

CIFSDS - TEACHING SPORTSMANSHIP SINCE 1960  
MINUTES

CIF-SAN DIEGO SECTION  
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021 – 10:00 AM  
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE MEETING



**PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS.....(ITEMS 1-6)**

1. CALL TO ORDER / PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING OPEN/CLOSED SESSION ITEMS .....10:00 AM, Dr. Anne Staffieri, Chair  
THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT- 10:09 A.M.

There was a call for public comments, no public comments were presented.

2. INTRODUCTIONS.....Info

Nancy Acerrio	Robert Haley	Craig Lyon
Moises Aguirre	Genevieve Hann	Vernon Moore
Eric Brown	Matt Hannan	Ron McCowan
Simon Canalez	Mike Haupt	Roger Ruvalcaba
Benjamin Churchill	Patrick Keeley	Bill Singh
Paul Dautremont	Theresa Ketchem-Grace	Dave Smola
Isla Garza-Gonzalez	Richard Lawrence	Anne Staffieri
Scott Giusti	Dave LeMaster	Mariano Velez
		Craig Wiblemo

CIFSDS Staff: Mr. Joe Heinz; Mr. Todd Cassen; Ms. Stacy Candia; Mr. Ron Marquez

Guests: Mr. William Chavarin; Mr. John Maffei; Dr. Vernon Moore (proxy Dr. Joe Fulcher) Mr. Craig Lyon (proxy Dr. Ward Andrus).

Board Members Not in Attendance: Dr. Ward Andrus; Dr. Joe Fulcher; Dr. Patrick Hefflin; Mr. David Jones; Mr. Doug Kline; Mr. David MacLeod; Mr. Luis Martinez; Mr. Karl Mueller; Mr. Celso Ruiz; Mr. Mark Stevens.

3. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

- *No Closed Session Items*

**REGULAR MEETING / OPEN SESSION**

4. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING, CALL TO ORDER / REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION..... Dr. Anne Staffieri, Chair  
The regular meeting of the Board of Managers was called to order at 10:09 AM by Chair, Dr. Anne Staffieri. No additional reportable action was taken.
5. ADOPT BOARD OF MANAGERS' AGENDA..... Dr. Anne Staffieri, Chair  
It was moved by Mr. Scott Giusti, seconded by Ms. Theresa Ketchem-Grace, to adopt the Board of Managers' Agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING, DECEMBER 3, 2020 ..... Dr. Anne Staffieri, Chair

It was moved by Mr. Scott Giusti, seconded by Dr. Eric Brown, to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

**NON-ACTION ITEMS .....(ITEMS 7-8)**

7. CORRESPONDENCE ..... Joe Heinz, Commissioner  
*No correspondence item(s) submitted.*

8. COMMISSIONER’S REPORT ..... Joe Heinz, Commissioner

- Mr. Heinz welcomed the CIF State Director, Mr. William Chavarin to the board meeting of January 20.
- Mr. Heinz updated the board with the guidance information that was released by the state on December 14, 2020. He shared the information of Youth & High School Athletic Competitions being able to begin on January 25, 2021; Cohorts are now considered to be the entire team of a sport. He shared that prior cohort guidance-maintained ratios of 14 student-athletes to 2 coaches. Now an entire team of a sport is considered the cohort. No schools will be allowed to Host Tournaments - only two schools may enter an athletic competition at one time. Exceptions for sports like Cross Country, Golf, Swim & Dive, Tennis, and Track & Field may be permitted with the approval of the San Diego County Health Department. Team Travel for Out of State Competition would not be allowed- all CIF competitions must be played with teams from the same, or bordering counties that are both currently within a Tier Assignment that permits the contest to be held. He shared that youths recovering from COVID-19 will have different paths to return to sports based on the severity of their illness. Those who are asymptomatic or have mild symptoms should not exercise until cleared by a physician.
- Mr. Heinz informed the board of the section’s updated timelines and processes that will need to be followed to officially open the athletic season for each of the section’s Season 1 and Season 2 sports. He shared that in the sport of Swim and Dive it would now be moved into our Season 1 schedule. The move to Season 1 was based upon the Purple Tier Assignment that was provided with the updated Youth Sports Guidance released back on December 14, 2020. With Swim & Dive being assigned to the Purple Tier, and both Boys' & Girls' Water Polo being assigned to the Orange Tier, the move enables additional athletic opportunities for the student athletes of our section throughout the period in which our counties (Riverside, San Diego, Imperial) remain in the Purple, most restrictive tier.
- Mr. Heinz informed and shared with the board the state set Tier Assignment information. He shared that the remainder of Season 1 Sports (Badminton, Competitive Cheer, Field Hockey, Football, Girls' Volleyball, *Gymnastics*, Roller Hockey) would be able to officially open their seasons for practice once they reach the point in which their sport is within 1 Tier Level of their assigned Tier, where athletic competitions are permitted for the sport. The current guidance does not permit any competitions while a region is under the "Stay at Home" order.
- Mr. Heinz shared with the board that the CIFSDS has chosen the date of February 1, 2021 to open the Seasons of Sport for Cross Country and Swim & Dive, each individual member school or district may elect to open their seasons at a later date.
- Mr. Heinz informed the board that much discussion and meetings have taken place with the section’s Conference Presidents, Athletic Administration, and Athletic Directors regarding the re-opening of sports. He also shared that much discussion took place at the virtual Commissioner’s Access meeting of January 19. The Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner reviewed the information of the California Department of Public Health guidelines, Season 1 and Season 2 sports, calendar updates, and questions regarding the updates of the section and state.

- Mr, Cassen shared with the board the information of spectators at a game is restricted to immediate household members only. The information of spectators was discussed with the section’s Conference Presidents and Athletic Directors as it will need to be addressed at the school site and district level.
- Mr. Cassen reminded the board members that no athletic competitions can begin until the current "Stay at Home" order is lifted for the entire Southern California region even for sports in the Purple Tier.
- Mr. Cassen informed the board that student athletes may only participate in 1 Cohort (team) and practice during the same time or season. Student athletes may participate in practices (1 Cohort) for conditioning and that it stays skill based. Social distancing must be maintained during the practice.
- Mr, Cassen also shared that Indoor practices are not permitted for counties currently in the Purple Tier. He informed the board that under the updated guidance, conditioning, and skill development practices, for indoor facilities, are permissible once a county reaches the Red Tier but are limited to 10% capacity of the facility. (Tier Capacities: Red Tier 10%, Orange Tier 25%, Yellow Tier 50%).
- Mr. Heinz shared with the board that after several years of serving the county and its community members, Board of Managers member, Mr. Bill Singh will be retiring from education at the end of January. Mr. Heinz commended Mr. Singh for his support and service to the CIFSDS; he will be honored with a CIF Lifetime Pass upon his retirement.

**CONSENT AGENDA** ..... Dr. Anne Staffieri, Chair **(NONE SUBMITTED)**  
*No consent items submitted.*

**ROLL CALL VOTE FOR CONSENT AGENDA** ..... Dr. Anne Staffieri, Chair **(NONE SUBMITTED / NO ROLL CALL REQUIRED)**

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**ACTION ITEMS** ..... **(NONE SUBMITTED)**  
*No action items submitted.*

**BOARD OF MANAGERS FIRST READ/ ACTION ITEM INFORMATION** ..... **(ITEMS 9-10)**

9. **(Pursuant to a Motion to Suspend the Rules to allow item(s) 9-10 considered for First Reading and Action at the same meeting).**

It was moved by Mr. Ron McCowan, seconded by Dr. Robert Haley, to Suspend the Rules governing the order of business to permit item(s) 10 be considered for First Reading and Action at the same meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

- 10. **The CIF State Revision to Bylaw 1206.D. – Allowable Number of Contacts (Softball and Baseball), Commissioner, Joe Heinz**  
The review and approval of the CIF State proposal forwarded from the Commissioners Committee to set the allowable number of contacts for softball and baseball at twenty-eight (28) with tournaments counting as one (1) contact for each game.

It was moved by Dr. Robert Haley, seconded by Mr. Bill Singh, to approve the proposal of the State CIF to Revise the language of Bylaw 1206.D, Allowable Number of Contacts (Softball and Baseball) as presented.

The voting bodies of the Board voted on the above item # 10 as follows:

Ayes 24 Noes 0 Absent 8 Abstain 0 Decision: **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion unanimously carried by the voting bodies of the Board.

**FIRST READINGS ..... (ITEMS 11-12)**

- 11. **The Master Calendar, 2021-2022, Assistant Commissioner, Todd Cassen**  
The proposal of the CIFSDS Master Calendar, 2021-2022.

This item was presented for first read and will be resubmitted for board action on March 24, 2021.

- 12. **The CIF State/Southern Section, Competitive Cheer Sunday Exception Proposal, Commissioner, Joe Heinz**  
The proposal of the CIF State/Southern Section to allow for an annual exception to the Sunday rule for a traditional competitive cheer national championship event.

This item was presented for first read and will be resubmitted for board action on March 24, 2021.

**INFORMATION ITEMS ..... (ITEM 13)**

- 13. CIFSDS Office Update, Commissioner, Joe Heinz  
Mr. Heinz informed the board of the CIFSDS Office move that took place in December of 2020. The new office is located at 3470 College Avenue, San Diego, CA, 92115. He thanked the section board members, CIFSDS staff, and section sponsor Mission Federal for their support and assistance with the office move.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT ..... Dr. Anne Staffieri, Chair**

- 14. Next meeting scheduled for March 24, 2021, 10:00 AM; Virtual Conference, Via Zoom. **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:58 A.M.**