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**BACKUP MATERIAL
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
January 25, 2017
The Reserve at Spanos Park, Stockton
(10:00 am – 1:00 pm)**

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items are considered for your approval. If requested, any of the following items may be removed and placed on the regular agenda.

a. Sac-Joaquin Section Items

1. Approval of Minutes of October 5, 2016 Board of Managers Meeting. (Pages 1-7)
2. Request for Associate Membership by Camptonville Academy (Public Charter School). (Page 8)
3. Request for Associate Membership by Al-Arqam Islamic School & College Preparatory. (Page 9)

IV. MANAGEMENT SERVICES

B. OLD BUSINESS (Action "Voting" Items)

These are action items presented for approval by the SJS Board of Managers.

1. Sac-Joaquin Section Items

a. SMAL Proposal – Revision of State CIF Bylaw 504.M

The SMAL is proposing a change to State CIF Bylaw 504.M, which would affect schools who for religious reasons (observe a Sabbath - Friday sundown to Saturday sundown) chose an alternate day of respite. Currently, the choice for an alternate day of respite is a full alternate day (i.e. Saturday, Friday, etc.), which allows participation on a Sunday. The proposed change would allow the alternate day of respite to be a 24-hour period of time (i.e. Friday sundown to Saturday sundown). The language includes a provision of no games or practices within seven (7) consecutive days, as the alternate day of respite (full day or 24-hour period of time) would still allow participation on a Sunday. (Pages 10-11)

b. Proposed Three (3) Person Officiating Crews for Basketball Playoffs

In January 2013, the SJS Board of Managers approved the continuance of three (3) person officiating crews for boys and girls basketball playoffs (week two and beyond). Part of those discussions was to bring back, at some point, a three-year phase in plan to have three (3) person crews for all basketball playoffs. The proposed plan would have no financial impact on the Section until the third year, at which time the NCOA would have the opportunity to negotiate a three (3) person fee. (Page 12)

c. Proposed SJS Bylaw 503.8 - Administrative Supervision (Playoffs)

Currently, targeted Section playoff formats include a "Supervision" clause requiring an administrator or designee to be in attendance of games their schools team is participating in. This bylaw proposal would make Administrative Supervision at specific playoffs a requirement and contains a process and possible sanctions for not adhering to the requirement. (Pages 13-14)

d. Proposed Revision to SJS Bylaws 503.3 & 503.4 – Appellate Procedures

This proposal would require any and all appeals to ejections, for players and coaches; during Section playoffs and the last regular season game to be submitted to the Section office for review and determination. (Pages 15-16)

2. State CIF Items

a. **Bylaw Revision – Baseball Pitch Count**

The Council will review the newly passed mandate from the NFHS Baseball Rules Committee stating that each state implement a Baseball Pitch Count to increase the health and safety of the participants. The Council will be asked to consider a proposed CIF Bylaw to meet the NFHS Rules mandate. This is an action item for **IMMEDIATE** implementation for the Spring 2017 baseball season. (Pages 17-18)

C. NEW BUSINESS (Non- voting Items)

These are first reading items presented for the purposes of information/ discussion. No action is anticipated, however a member can revise the agenda in order to act on any of section related items. State items will be first reads at the Federated Council meeting on January 27, 2017.

1. Sac-Joaquin Section Items

a. **Election of Representative to the Federated Council – No Backup Material**

This position has a two-year term and will serve on the SJS Executive Committee and Board for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. Nominations are open to all SJS member administrators of underrepresented groups. The deadline to submit an application (one-page resume) to the Section office is Friday, March 3, 2017.

NOTE: With the passage of AB 2127 resulting in the development of California Education Code 35179.1 and 48475, the landscape of high school football has greatly changed over the course of the past two years. In April 2016, the SJS Board revised SJS Bylaw 1903.2 prohibiting the use of protective gear (pads and equipment) at team camps for football. Additionally, the State Federated Council revised State CIF Bylaw 1901 allowing only footballs, bags, blocking sleds and football shoes at team camps and other off-season activities. As a result of this the SJS Board directed staff to develop an SJS Football Advisory Committee to review current rules / regulations and practices / procedures and bring forward any proposals. The Football Advisory Committee has moved four proposals forward (a-d)

b. **Proposed Revision to SJS Bylaws 1901.1 & 1901.2 – Age Requirement (Football)**

Currently the SJS allows schools who offer only one level of football the ability to request a waiver to allow a student younger than 15 to participate in football at the varsity level. This proposed revision would allow all member schools the opportunity to utilize the age requirement waiver request (Bylaw 1900 A-E) for a student younger than 15 seeking to participate in football at the varsity level. (Pages 19-21)

c. **Proposed Revision to SJS Bylaw 1903.2 – Team Camps (Football)**

As a result of the changes in April 2016 to summer activities (equipment usage) there isn't a need to monitor summer camp activity as has been previously done. Therefore, the proposed revision eliminates the minimum number of teams required for a team camp; the number of team camps a student may attend and the requirement of approval of a team camp. (Page 22)

d. **Proposed Revision to SJS Bylaw 1903.3 – Out of Season (Including Limited Period)**

In an attempt to standardize equipment usage this proposed revision eliminates the restriction on the use of equipment for the sport of football during the Sections designated "Limited" Periods and aligns the use of football equipment with what is allowed during the summer. (Page 23)

e. **Proposed Revisions to SJS Bylaw 504.9 – Limited Periods**

As a result of the proposed changes to SJS Bylaw 1903.3 there needed to be clean up language added to bylaw 504.9. Again, the proposed change as stated in 1903.3 allows the usage of specific football equipment during the designated Limited Periods. (Pages 24-25)

f. **Proposed Revision to SJS Bylaw 1903.4 – Acclimatization (Conditioning) Period**

In an attempt to maximize the opportunity to teach skills inherent to the fundamentals of the game of football (blocking & tackling) while conditioning in a non contact environment the Football Advisory committee is proposing the elimination of the current two-day conditioning mandate and replacing it with a mandatory five-day progressive acclimatization period. The committee used the USA Football, "Heads Up Football" Program Preseason Acclimatization as a blueprint. This proposal provides schools the opportunity to start football acclimatization (conditioning) one week earlier than has been permitted previously. (Pages 26-27).

- g. **Proposed Revision to SJS Bylaw 1907.8 – Playoffs (Football)**
In the spring of 2014 the Board passed a proposal developing Division VII football consisting of only those schools in the CCAA and SMAL, which is currently a four-team bracket. This proposed revision would include the CCAA and SMAL football teams (DVII) in the same process we have in place for all other schools (Divisions I-VI). Additionally, it would increase the Division VII bracket to six (6) teams. (Pages 28-30)
 - h. **Proposed Revision to SJS Bylaw 1501.7 – Playoffs (Baseball)**
Baseball is the last major team sport that's division placement for playoffs is determined by league placement. In an attempt to create consistency throughout the Section and bring baseball in line with football, volleyball, soccer, water polo, basketball and softball the Section office and playoff committee is proposing revisions to bylaw 1501.7 which would change the SJS baseball playoffs from a league-based system to an enrollment-based system. (Pages 31-33)
 - i. **Proposed Revision to SJS Bylaw 2500.11.g – Playoffs (Softball)**
This proposal will adjust and standardize the travel reimbursement amount for all playoff softball participants; all participants will be reimbursed for travel at \$2.00 per mile for each playoff game attended. (Page 34)
 - j. **Proposed Revision to SJS Bylaw 2700.5 – Playoffs (Team Tennis)**
Currently team tennis has a 23-team bracket in Division I, which is too large. This proposed revision would change the SJS team tennis playoffs from a league-based system to an enrollment-based system, thus balancing out the number of teams in each division and creating consistency throughout the Section for the majority of our team sports by bringing team tennis in line with football, volleyball, water polo, soccer, basketball and softball. (Pages 35-38)
 - k. **Proposed Budget for 2017-2018 – No Backup Material**
A projected budget for the 2017-2018 school year will be presented to the Board of Managers for review and discussion. (Page 39)
2. **State CIF Items**
- a. **Proposed Bylaws 504; 1200; 1700; 1701; 1702 – Competitive Cheer**
The proposed bylaw additions would add Competitive Cheer to the CIF Approved Sports. Further, these bylaw additions would require that all individuals who coach competitive cheer must fulfill nationally recognized safety training standards as mandated by A.B. 949. (Pages 40-50)
 - b. **Proposed Revision Bylaws 1606; 2401; 2901; 2902 – Competitive Equity**
The proposed bylaw revision would revise the placement of teams into Regional and State playoffs in the sports of basketball, soccer, and girls' and boys' volleyball to be based upon a "Competitive Equity" model and not enrollment or section divisions. (Pages 51-53)
 - c. **Proposed Bylaws Revisions 503.B.1 – Uniform Administrative Penalty**
This proposed bylaw revision would create a uniformed penalty in the case where it is determined by the CIF Section that an ineligible student competed due to the failure of the school administration to submit proper CIF Section transfer eligibility application or forms which would have, had it been submitted in a timely manner and reviewed by the Section, resulted in immediate eligibility in that sport. This proposal is an outcome of a Federated Council roundtable discussion. This proposal will be finalized following the January 11, 2017 Commissioners Committee meeting and distributed at the Federated Council as a first reading item. (Pages 54-56)
 - d. **Proposed Revision Bylaws 206, 207, 510, 1100 – Athletic Motivation**
The proposed bylaw revisions would eliminate some wording regarding "Athletically Motivated Transfers" and would continue the language regarding "following the coach." This proposal is an outcome of a Federated Council roundtable discussion and direction of the Commissioners Committee. (Pages 57-70)

e. **Proposed Bylaw 1206 – Standardized Number of Contests**

The proposed new bylaw would create a standardized number of maximum contests in sports that culminate in a Regional or State Championship. This proposal is an outcome of a Federated Council roundtable discussion. This proposal will be finalized following the January 11, 2017 Commissioners Committee meeting and distributed at the Federated Council as a first reading item. (Pages 71-72)

f. **Proposed Bylaw 900 – All Star Contests**

The proposed bylaw revision would modify the wording of the current bylaw further clarifying factors determining what is an “all-star” competition and who may participate. This proposal will be finalized following the January 11, 2017 Commissioners Committee meeting and distributed at the Federated Council as a first reading item. (Pages 73-74)

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**BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
MINUTES – October 5, 2016
The Reserve at Spanos Park, Stockton**

I. OPENING BUSINESS

a. Call to Order

President Alan Peterson called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

b. Flag Salute

Salute was conducted by John Becker

c. Roll Call and Introductions

Members and guests of the Board of Managers were introduced.

IN ATTENDANCE:

OFFICERS:

Alan Peterson, President, Merced Union High School District
John Becker, President-elect, Antelope High School
Peter Efstathiou, Past President, Placer High School
Sara Wetteland, Representative to Federated Council, Antelope High School
Erin Aitken, SJADA Representative, Lodi High School

STAFF:

Michael S. Garrison, Commissioner
Ryan Tos, Assistant Commissioner
Will DeBoard, Director of Communications
Christina Shannon, Administrative Assistant I
Heidi Rennison, Administrative Assistant

BOARD REPRESENTATIVES (voting members):

Capital Athletic League (CAL) – John O'Connor, Christian Brothers
Capital Valley Conference (CVC) – Jason Feuerbach, Whitney
Central California Athletic Alliance (CCAA) – John Dibble, Sierra Ridge/ROP
Central California Conference (CCC) – Kevin Swartwood, Golden Valley
Central Valley California League (CVCL) – John Huffman, Victory Christian
Delta League (DELTA) – Paula Duncan, Sheldon
Golden Empire League (GEL) – Gary Cena, Marysville
Metropolitan Conference (METRO) – Peter Lambert, McClatchy
Modesto Metropolitan Conference (MMC) – Jason Manning, Modesto
Monticello Empire League (MEL) – Mike Pearson, Vintage
Mother Lode League (MEL) – Mike Koepp, Calaveras
Mountain Valley League (MVL) – Mike Merritt, Ben Holt Academy
Northern Pacific Athletic Conference (NPAC) – Tracy McLaughlin
Pioneer Valley League (PVL) – Paul Lundberg, Colfax
Sacramento Metropolitan Athletic League (SMAL) – Matt Vargo for Brad Gunter, Jr., Valley Christian
San Joaquin Athletic Association (SJAA) – Brian Biedermann, Edison
Sierra Delta League (SDL) – Janice Beyer, Bradshaw Christian
Sierra Foothill League (SFL) – Dan Gayaldo, Del Oro
Sierra Valley Conference (SVC) – Joe Saramago, Liberty Ranch
Solano County Athletic Conference (SCAC) – Damon Wright, American Canyon

Southern League (SL) – Darrin Allen, Denair
Trans Valley League (TVL) – Debra Davis, Hughson
Tri-City Athletic League (TCAL) – Eric Sandstrom for Bob Lofsted, Lodi
Tri-County Conference (TCC) – Mike Morris, Rio Linda
Valley Oak League (VOL) – Frank Gonzales, Manteca
Western Athletic Conference (WAC) – Charlie Pikas, Pacheco

LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS:

Capital Athletic League (CAL) – Jim Waldman
Capital Valley Conference (CVC) – Al Hooker
Central California Athletic Alliance (CCAA) – David Voortman
Central California Conference (CCC) – Vince Clemons
Delta League (DELTA) – Ron Nocetti (*not present*)
Golden Empire League (GEL) – Mike Haines
Metropolitan Conference (METRO) – Jim Smrekar
Modesto Metropolitan Conference (MMC) – Ed Felt
Monticello Empire League (MEL) – Joan Mumaugh
Mother Lode League (MLL) – Rich Cathcart
Mountain Valley League (MVL) – Mike Merritt
Northern Pacific Athletic Conference (NPAC) – Mike Wells
Pioneer Valley League (PVL) – Bill Flake
San Joaquin Athletic Association (SJAA) – Randy Snider (*not present*)
Sierra Delta League (SDL) – Mike Haines
Sierra Foothill League (SFL) – Jug Covich (*not present*)
Sierra Valley Conference (SVC) – John Williams
Solano County Athletic Conference (SCAC) – Jeff Buchanan
Southern League (SL) – Frank Ferreira
Trans Valley League (TVL) – Bill Inderbitzen
Tri-City Athletic League (TCAL) – Steve Lopez
Tri-County Conference (TCC) – Tom Henderson
Valley Oak League (VOL) – Norm Antinetti
Western Athletic Conference (WAC) – Kerry McWilliams

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD (voting members):

Small Schools Rep. – Mark Loureiro, Escalon
Medium Schools Rep. – Donna Tofft, Lincoln
Large Schools Rep. – Lori Ann Donnell

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD (voting member):

Camille Maben

SCHOOL SUPT. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD (voting member):

George Sziraki

ASSIGNOR OF OFFICIALS:

Jim Jorgensen/ Monty Muller (*not present*)
Mike Miklaus/ Brian Moore

GUESTS:

Matt Cantrell, Sac Adventist	Ron Barney, San Juan USD Athletic Director
Darren Spiritosanto, SJAF	Ross Spiritosanto, SJAF
Eric Weber, Linden High School	Dean Perkins, Oakmont High School
Walker Vick	Alan Korsgaden, SJAF

d. Adopt Agenda

A motion was made by Mike Wells to adopt the agenda with the following changes; Bylaw 502D. Baseball pitch count, bylaws 503.3 and 503.4. Motion seconded by Dan Gayaldo and carried.

e. **Public Communication**

Pursuant to Education Code 33353.2(C), any person wishing to speak on any item on the agenda, or comment on the policies and practices of the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section will be heard at this time. The Board reserves the right to limit public communication of each individual to five minutes and cumulative totals of twenty-five minutes per topic.

1. **General Public**

- a. Alan Korsgaden, Sac-Joaquin Aquatics Federation, spoke to the fact that they have lost officials. Asking for an increase in fees to cover cost of travel. Losing officials to NCS due to competitive rates.
- b. Darrin Spiritosanto, President, Sac-Joaquin Aquatics Federation, asking for fair and equal pay. More money would help with retention.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

Under this item, the chairperson and/or the commissioner will review any communications received, which may be timely or appropriate for the Board of Managers.

- a. President – Need for administrators to actively supervise games and deal with parents.
- b. Commissioner – None

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Kevin Swartwood to approve the Section consent calendar. It was seconded by Jim Waldman and passed unanimously.

“Yes” votes: CAL, CCAA, CCC, CVC, CVCL, DELTA, GEL, MEL, METRO, MLL, MMC, MVL, NPAC, PVL, SCAC, SDL, SFL, SJAA, SL, SMAL, SVC, TCAL, TCC, TVL, VOL, WAC, Small Schools A.D. Rep., Medium Schools A.D. Rep., Large Schools A.D. Rep., School Board Rep., and the School Superintendent Rep.

“No” votes: N/A

a. **Sac-Joaquin Section Items**

1. Approval of Minutes of April 6, 2016 Board of Managers Meeting.
2. Approval of request for Full Membership of Leroy Greene Academy moved to old business.
3. Approval of request for Full Membership of El Dorado Adventist moved to old business.

b. **State CIF Items**

None

IV. MANAGEMENT SERVICES

A. **Informational Reports, Recommendations and Additional Items Presented as First Reading Items.**
Committees and/or action teams may report on meeting(s) that took place prior to the SJS Board of Managers Meeting. Recommendations from these meetings may be brought forward as First Reading Items.

1. **Committee Meeting Reports**

- a. Executive Committee working on getting office staff and processes up to speed.
- b. SJS Economic Viability Committee met on October 5, 2016 and discussed the financial state of the CIF Sac-Joaquin section office. Actuarials, investment account, marketing and spring sports were reviewed.

2. **Sports Advisory Committee Reports**

- a. **Playoff Committee**
Ryan Tos provided an overview of upcoming playoff games. Discussed proposal coming up to move baseball to an enrollment based system. Structural changes in softball.
- b. **Water Polo Committee**
Water Polo met and primary topics were officials and playoff formats.
- c. **Cross Country Committee**
Cross Country met and discussed the condition of the course in Folsom and repairs needed prior to section meet. Placing an enrollment Cap on division 5 was discussed.

d. **Football Committee**

Erin Aitken provided an update of the newly formed Football Advisory Committee.

B. **OLD BUSINESS** (Action "Voting" Items)

These are action items presented for approval by the SJS Board of Managers.

0. **Request for Full Membership of Leroy Greene Academy by the Northern Pacific Athletic Conference and Leroy Greene Academy. A motion was made to approve membership by John Dibble and seconded by Camille Maben.**

"Yes" votes: CAL, CCAA, CCC, CVC, CVCL, DELTA, GEL, MEL, MLL, MMC, MVL, NPAC, PVL, SCAC, SDL, SFL, SJAA, SL, SMAL, SVC, TCAL, TCC, TVL, WAC, Small Schools A.D. Rep., Medium Schools A.D. Rep., Large Schools A.D. Rep., School Board Rep., and the School Superintendent Rep.

"No" votes: METRO, VOL

00. **Request for Full Membership of El Dorado Adventist by the Sacramento Metropolitan Athletic League and El Dorado Adventist. A motion was made to approve membership by Mike Haines and seconded by Matt Vargo.**

"Yes" votes: CAL, CCAA, CCC, CVC, CVCL, DELTA, GEL, MEL, MLL, MMC, MVL, NPAC, PVL, SCAC, SDL, SFL, SJAA, SL, SMAL, SVC, TCAL, TCC, TVL, WAC, Small Schools A.D. Rep., Medium Schools A.D. Rep., Large Schools A.D. Rep., School Board Rep., and the School Superintendent Rep.

"No" votes: METRO, VOL

(NOTE: Metro stated that Associate Members should be looked at carefully as we enter realignment.)

1. **Sac-Joaquin Section Items**

a. **Selection of Realignment Committee (2018-2022)**

1. Mike Garrison introduced the two chairs, Rick Spears and Kevin Brown.
2. Ryan Tos and Will DeBoard tabulated votes for each voting category.
3. Voting for principals/administrators ensued. Principals/Administrators selected: Hank Meyer, Mike Maul, Don Davis and Jon Schaefer.
4. Voting for athletic directors ensued. Athletic directors selected: Bob Jensen and Erin Aitken.
5. Executive committee selected the following individuals as at-large members of the Realignment Committee: Cici Robinson and Damon Wright.
6. Realignment committee for 2018: Hank Meyer, Mike Maul, John Schafer, Don Davis, Bob Jensen, Erin Aitken, Damon Wright, CiCi Robinson, John Becker, Kevin Brown and Rick Spears.

2. **State CIF Items**

a. **Proposed Northern California (Nor. Cal) Regional Soccer**

A motion was made by Kevin Swartwood to approve the proposal. It was seconded by Jim Waldman and passed.

"Yes" votes: CAL, CCAA, CCC, CVC, CVCL, DELTA, GEL, MEL, METRO, MLL, MMC, MVL, NPAC, SCAC, SDL, SFL, SJAA, SL, SMAL, SVC, TCAL, TCC, TVL, VOL, WAC, Small Schools A.D. Rep., Medium Schools A.D. Rep., Large Schools A.D. Rep., School Board Rep., and the School Superintendent Rep.

"No" votes: PVL

b. **Proposed Regional Water Polo Championships**

A motion was made by Jim Waldman to approve the proposal. It was seconded by Kevin Swartwood and passed unanimously.

“Yes” votes: CAL, CCAA, CCC, CVC, CVCL, DELTA, GEL, MEL, METRO, MLL, MMC, MVL, NPAC, PVL, SCAC, SDL, SFL, SJAA, SL, SMAL, SVC, TCAL, TCC, TVL, VOL, WAC, Small Schools A.D. Rep., Medium Schools A.D. Rep., Large Schools A.D. Rep., School Board Rep., and the School Superintendent Rep.

“No” votes: N/A

C. **NEW BUSINESS** (Non-voting Items)

These are first reading items presented for the purposes of information. No action is anticipated, however a member can revise the agenda in order to act on any of section related items. State items will be first reads at the Federated Council meeting on October 7, 2016.

1. **Sac-Joaquin Section Items**

a. **SJS Bylaw 502.D (Information Only)**

Note added to constitution for interpretation that alumni games are illegal for all in season sports.

b. **SMAL Proposal – Revision of State CIF Bylaw 504.M**

This is a state bylaw that would take two years to move through the process, should it pass at the Section level. This proposal is for schools that based on religious tenants require an alternate the day of respite of Friday or Saturday. Schools are asking for a 24-hour period of time instead of a full day (Friday or Saturday). Written into this bylaw is a notice that there cannot be seven consecutive days of participation.

c. **Proposed Three (3) Person Officiating Crew for Basketball Playoffs**

Ryan Tos discussed the proposal and stated that currently three person crews are used for finals and semi-finals only. This proposal is a three-year phase in with no additional costs until renegotiation in the 2019-2020 school year. There is a perception that the third person would be a trainee, also that an undesired official would be there. Brian Moore, South Assignor spoke to this concern.

d. **Proposed SJS Bylaw 503.8 – Administrative Supervision (Playoffs)**

Administrator (designee) must be present at specific section playoff events. Form to be filled out and brought to venue. Make amendment to verbiage “prior to playing of the contest”. Add verbiage “next contest” to Bylaw 503.8.. Consensus was unfair to athletes to forfeit because the administrator fails to show up.

e. **Proposed Revision to SJS Bylaws 503.3 and 503.4 – Appellate Procedures**

SJS office will hear all appeals and will render a decision.

2. **State CIF Items**

a. **Bylaw Revision – Baseball Pitch Count**

Specifics of this bylaw were discussed. This will be an action item at the January 27, 2017 Federated Council meeting for immediate implementation. The home book will track the pitch count. Will there be requirements on the person keeping the book to be more knowledgeable?

b. **Bylaw 103 – Weighted Voting**

Federated Council voting information – provided as information only.

V. **CLOSED SESSION – 12:00 pm - 12:42 pm**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(3)(A), the Board of Managers went into closed session to discuss the following items.

a. **Official Assignors Evaluation**

1. Jorgensen Sports Service (North)
2. Miklaus/Moore Sports Service (South)

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 12:42 p.m. and the following item was voted on.

Action Taken in Closed Session: The contracts of the North and South assignors were extended with extenuating circumstances that Commissioner Garrison will deal with privately.

VI. REPORTS

The President and Commissioner will be asked to report on items, not on the agenda, which they believe would be appropriate for the Board of Managers

a. **Assignor of Officials**

1. North – Jim Jorgensen

- ✓ All foundation volleyball and basketball games covered by volunteer officials.
- ✓ Several disqualifications in football. Officials devastated when appeal is overturned.
- ✓ Monty and Jim met with soccer crew regarding recruiting and getting games covered.
- ✓ Need officials in all sports.
- ✓ Processed payroll of \$391,000 for the first half of the season.

2. South – Mike Miklaus and Brian Moore

- ✓ Thank you to the south section leagues for prompt payment to pay officials.
- ✓ Leagues send a note to Mike/Brian when next league meetings will be.
- ✓ Question – shortage on officials this weekend for football. How are you determining the number of officials for each game? Fifteen sites are running 4 officials.

b. **SJADA – Erin Aitken**

Erin Informed and encouraged athletic directors to attend annual workshop at Wine and Roses on October 17, 2016. Roger Blake and Ron Nocetti, from the state office, will speak. Keynote speakers will be John Volek and Danielle Viglioni. CSADA Conference will be held April 17– 21, in Reno.

c. **SJS Hall of Fame – Will DeBoard**

Induction ceremony is on October 16, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento.

d. **State Executive Committee – Sara Wetteland**

- ✓ Cheer becoming a CIF Sanction sport will be in effect as of July 2017.
- ✓ Policy waiver for students with disabilities.
- ✓ Change verbiage regarding athletically motivated transfers at the state level.

e. **President– Allan Peterson (No Report)**

f. **Commissioner – Michael S. Garrison**

1. Fall Season Wrap Up / Congratulations:

- ✓ Oakridge HS – Boys State Swim Champions – 200 Medley Relay
- ✓ Ethan Dillard (Oakridge HS) – Boys 200 Individual Medley State Champion
- ✓ Bryce Medford (Oakridge HS) – Boys 100 Fly State Champion
- ✓ Liam O'Haimhirgin (Bella Vista HS) – Boys 100 Free State Champion
- ✓ Jurnee Woodward (Vacaville HS) – Girls 300 Meter Hurdles State Champion
- ✓ Fiona O'Keefe (Davis HS) – Girls 3200 State Champion
- ✓ Isaiah Holms (Oakmont HS) – Boys Long Jump State Champion
- ✓ Jake Reynosa (Tioga HS) – Spring 2016 CIF Spirit of Sport Award recipient
- ✓ Brody Pearman (Union Mine HS) – CIF Farmers Scholar Athlete scholarship winner
- ✓ Anna Medema (Mariposa HS) – CIF Farmers Scholar Athlete scholarship winner
- ✓ Bill Kapp and Anthony were recognized as the CSADA Athletic Directors of the Year
- ✓ Jeff Lorensen and Lou Souza were recognized as Norm Mackenzie Rookie Award winners

2. League visits – only one league left to visit

3. Thank You's:

- ✓ Ryan Tos and Will DeBoard for all of their hard work
- ✓ Brian Moore for all of his help in the SJS financial department
- ✓ Christina Shannon for all of her help filling in with the open positions in the SJS office

4. Playoffs begin October 31, 2016 and end December 3, 2016. All the formats are posted

5. Realignment committee will meet on December 14, 2016

VII. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Presented to Rick Spears – Not Present

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm. The next Sac-Joaquin Board of Managers meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2016 at The Reserve at Spanos Park in Stockton.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi Rennison
Administrative Assistant

Approved,



Michael S. Garrison
Commissioner



September 5, 2016

Attn: CIF Sac-Joaquin Section
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Re: Letter of Application: Statement of Intent to Join CIF & Sac-Joaquin Section

Dear Board of Managers,

Please accept this letter as a Statement of Intent for CORE @ The Camptonville Academy to join CIF Sac-Joaquin Section as an Associate Member. We are a public charter school that serves approximately 155 high school students in Yuba/Sutter County. Many of our students have expressed interest in participating in competitive sports. Our initial goal is to offer one team sport in the 2016/2017 school year. Currently, students and parents have identified an interest in developing a co-ed cross country team. Over the next 3 years, we hope to develop a sports program and incorporate it into part of our school tradition and culture.

CORE @ The Camptonville Academy agrees to abide by all CIF, SJS, and if applicable, league rules and regulations.

We look forward to being a part of the CIF & Sac-Joaquin family. This is another great option for our students to help them develop into healthy, spirited, and caring adults.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chris Mahurin", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Mahurin
School Director



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To whom it may concern,

Al-Arqam Islamic School & College Preparatory is applying for an associate membership of the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section for student Youssef Mahmoud, grade 11, to participate in the swimming sport season of spring 2017 and 2018.

Yousef Mahmoud will represent Al-Arqam Islamic School & College Preparatory and practice with Rio Americano High School, Sacramento coached by Brian Fitch.

Al-Arqam Islamic School & College Preparatory and Youssef Mahmoud will abide by all CIF, SJS and league rules and regulations.

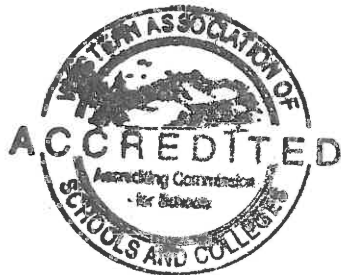
Enclosed is a check for \$200 to pay the application fee for the associate membership of the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section.

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns at the above number. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Norashikin Duso

Principal of Al-Arqam Islamic School



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CIF Sac Joaquin Section

OUR MISSION: Al-Arqam Islamic School & College Preparatory mission is to have an educational institution that teaches and nurtures the "whole" child—intellectually, spiritually, emotionally and physically, and to instill in each student the principles of submission to the Will of Allah as an essential element in achieving excellence academically and personally.

Proposed Bylaw Change

Current Bylaw 504. M.

Sundays In order to provide at least one (1) 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.

Proposed Revision to Bylaw 504. M.

Sundays In order to provide at least one (1) 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 a Sabbath rest from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown may practice or play on Sundays. These schools must register each year by August 1 for the following year with their Section office and observe a day of respite from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. No school requesting a religious exception may participate in interscholastic games or practices on seven (7) consecutive 24 hour days.

- a. Schools requesting an exception must provide documentation, if requested, of religious belief adhering to the basis of the exception.
- b. Schools requesting an exception must provide documentation, if requested, of adherence to the rule of no games or practices within seven (7) consecutive days.

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Rationale

The enforcement of the current bylaw language unfairly limits religious schools athletic participation. Currently by declaring an alternate day (Friday or Saturday) these religious schools would be restricted by religious belief and section rule from participating in athletic events/practices for approximately 41 hours if Friday is declared, or approximately 31 hours if Saturday is declared. If religious schools were to declare an alternate day to Sunday it would also potentially limit accommodation options for playoff participation and also limits participation by the religious schools in traditional pre-season tournament play (Thursday – Saturday). If an alternate day is not declared then these religious schools are restricted by religious belief and section rule from participating in athletic events/practices for 48 hours total each week.

The sundown to sundown rest period could open the door for religious schools to practice or play all week and then participate in a Friday afternoon, Saturday night, and Sunday tournament with other religious schools. The proposed revision would limit this potential opening by not allowing for seven consecutive days of athletic practices or games and requiring documentation (practice/game calendar) of adherence to that rule.

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To: SJS Board of Mangers

Date: January 25, 2017

Re: Proposal – Three (3) person officiating crews for basketball playoffs

Implementation: 2017-2018 (3 year plan)

Proposal Originated: SJS Office

Proposal Discussed/Reviewed

Playoff Committee – May 18, 2016
Executive Committee – June 23, 2016
Playoff Committee – September 15, 2016
Executive Committee – September 22, 2016
SJS Board of Managers – October 5, 2016
Executive Committee – January 5, 2017
SJS Board of Managers – January 25, 2017

Recommendation

Unanimous Support
Unanimous Support (4-0)
Discussion
Discussion
First Reading
Discussion
Action Item

Proposal Summary: This proposal would increase the use of 3 person officiating crews in the SJS playoffs. Currently three person crews are used in the second week of playoffs only. The timeline is as follows:

2017-2018 Three person crews for all neutral site games in week two as well as all quarterfinal contests on Thursday and Friday of week one. The three person crew would split the two person playoff fee.

2018-2019 Three person crews for all playoff contests. The three person crew would split the two person playoff fee.

2019-2020 Continue with three person crews for all playoff contests with the opportunity to negotiate a new fee structure.

Fiscal Impact:

For the section - In the short-term there is no fiscal impact as the officials would be splitting the current two person fee. However there is a long-term fiscal impact as there would be a renegotiating of fees in 2019.

For the schools - While there is no direct fiscal impact there will probably be an indirect impact as more three person crews will be assigned to regular season contests so that those individuals can train for the three person mechanics they will use in the playoffs.

Rationale: This is the recommendation of our officials and would create consistency throughout our section playoffs.



To: SJS Board of Mangers

Date: January 25, 2017

Re: Proposal – SJS Bylaw 503.8 – Administrative Supervision

Implementation: 2017-2018

Proposal Originated: SJS Executive Committee

Proposal Discussed/Reviewed

Executive Committee – March 30, 2016

Executive Committee – June 23, 2016

Executive Committee – September 22, 2016

SJS Board of Managers – October 5, 2016

Executive Committee – January 5, 2017

SJS Board of Managers – January 25, 2017

Recommendation

Discussion

Unanimous Support (4-0)

Discussion

First Reading

Discussion

Action Item

Proposal Summary: This bylaw would require each school to have an administrative presence at specific section playoff events.

Fiscal Impact: A minimal fiscal impact on schools as an administrator or designee will have to travel to attend specific section playoff events.

Rationale: This proposal was first discussed due to issues at various section playoff events in which there was no administrative presence in attendance and serious event management issues occurred.

Other Considerations: While various playoff formats “require” an administrative presence at specific events this bylaw would make it a formal requirement.

SJS Bylaw 503.8 Administrator-in-Charge

Each school, with the exception below, which is participating in the Sac-Joquin Section team *playoffs*, (football, volleyball, water polo, basketball, soccer, baseball, softball) must have an administrative level representative or designee, in addition to the team coach, in attendance before, during, and after the event each time that the school competes. The school's principal must indicate in writing the name of the person (certificated faculty member or certified coach under Title V for public schools, contracted faculty/approved coaching staff members for private schools) provided the person is not coaching (neither the head coach or an assistant coach) who is the Administrator-in-Charge (responsible for crowd control, student behavior, and injury care) whenever that school's team is participating in the respective SJS event. The “Administrator-in-Charge-Registration” letter shall be presented to the Site Director when the person reports to the Site.

Note: The Administrator-in-Charge Registration form may be signed by any school administrator (vice principal and assistant principal) and/or the school athletic director.

Exception: Any school traveling more than 100 miles, one way, is not required to send an administrator-in-charge to any SJS championship event with the exception of Football and Basketball. Under this exception the coach of the traveling school is responsible for crowd control, student behavior and injury care.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION: SJS staff will determine the penalty prior to the playing of the *next* contest. A school that does not provide the required Administrator-in-Charge may forfeit.



CIF SAC-JOQUIN SECTION



ADMINISTRATOR-IN-CHARGE REGISTRATION

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_____ High School will be represented by _____
School Name Name

at the Sac-Joaquin Section _____ **playoff** contest on _____
Sport Date

at _____
Location

As Principal of _____ High School, I certify that the individual(s) listed above meets
School Name

the requirements of CIF-SJS Bylaw 503.8 as detailed above.

Principal Name: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Principal Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE:

THIS FORM MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE SITE DIRECTOR BY THE PERSON IDENTIFIED ABOVE NO LATER THAN 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED START OF THE CONTEST.

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To: SJS Board of Managers

Date: January 25, 2017

Re: Proposal – Revision to SJS Bylaws 503.3 & 503.4 – Appellate Procedures

Implementation: 2017-2018

Proposal Originated: SJS Office

Proposal Discussed/Reviewed

Executive Committee – June 23, 2016
Executive Committee – September 22, 2016
SJS Board of Managers – October 5, 2016
Executive Committee – January 5, 2017
SJS Board of Managers – January 25, 2017

Recommendation

Discussion / Support (4-0)
Discussion
First Reading
Discussion
Action Item

Proposal Summary: This proposal would require any and all appeals to ejections, for players and coaches, during Section playoffs and the last regular season game to be submitted to the Section office for review and determination.

Rationale: The Section playoffs are administered by the Section office; therefore any appeals to an ejection of a player or coach should be reviewed and determined by the Section office.

SJS Bylaw 503.3

Any player ejected or any player who leaves the confines of the bench or team area during a fight that may break out or has broken out shall be disqualified from participating in the remainder of the game and will be ineligible for the team's next contest. This bylaw also applies to a fight that may occur after the game before the teams have vacated the playing area.

NOTE: Any athlete who plays in the next game following his/her ejection will be treated as an ineligible player for that game (bylaws 203.2, 204.3, 204.5, 205.3, 207.3, 207.8).

Appellate Procedures: ~~Any student may appeal his/her one game suspension to his/her league. Each league shall establish appellate procedures to determine the eligibility of student-athletes who are ejected from an interscholastic contest. A final report on all appeals shall be forwarded to the Section Commissioner by the league president.~~

Regular Season Play

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Post Season Play (inclusive of last regular season contest)

Any student may appeal his/her one game suspension to the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section office. Appeals for ejections will be submitted to the Section office with documentation (preferably in video form) as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours before the next contest. Section Office staff will hear all appeals and be responsible for rendering a decision.

SJS Bylaw 503.4

Any head or assistant coach ejected from a contest will be disqualified from participating in the remainder of that game and will be prohibited from coaching or attending the next interscholastic contest for that team.

NOTE: Any coach who coaches his/her team or attends the next game following his/her ejection will be referred to his/her league for disciplinary action.

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To: Federated Council

Date: January 27, 2017

Re: Revision of Article 150 – Baseball; New Bylaw 1501

Proposal Originated: Commissioners Committee – Mandated NFHS rule change

Proposal Reviewed

01/29/2016 - Commissioners at Fed Council
03/01/2016 - Sports Medicine Advisory
03/15/2016 - Commissioner Committee
06/07/2016 - Commissioner Committee
08/24/2016 - Executive Committee
09/13/2016 - Commissioner Committee
10/04/2016 - Sports Medicine Advisory
10/06/2016 - Executive Committee
10/07/2016 - Federated Council
01/27/2017 - Federated Council

Proposal Recommendation

Discussion
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Draft Language Discussion
First Reading, Completed
Support 10-0
Support 18-0
Support 9-0
First Reading
Action Item for Immediate Implementation

Type: New Bylaw

Proposal Summary: This Bylaw will place limits on the number of pitches that a pitcher may throw each game and will also provide for mandatory days of rest between appearances depending on the number of pitches thrown. **IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION.**

Fiscal Impact: None

Background: The NFHS baseball pitching limitation rule (6-2-6) was amended and now require all states to impose a pitching limitation rule which limits the number of pitches thrown during a game to afford pitchers a required rest period between pitching appearances.

**ARTICLE 150
BASEBALL**

1500. PITCHING LIMITATION RULE – 30 OUTS

Sections shall adopt the following baseball pitching limitation rule: 30 outs and/or three (3) 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 (1) 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. PITCHING LIMITATION RULE – PITCH COUNT

In addition to 1500 above, Sections shall adopt the following baseball pitching limitation rule with respect to pitch count and required days of rest:

Pitch count limits and required rest:

Level	Maximum Contest Pitch Limit	0 Days Rest Required	1 Day Rest Required	2 Days Rest Required	3 Days Rest Required
Varsity	110 Pitches	1-30 Pitches	31-50 Pitches	51-75 Pitches	76+ Pitches
Freshman; F/S; JV	90 Pitches	1-30 Pitches	31-50 Pitches	51-75 Pitches	76+ Pitches

- A. A pitcher may finish the current batter if the Maximum Contest Pitch Limit is reached during that at-bat.
- B. Pitches thrown and appearances made in a no game (i.e., rainout, power failure, etc.) shall count toward the totals.
- C. At the end of each half inning, the head coaches will confirm and both team books will record the pitch count for all pitchers who threw a pitch in that half inning. In the case of a discrepancy, the home book is considered the official book.
- D. Each school must keep a record of all pitches thrown by each of their players in each game and make this available to their respective Section Office upon request.
- E. Any violation constitutes a forfeit of the contest.

Questions & Answers:

Q: How is a day of rest defined?

A: A day of rest is defined as a calendar day. For example, if a pitcher throws 76 or more pitches in a Monday game thus requiring three-days rest before being allowed to pitch again, those days of rest would be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday allowing that pitcher to pitch again on Friday.

Q: If a pitcher exceeds the maximum number of allowable pitches with respect to the required days of rest while finishing a batter, how are the required number of rest days calculated?

A: The required days of rest is determined by the actual number of pitches thrown. For example, if a pitcher starts a batter with 48 pitches, finishes the batter with 53 pitches and is then removed from the game, that pitcher would be required to rest for two days before making another appearance.

Q: What, if any role, do the umpires play in the confirmation and recording of the pitch count after each half inning?

A: The umpires are asked to ensure that the teams are exchanging the required information but the actual recording of the pitch count is up to the head coach from each school.

15012. 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)

15023. PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

It is required that adult base coaches wear a protective helmet. Play will not continue until compliance with this rule is met. It is recommended that the helmet meet NOCSAE standards.

NOTE: NFHS rules govern use of protective equipment by a player/student.

(Approved January 2015 Federated Council)



To: SJS Board of Managers

Date: January 25, 2017

Re: Proposal – Revision to Bylaws 1900.1 and 1900.2 – Age Requirement (Football)

Implementation: 2017-2018

Proposal Originated: SJS Football Advisory Committee

Proposal Discussed/Reviewed

Football Advisory Committee – November 7, 2016
Executive Committee – January 5, 2017
SJS Board of Managers – January 25, 2017

Recommendation

Unanimous Support (10-0)
Unanimous Support (4-0)
First Reading

Proposal Summary: This proposal is recommending the elimination of current Bylaws 1900.1 and 1900.2. This would allow SJS student-athletes that are fourteen years of age to play Varsity football as long as all other requirements are met.

Fiscal Impact: none

Rationale: Currently there the rule varies between schools that offer one level of football and schools that offer multiple levels of football. The removal of these two bylaws would standardize things across the section.

Current Bylaws

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 parents or legal guardian, 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.

1900.1 Any school that fields only one level of football may utilize the criteria listed above.

NOTE: Please refer to page 142 in the Appendix for the appropriate form.

1900.2 The Sac-Joquin Section has not established any policies or procedures for waiving the age requirement bylaw for schools that field two or more levels of football.

Proposed Bylaws

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1900.1 Any SJS member school, who fields football, may utilize the criteria listed above to request to waive the 15-year old requirement to play varsity football. The correct paperwork (CIFSJS Age Requirement Waiver for Varsity Football) must be submitted to the Section office. If a student participates in a contest or scrimmage against another varsity team of another school without the correct paperwork being submitted to the Section office, the student in question will be treated as an ineligible student.

1900.2 The student may practice with the team during this period of ineligibility, but may not suit up or participate in an athletic contest or scrimmage. The student becomes eligible on the date approved by the Commissioner.

1900.3 Any varsity football contest in which an age inappropriate student has participated either intentionally or unintentionally must be forfeited. A statute of limitation of one calendar year from the last contest will apply. This would apply to any practice, league or playoff contest. Report of such infraction and forfeiture must be filed with the Sac-Joaquin Section.

NOTE: Please refer to page 142 in the Appendix for the appropriate form.

CIF SAC-JOAQUIN SECTION

AGE REQUIREMENT WAIVER REQUEST FOR VARSITY FOOTBALL PLAYERS

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- A. Participant must be at least 14 years of age;
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1900. A. _____ is at least 14 years of age.
(Student Name)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

1900. B. Licensed medical practitioner certification that the student-athlete is able to compete at the varsity level.

Signature of Licensed Medical Practitioner

Official Stamp-Medical Practitioner's Office

1900. C. Parent/guardian consent to allow participation at the varsity level.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

1900. D. Head Football Coach confirmation that the student-athlete has the physical and mental maturity to compete at the varsity level.

Signature of Head Football Coach

1900. E. I certify that all required documentation for this waiver has been completed and is on file in the appropriate school office.

Signature of Principal

School



To: SJS Board of Managers

Date: January 25, 2017

Re: Proposal – Revision to Bylaw 1903.2 – Team Camps (Football)

Implementation: 2017-2018

Proposal Originated: SJS Football Advisory Committee

Proposal Discussed/Reviewed

Football Advisory Committee – November 7, 2016
Executive Committee – January 5, 2017
SJS Board of Managers – January 25, 2017

Recommendation

Unanimous Support (10-0)
Unanimous Support (4-0)
First Reading

Proposal Summary: This proposal eliminates the minimum number of teams for a team camp and the requirement of approval of a team camp.

Fiscal Impact: none

Rationale: Cleaning up some language resulting from the 2015 bylaw change to prohibit helmets, shoulder pads and leg pads.

Current Bylaw

1903.2 **TEAM CAMPS:** Any school attending or hosting a team camp must have the approval of the school principal and the superintendent or his/her designee. Team camps must include a minimum of four schools. A student may only attend one team camp for a maximum of five consecutive days. The following equipment will be permitted at team camps provided it is used in a safe manner; balls, air dummies; blocking sleds; tackling dummies; blocking shields and blocking aprons. Helmets, shoulder pads and leg pads are PROHIBITED. Also, all provisions of Ed Code 35179.1 and 48475 (AB 2127) must be adhered to.

NOTES:

1. Any approval of a team camp must be forwarded to the school's league commissioner. Any violation of this rule will be sent to the league for appropriate action.
2. Individual camps are not affected by this bylaw as long as the member school's equipment is not used.

Proposed Bylaw

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To: SJS Board of Managers

Date: January 25, 2017

Re: **Proposal – Revision to Bylaw 1903.3 – Out of Season (Including Limited Period)**
(Usage of football equipment)

Implementation: 2017-2018

Proposal Originated: SJS Football Advisory Committee

Proposal Discussed/Reviewed

Football Advisory Committee – November 7, 2016

Executive Committee – January 5, 2017

SJS Board of Managers – January 25, 2017

Recommendation

Unanimous Support (10-0)

Unanimous Support (4-0)

First Reading

Proposal Summary: This proposal would align the usage of football equipment, during the Limited Period, with summer activity by allowing the use of balls, air dummies, stand-up dummies, blocking sleds, tackling dummies, blocking sleds and blocking aprons, while maintaining restrictions on the usage of school equipment during Out of Season.

Fiscal Impact: none

Rationale: Attempting to standardize equipment usage by allowing teams to use the same equipment during the Limited Period as they are allowed to use during the summer.

Current Bylaw

1903.3 **OUT OF SEASON (INCLUDING LIMITED PERIOD):** The use of any football equipment will not be allowed between the end of a school's football season and the school's last day of attendance (See also Bylaw 504.7).

Proposed Bylaw

1903.3 **OUT OF SEASON:** The use of any football equipment will not be allowed between the end of a school's football season and the school's last day of attendance (See also Bylaw 504.7).

1903.4 **LIMITED PERIOD:** For those teams choosing to conduct activities under the guidelines of the Limited Period, the following equipment will be permitted, during the designated Limited Periods, provided it is used in a safe manner: balls; air dummies; stand-up dummies; blocking sleds; tackling dummies; blocking shields and blocking aprons. Helmets, shoulder pads and leg pads are prohibited. (See Bylaw 504.9).



To: SJS Board of Mangers

Date: January 25, 2017

Re: Proposal – Revision to Bylaw 504.9 – Limited Periods

Implementation: 2017-2018

Proposal Originated: SJS Football Advisory Committee

Proposal Discussed/Reviewed

Executive Committee – January 5, 2017

SJS Board of Managers – January 25, 2017

Recommendation

Unanimous Support (4-0)

First Reading

Proposal Summary: This proposal serves as clean up language as a result of the changes made to Bylaw 1903.3 and the development of Bylaw 1903.4.

Fiscal Impact: none

Rationale: Clean up language to comply with 1903.3 and 1903.4

Current Bylaw

LIMITED PERIODS (For more information, see chart on Page XVI)

Each of the three sport seasons will have a limited period during the school year before or after the season of sport in which schools may hold practices under the auspices of the school. Guidelines for limited periods are as follows:

- a. Practice is allowed Monday through Friday for a maximum of 1.5 hours per day.
- b. Practice is allowed on Saturdays for a maximum of 4 hours.
- c. Total practice time per week (Monday-Saturday) is 8 hours.
- d. Sunday practices are not allowed under the limited period guidelines.
- e. No outside competition of any kind is permitted during the Limited Period.
- f. ~~For the sport of football: The use of any football equipment will not be allowed during the limited period (See Bylaw 1903.3).~~
- g. All football activities must meet the provisions of CIF Sac-Joquin Section bylaws 1903.1, 1903.2 and 1903.3.
- h. **Out of Season:** Activities must be sponsored by an agency not under the authority of the CIF as specified in bylaws 504.7 and 504.8. If this option is chosen, the use of school equipment is not permitted and any facility usage must be approved by school district administration, and the group must provide proof of insurance.
- i. **Summer (See bylaws 501.F and G):** The Sac-Joquin Section will be dark from June 1 (with the exception of Bylaw 1903.2) until the first day of fall practice. Therefore, all athletic activities during this time period shall be under the authority of each league and/or school district. All football activities must meet the provisions of Sac-Joquin Section bylaws 1903.1, 1903.2 and 1903.3.

Proposed Bylaw

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- d. Sunday practices are not allowed under the limited period guidelines.
- e. No outside competition of any kind is permitted during the Limited Period.
- f. **For the sport of football: The use of the following football equipment will be permitted, for those schools choosing to operate under the guidelines of the Limited Period, provided it is used in a safe manner: balls; air dummies; stand-up dummies; blocking sleds; tackling dummies; blocking shields and blocking aprons. (See Bylaw 1903.4).**
- g. All football activities must meet the provisions of CIF Sac-Joaquin Section bylaws 1903.1, 1903.2, 1903.3 **and 1903.4**
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To: SJS Board of Managers

Date: January 25, 2017

Re: Proposal – Revision to Bylaw 1903.4 – Acclimatization (conditioning) Period (Football)

Implementation: 2017-2018

Proposal Originated: SJS Football Advisory Committee

Proposal Discussed/Reviewed

Football Advisory Committee – November 7, 2016
Executive Committee – January 5, 2017
SJS Board of Managers – January 25, 2017

Recommendation

Unanimous Support (10-0)
Unanimous Support (4-0)
First Reading

Proposal Summary: This proposal eliminates the conditioning period and provides a progressive acclimatization period for the first week (5 days) of football practice. By dedicating a full week (5 Days) to acclimatization there is a need to allow football teams the opportunity to start one week earlier than in the past, thus providing more time to teach proper blocking and tackling techniques.

Fiscal Impact: none

Rationale: Since contact is no longer allowed at summer team camps this allows coaches more time to teach proper techniques while also providing a structured acclimatization period.

Current Bylaw

~~1903.4~~ Two days of conditioning (no pads) are required before pads are allowed. The two days of conditioning cannot take place prior to August 8. Conditioning sessions are considered practice, and they may include various facets of football training (teaching techniques, chalk talks, pass patterns, calisthenics, etc.) but may not include any body contact such as blocking and tackling. Football helmets, football shoes and footballs will be the only equipment allowed during the two days of conditioning. There will be no equipment used such as blocking or tackling dummies, pads, etc. All conditioning sessions will be held at the school's regular practice fields. No workouts will be permitted at beaches, mountain resorts or military sites.

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Proposed Bylaw

1903.5 Five days of acclimatization are required before full pads are allowed. The five days of acclimatization cannot take place prior to July 31. Acclimatization sessions are considered practice, and may include various facets of football training (teaching techniques, chalk talks, pass patterns, calisthenics, etc.) but may not include any body contact such as blocking and tackling. Football helmets, football shoes, footballs, blocking sleds / dummies and hand shields can be used during the acclimatization period. Days 3-5, the use of shoulder pads and contact only with blocking sleds / dummies is permitted. The five days of the acclimatization period will be held at the school's regular practice fields; no workouts will be permitted at beaches, mountain resorts or military sites. Following the five day acclimatization period, teams must abide by the guidelines in Bylaw 1901.B.

CIF SAC JOAQUIN SECTION PRESEASON FOOTBALL ACCLIMATIZATION CHART

ALL FOOTBALL PLAYERS IN THE SAC-JOAQUIN SECTION MUST FOLLOW THIS ACCLIMIZATION PLAN

AREA OF PRACTICE MODIFICATION	PRACTICES 1-6+		
	Days 1-2 (no sooner than July 31, 2017)	Days 3-5 (no sooner than August 2, 2017)	Practices 6 and beyond (no sooner than August 5, 2017)
# of Practices Permitted Per Day	1 (See Bylaw 506)		
Equipment	Helmets only	Helmets & shoulder Pads	Full Equipment
Maximum Duration of Single Practice Session <small>Bylaw 506.A</small> All teams will be allowed no more than 18 hours of practice time per week and no more than four hours in any single day.	4 Hours (See Bylaw 506)	4 Hours (See Bylaw 506)	4 Hours (See Bylaw 506)
Contact	Blocking sled/dummies (For technique, agility and conditioning only)	Contact only with blocking sleds/dummies	Full, 100% live contact drills

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Date: January 25, 2017

Re: Proposal – Revisions to Bylaw 1907.8 – Playoffs (Football)

Implementation: Fall of 2018

Proposal Originated: Sac-Joaquin Section Office

Proposal Discussed/Reviewed

Executive Committee – January 5, 2017

SJS Board of Managers – January 25, 2017

Recommendation

Unanimous Support (4-0)

First Reading

Proposal Summary: This proposal would include the CCAA and SMAL football teams in the Division I-VII playoffs and increase the size of the Division VII bracket to six teams. It would also add an additional playoff berth to the league with the 8th best playoff winning percentage over the past three years.

Fiscal Impact: With the addition of 2 more playoff contests revenue may increase.

Rationale: The CCAA and SMAL have been separated from the other leagues for football playoffs. This proposal would include those leagues in same process we have in place for all other schools.

Current Bylaw

1907.8 Playoffs

- a. Sac-Joaquin Section competition will consist of seven divisions in football: Divisions I, II, III, IV, V, VI and VII.
- b. Divisions I, II, III, IV, V and VI will be comprised of the CAL, CCC, CVC, Delta, GEL, MEL, Metro, MLL, MMC, PVL, SCAC, SDL, SFL, SJAA, SL, SVC, TCAL, TCC, TVL, VOL and WAC.
- c. ~~Division VII will be comprised of the CCAA and SMAL.~~
- d. Playoff formats will be published for the football playoffs for each division. See Calendar of Events for tentative dates.
- e. Tie-breaker system will be the one outlined in Bylaw 1906.1 above.
- f. **Qualifying -- Divisions I-VI**
 1. Each league will qualify two teams in the playoffs. However, if a league has less than six teams participating, that league will qualify two teams.
 2. The Delta League and the Sierra Foothill League will qualify three teams.
 3. In addition, the ~~seven~~ leagues that have had the best playoff winning percentage over the past three seasons will receive an additional spot in the playoffs.
- g. ~~**Qualifying -- Division VII**~~
 1. ~~The CCAA and SMAL will qualify two teams in the playoffs.~~
- h. **Breaking League Ties**

See Bylaw 1907.11 below.
- i. **Divisional Placement**
 1. **Divisions.** The qualifying teams will be placed in divisions in order of enrollment size. However, schools may not play more than one division below their league placement in realignment. If a school's enrollment places them in a division that is two or more divisions below its league placement in realignment, that school will be moved up at least one division for playoffs.
 2. **Section Champion From Previous Year.** If a school wins a Section championship at a particular level, that school must play at or above that level the following year.
 3. **League Champions.** If a team wins a league championship (outright, or is the No. 1 seed by criteria), that team must play at or above the level of its league competition. For instance, if a school wins a championship in a D3 league but is D4 by enrollment, they would be forced to play D3 in that year's playoffs.
 4. **Three in a Row.** Schools that win three championships in a row will be moved up one division. If that school wins again the following year at its new level, it will be moved again to the next higher level. Otherwise, the school will remain in that division until it wins three more in a row (moved up one more division).
 5. **Continued Success.** If a school has maintained continued success over several years but has not won three straight Section titles, the Section Commissioner (in consultation with the Executive Committee) may recommend to the board that a school be moved to a higher division. Continued success may include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - * Section semifinalist or finalist for four or more years in a row with at least one Section title; or
 - * Four Section titles in a span of six years.
 - i. After a school has been moved to a level above its enrollment because of the three in a row rule or the continued success rule, that school may be moved down one level if the following occurs:
 - (a) The school misses the playoffs in any year; or
 - (b) The school fails to reach the semifinals in two consecutive years.
 6. A school is not allowed to play in a division lower than its enrollment.
 7. **Bracket Size.** Divisions I-III will be 16 teams. Divisions IV-VI will be 8 teams. Division VII will be ~~four~~ teams.

Proposed Bylaw

1907.8 Playoffs

- a. Sac-Joaquin Section competition will consist of seven divisions in football: Divisions I, II, III, IV, V, VI and VII.
- b. Divisions I, II, III, IV, V, VI and **VII** will be comprised of the CAL, **CCAA**, CCC, CVC, Delta, GEL, MEL, Metro, MLL, MMC, PVL, SCAC, SDL, SFL, SJAA, SAL, **SMAL**, SVC, TCAL, TCC, TVL, VOL and WAC.
- c. Playoff formats will be published for the football playoffs for each division. See Calendar of Events for tentative dates.
- d. Tie-breaker system will be the one outlined in Bylaw 1906.1 above.
- e. **Qualifying -- Divisions I-VII**
 1. Each league will qualify two teams in the playoffs. However, if a league has less than six teams participating, that league will qualify two teams.
 2. The Delta League and the Sierra Foothill League will qualify three teams.
 3. In addition, the **eight** leagues that have had the best playoff winning percentage over the past three seasons will receive an additional spot in the playoffs.
- f. **Breaking League Ties**

See Bylaw 1907.11 below.
- g. **Divisional Placement**
 1. **Divisions.** The qualifying teams will be placed in divisions in order of enrollment size. However, schools may not play more than one division below their league placement in realignment. If a school's enrollment places them in a division that is two or more divisions below its league placement in realignment, that school will be moved up at least one division for playoffs.
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 - (a) The school misses the playoffs in any year; or
 - (b) The school fails to reach the semifinals in two consecutive years.
 6. A school is not allowed to play in a division lower than its enrollment.
 7. **Bracket Size.** Divisions I-III will be 16 teams. Divisions IV-VI will be 8 teams. Division VII will be **six** teams.



To: SJS Board of Managers

Date: January 25, 2017

Re: **Proposal – Revisions to Bylaw 1501.7 – Playoffs (Baseball)**
(Move from league-based divisions to enrollment-based divisions)

Implementation: Spring of 2018

Proposal Originated: Sac-Joaquin Section Office

Proposal Discussed/Reviewed

Playoff Committee – May 18, 2016
Executive Committee – June 23, 2016
Executive Committee – August 18, 2016
Playoff Committee – September 15, 2016
Executive Committee – September 22, 2016
Playoff Committee – December 12, 2016
Executive Committee – January 5, 2017
SJS Board of Managers – January 25, 2017

Recommendation

Discussion
Discussion
Unanimous Support (5-0)
Unanimous Support (13-0)
Discussion/Support
Discussion/Support
Unanimous Support (4-0)
First Reading

Proposal Summary: This proposal would change the SJS baseball playoffs from a league-based system to an enrollment-based system, bringing baseball in line with football, volleyball, soccer, water polo, basketball and softball. Additionally, it proposes to increase the travel reimbursement from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per mile, for one vehicle.

Fiscal Impact: Mileage expenses will increase but neutral site rentals may decrease. When softball transitioned from league-based to enrollment-based there was a minimal decrease in the net revenue.

Rationale: This creates consistency throughout the section for the majority of our team sports.

Additional Information regarding baseball proposal:

- The playoff brackets would mirror the schedule that has previously been in place for Divisions 2-7 with single elimination in rounds 1 and 2 and a best 2-of-3 series in the semifinals and a 1 game final on Memorial Day.
 - Schedule would be:
 - Week 1 – Monday, Wednesday & Saturday
 - Week 2 – Monday or Tuesday
 - Week 3 – Memorial Day Final
- All games would be played at home sites until the semifinal series.
- Under the current system there are between 74 and 87 neutral site contests.
- Under the proposed system there would be between 35 and 49 neutral site contests.

An additional site would be needed for our Memorial Day finals so there would be three sites: Sacramento City College, Zupo Field and TBA.

Current Bylaw

1501.7 Playoffs

- a. ~~The Sac-Joaquin Section competition will consist of seven divisions— Divisions I, II, III, IV, V, VI and VII.~~
- b. ~~Division I will be comprised of the CCC, Delta, MEL, MMC, SFL, SJAA and TCAL.~~
- c. ~~Division II will be comprised of the CVC, Metro and SCAC.~~
- d. ~~Division III will be comprised of the CAL, TCC and VOL.~~
- e. ~~Division IV will be comprised of the PVL, SVC and WAC.~~
- f. ~~Division V will be comprised of the GEL, MLL and TVL.~~
- g. ~~Division VI will be comprised of the CVCL, SDL and SL.~~
- h. ~~Division VII will be comprised of the CCAA, MVL, NPAC and SMAL.~~
- i. ~~Playoff format will be published for the baseball playoffs; see Calendar of Events for tentative dates.~~
- j. **Qualifying**
 - 1. Each league will qualify three teams in the playoffs. However, if a league has less than six teams participating, that league will qualify two teams.
 - 2. The Delta League and the Sierra Foothill League will qualify four teams.
 - 3. In addition, the nine leagues that have had the best playoff winning percentage over the past three seasons will receive an additional spot in the playoffs.
- k. **Awards (Section)**
 - 1. The Sac-Joaquin Section will provide a championship pennant for each division.
 - 2. A 2nd place plaque will be given to the 2nd place team in each division.
 - 3. Individual patches (20 to championship team and 20 to the runner-up team) will be awarded.
- l. **Awards (Subsection)**
 - 1. ~~A 1st and 2nd place plaque will be given to finalists in the Division I subsection tournaments.~~
- m. Transportation will be paid for the cost of one vehicle. It will be reimbursed by the Section for each playoff game attended at the rate of \$2.00 per mile.

Proposed Bylaw

1501.7 Playoffs

- a. Sac-Joaquin Section competition will consist of Divisions I, II, III, IV, V, VI and VII.
- b. **Qualifying**
 - 1. Each league will qualify three teams in the playoffs. However, if a league has less than six teams participating, that league will qualify two teams.
 - 2. The Delta League and the Sierra Foothill League will qualify four teams.
 - 3. In addition, the nine leagues that have had the best playoff winning percentage over the past three seasons will receive an additional spot in the playoffs.
- c. **Breaking League Ties**
 - 1. Ties will be broken by league determination.
- d. **Divisional Placement**
 - 1. **Divisions.** The qualifying teams will be placed in divisions in order of enrollment size. However, schools may not play more than one division below their league placement in realignment. If a school's enrollment places them in a division that is two or more divisions below its league placement in realignment, that school will be moved up at least one division for playoffs.
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 - 4. **Three in a Row.** Schools that win three championships in a row will be moved up one division. If that school wins again the following year at its new level, it will be moved again to the next higher level. Otherwise, the school will remain in that division until it wins three more in a row (moved up one more division).

5. **Continued Success.** If a school has maintained continued success over several years but has not won three straight Section titles, the Section Commissioner (in consultation with the Executive Committee) may recommend to the board that a school be moved to a higher division. Continued success may include, but not be limited to, the following:
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 - (a) The school misses the playoffs in any year; or
 - (b) The school fails to reach the semifinals in two consecutive years.
6. A school is not allowed to play in a division lower than its enrollment.
7. **Bracket Size.** The size of each bracket will be determined by the Section office after it is known how many total teams will qualify for the playoffs.
- e. Playoff formats will be published for softball playoffs. See Calendar of Events for tentative dates.
- f. **Awards (Section)**
 1. The Sac-Joaquin Section will provide a championship pennant for each division.
 2. A 2nd place plaque will be given to the 2nd place team in each division.
 3. Individual patches (20 to championship team and 20 to the runner-up team) will be awarded.
- g. Transportation will be paid for the cost of one vehicle. It will be reimbursed by the Section for each playoff game attended at the rate of **\$3.00** per mile.

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Re: Proposal – Revisions to Bylaw 2500.11.g – Softball Playoff Travel Reimbursement

Implementation: Spring of 2017

Proposal Originated: Sac-Joaquin Section Office

Proposal Discussed/Reviewed

Playoff Committee – December 12, 2016

Executive Committee – January 5, 2017

SJS Board of Managers – January 25, 2017

Recommendation

Unanimous Support (12-0)

Unanimous Support (4-0)

First Reading

Proposal Summary: This proposal will standardize the reimbursement amount for all softball playoff participants and be consistent with all other sports that receive reimbursement for travel.

Fiscal Impact: There will be an increase in the mileage reimbursements for softball playoff participants.

Rationale: This creates consistency with baseball, other sports that receive travel reimbursement as well as throughout the softball playoffs.

Current Bylaw

- g. Transportation will be paid for the cost of one vehicle. It will be reimbursed by the Section for each playoff game attended at the rate of \$3.00 per mile for Divisions VI and VII and \$2.00 per mile for Divisions I, II, III, IV and V.

Proposed Bylaw

- g. Transportation will be paid for the cost of one vehicle. It will be reimbursed by the Section for each playoff game attended at the rate of \$3.00 per mile.

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To: SJS Board of Managers

Date: January 25, 2017

Re: **Proposal – Revisions to Bylaw 2700.5 – Playoffs (Team Tennis)**
(Move from league-based divisions to enrollment-based divisions)

Implementation: Fall of 2017

Proposal Originated: Sac-Joaquin Section Office

Proposal Discussed/Reviewed

Playoff Committee – December 12, 2016

Executive Committee – January 5, 2017

SJS Board of Managers – January 25, 2017

Recommendation

Unanimous Support (13-0)

Unanimous Support (4-0)

First Reading

Proposal Summary: This proposal would change the SJS team tennis playoffs from a league-based system to an enrollment-based system, bringing team tennis in line with football, volleyball, soccer, water polo, basketball and softball.

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact expected.

Rationale: The current system has a 23-team bracket in Division 1 which is too large. This proposal would balance out the number of teams in each division and create consistency throughout the section for the majority of our team sports.

Current Bylaw
2700.5 Playoffs

- a. Sac-Joaquin Section competition will consist of individual competition as well as team competition.
 1. **Individual Competition**
 - i. Boys and girls individual competition will consist of singles and doubles in Division I and II.
 - ii. Coed individual competition will consist of boys singles and doubles, girls singles and doubles and mixed doubles.
NOTE: No person may qualify for more than one event in the Section Tennis Tournament.
 - iii. Division I boys and girls individual tennis -- CCC, Delta, MEL, MMC, SFL, SJAA and TCAL.
 - iv. Division II boys and girls individual tennis -- CAL, CVC, Metro, SCAC, TCC, VOL and WAC.
 - v. Coed individual tennis -- GEL, MLL, PVL, SDL, SL, SVC and TVL.
 2. **Team Competition**
 - i. Boys and girls team competition will consist of six singles players and three doubles teams.
 - ii. Coed team competition will consist of two boys and two girls singles players, two boys and two girls doubles teams and one mixed doubles team.
 - iii. ~~Division I boys and girls team tennis -- CCC, Delta, MEL, MMC, SFL, SJAA and TCAL.~~
 - iv. ~~Division II boys and girls team tennis -- CAL, CVC, Metro and SCAC.~~
 - v. ~~Division III boys and girls team tennis -- TCC, VOL and WAC.~~
 - vi. Coed team tennis -- GEL, MLL, PVL, SDL, SL, SVC and TVL.
- b. Playoff formats will be published for tennis. See Calendar of Events for tentative dates.
- c. NorCal Girls Tournament – November 18 and 19, 2016
NorCal Boys Tournament – May 19 and 20, 2017
 1. ~~The Sac-Joaquin Section qualifies two teams for the NorCal tournaments (boys and girls). The Division I champion will be the No. 1 seed. The Division II champion and the Division I runner-up will play each other at the conclusion of the playoffs (the Thursday or Friday following team championships) to determine the No. 2 seed following team championships) to determine the No. 2 seed.~~
- d. **Awards**
 1. In team competition (Division I, II and III) for boys and girls, a pennant will be awarded to the 1st place team and a plaque will be awarded to the 2nd place team. Patches will be awarded to all team members that qualify for playoffs. Patches will be awarded to the championship team and to the runner-up team.
 2. In individual competition for Division I and II boys and girls, the 1st place singles and 1st place doubles teams will receive medals. The 2nd place singles and doubles teams will also receive medals (Total of 6).
 3. In team competition for coed tennis, a pennant will be awarded to the 1st place team and a plaque will be awarded to the 2nd place team. Patches will be awarded to the championship team and to the runner-up team.
 4. In individual competition for coed tennis, medals (16) will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place winners in boys singles, girls singles, boys doubles, girls doubles and mixed doubles.
- e. **Entry Fees**
Entry fee is \$100 per league. Entry fees will be billed directly to the league.

Proposed Bylaw

2700.5

a. Sac-Joaquin Section competition will consist of individual competition as well as team competition.

1. **Individual Competition**

- i. Boys and girls individual competition will consist of singles and doubles in Division I and II.
- ii. Coed individual competition will consist of boys singles and doubles, girls singles and doubles and mixed doubles.
NOTE: No person may qualify for more than one event in the Section Tennis Tournament.
- iii. Division I boys and girls individual tennis -- CCC, Delta, MEL, MMC, SFL, SJAA and TCAL.
- iv. Division II boys and girls individual tennis -- CAL, CVC, Metro, SCAC, TCC, VOL and WAC.
- v. Coed individual tennis -- GEL, MLL, PVL, SDL, SL, SVC and TVL.

2. **Team Competition**

- i. Boys and girls team competition will consist of six singles players and three doubles teams.
- ii. Coed team competition will consist of two boys and two girls singles players, two boys and two girls doubles teams and one mixed doubles team.
- iii. Coed team tennis -- GEL, MLL, PVL, SDL, SL, SVC and TVL.

3. **Sac-Joaquin Section competition for boys and girls team tennis will consist of Divisions I, II and III**

i. **Qualifying**

- a. Each league will qualify three teams in the playoffs. However, if a league has less than six teams participating, that league will qualify two teams.
- b. The Delta League and the Sierra Foothill League will qualify four teams.

ii. **Breaking League Ties**

Ties will be broken by league determination.

iii. **Divisional Placement**

- a. **Divisions.** The qualifying teams will be placed in divisions in order of enrollment size. However, schools may not play more than one division below their league placement in realignment. If a school's enrollment places them in a division that is two or more divisions below its league placement in realignment, that school will be moved up at least one division for playoffs.
- b. **Section Champion From Previous Year.** If a school wins a Section championship at a particular level, that school must play at or above that level the following year.
- c. **League Champions.** If a team wins a league championship (outright, or is the No. 1 seed by criteria), that team must play at or above the level of its league competition. For instance, if a school wins a championship in a D2 league but is D3 by enrollment, they would be forced to play D2 in that year's playoffs.
- d. **Three in a Row.** Schools that win three championships in a row will be moved up one division. If that school wins again the following year at its new level, it will be moved again to the next higher level. Otherwise, the school will remain in that division until it wins three more in a row (moved up one more division).
- e. **Continued Success.** If a school has maintained continued success over several years but has not won three straight Section titles, the Section Commissioner (in consultation with the Executive Committee) may recommend to the board that a school be moved to a higher division. Continued success may include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - * Section semifinalist or finalist for four or more years in a row with at least one Section title; or

* Four Section titles in a span of six years.

- i. After a school has been moved to a level above its enrollment because of the three in a row rule or the continued success rule, that school may be moved down one level if the following occurs:
 - (a) The school misses the playoffs in any year; or
 - (b) The school fails to reach the semifinals in two consecutive years.
 - f. A school is not allowed to play in a division lower than its enrollment.
 - g. **Bracket Size.** The size of each bracket will be determined by the Section office after it is known how many total teams will qualify for the playoffs.
- b. Playoff formats will be published for tennis. See Calendar of Events for tentative dates.
- c. NorCal Girls Tournament – November 18 and 19, 2016
NorCal Boys Tournament – May 19 and 20, 2017
 - 1. **The Division I finalists will represent the Sac-Joaquin Section in the Northern California Regional Tournament. Teams may opt up to Division I if they would like to. The deadline for opting up will be October 1 for the girls and April 1 for the boys.**
- d. **Awards**
 - 1. In team competition (Division I, II and III) for boys and girls, a pennant will be awarded to the 1st place team and a plaque will be awarded to the 2nd place team. Patches will be awarded to all team members that qualify for playoffs. Patches will be awarded to the championship team and to the runner-up team.
 - 2. In individual competition for Division I and II boys and girls, the 1st place singles and 1st place doubles teams will receive medals. The 2nd place singles and doubles teams will also receive medals (Total of 6).
 - 3. In team competition for coed tennis, a pennant will be awarded to the 1st place team and a plaque will be awarded to the 2nd place team. Patches will be awarded to the championship team and to the runner-up team.
 - 4. In individual competition for coed tennis, medals (16) will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place winners in boys singles, girls singles, boys doubles, girls doubles and mixed doubles.
- e. **Entry Fees**

Entry fee is \$100 per league. Entry fees will be billed directly to the league.

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To: SJS Board of Mangers

Date: January 25, 2017

Re: Proposal Budget for 2017-18

Implementation: Fall 2017

Proposal Originated: Executive Committee

Proposal Discussed/Reviewed

Executive Committee – January 5, 2017

Economic Viability Committee – January 25, 2017

SJS Board of Managers – January 25, 2017

Recommendation

Unanimous Support (4-0)

Discussion

First Reading

Proposal Summary: The proposed budget and all materials were not available at the time of publication of the SJS Board of Managers Meeting materials.

Fiscal Impact: Section Operations

Next: SJS Board of Managers Action – April 5, 2017



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To: Federated Council

Date: January 27, 2017

Re: Revision of Bylaw 504; 1200; New Bylaw 1700, 1701, 1702

Proposal Originated: State Legislature, Implementation of Bylaws for A.B. 949

Proposal Reviewed

10/01/2015 – Solicit Section for Advisory Comm.
01/21/2016 – CIF Cheer Advisory Committee
02/24/2016 – Executive Committee
03/15/2016 – Commissioner Committee
06/07/2016 – Commissioner Committee
08/24/2016 – Executive Committee
08/25/2016 – CIF Cheer Advisory Committee
09/13/2016 – Commissioner Committee
10/06/2016 – Executive Committee
10/07/2016 – CIF Presidents Advisory Committee
10/07/2016 – Federated Council Report
11/16/2016 – Executive Committee
01/10/2017 – Commissioners Committee
01/26/2017 – Executive Committee
01/27/2017 – Federated Council
04/07/2017 – Federated Council

Proposal Recommendation

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Draft Language Discussion - Completed
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Review of Draft Language - Completed
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First Reading Completed
Final Review
Action Item
First Reading
Action Item for July 2017 Implementation

Type: New Bylaw(s)

Next: Action Item – Federated Council April 7, 2017

Summary: A.B. 949 directs the CIF to develop policies and procedures for competitive cheer.

Fiscal Impact: None

Background: This bill requires the California Interscholastic Federation, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to, no later than July 1, 2017; develop guidelines, procedures, and safety standards for the purpose of classifying competition cheer as an interscholastic sport. The bill requires the CIF to seek a United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights Title IX compliance designation for competition sport cheer, and would specify that competition cheer shall not be counted toward a school's Title IX compliance unless the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights deems competition sport cheer compliant with its definition of a sport.

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, **competitive cheer (see Bylaw 1700 a. & b.)**, 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 (1) year in duration.

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 comply 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. Sections 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)

Winter - Soccer (boys and girls - SoCal Regionals only)

Fall - Cross Country (boys and girls)

Spring - Swimming and Diving (boys and girls)

Fall - Football (boys)

Spring - Track and Field (boys and girls)

Fall - Golf (girls)

Spring - Golf (boys)

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)

Spring - Badminton (boys, girls and coed - Regionals only)

Spring - Competitive Sport Cheer

- 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.

(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.

(May 2012 Federated Council)

K. Maximum Number of Seasons

A student shall not participate in more than four (4) seasons of sanctioned CIF competition in any given sport in a four (4)-year high school or three (3) seasons of sanctioned CIF competition in any given sport in a three (3)-year high school. Activities in the summer are exempt.

L. One (1) Season of Sport

Each student shall be limited to one (1) season of a particular sport for each school year. (See also 504.A.)

M. Sundays

In order to provide at least one (1) 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 (1) 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)

ARTICLE 130

BOXING

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

ARTICLE 140

BADMINTON

1400. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Regional badminton events for boys, girls and coed will begin in spring 2016.

NOTE: For related policies please consult the badminton section in the blue pages

(Approved May 2014 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 150

BASEBALL

1500. PITCHING LIMITATION RULE

Sections shall adopt the following baseball pitching limitation rule: 30 outs and/or three (3) 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 (1) 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)

1502. PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

It is required that adult base coaches wear a protective helmet. Play will not continue until compliance with this rule is met. It is recommended that the helmet meet NOCSAE standards.

NOTE: NFHS rules govern use of protective equipment by a player/student.

(Approved January 2015 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 160

BASKETBALL

1600. GIRLS MODIFICATION

The National Federation Basketball Rules shall be modified for girls basketball as follows:

A. Utilization of 30-second shot clock.

B. No 10-second rule in backcourt.

C. Utilization of five (5)-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 (3)-PERSON OFFICIATING

Three (3)-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, unless the school is selected for the State Open Division. Sections may use their own established criteria to determine placement of teams in the six (6) divisions based on the following guidelines:

Open Division	Selected from any of the Divisions I-V below
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.

**Pending the outcome of the vote at the October 2015 Federated Council Meeting on the proposed "Two-Year Pilot Program – So. California Tournament Entries" the Bylaw above could change. Please view the most current CIF Bylaws via the www.cifstate.org website.*
(Approved May 2001 Federated Council/Revised 2002 Executive Committee/Revised February 2005 Federated Council/
Revised May 2008 Federated Council/Revised May 2012 Federated Council/Revised May 2014 Federated Council)

1607. MERCY RULE

At the conclusion of the third quarter or any point thereafter, if there is a point differential of 40 or more points, a running clock shall be instituted for the remainder of the game regardless of the score. This bylaw applies to all levels of play.
(Approved May 2004 Federated Council)

**ARTICLE 170
COMPETITIVE CHEER**

1700. COMPETITIVE CHEER DEFINITIONS

a. Traditional Competitive Cheer (TCC)

For all CIF Bylaws, Traditional Competitive Cheer (TCC) will be defined as any competition using or following the traditional competitive format. TCC coaches must meet education requirements and safety of Bylaws 22.B.9 and 1702. (Ca. Education Code 35179-35179.7, 49032 and 45125.01-45125.1)

b. Competitive Sport Cheer (CSC)

For all CIF Bylaws, Competitive Sport Cheer (CSC) will be defined as any cheer competition that consist of four quarters of play (Partner Stunts, Pyramids & Tosses, Group Jumps & Tumbling, and Team Performance) with a halftime in between the second and third quarters. CSC coaches must meet education and safety requirements of Bylaws 22.B.9 and 1702. (Ca. Education Code 35179-35179.7, 49032 and 45125.01-45125.1)

c. Competition Cheer (see a. and b. above) shall not be counted towards a school Title IX compliance unless the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights deems Competition Cheer compliant with its definition of a sport.

1701. OFFICIAL RULES BOOKS

As per Bylaw 1201 A., the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) Spirit Rules Book shall be the official rule book.

1702. SAFETY CERTIFICATION OF COACHES

Schools must ensure that all TCC and CSC coaches' paid and unpaid, will have completed safety education program that emphasizes the following components:

- A philosophy of safety awareness,
- Understanding and assessing legal liability in cheerleading.
- Knowledge of cheerleading safety equipment, including apparel and training aids such as spotting belts and mats.
- Spotting techniques for tumbling and partner stunts.
- Skill progressions for tumbling, partner stunts, and pyramids.
- Physical and psychological performer readiness.
- Medical responsibilities, including injury prevention, the development of an emergency plan, and the assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of injuries.

**ARTICLE 170 180
CROSS COUNTRY**

1800. 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 (5) 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

(Approved May 2000 Federated Council/Revised May 2001 Federated Council/Revised June 2002 Executive Committee/
Revised May 2005 Executive Committee/Revised May 2008 Federated Council/Revised May 2014 Federated Council)

1801. 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 (5) divisions based on the following guidelines:

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 (4)-year history of the Section team performance in each divisional race;
- C. No Section shall have more than seven (7) team entries in any divisional race.

(Approved May 2000 Federated Council/Revised May 2002 Federated Council)

1802. **INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES TO THE STATE MEET**

A maximum of five (5) individuals (not on an automatic team entry), per the criteria in each division, will qualify from Section to State meet finals as follows:

# of Section Teams Automatic Qualify	Sections' Five Individual Qualifiers to State Meet Must Finish in the Top
1	8
2	12
3	14
4	16
5	18
6	20

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

ARTICLE 180 190 FIELD HOCKEY

1900. **OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK**

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

(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 190 200 FOOTBALL

2000. **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)

2001. **NUMBER OF FOOTBALL PRACTICE DAYS; NO SUNDAY PRACTICE**

- A. There shall be no football games until the team 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).
- B. Football teams are limited to two days per week of full contact practice, with no more than 90 minutes of full contact on each of those days during the season of sport. For purposes of this Bylaw, each team's season of sport is defined as the first day of practice, as allowed by the Section, until the final contest for the team. All full contact practices are prohibited in the off-season which includes team camps. Full contact practice is defined by state statute as a practice where drills or live action is conducted that involves collisions at game speed where players execute tackles and other activity that is typical of an actual tackle football game. For the purposes of this Bylaw, refer to the definition of "Live Action" as defined by USA Football.

NOTE: For policies related to definition of full-contact and allowable in-season, off-season and team camp activities please consult the football section in the blue pages.

2002. 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.

2003. 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.

2004. 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.

2005. NUMBER OF GAMES LIMITATION

A high school football team of any classification or name shall not play more than two (2) games in any eight (8) day period. A continued game under National Federation football rules shall not be considered in this limitation.

2006. TIE-BREAKER SYSTEM

A. Each Section is authorized to establish a tie-breaker system for regular season football games and Section playoff football games.

B. The 10-yard tie-breaking procedure as 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.

2007. 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)

2008. MERCY RULE

At the conclusion of the third quarter or any point thereafter, if there is a point differential of 35 or more points, a running clock shall be instituted for the remainder of the game regardless of the score. The game clock shall stop only for a score, a free kick following a fair catch or awarded fair catch, a charged team timeout, a coach-referee conference or an officials' timeout. This bylaw applies to all levels of play.

(Approved May 2011 Federated Council)

**ARTICLE 200 210
GOLF**

2100. SEASON OF SPORT

Girls golf will be conducted in the fall. Boys golf will be conducted in the spring.

(Approved November 1998 Federated Council)

**ARTICLE 210 220
GYMNASTICS**

2200. RULES

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

**ARTICLE 220 230
LACROSSE**

2300. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK

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

(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council)

**ARTICLE 230 240
SKIING**

2400. Refer to Section Bylaws.

**ARTICLE 240 250
SOCCER**

2500. 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)

2501. SOCIAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Southern California boys and girls soccer Championships (five [5] 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)

ARTICLE 260 260
SOFTBALL

- 2600. LENGTH OF GAME**
Sections are authorized to limit junior varsity softball games to seven (7) innings or a maximum of two (2) hours (no new inning shall begin after two (2) hours have expired from the start of the game), whichever comes first.
- 2601. 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)
- 2602. PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**
It is required that adult base coaches wear a protective helmet. Play will not continue until compliance with this rule is met. It is recommended that the helmet meet NOCSAE standards.
NOTE: NFHS rules govern use of protective equipment by a player/student.
(Approved January 2015 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 260 270
SWIMMING AND DIVING

- 2700. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**
State swimming and diving Championships will be conducted in the spring.
NOTE: For related policies please consult the swimming and diving section in the blue pages.
(Approved February 2014 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 270 280
TENNIS

- 2800. 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)
- 2801. 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)

ARTICLE 280 290
TRACK AND FIELD

- 2900. 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.
- 2901. 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)
- 2902. 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 (3) most recent years.
(Approved May 2000 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 290 300
VOLLEYBALL

- 3000. 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)
- 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)
- 3002. 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 (6) divisions based on the following guidelines:
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| 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. Division VI Regional Championship will be in NorCal only.
(Approved May 2001 Federated Council/Revised June 2002 Executive Committee/Revised May 2005 Executive Committee/Revised May 2008 Federated Council/Revised May 2014 Federated Council)
- NOTE:** As passed by Federated Council May 2015, brackets will expand from eight (8) to 16 teams per Divisions I-V and will also include an eight (8) team Open Division for both the North and South beginning the 2016 school year.
**Pending the outcome of the vote at the October 2015 Federated Council Meeting on the proposed "Two-Year Pilot Program -- So. California Tournament Entries" the Bylaw above could change. Please view the most current CIF Bylaws via the www.cifstate.org website.*
- 3003. SOCAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**
A Southern California boys volleyball championship [three (3) 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)
- 3004. NORCAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**
A Northern California boys volleyball championship (two [2] 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)

ARTICLE 300 310 WATER POLO

- 3100. CLOCKS**
It is recommended, but not required, that clocks used in conducting water polo contests be visible to the participants.
- 3101. OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK**
Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball and water polo.
(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 310 320 WRESTLING

- 3200. 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 (5) days of practice before the student can compete in a meet or tournament.
- 3201. 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 (1) 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)

3202. 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 (2) 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)

3203. 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.

Competitive Cheer Q&A:

Q: Is sideline cheer considered a CIF sport?

A: No. Only traditional competitive cheer and competitive sport cheer are considered CIF sports. Therefore, CIF Bylaws do not apply to sideline cheer. However, schools are strongly encouraged to ensure that their sideline coaches are certified in cheer safety issues.

Q: Are sideline cheer squads allowed to go to competitions?

A: No. Once a sideline cheer squad competes they are considered to be a traditional competitive cheer team and would be subject to CIF Bylaws as they relate to that sport.

Q: Is there a CIF season of sport for traditional competitive cheer?

A: No. At this time, traditional competitive cheer teams may operate and attend competitions throughout the school year. However, competitive sport cheer teams are restricted to the CIF spring season of sport.

Q: Since there is not a CIF season of sport for traditional competitive cheer, does CIF Bylaw 600 (Outside Competition) apply?

A: No. Since CIF Bylaw 600 only applies to outside competition during the student's high school season of sport, the rule would not apply as traditional competitive cheer does not currently have a season of sport. Bylaw 600 would apply to competitive sport cheer as that sport has the spring as its CIF season of sport.

Q: Do transfer rules now apply to traditional competitive cheer and competitive sport cheer since they are considered CIF sports?

A: Yes. All CIF Bylaws related to transfers now apply to traditional competitive cheer and competitive sport cheer. The only exception would be the application of the "Sit Out Period" for traditional competitive cheer. Since there is not currently a CIF season of sport for traditional competitive cheer, the "Sit Out Period" would only apply to the first season of sport following the transfer.

Q: Does CIF Bylaw 504.M. (Sundays) apply to traditional competitive cheer and competitive sport cheer?

A: Yes. Schools may not compete on Sundays in either sport unless they have been approved by their local CIF Section Office to select either Friday or Saturday as their alternate day of respite for religious purposes.

Q: Does CIF Bylaw 506 (Practice Allowance) apply to traditional competitive cheer and competitive sport cheer?

A: Yes. Traditional competitive cheer and competitive sport cheer must comply with CIF Bylaw 506 (Practice Allowance).

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**To: Federated Council****Date: January 27, 2017****Re: CIF Regional and State Competitive Equity Playoff in Selected Sports****Proposal Originated: Staff and C.I.F. Commissioners****Proposal Reviewed**

10/01/2013 – Commissioners Committee
 01/08/2014 – Commissioners Committee
 03/17/2014 – Commissioners Committee
 06/18/2014 – Commissioners Committee
 09/09/2014 – Commissioners Committee
 09/30/2014 – Commissioners Committee
 01/13/2015 – Commissioners Committee
 03/19/2015 – Commissioners Committee

03/26/2015 – Executive Committee
 04/30/2015 – Executive Committee
 05/01/2015 – Federated Council
 10/07/2016 – Federated Council

08/24/2016 – Executive Committee
 09/13/2016 – Commissioners Committee
 10/06/2016 – Executive Committee
 10/07/2016 – Federated Council
 11/16/2017 – Executive Committee
 01/10/2017 – Commissioners Committee
 01/27/2017 – Federated Council
 04/07/2017 – Federated Council

Proposal Recommendation

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 Discussion & Formats
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 Discussion & Formats
 Proposal Forwarded 10-0 support
 So. Cal Regional Only
 First Reading
 Support 9-0
 First Reading
 Approved 139-0

Review, Discussion & Direction
 Review and Discussion
 Review Draft Proposal
 Round Table Discussion
 First Reading

First Reading
 Action Item

Type: Bylaw Revision**Next: April 7, 2017 – Action Item****Proposal:** Revise Bylaws 1606, 2402, 2902, 2903 for Regional and State Playoff Entry for Basketball, Soccer and Volleyball to a Competitive Model.

Background: The 21st Century educational model of school choice and state mandated open enrollment has made a considerable impact in the athletic arena. Significant amounts of data validate that enrollment no longer plays the determining factor on a schools "competitive level or ability" of their athletic teams. The majority of schools (1,170) in the state participate in their local Section playoffs using various competitive playoff models. Competitive placement models were used in the 2015 State Football Bowl Championships and in the southern California Regional and State Championship section entries for Basketball, Soccer and Volleyball during the 2015-2016 school year. **Sections still determine their own criteria for placement and seeding of schools within their own local playoff system.**

BASKETBALL

1606. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION PLACEMENT OF SCHOOLS

Each Section participating in the NorCal Regional Championship will determine the divisional placement for its schools who qualify for the basketball Championships. CIF member schools will be required to participate in the division that has been established by their respective Section, unless the school is selected for the State Open Division. Sections may use their own established criteria to determine placement of teams in the six (6) divisions based on the following guidelines:

Open Division	Selected from any of the Divisions below
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

The SoCal Regional Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for the SoCal Regional basketball Championships.

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

(Approved May 2001 Federated Council/Revised 2002 Executive Committee/Revised February 2005 Federated Council/
Revised May 2008 Federated Council/Revised May 2012 Federated Council/Revised May 2014 Federated Council/Revised October 2015 Federated Council)

Boys and girls regional and state championships will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. The CIF Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for their respective regional tournament.

NOTE: Sections still determine their own criteria for placement and seeding of schools within their own local playoff system.

REGIONAL SOCCER

2401. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boys and girls regional soccer championships will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. The SoCal Regional Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for the SoCal Regional Soccer Championships.

(Approved Federated Council February 2007/Revised Federated Council May 2014/Revised Federated Council April 2016)

Boys and girls regional championships will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. The CIF Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for their respective regional tournament.

NOTE: Sections still determine their own criteria for placement and seeding of schools within their own local playoff system.

VOLLEYBALL

2902. GIRLS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONAL PLACEMENT OF SCHOOLS

Each Section participating in the NorCal Regional Championship will determine the divisional placement for its schools who qualify for the 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 (6) divisions based on the following guidelines:

Open Division	Selected from any of the Divisions I-V below
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

The SoCal Regional Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for the SoCal Regional girls volleyball Championships.

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

(Approved May 2001 Federated Council/Revised June 2002 Executive Committee/Revised May 2005 Executive Committee/Revised May 2008 Federated Council/Revised May 2014 Federated Council/Revised October 2015 Federated Council/Revised May 2016 Federated Council)

Girls' regional and state championships will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. The CIF Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for their respective Regional Tournament.

NOTE: Sections still determine their own criteria for placement and seeding of schools within their own local playoff system.

2903. BOYS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

~~A boys volleyball regional championship will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. Each Section participating in the NorCal Regional Championship will determine the divisional placement for its schools who qualify for the girls NorCal volleyball Championships. The SoCal Regional Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for the SoCal Regional boys volleyball Championship.~~
~~(Approved May 2008 Federated Council/Revised May 2012 Federated Council/Revised April 2015 Federated Council)~~

Boys' regional championships will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. The CIF Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for their respective Regional Tournament.

NOTE: Sections still determine their own criteria for placement and seeding of schools within their own local playoff system.



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To: Federated Council

Date: January 27, 2017

Re: Proposed Bylaw Uniformed Penalty for Lack of Administrative Oversight

Proposal Originated: Executive Director & Federated Council Roundtable Discussion

Proposal Reviewed

2008-2011 – Governance Task Force, Committees

04/9/2011 – Federated Council

02/24/2016 – Executive Committee

04/08/2016 – Federated Council

06/07/2016 – Commissioners Committee

06/17/2016 – Executive Committee

09/13/2016 – Commissioners Committee

11/16/2017 – Executive Committee

01/10/2017 – Commissioners Committee

Proposal Recommendation

Discussion & Forwarded Proposal

Proposal Failed, 64-71

Discussion

Discussion

Draft Revision

Discussion

Complete Revision 7-3 in Support

First Reading

Revisions, Clarifications

Type: Bylaw Revision

Next: 01/27/2017 – Federated Council 1st Reading

Summary: Concerns continue to be expressed that students, schools and teams are being penalized for errors or omissions by school officials, adults, which cause students to become ineligible and/or forfeiture of contests and/or elimination or prohibition from section playoffs.

There is currently no uniformity in penalties for these types of school officials' errors or omissions. Subsequently, a school in one section forfeits contests and is prohibited from the playoffs while a school in another section pays a financial penalty and faces probation for the adult infraction with no playoff prohibition that impacts the participating students and team.

In many instances, if the paperwork had been submitted correctly, without these errors by school officials, intentional or unintentional, would have allowed the student to be eligible or the team to be qualified for the playoffs as no other violations occurred.

Some CIF Section penalties have been viewed and call excessive by court judges. On numerous occasions California Legislators have become involved as they receive complaints from their constituents that have included school leaders and school board members.

The public perception of these types of adult errors and omissions and the subsequent penalties of the teams and students is that the *"punishment far exceeds the crime."*

The April 8, 2016 Federated Council Roundtable discussion gave input and direction to the CIF State Office to work with the Commissioners Committee to develop a uniformed proposal for consideration.

Fiscal Impact: Each year, legal counsel is involved in cases where school officials' errors have led to significant legal fees in preparation for anticipated lawsuits regarding section penalties.

Background: A major area identified during by the "Governance Task Force" (2008-2011) was that the CIF needed to address adult errors and omissions that led to disqualification of students and teams. After almost three years of discussions, the Task Force forwarded a proposal for consideration that included a progressive 3 step penalty process.

Federated Council vote: 64-71, motion failed

IN SUPPORT

Central Section
Los Angeles Section
North Coast Section
Oakland Section
Sac-Joaquin Section
CAHPERD
CADA
CSBA
CSADA
Past President
President Elect
President

OPPOSED

Central Coast Section
Northern Section
San Diego Section
San Francisco Section
Southern Section
CAPSO
Cal Coaches
Superintendents

Not present

ACSA
CDC

503.B.1 Uniformed Administrative Oversight Penalty

In the case where it is determined by the CIF Section that an ineligible student competed due to the failure of the school administration to submit proper CIF Section transfer eligibility application or forms which would have, had it been submitted in a timely manner and reviewed by the section, would otherwise been granted immediate eligibility in that sport(s) in which the student participated prior to the appropriate paperwork being submitted.

First Offense

1. The school will forfeit only the initial game won or tied, regardless of the number of contests in which the ineligible student participated.
2. The school will submit to the CIF Section a corrective action plan approved by the principal and the superintendent.
3. The school will submit a report at the conclusion of the school year on the actions and corrections made under the action plan
4. The CIF Section will develop a policy that prohibits the school from “hosting” a first round playoff game in the sport where the forfeiture was applied.

Second Offense within a school year calendar

1. The school will forfeit only the initial game won or tied, regardless of the number of contests in which the ineligible student participated.
2. The school will submit to the CIF Section a corrective action plan approved by the principal and the superintendent.
3. The school will submit a report at the conclusion of the school year on the actions and corrections made under the action plan
4. The school will be prohibited from hosting all playoff contests in the sport where the forfeiture was applied.

***WILL BE UPDATED FOLLOWING THE
JANUARY 11, 2017 COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Revisions will be Distributed at the Federated Council Meeting
This is a 1st Reading Item ONLY***



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To: Federated Council

Date: January 27, 2017

Re: Athletically Motivated Transfers – Bylaw 206; 207; 510; 1100

Proposal Originated: Commissioners

Proposal Reviewed

08/18/2015 – Commissioner Committee
01/08/2016 – Commissioner Committee
01/29/2016 – Federated Council
02/24/2016 – Executive Committee
03/16/ 2016 – Commissioner Committee
06/07/2016 – Commissioners Committee
08/24/2016 – Executive Committee
09/13/2016 – Commissioner Committee
10/06/2016 – Executive Committee
10/07/2016 – Federated Council
11/16/2017 – Executive Committee
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01/TBD/2017 – CIF Sections
01/26/2017 – Executive Committee
01/27/2017 – Federated Council
04/07/2017 – Federated Council

Proposal Recommendation

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Type: Bylaw Revision

Next: January 27, 2017 – Federated Council 1st Reading

Summary: Commissioners Committee has developed language based upon two Federated Council round table discussions that would eliminate specific wording regarding verbal and written disagreements with the prior school athletic department in “Athletically Motivated Transfers.” This proposal would continue with the prohibition regarding “following a coach.”

Background: In May 2009, the Federated Council voted unanimously to revise Bylaws regarding transfer eligibility. The revisions included the addition of the wording “athletic motivation” and “transferring for athletic reasons.” The proposal originated with the Commissioner Committee and has been the topic of several Federated Council Roundtable discussions.

RED LINE DELETES ATHLETICALLY MOTIVATED TRANSFERS

510. **UNDUE INFLUENCE, PRE-ENROLLMENT CONTACT, 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 (1) 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 (sufficient evidence) 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 [see D.(2) below], 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 (sufficient evidence) case of undue influencing/recruiting exists, the student shall be ineligible to represent the new school in interscholastic athletic competition for a period of one (1) 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 Contact**
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 (1) 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 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, offseason 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~~

(1) (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

(2) (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 (1) 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

(3) (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~~
- a. 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/caregiver 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~~
- b. Evidence that multiple students have transferred or changed schools to participate in a particular sports program at one (1) school.

(Revised May 2002 Federated Council/Revised May 2007 Federated Council/Revised May 2008 Federated Council/Revised May 2009 Federated Council/Revised February 2013 Federated Council)

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 (1) primary valid residence at one (1) time.

(2) Determination of What Constitutes a Valid Change of Residence

Determination of what constitutes a valid 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 (1) 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 Form 206 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.

- d. A request for eligibility based on a valid change of residence by the student's entire immediate family must be supported by documentation. Documentation may be cumulative and no single document or any combination of documents listed below will be considered as definitive that a valid change of residence occurred. The documents must support a finding by the Section that a valid change of residence by the student's entire immediate family occurred prior to participation at the new school; that the previous residence was vacated as required above in paragraphs 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;
- 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.

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 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 CIF Form 206 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 (2) Different Schools**

No student shall be eligible to participate in the same sport at two (2) 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 (2) 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:

- ~~• 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.**
- **Evidence that multiple students have transferred or changed schools to participate in a particular sports program at one (1) 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."~~

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 (2) 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.
- Evidence that multiple students have transferred or changed schools to participate in a particular sports program at one (1) 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. Bylaw 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 (2) 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 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:

- a. 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
- b. Who are not enrolled in the CIF member school under the auspices of a CIF-approved foreign exchange program; AND
- c. 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:

- d. 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
- e. 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
- f. 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
- g. Be subject to the maximum of eight (8) consecutive semesters Bylaw 204; AND
- h. Be subject to the age requirement Bylaw 203; AND
- i. 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
- j. 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 (1) 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 (1) 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 (2) 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 (2) 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 (2) 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):
 - **Fall Sports:** The Monday of the NFHS week 14
2015: October 5
2016: October 3
NOTE: In order to promote gender equity and ensure participatory comparability for female athletes with respect to the SOP in the sports of golf and tennis, the CIF Sections shall adjust their SOP eligibility dates in the sports of girls' golf and girls' tennis, if needed.
 - **Winter Sports:** The Monday of the NFHS week 27
2016: January 4
2017: January 2
 - **Spring Sports:** The Monday of the NFHS week 40
2016: April 4
2017: April 3
 - The student who transfers to a school after School B's first game will have an 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.

Q: My son was denied the Sit Out Period. May we appeal this ruling?

A: No.

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 (2) 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 (1) 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 (1) 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 (1) 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.

(e) **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 (2) 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) **Open Enrollment Act Schools/Low Achieving Schools**

A student at any grade level may transfer from an open enrollment act school/low achieving school, as defined by the State Department of Education and on the annual published list, without limitation upon receipt of a valid CIF Form 207. 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 open enrollment act schools/low achieving schools) as long as the school to which a student transfers has a higher API than the student's current school. The school to which the student transfers must be to either the geographically closest public school or the geographically closest charter school to the residence of the student and to the parent(s)/guardians(s)/caregiver(s) with whom the student was living when the student established residential eligibility at the open enrollment act school/low achieving school. To obtain athletic eligibility at a school other than the closest public or charter school, a student must apply for, and be granted, a hardship waiver pursuant to other CIF eligibility rules.

Q: Why are charter schools included?

A: Charter schools are considered public schools and are included on the list of Low Performing Schools and are subject to this bylaw.

Q: Does this bylaw apply to private schools?

A: No. Private schools do not have an API score and therefore there is no score to measure where they stand.

Q: My school is on the open enrollment act school/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.

d. **Appeals**

All eligibility determinations made by the respective CIF Section office under the provisions of 207.B.(5)c. are final as all of these hardship circumstances are factual in nature and can be documented. Students whose eligibility determinations are made because they do not meet one (1) of the criteria outlined below in 207.C. or in 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

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 that to the best of their knowledge they have no credible evidence* of any person: who is connected with the athletic department of School B; who is part of the booster club of School B; or who is acting on their behalf, having communication, directly or indirectly, through intermediaries or otherwise, with the transfer student, student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, or anyone acting on behalf of the student, prior to the completion of the enrollment process.

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.

(3) **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; who is part of the booster club of School B; or who is acting on their behalf, has had communication, directly or indirectly, through intermediaries or otherwise, with the transfer student, student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, or anyone acting on behalf of the student, prior to the completion of the enrollment process.

(4) **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 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 (1) 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 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.

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

A student at any grade level who transfers to a new school within one (1) 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 (sufficient evidence) case of undue influence/recruiting exists, the student shall be ineligible to represent the new school in interscholastic athletic competition for a period of one (1) 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.

(6) **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)(3).

(7) **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.

(8) **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.

- (9) **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 forfeiture of all games in which the student participated; AND/OR
 - 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
 - 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.
- (10) **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.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Immediate Family — Includes parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, stepparents and minor siblings with whom the student resided when "Initial Residential Eligibility" was established.

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

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 (1) 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:
 - Stating that their placement procedures for foreign exchange students are purely random with respect to athletic participation and school placement; AND
 - 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
 - Has been approved by the CIF; AND
 - 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
 - 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 2015-16.

- (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:
 - The public school in the host family's public school attendance area; OR
 - A private school located in the host family's public school attendance area; OR
 - 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
 - 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) A foreign exchange student who changes 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 c. and cannot be made eligible for 207.B.(5)b. (Sit Out Period) since this would constitute their second transfer; AND
 - (10) A foreign exchange student participating in a CIF-approved foreign exchange program must comply with the maximum of eight (8) consecutive semesters Bylaw. A foreign exchange student who is not in compliance with the eight (8) 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
 - (11) A foreign exchange student must be eligible under all other State and Section Bylaws; AND
 - (12) 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
 - (13) 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 (8) consecutive semester bylaw. If a student has exceeded eight (8) 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.

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 Web site (www.cifstate.org) in Parent Handbook II - Understanding the Transfer Appeal Process. Sections are not permitted, and have no authority, to determine an appeal of a Section's decision regarding transfer eligibility. (Revised February 2000 Federated Council/Revised May 2003 Federated Council/Revised May 2007 Federated Council)

NOTE: All eligibility determinations made by the respective CIF Section office under the provisions of 207.B.(5)c. (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 is available on the State CIF website as outlined in the "Parents Handbook II – Understanding the Transfer Appeal Process."

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

B. 207.B.(5)a.(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



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To: Federated Council

Date: January 27, 2017

Re: Proposal New Bylaw 1206 – Standardized Number on Contests

Proposal Originated: Executive Director & Federated Council Roundtable

Proposal Reviewed

2008-2011 – Governance Task Force, Committees

04/9/2011 – Federated Council

02/24/2016 – Executive Committee

04/08/2016 – Federated Council

06/07/2016 – Commissioners Committee

06/17/2016 – Executive Committee

09/13/2016 – Commissioners Committee

11/16/2017 – Executive Committee

01/10/2017 – Commissioners Committee

Proposal Recommendation

Discussion & Forwarded Proposal

Proposals Failed

Discussion

Discussion Roundtable

Draft New Proposal

Discussion

Update Proposal

First Reading

Finalize Proposal

Type: New Bylaw

Next: 01/27/2017 – Federated Council 1st Reading

Proposal Summary: The proposed new bylaw would create a standardized number of maximum contests in sports that culminate in a Regional or State Championship. This proposal is an outcome of a Federated Council roundtable discussion and direction to the Commissioners Committee. It is anticipated that an updated revised proposal will be distributed at the meeting following the conclusion of the Commissioners Committee final revision on January 11, 2017.

Fiscal Impact: None

Background: A major area identified during by the "Governance Task Force" (2008-2011) was that the CIF needed to standardized the number of contests and scrimmages in sports that culminated in a Regional or State Championship. After three years of study, work and compromise by numerous committees a proposal was forwarded to the Federated Council for consideration

April 2011 Federated Council vote:

65 Yes, 70 No, motion failed that defined a scrimmage and maximum number of scrimmages.

51 Yes, 84 no, motion failed that would have established maximum number of contests in Regional and State culminating contests.

Bylaw 1206

Maximum Contacts

1206. A. Starting Dates for Practice

Sections shall determine the first day of practice in all sports.

1206. B. Scrimmages

A scrimmage is defined as:

1. An activity involving teams or individual student-athletes from two or more different schools in a CIF approved sport; AND
2. Where no official score is kept; AND
3. Where regulation time is not kept; AND
4. Where substitute rules are set aside; AND
5. Where coaches may stop play for instructional purposes; AND
6. Where no score / results are released to the media.

1206. C. Number of Scrimmages

A maximum of two scrimmages per sport are permissible prior to the first interscholastic contest (league or non-league) of the season (**Football?**). Scrimmages shall not count in the teams or individual maximum number of contacts. **Scrimmage held after the team's first interscholastic contest shall count as a contact.**

1206. D. Allowable Number of Contacts

Sections shall determine the maximum number of allowable contacts. Sections, however, for sports culminating in a Regional or State Championship may not set a limit higher than:

Basketball	28
Cross Country	15
Football	10
Golf	24
Soccer	26
Swimming	16
Tennis	24
Track and Field	15
Volleyball	26
Water Polo	28 (NEW)
Wrestling	40 (see bylaw 3103)

The maximum number of allowable contacts is in effect for teams during the regular season. The maximum number of allowable contacts does not include Section Foundation or Scholarship Games, League culminating tournament, Regional or State Championships.

Tournaments

Basketball	One contact for each game
Golf	Tournaments count as one contact per day
Soccer	One contact for each match
Tennis	One contact for each match
Volleyball	Tournaments that do not utilize a best 3 out of 5 format (i.e. best 2 out of 3 or single game to 25) count as 2 contact per day -
Water Polo	One contact for each game

Black font – agreement reached

Red font – To be further discussion

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**Revisions will be Distributed at the Federated
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This is a 1st Reading Item ONLY



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Date: January 27, 2017

Re: Proposed Revision Bylaw 900 – All Star Competition

Proposal Originated: Commissioners Committee

Proposal Reviewed

06/09/2016 – Commissioners Committee
09/13/2016 – Commissioners Committee
01/11/2017 – Commissioners Committee
01/26/2017 – Executive Committee
01/27/2017 – Federated Council
02/22/2017 – Executive Committee
04/07/2017 – Federated Council

Proposal Recommendation

Discussion
Discussion, First Draft
Revisions
First Reading
First Reading
Action – Recommendation
Action Item

Type: Bylaw Revision

Next: Federated Council Action Item – April 7, 2017

Proposal Summary: The Commissioners Committee is recommending changes to Bylaw 900, All-Star Competition, to further clarify factors determining what is an "All Star" competition and who may participate.

Fiscal Impact: None

Background: The past decade has seen a significant increase in local community, regional and national "All Star" competitions in all sports. The CIF Bylaw was last reviewed and amended in 2003 and the Commissioners Committee is forwarding revisions for consideration.

**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: 2017 June 3
2018 June 2**

- 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 (2) or more high schools, or from one (1) or more CIF leagues, or from one (1) 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 (1) year following the date the infraction is verified.

Red = Still under discussion by commissioners

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