between the student’s first participation in an interscholastic contest and the student’s final participation in a contest for that particular sport in that season.

B. The season of sport shall be established for each sport by the highest CIF component level in which championship competition is conducted (i.e., State, Section or league) in that sport. To participate in state-level competition for any particular sport, a Section must qualify with the CIF adopted season of sport.

C. **Playoffs**

State and Sections shall conduct playoffs in such a manner that teams in like sports, and in baseball and softball, during the same season are afforded equitable opportunity to participate in evening and weekend competition.

D. **Equity**

Sections and/or leagues shall set seasons of sport so that they provide equal opportunity for all students to participate, including intersectional competition and State championships in like sports, and softball and baseball.

E. The basic sports seasons are:

- **Fall** - August through November
- **Winter** - November through February
- **Spring** - February through June

Exact dates may vary from year-to-year and between Sections within the above specified basic seasons. Championship competition may extend beyond these limits.

F. Section and/or leagues are encouraged to conduct all sports during the State-approved season.

G. Member schools, through their league or Section, shall either:

(1) Schedule identical sports, and baseball and softball, with seasons of the same number of weeks regardless of the season of the year in which the sport is played; OR

(2) Schedule all sports in a particular season of the year to be an equal number of weeks.

H. Sections have the responsibility to work toward equity relative to length of season, number of contests, and number of opportunities for participation by students. The “seasons of sport” for State championships are:

- **Fall - Volleyball (girls)**
- **Fall - Cross Country (boys and girls)**
- **Fall - Football (boys)**
- **Fall - Golf (girls)**
- **Winter - Soccer (boys and girls - SoCal Regionals only)**
- **Spring – Swimming and Diving (boys and girls)**
- **Spring – Track and Field (boys and girls)**
- **Spring - Golf (boys)**

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Fall - Tennis (girls Regionals only)  Spring - Tennis (boys Regionals only)
Winter - Basketball (boys and girls)  Spring - Volleyball (boys Regionals only)
Winter - Wrestling (boys and girls)   

I. The season of sport for championship teams from the San Francisco and Oakland Sections may be extended to allow them to compete against each other in a postseason “Transbay” competition in those sports that do not culminate in a CIF Regional/State Championship.

(Approved May 2008 Federated Council/Revised May 2011 Federated Council)

J. Last Contest Date
(1) Each Section shall determine the last contest date for regular season competition.
(2) For sports culminating in Regional or State championships, Section playoff competition must be completed by the Saturday prior to Regional or State competition.
(3) Each Section that participates in State championships in a sport shall conduct Section playoffs, if any, during the season immediately preceding such State championships.

K. 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.

L. One Season of Sport
Each student shall be limited to one season of a particular sport for each school year. (See also 504.A.)

M. Sundays
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.

(1) Violation of Bylaw 504. M. will result in the following sanctions:
   a. 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)
   b. Game: A game played on a declared day of respite will result in forfeiture of the game.

(2) In addition to the above sanctions, the Section may impose any of the following additional sanctions:
   a. The final season record will be reduced by at least one win at the conclusion of the season;
   b. The school will be placed on probation;
   c. The team/individual will be ineligible to advance to or in Section, Regional or State Championships;
   d. Reduction of maximum number of contests allowed for the following year in that sport;
   e. Repeated violation may result in suspension of membership in the CIF.

(May 2000 Federated Council/Revised May 2004 Federated Council)

505. EQUITY
Any question or concern involving practices or procedures that affect perceived bias on the basis of gender will be reported in writing to the 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.

A. 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.

B. Equal Representation in State Championships
Sections shall participate in an equal number of sports for boys and girls in State championships, with a minimum of one entry per Section. All Sections shall have representation in all playoffs.

C. Number of Allowable Contests
Each Section and/or league that establishes a maximum and/or minimum number of allowable contests for member schools shall establish the same number of allowable contests for teams in identical sports, and in baseball and softball.

D. Assignment of Officials
(1) Officials for all interscholastic contests shall be assigned and compensated on a gender-neutral basis
(2) When practical and sufficient interest exists, the number of events offered in a contest in identical sports for boys and girls shall be equal except where the rules are written by a recognized rules writing body that provides for a different number of events.

E. Equal Assignment of Playoff Facilities
Assignment of facilities for competition in State and Section playoffs shall be based on gender-neutral factors for all teams in identical sports, and in baseball and softball.

506. PRACTICE ALLOWANCE
For the benefit of the physical and mental health of our student-athletes, all practices (as defined herein) under the auspices of the high school athletic program during the season of sport shall be conducted under the following conditions (See also Bylaw 504.M.):
A. All teams will be allowed no more than eighteen (18) hours of practice time per week and no more than four (4) hours in any single day.

(1) **Multiple Practice Sessions:**
   a. Double day practices shall not be held on consecutive days.
   b. Must include a minimum of three (3) hours rest between practices.

(2) **Golf Only**
   a. In the sport of golf only, a team is allowed a maximum of two (2) days per week of 18-hole practice rounds.
   [Counts as four (4) hours]

B. Any competition day would count as three (3) hours toward the allowable weekly and daily practice hours no matter the length of the contest(s). No practice may be held following the conclusion of any contest.

C. **Definition of Practice**
   (1) Any school team or individual activity organized by the coach that is intended to maintain or improve a student-athlete’s skill proficiency in a sport; AND/OR
   (2) Any school team or individual activity that includes skill drills, game situation drills, inter-squad scrimmages or games, weight training, chalk talks, film review, meetings outside of school time (excluding parent meetings) that are implicitly/explicitly required by the coach; AND/OR
   (3) Any other coach-directed or supervised school team or individual activity or instruction for a specific sport (private, small group or positional instruction, etc.) AND/OR
   (4) Any other team or individual instruction for a specific sport organized or supervised by any team member, or anyone else associated with the high school athletic program, team or school; AND
   (5) Outside organization activity (club, etc.), shall not be used to circumvent these Bylaws.

D. Other mandatory activities (including, but not limited to study hall, tutorial sessions, team dinners), shall not be considered part of practice time. These activities must be approved by the principal. Activities that would be included herein are exclusive to any activity already covered in number C.(1)-(5) above.

E. This Bylaw shall not supersede any School/District/Section policies that may be more restrictive.

F. **Penalties**
   Following the determination of a violation of CIF Bylaw 506, a loss of practice day(s) and/or other sanctions, for each practice session infraction, shall be imposed by the Section as deemed appropriate to the level, extent, and duration of the infraction(s).

**NOTE:** For purposes of this Bylaw, the season of sport begins with each CIF Section’s first allowable date of practice.

**Frequently Asked Questions** - (FAQ’s will continue to be revised as needed and appropriate to assist schools in understanding the implementation of the Bylaw. Schools seeking additional clarification should contact their local CIF Section office.)

Q: Our football coach conducts a one-hour (1) before school weight lifting activity in the weight room for football players. Does this count in the three-hours per school day practice limitation?
A: Before school activities that are NOT part of the curricular day are subject to the practice limitations. If the activity is organized and/or directed and/or supervised by any of the football coaching staff and only open to football players then YES it is considered to be practice and counted in the daily limit.

Q: Our football coach conducts a one-hour (1) before school zero period weight lifting activity in the weight room for football players. Does this count in the daily practice limitation?
A: If Zero period IS considered part of the curricular day then it does not count against the practice duration limitations.

Q: We have a one-hour (1) before school; (2) zero period; general weight lifting activity in the weight room, advertised to all the athletes in the school who wish to participate. The football coach supervises this activity. While it is advertised to everyone in the school, it is primarily utilized by the football players. Does this count as practice activity in the daily practice duration limitation?
A: (1) Before school is not part of the curricular day so activities during this time are subject to practice duration limitations. However, if the activity is a non-sport specific strength program, open to all athletes, it would be considered general conditioning and would not count as part of the practice duration limitations. As long as the school has done their best to advertise and make it open to everyone, and it is not a non-football hostile environment, or is not located in an area where female or other sport athletes do not have access (i.e. access only through the boys locker room), regardless of who attends or who is supervising, the activity would not be considered practice and would not therefore, count in the daily practice limitation. (2) If Zero period IS considered part of the curricular day then it does not count against the practice duration limitations.

Q: A (1) Volleyball or Football; (2) Cross Country; Coach tells their team members “just go for an hour run” as a team (or as individuals) and then meet back in the gym to begin practice. Does that hour of just running count towards the practice duration limitation for that day?
A: Yes. This activity done as a team or as an individual and has been implicitly/explicitly required by the coach; directed and/or organized and/or supervised by the coach would count towards the daily practice duration limitations.

Q: A Basketball coach tells their team members that they are required to run a minimum number of miles each week on their own for conditioning. Does this count towards the practice duration limitations for any given day?
A: Yes, this would be considered an activity under C.(2) and (4) above because it was required and or implied by the coach for his/her basketball team members to participate. If it was not implicitly or explicitly required by the Coach it would not count towards practice duration limitations.

Q: The Water Polo Coach establishes a swimming conditioning session (1) before practice each day (2) in the morning before school; (3) during
zero period; Does this count towards the practice duration limitations for that day?
A: (1) Yes, swimming conditioning is directly related to water polo skill development, so this would count towards the daily practice duration limitations. (2) Yes, swimming conditioning is directly related to water polo skill development, so this would count towards the daily practice duration limitation. (3) If Zero period is considered part of the curricular day it does not count against the practice duration limitations.

Q: A student plays volleyball in the fall and basketball in the winter. During the overlap time of those two seasons is a student allowed to practice for four hours per day for volleyball and then another four (4) hours per day for basketball, for a total of eight (8) hours of practice on any given day?
A: No. During any season overlap period for any student-athlete, that student-athlete is still limited to a total practice time for both sports not to exceed the daily practice duration limitation [four (4) hours max per day and only 18 hours per week].

(Approved May 2014 Federated Council)

507. SECTION ALIGNMENT OF LEAGUES
Sections that use a two-year cycle of alignment shall realign on even years only. Sections that realign every year or “upon demand” are not to be affected by this rule. Each Section shall allow the formation of cross leagues for schools in which a sport or sports are not available through its immediate league.

508. DONATED EQUIPMENT
Schools, teams and/or individuals associated with interscholastic athletics which are under the control of school governing boards are prohibited from accepting a donation of any and all athletic equipment of any description or any and all apparel of any description which is associated with interscholastic athletics except as provided for by Education Code Section 41032(a) et seq. In the case of private schools, such donations must be accepted by resolution of the governing authority of such private school.

509. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK
Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball and water polo.

(Approved February 1999 Federated Council/Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council)

510. UNDUE INFLUENCE, PRE-ENROLLMENT CONTRACT, DISCLOSING PRE-ENROLLMENT CONTACT, ATHLETICALLY MOTIVATED TRANSFERS

A. The use of undue influence by any person(s) to secure or retain a student or their parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver as residents may cause the student to be ineligible for high school athletics for a period of one year and shall jeopardize the standing of that high school in the CIF.

Undue influence is any act, gesture or communication (including accepting material or financial inducement to attend a CIF member school for the purpose of engaging in CIF competition regardless of the source) which is performed personally, or through another, which may be objectively seen as an inducement, or part of a process of inducing a student, or his or her parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, by or on behalf of, a member school, to enroll in transfer to, or remain in, a particular school for athletic purposes.

B. A student shall become ineligible for CIF competition and shall be penalized according to Bylaw 212 for accepting material or financial inducement to attend a CIF member school for the purpose of engaging in CIF competition, regardless of the source.

C. Pre-enrollment contact or an athletically motivated transfer may be considered prima facie evidence ("sufficient evidence") that the student enrolled in that school in whole or in part for athletic reasons (See Bylaw 200 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 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 any school in the last 12 months and/or the sport with which the coaches referenced herein is associated, unless sufficient proof is presented to the satisfaction of the Section Commissioner that rebuts or disproves the evidence of undue influence/recruiting for athletic reasons.

D. Pre-Enrollment Contact
Pre-enrollment contact may include, but is not limited to: any communication of any kind, directly or indirectly, with the student, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, relatives, or friends of the student about the athletic programs at a school; orientation/information programs, shadowing programs; attendance at outside athletic or similar events by anyone associated [see D.(2) below] with the school to observe the student; participation by the student in programs supervised by the school or its associates before enrollment in the school.

(1) Requirement to Disclose Pre-Enrollment Contract
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. Any and all pre-enrollment contact of any kind whatsoever that a student or anyone associated with the student, has had with a person associated with the new school must be disclosed by the student, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and the new school to the Section office on a complete CIF Pre-Enrollment Contact Affidavit (CIF Form 510).

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

(2) Definition of Being Associated with a School
Persons associated with a school include, but are not limited to: current or former coaches, current or former athletes, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver of current or former student/athletes, booster club members, alumni, spouses or
relatives of coaches, teachers and other employees, coaches who become employed, active applicants for coaching positions, and persons who are employed by companies or organizations that have donated athletic supplies, equipment or apparel to that school.

E. **Athletically Motivated Transfers**

The CIF, as the governing body of high school athletics, affirms that athletic competition is an important part of the high school experience and that participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege. The privilege of participation in interscholastic athletics is available to students in public or private schools who meet the democratically established standards of qualification as set forth by the CIF Federated Council. As stated in CIF Bylaw 200.A.6 the CIF Bylaws shall serve as a deterrent to students who transfer or change schools for athletic reasons and to individuals who attempt to recruit (unduly influence) student-athletes or their parents to enroll in a school because of athletics.

As stated in CIF Bylaw 200.A.2 the CIF Bylaws reinforce the principle that students attend school to receive an education first; athletic participation is secondary. CIF Bylaws provide for individual Section Offices to limit eligibility for a student when there is evidence the transfer, or move is made to acquire athletic participation at their new school (School B).

Students may be determined by their respective CIF/Section Office or the CIF to have made an athletically motivated transfer or change in schools if one or more of the following circumstances are determined to have contributed in any way to the transfer or change in schools:

(1) Evidence of parental or student dissatisfaction with a coach or a coaching decision at the former school. Evidence of this may include, but is not limited to:
   a. The student or the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s) have had a documented verbal disagreement with any member of the former school’s coaching staff, anyone associated with the athletic department or any School Administrator in the 12 months prior to the student’s change in schools regarding the team or any aspect of the team, including but not limited to any aspect of practice, schedules, off season conditioning, club participation, playing time, family conflicts with team activity schedules, coaching decisions about any aspect of the team strategies, player selection, playing time, organizational issues, communication issues; AND/OR
   b. The student or the student’s parents/guardians/caregivers have had a written exchange of any kind (Including, but not limited to: email, regular postal mail, written, hand-delivered statements etc.) with the coach or any member of the former school’s coaching staff, anyone associated with the athletic department or any school administrator in the 12 months prior to the student’s change in schools regarding the team or any aspect of the team, including but not limited to any aspect of practice, schedules, off season conditioning, club participation playing time, family conflicts with team activity schedules, coaching decisions about any aspect of the team strategies, player selection, playing time, organizational issues, communication issues; AND/OR

(2) **Transferring to a School after Participating on a Non-School Athletic Team, Camp or Clinic Associated with the School**

The student transfers from his or her current school of attendance, with or without a corresponding change of residence, to any high school where the student participates or participated, during the 24 months immediately prior to the transfer, on a non-school athletic team, (i.e. AAU, American Legion, club team, etc.), camp or clinic that is associated* with [See definition in D.(2)] the new school in the sports previously participated in. A team associated with a school is one that is organized by and/or coached by any member of the coaching staff at, or any other person associated* with [See definition in D.(2)], that school; and/or, on which the majority of the members of the team (Participants in practice and/or competition are students who attend that school). AND/OR

(3) **Transferring to a School Where a Former High School Coach Has Relocated**

The student at any grade level transfers to a new school within one calendar year of the relocation of his/her school or club coach to the student’s new school of enrollment with or without a corresponding change in residence; AND/OR

(4) Other factors that may be considered in support of evidence of athletic motivation:
   a. Evidence the student’s transfer or change of schools would result in the assurance the student would gain varsity participation at the new school or result in more playing time; AND/OR
   b. Evidence the student’s transfer or change of schools is believed (objectively or subjectively) to be more competitive or athletically “visible;” AND/OR
   c. Evidence the student’s transfer or change of schools is because of the student’s previous association with an outside agency that uses the facilities or personnel of the student’s new school (School B); AND/OR
   d. The student or the student’s parents/guardians/caregivers are quoted in published material, including but not limited to blogs, tweets, social media sites, sports media sites, chat rooms, newspapers, magazines, etc., stating that they are changing schools because of better athletic opportunities at the new school or criticizing the former school’s athletic program when discussing the reasons for the transfer; AND/OR
   e. Evidence that multiple students have transferred or changed schools to participate in a particular sports program at one school.


511. **SUSPENDED SCHOOLS**

When a school in any Section is suspended from participating in any sport, that school is not to play with any other school in the Federation in that sport during the period of suspension. Any team competing with the offending school shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Federated Council. Any CIF member school that competes against a suspended program, the competing CIF member school shall be subject to disciplinary action by their Section and the CIF.
ARTICLE 60
OUTSIDE COMPETITION

600. COMPETITION ON AN OUTSIDE TEAM
A student on a high school team becomes ineligible if the student competes in a contest on an “outside” team, in the same sport, during the student’s high school season of sport (See Bylaw 504.A). The following exceptions apply:
A. If the outside team has half or more of the team members as stated in the National Federation rules book for that sport, it shall be considered the same sport. Examples: three on three basketball---outside team competition prohibited; two on two volleyball---outside team competition permitted.
B. Flag Football
   For purposes of this rule, touch football and flag football are considered to be different sports 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 as soccer.
D. Swimming and 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 503.D.). Individuals or teams entered in CIF competition must represent a CIF member school. No other form of representation shall be permitted in CIF competition.
      NOTE: Alpine, Nordic Skiing and Snowboarding are exempt for this Bylaw as the season of sport is not defined and listed under Bylaw 503.D. and that all competitions are done in conjunction with the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association. In the sport of gymnastics, Unattached Athletes will be listed in USA Gymnastics competitions as “all-stars.”

600.1. IN THE CIFSDS DURING SEASON OF SPORT
   a. School Team - The current-year San Diego Section Master Schedule, approved by the Board of Managers, sets the official commencement and conclusion of each sports season within the San Diego Section. During a particular season of sport, there are no CIFSDS restrictions on interscholastic practice or the association of interscholastic coaches and their athletes.
   b. Outside Team - During a San Diego Section athlete’s season of sport, he or she may not participate or practice on an outside team in the same sport (Approved January 21, 2003 Board of Managers). For the purpose of this rule, an outside team is defined as a non-CIF team consisting of half or more of the number of players required to start a contest by the respective National Federation rules book. Tackle football is considered to be a sport separate from touch or flag football. Examples of outside team sports that would be in conflict include (but not limited to) 3 on 3-basketball, slow pitch softball. Examples of outside team sports that would not be in conflict would be 2-person volleyball, 5 on 5-indoor soccer, and over-the-line softball.
   As two exceptions to this rule, athletes participating in the individual sports of swimming, diving, and gymnastics may
practice during their season of sport, as unattached athletes, with club teams, which are established under the National Governing Board for that sport, so long as the athlete also practices with the school team, and the athlete is entered to compete as an unattached athlete in the CIF-approved competitions at Bylaw 600. (Approved June 3, 2003 Board of Managers)

Attendance at College ID camps in all sports.
1. With CIFSDS prior approval, student-athletes are permitted to attend two college ID camps in any given season of sport. Attendance at any camp beyond two ID camps is a violation and would result in the penalties described in 601.A.
2. A College ID camp is defined as a sport specific camp, held on a college campus under the direction of a college coach.
3. Student athletes must receive permission from the site sport head coach and the Athletic Director/Administrator prior to attending the ID camp. ID camp participation form must be completed, signed and approved by CIFSDS prior to a student attending. Participation in an ID camp without prior approval would result in the penalties described in 601.A.
4. Camp flyer or link to camp website must be forwarded to the CIFSDS office along with completed ID camp participation form.
5. The section office will list approved college ID camps on the CIFSDS web site for reference purposes.
(Approved Date needed Board of Managers)

NOTE: Tryouts for club teams during the high school season of sport are not permitted. Practices during the high school season of sport with an outside team are considered a violation of this bylaw.

600.2. IN THE CIFSDS OUTSIDE SEASON OF SPORT (Includes summer school, inter-session, and mini-courses)
a. During School Day (includes extended school day) - An athlete may not participate in a regular physical education class or an independent study physical education class or an independent study physical education class in which more than one-half of the course offering outside the season of sport is in the sport in which he or she has competed interscholastically. For example, a basketball player could enroll and participate in a summer school physical education class that had 50 percent of its time allotted for weight training, running, racquet ball, etc. Students who had not yet competed on an interscholastic level in the sport concerned and students enrolled in off-campus independent study physical education classes in the individual sports (swimming, gymnastics, golf, tennis, etc.) would be exempt from this restriction.
b. Outside School Day (Includes after-school hours, weekends, holidays, and all vacation periods including intercessions)
   (1) CIFSDS athletes may practice with, or compete on, outside teams which are:
      (a) Established under some governing authority;
      (b) Open to all interested students.
   (Approved January 21, 2003 Board of Managers)
   (2) Other than illegal all-star activity, CIFSDS coaches may coach their own athletes as individuals or as members of outside teams except during the schools declared dead period (see Out-of-Season Policy) and provided there is no requirement or official involvement of their school including sponsorship, publicity, identification of school, uniforms, balls and other equipment, transportation, finances, entry fees, etc. Uniforms, warm-ups, and other apparel bearing the name or abbreviation of the student's school may not be worn (see #6). Nicknames and their abbreviations are permitted.
   (3) School facilities and equipment, including protective gear such as shoulder pads, helmets, hip pads, may be utilized by CIFSDS coaches and athletes if they are acting as individuals or outside agencies disassociated from the school and receive written permission on forms provided by the school or district for public use of the equipment or facilities. If charges are normally made, then charges must also be made to the applicant concerned. In all cases of facility and/or equipment usage, no special treatment or favoritism must be shown to applicant coaches or athletes; the normal procedures for processing applications for any outside individual or agency must be followed. Uniforms, warm-ups, and other apparel bearing the name or abbreviation of the student's school may not be worn, and uniforms, warm-ups, and other apparel that are no longer the property of the school must have the school name or abbreviation removed or completely covered.
   (4) Organizational meetings of the high school coach and potential team members are permitted prior to the first official school practice. These meetings are for the purpose of information and planning only, regarding the upcoming season. No tryouts, chalk talks, sports films, drills, exercises, strategy, etc., are to be included.
Fundraising activities such as “-athons” etc., which place emphasis upon endurance rather than skills may not be in violation of CIF or CIFSDS rules regarding either out-of-season or amateur rules (should prizes be given).

(6) Violations of any of the foregoing restrictions are subject to Rule 604.

(Approved January 22, 2002 Board of Managers)

600.3. CIFSDS NO CONTACT PERIODS – See San Diego Section Bylaws, Article XXII, No-Contact Period

600.4. IN THE CIFSDS PRACTICE DEFINED - In the CIFSDS practice is defined as organized, systematic exercise to become proficient in a sport. Prohibited activities in the CIFSDS include, but not limited to, skill drills, game situation drills, scrimmages and games, or any other directed or supervised instruction by the school coach, a school representative, a school team representative, an outside team coach, or any individual associated with an outside team or club.” (Reprinted here for purposes of 600.1 and does not include practices with a high school team during the season of sport)

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)

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 or twice the number of practices/tryouts in which the student participated.

602. PAN-AMERICAN, US PARALYMPICS OR OLYMPIC COMPETITION

During the high school season of sport, a high school student who has been selected or qualified for participation on the United States team, which will engage in Pan-American, US Paralympics or Olympic competition, may participate on that team.

(Revised May 2007 Federated Council/Revised October 2008 Federated Council)

603. OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

During their high school season of sport, a high school student who has been selected or qualified for an Olympic development program 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 CIF State Executive Director may grant approval, upon individual petition, for an athlete to travel to a foreign country to participate in international competition sanctioned by the governing body for that sport in the United States and the international governing body.
(Revised May 2003 Federated Council/Revised October 2008 Federated Council)

605. PROFESSIONAL TRYOUT
A student shall become ineligible for CIF competition if he/she participates in any tryout for a professional team in any CIF-approved sport during the high school season of sport. The season of sport for a school is that period of time that elapses between the first interscholastic contest and the final contest in that particular sport.

NOTE: See Bylaw 1200 for CIF-approved sports.
(Revised May 2009 Federated Council)

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. and 703-705) may participate in such athletic competition.
(Revised May 2003 Federated Council)

700.1 Dual or triangular interstate competition is automatically approved by the San Diego Section Commissioner for San Diego Section schools providing all schools are members of the National Federation. (See Rules 702-706 regarding sanctioned events.)

700.2 San Diego Section teams (except football and wrestling) have automatic approval by the Commissioner to compete against faculty, alumni, or alumni/faculty combination teams. Such contests may not be counted in the season total provided the contest is conducted as a fund-raiser. Only one such game is permitted per year, per sport.

700.3 The sanctioning, permission, authorization, and/or approval of any CIF individual, team, school, district, and/or league participation in any CIF approved sport shall be denied if the management, facility, and/or opponent(s) discriminate in any way due to race, creed, and/or gender.

700.4 San Diego Section events limited to CIF participants of any level are required to submit a sanction request form - (www.cifsds.org - Forms – Sanction Forms - Application to CIF San Diego Section for Sanction of Athletic Event). If the invited schools are from California, Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, or from non-border states involving fewer than five states or fewer than eight schools, use Application to CIF-San Diego Section for Sanction of Athletic Event. All other interstate (non-border state involving five or more state or eight or more schools) and international events (including Mexico and Canada), must be sanctioned online with NFHS - www.nfhs.org.

NOTE 1: Effective June 1, 2002, CIFSDS Deadline Dates: Fall Sports = June 1, Winter Sports = September 1; Spring Sports = December 1. A $25 processing fee to CIFSDS must be attached to application; if past deadline a $100 late fee is also required. (Approved April 23, 2002 Board of Managers)

NOTE 2: See also CIFSDS Bylaw 502.1

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.
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.

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 705.C.(1) will also be considered “border states”.

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 sanction:
   • Any interstate or international event involving two (2) or more schools which is co-sponsored by or titled in the name of an organization outside the school community.
   • Events in non-bordering states if five (5) or more states are involved.
   • Events in non-bordering states if more than eight (8) schools are involved.
   • Any event involving two (2) or more schools that involves a team from a foreign country. The exceptions to this rule are Canada and Mexico which are considered “bordering states” by the National Federation of High Schools and the California Interscholastic Federation.

(1) Host School Procedures
In applying for all necessary approval (as described above) of such an event, the host school event manager must access and register and follow all sanctioning deadlines as listed at www.nfhs.org no later than 60 days prior to the event.
Completion of the registration, application and appropriate fees can only be completed electronically at www.nfhs.org. Late fees will be assessed for application filed less than 60 days prior to the event.

a. Eligibility of Participants
   The hosting entity is responsible for submitting, upon request, to its respective Section Office written verification of all of the following.
   (i) All participants in the event represent only their respective schools of enrollment; AND
   (ii) All participants in the event meet the provisions of the following Bylaws: 203 (Age Requirement); 204 (Eight Semesters); 212 (Amateur Standing); 600 (Outside Teams) and 900 (All-Star Competition); AND
   (iii) All participants in the event meet the eligibility standards of their respective state and national associations, including, but not limited to, maintaining minimum progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements as prescribed by their respective governing boards.

b. The respective Section Commissioner will indicate his/her action (approval or denial) and, if approved, 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.

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

   (1) All participants in the event represent only their respective schools of enrollment; AND
   (2) All participants in the event meet the provisions of the following Bylaws: 203 (Age Requirement), 204 (Eight Semesters), 212 (Amateur Standing), 600 (Outside Teams) and 900 (All-Star Competition); AND
   (3) All participants in the event meet the eligibility standards of their respective state and national associations, including, but not limited to, maintaining minimum progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements as prescribed by their respective governing boards.

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

   (1) Schools traveling internationally to destinations other than to Canada or Mexico must:
      a. Complete the online NFHS Sanctioning form before the event; AND
      b. Pay all applicable sanctioning fees to the NFHS.
   (2) Upon receipt from the NFHS, the CIF State Office will forward the application to the respective CIF Section Commissioner for review.
   (3) Schools traveling to all international destinations must submit to its respective Section Office written verification of the eligibility of all participants in the event, as stipulated in 705.C.(1) above.

NOTE: Consult your Section office for application deadlines.
(Revised November 2009 Federated Council/Editorial Revision May 2014)

706. PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS
Any violation of the provisions of Article 70 (Sanctioned Events) may be cause for refusal of sanction approval or suspension of the participating schools from CIF competition. The Federated Council shall determine any period of suspension. Suspended schools may apply only to the Federated Council for reinstatement.

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:
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.

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.

See CIFSDS Policies and Regulations for approved awards.

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 508 - Donated Equipment)

Q: May a school or team accept prize money for participation in an event?
A: No.

(Artapproved May 1998 Federated Council/Revised May 2008 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 90
ALL-STAR COMPETITION

900. PARTICIPATION
A. A graduating senior is any student who started his/her seventh semester of eligibility and completed the 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.

NOTE: 2015 June 6
2016 June 4

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)

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 Website (www.cifstate.org) in Parent Handbook II – Understanding the Transfer Appeal Process. Sections are not permitted, and have no authority, to determine an appeal of a Section’s decision regarding transfer eligibility.


NOTE: All eligibility determinations made by the respective CIF Section office under the provisions of 207.B.(5c) (unlimited eligibility applications) are final as all of these hardship circumstances are factual in nature and can/must be documented. Only students whose eligibility status was determined due to any violations listed below may appeal the section’s decision. The details and timelines of the appeal process are available on the State CIF website as outlined in the “Parents Handbook II – Understanding the Transfer Appeal Process.”

A. 207.B.(5a)(ii) or b.(iii)-Conflict with Coach at former school

B. 207.B.(5a)(iv) or b.(v) or c.(iii)-Following Coach

C. 510 – Undue Influence, Pre-enrollment contact, Failure to Disclose Pre-enrollment contact and Athletically Motivated Transfers

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

Each Section shall establish appellate procedures for review of a Section’s decision regarding waiver of the age requirement (Bylaw 203); waiver of a charge of a semester of attendance (Bylaw 204.C.) and waiver of the requirement to be passing 20 semester credits of work (Bylaw 205.C.), which incorporate the following requirements in final Section determination of student athletic eligibility. In an appeal of any decision that includes not only a transfer request but also a request for waiver of the age requirement, charge of a semester, and/or passing 20 semester credits of work, the transfer request issue will be held in abeyance until all other issues are determined in accordance with Section appeal policies and procedures to a final determination. The procedural requirements for determination of the transfer request under the “Policy and Procedures for Appeal of the Section Decision on Transfer Eligibility for Athletic Participation” will be tolled until that final determination of other issues is made by the Section.

Upon written appeal of Bylaws 203, 204.C. or 205.C. the Section shall appoint either:

A. A hearing panel; OR

B. A single hearing officer.

The panel or hearing officer shall be empowered to hear the matter under consideration and rule on the eligibility status of the appellant under Section and 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).

Dates and Deadlines for Section Student Eligibility Appeals

(1) A final appeal to the Section, under this bylaw, must be initiated within 30 calendar days after a written notice of a Commissioner, hearing panel or single hearing officer’s decision denying eligibility is sent (by postmarked mail) to the affected party.
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.

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.

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.

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.

From the last published CIF sponsored activity until August 15, appeal hearings may be held if the State or Section can accommodate such a request with available personnel.

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

See CIFSDS Policies and Procedures for CIFSDS appeal procedures.

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;
C. Sections shall provide for timely notice of appeals, time schedule of such appeals, and written notice for determination of the matter being appealed;
D. Section appellate procedures shall allow for written and verbal presentations by the appellant to hearing bodies and testimony by knowledgeable parties.

1104. CIF SECTION PLAYOFF APPEALS PROCEDURES INVOLVING SECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS ONLY

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

1105. 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.

1106. 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.

1107. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S AUTHORITY TO INTERPRET
The CIF Executive Director is authorized to interpret the CIF Constitution, Bylaws, and Federated Council regulations, and to issue such official interpretations in writing to all Sections. The Executive Director will report any official interpretations issued at subsequent Executive Committee meetings for their review and consideration. The State Executive Director may review decisions of the State Appeals Office before issuance for compliance with the CIF Constitution and Bylaws and compliance with Title V, the Education Code, etc., and whether it extended the appropriate due process to the parties.
(Revised May 2007 Federated Council)

1108. DELEGATED POWERS
A. In emergency situations, the 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.

1109. SETTING ASIDE THE EFFECT OF A RULE FOR WHICH THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR WAIVER
The Executive Director and a Section appeals committee may, on a case-by-case basis, upon evaluation of the evidence, set aside the effect of any bylaw when, in their joint opinion all of the following criteria are met:
A. There exists a hardship as defined by Bylaw 213;
B. The rationale of the rule being waived will not be offended or compromised;
C. The principle of the educational balance (over athletics) will not be offended or compromised;
D. The waiver will not result in a safety risk to teammates or competitors;
E. The waiver will not result in an unfair displacement of another student from athletic competition;
F. Competitive equity among competitors will not, as a result of the waiver, be skewed in favor of the student or the student’s team.
(Approved May 1997 Federated Council)

NOTE: In practice, this bylaw is initiated by a Section appeals committee. However, the bylaw may be initiated by the Executive Director upon review of an appeal.

ARTICLE 120
APPROVED SPORTS

See also CIFSDS Article XX – No Contact Periods; CIFSDS Article XI – Special Rulings for All 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.
2. 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. Gymnastics Federation (USGF) rules for compulsory routines; all optional routines must follow National Federation rules.
D. In sports for girls where the National Federation does not write the rules, the National Association of Girls and Women Sports (NAGWS) rules shall be official whenever the rules for the sport are written by NAGWS. In sports where neither the National Federation nor the NAGWS write the rules, the nationally recognized amateur association rules for that sport shall apply.
E. For special mixed events and coed teams in tennis 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. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Regional Badminton events will begin in Spring 2016.

1400.1 BADMINTON – SAN DIEGO SECTION SPORT REGULATIONS
1. RULES: All Badminton competition in the CIFSDS will be conducted under USBA rules unless otherwise provided herein or determined by the San Diego City Conference.
2. PLAYOFFS:
   Badminton is a CIF approved sport. Although it does not currently meet participation-level criteria to continue as a Section playoff sport, the San Diego City Conference may continue to conduct post-regular season conference championship as the San Diego Section Badminton Championship.
   a. Team - The San Diego Section Team Badminton playoffs will be determined solely by the San Diego City Conference and each team participating must have been charged with 8 points during the season.
   b. Individual - The San Diego Section Individual Badminton Championships. The format and rules of the tournament(s) are to be determined solely by the San Diego City Conference. At-large players may fill positions left open by incomplete allotment of entries.
   c. The San Diego Section Badminton Championship will be conducted by the City Conference at their sole expense without reimbursement or assistance by the section until such time as the minimum participation requirements are met for the Section to conduct the event. This exception is not precedence for other sports to conduct Section championships while not meeting the established requirements, but is an accommodation for historical continuity.
3. SPECIAL RULES
   a. A player may leave the court briefly to secure a playable racquet, if the previous one becomes unplayable.
   b. There will be a minimum of 10 minutes and a maximum of 15 minutes rest period for competitors between events (e.g., singles, doubles, and/or mixed doubles).
   c. No San Diego Section badminton team or individual will be permitted to compete unless wearing matching school shirt (may be T-shirt) and shorts or dresses/skirts of a common color. Players shall be dressed identically. Team or individual will default when discovered in illegal uniform.
   d. Only the official league shuttlecock will be used.
   e. Tie-breaking procedures shall be in accordance with City Conference Blue Book.
   NOTE: At the time this bylaw was approved, only the City Conference offered badminton although it is an approved sport in the Section. For that reason, the City Conference was permitted to host the Badminton Championship by the Board of Managers.

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)

1500.1 BASEBALL – SAN DIEGO SECTION SPORT REGULATIONS

1. RULES: All baseball competition in the CIFSDS will be conducted under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided herein or determined by the CIF-San Diego Section.

2. PLAYOFFS
   a. There will be 6 competitive divisions with 8 teams in the Open Division, 12 teams in Divisions I-IV and 8 teams in Division V qualifying for the playoffs. Designated league champions will be guaranteed entry into the playoffs and guaranteed a home game in the 1st round, unless playing against a higher seeded designated league champion (does not apply to divisions that begin playoffs in the quarterfinal round).
   b. The Commissioner or designee shall seed teams in the CIFSDS playoffs with input from the coach’s advisory committee in that sport. Seeding will be conducted in all divisions of all team sport playoffs. There shall be no appeal of the decisions of the Commissioner and/or committee.

3. SPECIAL RULES:
   a. The sport of baseball is considered to be separate and distinct from the sport of softball. During the season of the sport of baseball, a participant in baseball may compete in outside softball competition. Slow-pitch is considered to be softball.
   b. Speed-up rules may be used when competing schools or leagues so desire.
   c. Pitchers will be limited to 30 outs and/or three appearances during any calendar week (Monday-Saturday).
   NOTE: An official rule interpretation by the State CIF Rules Interpreter in spring 2009 advised that a pitcher may not throw another pitch beyond the 30th out in a calendar week. The rule does not allow a pitcher to continue to pitch up to the 31st out.
   d. Only one Saturday or holiday doubleheader per season with the same opponent will count as one point.

ARTICLE 160
BASKETBALL

1600. GIRLS MODIFICATION
The National Federation Basketball Rules shall be modified for girls basketball as follows:
A. Utilization of 30-second shot clock.
B. No 10-second rule in backcourt.
C. Utilization of five-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.
(Approved May 2001 Federated Council/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. 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 six divisions based on the following guidelines:
Division I  As determined by Section
Division II As determined by Section
Division III As determined by Section
Division IV As determined by Section
Division V As determined by Section, but enrollment may not exceed 600
Division VI As determined by Section, but enrollment may not exceed 200

NOTE: The State Championship will include Divisions I-V above and an Open Division. Division VI Regional Championship will be in NorCal only.


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)

1600.1 BASKETBALL – SAN DIEGO SECTION SPORT REGULATIONS
1. RULES: All basketball competition in the CIFSDS will be conducted under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided herein or determined by the CIF-San Diego Section.

2. PLAYOFFS:
   a. There will be 6 competitive divisions with 8 teams in the Open Division, 16 teams in Divisions I-IV and 8 teams in Division V qualifying for the playoffs. Designated league champions will be guaranteed entry into the playoffs and guaranteed a home game in the 1st round, unless playing against a higher seeded designated league champion (does not apply to divisions that begin playoffs in the quarterfinal round).
   b. The Commissioner or designee shall seed teams in CIFSDS playoffs with input from the coach’s advisory committee in that sport. Seeding will be conducted in all divisions of all team sport playoffs. There shall be no appeal from the decisions of the Commissioner and/or committee.
   c. Teams wanting consideration must submit all required information before the published deadline.
   d. Teams designated as an automatic qualifier by their league will be given a home game in their first contest unless meeting a higher seeded automatic qualifier.
   e. In all other contests, the higher seeded team will be the home team including the finals.
   f. Twenty complimentary admissions will be approved for each participating team for each playoff contest.

3. SPECIAL RULES:
   a. The length of quarters in Varsity and JV basketball games shall be eight minutes. In Frosh games, the quarters shall be six minutes. Schools may play eight-minute quarters in Frosh games if the two principals (or their designees) of the competing schools agree in advance.
   b. The CIFSDS adopts the modifications at 1600 and 1601 above. A 30-second clock (or watch) shall be used to time ball possession in girls’ games and a 35 second clock shall be used in boy’s games. (Note: The timepiece, although highly recommended, does not have to be visible.)
   c. When doubleheader games are played, there shall be 20 minutes elapse between the conclusion of the first game and the start of the second game.

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. 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
   Division V  As determined by Section, but enrollment may not exceed 600


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.

(Approved May 2000 Federated Council/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
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(Approved May 2001 Federated Council/Revised February 2005 Federated Council)

1700.1 CROSS COUNTRY – SAN DIEGO SECTION SPORT REGULATIONS

1. RULES: All cross country competition in the CIFSDS will be conducted under National Federation rules (located in the Track and Field Rule Book) unless otherwise provided herein or determined by the CIF-San Diego Section.

2. SPRING PRACTICE: Eighth grade students are not permitted to participate in spring practices. Students not enrolled in the member high school but who may be currently attending a member school in programs such as summer programs, seminars, single classes, intersession or who are housed on a campus with 9-12 high school students are not permitted to participate in spring practices. (Approved June 7, 2006, Board of Managers)

3. SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP RACE:
   a. There are no Prelims in the CIFSDS Cross Country Championships.
   b. Ten students may be entered as a cross-country team for the Finals, but only seven may run, and only five shall be counted (except in the case of a tie-breaker).
   c. The length of the races in the Finals and the State Qualifying Meet shall be 5000 meters for boys’ and a distance to be determined for girls’.
   d. Teams can qualify for an at-large entry into the CIF State Cross Country Championships. The at-large procedure will be determined by the State CIF and published in the State CIF bulletin.
   e. An athlete must have participated for his/her school of enrollment in five or more of the CIFSDS permissible maximum individual points of the sport in order to participate in the CIFSDS championships. (Approved June 9, 2009, Board of Managers)

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)

1800.1 FIELD HOCKEY – SAN DIEGO SECTION SPORT REGULATIONS

1. RULES: All field hockey competition in the CIFSDS will be conducted under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided herein or determined by the CIF-San Diego Section.

2. PLAYOFFS:
   a. There will be 3 competitive divisions with 8 teams in the Open Division and 12 teams in Divisions I and II qualifying for the playoffs. Designated league champions will be guaranteed entry into the playoffs and guaranteed a home game in the 1st round, unless playing against a higher seeded designated league champion (does not apply to divisions that begin playoffs in the quarterfinal round).
   b. The Commissioner or designee shall seed teams in CIFSDS playoffs with input from the coach’s advisory committee in that sport. Seeding will be conducted in all divisions of all team sport playoffs. There shall be no appeal from the decisions of the Commissioner and/or committee.
   c. Teams wanting consideration must submit all required information before the published deadline.
   d. The home team in all rounds is the team with the higher seed, unless the lower seeded team is a league champion; in the first round, league champions will host. The site and time for the finals will be determined by the Commissioner’s office.
   e. The official ball sponsor for the CIFSDS will be the ball used in all playoff games, and those balls must bear the National Federation authentication mark.
   f. The home school is charged with the responsibility for securing a regulation field for all playoff contests that they host. The field, as well as all equipment, must meet National Federation specifications. If a regulation field is not available at the home school, then that school must make other arrangements for an appropriate home field. Schools, by mutual agreement, may play on fields that are not of regulation dimensions.
g. Each competing school will be allocated 10 complimentary tickets at the finals.

3. SPECIAL RULES:
   a. There shall be an official scorekeeper and timer provided by the home school. Student timers are acceptable in playoff competition, although adult timers are strongly recommended.
   b. All players must wear appropriate matching uniforms.
   c. The tiebreaker procedure to be followed for regular season and playoff contests will be set forth in the preseason minutes.
   d. SPRING PRACTICE: Eighth grade students are not permitted to participate in spring practices. Students not enrolled in the member high school but who may be currently attending a member school in programs such as summer programs, seminars, single classes, intersession or who are housed on a campus with 9-12 high school students are not permitted to participate in spring practices. (Approved June 7, 2006, Board of Managers)

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 May 2000 Federated Council/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 504.M. 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 tie-breaking procedure as recommended in the National Federation Football Rules Book will be utilized to determine a winner in the CIF Regional and 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)

1900.1 FOOTBALL – SAN DIEGO SECTION SPORT REGULATIONS

1. RULES: All football competition in the CIF-San Diego Section will be conducted under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided herein or determined by the CIFSDS.
(Revised April 23, 2002, Board of Managers)

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2. TEAM PRACTICE: Football practice will begin on that date which allows for 28 practices before the first football game, which begins with two (2) full days of non-contact conditioning, which may include the use of helmets and shoulder pads, shorts and shoes without contact with equipment or personnel.

3. No football practice may begin before August 1 or in violation of the no contact period. Schools must report practice start date to the CIFSDS on a date to be published by the CIFSDS each year. (Approved April 23, 2005, Board of Managers)

4. SPRING PRACTICE: Spring practice may be conducted for any 15 school days commencing May 1 or after. There shall be no interschool interaction. No protective equipment other than football shoes and soft, protective headgear may be worn. The use of bags and hitting sled is permitted. Eighth grade students are not permitted to participate in spring practices. Students not enrolled in the member high school but who may be currently attending a member school in programs such as summer programs, seminars, single classes, intersession or who are housed on a campus with 9-12 high school students are not permitted to participate in spring practices. (Approved June 7, 2006, Board of Managers)

5. MAXIMUM TEAM GAMES: A football team is permitted to participate in a maximum of 10 games as established by the CIFSDS in addition to one additional scrimmage or carnival and any post-regular season CIFSDS competition. If a total of two scrimmages and/or carnivals (or combination of both) is played, a maximum of nine games may be played.

6. CARNIVALS: Approved football carnivals will comply with the CIF rules pertaining to the minimum number of days practice necessary before the event can be scheduled. Teams may participate in one carnival and one interscholastic scrimmage, or two carnivals, or two scrimmages during a regular season. If the optional tenth game is conducted, the preceding totals would be reduced by one.

7. Alumni games are not permitted.

8. TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE: In the CIFSDS, the current approved NCAA tiebreaking procedure will be used to break all ties in all regular season and post season games at the varsity level. A winner will be declared following applicable overtime procedures.

9. PLAYOFFS:
   a. There will be 6 competitive divisions with 8 teams in the Open Division, 12 teams in Divisions I-IV and 8 teams in Division V qualifying for the playoffs. Designated league champions will be guaranteed entry into the playoffs and guaranteed a home game in the 1st round, unless playing against a higher seeded designated league champion (does not apply to divisions that begin playoffs in the quarterfinal round).
   b. Where possible, there shall be no first-round intraleague contests. This accommodation will not apply to playoff brackets beginning with the quarterfinals.
   c. The Commissioner or designee shall seed teams in CIFSDS playoffs with input from the coach’s advisory committee in that sport. Seeding will be conducted in all divisions of all team sport playoffs. There shall be no appeal from the decisions of the Commissioner and/or committee.
   d. Teams wanting consideration must submit all required information before the published deadline.
   e. Home Team Determination: See Playoff Bulletin
   f. Sites: To be determined by the Commissioner’s office.
   g. Ineligible Team:
      Should the CIFSDS Office be notified before Tuesday noon that a playoff team is ineligible or has been withdrawn, a new opponent shall be named. If such notification is made after Tuesday noon, there will be no substituted opponent, and the eligible team will advance as a result of a forfeit.
   i. It is mandatory that an emergency rescue vehicle, as well as a physician, a paramedic, or a certified trainer, be available at all football playoff games.
   J. Each school participating in the CIFSDS Football Playoffs shall be required to loan up to four complete game films, videotapes, or DVD’s of any of its contests requested by its opponent and of the same good and acceptable quality that the providing school uses for its purposes.
   k. See "ARTICLE 8 - PLAYOFFS" for permissible playoff expenses.

10. SPECIAL RULES:
   a. The length of the quarters in varsity football games shall be 12 minutes. In games below varsity level, the quarters shall be 10 minutes in length. The time between halves of a game shall be in accordance with National Federation Football rules.
   b. Football teams shall wear dark jerseys at home games and light jerseys away (note: beginning in 2010 away teams must wear white jerseys at which time this bylaw will be changed to read: “wear jerseys as designated by the NFHS rule book) unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in advance.
   c. An artificial limb may be used by a player in football competition provided that:
      • The prosthesis is fabricated of rubber, hard foam laminated with polyester resin, padded with soft foam;
      • The prosthesis is not a weapon and is safe for other players;
• Any and all hinges and/or other hard or unyielding material on the lateral surface must be covered similar to that required on a knee brace under the NFHS rules;
• Any and all hinges or nay hard or unyielding material across the front of the leg must be padded similar to that required on a knee brace;
• The prosthesis must be wrapped with a minimum of \( \frac{1}{2} \) -inch thick, high-density polyurethane or foam rubber;
• The player must have a letter of approval of an orthopedic surgeon or physician associated with a juvenile amputee clinic to present to the game umpire and referee at game time;
• A signed consent form from the parent(s)/guardian(s) on file at the school site allowing participation;
• A statement of compliance by the principal forwarded to the CIFSDS office verifying that the consent form is completed and on file in the appropriate school office;
• The game umpire sanctions the prosthesis as being, soft, non-abrasive, non-hardening material suitable for competition.

d. End zone coaching or use of headsets in the end zone is not permitted in the CIFSDS, beginning fall 2003. 
(Approved October 22, 2002, Board of Managers)
e. Game site management is authorized to enforce all rules.

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)

2000.1 GOLF – SAN DIEGO SECTION SPORT REGULATIONS

1. RULES: All golf competition in the CIF- San Diego Section will be conducted under USGA rules unless otherwise provided herein or determined by the CIFSDS. Advice will be allowed in the section provided it is with the group playing in the match and not with team members in front or playing behind that group.

2. STATUS OF GIRLS ON BOYS’ TEAMS: A school may provide an opportunity for its female golfers to play up to 21 rounds in the fall season of sport, even if the school has only one female golfer. In that way female golfers may qualify for the WSCGA individual championship. If a school fields only one golf team and a female chooses to play on the student team in the spring, the female golfer will NOT be permitted to play in the SCGA Boys’ Individual Championship, but may qualify to compete in the next immediate Girls’ Individual Championship in the fall. Schools are strongly encouraged to provide a girls’ team in the fall, if there is any interest at all.

3. MAXIMUM MATCHES, TOURNAMENTS: The combined total of dual/tri contests and tournaments shall not exceed 21 for each individual. This total does not include post-regular season CIFSDS or state regional competition. ADDITIONALLY: A GOLF TEAM CAN HAVE A MAXIMUM OF

   A. 26 nines.
   B. 3 tournaments which count as 2 points.

   No one player can exceed the 21 point rule. A nine counts as 1 point, an 18 counts as 2 points. A tournament counts as 2 points. A school may have an A and B team that must have a separate roster, separate coach and a separate schedule. A player must be rostered on A or B team before the first official match by a school. A player cannot move between A and B teams except you may reshuffle teams 1 time on April 15 of the season of sport. The April 15 date sets your playoff roster for CIF. B teams and players are NOT eligible for the post season. Roster for A and B teams need to be submitted to the section office for posting and if there is a change on April 15 that change needs to be sent to the section office as well.

4. OUTSIDE COMPETITION:
   a. Matches against alumni teams count as one of the 21 permitted. Matches against faculty teams are not counted.
   b. Unlimited outside golfing competition is permitted during the season for San Diego Section golfers provided they enter as unattached individuals and abide by all rules applicable to unattached competition, including non-use of a school golf bag.

5. PLAYOFFS:
   a. Team Tournament
      (1) Only teams designated #1 by their league will be guaranteed entry.
      (2) At-large team entries will be determined by the Commissioner’s office with input from the Golf Advisory Committee based upon differentials and course ratings.
      (3) Both Boys’ teams and Girls’ teams shall consist of six golfers with the aggregate score of the best five golfers constituting the official team score.
   b. Individual Tournament

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(1) Each league champion will automatically qualify, if the individual participated in the required number of matches.

(2) At-large entries will be determined by the Commissioner’s office with input from the Golf Advisory Committee based upon course ratings and score differentials. The Advisory Committee may consider golfers from any school in the San Diego Section provided that those nominees from golf leagues participated in all rounds of the league/conference tournament and posted all rounds played and a minimum of 11 rounds.

(3) In the individual championship, the top golfers (as determined by the Golf Advisory Committee) from the first day's competition will advance to the second day.

c. Spectators will not be allowed to use golf carts at CIFSDS golf tournaments. Spectators are restricted to designated areas as determined by the tournament director at the site.

d. A golfer must have participated for his/her school of enrollment in more than one-half (1/2) of the CIFSDS permissible maximum individual points of the sport in order to participate in the CIFSDS championship tournament.

e. See minutes of meetings and playoff bulletins for other rules regarding participation.

6. SPECIAL RULES:

a. PLAYER GOLF CODE
A PLAYER CAUGHT CHEATING IN A MATCH OR TOURNAMENT (For example not giving the correct score, dropping a ball, or making a mutual agreement with other players to change a scorecard) shall violate the SDCIF Code of Ethics and would be considered a Gross Misconduct breach and the student athlete shall be subjected to a 3 to 6 game suspension from play.

Good sportsmanship requires that student-athletes:
- Adhere rigidly to all local golf rules.
- Allow members to play through at all times.
- Replace divots.
- Do not needlessly walk in bunkers.
- Rake bunkers.
- Do not play a ball if there is danger of reaching players ahead.
- Do not play a ball off the green.
- Do not yell or talk loudly.
- Do not curse or throw clubs.
- Do not carry tobacco in any form on the course.
- Do not wager in connection with golf.
- Comply with dress code as set forth in the playoff bulletin.

b. The committee for a golf match is the head coaches only of the participating schools. In the event of an ejection of a student athlete for a SDCIF code of conduct violation the head coach of the home site is responsible for filling out the ejection report of the student athlete provided the coaches agree to the ejection in advance.

c. Violation(s) of the Golf Code are grounds for disqualification.

d. Caddies - No caddies are permitted for either the San Diego Section Individual or Team Tournament, including extra holes to break ties.

e. Range Finders or any electrical device are permitted for use by any San Diego Section team or players including tournament play. (See state handout on golf page [cifsds.org] for range finder guidelines.)

f. Carts are permissible if SDCIF teams are playing in a tournament where they are mandated in order to speed up play. Pull carts are allowed provided the participating golf course allows their usage.

g. Cell phones: If the phone accidentally goes off during a match it will be a one stroke penalty. The student must then shut the phone down without answering the call. If the student athlete takes the phone out of the bag other than to turn it off then they would be disqualified from the match.

h. Coaches need to be on site for their teams to compete in tournament play

i. SPRING PRACTICE – GIRLS: Eighth grade students are not permitted to participate in spring practices. Students not enrolled in the member high school but who may be currently attending a member school in programs such as summer programs, seminars, single classes, intersession or who are housed on a campus with 9-12 high school students are not permitted to participate in spring practices. (Approved June 7, 2006, Board of Managers)

ARTICLE 210
GYMNASTICS

2100. RULES
Sections are authorized to use USGF rules for compulsory routines; all optional routines must follow National Federation rules.
Gymnastics – San Diego Section Sport Regulations

1. Rules: All optional and compulsory gymnastics competition in the CIF-San Diego Section will be conducted under National Federation Gymnastics Rules unless otherwise provided herein or determined by the CIF-San Diego Section. Established San Diego Section/USGF deductions for scoring the compulsory events will be used.

2. Playoffs:
   a. Team Championship
      (1) League championship teams shall be guaranteed entry into the CIFSDS Gymnastic Team championship with the remaining berths in the eight-team format filled by at-large teams whose selection is to be based upon scores earned at League Finals.
      (2) Teams shall be composed of a maximum of 40 competitors. This number allows each team a maximum total of 10 competitors, in any combination of varsity compulsory and optional, to compete on each of the four apparatus. (Approve April 23, 2002, Board of Managers)
      (3) Independent schools shall qualify through conference finals and placement in a conference for finals shall be the responsibility of the Commissioner's Office.
   (4) Scoring will be a composite of the varsity compulsory and optional events.
   (5) Team Scores: The team scores will comprise of 6 scores on each event. At least two of the six scores must be from an optional competitor; however, the remaining scores can be from varsity compulsory or optional competitors. If there are no scores from an optional competitor, that team will receive points based on a maximum combination of four scores.
   (6) Four events shall be run simultaneously.
   (7) Competition shall be by team in each event. Coaches may rank their team members in the order they wish them to compete. The Advisory Committee will meet to draw the rotation schedule.
   (8) There will be no warm-up between compulsory and optional competitions in the competitive area while competition in previous level is in progress. A separate equipped warm-up area may be provided.
   b. Individual Championships
      (1) Qualification to the CIFSDS Individual Championships shall be: (a) the first four finishers from the League/Conference finals in each event and in All-Around in both the Varsity compulsory and in the optional competition. (b) Any optional competitor who scores 8.4 or higher in any individual event or 32.5 or higher in the All-Around event at the League/Conference finals OR in three or more current season meets (league, non-league, or invitational). (c) Any Varsity compulsory competitor who scores a 9.0 or higher in any individual event or 35.0 or higher in the All-Around event at the League/Conference finals or in three or more meets during the current season (league, non-league, or invitational).
      (2) Athletes from Independent schools shall qualify through a conference to be determined each year by the Commissioner's Office.
      (3) In the Individual Championship meet, four events will be run at the same time.
      (4) Competition in the Individual Championships will consist of varsity-level compulsory and optional routines.
      (5) Each gymnast entered in the Individual Championships will perform routines in either varsity compulsory or varsity optional in the event(s) in which she qualified.
      (6) All-Around scoring will be a composite of all the events in which the competitor is entered. The competitor must compete and receive a score in all four events at either the varsity compulsory level or optional level.
      (7) An individual gymnast must participate in more than one-half of the permissible points for the season in order to qualify for participation in the team and/or individual CIFSDS Championship.
   c. To qualify to participate on the team or in the individual championship, the gymnast must have participated for her school of enrollment in more than one-half (1/2) of the CIFSDS permissible maximum individual points of the sport in order to participate in the CIFSDS championship tournament.

3. Special Rules:
   a. An athlete must compete by the midpoint in the season. The midpoint date is 6 weeks from the first day of approved practice based on the SDCIF Master Calendar. (Approved October 23, 2001)
   b. If the requirement to compete is waived by the CIFSDS, the athlete is required to compete in at least one meet for their school of enrollment (league, non-league, or invitational) prior to competing in the league finals.
   c. In order to be eligible for participation in the San Diego Section Individual Gymnastics Championships, a gymnast must have competed in a league final. (Approved October 23, 2001)
   d. All-around competitors must be entered in all four compulsory or all four optional events and receive a score in each event.
   e. There will be two judges per event for dual meets, CIFSDS Team Finals, and CIFSDS Individual Finals.
   f. All coaches are required to record their music on tape/CD.
   g. Optional vaulters will be permitted a full range of choice in electing optional vaults. All vaults listed in the National Federation Gymnastics Rule Book will be permitted.
h. Optional competitors on Uneven Bars, Balance Beam, and Floor Exercise shall have a full range of choice of elements, including mounts and dismounts, used by compulsory competitors. Elements within the optional routine must have connecting moves different from those used in compulsory routines. If the routine is identical to a Varsity or JV compulsory routine, a 3.0 penalty will be taken. Incomplete elements or extra attempts at a skill do not make the routine different.

i. In all regular season league or non-league meets, all gymnasts (JV, Varsity compulsory and optional) must warm up their first event before the scheduled march-in. The meet director should allot a minimum of a 20 minute warm up period for this instead of individual timing. If a team arrives late to the meet or any other circumstance limits the warm-up, no extra time will be allotted. March in must occur at the scheduled time.
   1. Optionals on Vault, Bars, Beam and Floor may receive a 30 second touch on the first event only if a request is made to the chief judge. Otherwise they will complete their first event after march-in without further warm-up.
   2. Varsity compulsories on Vault, Bars and Floor must complete their first event after march-in without further warm-up.

j. NFHS rules are designed to accommodate all levels of gymnastics ability in a fair and relative manner, therefore, the following restrictions are in place to allow fair competition at the varsity compulsory level. If an athlete claims a condition or injury that will not allow her to compete at the optional level, then she is considered not physically competent to compete gymnastics at ANY level.
   1. Any athlete that has ever competed as a level 8,9,10 or elite may only compete as an optional gymnast
   2. Any Athlete that has competed artistic gymnastics as a Level 7 or Diamond Excel within the last year (For the 2015 High school season, during the calendar year 2014 or 2015) must complete the entire high school season as an optional gymnast.

k. There shall be seven (7) JV competitors in each event, beginning spring 2003.

(Approved October 22, 2002, Board Of Mangers)

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)

2200.1 LACROSSE – SAN DIEGO SECTION SPORT REGULATIONS
1. RULES: All lacrosse competition in the CIFSDS will be conducted under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided herein or as determined by the CIFSDS.
2. PLAYOFFS:
   a. There will be 3 competitive divisions with 8 teams in the Open Division and 12 teams in Divisions I and II qualifying for the playoffs. Designated league champions will be guaranteed entry into the playoffs and guaranteed a home game in the 1st round, unless playing against a higher seeded designated league champion (does not apply to divisions that begin playoffs in the quarterfinal round).
   b. Where possible, there shall be no first-round intraleague contests.
   c. The Commissioner or designee shall seed teams in CIFSDS playoffs with input from the coach’s advisory committee in that sport. Seeding will be conducted in all divisions of all team sport playoffs. There shall be no appeal from the decisions of the Commissioner and/or committee.
   d. Teams wanting consideration must submit all required information before the published deadline.
   e. Sites: Playoff games will be played at the home field of the higher seed. In the event schools cannot provide a suitable playing field, the Commissioner will determine site selection. The championship game will be played at a neutral site. Home teams will provide adult Table Officials (Scorekeeper and Timer). Field site owner will mark and equip the field.
   f. Tiebreaker format will be that adopted by the rules of lacrosse controlling at the time.
3. SPECIAL RULES:
   a. The game clock may be allowed to run during stop-clock game situations when competing schools or leagues so desire.
   b. Contests terminating in a tie score, caused by darkness, weather, or other occurrences, are to be counted as one-half won and one-half lost for both teams.
   c. (Deleted with approval of new ejection policy adopted by Board of Managers, October 2008 for immediate effect in winter season 2008.)

ARTICLE 221

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ROLLER HOCKEY
SAN DIEGO SECTION SPORT ONLY

2210. RULES: All roller hockey competition in the CIFSDS will be conducted under USA Hockey Inline rules, unless otherwise provided herein or determined by the Metropolitan Conference.

2220. PLAYOFFS:
Roller hockey is a CIF-San Diego Section-only approved sport. The Metropolitan Conference may conduct a post-regular season Conference Championship.
   a. Team – The Metropolitan Conference Roller Hockey Playoffs will be determined and managed solely by the Metropolitan Conference and must complete play by the last day of CIFSDS winter playoffs.
   b. There will be no CIF San Diego Section Roller Hockey Championships conducted until the minimum participation requirements are met and State CIF approval of roller hockey as a sport is granted.

2230. SPECIAL RULES:
No San Diego Section roller hockey team or individual will be permitted to compete unless wearing matching uniforms. Players shall be dressed identically. An individual not in uniform will be disqualified from competition.

NOTE: At the time this bylaw was approved, only the Metro Conference offered Roller Hockey although it is an approved sport in the Section and the State CIF has not approved Roller Hockey as a State CIF approved sport. For those reasons, the Metro Conference was permitted to host a Roller Hockey Championship by the Board of Managers.

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 CHAMPIONSHIPS
Southern California boys and girls soccer championships (five 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/Revised Federated Council May 2014)

2400.1 SOCCER – SAN DIEGO SECTION SPORT REGULATIONS
1. RULES: All soccer competition in the CIF-San Diego Section will be conducted under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided herein or determined by the CIF-San Diego Section.
2. PLAYOFFS:
   a. There will be 6 competitive divisions with 8 teams in the Open Division, 12 teams in Divisions I-IV and 8 teams in Division V qualifying for the playoffs. Designated league champions will be guaranteed entry into the playoffs and guaranteed a home game in the 1st round, unless playing against a higher seeded designated league champion (does not apply to divisions that begin playoffs in the quarterfinal round).
   b. The Commissioner or designee shall seed teams in CIFSDS playoffs with input from the coach’s advisory committee in that sport. Seeding will be conducted in all divisions of all team sport playoffs. There shall be no appeal from the decisions of the Commissioner and/or committee.
   c. Teams wanting consideration must submit all required information before the published deadline.
   d. Teams designated number one by their league will be given automatic entry if requested and all required information is submitted to the pairing committee and, additionally, a home game if playing in the first round, unless playing against another automatic entry with a higher seed.
   e. Home Team Determination/Sites: See Playoff Bulletin.
   f. State Playoffs: Each section will determine the divisional placement for its schools who qualify for the state soccer championship. Sections may use their own established criteria to determine placement of teams in the five divisions.
3. SPECIAL RULES:
   a. The optional overtime phase in the National Federation Rule Book may be utilized during the pre-playoff season if competing schools or leagues agree.
   b. Tiebreaker: The tiebreaker format for league play and preliminary rounds of the CIFSDS championship tournament will be publicized by the CIFSDS office in the playoff bulletin.
c. The official will verify with the head coach of the team prior to the start of the game that all players are properly attired in identical uniforms (including socks). Penalty: Player will not be allowed to participate until properly attired.

**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)

**2500.1 SOFTBALL – SAN DIEGO SECTION SPORT REGULATIONS**

1. RULES: All softball games in the CIF-San Diego Section will be conducted under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided herein or determined by the CIFSDS.

2. PLAYOFFS:
   a. There will be 6 competitive divisions with 8 teams in the Open Division, 12 teams in Divisions I-IV and 8 teams in Division V qualifying for the playoffs. Designated league champions will be guaranteed entry into the playoffs and guaranteed a home game in the 1st round, unless playing against a higher seeded designated league champion (does not apply to divisions that begin playoffs in the quarterfinal round).
   b. Whenever possible, there will be no first-round intra-league contests. Teams designated number one by their league will be granted automatic entry into the playoffs if requested and all required information is submitted to the pairing committee and a home game in the first round unless playing against another team designated number one with a higher seed.
   c. The Commissioner or designee shall seed teams in CIFSDS playoffs with input from the coach’s advisory committee in that sport. Seeding will be conducted in all divisions of all team sport playoffs. There shall be no appeal from the decisions of the Commissioner and/or committee.
   d. Teams wanting consideration must submit all required information before the published deadline.
   e. Sites and Determination of Home Team to be determined by the Commissioner’s office.

3. SPECIAL RULES:
   a. If a game is called before the minimum number of innings, and conditions specified to be a regulation game have not been met, such called game shall be considered a suspended game and shall be continued from the point of suspension at a later time. The line-up and batting order of each team shall be exactly the same as the line-up and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules governing the game.
   b. Any game terminated by artificial light failure shall be considered a suspended game and shall be continued from point of suspension at a later time unless the teams mutually agree otherwise.
   c. If a regulation game is called with a tie score, it shall be counted as one-half game won and one-half game lost for each team.
   d. Below varsity level games are limited to seven innings or a maximum of two hours, whichever comes first. No new inning shall begin after two hours have expired from the start of the game.
   e. The Rawlings yellow ball with red stitching is the required softball for playoffs. *(Approved October 24, 2000, Board of Manager)*
   f. Only one Saturday or holiday doubleheader per season with the same opponent will count as one point.
   g. Mercy Rule. If after the fifth inning of any game or contest there is a differential of 10 runs, or if the home team is ahead by 10 runs after 4 1/2 innings, the game is ended.

**ARTICLE 260**

**SWIMMING AND DIVING**

**2600. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

State Swimming and Diving Championships will begin in Spring 2015.

**2600.1 SWIMMING AND DIVING – SAN DIEGO SECTION SPORT REGULATIONS**

1. RULES: All swimming and diving competition in the CIF-San Diego Section will be conducted under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided herein or determined by the CIFSDS.

2. PLAYOFFS:
   a. There will be two playoff divisions based upon total student population. Any Division I school not qualifying an athlete in an individual event in the previous year’s championship will not be counted when determining the number of teams in each division. *(Approved Board of Managers January 31, 2006)*
b. Time Standards and marks for all events will be set by the advisory committee. Athletes meeting or bettering an "automatic" standard at any level of competition during the season may be entered in the CIFSDS Prelims. Athletes whose seasonal marks fall within the "consideration" zone of the standards will be considered for entry into the Prelims.

c. Athletes who have not met the "consideration" standards will not be entered into the CIFSDS Prelims.

d. The eight fastest swimmers in each event in the CIFSDS Prelims will advance to the Championship Final. The next fastest eight will be advanced to the Consolation Final in each swimming event.

e. An athlete must have participated for his/her school of enrollment in more than one-half (1/2) of the CIFSDS permissible maximum individual points of the sport in order to participate in the CIFSDS championship tournament.

f. Scoring will be done through 16 places.

g. The schedule of events shall be as follows:

- 200 yd. Medley Relay
- 200 yd. Freestyle
- 200 yd. Individual Medley
- 50 yd. Freestyle
- 1 meter Diving
- 100 yd. Butterfly

Diving may be the first event in championship meets if there is at least a 15-minute break between the 50 yd. Freestyle and the 100 yd. Butterfly events.

h. State qualifications:

First year of only 2014-15: Swimming at-large will be determined by the average of the 8th fastest time from each section championship meet.

2015-16 and Beyond: Similar to how track and field determines at-large entries, the previous year’s average time (up to 3 years) for the 8th fastest time from the State meet will be averaged to determine a baseline for the at-large entries.

In the swimming events, all times must be recorded on “Fully Automatic Timing” systems (FAT). No hand times will be accepted.

DIVING - No at large qualifiers. Each section will get one additional entry for diving.

CIFSD Section will be allowed 3 entries as per State Federated council rule.

3. SPECIAL RULES:

a. Athletes will be permitted to enter the diving event and still compete in the swimming events. Diving shall count as one of the three events permitted. If there is only one classification level for diving in a meet, a diver may compete at another level (JV, Frosh-Soph, etc.) for swimming. If there is diving competition at the classification level in which the athlete also is swimming, then he/she must dive at that same classification.

b. All dives in a meet will be from the one-meter board unless all divers from all competing teams wish to perform all dives from the three-meter board.

c. The following girls’ events may be added to the Official Order of Events at the less than varsity level only:

1. 50 yd. Butterfly
2. 50 yd. Backstroke
3. 50 yd. Breaststroke
4. 100 yd. Individual Medley

d. Participation in an invitational event shall not be counted as 2 points against the maximum permissible points permitted. *(Revised June 3, 2008, Board of Managers)*

NOTE: High school swimmers must practice with their school team. Those club swimmers who have registered to participate in the approved events at State CIF Bylaw 600D may also practice for that event with the club swim or diving program only so long as they also practice with the school team. In no event can a high school swimmer or diver practice only with the club team.

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.  
(Approved May 2011 Federated Council)

2701.1 TENNIS – SAN DIEGO SECTION SPORT REGULATIONS

1. RULES: All tennis competition in the CIF-San Diego Section will be conducted under United States Tennis Association (USTA) rules unless otherwise provided herein or determined by the CIFSDS.

2. Matches against alumni teams count as one of the 19 permitted. Matches against faculty teams are not counted.

3. GIRLS' SPRING PRACTICE: Spring practice may be conducted for girls' tennis for a maximum of 15 school days commencing May 1 or after. There shall be no interschool interaction.
   Eighth grade students are not permitted to participate in spring practices. Students not enrolled in the member high school but who may be currently attending a member school in programs such as summer programs, seminars, single classes, intersession or who are housed on a campus with 9-12 high school students are not permitted to participate in spring practices. (Approved June 7, 2006, Board of Managers).

4. PLAYOFFS:
   a. Team Tournaments:
      (1) Teams will be placed into competitive divisions by the CIFSDS office. Playoff participants will be selected by the CIFSDS in each of the 4 competitively based divisions.
      (2) The Section team tournament will precede the league's individual tournaments, which will be followed by the Section individual tournament.
      (3) Where possible, there will be no first-round intraleague contests.
      (4) The Commissioner’s office will seed the top four teams in each division without regard to league champions after input from the Tennis Advisory Committees and will determine the draw. There will be no appeal from the Commissioner’s decisions.
      (5) Each team shall consist of three singles players and three doubles teams, a total of nine players.
      (6) Play will be on a round-robin basis.
      (7) No student may play in both singles and doubles in the same match.
      (8) Sites and Home Team Determination:
         (a) Home team determination will be the responsibility of the Commissioner’s office.
         (b) Home team has choice of any site in the first round and quarterfinals.
         (c) Sites of semifinals to be determined by higher ranked team, with approval of Section Commissioner’s office
         (d) Final site to be determined by Commissioner’s office
      (9) Format: Round Robin
         (a) Each participant plays singles or doubles but not both.
         (b) Scoring shall be one point for each singles and one point for each doubles match won.
         (c) Ties in match scoring are to be resolved by counting games won in singles and doubles. If a tie should still exist, sets won in doubles shall determine the winning team.
         (d) Matches are one set of regular scoring against each opponent with a 12-point tiebreaker played when any set has tied six games apiece.
         (e) Players shall be permitted a maximum of five minutes rest between sets.
      (10) When a team is required to play two playoff matches in one day, either coach may terminate the first match after one team has accumulated 10 points.
      (11) The home team shall furnish balls in all playoff matches.
   b. Individual Tournaments:
      (1) Four automatic entries are allotted each league that conducts league competition.
      (2) Ten at-large entries shall be selected.
      (3) At-large nominees from tennis leagues must have participated in their respective league/conference tournament.
      (4) No more than one-fourth of the draw in singles and doubles will be seeded by the Commissioner’s office after input from the Tennis Advisory Committee.
      (5) No player may compete in both singles and doubles, and both players on a doubles team must be from the same school.
      (6) Players shall be permitted a 20-minute rest between first and second-round singles matches.
      (7) In singles and doubles, the approved tie-breaker shall be used whenever a set reaches a 6-6 score.
      (8) The site for the tournaments shall be determined by the Commissioner’s office.
      (9) All matches will be the best of two tie break sets. If the players split, a 10 point Match Tie Break will determine the winner.
   c. An athlete must have participated for his/her school of enrollment in at least one-half (10) of the CIFSDS permissible maximum individual points (19) of the sport in order to participate in the CIFSDS
5. SPECIAL RULES:
   a. No player may compete in both singles and doubles in the same match.
   b. Coaching (30 seconds maximum) by a school-approved coach or captain, but not both, may take place only at change of sides, except during a tiebreaker.
   c. If a player or team fails to arrive within 15 minutes after a designated starting time, a default may be declared.
   d. If play is resumed after a temporary cessation, it is to recommence at the point which play had previously terminated with no player substitutions.
   e. A player may leave the court briefly to secure a playable racket if the previous one becomes unplayable.
   f. Unless league/conference rules provide otherwise:
      - Defaults in tennis are to be scored 6-0.
      - Players who retire are to be given credit for games won prior to retiring.
      - Opponents are to be given a winning score of 6 games or 7 games as the case may be.
   g. No San Diego Section tennis team or individual will be permitted to compete unless wearing matching school shirt (may be T-shirt) and shorts or dresses/skirts of a common color. Players shall be dressed identically (doubles teams must be dressed identically, including stripes or patterns on shorts). Team or individuals will default from tournament when discovered in illegal uniform.
   h. In team competition, when a code violation penalty is assessed to an individual after the completion of his/her match, the penalty be assessed to the next highest ranked player(s) still participating in the match. If there are no more player(s) still in the match, the violator will sit out the school’s next match.
   i. Penalty for misconduct by a player during a match shall first be a warning, then loss of a point, then loss of set, then ejection, unless in the discretion of the coach/official the misconduct warrants immediate ejection. The penalty is accumulative during the entire three set match. Each coach is the game official with full authority to enforce all rules, including ejection. If there is no mutual agreement between coaches, the penalty is assessed and the dissenting coach may appeal the decision as provided in league, conference, and CIFSDS Bylaws. (Approve October 22, 2002, Board of Managers)
   j. In girls’ and boys’ tennis, the student-athlete must have participated in more than one-half of league matches to be eligible to participate in the CIFSDS Team and/or Individual Championship Tournament.

NOTE: This bylaw renumbered in June 2011 following State CIF adoption of State CIF Bylaw 2701.

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)

2800.1 TRACK and FIELD – SAN DIEGO SECTION SPORT REGULATIONS

1. RULES: All track and field competition in the CIF-San Diego Section will be conducted under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided herein or determined by the CIFSDS.
2. Unlimited outside track and field competition is permitted during the season for San Diego Section track and field athletes, providing they enter as unattached individuals and abide by all rules applicable to unattached competition.
3. PLAYOFFS:
   a. There will be two playoff divisions based upon enrollment grades 9-12.
   b. Entries into the Section Prelims will be based upon pre-determined standards, league guarantees, and at-large selections (if any) by the Track and Field Advisory Committee with the approval of the Commissioner.
   c. An athlete must have participated for his/her school of enrollment in more than one-half (1/2) of the CIFSDS permissible maximum individual points of the sport in order to participate in the CIFSDS championship tournament.
   d. The order of running events in the CIFSDS Prelims and Division Finals will be the same as the State CIF
Meet.
e. Field events in the San Diego Section Track and Field Prelims and Division Finals will include pole vault, discus, shot put, high jump, long jump, and triple jump.
f. A school may enter only one relay team in any relay race in the CIFSDS Prelims and Finals.
g. CIFSDS Track and Field Meet records may be established only in CIFSDS Prelims and Finals.
a. Six places will be scored in the CIFSDS Track and Field Finals. Points awarded will be 10-8-6-4-2-1 in each division.
4. SPECIAL RULES:
a. All San Diego Section track and field athletes must compete in clean track uniforms, including shoes and an official school issued shorts and jersey, which are not objectionable. Any other visible apparel must be of a single color and worn under the uniform jersey and shorts. Teams dressed identically in school issued bodysuits with shorts worn over the lower portion are legal. Athletes competing with illegal uniforms shall be disqualified from the event. The wearing of non-school issued outer garments over shorts or jersey will cause an athlete to be in violation of the uniform requirement.
b. An unlimited number of entries per team in dual, triangular, invitational, or league meets are permitted if schools, leagues, or meet management so desire, and can accommodate. Otherwise the National Federation limit is to be observed.
c. San Diego Section Track and Field Records may be established at CIFSDS Prelims, CIFSDS Finals, State CIF Prelims, State CIF Finals, or at any CIF meet involving five or more schools and in which events are conducted with high school athletes only.

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 DIVISIONAL PLACEMENT OF SCHOOLS
Each Section will determine the divisional placement for its schools that qualify for the state girls volleyball championships. CIF member schools will be required to participate in the division that has been established by their respective Section. Sections may use their own established criteria to determine placement of teams in the six divisions based on the following guidelines:

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NOTE: The State Championship will include Divisions I-V above. Division VI Regional Championship will be in NorCal only.


2903. SOCAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
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)

2904. NORCAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
A Northern California boys volleyball championship (two divisions) will be held following the completion of Section playoffs for the Central Coast, North Coast, Sac-Joaquin and San Francisco Sections.

(Approved May 2012 Federated Council)

2900.1 VOLLEYBALL – SAN DIEGO SECTION SPORT REGULATIONS
1. RULES: All volleyball competition in the CIF-San Diego Section will be conducted under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided herein or determined by the CIFSDS.
2. PLAYOFFS:
a. Boys: There will be 5 competitive divisions with 8 teams in the Open Division and 12 teams in Divisions I-
IV qualifying for the playoffs. Designated league champions will be guaranteed entry into the playoffs and
guaranteed a home game in the 1st round, unless playing against a higher seeded designated league
champion (does not apply to divisions that begin playoffs in the quarterfinal round).
Girls: There will be 6 competitive divisions with 8 teams in the Open Division, 16 teams in Divisions I-IV
and 8 teams in Division V qualifying for the playoffs. Designated league champions will be guaranteed
entry into the playoffs and guaranteed a home game in the 1st round, unless playing against a higher seeded
designated league champion (does not apply to divisions that begin playoffs in the quarterfinal round).

b. Playoff matches shall be conducted in a three out of five game format.
c. Whenever possible, there will be no first-round intra-league contests.
d. Teams designated number one by their league will be granted automatic entry if requested and all required
information is submitted to the pairing committee and a home game in the first round unless playing
against another team designated number one with a higher seed. The accommodation for a home game
does not apply to playoff brackets beginning with the quarterfinal round.

3. SPECIAL RULES:
a. The time lapse between varsity and junior varsity matches shall not be more than 20 minutes.
b. All net supports are to be wrapped or padded in order to prevent serious injury.
c. The National Federation rule permitting the use of yellow cards (warning) and red cards
(ejection) shall be utilized.
d. SPRING PRACTICE-GIRLS: Eighth grade students are not permitted to participate in spring practices.
Students not enrolled in the member high school but who may be currently attending a member school in
programs such as summer programs, seminars, single classes, intersession or who are housed on a campus
with 9-12 high school students are not permitted to participate in spring practices. (Approved June 7, 2006,
Board of Managers).

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)

3000.1 WATER POLO – SAN DIEGO SECTION SPORT REGULATIONS

1. RULES: All water polo competition in the CIF-San Diego Section will be conducted under National Federation rules
or determined by the CIFSDS.

2. PLAYOFFS:
a. There will be 4 competitive divisions for both boys and girls with 8 teams in the Open Division and 12 teams
in Divisions I-III qualifying for the playoffs. There will be 4 competitive divisions with 8 teams in the Open
Division and 12 teams in Divisions I-III qualifying for the playoffs. Designated league champions will be
guaranteed entry into the playoffs and guaranteed a home game in the 1st round, unless playing against a
higher seeded designated league champion (does not apply to divisions that begin playoffs in the
quarterfinal round).
b. The Commissioner or designee shall seed teams in CIFSDS playoffs with input from the coach’s advisory
committee in that sport. Seeding will be conducted in all divisions of all team sport playoffs. There shall be
no appeal from the decisions of the Commissioner and/or committee.
c. Teams wanting consideration must submit all required information before the published deadline.

d. Sites and Determination of Home Team will be determined by Commissioner’s office.

3. SPECIAL RULES:
a. Brutality fouls will be handled according to the Ejection Policy.
b. The sport of water polo is considered to be separate and distinct from the sport of swimming. During the
season of the sport of water polo, a water polo athlete may compete in outside swimming competition.
23. In varsity competition, the quarters shall be seven (7) minutes in length. In junior varsity competition, the quarters shall be six (6) minutes in length. In Frosh and Frosh-Soph games the quarters shall be five (5) minutes in length.

d. The home team shall provide the ball for all contests. Each team shall furnish its own caps - black for home and white for visitors.

e. The use of a visible shot clock is required.

f. All coaches, players, and other team personnel are to remain behind the goal line, outside of the penalty zone, during play.

g. SPRING PRACTICE-BOYS: Eighth grade students are not permitted to participate in spring practices. Students not enrolled in the member high school but who may be currently attending a member school in programs such as summer programs, seminars, single classes, intersession or who are housed on a campus with 9-12 high school students are not permitted to participate in spring practices. (Approved June 7, 2006, Board of Managers).

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.

(Approved October 2001 Federated Council/Revised November 2009 Federated Council)

3102. WEIGH-INS
A. All CIF member schools must follow all National Federation rules and procedures concerning weigh-ins.
   (1) Violation of NFHS rule 4-5-5 will result in the following sanction: the host school will not be allowed to host any tournament or the following year and cannot financially benefit from any other tournament for that year. In addition, the Section may impose the following additional sanctions:
      a. The hosting school is placed on probation.
      b. Reduction of maximum number of matches.
B. California provides 14 weight classes per NFHS rules and the two-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.

D. 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
(1) 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 is 150, the program will indicate that 148.5 lbs. is the certified minimum for that wrestler).

(3) The lowest weight class at which a wrestler may compete will be determined as follows:
   a. If the certified minimum weight, at 7% or 12% body fat, is exactly that of one 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.

**PENALTY:** Failure to adhere to these bylaws will result in the wrestler being declared ineligible for that competition and for the next regularly scheduled competition. If this occurred during a tournament then the athlete would be ineligible for the duration of that tournament and for the next regularly scheduled match/competition for that team or individual.

(Revised May 2013 Federated Council)

**B. Time Period for Assessments**

(1) No wrestler may compete until he/she has participated in an initial assessment and his/her name and data are included on the school NWCA Pre-Match Weigh-In Form and Alpha Master Report.

(2) The specific gravity of the urine, as determined by a refractometer analysis, will determine whether a 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.

(3) Assessments may begin on October 15 of each school year. Wrestlers may be measured any time on or following this date and no later than January 15 to establish a minimum wrestling weight. All wrestlers, including those coming out late, must have their minimum wrestling weight established prior to competing.

   a. **Hardship Exceptions**
      
      Appeals may be submitted to the Section office for the following two exceptions only:
      
      (i) **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.

**PENALTY:** Failure to adhere to these bylaws will result in the wrestler being declared ineligible for that competition and for the next regularly scheduled competition. If this occurred during a tournament then the athlete would be ineligible for the duration of
that tournament and for the next regularly scheduled match/competition for that team or individual. 
(Revised May 2013 Federated Council)

E. Growth Allowance

(1) The NFHS Wrestling Rules provide a two-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.

PENALTY: Failure to adhere to these bylaws will result in the wrestler being declared ineligible for that competition and for the next regularly scheduled competition. If this occurred during a tournament then the athlete would be ineligible for the duration of that tournament and for the next regularly scheduled match/competition for that team or individual.

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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.

a. The reassessment shall occur within 14 calendar days of the initial assessment date unless a written extension is granted by the Section Office 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.

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 Office 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. Bod Pod assessment facilities must be approved by the CIF State Office; the proper form shall be filed with the Section Office.

c. Bod Pod assessment must be conducted before the wrestler participates in interscholastic competition.

PENALTY: A wrestler who competes at a weight class allowed by his/her weight loss plan before or during an appeal has accepted his/her most recent assessment and voids all appeal options allowed within this policy.

H. Costs

(1) All costs incurred for initial assessment, appeal process, nutrition education program, and 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.
   b. CIF Master Assessors will conduct all recertification training programs for CIF Certified Assessors.
   c. Recertification of CIF Certified Assessors will require a minimum of one-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.

(Revised May 2006 Federated Council/Revised May 2007 Federated Council)

3103.1 WRESTLING – SAN DIEGO SECTION SPORT REGULATIONS

1. RULES: All wrestling competition in the CIF-San Diego Section will be conducted under National Federation rules unless otherwise provided herein or determined by the CIFSDS.

2. STARTING DATE FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC MEETS: Individual wrestlers must have met the minimum days of practice requirement in State CIF Rule 3000 A and B and CIFSDS Article XI.

3. MAXIMUM COMPETITION: San Diego Section wrestler in violation of the maximum 40 matches will be ineligible from further competition during that wrestling season (as approved by the Federated Council, November 1999).

4. PLAYOFFS
   a. Divisional Team Dual Meet Championship

   Playoff Format: The top eight teams from each of the four divisions will participate. Teams will only compete against the other teams in their division. All three rounds will be wrestled on the same day at the same location. The top seeded team in each division will also serve as the host site. The first round will pit 1 vs. 8, 4 vs. 5, 3 vs. 6, and 2 vs. 7. Round 1 is single elimination. The winners of Round 1 will advance to Round 2: the semi-finals (1-8 winner vs. 4-5 winner, and 3-6 winner vs. 2-7 winner). Following the semis, the two winners will wrestle for the championship, while the other two teams will wrestle for third.

   • Wrestling all three rounds can be accomplished in five hours. Start times for weigh-ins and wrestling will be determined before the beginning of the current wrestling season.

   Participation: Wrestlers from the seeded schools must be both academically and athletically eligible to participate. Schools may weigh in a maximum of 20 wrestlers for the playoffs.

   Seeding/Selection: A selection committee determined by the CIF office will determine the top eight teams and the order of seeding per division. Each school with interest in participating will be allowed to submit seeding information to the selection committee to be reviewed before a final decision is made.

   • The overall dual meet record, league record, head to head victories, and strength of schedule of each team will be considered for seeding purposes

   b. Divisional Tournaments
      (1) Schools with wrestling teams will be divided into Division I, Division II, Division III, and Division IV.
      (2) Each divisional tournament will be planned for 16-person draws for each weight class.
      (3) Sites and management will be selected by the Commissioner’s office.
      (4) All divisional tournaments will have the same admission charges.
      (5) Advancement to CIFSDS Masters Tournament will be set forth in the preseason meeting minutes and playoff bulletin.
      (6) Awards
(a) Medals to top qualifying wrestlers/weight division.
(b) Trophies to Championship and Runners-up teams.

b. CIF-SDS Masters Tournament
   (1) 16 wrestlers in each weight division from Division Tournaments.
   (2) Top three wrestlers in each weight division advance to State Tournament.
   (3) Management will be determined by the Commissioner's office.

c. Injured or ill wrestlers who were unable to qualify through divisional championships may enter the Masters Tournament through an out-bracket, with a 2/3 majority vote, by coaches in attendance at the seeding meeting. Wrestlers who participated in the divisional and lost will not be eligible for this accommodation. (Approved February 22, 2002, Board of Managers)

d. A wrestler must have participated for his/her school of enrollment in more than one-half (1/2) of the CIFSDS permissible maximum individual points of the sport in order to participate in the CIFSDS championship tournament.

5. SPECIAL RULES:
   a. Wrestling officials are authorized to use red and green armbands for scoring indicators.
   b. The first interscholastic competition for a wrestler may not be on the wrestler's last day of the minimum number of practice days required.
   c. Wrestlers who qualify for the Masters and State CIF Tournaments are permitted to practice against similarly qualified wrestlers from other San Diego Section, or any other CIF Section, schools with the written permission of the administration of all schools concerned. (Approved January 30, 2007, Board of Managers)
   d. Weight and Weigh-in
      The official weight of all wrestlers and the weigh-in of all wrestlers in a school shall be conducted in accordance with the NFHS and State CIF Wrestling weight certification program and during the period designated. Strict compliance with the certification program is required. No official, coach or administrator will permit a match to begin unless all requirements are strictly satisfied.
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 data base for easy access, appropriate administration, and accountability to local constituencies as well as the State CIF and auditors.
   (c) Staff at all levels should not be in the position of supervising and approving the expenses of elected representatives, and therefore will administratively review and approve for payment these expenses which fall within the framework of pre-approved written guidelines. A detailed report of all expenses approved in this manner shall be prepared monthly and be available for review by any CIF elected official. A committee of elected representatives, appointed by the State President with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee/Administrative Committee, will review and authorize, where appropriate, all actual and necessary expenses of elected or appointed representatives which do not fall within the framework or written guidelines. Sections shall have a similar procedure for review and authorization of expenses exceeding guidelines.
   (d) All entities collecting and disbursing funds, whether it be league, Section, or the State, are required to have two signatures for all expenditures. Staff/elected officials shall not approve or sign their own pay or reimbursement forms.
   (e) Yearly audits for Sections and the State CIF shall be conducted by reputable auditing firms with established expertise in dealing with school district and/or other non-profit organization finances. The audits shall be based upon the principles contained in this document and conclude with a presentation by the auditor to the elected representatives of the entity. All relevant documentation shall be distributed to the elected representatives in sufficient time prior to the meeting to allow familiarization of the data in order to have a meaningful discussion with the auditor during the presentation. The audit shall not be edited or have items altered or deleted by any person and must be presented and retained in its original form from the auditor. League audits shall be conducted according to policies listed in this document and approved by Sections.
   (f) All fiscal accounting at all levels shall use generally accepted accounting principles when handling and disbursing funds.
   (g) All funds expended by any CIF entity must be budgeted and authorized. Commissioners/League Presidents, etc., must have prior limited authorization for all expenditures. An example would be some limited authorization for general expenses including lunches, recognitions, etc. These expenses would then be reported to the governing body at the next meeting.
   (h) No alcohol or tobacco shall be purchased or paid for out of any CIF funds. CIF funds may not be used for gifts or personal loans.
   (i) All financial practices and information shall be open to review by CIF members or other interested parties. CIF financial records are public information.
   (j) The allocation of CIF funds should be as simple and equitable as possible. An annual budget for each fiscal entity should be prepared with the affected parties sufficiently involved so that they are a part of the process. The process should have as its goal maximizing the benefits to our school children.
   (k) The CIF should improve the degree to which participation in high school athletics are available to students of all economic and social stations.
   (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)
The following is a model for schools, leagues and Sections which describes a process for responding to a grievance filed by a student, employee, parent/guardian, or general public, alleging gender discrimination under the Title IX regulation. Districts are required to have a Title IX coordinator who should be utilized to resolve complaints at the local level.

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 Uniform Complaint Procedures as adopted by the local governing board or similar process as adopted by a private school governing board. The School District Uniform Complaint Procedures should include all sports-related issues. If the complaint is a league or Section issue, the appeal should be directed to that league or Section for initial resolution. After completing all steps outlined in the district process if the complainant is not satisfied with the disposition of the complaint, the complainant may appeal as applicable to the California Department of Education, or use the procedures in Section 3 or 4 if the complaint has an effect or falls within the jurisdiction of the CIF.

NOTE: For private schools, the procedure may be an appeal to the Office For Civil Rights.

Examples of a possible local complaint may include, but are not limited to, discrepancies in the baseball vs. softball diamonds at a local school site or discrepancies between boys’ and girls’ locker rooms, etc.

It is noted that the Office for Civil Rights requires filing a complaint within six months of the knowledge of such a violation. Concurrent
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.

C. 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 fact and proposed resolution to the Section.

4. **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)

5. **RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE**

A. No reprisal of any kind will be taken by the Board, an administrator, or any employee of any District or CIF against any person bringing a complaint under this procedure.

B. Exhaustion of these procedures is NOT a prerequisite to filing of complaints with the office of Civil Rights. The grievant may at any time during or concurrently with this procedure, file a complaint with the Office For Civil Rights or with the California Department of Education.

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

ALL LEVELS (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

State championships 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:

1. **FINANCIAL CRITERIA FOR NEW EVENTS SPONSORED BY CIF**
   A. Future championships will address the issue of reimbursement for participants for travel, lodging and meals according to CIF adopted criteria.
   B. Participants in invitational events (pre and mid-season) will be expected to be responsible for travel, lodging and meals.
   C. Participants in postseason invitational events will be expected to be responsible for travel, lodging and meals. If invitational events are sufficiently profitable, then payment of such expenses will be considered for participants.
   D. New events cannot place Section championships at risk financially.
   E. Consideration must be given in proposals to mitigating expenses of new events.
   F. Detailed, specific, feasible cost estimates will accompany all proposals.
   G. In reviewing and approving proposals for invitational events, consideration should be given to designating, at least, a portion of any profits to go for reimbursement of school costs for participation in existing and new championships.
   H. The event cannot be a burden on any Section budget or on the State CIF budget and the staging of the event must be economically responsible.
   I. The proposal must show how the event may be sustained, economically, over many years.

2. **PHILOSOPHICAL CRITERIA FOR NEW EVENTS**
   Any additional event should contribute to the goals of the organization (for instance, a new event might enhance gender equity, economic stability and enhance the awareness of values taught through sport or enhance the recognition of achievement of students). Sponsors of an event will be required to adhere to a “code of ethics” developed by the CIF to promote the values of the organization.

3. **QUALIFYING PARTICIPATION CRITERION FOR A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**
   At least 60 percent of all CIF schools participate in the sport in the same season or at least 6 or more Sections have championships in the sport to include at least 2 in the north and 2 in the south. The committee may recommend that proposals for state championships be inaugurated as regional events even if criteria is met.

4. **FEASIBILITY**
   A. A New event can be managed by present CIF staff or efficient, competent management staff may be found by CIF.
   B. The event may be financially supported by the revenue from the event and financial support can be sustained over a period of years.
   C. A state championship or regional championship shall be scheduled only after the conclusion of the championships in those Sections taking part in the championship.

5. **OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/QUESTIONS**
   The following are recommendations/questions to consider:
   A. What is the benefit to participating schools and students?
   B. Is there a conflict with state mandated testing?
   C. State CIF Championships and new events (invitationals and bowl games) cannot last longer than two (2) weeks.
      Three (3) weeks may be permissible depending on the sport.
   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?
   F. How, specifically, will this event be a demonstration of the values of participation in high school athletics? Are there awards based upon values? In choosing teams or individuals for an event, is there any criterion such as demonstration of respect, sportsmanship, citizenship, achievement through effort and cooperation, full compliance to CIF code of ethics, rules, regulations, guidelines, etc.
   G. Will the proposed event lend itself to a partnership between the State CIF and a CIF Section?
   H. If there is a partnership proposed between a Section and the State CIF, the nature of the partnership must be detailed. That is,
what are the 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.

6. PROCESS

A. Proposals for new athletic events or championships which would be State CIF directed and implemented or directed and implemented in partnership between the State CIF and a CIF Section must be submitted no later than 15 months before the desired event implementation date in order to allow for full discussion necessary for approval and implementation.

B. The 15-month application requirement can be waived only by specific action by the Federated Council regarding a State or regional championship or by the Executive Committee or the Federated Council for a new pre, mid or post-season invitational event. The waiver is granted only when the decision-making body mentioned above is satisfied that all necessary consideration has taken place.

C. Process for proposals for championships:
   (1) Requests for proposals mailed to Sections/schools in September.
   (2) Proposals must be submitted for committee review by May 1.
   (3) Sub-committee of Events Committee will review proposals by June 1.
   (4) Commissioners will review proposals in mid-June.
   (5) Events Committee develops recommendation for Federated Council – September.
   (6) Federated Council – First Reading – November
   (7) Federated Council – Action – February

(Revised May 2003 Federated Council)
1. **GENERAL RESERVE**
The California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) shall create a general unallocated reserve comprised of cash and investments to be set aside for unanticipated needs, for major purchases meant to enhance the organization’s assets and provide annually specified income to support the operating budget.

Decisions to use any part of the general unallocated reserve shall be the responsibility of the CIF Executive Committee in accord with this policy and the authority granted in Article Seven of the CIF Constitution.

2. **GENERAL RESERVE GOAL**
The Executive Committee, the Federated Council and the Economic Viability Committee established that the amount in reserve should be capped at an amount equal to the current year’s operating expenses for the organization.

3. **INVESTMENTS**
   A. **Policy Goal**
   It shall be the policy of the CIF that investments are made to preserve the capital and maximize rate of return.
   
   (1) **Objectives**
   a. Preservation of capital.
   b. Maximum rate of return.
   c. Investments made consistent with prudent principles regarding those investments.
   d. Provision of resources to allow CIF to meet any major, unanticipated, expense.
   e. Investments and policy, which will produce annual income to aid the CIF’s annual budget needs.
   f. Balance in investments should be maintained to produce:
      (i) Income – current, annual income to help meet budget needs
      (ii) Growth – provide for growth of principal
      (iii) Safety – provide for sufficient limitations upon risks and protect the principal through diversification of assets and the setting of specific standards.

   (2) **Compliance with State and Federal Laws**
   Investments will be made in compliance with State and Federal Laws and regulations.

   (3) **Permitted Investments**
   a. Common and Preferred Stocks
   b. US Government Obligations
   c. Corporate bonds
   d. Bond funds
   e. Mutual funds (Equity and Bond)
   f. Money market funds
   g. Purchase of real property
   h. International investments (Equity and Bond)

   (4) **Prohibited Investments**
   a. Securities on margin
   b. Commodity futures
   c. Derivative securities
   d. Selling “short”
   e. Leveraged buyouts
   f. Venture capital
   g. Private placement
   h. Limited partnerships

   (5) **Return Focus**
   The CIF is interested in preservation of principal, current income, along with long-term growth in an attempt to keep pace with inflation. Accordingly, a moderate to conservative risk profile should be kept in mind. An example of a moderate to conservative portfolio would be as follows:
   
   **Equity**

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U.S. Stocks  26%
Non-U.S. Stocks  11%

Bonds
U.S. Bonds  51%
Non-U.S. Bonds  10%
Cash  2%

**NOTE:** If necessary, the investment portfolio shall be rebalanced every six months in order to maintain the asset allocation by category outlined in this moderate to conservative portfolio model.

(6) **Performance Monitoring**
Performance numbers should be compared with a benchmark and appropriate indexes. An attempt should be made to keep the target allocation at +/- 4%. A benchmark for the strategy outlined above is a moderate-conservative benchmark, which consists of the following allocations to the indexes listed below:

Russell 1000 Growth  10%
Russell 1000 value  10%
Russell Mid Cap Value  7%
MSCI EAFR Net  11%
Lehman Bros. Bond Aggregate  26%
Lehman Bros. Credit L.T.  25%
LB Global Aggregate  10%
30-Day Money Market  2%

(7) **Allocation Goal**
A moderate to conservative portfolio will have more emphasis on bonds and less on equities. This blend will most likely exceed long-term inflations by a small margin and has a moderate degree of risk. Assets should be managed in such a fashion that future changes to the allocation can be made without commissions or penalties.

4. **REPORTING**
The Executive Committee shall receive a report on current holdings and investments at each regularly scheduled meeting. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Director to present this report or to designate responsibility for this report to an appropriate staff member.
The Executive Director, or designee, shall present a report on current holdings and investments to the Economic Viability Committee at its regularly scheduled meetings and, as requested by the Executive Committee, to the Federated Council.
The Economic Viability Committee will review the report and advise the Executive Committee on actions when deemed appropriate.
Such reports should include a complete listing of holdings, investments and cash (cash equivalents) and should show profit or loss along with comparisons to appropriate benchmarks.

5. **APPROVAL, DIRECTION OF INVESTMENTS**
Recommendations for purchase and/or sale of investments shall be made in accordance with the following process:

A. **Investment Advisor**
The CIF may use the services of an investment advisor. Such advisor shall report regularly to the Executive Director and, when requested, to the Economic Viability Committee and the Executive Committee. The Investment Advisor may advise the Executive Director with respect to recommended changes to the CIF Investment Portfolio.

B. **Finance/Investment Committee**
The CIF Investment Committee shall be comprised of the CIF officers (President, President-Elect and Past President). The Executive Director shall recommend portfolio changes, as needed, to the Investment Committee. The Investment Committee shall make its recommendation to the CIF Executive Committee.

C. **Executive Committee**
The Executive Committee shall make final decisions with respect to purchases, transfers and/or liquidation of portfolio assets. All investment decisions must be consistent with the goals and objectives of the CIF Investment Policy.

(Revised May 2007 Federated Council)
DECLARED EMERGENCY POLICY

In the event an emergency is declared by any governmental agency at the local, state and/or national level the CIF policy will be:

A. LOCAL
   1. If a local emergency is declared, schools will be expected to follow their local jurisdictions instructions. In the event postponement of scheduled contests is required, the rescheduling of these contests will be determined by the league, conference or section policies.

B. STATE
   1. If a state emergency is declared, all schools/school districts will determine whether they should postpone scheduled contests.
   2. If a school/school district determines it is in its community’s best interest to postpone a scheduled contest that is a decision that 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.
   3. If an event is postponed, it will be rescheduled at a date and time mutually agreed upon by both principals according to the policies of the league, and/or conference and/or Section. If there is a dispute on a rescheduled date or time, the league commissioner (if there is one) or Section commissioner in accordance with section policy will make the final determination.
   4. If a contest cannot be rescheduled there will be no recorded win or loss on a team’s season record. Sections are to ensure that in this case a season record absent this contest(s) will not be a mitigating factor whether or not a team/individual is eligible for a Section’s postseason play.

C. NATIONAL
   If a national emergency is declared the CIF will follow all directives and will determine whether play should continue or not.
   1. Postseason Playoffs
      If a declared emergency is called after section playoffs, the CIF will make the determination whether to continue play or not after consulting with all parties involved.
   2. Section Play
      Depending on the level of a declared emergency during Section play, all parties involved should be consulted prior to any decision.

Regardless of the situation, member schools should go to the State CIF web site (www.cifstate.org) or your Section web site for specific directions and instruction.
CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION
SAN DIEGO SECTION
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The California Interscholastic Federation, San Diego Section, shall be the name of this Section.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The objectives of this Section shall be to:
A. Provide safeguards for the welfare of participating athletes.
B. Promote a wholesome, competitive athletic society that is compatible with, and complementary to, the total school curriculum.
C. Organize the components of the section to achieve the objectives in Sections A and B above.

ARTICLE III - JURISDICTION

The authority of this section shall extend over the interscholastic athletic programs of all schools within San Diego County that were members of this section when the constitution was approved, all schools that were later admitted to San Diego Section membership, and to all schools within or without San Diego County that may hereinafter be admitted.

ARTICLE IV - GOVERNING AUTHORITY

The governing authority of the California Interscholastic Federation, San Diego Section, shall be vested in a Board of Managers representing the member public school districts, including Charter High Schools, and non-public schools. Subordinate authority shall be delegated or authorized by the Board of Managers to the Coordinating Council, the Commissioner, and administrative staff.

A. Board of Managers
1. Representation
   Represented on the Board of Managers shall be all public school districts and non-public schools that are members in good standing of the San Diego Section. Representation shall be as follows:
   a. Public School Districts
      The governing board of each San Diego Section public school district shall choose its representative. The latter may be appointed on a permanent, annual, temporary, or single-meeting basis, depending upon the desire of the governing board concerned. Authority for the individual to act and vote in place of the regular representative must be in writing, signed by the regular representative concerned, and delivered to the Board of Managers prior to the meeting(s).
   b. Non-Public Schools
      The governing boards (through their designees) represented in the following non-public school constituencies will elect one representative to the Board of Managers for each constituency to be represented:
      (1) Catholic Diocese
      (2) Catholic Independent
      (3) Independent non-Catholic Schools
      If the representative wishes, he/she may designate another individual to attend and vote from the schools represented at a particular Board of Managers’ meeting. Authority for the designee must be in writing, signed by the regular representative, and delivered to the Board of Managers prior to the meeting concerned.
   c. The CIFSDS Board of Managers shall be a delegation of representatives which is reflective of the student demographics within the San Diego Section. Following each conference/district’s submission of representatives prior to each school year, if membership is not sufficiently representative of the student demographics within the section, the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers may appoint up to two (2) at-large members to the Board of Managers so that membership is more appropriate. At-large members must be directly accountable to a local board of education or school(s) governing body and be in a current role performing the daily responsibilities associated with athletic administration at a school site or in an administration position at a school or district level. At-large members will be appointed to two-year terms but will serve at the will of the Executive Committee and can be replaced at any time. At-large members on the Board of Managers will be allocated two (2) votes each.
2. Voting (By representative or designee from constituency) - No proxy voting by other members of the Board of Managers permitted except when requested by a member present prior to leaving and granted by a simple majority of those present.
   a. Procedural Matters
All procedural matters coming before the Board of Managers shall be decided on the principle of one person/one vote. Each representative in attendance shall be entitled to one vote.

b. Substantive Matters
On all substantive matters, representatives of multiple schools shall be entitled to receive an additional vote for each high school with an enrollment of 100 or more students (grades 9-12). Substantive matters are defined as those having a significant impact (financial or otherwise) on the welfare of a majority of students in San Diego Section schools. Examples include but are not limited to:
(1) Re-leaguing
(2) Seasons of sport
(3) Budget
(4) Playoff policy
(5) Amendments to CIF-SDS Constitution and Bylaws

Note: Consent items (as determined by the Executive Committee) are exempt from substantive classification.

See CIFSDS Policies and Regulations for the allocation of votes by district and non-public schools. (Revised by Board of Managers June 3, 2008)

c. Officers and Their Duties

a. Chair, elected for one year at last regular meeting, no term limits, to serve from July 1 to June 30.
   (1) Presides at meeting and approves items for the agenda.
   (2) Establishes, in consultation with the Commissioner, agenda formulation procedures and agenda format for the year in which the Chair serves. The Board of Managers shall know such procedures and format.
   (3) May establish ad hoc committees for specific tasks, such committees to report back to the Board at regular or special meetings.
   (4) Appoints members (not necessarily Board of Managers) to appeals committees.
   (5) May attend CIF Federated Council Meetings.

b. Vice Chair, elected for one year at last regular meeting, no term limits, to serve from July 1 to June 30. The Vice Chair shall preside at meetings in the absence of the chair and may perform other duties of the Chair in the absence of the latter.

c. State CIF Federated Council Representatives (who need not be members of the Board of Managers), elected on a staggered basis for a two-year term, no term limits, from July 1 to June 30. The representatives (one of whom may be female) shall:
   (1) Attend the CIF Federated Council meetings.
   (2) Report to the Board of Managers on actions of the CIF Federated Council.
   (3) Solicit input and voting direction from the Board of Managers regarding Federated Council agenda items, and may
   (4) Attend National Federation meetings on an alternate basis.

d. Voting for Board officers shall be on a one-person/one vote basis.

NOTE: In addition to those officers, the CIFSDS Articles of Incorporation also create corporate officer positions as follows: President, vice president, secretary, one or more assistant secretaries, treasurer, one or more assistant treasurers.

4. Responsibilities of Board of Managers

a. To establish and control the budget of the section, including dues, playoff fees, and other appropriate budgetary items.

b. To select the Commissioner and other section administrative personnel, set the terms of their contracts, and establish their responsibilities. See CIFSDS Employee Handbook.

c. To elect a Chair and Vice Chair at last regular meeting.

d. To select the section representatives to the State Federated Council and provide said representatives with the section’s recommendations on voting and introduction of agenda items at State Federated Council meetings.

e. To select the section representative(s) to any State CIF body if not done by the State CIF.

f. To determine the Section Master Schedule.

g. To review recommendations from the Coordinating Council.

h. To determine the membership of the section.

i. To adopt policies governing the athletic program for the section. Such policies with subsequent amendments, additions, and deletions may be incorporated into the San Diego Section Constitution and Bylaws.

j. To establish disciplinary policies.

k. To develop policy for section playoffs.

l. To review recommendations of the Coordinating Council regarding placement of schools into leagues and to approve or disapprove, based upon the criterion or criteria determined by the league/conference concerned.

m. To take any action for the best interest of the section.

5. Meetings, Regular and Special

a. Dates of regular meetings of the Board of Managers shall be determined at the last meeting of the previous school year.

b. Special meetings may be called by the Chair upon 72-hours’ notice, or must be called, upon the request of a quorum of the
voting members.

6. Rules of Order
   The official proceedings shall follow Robert’s Rules of Order, providing they are not in conflict with the Green Book.

B. Executive Committee
   1. Membership: There shall be seven Executive Committee members. The membership shall include the Chair, Vice Chair, Past Chair, (or designee from school/school district) the Treasurer, CIF Federated Council members (one of whom shall be either the Chair, Vice Chair or Treasurer) and one At Large Member from the Board Of managers; the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner shall also be nonvoting member.
   2. Members will be selected at the final Board of Managers meeting each year. The Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Past Chair or designee, and At Large member shall hold office for one year with no term limits; Federated Council representatives shall be elected for two-year terms with no term limits.
   3. Meetings:
      a. Dates of regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be determined at the last meeting of the previous school year.
      b. The Chair may call special meetings of the Executive Committee.
   3. Duties: The Executive Committee shall serve in every respect as the Board of Managers. Its actions shall be reported to the Board and may be ratified by the Board. No action may be taken on any item that, in the judgment of the Chair/Commissioner, should be delayed to the next regular scheduled Board meeting.

C. Coordinating Council
   1. Representation
      a. The Coordinating Council is composed of 34 voting and 3 nonvoting members. Each of the following leagues will elect two administrative representatives:

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b. The following representatives have one vote each:

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If incapacitated or otherwise unable to attend in person, a representative may designate another person to act in his/her place, provided such designation is made, in writing, and filed with the Coordinating Council Chair, prior to that meeting.

c. There will be three (3) nonvoting members: one will represent school athletic directors, one will represent school activity directors/A.S.B. advisors, and one will represent all officials associations. These members shall be chosen in a manner and for a term determined by the CIFSDS Office.

d. The Commissioner shall serve as an ex officio member and as liaison between the Coordinating Council and the Board of Managers.

e. The CIFSDS Coordinating Council shall be a delegation of representatives which is reflective of the student demographics within the San Diego Section. Following each conference/district’s submission of representatives prior to each school year, if membership is not sufficiently representative of the student demographics within the section, the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers may appoint up to two (2) at-large members to the Coordinating Council so that membership is more appropriate. At-large members must be directly accountable to a local board of education or school(s) governing body and be in a current role performing the daily responsibilities associated with athletic administration at a school site or in an administration position at a school or district level. At-large members will be appointed to two-year terms but will serve at the
will of the Executive Committee and can be replaced at any time. At-large members on the Coordinating Council will be allocated one (1) vote each.

2. Voting: Each league representative and each auxiliary member, so noted, shall have one vote.

3. Officers and Their Duties
   a. The Chair is elected for one year at the last regular meeting. The Chair shall preside at meetings, vote in case of ties, approve items for the agenda, call special meetings as required and should attend Board of Managers meetings.
   b. The Vice Chair is elected for one year at the last regular meeting. The Vice Chair shall preside at meetings in the absence of the Chair.
   c. Election of Chair and Vice Chair shall be conducted at the last meeting of the school year.

4. Responsibilities of the Coordinating Council
   a. To represent league or body of coaches.
   b. To place items on agenda as directed by respective league or body of coaches.
   c. To inform respective league or body of coaches of Council considerations, policies, actions, and agenda items.
   d. To vote as directed by respective league.
   e. To review recommendations from advisory committees, coaches' organizations, officials' associations, and other bodies.
   f. To make recommendations to, and to act upon referrals from, the Board of Managers.
   g. To adopt any optional rule in National Federation sport rules book(s), if appropriate for the section.
   h. To adopt sport regulations for each sanctioned sport.
   i. To set season of sport limitations.
   j. To confer with officials' associations as necessary.
   k. To conduct athletic surveys and studies.
   l. To establish playoff format within established policy.
   m. To serve with Commissioner on playoff protest committees.
   n. To elect a Chair and Vice Chair at last regular meeting.
   o. To review recommendations from league/conferences regarding placement of schools into leagues and to make recommendations to the Board of Managers on such matters, based upon the criterion or criteria of the league/conference concerned.

5. Meetings, Regular and Special
   a. There shall be regular meetings of the Coordinating Council based upon, and prior to, regular meetings of the Board of Managers.
   b. Special meetings may be called by the Chair upon 72-hours’ notice, or must be called, upon the request of a quorum of the voting members.

Revised by Board of Mangers June 3, 2008. See also “CIFSDS Policies and Procedures” and “CIFSDS Employee Handbook.”

ARTICLE V - EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE CHANGES

Unless otherwise stipulated in the wording, all rule changes in the San Diego Section shall become effective the following July 1.

ARTICLE VI - LEAGUES

A. Schools within the section may request to be placed into a league.
B. It shall be the policy of the CIFSDS that all schools which are members of a league play all schools in their league, in all sports in which they participate, unless otherwise permitted by the league or stipulated by the Board of Managers.
C. The San Diego Section has no restriction on multi-district leaguing.

See also CIFSDS Policies and Procedures for placement procedures for placing schools into leagues.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

The Board of Managers may amend the constitution as follows:
1. Prior to amendment, the Board of Managers shall have discussed the item in at least one previous meeting.
2. Amendments shall require a two-thirds vote of the total substantive votes possible by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VIII - ADOPTION

This constitution becomes effective when ratified by each of the governing boards of the districts involved and the chief administrative authorities of the independent schools involved.
EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE CHANGES

Unless otherwise stipulated in the wording, all rule changes in the San Diego Section shall become effective July 1.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PRINCIPALS

A. The principal of each school shall be responsible for the eligibility of the members of the school's athletic teams.
B. The home school shall not recognize a visiting team (one or more athletes) unless accompanied by a school representative who meets the legal requirements for coaching and supervision and who shall be responsible for the conduct and line-up of the team.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF LEAGUES/CONFERENCES

A. Leagues/conferences shall determine their own champions, provided their methods are not contrary to the rules of the CIF-San Diego Section.
B. Leagues/conferences shall not have the right to refuse any school or individual the privilege of utilizing the "San Diego Section Protests and Appeals Procedure."
C. Leagues/conferences must decide upon protests if all schools involved are under their jurisdiction. A written appeal from a decision of the league may be sent to the Commissioner.
D. Leagues/conferences shall not make any rules contrary to the rules of the CIF San Diego Section but may make regulations requiring higher standards than those set by the CIF-San Diego Section.
E. Leagues/conferences shall not have the right to substitute a team after the first round of playoffs.
F. Leagues/conferences shall give voting direction to their Coordinating Council Representatives whenever appropriate.
G. Reasonable effort should be made by leagues/conferences to modify obvious disproportionate sports opportunities between males and females.
H. Reasonable effort should be made by leagues/conferences to include schools not normally within their league alignment for competition in sports not offered in such schools' regular leagues.
I. Leagues/conferences shall have no restriction preventing multi-district alignment.
J. Conferences may select one representative each to attend meetings of the Board of Managers in a nonvoting capacity.
K. Leagues/conferences shall act upon all requests for early-season start.
L. Leagues/conferences shall act upon all multi-campus status requests.
M. All league, section, and state meetings are subject to the notice and hearing requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Chapter 9, Division 2, Title 5 of the Government Code). A summary of these requirements shall be printed as an appendix to the CIF Constitution and Bylaws each year.

CONTRACTS

A. Member schools should enter into written contracts when scheduling contests. A contract is the mutual agreement of the parties concerned reduced to writing and signed by each of them. A league schedule duly adopted and recorded in the league's minutes shall be regarded as a contract between schools in the league.
B. Where a written contract between or among San Diego Section schools has been entered into, all parties and their successors are bound by the provisions of the contract, and the following provisions, which shall be incorporated by this reference into the agreement:
1. Where either school finds it impossible to meet a scheduled contest, it must notify the other school, in writing, immediately, and in no event later than 48 hours after the determination that it cannot participate in the scheduled contest, to request a mutual cancellation or reschedule of the contest. As an only exception is an emergency situation at the school site that, in the principal's discretion, requires cancellation of the contest. The schools may mutually agree to a cancellation at any time.
2. In the event of severely adverse weather conditions or other highly unusual set of circumstances, scheduled contests may be postponed by mutual consent of the administrators of the competing schools in advance of game time.
C. Any expenses obligated by the offended San Diego Section school(s), such as officials' fees, stadium rental, transportation, etc., shall be paid in full by the San Diego Section school breaching the contract or cancelling the contest subject to the agreement.
D. When a San Diego Section school fails to engage in a contest agreed upon, without giving notice to the other San Diego Section school, and securing a release, the Board of Managers may suspend it from membership in the CIFSDS.
E. Contracts with out-of-section schools must be in writing; should include a liquidated damages provision; provide for proper notice for cancellation; and be signed by the principals of both schools. The contract should also provide that, for enforcement purposes, the section commissioners shall have the authority to resolve any dispute in case of a breach of any provision or cancellation of the contract without proper notice.
(Approved October 22, 2002 Board of Managers)
ARTICLE V – PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF BYLAWS AND REGULATIONS

A. Schools under the jurisdiction of the San Diego Section shall not play ineligible students in any interscholastic scrimmage, practice game, non-league game, league game, tournament, or invitational, whether such games are played with a school under the jurisdiction of the San Diego Section, or not. Any school knowingly or unknowingly violating the rule may be suspended from membership in the San Diego Section. A suspended school shall not be eligible to compete in any contest or event under the jurisdiction of the San Diego Section until such time as the Board of Managers of the San Diego Section reinstates it. The Board of Managers and/or the Commissioner shall have the authority to act upon all questions of eligibility and suspension, arising therefrom, whether or not a formal protest has been filed.

San Diego Section students who compete for their school in CIF contest(s) while ineligible due to violations of CIF or CIF-San Diego Section rules cause the following mandatory penalties (See also CIF Bylaw 205.3):

1. TEAM SPORTS (Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Football, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball, and Water Polo): Forfeiture of contest and any profit share or transportation reimbursement.
2. INDIVIDUAL SPORTS (Badminton, Cross Country, Golf, Gymnastics, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, and Wrestling): Forfeiture of points and awards earned by ineligible athletes (including relay teams and doubles teams). Tennis only: Ineligibility of team for championship, runner up, or, third-place team awards in the contest(s), or tournament(s) concerned.

C. Should a coach willfully violate a CIF or San Diego Section rule, the following procedure shall be followed:

1. Determination by school, district, or league of willful violation of known rule by coach.
2. School informs league in writing.
3. School forfeits any profit share from contest and any transportation reimbursement.
4. School and/or district investigate and take action it deems appropriate against coach.
5. School files complete written report (including action taken) with league.
6. League reviews report and either:
   a. Indicates further action to be taken, OR
   b. Accepts report and forwards to Board of Managers with recommendation for acceptance.
7. Board of Managers reviews report of school and recommendation of league and either:
   a. Accepts report, OR
   b. Takes action against school deemed appropriate.

D. A violation of any State CIF or San Diego Section rule or the spirit of a rule may result in a hearing before the San Diego Section Board of Managers.

E. The Board of Managers shall have the authority to suspend any school from membership at any time and for such period as the Board deems advisable, and for any cause which in the opinion of the Board is in the best interest of the organization. A majority vote of Board members present at any regular, or specially called, meeting shall be sufficient to make suspension effective.

ARTICLE VI - APPROVED SPORTS

Approved interscholastic sports in the San Diego Section are badminton, baseball, basketball, cross country, field hockey, football, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, roller hockey, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, volleyball, water polo, and wrestling.

All interscholastic competition in these sports must be conducted under state and local CIF rules.

ARTICLE VII - PLAYOFFS

A. By majority vote of the Board of Managers, section playoffs will be conducted in any approved sport (See CIFSDS ARTICLE 6) in which at least 20 percent of the schools, from a minimum of two conferences, in the section participate.

Once a sport establishes itself as a CIFSDS Championship eligible sport as set forth above, the admission of new schools to the section will not affect the status of the championship. The sport will maintain its championship so long as the number of schools participating in the sport remains the same as the minimum required number, as set forth in paragraph one, to conduct a championship. This paragraph does not waive the requirement that the sport be conducted in at least two conferences. (Approved January 31, 2006, Board of Managers).

B. There shall be no playoffs in any sport for other than varsity level.

C. In playoffs where divisional placement is based upon enrollment, no team may move up or down in classification.

D. Equal Facilities

   The visiting school in dual team playoff contests is entitled to equal facilities, including one-half of the seating, locker rooms, phone lines, spotting facilities, etc.

E. Neutral Site
For playoff competition purposes, a "neutral site" is defined as a site where a team does not normally conduct practice, and one at which a team has participated in less than half of its home team pre-playoff contests for the season.

E. Playoff Site – Sites will be announced in the sport playoff bulletin. Based on a recommendation from the sport Advisory Committee contests may be scheduled at a site that is not neutral.

G. Night Rallies and Bonfires

The holding of night rallies and/or bonfires in connection with San Diego Section athletic contests is prohibited unless the school district Board of Trustees grants permission and permits are secured from local governmental agencies and fire districts.

H. Concessions

The CIFSDS Office shall govern all money-making projects at section playoffs. All requests shall be submitted to the CIFSDS Commissioner prior to the playoff contest concerned.

I. Individual entries to Championship Tournament in Individual Sports

In individual sports, an athlete must have participated for his/her school of enrollment in more than one-half (1/2) of the CIFSDS permissible maximum points of the sport in order to participate in the CIFSDS championship tournament in the sports of cross country (by action of the Board of Managers, June 2009, the number was set at 5 contests); golf; gymnastics; tennis; wrestling; track and field; and swimming and diving. Leagues and conferences may have additional requirements. Individuals causing their teams to be barred from entry into the Section Team Championship Tournaments because of forfeitures are barred from participating in the Individual Tournament for that sport. (See also CIFSDS Article XI(E))

J. Team entries to Championship Tournaments following forfeited contests.

Teams forfeiting the maximum number set forth in the CIFSDS Forfeit Policy provision at Article XI(E) are barred from participation in the playoffs.

ARTICLE VIII - DUES

The annual dues shall be based upon a school's enrollment (grades 9-12) from the previous school year and the number of sports a school offers, based upon the formula adopted by the Board of Managers on June 5, 2012 (.78 cents per student and $28.00 per sport in the 2012-2013 school year and .39 cents and $57.00 per sport thereafter) Dues will include schools approved for a unified team status. The Commissioner shall be responsible for the collection of annual dues. Each school will submit payment no later than November 1 of each year. Annual dues not paid to the CIF-San Diego Section by November 1 will be termed delinquent. A school whose annual dues have become delinquent may be denied interscholastic competition by the Board of Managers until dues are paid. No personal checks or checks from club organizations will be accepted.

ARTICLE IX - ETHICS IN SPORTS POLICY

(Deleted by action of Board of Managers, June 2005. See Ejection Policy at CIFSDS Bylaws Article XI adopted June 2005)

ARTICLE X - COACHES’ CODE OF ETHICS

The focus in interscholastic athletics is accountability. The efforts of those who are connected with the high school athletic program (i.e., coaches, officials, school administrators) are constantly evaluated by students, faculty, and community members. Those individuals, therefore, must be cognizant of the significant influence they have upon the conduct of players under their direction and also upon the behavior of thousands of spectators.

The San Diego Section COACHES’ CIF CODE OF ETHICS was developed to maintain the highest possible standards in our athletic program, to work toward the improvement of conditions in our program, and to promote a professional attitude toward high school athletics.

See CIFSDS Policies and Regulations for San Diego Section Coaches’ Code of Ethics

PROCEDURES FOR COMPLAINTS AGAINST COACHES

Refer to district policies and procedures. District policies and procedures have sole authority over disciplinary or punitive action taken, if any. (Approved June 7, 2006, Board of Managers).
PROCEDURES FOR COMPLAINTS AGAINST PLAYERS
Except for provisions of the San Diego Section "ETHICS IN SPORTS" Policy all information regarding unethical or inappropriate actions of players shall be forwarded to the principal concerned, and he/she shall have sole authority over disciplinary or punitive action taken, if any.

ARTICLE XI - SPECIAL RULINGS FOR ALL SPORTS

See also Article XX – No Contact Periods; State CIF Bylaws for Approved Sports beginning at Article 12 et. seq.

A. AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE RULES: Game site management has authority to enforce all CIFSDS and CIF rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

B. CARNIVALS: An athletic carnival is a scored competition among three or more teams at the same site on the same day in which each team plays two or more opponents in periods of less than full-game length, the total of which does not exceed the time for a full-length contest, and in which paid officials are used, and all rules of the sport (other than length of contest) are followed. Admission may be charged, and paid officials may be used but must be obtained through the appropriate association. The prohibition and penalty regarding ineligible athletes is the same as in A-9 above.

C. EJECTION OF COACH: A coach ejected from a game must immediately leave the facility and is prohibited from maintaining contact with the team by sight and sound. If no authorized school employee is present to assume full responsibility for supervision of the team, game officials will immediately declare forfeiture.

D. EJECTION POLICY: Any athlete, parent, coach or fan who is ejected from a contest by a game official, school administrator or athletic director, is subject to immediate disqualification from the remainder of that contest and is ineligible for a minimum of the team’s next contest. The next contest may not be a forfeited, postponed or canceled game.

If it is determined by the CIFSDS office that the ejection warrants a one game suspension (current game plus next contest), the athlete, parent, coach or fan must attend a post-ejection meeting with designated administrative staff at their respective high school. A post-ejection report must then be submitted by the high school to the CIFSDS office.

Note: A one game suspension(s) may not be appealed.

Note: It is the responsibility of the coach to make sure that an ineligible athlete is not allowed to continue to compete following an ejection. However, the principal and athletic director shall make certain these policies are followed. A school may determine that a greater penalty than what is herein contained may be appropriate and retains the right to be more restrictive in applying penalties than this policy outlines. The lack of receipt of the official incident report does not invalidate the ejection.

Gross Unsportsmanlike Conduct Ejection:
A student, coach, parent or spectator who, prior to, during or following an interscholastic athletic contest commits an act of malicious nature toward a contest official, opponent or any person present, shall be guilty of gross unsportsmanlike conduct. Such acts shall include but not be limited to, maliciously cursing at, striking or threatening an official; physical contact with an opponent that is beyond the normal scope of competition and which appears to be with the intent of inflicting bodily harm on the opponent; spitting on or at a contest official or opponent; directing ethnic, racial or gender slurs toward a contest official or opponent; or other such acts that may be deemed “grossly” unacceptable conduct by the game official.

Any person ejected for an act of gross unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to the following penalty:

In all sports, with the exception of football, the penalty will be ejection from that contest and a 3 or 6 game/match suspension; In the sport of football, the penalty will be ejection from that contest and a 3 game suspension.

A school principal or designee may appeal a gross unsportsmanlike ejection to the CIF- San Diego Section Commissioner or designee if the school believes that the student, coach, parent or fan was ejected due to an error in identification or does not believe the ejected person was ejected as a result of flagrant misconduct or unsportsmanlike behavior. The CIF-San Diego Section Commissioner or designee shall review the case and make a final determination.

- The penalty may be appealed to the CIFSDS Commissioner; the Commissioner’s decision is final;
- The established CIFSDS appeal procedure will be provided on the Notice of Ejection sent to the school principal or designee and will be adhered to.
• Any person ejected for gross unsportsmanlike conduct violation is required to meet with a CIFSDS official before returning to play.

• Ejected athletes may practice with their team and attend contests, but not in game uniform, during the period of suspension. (Approved June 3, 2008, Board of Managers).

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• Any athlete or coach ejected for a 2nd time in the same season will be ineligible for competition for the remainder of the season. Any parent or spectator ejected for a 2nd time in the same season will be prohibited from competitions for the remainder of the season. A Principal may appeal the penalty for a 2nd ejection, in writing to the CIFSDS Commissioner, within 48 hours of the ejection.

F. FORFEITED CONTESTS: Forfeited contests do not count toward the maximum number of contests permitted during the season for the winning team but do count as such for the forfeiting team. Forfeiture winners (team) may schedule another contest with no penalty, (IF THE CONTESTS WAS NOT PLAYED); forfeiture losers may not. Forfeited contests are also counted in the appropriate win and loss column for league and season play for both winning and losing teams. The cancellation of a season by a team is not a forfeit win for scheduled opponents and may not be considered a win for playoff seeding purposes. Teams forfeiting the number of contests stated below are prohibited from participating in the CIFSDS playoffs:

1. Teams forfeiting 30% of their scheduled contests, which include at least 2 non-tournament games, are prohibited from participating in the CIFSDS section playoffs

2. Individual Sports (use of ineligible player causes loss of individual points)
   a. Those sports for which teams do qualify for CIF Championships but whose schedules are set by individual points – cross country, golf, gymnastics, tennis = four (4) contests.
   b. Those sports for which only individuals advance to the CIF Championships yet a team score is computed – swimming and diving, track and field, wrestling – No rule; individual ineligible to participate.

3. General Regulations
   a. The CIFSDS Commissioner, following a timely request by the member school to be considered eligible for playoff participation immediately following the school’s declaration of forfeitures, will investigate and review the matter consistent with the time constraints involved. The Commissioner’s decision is final, and may not be appealed under Bylaw1100.1(c).
   b. A forfeit is classified as such by the forfeiting team whether or not they won the game.
   c. For those sports in which there are individual championships, if an individual’s ineligibility caused his/her team to be ineligible for the CIFSDS playoffs, he/she may not advance to the individual competition.

(Approved June 7, 2005, Board of Managers; amended June7, 2006)

F. INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES TO CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT IN INDIVIDUAL SPORTS: In individual sports, an athlete must have participated for his/her school of enrollment in more than one-half (1/2) of the CIFSDS permissible maximum individual points of the sport in order to participate in the CIFSDS championship tournament in the sports of cross country (by action of the Board of Managers, June 2009, the number was set at 5 contests); golf, tennis; wrestling; track and field; and swimming and diving. Leagues and conferences may have additional requirements.

G. LIMIT ON OUT-OF-SEASON COACHING
The Out of Season Competition Committee recommends that the prohibitions of Article 6, Section 600 of the CIFSDS Green Book be strictly enforced.

H. MAXIMUM CONTESTS, TOURNAMENTS, INVITATIONALS: The combined total of points for dual contests (counting one point) and tournaments (counting two points) shall not exceed 20 (except golf) and shall not include more than three tournaments. Only one Saturday or holiday doubleheader per season with the same opponent will count as one point. The point total does not include scrimmages or post-regular season CIFSDS competition

I. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SPORTS: A student may compete in a maximum of two sports at the same time providing such action meets with league approval.

J. MOVING UP OR DOWN/CHANGES IN COMPETITION LEVEL: For those team sports in which there is class competition, an athlete may move up but never down in classification (e.g., Frosh to JV, JV to Varsity, etc.) during the same week (Monday-Saturday). NOTE: The upward movement may be on the same day. An athlete who participated in a game, match, or contest and
who moves down in classification during the same week will be ineligible in that contest and all subsequent contests for the week. A team playing an athlete at the lower level who participated at a higher level during the same week shall forfeit that higher level contest (Approved October 22, 2002, Board of Managers).

In the individual sports of badminton, cross country, golf, gymnastics, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and wrestling, an athlete may compete in more than one classification level during the same week but not during the same meet/match. [For diving exceptions, see 2600.1(3)(a-c)].

K. NOISEMAKERS: No noisemakers (miniature megaphones, cowbells, air horns, blocks, whistles, cannons, drums, thunder sticks, etc.) of any kind will be permitted at the site of any CIFSDS contest (interscholastic scrimmage, practice, league, tournament, or playoff). Megaphones shall be used only by uniformed cheerleaders for the purpose of directing and controlling rooting sections and shall not be used toward the athletes or the opposing side. Amplification by cheerleaders will be permitted if the speakers are directed toward their own rooters. At gymnasium venues for CIFSDS-hosted events or contests, there shall be no electronic amplification of pep bands or other artificial amplification of sound. Balloons that impair line of sight are prohibited at all CIFSDS-hosted sites. (Approved June 3, 2003, Board of Managers)

L. NUMBER OF PRACTICE DAYS: Unless otherwise modified herein, an athlete at any level must have participated in at least five (5) days of practice under the supervision of the coach before competing in a game or scrimmage. As an only exception to this provision, the athlete entering a new sport in the next immediate sport season from a team on which the athlete participated during the immediate previous playoff season may compete at the discretion of the coach. An athlete quitting a team and then returning to the team after missing five (5) days of practice must participate in an additional five (5) days of practice under the supervision of the coach. An athlete trying out for a new team in the same sport season must practice for five (5) days under the supervision of the new coach. The prohibition against Sunday practice is not modified by this provision. (Approved January 21, 2003, Board of Managers)

M. OUTSIDE COMPETITION:
1. A member of a high school team may not, during his/her season of sport, compete or practice for an outside team. A student’s season of sport is defined as that period which begins with a student’s first interscholastic competition (non-league game, tournament, or league) and ends with that student’s last interscholastic contest (non-league, tournament, league, or post-regular season CIFSDS competition).
2. Competition against non-CIF teams (other than faculty or alumni) is not permitted without a prior waiver of Rule 502 by the Commissioner.
3. Games against faculty, alumni, or alumni/faculty combination will not be counted in the season total, if the game is conducted as a fund-raiser. Only one such game is allowed per season.

N. PASSES: Individual member schools or leagues may prepare passes for their home games. The CIFSDS will issue passes to the media. Up to six (6) Courtesy Cards will be issued to each school to be used as needed by administrators, athletic directors, and activity directors, and a number of Courtesy Cards to each public school district Superintendent represented on the Board of Managers equivalent to the number of district trustees for their use, and to each Chair and Vice Chair of private school boards. Courtesy Cards are to be used by adults only. There is a $25 Courtesy Card replacement fee. (Approved June 17, 2003, Board of Managers).

Boys’ and Girls’ Scouting Cards (three each) will be distributed to each school. Scouting Cards will be good only for regular season games. Playoff Scouting Cards in the sport of football will be distributed (three each) to each participating team at pairings announcement. Playoff Scouting Cards will not be honored at championship games. All Scouting Cards are for school coaching personnel only (two per card). (Approved June 17, 2003, Board of Managers)

O. PLAYOFFS:
1. Where possible, there will be no first-round intra-league contests.
2. Commissioner’s office will seed the teams in each division after input from the Advisory/Seeding Committee and will determine the draw. There will be no appeal from the Commissioner’s decisions.
3. League champions are automatic qualifiers to the playoff tournament and will be given a first round home game in a sixteen team bracket when possible, unless competing against another automatic qualifier with a higher seed.
4. Sites - Method of site selection to be determined by the Commissioner.
5. Higher seed will be home team in all rounds unless modified in the sports bulletin or a league champion.
6. Each competing school will be allocated a certain number of complimentary tickets for their use when appropriate. See playoff bulletin for each sport.

P. PRACTICE DEFINED: In the CIFSDS practice is defined as organized, systematic exercise to become proficient in a sport. Prohibited activities in the CIFSDS include, but not limited to, skill drills, game situation drills, scrimmages and games, or any other directed or supervised instruction by the school coach, a school representative, a school team representative, an outside team coach, or any individual associated with an outside team or club.

Q. SCHOOL UNIFORMS: All school uniforms will be in school colors.

R. SCRIMMAGES:
1. **Accounting** - Scrimmages do not count towards the total number of points a team is permitted for one season.
2. **Scheduling** - Scrimmages against other teams may not be conducted by a team after its first contest of the season concerned unless approved in advance by the Commissioner.
3. **Officials** - Officials may be used, but they are not to be paid. This shall be a training experience for the officials’ organizations, and more than one set of officials can be used if possible.
4. **Scores** - Scores are not to be recorded.
5. **Spectators** - Spectators are not encouraged to attend.
6. **Publicity** - there shall be no special publicity.
7. **Admission** – There shall be no admission charged and no solicitation of funds or donations accepted.
8. **Format** - Coaches may stop play at any time for the purpose of coaching. Free substitution shall be used at all times.
9. **Eligibility** - Ineligible athletes are not permitted to compete. The penalty for violation is the reduction of one contest from the school’s schedule that season or the loss of one scrimmage the next year, as determined by the Commissioner.

**S. SPIRIT SIGNS:** Only positive booster or spirit signs, posters, etc., are to be used at the sites of San Diego Section contests. No reference to opponents, either directly or indirectly, shall be made except in a positive manner. School site administration or supervision is responsible for monitoring and enforcing this provision.

**T. SPORTSMANSHIP:** Spectator noise should be positive. Booing and other unsportsmanlike actions such as offensive cheers and chants and provocative and/or inciting acts or negative noise are to be actively discouraged and guarded against. School site administration or supervision is responsible for monitoring and enforcing this provision.

**U. SPRING PRACTICE:** Spring practice may be conducted in all fall sports for a maximum of 15 school days commencing May 1 or after. There shall be no interschool interaction. In the sport of football, no protective equipment other than football shoes and soft, protective headgear may be worn. The use of bags and hitting sled is permitted. Students enrolled in School A but required to attend School B the next school year because of a change of attendance boundaries or the opening of a new school by the school district, shall participate in spring practice for School B only.

Eighth grade students are not permitted to participate in spring practices. Students not enrolled in the member high school but who may be currently attending a member school in programs such as summer programs, seminars, single classes, intersession, or who are housed on a campus with 9-12 high school students are not permitted to participate in spring practices. (Approved June 7, 2006, Board of Managers).

**V. TEAM PRACTICE, INTERSCHOLASTIC SCRIMMAGES, AND FIRST POSSIBLE CONTEST DATES:** See CIF-San Diego Section Master Schedule. There shall be no practice or contests on Sunday (or the declared alternate day of respite for faith-based member schools) as a day of respite. There is no exception.

**W. TOBACCO:** The use or possession of tobacco in any form by players, coaches, or officials at the site of any CIF or CIF-San Diego Section athletic contest is prohibited. The penalty for violation, following one warning, is ejection from the site of the contest for any coach or athlete and forfeiture of officiating fee for any official.

**X. TOURNAMENT PLAY:** During the season of sport all teams may participate in tournaments in accordance with the following mandatory requirements:

1. Limit of three tournaments per team per season.
2. Limit of five contests per team per tournament. (Exception: may have a sixth contest, if a participant in the championship final.)
3. All tournaments to count two points.
4. Championship places and awards to be given in all tournaments.
5. Prohibition on Camp/Clinic/Tournament/Invitational Participation:
   a. A CIFSDS team may not attend a clinic, athletic camp, tournament, invitational, or the like under the supervision of the school coach or the school coaching staff or volunteers within two weeks of the CIFSDS fall practice starting date. Schools may not require individuals to attend or to plan, organize, or facilitate attendance.
   b. An individual athlete may attend a camp, clinic, tournament, or invitational. (Approved April 23, 2002, Board of Managers)
6. A conference tournament conducted for the purpose of accommodating league cross-over games or to determine a league or conference champion shall count as two points for each participating team and one of the permissible number of tournaments in team competition. In individual sports, each match or contest shall count toward the permissible number of contests. Teams are not permitted to split a single team in order to participate in more tournaments than are permitted for that team (e.g., novice, non-participating team members, B squads, etc.); these teams must be separate and distinct teams with school, conference, and district approval. (Approved October 22, 2002, Board of Managers) See also Article XX – No Contact Period.

**Y. C.I.F. GUIDELINES FOR CROWD BEHAVIOR AND SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES – PURSUING VICTORY WITH HONOR**

1. It is the responsibility of school administrators, A.S.B. Council Officers, A.S.B. Advisors, Cheer Advisors and Cheerleaders
to assist in the appropriate behavior of members of their respective schools at various athletic events & extra-curricular activities both at home and at away events.

2. There cannot be any posters, chants, or cheers directed toward the opposing school or specific players on opposing school teams or any officials at the contest. Posters, cheers or chants for schools must be positive and directed toward each schools specific team only. Cheerleaders are asked to assist in directing their crowds in positive cheers and stopping any negative cheering during contest. For example – cheers from cheerleaders cannot say “Miss It” during free throw attempts or “Beat the_____” or use their megaphones as noise makers directed toward the opposing team.

3. Fans of teams or team members at games cannot use any noise makers of any kind during the game. Fans cannot use cheerleader megaphones directed toward the opposing team. Noise makers include such items as thunder sticks, air horns, cow bells, horns or any other items used to intentionally create noise directed at the opposing team.

4. School bands are not to play music at any time during the playing time of the game. Bands and music can be played during pre-game, time outs, any time the clock is stopped, between quarters, halftime and after games are over. Members of bands are not to intentionally make noise directed at the opposing team.

5. PA announcers for various schools are not to make comments over the sound systems directed at the opposing team or officials. Statements are to always be positive in nature and supportive of the CIF guidelines of pursuing Victory with Honor.

6. Fans, students and parents who behave inappropriately and are determined by school administration of inappropriate behavior at games can be removed from the premises and their attendance at future school events will be based on the determination of the school administration.

7. Music played over school PA systems as “warm-up” music must be school appropriate and cannot contain lyrics that refer to drug/alcohol use, use racial slurs, cursing use of profanity, inappropriate slang, are sexually demeaning or inciteful against any group. School officials are to immediately stop any music not fitting these guidelines.

8. School A.S.B. Advisors and A.S.B. Council Officers present at various athletic contests or other extra-curricular events are to reflect a positive attitude for their school and refrain from any negative behavior directed at opposing schools or officials. They are to assist in crowd behavior by setting positive examples and assist, if called upon, with crowd control.

ARTICLE XII - SCHOOL VIDEOTAPING RULE

Coaching staffs, or competitors of competing school, with the exception of football, may not view videotapes of contests in progress or have any information from the tapes relayed to them, until the completion of the contest. Violation of this rule will result in forfeiture of the contest. There are no other restrictions regarding the filming or videotaping of any CIF competition by any school personnel or other spectator.

ARTICLE XIII - LAWSUIT AND COURT ORDER POLICY

The CIFSDS will respond to notice of potential or actual lawsuits or court orders against it in the following manner:

A. Evaluation of immediacy and impact of suit or order by Commissioner.
B. Notification of Chair of Board of Managers.
C. Determination by Chair and Commissioner to:
   1. Await further developments and apprise Board of Managers, OR
   2. Consult with CIFSDS attorney and apprise Board of Managers.
D. Decision by Board of Managers (at regular or special meeting) regarding further CIFSDS action.

ARTICLE XIV - CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Managers may convene in closed session whenever discussion is to be conducted on matters of personnel, litigation, staff salary, or appeals (unless appellant desires latter to be open).

ARTICLE XV - GENDER EQUITY

A. Balanced seasons of sports are desirable, and any relative imbalance is to be borne as equitably as possible by both males and females.
B. There is to be year-round equal opportunities for boys' and girls' participation. If boys' and girls' seasons are different for like sports and for softball and baseball, intersectional competition and championship playoff opportunity for boys and girls must still be equal.
C. A common flow of seasons is encouraged.
D. There shall be an equal number of school weeks for similar sports for males and females unless there is a voluntary decision by one gender to decrease the number.
E. There shall be an equal maximum number of contests for the same and similar sports for men and girls.
ARTICLE XVI -- SAN DIEGO SECTION MEMBERSHIP

Requirements for San Diego Section Membership
A. A school must be registered by the State Department of Education.
B. The school must plan to field sport for each gender, in each season of sport, plus one additional sport for each gender (minimum 8 sports total).
C. Coed schools must not discriminate in terms of equitable athletic opportunity for males and females.
D. The chief administrative officer of the school must sign an application.
E. A $200 nonrefundable application fee must accompany application. (Approved Board of Managers 4/29/03)
F. The Board of Managers must approve the application.
G. All terms and conditions of membership application are incorporated herein as conditions of membership.
H. In the CIFSDS, a condition of membership for each member school is mandated attendance at the annual fall symposium. Failure by any member school to attend will result in a $250.00 penalty to the school and probationary status for the remainder of that school year. A subsequent violation during the probationary period of any State CIF or CIFSDS bylaws, or failure to pay the penalty, eliminates the school from any playoff consideration during that school year. (Approved June 7, 2006, Board of Managers)
I. Each school year, the Superintendent of each member school district will submit an executed “Request for Continuing Membership and Agreement to Conditions of Membership” form on or before August 1 each school year.
J. Each sport season, each member school principal will submit an executed “Ethics in Sports Compliance Form” before the deadline stated or not allow school teams to participate if such form is not submitted.
NOTE: See CIF San Diego Section Policies and Procedures regarding membership applications for the San Diego Section.

ARTICLE XVII – HAZING

The CIF-San Diego Section will not condone hazing, in any form. A part of the mission of the CIF is to enable and assist schools in providing excellent quality athletic programs. Provision of a healthy competitive environment is inherent in that endeavor.

California State Law defines hazing, in any form, as any act, including initiation, which is degrading and is strictly forbidden. The CIF-San Diego Section clarifies that definition as follows:

No student shall conspire to engage in hazing, participate in hazing, or commit any act that causes or is likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, personal degradation, or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any other person.

The CIF-San Diego Section recommends the following to its member schools:
- All student/athletes are allowed to grow in an athletic program where they are made to feel safe, respected, and welcomed participants.
- Each school board of education should develop and enforce an anti-hazing policy.
- Each policy should clearly define acts of hazing.
- Each policy should proscribe a clearly defined penalty for violator(s).

The CIF-San Diego Section supports all school board of education penalties imposed upon violators, including forfeiture of athletic eligibility.

ARTICLE XVIII - HAZARDOUS ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The CIF-San Diego Section specifically prohibits the unauthorized possession and/or use of any electronic device (e.g., laser pointers, etc.) at all CIF events, which may adversely contribute to the health and/or safety of any participant or spectator at the event.

ARTICLE XIX - AMENDING THE BYLAWS

A. These Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Managers by a majority vote of the Board providing the proposed amendment is submitted in writing to all members of the Board prior to the date of the Board meeting at which the vote will be taken.
B. These Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Managers by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board.

ARTICLE XX - NO-CONTACT PERIOD

It is the intent of the CIF-San Diego Section to provide athletic competition in all sports that is safe and equitable. In concert with the implementation of the tenets in the statewide “Pursuing Victory with Honor” program, it is expected that San Diego Section schools and
coaches will monitor their participation in this policy with integrity.

The goal of this policy is to provide a competitive environment that will encourage coaches, athletes, and families to remain in our school programs without being overburdened with excessive time commitments. To that end, schools in the CIFSDS establish no contact policies to insure that student–athletes will have a defined period of time that schools and coaches may not intrude upon. See CIFSDS Policies and Regulations for non-contact policy.
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