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**TO:** CIF SAN DIEGO SECTION PRINCIPALS/ ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

**FROM:** JOE HEINZ, COMMISSIONER  
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**SUBJECT:** CIF SAN DIEGO SECTION UPDATE

**DATE:** JANUARY 22, 2021

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Athletic Administrators:

**Season 1 Sports update:**

The CIF San Diego Section has made the difficult decision to not host any playoffs or championships for Football, Competitive Cheer, Girls Volleyball, Field Hockey, or Roller Hockey. Our intent is to allow leagues as much time to conduct regular season contests and provide as many opportunities as possible for our student-athletes. The CIF State has already announced there will not be any CIF State/Regional Tournaments, or Championships for Season 1.

We continue to work diligently towards holding our Cross Country and Swim and Dive Championships. Cross Country Championships are set for March 27<sup>th</sup>. The exact date of the Swim and Dive finals are TBD.

With the elimination of CIF San Diego Section Championships and CIF State/Regional Championships in the sports listed below, the following dates will be the last official dates for competition for each of the listed Season 1 Sports:

**Badminton**-\*TBD

**Competitive Cheer**- April 3

**Cross Country** – March 27

**Field Hockey** – March 20

**Football** – April 17



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**Girls Volleyball** – March 20

**Gymnastics** - \*TBD

**Roller Hockey** – March 20

**Swim and Dive** – \*April 24

*\*The season end dates for Gymnastics and Badminton are still being reviewed at this time.*

### **Status of Season 2 Sports:**

Currently, our Season 2 Sports calendar remains in place. Several of our **Purple Tier** sports will begin in early February. Again, these **Purple Tier** Season 1 and Season 2 sports may practice, but not begin any competitions until the stay-at-home order for Southern California is lifted. We anticipate that a decision on the status of the CIF State or Regional Championships has not been made at this time for Season 2. At some point in mid-April, a final decision will be made on the status of CIF State/Regional, along with the CIF San Diego Section Championships for Season 2. Once a final decision has been made, we will not hesitate to let you know.

**Rule 600:** On December 14, 2020, the Governor’s Office, and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released the updated guidance document “Outdoor and Indoor Youth and Recreational Adult Sports” which included the language below:

***Cohorting (“Outdoor and Indoor Youth and Recreational Adult Sports” CDPH document) Athletes and coaches should cohort by team, and refrain from participating with more than one team over the same season or time period (notwithstanding competitions permitted as outlined below).***

The CIF State office made the decision to remove its temporary suspension of CIF Bylaws 600-605 (Outside Competition) effectively immediately to comply with the language above issued by the Governor’s Office and the CDPH. **If the CDPH Guidance is amended in the future, the CIF may elect to revisit this issue.**

The San Diego Section will not reinstitute CIFSDS specific Bylaw 600.1, until the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Thank you, and please do not hesitate to contact our office should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Joe Heinz

CIFSDS Commissioner



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