



Memo

TO: CIF SAN DIEGO SECTION PRINCIPALS/ ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

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

DATE: October 5, 2020

For your review and information, please review the latest athletic information:

As we move into October, we are hopefully moving in a positive direction in effort to resume our sports programs on December 12th. CIFSDS schools are now conducting conditioning workouts on their campuses following the appropriate health and safety guidelines recommended by state and local health authorities. I would like to thank our principals, athletic directors, and coaches for their ongoing commitment in guiding our student-athletes through these challenging times in a healthy and safe manner. We must continue to follow the advice of health professionals through the critical weeks ahead as our communities continue to open.

I am frequently asked if the states in our nation that have begun their Fall seasons of sports, including allowing spectators in the stands, will make a difference in how we open our sports seasons here in California. I am hopeful the lessons learned from the experiences in other states can be applied to the time period we have available to us prior to the beginning of our 2020-2021, Sports Calendars and will provide valuable information to us for what lies ahead.

- 1) **Deadlines – Schedules, Tournament Sanctioning, Scores and Scores:** Please see the CIFSDS [“Schedule Deadlines”](#) located on the CIFSDS Homepage for the following important dates:

Schedule Submittal Dates:

Season 1: November 1, 2020

Season 2: January 10, 2021

**All Schedules required to be submitted to the Officials Assignors for each Sport*



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Tournament Sanction Dates:

Season 1: November 1, 2020

Season 2: January 10, 2021

**For 2020-2021, Seasons of Sport, ALL Tournaments are required to be sanctioned by the San Diego Section Offices. Requests to sanction tournaments after this date will inquire an additional sanctioning fee of \$100*

Schedules and Scores in CIF Home Campus:

Season 1: February 1, 2021

Season 2: April 23, 2021

Initial Date in which All schedules and scores must be uploaded into CIF HOME Campus.

***Reminder: the following sports do not use Home Campus to submit Schedules & Scores: Basketball (MaxPreps), Football (MaxPreps), Golf (USGA & SDS), Lacrosse (LAX Numbers), Softball (Max Preps), Tennis (UTR)*

- 2) **Probationary Period Adjustment:** With the Governor signing Assembly Bill 908 into law (effective September 14, 2020), the governing board of each school district may adopt a policy that would allow a probationary period to exceed one semester in length through the completion of the 2020-2021, school year due to the impact of COVID-19. This supersedes CIF Bylaws 205.A.(1) and 205.B.(2) which state that a probationary period shall not exceed one semester in length.

Q & A for Academic Probationary Period (Bylaw 205)

Q: Does AB 908 apply to both public and private or parochial schools?

A: While the language of AB 908 only references the governing board of each school district, for the purpose of CIF Bylaws 205.A.(1) and 205.B.(2), considers this provision to apply to the governing body of each private or parochial school.

Q: Does AB 908 require the governing board of each school district or each private or parochial school to adopt a probationary period policy?

A: No. It remains at the discretion of the governing board of each school district or each private or parochial school as to determine whether it will adopt a probationary period policy.

Q: For those school districts and private or parochial schools that currently have a probationary period policy in place, does this require the governing board of each school district or each private or parochial school to adopt a policy that allows a probationary period to exceed one semester in length?



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A: *No. The governing board of each school district or each private or parochial school “may” adopt a policy that would allow a probationary period to exceed one semester in length. A school district and private or parochial school that has a probationary period limited to one semester in length, or for a shorter period of time, may continue to enforce that policy. However, if the governing board of each school district or each private or parochial school wishes to implement a probationary period that exceeds one semester in length, AB 908 requires that the current probationary period policy be amended to allow its probationary period to exceed one semester.*

- 3) Updated NFHS Network Contract: CIF Sections throughout the state have entered a new contract with the NFHS Network to stream selected Playoff Games. Based upon the updated language in the contract, the NFHS Network holds the television/streaming rights for ALL Playoff Contests in the San Diego Section. Playoff contests not selected for production will remain the property of the San Diego Section and may be assigned to a different media provider.

The rights to the vast majority of all regular season contests will remain as the property of the Home school in our regular season contests. The NFHS Network does retain the rights to a few, select, non-playoff contests in which the NFHS Network is required to provide notification to the section office by specific dates prior to each Season of Sport.

If you have not investigated the possibility of adding a streaming partner for your school/district, our offices highly recommend that you review all the possible streaming options currently available for your athletic facilities and contests.

As a reminder, **NFHS Pixellot Free for All Program** – The NFHS Network has announced an unprecedented offer for schools that are facing possible attendance restrictions at events during the 2020-2021 school year. Through its High School Support Program, the NFHS Network is offering up to two free Pixellot automated-production units for schools that lack production capabilities to stream events on the NFHS Network. The offer of two Pixellot units – one for indoor events and the other for outdoor contests – has been extended to all CIFSDS member schools. In addition to receiving two free Pixellot production units, schools will receive a larger percentage of subscription revenue generated from their events, effective August 1, 2020, in an effort to help offset revenue losses from reduced attendance.

For more information about the High School Support Program, please visit the following:
www.nfhsnetwork.com/supportprogram.

Schools wishing to sign up for free Pixellot units should visit www.nfhsnetwork.com/pixellot

Please do not hesitate to contact our office should you have any questions.



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4) Updates for Multi-Sport Athletes and Bylaw 506:

Q & A for Practice Allowance (Bylaw 506)

Q: A student plays two sports in the same season of sport (i.e. softball/track & field in the spring) or in overlapping seasons (i.e. football in the fall and soccer in the winter). If the student has a competition for one of the sports, is the student able to practice with another sport on that same day?

A: *Yes. A student-athlete may compete in a contest for one team and practice with another team on the same day as long as the student-athlete does not exceed the four (4) hours maximum per day and 18 hours maximum per week in total. For example, a school competition counts as three (3) hours, no matter the actual length of the competition, so the student-athlete would be permitted to practice for one (1) hour with another school team on that same day.*

A student athlete may participate in 2 contests in 2 different sports on the same day and that would count towards (3) hours of the (4) maximum per day.

5) **CIF Website Updates:** We are currently working on the CIF San Diego Section website to improve the overall functionality of the site and making it more “user friendly”. Our Eligibility has been updated and were working on the rest of the content and should have all upgrades completed in the coming weeks. We hope you find the changes to make it easier to navigate the site.

6) **Rules Governing Contests with Teams from Other States:** Given that other states (and some CIF Sections) do not all have the same season of sport, especially during the 2020-2021 school year due to COVID-19, we have developed the following questions and answers to assist our member schools when scheduling events with another school(s).

Q & A for Season of Sport and Outside Season of Sport Programs

Q: *May CIF member schools invite schools/individuals to participate in events during the CIF season of sport when the invited schools/individuals are not in their official season of sport?*

A: *No. Schools/individuals may only participate in a CIF event, during the CIF season of sport, when said schools/individuals are also in their official season of sport.*

Q: *May a student-athlete participate for an academy program that plays a schedule inclusive of interscholastic teams and also participate in the same sport for a CIF member school?*

A: *No. A student-athlete is allowed to participate in only one season of sport per school year. If they choose to play for an academy program that plays a schedule inclusive of interscholastic teams, he/she would not be allowed to participate in that same sport for a CIF member school during that same school year.*



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Q: *During the off-season, is a CIF member school allowed to compete in a contest with another school or an academy program that plays a schedule inclusive of interscholastic teams, while that other school is currently in their official season of sport?*

A: *No. A CIF member school is allowed only one season of sport per school year. During the off-season (or summer period), a CIF member school may only compete with other schools that are not in their official season of sport. This applies to both teams and individuals (individuals are not allowed to compete unattached in interscholastic events).*

- 7) **CIF DIGITAL CONTENT:** CIF has finalized a contract with Max Preps. MaxPreps & Scorebook Live will be Official Digital Content Partners of the CIF and CIF Sections. Schools will be required to input Varsity schedules and rosters into CIF Home. CIF Home would then share this information with both Scorebook Live & MaxPreps, so that schools only must input this information once.

Details of each are below:

Schedule data- must include a date, time, home and visiting team, location and game type (non-league, league, tournament, play-off)

Roster data- must include number, name, position, and year in school.

- 8) **CIF HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:** The CIFSDS Health and Safety committee will be meeting October 14th to begin preliminary discussions regarding potential proactive “Return to Play” health and safety measures to share with our member schools. We are still awaiting any official guidance that may be required from the CA Department of Health or State CIF office. We hope to be able to provide some resources to our section schools to begin the planning process for the start of Season 1 on December 12th.

We hope this information is useful to you moving forward. If you have any questions, or we can help you in any way at all, please do not hesitate to contact our team with any questions regarding the information presented in this memo. Our team is ready, willing, and able to assist you in any possible way we can.

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