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The California Interscholastic Federation (hereinafter referred to as the CIF) was founded in Los Angeles in 1914 in order to standardize rules and team structures between schools. As a problem-solving organization, the CIF prides itself on providing equitable athletic competition for more than 1,500 schools across California. Since its inception, the CIF has grown to become the largest youth agency in the nation, serving more than 758,474 young student-athletes each year who participate in interscholastic athletics.

The CIF Los Angeles City Section (hereinafter referred to as LACS) constitutes a Section of the CIF, and as such, conducts its athletic programs in conformance with the general policies of the State. LACS may make rules and regulations more stringent than those of the CIF, as long as they are not more liberal or lenient in legislation than permitted by the regulations of the State organization.

The rules and regulations contained within this manual have evolved over a period of many years and have helped achieve, to a high degree, their original purpose as expressed by the 1931 Codification Committee which stated, "Uniformity of direction and control in our interscholastic activities will encourage and stimulate wholesome, worthwhile competition and develop a spirit of friendly relationship and cooperation between schools and leagues."

Possible penalties for infractions of any rule listed in this manual may include, but are not limited to:

- Loss of student eligibility (e.g., game participation).
- Loss of team or individual playoff participation.
- Sanctions on coaches (e.g., retaking of coaching education course; loss of practice and/or game time).
- Sanctions on teams or school athletic programs (e.g., probation and/or suspension).
- Loss of tournaments or practice games.

The Section Commissioner may implement penalties on adults when the sole reason for a rule violation is the result of an error or violation committed by school athletic personnel. Violations by school personnel (e.g., principal, assistant principal, athletic director, and/or coach) will be considered a lack of administrative oversight; penalties may include, but are not limited to:

- Recommendation to the principal to implement the probation of a coach and/or athletic director.
- Restriction on coach’s attendance at contests.
- Mandated retake of the Coaching Education Workshop or similar professional development course.
- Recommendation to the principal to implement a restriction on supplemental assignment pay (based on predetermined levels consistent with the violation); penalty may be applicable to both the coach and the athletic director.
- Recommendation to the principal to dismiss the employee from their current position; penalty may be applicable to both coaches and athletic directors.

Additional penalties for rule violations can be found in other areas of this manual. Rules in this publication (with very few exceptions) apply only to the athletic school year. This is defined as the period of time from the beginning of the first day of practice for the fall sports to the last day of CIF competition in any sport for that school year (This definition also applies to year round schools); in some cases, rules are applicable for the duration of the academic school year.
Historical Overview

The CIF Los Angeles City Section came into being as a result of the division of the former CIF Southern Section. In 1913, the Southern Section was created informally by school principals in the Los Angeles area, primarily as a means to organize the sport of Track and Field; it was known as the Southern California Interscholastic Athletic Council (SCIAC). There were five leagues and thirty member teams in SCIAC, one of four CIF sections across the state at the time.

In 1914, SCIAC came under the administrative wing of the newly founded California Interscholastic Federation, thus changing its name to “The Southern Section of the CIF.” The original leagues of the Southern Section were the Los Angeles County League, the Suburban League, the Orange County League, the Los Angeles City League and the Citrus League. Earnest W. Oliver, the Vice Principal at Los Angeles High School and one of the founding fathers of both the Southern Section and State CIF, represented the City League; most of the early meetings of the Southern Section were held on the Los Angeles High School campus.

The Southern Section continued to grow in size and scope, even as the depression years loomed ahead. However, conflict arose as many founding members wanted to keep interscholastic athletics small, largely due to financial considerations. League configurations continued to change, and in June of 1928, the Vice Principals who represented the City League sent a letter to the Southern Section Council. They wanted to limit the number of schools in the league to six city schools and play only five contests. The Council’s ruling in response to this letter was that administrators of the high schools and intermediate schools of Los Angeles City should accept the leagues as they are or else take all of the high schools of Los Angeles City under their own control.

Los Angeles City schools remained upbeat, and many of the early leaders of the Southern Section were members of these schools. On the other hand, the Los Angeles City Board of Education was often restrictive in the rules that applied to interscholastic sports. These restrictions became very difficult; for instance, in May of 1935 after a discussion with the
Deputy Superintendent of Los Angeles City, the Council reported that night competition and overnight journeys for high school boys were contrary to the rules of the Los Angeles City Board of Education. Los Angeles school authorities would not waive these rules on this occasion, and school administration felt that the CIF should not authorize unattached competition in the State Meet. Sadly, no athlete from Los Angeles City schools competed in the 1935 State Track Meet.

Southern Section leaders realized that there needed to be a break with the Los Angeles City schools, and on February 9, 1935, the Council moved to do just that. They requested that the State Council of the CIF should authorize the division of the Southern Section into two sections; that one section should be composed of schools within the Los Angeles City High School District while the rest of the high schools within Southern California composite the second section. On May 25, 1935 at the State CIF Federated Council meeting in Fresno, council members unanimously voted to adopt the Southern Section’s request; thus, the CIF Los Angeles City Section was born.

From 1936 to 2013, the Los Angeles Unified School District (formerly composed of the Los Angeles City School District and the Los Angeles City High School District) has implemented operations for both the CIF Los Angeles City Section and the District Athletics Office. During that time, the number of schools, whose athletic programs were managed and financed by the District, grew to 130, with almost 40 independent charter schools.

As of July 1, 2013, the CIF Los Angeles City Section has run as a separate, non-profit entity. The reasoning behind its split from the District was quite straightforward; with the growth that resulted from the inclusion of independent charter schools, the Board of Managers and Executive Committee (formerly the Interscholastic Athletic Council) felt that operating as a separate body, as other CIF Sections have been doing, would lessen the financial burden on the District while allowing CIFLACS to offer more direct services to its members. Currently, CIFLACS is one of the five largest sections in the state, believing in the fervent view that interscholastic athletics is an integral part of a student’s overall education.
Mission and Vision Statement

Mission

The CIF Los Angeles City Section is committed to providing quality support services in a respectful and gracious manner. We aim to enhance member schools’ abilities to manage safe and fair interscholastic athletic programs. Our goal is to promote healthy, safe, and fair interscholastic competition and develop programs that will raise academic achievement in all student-athletes.

Vision

The CIF Los Angeles City Section recognizes that interscholastic athletic activities are an integral part of a student’s educational experience. With this in mind, we will strive to:

- Provide exemplary athletic oversight through swift, fair, consistent and impartial regulatory rulings;
- Operate with openness that generates trust and with strict fiscal accountability;
- Provide impartial, responsive and inclusive leadership; and
- Honor our ultimate purpose, which is to foster lifelong values, good citizenship, ethics and a fair-play approach among student-athletes while promoting safe athletic environments.

The success of the educational athletic programs within LACS is largely due to the efforts of dedicated coaches and administrators, and the cooperation of thousands of students. Moreover, LACS is committed to working in partnership with the entire community to assure equitable competition, provide educational services and opportunities, and the leadership necessary to establish and maintain quality high school interscholastic athletic activities. LACS coaches, administrators, staff, and various section constituents believe in the equal worth and dignity of all students; it is the Section’s responsibility to establish a climate that:

- Fosters the partnership between academics and athletics in well-designed education based athletic programs;
- Promotes the value of high school athletics;
- Promotes an environment of dignity and respect;
- Promote opportunities of athletic participation for all students;
- Encourages collaboration with superintendents, the Board of Education, and member charter schools.

To this end, LACS shall:

- Provide an effective governance structure;
- Set and enforce policies that ensure quality, educational athletic programs; and
- Promote educational, training opportunities for personnel involved with athletic-related activities.
- Demonstrate the principles of Pursuing Victory with Honor.
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California Interscholastic Federation Constitution

A MEMBER OF THE
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ARTICLE 1
NAME AND PURPOSE

10. This organization shall be known as the California Interscholastic Federation.

11. PURPOSE
The purposes of this organization are:

A. To serve as an organization through which member high schools may mutually adopt rules relating to interscholastic athletics (grades 9-12), and establish agreed upon minimum standards for certain aspects of the interscholastic athletic program; to guide schools and school districts in the discharge of their responsibilities for, among other considerations, the health, safety, general welfare and educational opportunities of the students taking part in interscholastic athletics.

B. The CIF is limited to facilitating the establishment of these regulations and minimum standards and to the application of appropriate sanctions when failure to meet these standards, rules and regulations comes to the attention of the CIF.

C. To cultivate cordial and friendly relations among schools through good standards of sportsmanship.

D. To promote the acceptance of the CIF Operating Principles and Code of Ethics of the California Interscholastic Federation.

NOTE: The CIF Operating Principles are defined as the 16 Principles of the Pursuing Victory with Honor program adopted by the Federated Council in November of 1999 (See Article 1-12).

E. This organization does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members hereof and it is organized for non-profit.

F. To promote equal opportunity for all the youth in California secondary school athletic programs regardless of race, religion, sex, national origin or sexual orientation.

G. Member schools are responsible for monitoring and assuring compliance with these standards, rules and regulations except as set forth above, as well as responsibility for any matters of school administration or pupil supervision. Membership of schools in the California Interscholastic Federation is contingent upon compliance with the rules and regulations of the organization’s Constitution and Bylaws.

(Approved May 2001 Federated Council)

12. CIF OPERATING PRINCIPLES/PURSUEING VICTORY WITH HONOR
The CIF Operating Principles are the 16 Principles of the Pursuing Victory with Honor program as follows:

A. The essential elements of character building and ethics in CIF sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six (6) core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character”; 

B. It’s the duty of school boards, superintendents, school administrators, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and school sports leadership (including coaches, athletic administrators, program directors and game officials) to promote sportsmanship and foster good character by teaching, enforcing, advocating and modeling these “six pillars of character”;

C. To promote sportsmanship and foster the development of good character, school sports programs must be conducted in a manner that enhances the academic, emotional, social, physical and ethical
development of student-athletes and teaches them positive life skills that will help them become personally successful and socially responsible;

D. Participation in school sports programs is a privilege, not a right. To earn that privilege, student-athletes must abide by the rules and they must conduct themselves, on and off the field, as positive role models who exemplify good character;

E. School boards, superintendents, school administrators, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and school sports leadership shall establish standards for participation by adopting and enforcing codes of conduct for coaches, athletes, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and spectators;

F. All participants in high school sports must consistently demonstrate and demand scrupulous integrity and observe and enforce the spirit as well as the letter of the rules;

G. The importance of character, ethics and sportsmanship should be emphasized in all communications directed to student-athletes and their parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver;

H. School boards, superintendents, school administrators, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and school sports leadership must ensure that the first priority of their student-athletes is a serious commitment to getting an education and developing the academic skills and character to succeed;

I. School boards, superintendents, principals, school administrators and everyone involved at any level of governance in the CIF must maintain ultimate responsibility for the quality and integrity of CIF programs. Such individuals must assure that education and character development responsibilities are not compromised to achieve sports performance goals and that the academic, social, emotional, physical and ethical well-being of student-athletes is always placed above desires and pressures to win;

J. All employees of member schools must be directly involved and committed to the academic success of student-athletes and the character-building goals of the school;

K. Everyone involved in competition including parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, spectators, associated student body leaders, and all auxiliary groups have a duty to honor the traditions of the sport and to treat other participants with respect. Coaches have a special responsibility to model respectful behavior and the duty to demand that their student-athletes refrain from disrespectful conduct including verbal abuse of opponents and officials, profane or belligerent trash-talking, taunting and inappropriate celebrations;

L. School boards, superintendents and school administrators of CIF member schools must ensure that coaches, whether paid or voluntary, are competent to coach. Training or experience may determine minimal competence. These competencies include basic knowledge of:

(1) The character building aspects of sports, including techniques and methods of teaching and reinforcing the core values comprising sportsmanship and good character;

(2) The physical capabilities and limitations of the age group coached as well as first aid; AND

(3) Coaching principles and the rules and strategies of the sport.

M. Because of the powerful potential of sports as a vehicle for positive personal growth, a broad spectrum of school sports experiences should be made available to all of our diverse communities;

N. To safeguard the health of athletes and the integrity of the sport, school sports programs must actively prohibit the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and performance-enhancing substances, as well as demand compliance with all laws and regulations, including those related to gambling and the use of drugs;

O. Schools that offer athletic programs must safeguard the integrity of their programs. Commercial relationships should be continually monitored to ensure against inappropriate exploitation of the school’s name or reputation. There should be no undue influence of commercial interests. In addition, sports programs must be prudent, avoiding undue dependency on particular companies or sponsors;

P. The profession of coaching is a profession of teaching. Along with the mental and physical dimensions of their sport, coaches, through word and example, must also strive to build the character of their athletes by teaching them to be trustworthy, respectful, responsible, fair, caring and good citizens.

(Approved February 2002 Federated Council)
13. **PROPERTY**
The property of this organization is irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes, meeting the requirements for exemption provided by Section 214 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. No part of the net income or assets of this organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof nor to the benefit of any private persons. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the organization, which is dedicated to charitable and educational purposes meeting the requirements for exemption provided by Section 214 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this organization, shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501.C.(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If this organization holds any assets in trust, such assets must be disposed of in such manner as may be directed by decree of the Superior Court of the county in which the organization has its principal office, upon petition therefore by the Attorney General or any other person concerned in the liquidation, in a proceeding to which the Attorney General is a party.

14. **NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**
It is the policy of the CIF not to discriminate on the basis of disability, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation in its athletic programs and related activities, in the employment of personnel, or in the selection of delegates to the Federated Council, committee members, officers or other such positions.

**ARTICLE 2**
**JURISDICTION**

20. **SECTIONS**
The State CIF shall consist of Sections, one of which shall be the State CIF, and remainder of which shall be those geographic Sections as may be created by the Federated Council. The geographical Sections, with their representatives on the Federated Council, are: Central (2), Central Coast (2), Los Angeles (2), North Coast (2), Northern (2), Oakland (1), Sac-Joaquin (2), San Diego (2), San Francisco (1), and Southern (4). Any Section which does not have a woman on the Federated Council as a regular representative shall select a woman as an additional representative. Section votes shall be divided equally among its representatives. All Sections consisting of more than two (2) districts shall have a superintendent (deputy, associate, assistant superintendent) as a voting member of their governing board. Each Section shall make an attempt to have their governing body reflect the ethnic and gender population it represents (See Article 3-31). Any Section or Allied Organization which has an even number of representatives on the Federated Council shall have gender balance. The number of votes approved for each Section at the Federated Council will be determined every year in the spring and any necessary adjustments in the number of votes become effective in the first regular meeting of the following school year. Any Section or Allied Organization which has an odd number of representatives on the Federated Council shall achieve gender balance as closely as possible, unless the Allied Organization has only a single representative. Any Section of more than two (2) districts shall have a school board member as a voting member of its governing board. In a Section where a Board of Managers is comprised of superintendents of all constituent school districts, the school board member may serve as a voting member of the Board of Managers or another Section governance body in accord with Section provisions.


**NOTE:** Hereinafter, the term “Section” shall refer only to geographic Sections.

21. **FORMATION OF NEW SECTIONS/GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE**
A. **New Sections**
Petitions for the formation of new Sections shall be made directly to the Federated Council. Approval of a
A proposal to form a new Section requires a majority vote of the Federated Council present at a regular meeting of the council.

B. Existing Section
Approval of a proposal to amend an existing Section, or Sections, requires a majority vote of the Federated Council present at a regular meeting of the council. Such proposals will be presented at a regular Federated Council meeting prior to the meeting where a vote is taken on the proposal.

C. Format for Section Modification
The following conditions must be considered for Section modification:

1. Feasibility study must be made to include the following financial considerations:
   a. Income projection
      i. Dues structure
      ii. Playoff revenue
      iii. Other revenue
   b. Expense projection
      i. Proposed budget

2. Membership consideration for proposed Section
   a. Public schools
   b. Non-public schools
   c. Demographics
      i. Size of schools
      ii. Distances
      iii. Geography

3. Governance consideration for proposed Section
   a. School representation
   b. League representation
   c. Committee/Council/Board Structure

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

   (Approved May 2002 Federated Council)

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

6. Submit to Section Modification Committee
   a. Presentation of proposal
   b. Presentation of feasibility study
   c. Voting summaries
   d. Written opposition report(s) (optional)
   e. Public hearing
   f. Recommendation by committee to State Federated Council

   (Approved February 1984 Federated Council/Revised May 1997 Federated Council)
D. **Guidelines/Criteria for a New Section Formation**

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

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

(Approved May 2002 Federated Council)

22. **MEMBERSHIP/CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP**

A. Membership in the California Interscholastic Federation shall be open to public, charter and private high schools of the State of California. The CIF Section in which the school is located may grant membership according to the Section’s policies and procedures.

B. As a condition of membership and continuing membership a member school agrees to:

1. Request to join the CIF and the CIF Section at a public meeting of the local school board or board of directors;
2. To abide by all current rules and regulations of the CIF and Section;
3. To ensure that the local school board or board of directors will adopt the 16 Principles of Pursuing Victory with Honor, sm by a board resolution;
4. Accept as a member school the responsibility to educate student-athletes, coaches, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and other appropriate persons on the CIF and Section Constitution and Bylaws, Policies and Procedures adopted by the governing body;
5. Ensure that the administrative decisions of the CIF Federated Council, CIF Executive Committee, CIF Executive Director, Section Board of Managers, Section Commissioner and all state and sectional appeal decisions shall be accepted in good faith by all member schools. The principal of any member school, who, by any act or attitude, shall refuse to accept, or shall hold in contempt or derision, or shall permit or acquiesce in such contempt or derision on the part of any group of individuals associated with his/her school, shall subject his/her school to possible sanctions, suspension and/or expulsion from the Section and/or State membership. These provisions are not to be construed as preventing the principal of a member school from exercising his/her school’s right to due process;
6. Abide by all decisions made by the CIF governing body having jurisdiction in the matter. If a member school, or that school’s governing body files suit in a court of law against the State CIF and/or one of its Sections and the State CIF and/or its Section prevails, the member school shall
reimburse the State CIF and/or its Section for all legal fees and reasonable expenses incurred by the CIF and/or its Section in connection with the suit to remain a member in good standing;

(7) Ensure that CIF member schools will not accept monies, equipment or apparel specific to, or distributed to, individual athlete(s) within that program. All gifts are school property (as per the Education Code/Board Policy), and may not be given to any individual athlete(s). School/school districts should ensure such gifts are distributed equitably. Gifts supporting travel to athletic competitions must be devoted only to reasonable costs of travel, lodging and food and distributed through the school district, ASB or governing board according to Bylaw 805;

(8) Monitor its athletic program and to self-report to the appropriate governing body any violations of state and section Bylaws as soon as the school is aware of possible violations. This responsibility extends to all administrators and coaches at the school. Each member school is responsible for the conduct of its administrators, coaches, athletes, students and parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and for any knowledge possessed by its administrators;

(9) Ensure that all coaches, paid and unpaid, will have completed a coaching education program that emphasizes the following components:
   a. Development of coaching philosophies consistent with school, school district and school board goals;
   b. Sport psychology: emphasizing communication; reinforcement of young people’s efforts; effective delivery of coaching regarding technique and motivation of the student-athlete;
   c. Sport pedagogy: how young athletes learn and how to teach sport skills;
   d. Sport physiology: principles of training; fitness for sport; development of a training program; nutrition for athletes; and the harmful effects associated with the use of steroids and performance-enhancing dietary supplements by adolescents;
   e. Sport management: team management; risk management; and working within the context of an entire school program;
   f. Training: certification in CPR first aid, that includes training in signs and symptoms of concussions and sudden cardiac arrest (SCA);
   (Revised January 2015 Federated Council)
   g. Knowledge of, and adherence to, statewide rules and regulations; as well as school regulations including, but not necessarily limited to, eligibility, gender equity and discrimination;
   h. Sound planning and goal setting; AND
   i. A school/district may use a coach that does not meet these standards for one (1) sports season in an emergency. The coach must still hold a CPR, First Aid, Concussion and Sudden Cardiac Arrest certification as required under Title V. However, that person may not coach another season of sport without fulfilling this coaching education requirement. Any currently employed coach who has completed and passed a prior version of a coaching education program that meets the above listed criteria, as determined by the local administration, is exempt from this provision. The above certification is transferable between/among CIF member schools. Coaches may need to complete additional local school or school district requirements.

NOTE: Definition of a coach, paid or unpaid: Any individual that the school/district is required to approve under Title V, California Code of Regulations, Section 5593 and 5594 and/or under California Education Code 35179-35179.7, 49032 and 45125.01-45125.1. (Revised January 2015 Federated Council)

(10) Remit any approved State or Section school dues and assessments on time;

(11) Abide by any additional requirements of the Section; AND
(12) An athletic director, sports coach, school official or employee or booster club/support group member may provide only non-muscle building nutritional supplements to a student-athlete at any time for the purpose of providing additional calories and electrolytes. A school may only accept an advertisement, sponsorship or donation from a supplement manufacturer that offers only non-muscle building nutritional supplements. A school may not accept an advertisement sponsorship or donation from a distributor of a dietary supplement whose name appears on the label. Permissible non-muscle building nutritional supplements are identified according to the following classes: carbohydrate/electrolyte drinks, energy bars, carbohydrate boosters and vitamins and minerals.

C. Enforcement

(1) The State CIF Executive Director and/or CIF Executive Committee or Section Commissioner and/or Section Board of Managers shall have power to suspend, to fine or otherwise penalize any member school for the violation of any CIF or Section rules and regulations or for just cause. The period of suspension or other penalty shall be left to the discretion of the CIF governing body that has jurisdiction of the matter where the penalty is not fixed.

(2) The Executive Director or Section Commissioner shall, at his/her discretion, determine whether information about any possible violation of the CIF or Section Constitution or Bylaws is sufficiently reliable to justify further investigation. The Executive Director or Section Commissioner shall also, at his/her discretion; determine whether to conduct any investigation of possible violations of the Constitution or Bylaws as well as the nature and extent of any investigation that may be conducted and the procedures to be used in any such investigation. Factors to be considered by the Executive Director or Section Commissioner in making these determinations may include, but are not limited to:
   a. The seriousness of the alleged violation;
   b. Any other factor the Executive Director or Section Commissioner may deem relevant in making these decisions.

(3) A violation of the State CIF or Section Constitution or Bylaws will not result in any investigation or penalty if it is inadvertent and the school first learns of and reports the violation after the conclusion of the following year’s playoffs in the sport in which the violation occurred. If it is determined that a school or any of its administrators or coaches had knowledge of a violation or possible violation of the CIF or Section Constitution or Bylaws and failed to promptly self-report as it is required to do as a condition of membership, or that a delay in self-reporting occurred as a result of a failure by the school to properly monitor its athletic program as required as a condition of membership, the provisions of this section shall not apply. In any such case, a violation may be investigated and penalties may be implemented regardless of when the violation occurred.

(4) Any school under suspension, if it has restricted its athletic program to intramural athletics for the period of suspension, may be reinstated by the CIF Executive Committee or Section Board of Managers upon application made in writing 20 days in advance of the time it desires to be reinstated, to the Executive Director or Section Commissioner by the principal of the school and by the Board of Education under which the school operates. The Executive Director or Section Commissioner shall present the application of the suspended school to the appropriate Board for its consideration. The principal and the board of education shall agree, in writing, that the school will abide by all rules of the CIF and/or Section in the future. The principal and each member of the Board of Education shall sign the statement.

(Approved May 2003 Federated Council/Revised May 2007 Federated Council)
23. ORDER OF JURISDICTION
This Constitution and Bylaws is binding on all schools, leagues and Sections. The order of descending jurisdiction is as follows: State (Federated Council), Section, league and school. A school, league or Section may enact regulations which are more stringent than those adopted by a higher authority. The State Federated Council is the governing body of the State CIF and shall establish policy. Within the framework of that policy, local Sections may establish local rules and regulations as long as they are no less stringent and do not violate State policy rules or intent.
(Revised May 2003 Federated Council)
NOTE: Bylaws 206 and 207 relate to statewide eligibility rules, therefore apart from more restrictive rules enacted by school boards, no Section, league or school shall adopt or enact any regulations, rules or policies different than, or affecting in any manner, these statewide Bylaws. Only the Section Commissioner may waive the effect of those Bylaws on transfer athletic eligibility and only in accordance with the provisions of those Bylaws.
( NOTE Approved January 2008 Federated Council)

24. JURISDICTIONS
All students attending either public or private high schools in any Section under the jurisdiction of the Federation will be subject to the rules of eligibility of the Federated Council for participation in athletic contests between/among schools. All CIF member schools are accountable to the Federated Council for violations of the CIF Constitution and Bylaws.

25. RATIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVES
Each local school district board of education or private school governing board will ratify to the appropriate CIF Section Office, by August 15 of each year, the appointment of individuals and alternates by name or by title who will be school representatives to the athletic leagues for the upcoming year. In the absence of the appropriate filing, all voting privileges for the affected school(s) shall be suspended.

ARTICLE 3
THE FEDERATED COUNCIL

30. MEMBERSHIP
The governing body of the California Interscholastic Federation shall be known as “The Federated Council.” The Federated Council shall consist of representatives elected from each Section, a representative from the State Department of Education, representatives from Allied Organizations selected by those organizations, the President, President-Elect, and immediate Past-President of the Federated Council.
A. Representatives elected from each Section shall be elected to hold office for two (2) years. If a Section has more than one (1) representative on the council the terms will be staggered.
B. With the exception of the Past-President, Section Past-President, the representative from the State Department of Education, and representatives of Allied Organizations, any individual not directly accountable to, or voting member of, a local board of education or school(s) governing body shall not be a voting member of the State or a Section-governing and/or policy-making body.
C. Any member of the Federated Council who changes professional status in such a manner that no longer qualifies the individual as a member of the governing body may not continue as a voting member of the body. The individual shall be replaced, by the rules of the State or Section, by the next regular meeting of the body.
D. A voting representative to the Federated Council from an allied organization must be in a current role performing the daily responsibilities associated with the title or the organization (i.e., the representative from the Association of California School Administrators must be an active administrator in California; the representative from the Association of Private School Organizations must be currently affiliated with one (1) or more of the private schools represented; the representative from the California School Boards Association must be an active board member; the California State Athletic Directors Association
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representative shall be an active athletic director, etc.). If the status of the representative changes in such a manner so that the representative is no longer in an active role that truly reflects the general membership of the allied organization, the organization must replace the representative with one who is in such a role in order to have full voting representation at the Federated Council. Allied Organizations will certify that representatives comply with this bylaw and send such certification to the State Executive Director by August 15 of each year.

E. Representation on the Federated Council for Allied Organizations will include the following:

1. California Coaches Association, two (2) representatives;
2. California State Athletic Directors Association, two (2) representatives;
3. California School Boards Association, two (2) representatives;
4. Association of California School Administrators, one (1) representative;
5. California Association of Private School Organizations, two (2) representatives;
6. California Superintendents Liaison Committee, one (1) representative;
7. California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, two (2) representatives;
8. California Association of Directors of Activities, one (1) representative;

**NOTE:** An Allied Organization with two (2) representatives shall have one (1) male and one (1) female representative.

(Approved May 1999 Federated Council)

31. REPRESENTATION REFLECTING THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE STATE AND SECTION

A. Any CIF Section which does not have at least one (1) regular representative of an ethnic or racial minority group found in the demographics of the Section’s student population shall select an additional representative who is a member of an ethnic or racial minority group found in the demographics of the Section’s student population. The Section’s number of votes shall continue to be based upon the weighted voting formula; however, the votes shall be split equally amongst the voting representatives. The expenses of the additional delegate shall be paid by the State CIF consistent with the expense formula for all other Section representatives to the Federated Council.

B. Each CIF Section and Allied Organization shall send representative(s) to the Federated Council which is reflective of the student demographics within the Section and will include at least one (1) representative of an ethnic or racial minority group found in the demographics of the Section’s student population.

(Approved May 1997 Federated Council)

32. CRITERIA FOR ALLIED ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP ON THE STATE CIF FEDERATED COUNCIL

Each Allied Organization represented on the Federated Council shall:

A. Be composed of a membership, in which the majority has direct responsibility or legislative responsibility for interscholastic athletics;

B. Be able to demonstrate statewide representation;

C. Be able to define its constituency which will include, but not be limited to, the number of interscholastic athletes it represents, the number of members that have direct or legislative responsibility for interscholastic athletics, the number of schools represented which participate in CIF activities;

D. Have the capacity to select representatives to the Federated Council that reflect our State’s student gender and ethnic make-up;

E. Be able to demonstrate that its representative has a viable system of communication to its members within its organization including but not limited to:

   1. Conduct meetings, hearings and decision making involving the CIF, interscholastic athletics and/or other legislative matters in open session with a view to transparency, providing opportunity for membership/public input reflecting the intention of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et. seq.);
(2) Validate the viable system of communication by showing agenda, minutes and membership present when decisions were made regarding CIF, interscholastic athletics and/or legislative decisions that impact CIF and/or interscholastic athletics;

(3) Submit as part of the request for inclusion all documentation of communications made by the organization regarding CIF philosophy, policies and procedures that has been forwarded to their membership;

(4) Submit as part of the request for inclusion all documentation of communications received from their membership regarding any CIF philosophy, policies and procedures.

F. Have a commitment to providing educational opportunities for students through interscholastic athletics. Prior to being formally accepted as an Allied Organization, each interested group, including those presently represented on the Federated Council, shall complete a Request for Inclusion application. An organization’s request for inclusion on the Federated Council as an Allied Organization must be submitted to the Executive Director by January 15 of the school year prior to the desired effective date of inclusion. The request will be reviewed by a membership committee designated by the Executive Committee. A recommendation by the membership committee for approval or disapproval of the Request for Inclusion will be made to the Executive Committee by April 15 and action on the Request for Inclusion will be scheduled for the spring meeting of the Federated Council. If an Allied Organization is approved for membership, the organization is approved for a four-year renewable term, unless the organization should, during the four (4) year term, no longer meet the criteria for membership and inclusion as defined by the Federated Council.

(Approved May 1997 Federated Council/Revised November 2009 Federated Council)

33. ELECTION AND ELIGIBILITY
The governing body of each Section shall determine how its own representatives to the Federated Council shall be elected consistent with the Education Code. Voting members of the Federated Council shall not be paid employees of the CIF Sections.

34. POWERS AND DUTIES OF FEDERATED COUNCIL
A. Determine the credentials of its own membership.
B. Exercise jurisdiction over all interscholastic athletic games, events and meets involving CIF member schools. The Federated Council delegates jurisdiction to each CIF Section for all interscholastic athletic games, events and meets in which only CIF member schools of that particular Section participate.
C. Govern State and Regional California Interscholastic Federation playoff contests.
   (1) Determine time and place.
   (2) Prescribe conditions and provide for appointment of officials.
   (3) Define expected duties of contest officials.
   [C.(2-3)] Approved May 1997 Federated Council)
D. Establish and enforce penalties for any violation of the Constitution, Bylaws or other rules of the Federation. Schools, leagues and Sections may establish and enforce penalties, provided that such penalties are not in conflict with penalties that have been established by higher authority. (See Article 2-23 for order of descending jurisdiction)
E. Determine which athletic activities shall be conducted by the Federation.
F. Prescribe ways and means by which standards of eligibility shall be met.
G. Elect its own officers.
H. Institute and conduct impeachment of officers of the Federation or Sections thereof.
I. For any matter of appeal not covered in the Constitution and Bylaws, an appeal to the Federated Council will be heard by the Council’s appeals committee, a three (3)-person committee, selected by the Council President from a standing appeals committee of seven (7) Federated Council members appointed
annually by the President of the Federated Council. The decision of this committee is final and will be reported to the Federated Council at its next meeting following the resolution of the appeal.

J. Award life passes to its members after three (3) years of service.

(Revised January 2008 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 4
MEETINGS

40. SCHEDULE FOR FEDERATED COUNCIL
The Federated Council shall hold three (3) meetings annually unless the adopted budget should require, in the judgment of the Executive Committee and the Executive Director, the elimination of one (1) meeting annually. Any change in the Federated Council meeting schedule, which results in the elimination of a meeting, shall be approved by the Council.
(Revised February 1999 Federated Council)

41. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATED COUNCIL
At the annual meeting, the Federated Council shall:
A. Approve credentials of new members;
B. Appoint standing committees;
C. Receive reports from officers and committees;
D. Consider new policies, new business and such other matters as may seem necessary.

42. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE FEDERATED COUNCIL
The officers of the organization are the President, President-Elect and the Past-President. Each officer will serve on the Executive Committee and will be elected in accord with provisions of Article 7-70.
(Approved October 2000 Federated Council)

43. QUORUM FOR MEETINGS OF THE FEDERATED COUNCIL
A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of Council members.

44. MEETINGS AT LEAGUE, SECTION AND STATE LEVELS
All league, Section and State meetings, excluding State CIF and CIF Section appeal hearings of student eligibility, Section playoffs or appeal hearings involving matters other than student eligibility or Section playoffs, pursuant to Bylaws 1100-1103, are subject to the notice and hearing requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.).
(Approved October 2000 Federated Council/Revised May 2003 Federated Council)

ARTICLE 5
FINANCES

50. REIMBURSEMENT
Consistent with approved policy, some or all of the expenses of each member of the Federated Council and Section Commissioners may be reimbursed by the Federation for attending meetings of the Council.

51. ASSESSMENT
The expenses of the Federated Council shall be met by an assessment levied upon each Section at the beginning of the school year.

Failure to Pay State CIF Assessments
After a reasonable number of requests from the Executive Director’s office, schools that continue to be delinquent with financial assessments after January 1 will be immediately notified of CIF membership suspension effective January 21. Reinstatement of membership will be made upon receipt of assessment that must include all past due and interest charges. Reinstated schools will not be allowed to host any Regional or State playoff contest in any sport for a period of one (1) year from the time of sanction.
(Approved May 2009 Federated Council)
52. **STATE CIF PLAYOFF REPORTS**
After a reasonable number of requests from the Executive Director’s office, schools that continue to be
delinquent with financial reports will not be allowed to host any Regional or State playoff contest in any sport for
a period of one (1) year from the time of sanction.
(Approved May 2009 Federated Council)

53. **FISCAL LEGISLATION**
Legislation which has a fiscal impact upon the State CIF budget shall be submitted, no later than February 10, to
the State CIF Executive Committee for their review in developing a recommendation for the Federated Council at
its spring meeting. (“Legislation” is interpreted to mean legislation or business internal to CIF and/or its member
Sections.)

54. **INDEMNIFICATION OF SECTIONS**
The CIF shall indemnify Sections against documented net revenue loss as a result of a Section’s participation in a
system-wide merchandising or sponsorship program in lieu of a Section-based program of like kind for a period of
one (1) year. Sections so indemnified shall in future years of participation in that system-wide program repay such
amounts as they received in indemnified loss by receiving 10 percent per year less than they would have received
without such indemnification, provided that such reduction shall not cause a Section to receive less than the
revenue documented for purposes of indemnification plus five (5) percent annual growth. Indemnification of loss
shall cease after one (1) year.

**ARTICLE 6**

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

60. **PROCEDURE**
This Constitution may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the entire Federated Council provided
the amendment was proposed at the previous meeting.

**ARTICLE 7**

**COMMITTEES**

70. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
The CIF Executive Committee shall consist of no more than nine (9) members of the Federated Council.

A. **Duties and Responsibilities of the Executive Committee**
   
   (1) Review, monitor and update goals of the CIF as indicated within the CIF strategic plan and/or the
   committee’s own process and procedures.
   
   (2) Develop operational procedures.
   
   (3) Review annual budgets prior to proposal to the Federated Council.
   
   (4) Set dues.
   
   (5) Act as the decision making body between meetings of the Federated Council when it is not
   necessary to call an emergency meeting.
   
   (6) Advise the Executive Director or liaise activities with groups and organizations outside the CIF.
   
   (7) Review the agenda of the Federated Council meeting prior to each council meeting.
   
   (8) Review committee reports and presentations prior to the presentation at the Federated Council.
   
   (9) Recommend positions, considerations and actions to the Federated Council.
   
   (10) Employ an Executive Director and contribute to the evaluation of the Executive Director.
   
   (11) Consider and recommend salary and other benefits.
   
   (12) Review and control expenditures and other fiscal operations.
   
   (13) Monitor the office structure and operation.
Advise the Executive Director on issues, programs and matters brought to the committee by the Executive Director.

Other duties as prescribed by the Federated Council.

**B. Composition of the Executive Committee**

1. Federated Council Officers — President, President-Elect and Past-President; AND
2. Five (5) additional members who are representatives of Sections/Allied Organizations with no more than one (1) member representing the group of Allied Organizations; AND
3. One (1) at-large representative from the Federated Council who shall be selected in an effort to reflect both gender and ethnic representation on the Federated Council.

**C. Limitations of Membership on the Committee**

1. No Section shall have more than one (1) member eligible to be elected to the Executive Committee unless another committee member from the Section is an officer or at-large representative.
2. The group of Allied Organizations shall have no more than one (1) member eligible to be elected to the Executive Committee unless another Allied Organization representative is an officer or at-large representative on the committee.
3. No Section may have more than one (1) representative serving as an officer at any one time. [See Article 7-70.G.(2)] for exception.
4. Only one (1) person from the group of Allied Organizations may serve as an officer at any one (1) time.

**D. Terms of Office**

1. The President-Elect will serve two (2) years before assuming the presidency. The President-Elect shall assume the office of President immediately following service in the office of President-Elect. (Revised May 2002 Federated Council)
2. The President shall serve a two (2)-year term.
3. The Past-President shall serve a two (2)-year term immediately following service as President.
4. Other committee members including the at-large representative shall be chosen annually to serve one (1)-year terms. An Executive Committee member may serve for three (3) consecutive terms of one (1) year.
5. If there is a break of one (1) year in the service of an Executive Committee member as a member of the committee, that member may be eligible for nomination, election and service for three (3) additional terms of office as an Executive Committee member but no one shall be eligible to serve more than a total of seven (7) years on the committee.

**E. Nominations**

1. Each year, the President shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of at least five (5) members. Members of the nominating committee shall be selected from among the Federated Council and may include no more than two (2) current members of the Executive Committee.
2. The Executive Director and the President shall be ex-officio members of the nominating committee.
3. Nominations for the Executive Committee shall be presented to the Federated Council at the meeting prior to the election.
4. Nominations for President-Elect will occur in even numbered years.
5. Each person nominated for an officer or other Executive Committee seat must be a current member of the Federated Council at the time of nomination and election.
6. The nominating committee will name at least seven (7) candidates for one (1)-year terms for the Executive Committee and at least two (2) candidates for President-Elect.
(7) Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the Federated Council meeting whereupon nominations are presented.

(8) Nominations for an at-large representative will be solicited from Sections and Allied Organizations after the election of Executive Committee members for the following year. The Executive Committee, at its June meeting, will select a candidate from among those nominations to serve as an at-large representative for the following year.

F. Elections

(1) Elections will occur at the final meeting of the year of the Federated Council.

(2) Elections for Executive Committee members, other than officers and the at-large committee member will be held annually. (The at-large representative will be chosen annually following the election for other Executive Committee members).

(3) Should a second candidate be nominated from any Section or the group of Allied Organizations, only the candidate with the most votes (more votes) from that Section/or group is eligible for election.

(4) The nominees who receive the most votes, from among those eligible for election, will be elected.

(5) In the event of a tie between/among candidates whereby there is only one (1) seat available and/or remaining, a revote for the remaining position will take place only between/among the candidates that are tied.

(6) In the event there is still a tie vote after the first revote, one (1) more vote will take place and if the tie is not broken, a flip of a coin will determine the winner.

G. Change in Status or in Workplace, Vacancy

Change in Status

(1) With the exception of the Past-President, the representative from the State Department of Education and representatives of Allied Organizations, any committee member whose status changes so as not to be directly accountable to, or a voting member of, a local board of education or school(s) governing body shall not continue to be a voting member of the Executive Committee. With the exception of the current officers that committee member shall be replaced at the next Executive Committee meeting by the individual (if eligible) receiving the next highest vote during the last regularly held election, or in the case of the at-large representative, a new representative will be appointed by the Executive Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting. In the event there is no one eligible, an election will be held to fill the vacancy at the next regularly scheduled Federated Council meeting.

a. President

When the status of the President changes, the President-Elect will succeed to the position of President. If there is not a President-Elect eligible, the Past-President shall be asked to serve in the place of the President-Elect until the President-Elect is eligible.

b. President-Elect

When the status of the President-Elect changes, the President shall authorize a new nomination and election process to be initiated so that nominations are presented at the next possible Federated Council meeting and elections are held at the meeting following nominations.

c. Past-President

In the event the status of the Past-President changes, that person may continue service until the end of the term for which she/he was elected.
(2) **Change in Workplace, No Change in Status**
When the workplace of an officer changes after election as President-Elect, but that person is still able to continue as a voting member of the Federated Council (See Article 3-30), that person may complete the terms of office through the term of Past-President. When that change in workplace is a change to another Section, representatives from both Sections will be eligible to be nominated for the office of President-Elect while that officer is still in service.

(3) **Vacancy**
When a vacancy on the Executive Committee occurs caused by circumstances other than those listed above in this section, the following shall occur.

a. **President-Elect**
The President shall call for the nominations to be made for the next possible meeting of the Federated Council and an election to be held at the subsequent regularly scheduled meeting or the President may authorize a nomination process to be immediately initiated if in her/his judgment time permits adequate notice to the Federated Council and other interested parties, so that an election may be held at the next possible Federated Council meeting.

b. **President**
The President-Elect will succeed to the position of President. If there is not a President-Elect eligible to serve, the Past-President shall be asked to serve in the place of the President-Elect until the President-Elect is eligible.

c. **Past-President**
The President may appoint someone to the office who has served previously as a Past-President. The President may ask this appointee to serve out the complete term of the person compelled to vacate the office of Past-President.

d. **Other Executive Committee Members**
The position will remain vacant until the next Executive Committee meeting by the individual (if eligible) receiving the next highest vote during the last regularly held election, or in the case of the at-large representative, a new representative will be appointed by the Executive Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting. In the event there is no one eligible, an election will be held to fill the vacancy at the next regularly scheduled Federated Council meeting.


**ARTICLE 8**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

80. **POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS**
No substantial part of the activities of this association shall consist of carrying on propaganda, and the association shall not participate in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

81. **POLICY BOOK**
The State CIF Office shall prepare a policy book containing all policies passed by the Federated Council not specifically included in the Constitution and Bylaws. Policies from before 1992 are to be added as identified in minutes of the Federated Council.

A. All Sections are to be provided with a policy book that is updated annually by the State CIF Office.

B. Copies of individual policies shall be available on written request to the State or a Section Office.
C. Each Section shall develop and pass administrative regulations to implement policies not the exclusive responsibility of the State CIF Office.

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

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

Article I   Name, Purpose, and Governance

A. NAME
This organization shall be known as the Los Angeles City Section (LACS) of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) or LACS.

B. PURPOSE
The purposes of this organization are:
1. To serve as an organization through which member high schools may mutually adopt rules and regulations relating to interscholastic athletics (grades 9 through 12), and establish agreed upon minimum standards for certain aspects of the interscholastic athletic program; to guide schools and school districts in the discharge of their responsibilities for, among other considerations, the health, safety, general welfare and educational opportunities of the students taking part in interscholastic athletics.
2. To cultivate cordial and friendly relations among schools through good standards of sportsmanship.
3. This organization does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members hereof and it is organized for non-profit purposes.
4. Membership of schools in LACS is contingent upon compliance with the rules and regulations of the organization’s constitution and bylaws.

C. NON-DISCRIMINATORY
LACS admits students of any race, religion, sex, color, national origin, ethnic origin or sexual orientation to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to the students of member schools. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sex, color, national origin, ethnic origin or sexual orientation in administration of its athletic policies, student eligibility determinations, or any other programs. The CIF-LACS is committed to equal athletic opportunities for boys and girls.

D. GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
1. LACS shall be governed by the Board of Managers.
2. Administration of LACS shall be by a Commissioner and approved staff.
3. League authority
   i. Leagues shall have the authority to design league policies to address all league matters. League policy shall require majority agreement and Principal’s awareness.
   ii. Schools and Leagues would have the authority to create school and league policies that are more stringent than the Section policy.
   iii. League Commissioners and league representatives would have the authority to address league violations and enforce penalties as dictated by league policy and two-thirds vote. Appeal procedures must be offered.

Article II   Jurisdiction

A. BOARD OF MANAGERS
The Board of Managers is the governing body of the Los Angeles City Section and operates within the framework of the CIF consistent with Board policy.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES
1. Recommending the development of all rules and regulations on matters of policy governing athletics and enforcing the same.
2. Recommending realignment matters to the member schools.
3. Serving as a committee of appeals on matters appropriately brought to appeal a commissioner’s decision within the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles City Section.

4. Hearing proposals brought to its attention in writing by its constituents through their representatives serving on the Board. Any new proposal that requires a survey and is subsequently brought to the attention of the Board of Managers must have 51% of the surveys returned of those originally disseminated in order to be heard.

5. Hearing public comments at any scheduled meeting of the general body of the Board of Managers from any person wishing to speak on any item on the agenda, or comment on the policies and practices of the Section.

C. SECTION COMMISSIONER

The CIF Los Angeles City Section Commissioner shall act as a liaison agent between the Board of Managers and the various leagues and schools for the purpose of coordinating, unifying, and regulating the Section policies.

Article III Membership

A. VOTING MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Board of Managers shall consist of three elected representatives from each league; one coach, one athletic director, and one administrator. These representatives shall be required to attend league meetings and BOM meetings. The League Commissioner shall act as the principal facilitator of the league and coordinate league meetings, agendas, votes, meeting minutes, and communication with the Section Office. The League Commissioner shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Managers.

1. League Commissioners assigned to two leagues would manage each league independent of the other for their participation in the Section governance.

2. Leagues are encouraged to seek participation by member school principals, assistant principals, athletic directors and coaches at the league and Section level.

3. League representatives shall have required standards of attendance at League and BOM meetings.

Number of Representatives on BOM

1. Each league assigned a league commissioner shall elect three representatives; one administrator, one athletic director, and one coach.

2. All League Commissioners shall represent their league at the BOM along with the elected representatives. League Commissioners shall not have the authority to cast the league vote.

3. The Section Commissioner shall nominate three representatives from allied organizations to be approved by the BOM as members. Allied organizations shall include but not limited to, charter organizations, LAUSD affiliated officials, State or National athletic organizations with participation interest in the LACS, and local government officials.

4. There shall be 51 elected league representatives and three allied organization representatives on the BOM.

5. The Executive Committee would continue to use the current required representation chart.

League Voting Shares

1. For the purpose of determining BOM voting, each league shall receive a share of votes based on the formula approved by the BOM. The formula is based on the Section percentage of enrollment and number of sports offered at each school from the league. Each league will receive the total sum of their member schools votes for any BOM vote.

2. Votes cast by a league at a Board of Managers are based on the majority vote of the league on any voting item. League votes cannot be split on any voting item.

3. For voting on league issues, each school would receive one vote.

4. Leagues would have the responsibility to design a league policy to break tie votes at the league level when applicable.
5. League Commissioners shall be responsible for maintaining accountability of league voting items.
6. League representatives would have the ability to request for an alternate to replace their member at BOM meetings with advanced notification to the Section Commissioner identifying the alternate. Alternates must be from the same league and occupy the same position (coach, AD or administrator) they are replacing.
7. At least one elected representative must be present at the BOM to allow the league to vote on any issue.

Meeting Procedures
1. All Board of Manager meetings will comply with Robert’s Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure.
2. All Executive Committee, Board of Managers, and league meetings will comply with the California Open Meeting Laws.
3. All decision making committees of the Section will comply with Robert’s Rules of Order and the California Open Meeting Laws.

(BOM September 2016)

B. NONVOTING MEMBERSHIP
1. All paid employees of the Section shall not be voting members of the Board of Managers. This is to include the Commissioner and the Section office staff.
2. As salary employees of the Section, the League Commissioners are non-voting members of the Board of Managers to act as an advisory group and league facilitator.

C. SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES AND LENGTH OF TERM
The process by which the Board of Managers members are selected shall be a league vote with each league school having one vote per each representative category. Each representative shall serve a three year term with staggered terms for each league representative. Members will be allowed to re-apply for membership at the end of a term.

D. ATTENDANCE
The attendance policy is intended to support full participation of all members of the Board of Managers.
1. Membership on the CIF Los Angeles City Section Board of Managers is both a privilege and responsibility. By accepting this commitment members have acknowledged the membership has placed its trust in and support in that person. Missed meetings diminish the effectiveness of the board and membership. It is the expectation that those elected make every effort to attend meetings and actively participate in Board of Managers business.
2. Board members are expected to attend all regularly scheduled Board of Managers meetings as well as actively distribute information and collect voting decisions from the constituents that they represent. One excused absence accepted per school calendar year. An excused absence is something that occurs that is out of the member’s control.
3. In order to make the board more accountable, absences will be noted in the meeting minutes and listed as excused or unexcused. Board member attendance will also be noted on the ballot if the member runs for re-election.
4. If meeting attendance problems exist, the President of the Board of Managers will contact the member to discuss the problem. The member’s response will be reported to the Executive Committee and action will be discussed there, including termination from the Board of Managers.
5. It is recommended that all Board of Managers members dress business casual or professional formal for all board meetings.

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POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

1. Membership
   By a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the Board of Managers, to admit to membership any eligible school(s). To expel from membership, after due process, any school(s) violating the Constitution, Bylaws or other rules of the Board of Managers.

2. Rules
   To make and amend rules and bylaws for the governance of this Section and of the Board of Managers. To ratify, amend or reject constitutions, bylaws, or rules of leagues, and/or conferences of the Section, if the constitutions, bylaws, or rules of the leagues and/or conferences are in violation with the Constitution and rules of the State CIF or of this Section.

3. Penalties
   To fix and enforce penalties for any violation of the Constitution, Bylaws, or other rules of the Section. To act as an arbitration board in all school, league, and/or conference disputes.

4. Sports
   To determine what forms of inter-league sports or other activities the Section shall conduct.

5. Assessments
   To levy assessments by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board.

6. Qualifications of Members
   To judge on the qualifications of its own members provided, however, that no member may be expelled from the Board of Managers without due process, including a due hearing, and without the assent of at least two-thirds of the entire membership of the Board of Managers.

7. Impeachment
   To institute and conduct the impeachment of its officers, provided that a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the Board of Managers shall be required to deprive any member of his/her office.

8. Eligibility
   To provide a process for determining athletic eligibility of students enrolled in member schools of LACS, unless otherwise designated by the CIF Constitution and General Bylaws.

9. Investigate Eligibility
   To investigate the eligibility of any and all athletes who are protested at any time. To suspend any member of any LACS member school from active participation in any and all events held under the jurisdiction of the Section for such a period of time as may seem best to the Board of Managers; provided that such suspension be voted for by a majority of the total membership of the Board of Managers.

10. Championship Events
    To define the time and place of all LACS Championship Series Events. NOTE: This may be delegated to the Section Commissioner.

11. Finances
    To have complete control of the finances of LACS except as elsewhere provided in this Constitution.

12. Regions and Leagues
    To form regions and leagues and exercise the final authority in the assignment of schools to regions and leagues.

13. Records
    To provide for a complete record of the various events held under the auspices of LACS.

14. Committees
    To review and make decisions on the recommendations of all standing and ad-hoc committees, except as elsewhere provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws.

15. All Functions
    To provide for the exercise of all functions of LACS not specifically provided for in the Constitution or Bylaws.
F. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. The following positions will be selected by the Board of Managers and will have voting privileges on the Executive Committee. Except for the President, President-Elect, Past President, and LAUSD designatee, all members of the Executive Committee will serve a 2 year term. Representatives from the same region will be elected on alternating years. President-Elect, President, and Past President will serve two year terms at each of the positions. One LAUSD representative shall be appointed annually by the Superintendent of the school district.

   a. The President of the Board of Managers
   b. The President-Elect of the Board of Managers
   c. The Past President of the Board of Managers
   d. Three Administrative Representatives (one per region)
   e. Three Athletic Directors Representatives (one per region)
   f. One Large Charter School Representative (school population over 1250)
   g. One Small Charter School Representative (school population under 1250)
   h. One LAUSD Designee (selected by the school district Superintendent)

2. **Terms**

   a. All members of the Executive Committee must be a member of the Board of Managers, with a minimum of two years’ experience. The only exception is the LAUSD Superintendent’s designee.
   b. All members of the Executive Committee must be able to commit to no fewer than four night meetings per year.
   c. All members of the Executive Committee must represent the “good of the organization” rather than their represented constituency.

3. **Duties and responsibilities of the Executive Committee** will include, but are not limited to:

   a. Selection/Hiring and/or discharge of the Section Commissioner and office staff.
   b. Determine the annual salaries of the Section Commissioner and office staff; review and adjust the salary schedule as necessary.
   c. Review and approve the work schedule for Section employees.
   d. Review proposals to the Board of Managers.
   e. Oversee and approve all Section financial matters, including, but not limited to annual audits, budgets, expenses, and bank statements.
      i. **Finance Committee**
         A sub-committee composed of the President, President-Elect, and one other Executive Committee member will be responsible for reviewing all financial policies and procedures, and making recommendations on financial matters to present to the Executive Committee.
   g. Approve all Section contracts.
   h. Approve the Board of Managers’ meeting agenda.
   i. Address all legal matters that involve the Section.
   j. Address all Section personnel matters in closed sessions.

**Article IV  Officers**

The officers of the Board of Managers shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Past-President and Commissioner of Athletics. Each even numbered year a President-Elect shall be elected. Elections are to take place at the last meeting of the school year prior to the start of the term; elected officers will not represent an individual region, but the CIF Los Angeles City Section as a whole. If the President and/or President-Elect cannot complete a term, an election will be held.
at the meeting nearest to the officer’s departure.

A. PRESIDENT
The President shall be elected by the Board of Managers for a two-year term. Presidents may not succeed themselves. The President-Elect of the Board of Managers who has served two years in a satisfactory manner shall qualify for the presidency. The duties of the President shall be such as usually appertain to the office, and the President shall also serve as chairperson of the Executive Committee and Board of Managers. The President will be responsible for the annual evaluation of the Commissioner.

B. PRESIDENT-ELECT
The President-Elect shall be elected by the Board of Managers for a two-year term. Presidents-Elect may not succeed themselves. To qualify as a candidate, a person must have served on the Board of Managers for at least two years. The duties of the President-Elect shall be such as usually appertain to the office, and the President-Elect shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee. In the absence of the President, the President-Elect shall serve as the Chairperson of the Executive Committee and the Board of Managers.

C. PAST-PRESIDENT
Upon term expiration, the President shall become the Past-President and shall remain on the Board of Manager and Executive Committee for a period of two years. He will continue to represent the Section on the Federated Council for one year of his Past-President term, at which time the President-Elect will become the third representative to the Federated Council.

D. SECTION COMMISSIONER
The Section Commissioner shall serve as the Executive Secretary of the Board of Managers. He or she will be the chief executive and administrative officer of the CIF Los Angeles City Section, as designated by the Executive Committee. The Commissioner is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Section; thus, he or she is required to make decisions, and keep the Board of Managers and Section constituents fully informed.

The Commissioner shall have the following duties:
1. Review and approve all Section financial operations by overseeing the budget and finance personnel.
2. Interpret and enforce State CIF and Section rules and regulations.
3. Act as Secretary of the Board of Managers and as an ex-officio member of all standing committees.
4. Oversee and evaluate the work of Section full-time staff, League Commissioners, Sport Coordinators, and other auxiliary personnel as designated by the Executive Committee.
5. Represent LACS at the state-wide commissioners meetings, Federated Council meetings, and keep the Executive Committee and Board of Managers informed of all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the organization.
6. Maintain relationships with sports assigners, officials’ organizations, the LAUSD Athletics Office and all other member school organizations.
7. Oversee marketing and sponsorship efforts within the Section.
8. Serve as the liaison between LACS member schools and the State CIF.
9. Hold periodic administrative meetings to assist athletic personnel at schools within the Section.
10. Other duties as determined by the Executive Committee.

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Article V  CIF Federated Council Delegates
The Section delegates to the CIF Federated Council meeting shall include the president of the Section and one (1) at-large elected representative from the Board of Managers who shall be selected in an effort to reflect both gender and ethnic representation on the Federated Council. Each will serve a two year term. A third representative will be the past-president for the first year of his term, and the president-elect for the second year of the term. These terms will align and begin with the election of the president-elect of the Section.

(BOM 2016)
A. MEETINGS
There shall be a general meeting for the purpose of organization each August, and there shall be at least three other such meetings during the school year. The meetings shall be called by the President. Executive sessions may be held for the discussion of personnel and staff matters. The Section will include several sub-committees, with meetings called by committee chairs on an as required basis.

B. MEETING GOVERNANCE
1. Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern at all meetings of the Board of Managers in so far as they are not in conflict with the Constitution or Bylaws of LACS.
2. All league and Section meetings, excluding Section-appeal hearings of student eligibility, section playoffs and/or appeal hearings involving matters other than student eligibility or section playoffs are subject to the notice and hearing requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et. Seq.).
3. Agendas
   a. State CIF Agendas will be posted for public inspection at the CIF Los Angeles City Section office for at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.
   b. LACS Agendas will be posted for public inspection at the CIF Los Angeles City Section office for at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. This posting will be placed in a location accessible to the public at all hours.
   c. The Commissioner must send a notice in writing regarding the regular meeting of the Board of Managers to each attendee at least ten days prior to the scheduled date.
4. Proxy votes are not accepted at the Board of Managers or Executive Committee meetings by the Section.

C. FINANCES
1. Assessments
   The expenses of the Section shall be met by an assessment levied upon each member school at the beginning of the school year. LACS will assess schools based upon enrollment, number of teams per level of sport, and playoff entries from the prior school year. Assessment Invoices will be sent to school financial managers by July 1, and assessments due in full by October 1 of each year. Assessments received after October 1 will include a 20% late penalty.
   a. Failure to Pay Assessments
      After a reasonable number of requests from the Section office, schools that continue to be delinquent after November 1 of each school year will be immediately notified of Section membership suspension, effective November 2. Reinstatement of membership will be made upon receipt of assessment, inclusive of all past due/interest charges. Reinstated schools will not be allowed to host any playoff contest in any sport for a period of one year from the time of sanction (Approved May 2012 Board of Managers).
2. Fines
   Fines do not eliminate and/or override the powers of the Commissioner and/or Board of Managers to penalize or suspend any member school for continued violations of State CIF and Section rules and regulations. Fines may be applicable to misconduct relating, but not limited to:
   b. Violations of participation of ineligible players.
   c. Missing requisite deadlines.
   d. Delinquent playoff reporting.
   e. Forfeitures.
   f. Dropping sports teams after league schedules have been set.
   g. Failure to participate in scheduled playoff and championships.
The Section shall enact a three-strike rule in determining appropriate fines. The Commissioner may impose sanctions on schools/individuals who have a continued and excessive amount of offenses; these include, but are not limited to:

a. Probation.
b. Participation suspension in a regular season and/or playoff contest (by player, coach, or team).
c. Loss of privilege to host playoff contests.
d. Monetary penalties up to $1,000 per violation.
e. Suspension of membership from LACS.

(Approved by the Board of Managers January 2014).

3. Playoff Profit Shares
   Schools selected to host a CIF Los Angeles City Section football or basketball playoff game, must agree with the following:
   a. Host schools are required to charge admission fees as set by the Section for all rounds in the sports of football and basketball playoff games.
   b. Host schools will manage the expenses and income for the first round and second round playoff games in the sports of football and basketball.
   c. Host school and opponent will profit share 100% of game revenue at 60% / 40% splits respectively between each of the schools.
   d. Should there be a loss of revenue for the event, each school will be responsible for 50% of the expenses for the management of the event.
   e. If the host school is unable to charge for admission due to the facility restrictions, they will be required to offer the opponent the opportunity to host if able to anticipate a profit. If not, both schools will be responsible for the expenses as played at the high seeded facility.
   f. Participating school administrators will discuss and agree on all expenses prior to the game.
   g. The semifinal and final games will be managed by the Section Office. The Section will incur all expenses and/or revenue.

D. COMMITTEES
   1. The following are standing committees of the Board of Managers:
      a. Executive Committee
         i. Finance Committee
      b. Games Committee
      c. Playoff & Championship Committee
      d. Awards and Recognition Committee
      e. Officials Committee
      f. Financial Development Committee
      g. Realignment Committee
      h. Special Events Committee
      i. Editing Committee
   2. The President shall appoint other ad-hoc committees as may be deemed necessary:
      a. Appeal Hearing Panel
   3. Advisory Committees
      a. The League Commissioners will act as the liaison to the BOM from their respective leagues. They will provide the BOM with current information about their league.
      b. The BOM will recognize a Sport Advisory Committee from each sport composed of head coaches (league representatives) that have been selected by the head coaches from their league to represent the league interest and wishes on the advisory committee. The committee is responsible for designing
recommendations that will provide information to the Section for improvements or change. The Sport Coordinator and Section Staff will work with the Sport Advisory committee from each sport to obtain the coaches and league recommendations.

Article VII  Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a majority of all voting members of the Board of Managers present. Once a quorum is obtained for voting purposes, a majority vote of the quorum is necessary for passing actions requiring a 51%. In some cases, two-thirds majority will be necessary, in which case it will be two-thirds of the voting members present.

Article VIII  Amendments

Any part of this Section Constitution or Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote by the members of the Board of Managers. The proposed amendment must have been read at a previous regular or called meeting of the Board of Managers.
STATE CIF AND LOS ANGELES CITY SECTION BYLAWS

Article 10 Amendments, Delegates, and Meetings

100 AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS
   A. These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Federated Council by a majority vote.
   B. Reconsideration of Council Action
      In the event action is taken by a majority vote of the Federated Council, and that action is contrary to the
      unanimous vote of 60 percent of the Sections, the action may be reconsidered through the following
      procedures:
      Timeline for Reconsideration
      (1) Reconsider Notification: Within 10 calendar days after the initial vote, the State Office must receive
          notification of intent to ask for reconsideration.
      (2) Written materials to Sections: 30 calendar days after the initial vote, Sections activating the
          reconsideration process must send out materials to all Sections and the State Office.
      (3) The amendment will be returned for a vote at the next Federated Council meeting with a simple
          majority vote needed for passage.
      (4) In the event there is no request for reconsideration within the 10 calendar day timeline or forwarded
          materials to Sections within the 30 calendar day timeline, the amendment will be considered passed.
          (Example of timeline: fall B issues presented for a first reading; winter B discussion, vote and reconsideration if
           necessary; spring B revote, if necessary. In other words, it could take three Federated Council meetings in order
           for an item to be passed once this bylaw is put into effect.)
   C. Upon majority action of the Executive Committee, this bylaw shall be set aside in the event of a need for
      emergency action. In that event, a majority vote shall prevail.
   D. Following adoption of the amendment, the effective date shall be July 1, unless the motion carries a specific
      implementation date (Revised May 2013 Federated Council).

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

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

103. WEIGHTED VOTING
   A. Votes cast at any Federated Council meeting shall be determined according to a weighted voting system.
      CIF Section votes shall be based upon:
      (1) One (1) vote per 0-25 member schools; Plus
      (2) One (1) vote per 0-25,000 students enrolled in the Section.
   B. The Southern Section shall have weighted votes equal to double the second largest Section.
   C. The composition of member schools and enrollment shall be reviewed every year based upon the prior
      year’s CBEDS enrollment and adjusted accordingly.
      (Revised May 2000 Federated Council)
   D. Weighted votes on the Federated Council shall be allocated as follows: Central 11, Central Coast 14, Los
      Angeles 14, North Coast 15, Northern 5, Oakland 2, Sac-Joaquin 18, San Diego 13, San Francisco 2,
The number of votes approved for each Section at the Federated Council will be determined each school year in the spring and any necessary adjustments in the number of votes become effective in the first regular meeting of the following school year.

AGENDAS
A. State agendas will be posted for public inspection at the State Office and each Section Office for at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.
B. Section agendas will be posted for public inspection at the respective Section Office for at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.
C. The State and each Section shall notify media outlets that service its respective area of its schedule of meetings for the year, and the times and locations where its agenda will be posted.

NOTE: In accordance with Section 33353 of the Education Code, meetings of the CIF are subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.). A guide to the conduct of these meetings, written by the CIF General Counsel, can be found on the State CIF web site (www.cifstate.org). This guide applies to State meetings as well as to meetings of the Sections and leagues, but does not apply to State and Section appeal hearings involving student eligibility, Section playoffs or appeal hearings of matters other than student eligibility or Section playoffs, pursuant to Bylaws 1100-1103.

REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH CIF RULE
The membership of any school, league or other subordinate unit of the CIF, which has willfully refused to comply with a rule, policy or principle of the CIF, shall be suspended, thereby denying CIF competition to such school, league or subordinate unit, until the school, league or subordinate unit achieves compliance with the rule, policy or principle. The imposition of the suspension called for in this bylaw may be temporarily suspended at the discretion of the Executive Director provided that the school, league or subordinate unit is (1) making a good faith effort to come into compliance with the rule, policy or principle in question and (2) provides assurances that it will be in full compliance by a certain date which is acceptable to the Executive Director. The membership of any school, league or other subordinate unit of the CIF which has willfully refused to comply with a rule, policy or principle of the CIF, and which fails to undertake efforts to come into compliance, or to come into compliance within a reasonable time after being notified of such non-compliance, shall be revoked (Approved May 2001 Federated Council).

MEMBERSHIP/CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP
Membership in the CIF-Los Angeles City Section consists of those schools within the boundaries of the Los Angeles Unified School District. This includes all public, private, and charter schools that have been granted membership. If membership is granted, a school must be an Associate Member of the CIF-LACS for a minimum of one year prior to applying for full membership status. The first year of full membership will be under probationary status.

QUESTIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS
107-1 All communications, questions, or grievances involving high school interscholastic athletic contests shall be referred to the Board of Managers at least two weeks prior to its meeting, except for emergency circumstances.
107-2 Grievances are to be reported to the principal. The original written communication shall be sent to the Section Commissioner.
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAKING PRESENTATIONS

The following is the protocol to be used for members of the public who desire to make verbal or written presentations to the CIF Los Angeles City Section.

108-1 Members of the public attending the regularly scheduled meeting of the Interscholastic Athletic Committee who wish to address verbally or in writing shall register at the beginning of the meeting stating their full name, address, city, state, zip code, telephone number, organization represented and purpose.

108-2 Persons desiring to make verbal or written presentations shall also indicate the agenda item or other concern(s) to be addressed. The length of the presentation shall not exceed five minutes unless extended by the Chair.
ARTICLE 20
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
(200 series revised: May 2007 Federated Council/May 2012 Federated Council)

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

200. CIF STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC COMPETITION

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

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

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

(1) Philosophy statement (Bylaw 200)
(2) Standards of Eligibility (Bylaw 201)
(3) Accurate Information (Bylaw 202)
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STANDARDS OF ELIGIBILITY

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

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

(1) Enrollment standard required for participation: (Bylaws 201 and 205)

a. Students must be enrolled full-time (minimum 20 units) at the school for which they are competing. (See also Bylaws 205.B.(1)a., 216, 303, 304, 503.C. & 503.G.)

b. Students will be considered enrolled in a school for purposes of participation in interscholastic athletics (205.B) when they have:

   (i) Been entered as a full-time student [20 units or equivalent in a non-traditional program-see also Bylaw 205.B.(1)a. and (ii)] in attendance in classes at that school. OR

   (ii) Participated in a fall sport when the tryouts and/or practices of that team begin before classes at the school begin in the fall. Such a student will be considered to be enrolled during that practice time as long as they have registered for, and are enrolled, as a full-time student for the fall semester of that school year [20 units or equivalent in a non-traditional program; see also Bylaw 205.B.(1)a. and (ii)].

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

A: Because he was not registered or currently scheduled for classes at any school he is not considered to have been on the attendance roll prior to his official enrollment. Official enrollment would begin on the first day he attended classes at the new school.

Q: My son was registered and scheduled in classes, but due to illness did not begin attending until five (5) days after the school year/term began. When does his official enrollment begin?
A: Because he was registered and scheduled in classes, even though he was not attending those classes, his official enrollment begins the first day that he attended classes at that school.

c. For eligibility purposes, students cannot have dual enrollment in two (2) different schools at the same time. During the time a student remains enrolled in their current school but has registered for classes at a new school and/or paid a non-refundable registration fee at a new school, the student will be considered to be enrolled in the former school not the new school. Only at such time as the student has withdrawn from or has completed the courses in which they were enrolled at the former school, is no longer enrolled in any way at the former school and has attended classes at their new school, shall that student be considered as being enrolled in the new school for eligibility purposes. This applies to 8th graders matriculating the following school year to 9th grade in a CIF member school.

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

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

A: Students may not have dual enrollment for eligibility purposes. Students may not have residential eligibility at two (2) different schools at the same time. She is considered enrolled at, and therefore only eligible at, her current school (School A).

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

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

A: No. For eligibility purposes, she is not considered to be enrolled at the new school (School B) since she had not withdrawn from or stopped attending School A and therefore may not participate, practice or compete in any way with their athletic program. If she does, she may be declared to be in violation of Bylaws 207.C.(3) & 510 pre-enrollment contact with the new school (School B) which may jeopardize her athletic eligibility.

e. Students may not practice with or compete for any CIF member school in which they are not enrolled as a full-time student regardless of the sports offerings, or lack thereof, at the school in which they are enrolled.

(2) Enrollment standard establishing a semester of attendance

a. Once a student attends class and is continuously enrolled for 15 school days in the 9th trade, and/or in any classes taken subsequent to the completion of the 8th grade, at any school or has played in an interscholastic athletic contest, the CIF will count that as the student’s first semester of high school eligibility.

Q: Because of family circumstances, we enrolled our daughter in the 9th grade at a school after her completion of the 8th grade. She was unable to attend until a month after school started. Because of this, we waited until the 2nd semester of that year for her to actually start attending classes. When does her eight (8) semesters begin?

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

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

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

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

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

a. Students shall be considered to be a transfer student when:
   (i) The student has attended class at their former school (School A) AND/OR
   (ii) The student has played in an athletic contest for their former school; AND/OR
   (iii) The student has tried out for or practiced with a team prior to the beginning of the school year for five (5) days or more; AND
   (iv) That student withdraws from School A or has completed the courses in which they were enrolled in at School A, so that student is no longer enrolled in any way at School A; AND
   (v) That student enrolls as a full-time student in a new school (School B); THEN that student shall be determined to be enrolled in and having transferred to School B if all conditions of 201.A.(1) above are met.

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

c. For eligibility purposes, students cannot have dual enrollment in two (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.
d. No one associated with the athletic program at the new school may perpetrate any violation of Bylaw 510 or have inappropriate pre-enrollment contact as outlined in Bylaw 207.B or 510 prior to their enrollment in the new school as defined herein.

**Q: What if my child is on a “waitlist” to attend School B, but is not accepted until after the school year has begun and began attending School A?**

**A:** The Section may grant an exception, but **must have written documentation** that the student was placed on the “waitlist” at School B prior to the start of the school year beginning and their attendance at School A. The student will not be eligible for an exemption if they participated in any contests at School A.

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

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

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

**A:** Because a graduate of a junior high/middle school may enter any high school in California and may be residentially eligible in accordance with all CIF rules, contact by senior high school representatives is regulated. Individual coaches cannot visit or initiate contact with junior high/middle school students, but it would be permissible for the school administrator or athletic director (not the coach) of a senior high school to visit the junior high/middle school campus for the purpose of informing students of the total athletic program at the senior high school.

However, it is legal on a school day for a high school coach to be part of a total open house and/or school orientation (academics, activities, but not athletics by itself) where a student is part of a general gathering of students on the high school campus and such activity has the approval of the high school and junior high/middle or elementary school principal.

b. 8th graders who have not graduated from the 8th grade may not participate in any athletic meetings conducted by any high school coach that is not part of a school-wide high school presentation. The student may not practice or compete in any contest at any high school, even if they have registered for classes and/or paid a non-refundable registration fee, until they have graduated from the 8th grade.

c. Contact between coaches (and others associated with the athletic program) and students or their parents during summer activity conducted by a CIF member school, shall not be considered pre-enrollment contact requiring disclosure, if the student has, previous to that summer, registered for classes at the CIF member school and, in the case of a private school, also paid a non-refundable registration fee and has officially withdrawn from the previous school as long as the contact does not occur prior to the conclusion of the student’s former school’s year end. Such contact is not required to be disclosed. All other contact not covered in this circumstance between coaches (and others associated with the athletic program) and students or their parents must be disclosed as required in Bylaws 206, 207 and 510.

(5) **Enrollment of Students in Schools with Multi-School/Campus Agreements**

Enrollment of students in a school with an existing multi-school/campus agreement may be residentially eligible only as provided in Bylaws 302, 303 and 304. (See Related Bylaw 301 – Home Study/Home Schooling)

(Revised April 2016 Federated Council)
202. ACCURATE INFORMATION
A. The CIF requires that all information provided in regard to any aspect of the eligibility of a student must be true, correct, accurate, complete and/or not false or fraudulent.
B. Penalty for Providing Incorrect, Inaccurate, Incomplete or False or Fraudulent Information
   (1) If it is discovered that any parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver or student has provided incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information in regards to any aspect of eligibility status on behalf of a student, that student is subject to immediate ineligibility for CIF competition at any level in any sport for a period of up to 24 calendar months from the date the determination was made that incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information was provided.
   (2) If it is discovered that persons associated with the student or the school [coaches, teachers, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, friends, etc.] provided incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information in order to fraudulently gain favorable eligibility status for a student, that student is subject to immediate ineligibility for competition at any Section member school at any level in any sport for a period of up to 24 calendar months from the determination that incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information was provided whether the student was aware of the fraudulent information or not.
(Révised October 2001 Federated Council)
   (3) Any contests in which a student or students participated based on incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information or fraudulent practices regarding eligibility status shall be forfeited according to the guidelines set in accord to the rules of the Section.
   (4) Teams
      a. If it is determined that someone associated with a school (including, but not limited to, a coach) knowingly participates in either providing incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information or using fraud or knowingly allows others to do so, in order for a team to meet qualification standards in any event, that team will be subject to immediate ineligibility for further competition in that sport that season.
      b. Any contest in which that team has participated based on incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information or fraud shall be forfeited according to the guidelines of the Section or the State CIF.
   (5) School Personnel Involvement
      If any school personnel (including but not limited to a coach) knowingly participates in either providing incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information or allowing others to provide incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete or false information in order to gain favorable eligibility status for a student, or team information to meet qualification standards for participation in any contest including playoffs or championships, sanctions may be imposed on the school including but not limited to: probationary status, prohibitions against playoff participation, forfeitures, revoking of CIF or Section membership, etc.
   (6) Assumed Name
      In addition to any sanctions or penalties arising from the provisions above, a student shall become ineligible for CIF competition in their respective sport for competing in CIF competition under an assumed name.

203. AGE REQUIREMENT
A student whose 19th birthday is attained prior to June 15 shall not participate or practice on any team in the following school year. A student whose 19th birthday is on or before June 14 is ineligible. Each Section may waive this provision so long as criteria for such a waiver shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
A. Such a waiver would not grant more than four (4) years [eight (8) semesters] of eligibility; AND
B. Such a waiver would not grant more than four (4) years of participation in any sport; AND
C. That a hardship exists which, in the judgment of the Section, requires a waiver. Hardship is defined in Bylaw 213; AND
D. A decision to deny such a waiver by the Section Commissioner may be appealed only to the Section and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Bylaw 1101.

204. **EIGHT (8) CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS REQUIREMENT** - See also 201.A(2)

A. **Definition of a Semester of Attendance**
Once a student attends a class and is continuously enrolled for 15 school days in the 9th grade, and/or has taken classes subsequent to the completion of the 8th grade, at any school or has played in an interscholastic athletic contest, the CIF will count that as the student’s first semester of high school eligibility.
(Revised January 2016 Federated Council)

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

Q: My daughter suffered a serious knee injury causing her to miss the entire volleyball season in her junior year. May I request a waiver of the limitation of eight consecutive semesters of eligibility?
A: No. An injury is not a reason for granting a waiver of this rule.

C. **Section Waivers**

(1) **Waiving Semester Limitation**
Each Section may, at its discretion, establish rules and procedures for waiving the limitation on eight (8) semesters of eligibility, providing:

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

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

a. Other than C.(1) above, relief under this rule may only be granted when the conditions set forth in Bylaw 204.C.(2)b. below are found to be present. Any other past rationales or basis for relief under this Bylaw are invalidated.
(Approved May 2001 Federated Council)
b. Each Section may waive the charge of one (1) or more of the eight (8) consecutive semesters of eligibility for athletic competition due to a hardship condition that causes the student’s absence from school or to extend the student’s attendance in school beyond eight (8) consecutive semesters, provided:
That a hardship condition exists that, in the judgment of the Section, warrants a waiver. Hardship is defined in Bylaw 213; AND

The hardship caused the student to remain out of school for more than half of any semester during his/her high school career; OR

The hardship is the direct and sole cause of the student extending his/her attendance beyond eight (8) consecutive semesters even though the student was in attendance for those eight (8) consecutive semesters. Further, the student’s extension of his/her attendance beyond eight (8) semesters has no athletic motivation; AND

That the student was eligible under all rules in the semester immediately prior to either his/her absence or the onset of the hardship condition that is the direct and sole cause for extending his/her attendance beyond eight (8) semesters; AND or the student is or was homeless or in foster care, and his/her status as a foster or homeless youth is the sole and direct cause for seeking a waiver of the charge of a semester of attendance and the student meets all other eligibility requirements unrelated to his/her status as a foster or homeless youth; AND (Revised April 2016 Federated Council)

Such a waiver would not grant more than four (4) years of participation in any sport; (See Bylaw 504.K. and 504.L.); AND

Hardship applications may not be submitted prior to the conclusion of the student’s 7th semester in high school.

All other eligibility requirements apply.

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

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

205. SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY

A. Initial Scholastic Eligibility

In order to be eligible, any student entering from the 8th grade into a CIF four (4)-year high school, a junior high or a junior high under the provisions of Bylaw 303, must have achieved an unweighted 2.0 grade-point average, on a 4.0 scale, in enrolled courses at the conclusion of the previous grading period.

1. Probationary Period

The governing board of each school district, private school, or parochial school may adopt, as part of its policy, provisions that would allow a student who does not achieve the above requirement in the previous grading period to remain eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics during a probationary period. The probationary period shall not exceed one (1) semester in length, but may be for a shorter period of time, as determined by the governing board of the school district, private school, or parochial school. A student who does not meet the above requirements during the probationary period shall not be allowed to participate in interscholastic athletics in the subsequent grading period. For the purpose of determining the maximum length of a semester, the measure shall be the maximum number of days comprising a semester as used in that school during the year in question.

B. Continuing Scholastic Eligibility

1. Minimum Requirements

A student is scholastically eligible if:

a. The student achieved an unweighted 2.0 grade-point average, on a 4.0 scale, in enrolled courses at the conclusion of the previous grading period.
b. The student is currently enrolled in at least 20 semester credits of work;
   (i) Non-Traditional Programs
   In schools where other than traditional semester programs are offered, the principal of each individual school shall be responsible for determining the equivalent of 20 semester credits of work.
   (ii) Accelerated Programs
   Students studying on an accelerated program that includes one (1) or more advanced (either high school or college) courses while enrolled in high school may substitute enrollment and passing grades in these courses for one (1) or more required 20 semester credits of work; evaluation of these courses is to be done by the high school principal.

c. The student was passing in the equivalent of at least 20 semester credits of work at the completion of the most recent grading period;

d. The student is maintaining minimum progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements as prescribed by the governing board;

(2) Probationary Period
The governing board of each school district, private school, or parochial school may adopt, as part of its policy, provisions that would allow a student who does not achieve educational progress in items “d.” or “e.” above in the previous grading period to remain eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics during a probationary period. The probationary period shall not exceed one (1) semester in length, but may be for a shorter period of time as determined by the governing board of the school district, private school, or parochial school. A student who does not achieve educational progress as defined in items “d.” or “e.” during the probationary period shall not be allowed to participate in interscholastic athletics in the subsequent grading period. For the purpose of determining the maximum length of a semester, the measure should be the maximum as used in that school.

(3) Grading Period
The grading period is that time when all students in a school are graded. If two (2) grades are given at the end of a grading period, scholastic eligibility shall be established according to the grade issued for credit.
   a. Schools or districts or leagues or Sections must establish an eligibility date following the immediately previous grading period in compliance with their respective CIF Section Policy. This is the date on which all students become eligible and ineligible based on their officially posted grades in the immediately previous grading period.
   b. Grades cannot be changed following the grading period for purposes of addressing any deficiency in an individual student’s scholastic eligibility.
   c. Only grades changed prior to the established eligibility date and changed in accordance with all California State Education Code requirements and approved by the principal may be used for purposes of determining scholastic eligibility.
   d. Incomplete Grades
   A grade(s) of “Incomplete” shall not be considered a passing grade under this Bylaw unless, by operation of a school grading policy, “Incomplete” grade shall become a passing letter or (numeric) grade without further achievement or accomplishment by a student, at a certain time. When an “Incomplete” grade is issued which does not automatically become a passing grade, as indicated immediately above, such “Incomplete” grade shall not satisfy the requirement of this Bylaw until academic deficiency which gave rise to such “Incomplete” grade shall have been satisfied and a
passing grade has been substituted for the “Incomplete” grade. Upon such substitution, the substituted grade shall be considered in determining scholastic eligibility as established by evaluation of previous grading period grades and the substituted grade. A scholastically ineligible student may become immediately scholastically eligible upon such evaluation.

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

f. **Summer School Credits**
Summer school credits shall be counted toward making up scholastic deficiencies incurred in the grading period (semester) immediately preceding. Summer school courses failed shall not impair an athlete’s scholastic eligibility achieved in the semester immediately preceding. A course taken by contract or independent study during the summer must meet the following four (4) criteria:

(i) The course(s) must be approved by the local board of trustees as a valid part of the district’s school program;
(ii) The student receives a passing grade in the courses taken;
(iii) The personnel providing the instruction and course supervision are approved by the board of trustees;
(iv) The school credit is recorded on the student’s transcript.

g. **Scholastic Eligibility for Students in Non-Traditional Programs**
In schools operating on other than the traditional program (i.e., for schools such as those with a modular or flexible scheduling, special programs for the physically-disabled, or continuous progress programs) the principal shall certify on the established eligibility date to the scholastic eligibility of each student based upon satisfactory progress in accordance with the standards defined above. Students may apply college course units to satisfy the 20 semester credits of work requirement and the grade point average requirement. Students who are eligible for differential standards of proficiency pursuant to Section 51412 of the Education Code are covered by that Section.

**NOTE:** For crediting purposes the grading period closes with the last day of school in the given grading period. In determining eligibility, one (1) grading period does not end until the next one begins.

C. **Waiver of the Requirement of Passing 20 Semester Credits of Work**
Each Section may waive the requirement of passing in 20 semester credits of work during the regular school grading period immediately preceding that of competition, provided:

1. Serious illness, injury or attendance in special schools (as referenced in Education Code Sections 59000 et seq. and 59100 et seq.) prevents the student from meeting one (1) or more of these requirements; OR
2. The student has been traveling abroad with the consent of the student’s parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and circumstances prevented further school attendance; OR
3. The student is returning from an American abroad school attendance program; OR
4. The student is returning from school attendance abroad because of a valid change of residency by the student’s parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver; OR
5. The student is required to remain out of a U.S. school because of exceptional hardship, (See Bylaw 213 for definition of hardship); AND
6. That the student was eligible under all rules in the semester immediately prior to his/her absence; AND
7. All other rules such as age and number of seasons of sport shall apply.
A decision to deny such a waiver by the Section Commissioner may be appealed only to the Section and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Bylaw 1101.

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 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.

(4) 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:

1. The original residence must be abandoned as a residence by the immediate family. The new school is responsible for validating this fact; AND

2. 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

3. 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.
4. 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.
- 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 attended class at their former school (School A);
         (Revised April 2016 Federated Council)
         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)]

(Revised April 2016 Federated Council)

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

- Evidence of parental or student dissatisfaction with a coach or a coaching decision at the former school.
- Evidence the student’s move would result in the assurance the student would gain varsity participation at the new school or result in more playing time.
- A move to a school by the student that is believed (objectively or subjectively) to be more competitive or athletically “visible”.
- A demonstrated move or transfer that is prompted by association with club programs or outside agencies that use the facilities of the new school.
- A demonstrated move or transfer to a school with which the student has had an athletic association.
- A move or transfer to a school by a student who is associated with outside agencies that use the facilities or personnel at the new school of attendance.
- The preponderance of credible evidence the move was not made in good faith to secure greater educational advantage for the student.

The standard applied to the evidence of “athletic motivation” is that which is associated with a student move or transfer proffered to a hearing officer or Section Commissioner is that which a responsible person acting in a thoughtful manner would judge be with “athletic motivation.”

B. CIF Transfer Rule

All students transferring at any time during their enrollment in high school to a CIF member school after their initial enrollment in the 9th grade in any school (referred to as Former School or School A) shall have their eligibility determination made in compliance with the following 207.B. 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 which the CIF Section Commissioner shall render in writing within twenty (20) business days of receipt unless a shorter timeframe has been so designated. 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.) (Revised January 2016 Federated Council)

(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 determinations and exceptions.

(4) **Foreign Transfers Not in a CIF-Approved Foreign Exchange Program** (referred herein as Foreign Transfers)
Students who transfer to a CIF Member school (described as New School or School B) from:

- Any school (described as Former School or School A) which is located outside of the United States, a U.S. Territory, U. S. Military Base or Canada; AND
- Who are not enrolled in the CIF member school under the auspices of a CIF-approved foreign exchange program; AND
- Who meet all other requirements for eligibility in Bylaws.
THEN they may be granted unlimited residential eligibility in all sports at all levels at the new school except:

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

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

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

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

In Addition, Such Foreign Transfers Must:

- Possess a valid visa, allowing them to attend school, issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service or be a U.S. citizen who has been attending the equivalent of a United States high school secondary educational program outside of the United States; AND
- Provide to the principal of the school he/she attends an official un-translated transcript and a transcript that is translated into English, by an agency acceptable to the Section from the National Association of Credential Evaluation Service (NACES) membership, which indicates work taken in all grades in which the student was enrolled; the grade level equivalent in the United States as if the international student had completed all courses attempted satisfactorily; and the California grade-point average equivalent; AND
- If required, the foreign transfer student must pay tuition to the school/school district he/she attends as prescribed in Education Code Section 48052 et seq.; AND
- Be subject to the maximum of eight (8) consecutive semesters Bylaw 204; AND
- Be subject to the age requirement Bylaw 203; AND
- Not have graduated from high school. If they should have graduated, or have completed the equivalent coursework for graduation from high school/secondary school, the student is ineligible to participate in CIF competition; AND
- Not have the school’s coaching staff, paid or voluntary, serve as the resident family for the foreign transfer student.

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

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 “gain” academic probation at the new school to fulfill this requirement if not available at prior school; 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
  - 2016: October 3
  - 2017: October 2

*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
  - 2017: January 2
  - 2018: January 1

- **Spring Sports**: The Monday of the NFHS week 40
  - 2017: April 3
  - 2018: April 2
• 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 “gain” academic probation at the new school to fulfill this requirement if not available at prior school; 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 or Homeless Children**

A student who: (1) is 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, OR (2) is homeless as defined by 42 U.S.C. § 11302; shall be determined to be residentially eligible for unlimited participation in interscholastic athletics provided all other CIF rules and regulations are met. Under circumstance (1), 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. Under circumstance (2), a determination by a Local Education Agency that the student meets the definition of homeless shall be acceptable, provided all other CIF rules and regulations are met. A subsequent transfer of schools by a homeless student while continuing to reside in the same residence/locale where the LEA declared the student "homeless" is subject to the transfer provisions of Bylaw 207. Section Commissioners shall render eligibility determinations for foster children and homeless children within fifteen (15) business days of receipt.

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(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).

(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. A forfeiture of all games in which the student participated; AND/OR
b. Disqualification from playoff and championship competition for all seasons in which the
student is a member of the school’s team. (A student shall be considered a member of
the school’s team if he or she participated in any aspect of an interscholastic contest, no
matter how brief such participation may have been); AND/OR
c. Divestment from the school of all trophies, banners and other indicia of athletic success
obtained while the student was a member of the school’s team.

(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:
   a. The program has been accepted for listing by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET); AND
   b. The program has submitted a signed CIF Foreign Exchange Program Approval Request Form:
      a. Stating that their placement procedures for foreign exchange students are purely random with respect to athletic participation and school placement; AND
      b. Stating that there shall be no school, coach, community, relative or friend contact related to athletics regarding the enrollment of any student in a particular school; AND
      c. Has been approved by the CIF; AND
      d. The program has been recognized by the U.S. State Department and the California Attorneys’ General Office, and the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET); AND
      e. Any CIF-approved foreign exchange program that fails to fulfill the State CIF conditions for exempt status shall be subject to immediate suspension of its exempt status and subject to permanent loss of its exempt status after due process has been fulfilled. All approved programs will be posted on the State CIF website *[www.cifstate.org]*

**NOTE:** Only foreign exchange programs registered with the California Attorneys General Office and the U.S. State Department may place foreign exchange students in a California School (Government Code Section 12620 et seq.). The CIF-approved list of programs posted on the CIF website, reflects the programs approved by CIF that are also registered with the California Attorneys General Office, the U.S. State Department, and the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). No other exchange programs will be recognized by the CIF as approved exchange programs for 2016-17.

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

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

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

(5) A foreign exchange student involved in an approved foreign exchange program where placement is not in accordance with State CIF conditions for exempt status is subject to loss of his/her residential eligibility (waiver of the transfer rule); AND

(6) A foreign exchange student must possess a current 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 attended a class 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.

(Revised April 2016 Federated Council)

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.

209. DISCIPLINE, EXPULSION AND TRANSFER FOR DISCIPLINARY REASONS
A. Expulsion
A student who is expelled by a public school district in the State of California pursuant to the provisions of Education Code Section 48900 et seq., or from a public school from any other State, or any private or parochial school or district, shall be ineligible to practice or compete with any CIF team or individual sport program that is under the jurisdiction of the CIF for the period of the expulsion.

B. Suspended Expulsion
A student who has been expelled and has the expulsion suspended by the school board or board of directors and remains at his/her current school may be eligible so long as all other CIF and Section requirements are met. The conditions under which this student may be eligible will be determined by the local school board or board of directors. If the student is deemed eligible to participate, the conditions of his/her eligibility must be sent to the appropriate Section office.

C. Disciplinary Transfer
(1) If a student transfers from any public or private school when a disciplinary action is in place or pending that contributes in any way to the decision to transfer, that student shall be ineligible for competition in all sports for one (1) year from the date of the transfer to the new school.

(2) A student, permitted by the principal to return to the school compelling the disciplinary transfer, may be granted unrestricted athletic eligibility by the Section if the student did not participate in any athletic program at the transfer school; compete for the transfer school; and, at the time of the transfer, conditions for return were established by the school administration that include, but are not limited to:
   a. Satisfactory attendance criteria; AND
   b. Applicable behavior standards; AND
   c. Academic performance standards; AND
   d. Principal’s approval of the return based upon documented evidence provided by the transfer school that the student satisfactorily complied with all conditions for return.
(May 1997 Federated Council/Revised May 2003 Federated Council/Revised May 2005 Federated Council)

210. PHYSICAL ASSAULT
A. Student
Any student who physically assaults the person of a game or event official shall be banned from
interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the student’s eligibility. A game or event official is defined as a referee, umpire or any other official assigned to interpret or enforce rules of competition at an event or contest. A student may, after a lapse of 18 calendar months from the date of incident, apply for reinstatement of eligibility to the CIF State Executive Director.

B. **Coach**

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

**NOTE:** Definition of a Physical Assault: A physical assault is the intentional infliction of or an attempt to inflict a harmful or offensive touching or contact upon the person of an official. Note that the rule is violated even if no contact is made with the person of an official. Such conduct shall include verbal threats and/or intimidation either or before, during or after the contest. All that is required is the “attempt.” However, the act constituting the attempt must be accompanied by a specific intent, which may be inferred from the circumstances and nature of the act, to inflict a harmful or offensive touching contact of the official’s person. (Approved May 2009 Federated Council)

211. **CONTINUATION SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY**

A. **Current Eligibility**

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

B. **Transfer Eligibility**

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

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

a. **Probationary Period**

The governing board of each school district, private school, or parochial school may adopt, as part of its policy, provisions that would allow a student who does not achieve educational progress in items (3) or (4) above in the previous grading period to remain eligible to participate in interscholastic activities during a probationary period. The probationary period shall not exceed one (1) semester in length, but may be for a shorter period of time as determined by the governing board of the school district, private school, or parochial school. A student who does not achieve educational progress, as defined in items (3) or (4), during the probationary period shall not be allowed to participate in interscholastic athletics in the subsequent grading period. For the purpose
of determining the maximum length of a semester, the measure should be the maximum as used in that school.

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

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

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

(Approved May 2003 Federated Council)

212. AMATEUR STATUS

A. CIF Sponsored Competition

A student is governed by CIF amateur rules when the student participates in CIF competition. A student who violates CIF amateur or award rules shall be ineligible for CIF competition in that sport until appeal and reinstatement as an amateur by the CIF Federated Council. A student may apply to the CIF Federated Council for reinstatement when the student can again qualify as an amateur in that sport.

B. Reinstatement of Amateur Status

A student will become ineligible for CIF competition in a given sport if the student is determined to be a professional by the national sports governing body (NSGB) for the sport in question. A student may apply for reinstatement of his/her amateur status through the Section in which the student competes. Any request for reinstatement must include a statement from the NSGB for the sport in question that the student’s amateur status has been reinstated by the appropriate NSGB.

C. Violations in CIF-Sponsored Competition

A student shall become ineligible for CIF competition in the respective sport and shall be penalized according to A. and B. above for the following violations related to CIF competition: (*See caution below)

(1) Receiving, from any and all sources, athletic awards totaling more than $250.00 in value for:
   a. Accomplishments in any regular season CIF high school competition event;

   NOTE: Typical examples of “regular season CIF high school competition event” include, but are not limited to, any league or non-league dual contest and invitational tournament held prior to any season-culminating league, Section, Region and/or State Playoff competition.

   b. A recognition award program, such as “Player of the Week”/“Month,” for any regular season CIF high school competition.

(2) Receiving, from any and all sources, athletic awards totaling more than $500.00 in value for any post-regular season CIF high school competition or recognition program;

   NOTE: For purposes of this Bylaw only, league, Section, Region and State Playoff competition is considered to be one (1) continuous event.

   NOTE: The dollar value of an award, exclusive of engraving, shall be determined by the following criteria:

   a. The retail price paid by the last purchaser in the acquisition of the award;
b. When the host school or league purchases the award, the retail price paid by the host school or league;

c. When the award is donated by another entity, the retail price paid by or cost to that entity.

(3) Wearing a school team uniform or any identifying school insignia while appearing in any advertisement, promotional activity or endorsement for any commercial product or service;

(4) Lending his/her name and team affiliation for purposes of commercial endorsement. Any appearances by students for nonprofit organizations must be approved by the Board of Trustees concerned. This provision is not intended to restrict the right of any student to participate in a commercial endorsement provided there is no school team or school affiliation;

(5) Accepting payment for loss of time or wages while participating in CIF competition;

(6) Receiving payment for coaching a team in CIF competition.

*CAUTION*: Compliance with these Bylaws does not ensure maintenance of eligibility under the eligibility standards of other athletic organizations (e.g. NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA, CCCAA and National Sports Governing Body, etc.). Students desiring information on the amateur rules of other organizations must communicate with the respective organization.

(Revised May 2004 Executive Committee/Revised May 2009 Federated Council)

213. **HARDSHIP WAIVERS OTHER THAN TRANSFER**

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

Applications to waive the following Bylaws must be submitted to the CIF Section for an eligibility determination, which the CIF Section Commissioner shall render in writing within twenty (20) business days of receipt. Section Commissioners shall render eligibility determinations for foster children and homeless children within fifteen (15) business days of receipt.

(Revised April 2016 Federated Council)

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

214. **POST-INJUNCTION REMEDIES**

If a student-athlete, who is ineligible under the terms of the Constitution, Bylaws or other legislation of the California Interscholastic Federation, is permitted to participate in interscholastic competition contrary to such CIF legislation, but in accordance with the terms of a court restraining order, stay, or injunction operative against the CIF and injunction is subsequently voluntarily vacated, stayed, reversed or finally determined by the courts that injunctive relief is not or was not justified, the CIF or its Sections, may take any one or more of the following actions against the school in the interest of restitution and fairness to competing schools:

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

215. INTERCOLLEGIATE PARTICIPATION
A student who participates in an intercollegiate athletic contest prior to the completion of his/her eight (8) consecutive semesters of high school eligibility shall be ineligible for high school participation in that sport for the duration of the student’s high school enrollment.

(Approved February 2003 Federated Council)

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

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

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

(4) Is within four (4) years of the student’s first entry into the 9th grade.

(Revised May 2003 Federated Council)

217 ATTENDANCE ON DAY OF CONTEST
To be eligible for any athletic contest, a student must be in attendance in an authorized program for which credit is received for at least two class hours on the day of the contest, exclusive of the lunch hour and the athletic period. Exceptions may be made by principals in cases of deaths in families, court orders, or other extreme emergencies. Prior approval must be received by coach and student (Off track athletes on year-round schedule would be exempt from this rule.)

218 CITIZENSHIP
(A) Participation in athletics is regarded as a privilege, not as a right. A student meets citizenship requirements by maintaining high standards of citizenship within the school and community.

(B) Citizenship requirements for athletic eligibility will be determined by each local high school, but in no case will these requirements be different for boys than for girls.

219 JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS
Middle or junior high school students may not participate or practice with a senior high school team unless legally enrolled in grade nine of that school.

219-1 Official athletic eligibility enrollment guidelines for matriculating and transfer students. Any pre-enrollment contact between a coach and anyone associated with the school, and a newly enrolled student may be subject to CIF bylaws regarding transfer eligibility and/or undue influence. As per CIF Rule 207 B. (5) c., a transfer of a student from his or her current school of attendance to any high school wherein the student participates 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, 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 that the student enrolled in that school in whole or in part for athletic reasons. When a prima facie 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 calendar year from the date of the student’s enrollment in the new school unless sufficient proof is presented to the satisfaction of the CIF Section Commissioner that rebuts or disproves the evidence of undue influence/recruiting for athletic reasons. (See rules 207 and 143/510 for further clarification.)

In the CIF Los Angeles City Section, official enrollment is considered to be in place when the following process has been completed:

A. Any student who transfers from one high school to another, must obtain a Pupil Accounting Report (PAR) (or similar document if out of LAUSD) which indicates the next school of attendance.

B. Any student who matriculates from a middle school in LAUSD must be listed in the high school’s computer OR, in the case of Open Enrollment or Charter School, must show a letter of acceptance from the receiving school, or be listed for acceptance at the receiving school.

C. Students in middle schools may only have contact with coaches from the student’s high school of residence and are not considered enrolled at any other high school until the above enrollment provisions are met. (Refer to CIF Bylaw 510) for additional information.

Note: When School Administrators and/or Counselors offer general information at middle school articulation sessions in conjunction with other school personnel, any personal contact by the high school coach with middle school students must be limited only to those students who are scheduled to
matriculate to that high school. At no time may any school personnel induce a student (including middle school students) to attend any particular high school.

220 PARTICIPATION BY AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER
An ineligible player is one who is in violation of any state or section academic, residence, transfer or other eligibility rule(s) that would result in continuing ineligibility.
(A) Violations discovered that were caused by fraudulent, deceptive, or wrongful means attributed to the player, parents or coaching staff that occur during practice non-league and league contests shall result in the forfeiture of all contest that the ineligible student participated in while determined to be ineligible, in addition to the student’s disqualification from all branches of interscholastic athletics participation during the current season of sport and games in which the student participated after the occurrence of the violation shall be forfeited. Note: In team Tennis, participation by an ineligible player would cause the forfeiture of the entire match.
(B) If the ineligible player is discovered prior to the Seeding Meeting for that sport, and as a result, the school has had to forfeit the majority of its league games, that team will not advance to the playoffs.
(C) After seeding has taken place, for any team that is discovered to have used an ineligible player prior to the playoffs, the team will remain in the playoffs, the ineligible player will be removed, and the team will be restricted from participation in the playoffs for the following year.
(D) Added for clarification: If an ineligible player is found to have played in a playoff contest, that contest will be declared a forfeit. The ineligible team or individual will not advance. Rather, the offending team’s or individual’s opponent will advance in the playoffs. If the violation is discovered after the playoffs, any victories will be forfeited, any awards will be returned, and no championship will be credited to that team or individual.
(E) If an ineligible player is allowed to participate due to lack of administrative oversight, and was proven not as a result of player, parent, and/or coach’s fraudulent, deceptive, or wrongful means, the contest in which the player has participated shall be forfeited and the Commissioner will have the authority to determine if an appeal will be heard to reduce the player’s penalty. Possible reductions of penalty shall be disqualification from participation in double the amount of contest that the player participated in while he was ineligible.

221 REPORTS OF INELIGIBILITY
When it is noted by any individual that eligibility rules are being violated, that person is obligated to report the violation to an administrator at the school immediately. The complaining school should forward a completed Complaint Form and all supporting documents to the principal of the school with the alleged violation and to the Office of the Section Commissioner within ten school days of the date the Complainant believes the violation occurred. If the Complaint Form alleges an eligibility violation, the principal of the responding school must immediately send a copy of the Complaint Form to the student and parent/guardian. The responding school has ten school days from receipt of the Complaint Form to file a response to the complaint with the complaining school and the Office of the Section Commissioner. If the two schools cannot come to resolution within five school days of receipt of the response, the dispute will be handled by the Section Commissioner.

222 RESTRICTIONS ON AN INELIGIBLE ATHLETE
An ineligible athlete may not:
(A) Participate in any practice after the end of the final class period of the regular school day;
   Note: A student who transfers under the provisions of CIF Bylaw 207 Transfer Eligibility, and is not eligible to participate in competition at the new school, will be allowed to participate in practice, but will not be able to participate in any contest until the provisions of the transfer have been met. All other CIF and Section rules still apply, i.e., academic eligibility, maximum semesters, age limit, etc.
(B) Be in uniform;
(C) Travel and/or sit with the team during the game or be on the sidelines as a participant;
Compete as a representative of the school in any CIF contest. In CIF competition, no person shall be permitted to participate as an unattached athlete or an unofficial athlete.

**Note:** This includes tournaments and practice games.

**Note:** The intent of 222 is that no student who is academically ineligible, or who has become ineligible due to willfully violating an eligibility rule, will be able to assist a team in any capacity, i.e., manager, stat person, volunteer assistant, etc.

223 **STUDENT ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION CLEARANCE**

The following is a list of items that all athletes must submit to the local school before participating in any athletic practice or contest:

A. Interim Health History Card and approved annual Physical Examination clearance.
B. Proof of Medical Insurance which meets standards as required by the California Education Code; Copy of Insurance Card with policy number or verification from the insurance company is required.
C. Athletic Record Card
D. Emergency Information Card
E. Acknowledgment of Risk Warning and Consent Form
F. Concussion notification form
G. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information Sheet
H. Player Code of Conduct
I. Steroid Prohibition Use Form
J. Photo release form
K. Evidence of Academic Eligibility (Individual Report Card or SIS Documentation)
L. Any paperwork associated with a transfer (if applicable)

Individual schools may have requirements in addition to those listed above. All athletes are to be considered ineligible until all of the above paperwork has been reviewed and verified.

224 **EMERGENCY CARDS**

Student emergency cards must be immediately available at all practices and during all athletic contests. All cards must be entirely completed and signed, with name of insurance carrier listed.
ARTICLE 30    SCHOOL REGULATIONS

300. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

B. Team Designations
Schools shall designate the type of team for each sport according to the following:
(1) Student Team
Whenever the school provides only a team or teams for boys in a particular sport, girls are
permitted to qualify for the student team(s).

(2) Boys Team
Whenever the school provides a team or teams for boys and a team or teams for girls in the same
sport, girls shall not be permitted to qualify for the boys team(s) in that sport, nor shall boys be
permitted to qualify for the girls team(s) in that sport.

(3) Girls Team
Whenever the school provides only a team or teams for girls in a particular sport, boys shall not
be permitted to qualify for the girls team in that sport unless opportunities in the total sports
program for boys in the school have been limited in comparison to the total sports program for
the girls in that school. Permission for boys to qualify for a girls’ team must be secured through
petition by the school principal to the State CIF Federated Council.

(4) Mixed Team (Co-ed)
Whenever the school provides a mixed or coed team in a sport in which the game rules designate
either a certain number of team participants from each sex or contains an event that designates a
certain number of participants from each sex, boys shall not be permitted to qualify for the girls
positions on the mixed team nor shall girls be permitted to qualify for the boys positions on the
mixed team.

C. Limitations
If a boys’ team is created in a sport after a boy has competed on a student team [See (3) above] that boy
must compete on the boy’s team in that sport. If a girls’ team is created in a sport after a girl has
competed on a boys’ team or student team [See (2) above] in that sport, that girl must compete on the
girl’s team.
(Approved May 1997 Federated Council)

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

NOTE: The student’s school may make the initial determination whether a student may participate in
interscholastic athletics in a gender that does not match the gender assigned to him or her at birth.
(300.D. Approved February 2013 Federated Council)
### HOME STUDY, HOME SCHOOLING

Students who are not enrolled in programs under the jurisdiction of a member school’s governing body are not eligible to participate in CIF competition. Such programs would include, but not be limited to, home schooling or home study wherein parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, or other persons, are responsible for instruction and evaluation. (Adopted February 2000 Federated Council/Revised May 2002 Federated Council)

### INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM

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

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

1. A student’s registration is accepted by the local school board; AND
2. The courses taken by the student meet the standards adopted by the local school board and Education Code Section 51745 et seq.; AND
3. The administrative responsibility for the student involved in athletics would rest with the principal of the school for which the student is competing; AND
4. The student meets all other eligibility requirements of the CIF and its member sections; AND
5. For the purposes of determining dues, legal and liability assessments, realignment issues and CIF State and Section divisional placement, the enrollment figures for non-CIF member school/program students residing in the CIF member school’s attendance area must be included in the CIF member school’s CBEDS enrollment figures.

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

**Q: Can a student involved in independent study participate in interscholastic athletics?**

**A:** Yes, however that participation is subject to certain conditions. In order to be considered Independent Study, the program must exhibit the following characteristics:

1. The program must be subject to the administration at that school for which the student participates;
2. The local school governing body must approve/adopt the curriculum provided to the student;
3. The curriculum must meet CDE minimum standards for graduation;
4. A member of that school’s teaching staff must perform teaching/administering the curriculum;
5. A member of that school’s teaching staff must perform testing and grading of the student’s progress;
6. The student’s grades and performance are recorded on the school’s transcripts;
7. The student must be enrolled in a minimum of 20 semester credits of work;

All of the above characteristics must be present for the student to have eligibility to participate in a CIF member school.

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

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

**A:** All students participating in CIF interscholastic competition are certified by the principal of the school to be eligible under all applicable standards. Students must meet minimum standards of academic eligibility, minimum credits per semester and must be making adequate progress towards graduation. Programs outside the purview of a school governing board and local school administration are unable to provide the necessary certification to ensure that all students met minimal academic requirements.
Q: What is meant by “home-schooled?”
A: Any program or instruction administered by a person other than a member of a school staff that is not approved and/or adopted by a local governing body. Any such program that has an affiliation with a school, but is not administered by members of that school’s staff (meaning paid teaching staff) is considered a home-school program; students in home-school programs are not eligible for CIF interscholastic competition under Bylaw 301.

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303. MULTI-SCHOOL CIF MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

(2) The administrative responsibility for all students involved in athletics shall rest with the principal of the CIF member school for which the student(s) is competing. Such responsibility shall include:
   a. Verification that residential eligibility of the student(s) is limited to the public school in whose attendance area his/her parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver reside; or where the student most recently established his/her residential eligibility or a private school; AND
   b. Verification that students participating in the athletic program meet all the CIF member school scholastic eligibility requirements; AND
c. The regular grading period of the CIF member school shall be used to determine the scholastic eligibility of all students; AND
d. Determination that students participating in the athletic program meet all other eligibility requirements of the CIF, its Section, its league and the CIF member school; AND
e. Determination that private schools and charter schools entering a multi-school agreement with a public school or public school district meet the additional requirements set forth in E.-F. below.

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

(4) The application process must start with the principal of the CIF member school. Written certification that all the conditions listed above will be met, as well as approval, must be obtained from the following:
   a. CIF member school principal; AND
   b. CIF member school governing board(s); AND
   c. Non-CIF member school or program administrator in charge; AND
   d. Non-CIF member school governing board (if applicable)

(5) Additional approvals must be obtained, in the following order, from:
   a. The CIF member school’s league; AND
   b. The CIF member school’s Section; AND
   c. The State CIF Executive Committee

(6) New and Renewal applications for multi-school teams under this bylaw must be filed annually.
   a. New applications
      - All new applications must be received in the State Office prior to May 31 of the current school year for approval for the following school year.
      - All fees must accompany the application and be received prior to May 31. The request will not be considered until the fees are submitted.
      - Students are not eligible to participate or compete with the CIF member school until confirmation from the CIF State Office that the application is approved.
   b. Renewal applications
      (i) All renewal applications must be submitted to the State Office by May 31 of the current school year to continue multi-school status for the following year.
      (ii) All fees for multi-school dues will be reflected on the invoice sent from the CIF State Office for the school’s annual school dues and legal assessment.
      (iii) Any late applications will be assessed a late fee of $200; the fee must be attached or the application will not be considered. If an application for renewal is not received by September 1 of the current school year, it will not be considered.
      (iv) Students are not eligible to participate or compete with the CIF member school until confirmation has been received from the CIF State Office that the application is approved.

(7) Appeals Procedure [Applies only to (4) above]
   a. If the CIF member school is unable to obtain written approval from the appropriate league, then it may appeal for approval, in writing, to its Section, but only after exhausting any and all appeals procedures established by the respective league.
   b. If the CIF member school and its league are unable to obtain written approval from the appropriate Section, they may appeal for approval, in writing, to the Executive
Committee, but only after exhausting any and all appeals procedures established by the respective Section.

C. **Small Learning Communities, Small Schools, Alternative Schools, and Charter Schools Housed on a Member School’s Campus**

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

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

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

(Revised May 2012 Federated Council)

D. **Private and Charter Schools Partnering With CIF Member Public Schools Housed On a Separate Campus**

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

E. **CIF Member School with Multiple Campuses**

Teams representing a high school must be composed of students under the direct supervision of one (1) principal and attending class on one campus. Where one school has multiple campuses, a student must participate for the team on whose campus he/she is housed unless the school petitions to be allowed to participate as a single school with multiple campuses under the supervision of one principal. All new applications must be received in the State Office prior to May 31 of the current school year for approval for the following school year and meet all provisions of CIF Bylaw 303 listed above.

**DEFINITIONS**

**School within a School**

This type of school (often times referred to as Academies with a particular academic focus) operating under the umbrella of a comprehensive high school, but has no autonomy in terms of academic accountability.

**Small Learning Communities**
These schools have their own complete accountability in terms of having their own CDS code, API scores and their own CAHSEE pass rate.

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


304. SPECIAL SCHOOLS (CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF)
A. Students attending special schools (as defined in Education Code Sections 59000 et seq. and 59100 et seq.) may be permitted to compete as representatives of the CIF member schools provided:
   (1) Student is eligible under all other rules of the CIF; AND
   (2) It is agreed that the administrative responsibility for the student involved in athletics shall rest with the principal of the school for which student is competing; AND
   (3) Permission is secured from the appropriate Board of Education; AND
   (4) Permission is secured from the Section.

B. A student with a qualifying disability in accordance with IDEA and State law who is attending a State-certified non-public school (as defined in Education Code Section 56365 et seq.) pursuant to placement by a public school Individualized Education Program (IEP) team may be permitted to compete as a representative of his/her CIF member school of residence (or school in which eligibility was most recently established) provided:
   (1) The student is eligible under all other rules of the CIF; AND
   (2) The State-certified non-public school is not a CIF member school; AND
   (3) The CIF member school district has determined that the State-certified non-public school placement is necessary; AND
   (4) The administrative responsibility for the student involved in athletics shall rest with the principal of the school for which the student is competing; AND
   (5) Approval is received from the appropriate Governing Board or designee; AND
   (6) Approval is received from the Section.

(Revised May 2006 Federated Council)

305 LIMITATIONS ON PRACTICE
305-1 In-season voluntary practices are allowed on Saturdays and Holidays if approved by the school administrator. Only voluntary practice/meetings may be held on Saturdays or holidays. The recommended length of any practice session is no longer than two hours and 30 minutes.
305-2 Games maybe played on Saturdays or Holidays with administrative approval.
305-3 From June 1st until the opening day of fall practice, (refer to Calendar section in this book) coaches are allowed to coach their own athletes in summer leagues or other organized summer competition. (Refer to 504 K.)

306 OUT OF SEASON COMPETITION
Out of season activities or competition is not approved or sanctioned by the CIF-Los Angeles City Section. All responsibility lies with the individuals who organize and conduct these activities. During this time, teams are not to use school funds, equipment, transportation, or play as a school teams

307 OUT OF SEASON CONTACT WITH STUDENTS
(Coaches’ contact with students at their own school)
(A) All out of season activities (whether during the school year or during the summer) fall completely under the responsibility of the person or persons who organize the activity. The Board of Managers and/or the CIF-Los Angeles City Section are not liable for any incidence or injuries that may occur while participating in out of season activities. During this time, teams are not to play contest as a school teams and are not to wear
Identifiable school name, logos or monikers on their uniforms. Athletes and/or coaches cannot wear the name of the school (or any other logo or moniker that would associate the team with the school) on a uniform or jersey when competing in an out of season contest even if the uniform or jersey was purchased by the student. Announcements and website postings of out-of-season participation in leagues or contest cannot use the school name, logo, or moniker.

(B) Coaches may not use off season activities to determine school team rosters. (Approved by BOM, June, 2004.)

(C) Coaches must comply with the dead period restrictions and dates.

(D) Possible penalties for infractions of the above rule could include, but are not limited to:

   1. Loss of student eligibility.
   2. Loss of team or individual playoff participation.
   4. Sanctions on teams that could include probation or suspension.

Note: Changes in this rule were implemented in March 2010. This policy will be reviewed by the BOM after each year. (revised 2016)

**308 MANDATORY DEAD PERIOD**

308-1 A mandatory “Dead Period” for all sports will consist of three consecutive weeks (21 days) of no-contact between students and coaches (this includes all coaches on staff). The dates of this dead period will be the decision of the school site administration with the stipulation that fall and winter sports’ dead periods are to be scheduled anytime following the last day of the spring semester and the first official allowable practice date for the season of sport. Spring sports are required to schedule a three week (21 day) dead period anytime between December 1 and the first official allowable practice date for spring sports. The dead period must be the same for all levels in the same sport. Students that participate in multiple sports in back-to-back seasons that overlap the seasons would be required to comply with the dead period for the first season of sport participation and allowed to move directly to the second season of sport without delay. There are **No Waivers** for schools that offer sport class periods before the normal school day or after the regular school day. Participation in these classes would be considered a violation of the dead period. Schools that offer sport classes before or after the school day are required to schedule their dead period when school is not in session, summer or winter break. (Passed by BOM April 2015)

308-2 It is the responsibility of the site administration to submit the documented dead periods of each sport to the Section office no later than June 1 for all fall and winter sports, and no later than December 1 for all spring sports. Documentation not received from schools by the due dates will be cause for a Section fine of $100.00 for each season of sport.

308-3 Schools found to violate the dead period by practicing during the identified dates of the dead period as provided by the school would be penalized by the following progressive disciplinary actions:

1. First time offense – would extend the dead period two for one. For every day practiced during its dead period, two days would be added to the dead period.
2. Second time offender – would not be assigned home games during the playoffs
3. Third time offender – would not be eligible for playoff participation
ARTICLE 40  RECOMMENDED LEAGUE POLICIES
The former 400 series has been incorporated into Bylaw 212.

401 ADMISSION
Admission to all athletic contests must be by ticket only; however, authorized personnel presenting credentials validated by the Section Office will be admitted to all regularly scheduled contests. This excludes Section Championship and State CIF Regional or Championship contests.

402 TYPES OF TICKETS SOLD
402 1 Student tickets shall be sold to and used only by bona fide secondary students.
402 2 General admission tickets shall be sold to the public. Alumni shall be classed as general public. The home school is responsible for general admission sales.
402 3 Students of non-competing high schools shall be classed as general public.
402 4 No complimentary tickets shall be given to students, players, or coaches of non-competing schools.

403 PRICE OF TICKETS
403 1 Prior to the close of each school year, each league is to determine the prices to be charged for both student and general admission tickets during the succeeding school year.
403 2 Once admission prices have been established, no deviations shall be permitted.
403 3 Prices for all playoff games, tournaments, and All City events will be established by the Board of Managers.

404 SALE OF TICKETS FOR PRACTICE AND LEAGUE CONTESTS
404 1 Each school shall furnish its own student tickets. All advance student sales shall be retained by the respective schools.
404 2 The home school is to furnish the tickets sold at the gate.
404 3 Children’s tickets may be sold at the gate to children of middle school age and under.
404 4 If a middle school desires student tickets for any contest in advance, the assistant principal of the school concerned shall send a written request to the home school indicating the number of tickets desired. It is understood that this request guarantees payment to the home school.
404 5 If one of the competing schools wishes to admit members of the band, drill team, yell leaders, or school reporters to the grounds without charge, the home school shall furnish tickets to these individuals. The ticket taker has no authority to "pass in" a person upon his plea that he should be admitted.
404 6 No school may present single passes or life passes to its letter persons.

405 TICKET SELLERS AND TICKET TAKERS
Ticket takers should have nothing to do with the selling of tickets, nor should ticket sellers have anything to do with the collection of tickets. Both ticket sellers and ticket takers should be provided by the home school, with the exception of such ticket takers as the visiting schools may deem necessary to prevent misuse of student tickets at the gate. The home school shall provide locked ticket boxes at each entrance. All tickets shall be deposited in these boxes as they are collected.
406 RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES

406 Practice and League Competition
A. Day Contests: Receipts from pre-sale of student tickets are to be kept by each school and receipts from advance sale of general admission tickets and all tickets sold at the contest shall be divided equally among competing schools after all necessary expenses are satisfied. Losses, if any, are to be borne by home school for day games. However, dependent on unanimous league agreement, all losses or profits need not be shared. Each school will be responsible for its expenses. There will only be pre-sale tickets for the home school. Decisions for Practice Games will be written into the contract.

B. Night Contests: Receipts from pre-sale of student tickets are to be kept by each school and receipts from advance sale of general admission tickets and all tickets sold at the contest shall be divided equally among competing schools after all necessary expenses are satisfied. Losses, if any, are to be shared by competing schools for night games. When expenses are to be shared, an agreement on expenses must be reached prior to the date of the contest. However, dependent on unanimous league agreement, all losses or profits need not be shared. Each school will be responsible for its expenses. There will only be pre sale tickets for the home school. Decisions for Practice Games will be written into the contract.

C. League Prelims and Finals: (Cross Country, Track, Swimming,) all advance student sales shall be retained by the respective schools. Advance general admission sales shall be considered as part of the total general admission. All necessary expenses shall be paid from the receipts of general admissions and the profit or deficit shall be prorated among the participating schools. The League is to determine the basis for the procedure.

406-1 Necessary Expenses
A. Necessary expenses are: facilities manager, financial manager, field preparation, game officials, ticket sellers and ticket takers, supervision, school police, timer, medical personnel (when required), P.A. announcer, and custodial cleanup.

B. Stadium or gymnasium clean up fees may be charged only if the school pays for additional custodial time.

C. No stadium or gymnasium rental fees may be charged.

406-3 Submitting game expenses
All invoices regarding game expenses be submitted by the visiting school to the host school within two weeks of the contest.

Note: Discussion of League game expenses take place at all League meetings.

Note: Financial Managers are to be included at league meetings and be provided with a list of anticipated game expenses.

407 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL AID

407 1 It is expressly understood that the Section Funds are to consider when request for providing funding for athletic equipment when necessary or to fulfill other needs as determined by the Executive Committee.

407 2 School(s) desiring financial aid may request monies from the Section Fund by furnishing in duplicate to the Executive Committee and to the Section Commissioner the following information:
   a. Inventory of all athletic equipment.
   b. Statement of financial operation.
   c. Proposed itemized athletic budget (current).

407 3 If the request for financial aid is approved by the Executive Committee, payment of invoices will be made by the Section Financial Manager for the amount allotted.

407 4 Monies may be paid from the Section funds for allocated funding and only in accordance with the action of the Executive Committee as recorded in the official minutes, or upon written authorization by the Section President following approval by the Executive Committee. In the latter case, no single expenditure may be in excess of $100.
A school receiving a grant or loan from the Section must order only those items for which the grant or loan was approved.

The expenditure of any Section funds granted to the schools by the Executive Committee must be approved by the Section Office before an order is placed with a dealer.

**CONCESSIONS**

Concession sales of food, ice cream, candy, etc. at practice and league athletic events are a general student body activity, and the profits there from shall be placed in the student body fund of the site school, unless otherwise agreed to by the schools involved.

Profits from the sale of food, ice cream, candy, etc. at city playoff contests shall remain with the school or stadium at which the contests are held.

When a semi-final or final contest is hosted by the Los Angeles City Section, participating schools cannot sell school paraphernalia, unless specifically granted. This rule applies to all sports. Schools must be aware of any District policies that address the sale of food/beverages on school campuses.

**LEAGUE TROPHIES**

An individual league may purchase a perpetual trophy to be awarded to the winner of the championship in any given sport. If desired, this trophy may become the property of the school which wins it three times. The cost of such a trophy should be pro-rated among the member schools of the league. The trophy shall not exceed 18 1/2 inches in height. The plaque shall not exceed 10 inches by 14 inches.

An individual league may purchase an annual trophy or plaque to be awarded to the winner of the championship team in any given sport. This trophy or plaque shall be retained by the winning school. The cost of such a trophy or plaque shall be pro-rated among the member schools of the league. The trophy shall not exceed 14 1/2 inches in height. The plaque shall not exceed 9 inches by 12 inches.

**LEAGUE MEET AWARDS**

Awards may be given to place winners, including all members on relay teams, in the finals of the league meets in Track, Swimming, Gymnastics, and Wrestling as follows:

- **First**  
  Trophy, Gold Medal, Blue Ribbon or Plaque
- **Second**  
  Trophy, Silver Medal, Red Ribbon or Plaque
- **Third**  
  Trophy, Bronze Medal, White Ribbon or Plaque
- **Fourth**  
  Trophy, Green Bronze Medal, Green Ribbon or Plaque
- **Fifth**  
  Trophy, Brass Medal, Yellow Ribbon or Plaque
- **Sixth**  
  Trophy, Brass Medal, yellow ribbon or Plaque

Individual leagues shall determine awards to be given and the cost should be pro-rated among the member schools of the league.

In cross country and as for track, individual awards may be made awarded to the first five to finish and to the members of the first three teams. Awards may be either trophies, medals, ribbons or plaques.

In all Final League Meets, each pupil athlete tying for a medal place shall be given an award for the place tied.

Exception: Track ties are broken by the National Federation Rule Book for Track and Field.

**EXCUSING OF STUDENTS**

When a double round of games has been scheduled, no student tickets are to be sold by a school to its students when the school is scheduled to play away from home. Students of the visiting school should not be excused early to attend the contest. Should any students from the visiting school present themselves at the home school, they must pay the general admission fee. Adjustments in this rule may be made by mutual agreement of the schools involved when contests are scheduled at night.
ARTICLE 50   GENERAL RULES
(500 series revised May 2014 Federated Council)

500. AUTHORIZED PARTICIPATION
A. All CIF eligibility rules apply in all games including practice games.
B. All athletic activities in sports approved by the CIF involving two (2) or more member schools must be held under rules and regulations of the participating schools’ respective league, Section and the CIF.
C. Ineligible students shall not compete as representatives of the school in any competition involving CIF member schools.
D. In any CIF competition, an attached eligible athlete (representing a CIF member school in compliance with all CIF, Section and league eligibility requirements) may be permitted to participate.

501. CONTESTS SUBJECT TO CIF ELIGIBILITY RULES
A. All CIF eligibility rules apply in all games including practice games.
B. With Section approval, each school year a school may engage in one (1) interschool playday activity per CIF-approved sport with any students not involved in that sport’s interscholastic athletic program, as long as the schools involved agree in writing to indemnify and hold harmless Sections and the State CIF and willingly accept full and complete responsibility for the health and safety of their students involved in the aforementioned activity.
C. Definition of a Playday
An organized recreational activity involving teams from two (2) or more high schools wherein the participants are not currently participating or have not been participating as a member of their school interscholastic team in that sport during the previous 12 calendar months preceding the date of the playday.
D. Exhibition Competition
Exhibition competition (such as, but not limited to, fifth quarter, open lane, open mat and open court competition) involving CIF member schools may be allowed as an adjunct to regular CIF competition under the following provisions. Team sports for the purposes of this Bylaw include baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer, volleyball, water polo and wrestling. Individual sports for the purposes of this Bylaw include: badminton, cross country, golf, gymnastics, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field and skiing.
(1) Team Sports
a. Duly-appointed coaches (as specified in Bylaw 503.F) and contest officials are present and supervising the activity. If officials require any additional fees for officiating exhibition competition, it shall be negotiated with the host school and their officials associations in compliance with and Section rules and regulations; AND
b. Such contests count toward the competing individual’s allowable maximum number of contests; AND
c. A team score is not kept or recorded; AND
d. Such team competition is not conducted concurrently with the regulation CIF competition; AND
e. Such team competition is held at the same site, immediately preceding or following the regulation competition; AND
f. Such team competition is shorter in duration than the regulation competition in that sport; AND
g. Participants in such competition shall not compete in any regulation CIF competition in the same sport during the same day or event; AND
h. Participants in such competition represent their own school enrollment (i.e., competition on a rainbow team and/or a team made up of students representing two [2] or more school is prohibited); AND

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

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

(2) **Individual Sports**

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

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

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

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

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

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

g. Participants in such individual event competition represent their own school enrollment (i.e., competition on a rainbow relay team and/or a relay team made up of students representing two [2] or more schools is prohibited); AND

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

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

(Revised May 2013 Federated Council)

E. During the school year, all athletic activities in CIF-approved sports involving CIF member schools must be held under the rules and regulations of the participating school’s respective league, CIF Section and the State CIF during the established school year (district, Section, league).

F. During the summer period, CIF Bylaws pertaining to transfer eligibility, undue influence, pre-enrollment contact and athletically motivated transfers apply (Bylaws 206, 207 and 510).

G. During the summer period, no physical conditioning or practice sessions prior to the opening of authorized practice may be conducted by a high school unless specifically authorized by the school principal/designee. CIF Sections may establish sport specific rules and/or policies.

(Revised May 2010 Federated Council)

502. **NON-CIF MEMBER SCHOOL/CLUB TEAMS**

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

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

C. If a CIF high school team is approved by their section to compete against a non-CIF team in any competition, the activity shall be played under the high school rules for that sport.
D. High school students or teams shall not compete or practice against other individuals or teams in football or wrestling unless the players or such teams meet the age requirements of the CIF. High school students or teams shall not compete or practice against other individuals or outside/club teams unless the individual players and the individuals on the outside/club team meet the age requirements of the CIF.

E. In order to grant athletic opportunities to students who attend schools that for a limited amount of time cannot afford to offer a sport, an outside team consisting of students from these schools may be formed and may scrimmage or practice against a CIF member school provided the following:

1. A district board or private school governance board states that a program is not affordable for a limited time to be designated by the district board or the private school board;
2. A district board or private school governance board requests participation for its students;
3. The league against which these teams plan to compete grants approval prior to Section approval;
4. Approval of the Section is granted;
5. Officials of the requesting school(s) must understand this request is granted for up to a two (2)-year term. An additional term may be granted if all provisions are met;
6. That schools and districts recognize that such outside teams are not granted status as league members nor do they qualify for league, Section or State playoffs or Championships;
7. An administrator of one of the requesting schools agrees to accept responsibility and supervision of the team and agrees that students will meet eligibility requirements expected of students in CIF member schools.

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

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

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

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

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

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

F. Coaching
Principals are responsible to insure that all coaches of the CIF member school for all individual or team(s) meet the requirements of the California Education Code 49032, 35179.1 and Bylaw 22.B.(9) (Revised February 2009 Federated Council)

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

2. Penalty For Improper Coaching Compensation
Any team, coached by any person receiving any part of the salary for coaching from other than school funds without the approval of the school’s governing board, is ineligible.
(Revised February 2009 Federated Council)

G. **Physical Examination**
As a condition of membership, schools will require that a student receive an annual physical examination conducted by a medical practitioner certifying that the student is physically fit to participate in athletics. The report of the examination will be on a school board-approved form that includes a health history. The physical examination must be completed before a student may try out, practice or participate in interscholastic athletic competition. A student will be excused from this physical examination provided there is compliance with the Education Code provisions concerning parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver Refusal to Consent. The CIF Health and Safety Committee strongly recommends schools use the Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form that is endorsed by five (5) major medical societies; American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Medical Society for Sports Medicine, American Orthopedic Sports Medicine and the American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine. All CIF schools must have school board-approved forms.
(Revised March 2004 Executive Committee)

H. **Concussion Protocol**
A student-athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time for the remainder of the day. A student-athlete who has been removed from play may not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in education and management of concussion and receives written clearance to return to play from that health care provider. If a licensed health care provider, trained in education and management of concussion, determines that the athlete sustained a concussion or a head injury, the athlete is required to complete a graduated return-to-play protocol of no less than seven (7) full days from the time of diagnosis under the supervision of a licensed health care provider. On a yearly basis, a concussion and head injury information sheet shall be signed and returned by all athletes and the athlete’s parent/guardian/caregiver before the athlete’s initial practice or competition.

Q: What is meant by “licensed health care provider?”
A: The “scope of practice” for licensed health care providers and medical professionals is defined by California state statutes. This scope of practice will limit the evaluation to a medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO).

I. **Steroid Prohibition**
As a condition of membership, all schools shall adopt policies prohibiting the use and abuse of androgenic/anabolic steroids. All member schools shall have participating students and their parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver agree that the athlete will not use steroids without the written prescription of a fully licensed physician (as recognized by the AMA) to treat a medical condition.
NOTE: Article 1-12.N. (Revised May 2005 Federated Council)

J. **Sudden Cardiac Arrest Protocol**
A student-athlete who passes out or faints while participating in, or immediately following, an athletic activity or who is known to have passed out or fainted while participating in, or immediately following an athletic activity, must be removed immediately from participating in a practice or game for the remainder of the day. A student-athlete who has been removed from play after displaying signs and symptoms associated with sudden cardiac arrest may not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health care provider and receives written clearance to return to play from that health care provider. On a
yearly basis, a Sudden Cardiac Arrest information sheet shall be signed and returned by all athletes and the athlete’s parent/guardian/caregiver before the athlete’s initiating practice or competition.

Q: What is meant by “licensed health care provider?”
A: The “scope of practice” for licensed health care providers and medical professionals is defined by California state statutes. This scope of practice will limit the evaluation to a medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathy (DO).

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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)

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. A student can participate in only one level per sport, per day.

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)

505. EQUITY
Any question or concern involving practices or procedures that affect perceived bias on the basis of gender will be reported in writing to the State CIF Office within 10 working days. A form will be sent to the individual, which must be returned to register the inquiry and resolution (if any). Any registered complaints or inquiries will be
investigated and reported to the Federated Council and State Board of Education with copies to the person who filed the original concern. If the problem is not resolved to the satisfaction of the individual, the appeals procedure of CIF shall be consulted and implemented at the discretion of the complainant.

**NOTE:** See “Equity Complaint and Appeal Procedure” section following the Constitution and Bylaws.

A. Each Section shall adopt policies and/or establish procedures that will promote, within its jurisdiction, equal opportunity for all students regardless of race, religion, sex, national origin or physical disability.

B. **Equal Representation in State Championships**

Sections shall participate in an equal number of sports for boys and girls in State Championships, with a minimum of one (1) entry per Section. All Sections shall have representation in all playoffs.

C. **Number of Allowable Contests**

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

D. **Assignment of Officials**

1. Officials for all interscholastic contests shall be assigned and compensated on a gender-neutral basis.

2. When practical and sufficient interest exists, the number of events offered in a contest in identical sports for boys and girls shall be equal except where the rules are written by a recognized rules writing body that provides for a different number of events.

E. **Equal Assignment of Playoff Facilities**

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

**506. PRACTICE ALLOWANCE**

For the benefit of the physical and mental health of our student-athletes, all practices (as defined herein) under the auspices of the high school athletic program during the season of sport shall be conducted under the following conditions (See also Bylaw 504.M.):

A. All teams will be allowed no more than 18 hours of practice time per week and no more than four (4) hours in any single day.

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

(LACS does not allow double day practices).

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

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

C. **Definition of Practice**

1. Any school team or individual activity organized by the coach that is intended to maintain or improve a student-athletes skill proficiency in a sport; AND/OR

2. Any school team or individual activity that includes skill drills, game situation drills, inter-squad scrimmages or games, weight training, chalk talks, film review, meetings outside of school time (excluding parent meetings) that are implicitly/explicitly required by the coach; AND/OR

3. Any other coach-directed or supervised school team or individual activity or instruction for a specific sport (private, small group or positional instruction, etc.) AND/OR
D. Other mandatory activities (including, but not limited to study hall, tutorial sessions, team dinners), shall not be considered part of practice time. These activities must be approved by the principal. Activities that would be included herein are exclusive to any activity already covered in C.(1)-(5) above.

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

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

NOTE: For purposes of this Bylaw, the season of sport begins with each team’s first day of practice.

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

Q: Our football coach conducts a one (1) hour before school weightlifting activity in the weight room for football players. Does this count in the three (3) hours per school day practice limitation?
A: Before school activities that are NOT part of the curricular day are subject to the practice limitations. If the activity is organized and/or directed and/or supervised by any of the football coaching staff and only open to football players then YES it is considered to be practice and counted in the daily limit.

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

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

Q: A (a) Volleyball or Football; (b) Cross Country; Coach tells their team members “just go for an hour run” as a team (or as individuals) and then meet back in the gym to begin practice. Does that hour of just running count towards the practice duration limitation for that day?
A: Yes. This activity done as a team or as an individual and has been implicitly/explicitly required by the coach; directed and/or organized and/or supervised by the coach would count towards the daily practice duration limitations.
Q: A Basketball coach tells their team members that they are required to run a minimum number of miles each week on their own for conditioning. Does this count towards the practice duration limitations for any given day?
A: Yes, this would be considered an activity under C.(2) and (4) above because it was required and or implied by the coach for his/her basketball team members to participate. If it was not implicitly or explicitly required by the Coach it would not count towards practice duration limitations.

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

Q: A student plays volleyball in the fall and basketball in the winter. During the overlap time of those two (2) seasons is a student allowed to practice for four hours per day for volleyball and then another four (4) hours per day for basketball, for a total of eight (8) hours of practice on any given day?
A: No. During any season overlap period for any student-athlete, that student-athlete is still limited to a total practice time for both sports not to exceed the daily practice duration limitation [four (4) hours max per day and only 18 hours per week].

Q: A student plays baseball and tennis in the same season of sport. If they have competitions on the same day for both sports how would those hours be counted?
A: the total number of hours would be three (3) regardless of the total time of both contests (see Bylaw 506.B.)

(Approved May 2014 Federated Council)

507. SECTION ALIGNMENT OF LEAGUES
Sections that use a two (2) year cycle of alignment shall realign on even years only. Sections that realign every year or “upon demand” are not to be affected by this rule. Each Section shall allow the formation of cross leagues for schools in which a sport or sports are not available through its immediate league.

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

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

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

510. UNDUE INFLUENCE, PRE-ENROLLMENT 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, off season conditioning, club participation playing time, family conflicts with team activity schedules, coaching decisions about any aspect of the team strategies player selection, playing time, organizational issues, communication issues; AND/OR

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

3. Transferring to a School Where a Former High School Coach Has Relocated
   The student at any grade level transfers to a new school within one (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

4. Other factors that may be considered in support of evidence of athletic motivation:
   a. Evidence the student’s transfer or change of schools would result in the assurance the student would gain varsity participation at the new school or result in more playing time; AND/OR
b. Evidence the student’s transfer or change of schools is believed (objectively or subjectively) to be more competitive or “athletically visible;” AND/OR

c. Evidence the student’s transfer or change of schools is because of the student’s previous association with an outside agency that uses the facilities or personnel of the student’s new school (School B); AND/OR

d. The student or the student’s parents/guardians/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

e. Evidence that multiple students have transferred or changed schools to participate in a particular sports program at one (1) school.


511. SUSPENDED SCHOOLS

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

512. WHO MAY COACH

All CIF member school coaches must meet the requirements of the California Education Code 49032, 35179.1 and Bylaw 22.B. (9) (Revised February 2009 Federated Council)

512-1 The officially assigned head coach is the only person who shall present the team line-up prior to the game or arbitrate with the game officials on items concerning the game and must be on the bench during the entire contest.

512-2 In the absence of the officially assigned certified coach, a substitute certified coach who fulfills the requirements of Title V and CIF coaching requirements must take over that coach’s duties. A non-certified person cannot take over these responsibilities.

512-4 All coaches must possess a valid First Aid and CPR cards, certificate of completion of concussion and sudden cardiac arrest training, and coaching education course by the first day of allowable practice, as determined by the Section Office. The First Aid and CPR Certification must be acquired from the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association in a live class session. Principals must maintain on file a signed copy of all completion and certification Forms. Failure to fulfill this requirement shall result in all future contests to be forfeited by that team until the requirements are met. If the coach does not comply with the CIF coaching requirements by the date of the first official practice, the coach shall be removed from coaching, and the school will have the option of substituting a qualified person in his/her place, or terminating the season.

512-5 Any coach whose actions cause the forfeiture of a contest or who is ejected from a contest by an official, will not be able to coach or attend the team’s next contest. If the ejection occurs during the last contest of the season, the penalty will carry over to the first contest of the following year. It is required that a conference be held by an administrator with the coach prior to the next contest in which he/she coaches. Coaches who are ejected will not be able to coach at any level in that sport until he/she has been held out of the next contest at the level the ejection occurred and complete the NFHS sportsmanship course on the NFHS website, post ejection reports must be completed and submitted via CIF Home website with post ejection report and certificate of completion of the NFHS sportsmanship course attached.
A second ejection of a coach will result in a two game suspension and a mandatory administrative conference.

All coaches are required to sign and retain the new Code of Conduct, with a copy to be kept on file at the school.

As a condition of membership, a member school agrees to ensure that all coaches, paid and unpaid, will have completed a coaching education program that emphasizes the following components:

A. Development of coaching philosophies consistent with school, school district and school board goals;
B. Sport psychology: emphasizing communication; reinforcement of young people’s efforts; effective delivery of coaching regarding technique and motivation of the student-athlete;
C. Sport pedagogy: how young athletes learn and how to teach sport skills;
D. Sport physiology: principles of training; fitness for sport; development of a training program; nutrition for athletes; and the harmful effects associated with the use of steroids and performance-enhancing dietary supplements by adolescents;
E. Sport management: team management; risk management; and working within the context of an entire school program;
F. Training: Completion of an approved coaching education course, certification in CPR and first aid, completion of a concussion training and sudden cardiac arrest course is to be renewed every two years.
G. Knowledge of, and adherence to, statewide rules and regulations; as well as school regulations including, but not necessarily limited to, eligibility, gender equity and discrimination; AND
H. Sound planning and goal setting. A school/district may use a coach that does not meet the coaches’ education requirement, standards for one sports season in an emergency. All other required training and certification continue to be required. However, that person may not coach another season of sport without fulfilling the coaching education requirement. Any currently employed coach who has completed and passed a prior version of a coaching education program that meets the above listed criteria, a determined by the local administration, is exempt from this provision. The above certification is transferable between/among CIF-member schools. Coaches may need to complete additional local school or school district requirements;

NOTE: Definition of a coach, paid or unpaid: Any individual that the school/district is required to approve under Title V, California Code of Regulations, Section 5593 and 5594 and/or under California Education Code 33190-33192, 45125.01 and 45125.1.

Attendance at the pre-season coaches’ meeting for each sport is mandatory for the head coach of each school. Any head coach that does not attend the pre-season meeting will be restricted from coaching, and being present at the first contest of the season, not including tournaments or scrimmages. Attendance at the meeting constitutes signing in, being present at the beginning of the meeting and staying until the completion of the meeting.

(BOM - Revised September 2016)

513 NUMBER OF ALLOWABLE CONTESTS

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

B. When practical and sufficient interest exists, the number of events offered in a contest in identical sports for boys and girls shall be equal except where the rules are written by a recognized rules writing body that provides for a different number of events.
C. Football is allowed a maximum of 10 regular season contest. Other Team Sports will be allowed to reach the 22 contest maximum by scheduling non-league, league, and a maximum of four tournaments. Tournaments will count as two games (refer to the Tournament Bylaw 707).

D. The number of contest allowed for a team is the same for each individual player on the team. Players moved from lower level to varsity level may not exceed the maximum number of games. Individual players may not participate in multiple levels against the same scheduled opponent.

E. Individual sports (Cross Country, Golf, Swimming & Diving, Track & Field, and Wrestling) will be assigned maximum number of contests based on NFHS or governing body restrictions.

F. Participation in playoff and CIF qualifying events will not count toward the maximum number of contest allowed.

514 INCLUSIVE SPORT LEVEL

514-1 The Los Angeles City Section will allow students identified with disabilities to compete in a separate level of competition identified at “Inclusive Sports Level” (IS) in all individual sports that have identified eligibility requirements for students’ participation at this level. All students participating on an Inclusive Sports Level team must meet all CIF eligibility requirements. This level of competition will only be offered in the sport of track & field during beginning in 2016. Additional individual sports may be added with a request by the sport advisory to the Section Commissioner that includes NFHS rules and appropriate modifications identified. (Passed by BOM, April 2015)

514-2 All IS Level competition scoring will be consistent with NFHS and section regulations.

514-3 Eligible Disabilities – Students participating on the IS Track and Field Team must have a diagnosed and documented disability verified by an active IEP. Examples of disabilities are: Intellectual, Sensory, Physical/Orthopedic and Autism. Additionally, IS Track and Field athletes must meet all eligibility requirements specified in the CIF-LA City Section Gold Book.

i. Intellectually Disabled - refers to students who have been diagnosed and documented as having sub average intellectual functioning with deficits in adaptive behavior and life skills. Students with intellectual disability who have Downs Syndrome will be restricted from training and competing in the HIGH JUMP unless a physical exam, x-ray and a written report by a physician indicates the absence of Atlanto-Axial Instability (AAI).

ii. Physically Disabled - refers to students with a diagnosed and documented neuromuscular or neurological impairment which affects motor function, and/or gait patterns and requires the use of a mobility device. Qualified students with a physical disability who use manual, independently-propelled wheelchairs are eligible to compete in designated track and field events. IS track events are not available for students with physical disabilities who use crutches, canes or walkers; however, qualified students who use the above assistive devices are eligible to compete in the Shot Put.

iii. Sensory Impaired - refers to students with a diagnosed and documented deficit in auditory or visual functions which adversely affects educational performance prevents them from successfully participating in general athletics . . .

iv. Autistic - refers to students with a diagnosed and documented developmental disability affecting verbal and nonverbal communication and social interaction.

As a condition of eligibility, all IS Track and Field Athletes, regardless of their disability, must: a) Demonstrate awareness of safety on the track during practice and at track meets and b) Demonstrate appropriate and respectful behavior toward coaches, track officials, spectators and other athletes.

ARTICLE 60 OUTSIDE COMPETITION

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COMPETITION ON AN OUTSIDE TEAM

A student on a high school team becomes ineligible if the student competes in a contest on an outside team, in the same sport, during the student’s high school season of sport (See Bylaw 511). The following exceptions apply:

A. If the outside team has half or more of the team members as stated in the National Federation rules book for that sport, it shall be considered the same sport. Examples: three on three basketball outside team competition prohibited; two on two volleyball outside team competition permitted.

B. Flag Football
For purposes of this rule, touch football and flag football are considered to be a different sport than tackle football.

C. Soccer
In the sport of soccer, Bylaw 600 shall be in effect only during the winter high school soccer season. High school soccer programs that compete during the fall or spring season are not subject to Bylaw 600. NOTE: For purposes of this section, indoor soccer and futsal are not considered the same sport.

D. Swimming & Diving
Swimmers may compete for an amateur team during the season of sport in the USA Swimming Senior National Championship Meet, the USA Swimming Sectional Championship meets and the YMCA National Meet. Divers may compete for an amateur team during the season of sport in the USA National Diving Championships and the USA National Junior Diving Championships.

E. Bylaw 600 shall not be in effect for those sports conducted outside the State adopted season of sport.

F. Spontaneous Recreational Activity
It is permissible for a high school team member to participate in a spontaneous recreational activity or game in which sides or teams are chosen without regard to players representing any group or organization. Such participation would not cause loss of eligibility. (Definition of spontaneous: no prior planning or notice; an unplanned part of another activity which has a primary focus other than the sport.)

G. Unattached Competition in Individual Sports
(1) An unattached athlete shall not represent any team. Points won by the athlete shall not be credited to any team. An unattached athlete shall not use a uniform which identifies a school or outside team. Any violation shall be considered an infraction of Bylaw 600.
(2) Unattached competition is permissible for a student in other than school contests during the season of sport provided the student enters in the individual sports of badminton (singles and doubles), cross country, golf, gymnastics, skiing, swimming and diving (including unattached entry on relays), tennis (singles and doubles), track and field (including unattached entry on relays) and wrestling.
(3) Certification of Unattached Athletes
No official recognition or certification on the part of the CIF member school or personnel of the CIF member school may be given in order that unattached athletes may participate in contests.
(4) Representation in CIF Competition
Unattached competition is not permitted in any CIF competition (See Bylaw 302). Individuals or teams entered in CIF competition must represent a CIF member school. No other form of representation shall be permitted in CIF competition. (Revised October 2008 Federated Council)
601 PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF BYLAW 600
A. Individual
   (1) First Offense in High School Career in Any Sport
       The student becomes immediately ineligible for participation with his/her high school team for a
       number of contests equal to twice the number of contests of outside competition in which the student
       participated.
   (2) Any Subsequent Offense in High School Career in Any Sport
       The student becomes immediately ineligible for one year (365 days) from the second infraction in all
       sports.
   (3) Appeals
       Upon written appeal to the Section commissioner, the student may petition his/her Section for
       reinstatement of his/her eligibility status.

B. Team
   (1) Games Forfeited
       Games in which a student participated on his/her high school team after violation of Bylaw 600 shall be
       forfeited.
   (2) Appeals
       Sections may establish rules and procedures to consider requests for waivers of game forfeitures.
       (Revised May 2004 Federated Council)

602 PAN AMERICAN, US PARALYMPICS OR OLYMPIC COMPETITION
During the high school season of sport, a high school student who has been selected or qualified for participation
on the United States team, which will engage in Pan American, US Paralympics or Olympic competition, may
participate on that team. (Revised October 2008 Federated Council)

603 OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
During their high school season of sport, a high school student who has been selected or qualified for an Olympic
development program by the respective National Governing Body for that sport, shall be permitted to participate
in such a program without loss of interscholastic eligibility, if the following conditions are met:
A. The Olympic development program is:
   (1) Verified as such by the State CIF; AND
   (2) a. Conducted or sponsored by the United States Olympic Committee; OR
        b. Directly funded and conducted by the U.S. national governing body for the sport on a national
           level; OR
        c. Authorized by a national governing body for athletes having potential for future national team
           participation; AND
B. The student informs the high school principal at least 30 days prior to participating in the program; AND
C. The principal verifies the authenticity of the program; AND
D. The student makes prior arrangement to complete missed academic lessons, assignments and tests before
   the last day of classes of the semester in which the student’s absence occurs.
E. This bylaw was written with the intent that only individual student athletes that have been identified by the
   respective National Governing body for that sport, as having Olympic potential, would be eligible for this
   exemption of Bylaw 600. Individual student athletes who are members of a club team(s) consisting in whole
   or part of high school age athletes, participating in any competitions (e.g. Super Y League events,
   championships, etc.), even if the competition itself is labeled as an ODP event, that occur during the high
   school student's season of sport are not eligible for this exemption.
(Revised May 2007 Federated Council)
604 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION
The Executive Director may grant approval, upon individual petition, for an athlete to travel to a foreign country to participate in international competition sanctioned by the governing body for that sport in the United States and the international governing body.
(Revised October 2008 Federated Council)

605 PROFESSIONAL TRYOUT
A student shall become ineligible for CIF competition if he/she participates in any tryout for a professional team in any CIF approved sport during the high school season of sport. The season of sport for a school is that period of time that elapses between the first interscholastic contest and the final contest in that particular sport. NOTE: See Bylaw 1200 for CIF approved sports. (Revised May 2009 Federated Council)

606 DIVISION ALIGNMENT
In all sports with multiple divisions, sport advisory are to design a ranking system to determine the division placement for all teams in the sport. Sport advisories that have not identified a ranking system to determine division placement will be required to use the following formula to determine division’s placement for all teams. This process will be required every two years beginning in 2016-17. This formula is a hybrid consisting of both competitive equity and enrollment. It is broken down as follows:
1. Enrollment points: Enrollment points are based on breaking down the enrollment figures into four or five groups depending upon how many divisions we have in that sport. So if we have four divisions, we break it down into four groups.
   - Top enrollment - 100 points
   - 2nd tier enrollment - 85 points
   - 3rd tier enrollment - 70 points
   - 4th tier enrollment - 55 points

2. Current year’s playoff: This is broken down into how you did in the current year’s playoffs, per the division you were in, as follows:

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3. Last year’s playoff: This is broken down into how you did in the prior year’s playoffs, per the division you were in, as follows:

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   Wins: Every win that you get no matter if it is a non-league game, league game, or tournament game, you get 1 point. (BOM October 2015)
ARTICLE 70 SANCTIONED EVENTS

700 PARTICIPATION
All competition in CIF approved sports, in which high school students participate as representatives of their high, shall be conducted under the auspices of a CIF member high school, CIF league or Section, and with the approval, if necessary, of the State CIF and the National Federation (See Bylaws 703 705). Only students enrolled in, and teams representing, CIF member high schools or otherwise approved schools (See Bylaws 502.A. and 703 705) may participate in such athletic competition.
(Revised May 2003 Federated Council)

701 JOINT SANCTIONING SPONSORSHIP
Assistance from outside organizations may be secured by the sponsoring high school, but the high school must direct and manage the event, or high school section of an open division competition event, and be fully responsible. To ensure that high school competition is conducted in accordance with CIF rules, the following guidelines must be followed:
A. Any interstate or international event involving two (2) or more schools which is co-sponsored by or titled in the name of an organization outside the school community;
B. Samples of information bulletins, invitations and entry forms must be submitted for sanctioning approval to the NFHS (See Bylaws 703 705) at www.nfhs.org;
C. The host school event manager is responsible for accessing the NFHS online sanctioning page and completing all necessary information and fees;
D. Any event program published in connection with a CIF sanctioned activity must indicate the name of the host high school, league or Section, and that CIF sanction has been issued;
E. Management and control of all finances connected with the activity shall remain with the host high school, league or Section. If requested by the State CIF Office, a financial statement indicating all high school, league or Section revenues and expenditures must be filed with the State CIF Office;
F. If the title of a California host event includes the name of an outside organization, the title must be preceded by the name of the sponsoring high school, league or Section.
(Approved May 2009 Federated Council)

702 ADMINISTRATION OF JOINT SANCTIONED EVENT
A. If a CIF high school, league or Section sponsors a sanctioned CIF invitational event at the same time and place where an open division competition event is being held, the high school competition must be administered by a CIF high school, league or Section.
B. The high school event must be limited to entries from CIF member schools whose athletes are eligible under CIF rules. Any other entries must receive the approval of the State CIF Office, as specified in Bylaws 703 705.
C. A high school student who has any eligibility left at a high school shall not participate in any open division competition event.
D. The open division event management is requested not to accept an entry from an ineligible high school student, unless the student has already completed eight semesters of eligibility, or unless the student is beyond CIF age requirements.
E. CIF high school event sanction approval will not be issued if a high school student with any remaining eligibility is to be invited to the open division section of the event.
(Approved May 2003 Federated Council)
703. INTER-SECTIONAL/BORDER STATES COMPETITION
State CIF and National Federation sanction approval is not necessary for CIF-approved sports competition conducted between member schools of the Sections and/or Border States.

NOTE: For purposes of the provisions of CIF Article 70 (Sanctioned Events), the following are considered to be “border states”: Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada, and Oregon. School teams from Canada and Mexico that meet the eligibility criteria of 705.D. will also be considered “border states”.
(Approved May 2003 Federated Council)

704. INTERSTATE COMPETITION
A. Dual competition (involving two [2] schools only) in CIF-approved sports does not require sanction approval by the State CIF and/or National Federation when a CIF member school competes against a member school from another state association;
B. All competition in CIF-approved sports, involving any of the following requires a sanction:
   • Any interstate or international event involving two (2) or more schools which is co-sponsored by or titled in the name of an organization outside the school community.
   • Events in non-bordering states if five (5) or more states are involved.
   • Events in non-bordering states if more than eight (8) schools are involved.
   • Any event involving two (2) or more schools that involves a team from a foreign country. The exceptions to this rule are Canada and Mexico which are considered “bordering states” by the National Federation of High Schools and the California Interscholastic Federation.
(1) Host School Procedures
In applying for all necessary approval (as described above) of such an event, the host school event manager must access and register and follow all sanctioning deadlines as listed at www.nfhs.org no later than 60 days prior to the event. Completion of the registration, application and appropriate fees can only be completed electronically at www.nfhs.org. Late fees will be assessed for application filed less than 60 days prior to the event.
   a. Eligibility of Participants
   The hosting entity is responsible for submitting, upon request, to its respective Section Office written verification of all of the following.
      (i) All participants in the event represent only their respective schools of enrollment; AND
      (ii) All participants in the event meet the provisions of the following Bylaws: 203 (Age Requirement); 204 (Eight [8] Semesters); 212 (Amateur Standing); 600 (Outside Teams) and 900 (All-Star Competition); AND
      (iii) All participants in the event meet the eligibility standards of their respective state and national associations, including, but not limited to, maintaining minimum progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements as prescribed by their respective governing boards.
   b. The respective Section Commissioner will indicate his/her action (approval or denial) and, if approved, notify the State CIF.
   c. The State CIF, upon receipt and approval of the application, will process the application to the National Federation (if applicable).
(2) Traveling School Procedures
Schools wishing to travel out-of-state to a school sponsored sanctioned event, should be aware of the following procedures:
   a. The hosting school event manager is responsible for processing any application which invites California school participation in an out-of-state event involving schools from multiple state associations, in CIF-approved sport competition.
b. Upon receipt of the application, the State CIF will process the request to Section offices on behalf of the invited schools.

c. Following Section action, the State CIF will respond to the National Federation application for final approval.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of both the host and traveling schools to confirm approval with the National Federation via the NFHS website.

705. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

A. Approval of Competition

All international high school competition in CIF-approved sports must have the approval of the participating school’s Section Office, and when necessary, the State CIF and the National Federation and the sanction of the appropriate international body involved.

B. Sanctioning of Qualifying Trials

The State CIF will not sanction qualifying trials for an individual or team for the purpose of selecting undergraduates for international competition. Such selection must be made on the basis of previous performance of the individual or team.

C. Hosting School Procedures

In applying for all necessary approvals (as described above) of such an event, the host school event manager must access and register and follow all sanctioning deadlines as listed at www.nfhs.org no later than 60 days prior to the event. Completion of the registration, application and appropriate fees can ONLY be completed electronically at www.nfhs.org.

Late fees will be assessed for application filed less than 60 days prior to the event.

D. Eligibility of Participants

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

(1) All participants in the event represent only their respective schools of enrollment; AND

(2) All participants in the event meet the provisions of the following Bylaws: 203 (Age Requirement), 204 (Eight [8] Semesters), 212 (Amateur Standing), 600 (Outside Teams) and 900 (All-Star Competition); AND

(3) All participants in the event meet the eligibility standards of their respective state and national associations, including, but not limited to, maintaining minimum progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements as prescribed by their respective governing boards.

E. Traveling School Procedures

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

(1) Schools traveling internationally to destinations other than to Canada or Mexico must:

   a. File any paperwork required by their respective Section

(2) Schools traveling to all international destinations must submit to its respective Section Office written verification of the eligibility of all participants in the event, as stipulated in 705.D. above.

NOTE: Consult your Section office for application deadlines.

(Revised November 2009 Federated Council/Editorial Revision May 2014)

706 PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS

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

A. DEFINITION OF A TOURNAMENT
   For purposes of these regulations, a tournament is defined as an invitational athletic event that includes a minimum of four teams, which participate in a contest format through which a winner is determined and awards are given. Tournaments must be set-up with an elimination, round-robin, or group play format that leads to tournament championship.
   Note: A showcase of individual contest is not considered a tournament.

B. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS
   All tournaments within California that take place during the high school season of sport must be hosted or co-hosted by a CIF member school, and must use NFHS sports rules in order to be sanctioned. (See additional sanctioning information below.)
   Note: No tournament game shall cause a regularly scheduled game to be moved after the official schedule has been finalized.

C. DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION OF REQUIRED PAPERWORK
   1. Any school within the Los Angeles City Section that hosts a tournament must submit appropriate sanction forms and other required paperwork to the Section Commissioner at least 60 days prior to the event.

D. PENALTIES FOR LACK OF SUBMISSION OR LATE SUBMISSION OF TOURNAMENT HOSTING PAPERWORK
   1. For tournament hosting paperwork submitted after the due date, the school is restricted for one year from hosting a tournament in that sport.
   2. For tournament hosting paperwork that is not submitted at all, the school is restricted for two years from hosting tournament in that sport.

E. SUPERVISION
   At tournament contests, it is the responsibility of the coach to provide appropriate adult supervision at all home and away sites.

F. NUMBER OF ALLOWABLE TOURNAMENTS BY LEAGUE
   Team Sports (other than Football) Four (4) tournaments
   Individual Sports Six per Athlete
   Wrestling Wrestlers cannot exceed a total of 40 matches, to include all matches for the season.

G. NUMBER OF CONTESTS CHARGED IN TOURNAMENTS
   Any team entering an invitational tournament in baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, water polo, lacrosse and volleyball will be charged two games toward the allowable maximum number of contests per season in that particular sport. The maximum number of contests allowed any team in a tournament, whether participating in the championship or consolation bracket, will not exceed four contests in an 8-team, four contests in a 16-team, or five contests in a 32-team tournament. If the number of contests exceeds the prescribed number allowed, then another contest will be charged, which may result in a reduction of the number of tournaments entered. For match Pool Play tournaments, in the sport of volleyball, two contests will be charged per day of the tournament if games are 3 out of 5 match play. In any other sport, each game played will be charged as one contest. In any Round-Robin tournament, each game played will be charged as one contest.

H. PARTICIPATION IN INTERSECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS
   When Los Angeles City Section CIF schools participate in intersectional tournaments, the rules of the Section hosting the tournament will prevail. Note: In intersectional non-league contests, CIF-Los Angeles City Section rules will apply.
I. OFFICIALS’ FEES FOR TOURNAMENTS
All tournament officials must be certified for CIF contests. Request for tournament officials must be submitted to Official Unit Assigner. Unit assigners will assign all tournament officials. The unit assigner will determine officials’ fees or ability to negotiate with officials assigned.

J. OUT OF STATE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION
Any school participating in an out-of-state tournament must ensure that the tournament has been sanctioned by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF).

K. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF CONTRACTS
The following penalties will be invoked for those schools that renege on a signed contract (to include the signature of an administrator) provided to the host school of any tournament:
1. School in violation is required to pay the tournament fee.
2. School is placed on probation in that sport for one year.
3. School loses one tournament in that sport for the following school year.

L. FIRST ALLOWABLE TOURNAMENT DATES
See CIF-LACS Calendar
**ARTICLE 80  AWARDS FOR CIF COMPETITION**

**800 PARTICIPATION AWARD RULES**
A high school student is governed by CIF rules when the student participates in CIF competition. When the student participates in other than CIF competition in a CIF approved sport, at any time during the calendar year, the student is governed by the awards rules of the amateur governing body for that sport. If the student violates the amateur standing rule of the amateur governing body for that CIF approved sport, the student is ineligible for CIF competition, except whenever the amateur governing body rule for that sport is more stringent than the CIF rule, the CIF rule shall prevail.

**801 COACHES AWARD LIMITATIONS**
Tournaments will not be sanctioned if there is an award over $100.00 in value to coaches.
(Revised Federated Council May 2011)

**802 STUDENT AWARD LIMITATIONS**
A. A high school student may not receive, from any and all sources, athletic awards for athletic achievement in a given sport totaling more than $250.00 in value for:
   (1) Accomplishments in any regular season CIF high school competition event;
       NOTE: Typical examples of a regular season CIF high school competition event include, but are not limited to, any non-league dual contest, league dual contest and/or individual tournaments held prior to any season culminating League, Section, Region and/or State Playoff competition.
   (2) A recognition award program, such as Player of the Week/Month, for any regular season CIF high school competition.
B. A high school student may not receive, from any and all sources, athletic awards for athletic achievement in a given sport totaling more than $500.00 in value for any postseason CIF high school competition or recognition program.
   NOTE: For purposes of this bylaw only, postseason CIF high school competition includes League, Section, Regional and State Playoff competition, and such competition is considered to be one continuous event.
C. The dollar value of an award shall be determined by the following criteria:
   (1) The retail price paid by the last purchaser of the award;
   (2) If the host school or League purchases the award, the retail price paid by the host school or League;
   (3) If the award is donated by another entity, the actual retail price or cost to the entity exclusive of engraving.
D. Such award cannot be cash, a gift certificate or merchandise alone. It may be merchandise, badge, medal, plaque, ribbon, picture, certificate or trophy, if it is suitably engraved or designated as an award.
E. In the event a student accepts athletic awards in excess of the respective $250.00 and/or $500.00 value(s) stated above, and he/she or his/her parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver does not pay the excess amount(s), the student is ineligible for further CIF high school competition and shall be penalized according to Bylaw 212.
(Revised May 2011 Federated Council)

**803 CONTRIBUTIONS**
A. No entity including, but not limited to, booster clubs, individual or corporate donors, school districts, and leagues, may contribute anything in order to make it possible to give an award exceeding the $250.00 or $500.00 value.
B. Awards exceeding the $250.00 and $500.00 values may not be held and given to the student after the student graduates. (Revised May 2011 Federated Council)

**804 EQUAL VALUE OF AWARDS**
Whenever a CIF athletic event is conducted for girls’ teams and boys’ teams in the same sport, awards of equal value for boy’s competition and girl’s competition shall be provided at each equivalent event of competition. Such
awards need not be identical. The value of awards for junior varsity or other level of competition need not be the same as for varsity, but at each level of competition awards for boys and girls should be of equal value.

805. **ANY GIFT, OR TOTAL OF GIFTS, SPONSORSHIPS OR CONTRIBUTIONS, VALUED AT $500.00 OR MORE, TO AN ATHLETIC PROGRAM, TEAM OR COACH**

A. Information on any gift, or total of gifts, sponsorships or contributions of $500.00 or more yearly to an athletic program, team or coach which is meant to support that program, team or coach must be reported to the governing body or administrative officer responsible for policy development related to athletics.

B. If requested, a record of gifts, contributions or sponsorships must be made available to the Section to which the school belongs and to the State CIF. Such a record should include the date and amount as well as a copy of any existing contractual obligations related to the gift, contribution or sponsorship, and a clear record of the disbursement of the funds.

C. The acceptance and disbursement of any gifts, contributions or sponsorships must also be in accord with school administrative and district policy and as stipulated under the conditions of membership as outlined in Article 2-22.

D. In the case of private schools or public charter schools specifically exempt from such regulations, the Section or State may require the implementation of reasonable administrative review practices and procedures, concerning the receipt and disbursement of gifts, contributions or sponsorships. (See also Bylaw 508 - Donated Equipment)

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

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

806 **GRANTING OF LETTERS**

Each high school in the CIF Los Angeles City Section has the power under the constitution of its student body to determine to what teams, and which individuals on those teams, letters shall be given. Letters may be awarded only for the approved sports listed.

807 **LETTERS AWARDED**

- **807-1** Letters may be awarded at any time after the completion of the season.
- **807-2** Any members of a graduating class of a senior high school may be awarded an athletic letter and allowed the privilege of wearing it as soon as the letter has been earned, provided that the student is in good standing and has met all other requirements.

808 **REQUIREMENTS FOR LETTERS**

The following requirements, unless otherwise provided for in the student body constitution, will govern the awarding of letters:

- **808-1** Football, basketball, lacrosse and water polo: A student must participate 50 per cent of the quarters in league games. Playing in one or more plays of any quarter shall constitute a full quarter. Soccer: A student must participate in 50 per cent of the halves in league games. Volleyball: A student must participate in 50 percent of the league matches.

- **808-2** Track, gymnastics, and wrestling: A student must place or average one point per league dual meet or place in a league meet or the All City meet. For girls' gymnastics: 50 percent of meets (league). Swimming: A student must place or average two points per league dual meet or place in a league meet or the All City meet.

- **808-3** Baseball and softball: A student must participate in 50 per cent of the total innings of league games. Exceptions: Pitchers and catchers must participate in at least nine innings of league play.

- **808-4** Badminton, tennis and golf: A student must participate in 50 per cent of the league matches.
Cross country dual meets: In dual meets, a student must score an average of one point per dual meet based upon the following system:
5 points for beating opposing team's first finisher
4 points for beating opposing team's second finisher
3 points for beating opposing team's third finisher
2 points for beating opposing team's fourth finisher
1 point for beating opposing team's fifth finisher,
Or in the League Finals, a student must place in the top 25 finishers, or in the City Finals, must place in the top 50 finishers.
A minimum of five letters will be awarded to each team. A student who places among the first five in the League cross country meet and among the first ten in the All City cross country meet shall be eligible for a letter.

DEFINITION OF A LETTERPERSON
A letterperson is construed to mean any student who has participated sufficiently or won enough points to have earned an athletic letter according to the requirements of the school, whether or not the student actually received the letter.

EQUAL STATUS OF SPORTS
For the purpose of awarding letters, all sports are equal status. Distinction is made only with regards to classification as reflected by sizes of letters awarded.

LETTERS, EMBLEMS, AND STARS

Full block letters will be awarded for all inter school athletics of the following sizes:

a. Varsity teams not to exceed eight inches.
b. JV teams not to exceed six inches.
c. Frosh Soph teams not to exceed five inches.

The manager of a sport will be awarded a regular letter with a small "m" for the activity managed.

Yell leaders will be awarded letters not to exceed eight inches on megaphone backgrounds.

Either chenille or felt letters, certificates or plaques may be awarded.

Emblems designating athletic activities may be worn attached to award letters. Such emblems must not extend beyond the boundaries of the letter. The word "Champs" or a similar designation is not an emblem and is not permitted on any letter awarded by a high school.

Stars. (Non Varsity Competition)

a. Participation. A star, permanently attached to a letter, may be worn for each year an athlete wins a letter in a particular sport in other than Varsity competition (i.e. J.V., B, C, and Frosh Soph). Stars may be worn only on a letter awarded for the same sport and class for which the star was awarded.
b. Team Captain. A star two inches in diameter may be worn only by the captain of the team. This star shall be worn on the left sleeve three inches below the shoulder seam. This star may be worn only with the letter awarded for the sport of which the student was elected captain that is, the student who was elected captain of the Class "B" team may not wear the captain's star with a Class "A" letter unless the student has also been the captain of a Class "A" team.

In the event a Varsity letter is worn on a legal jacket for which sleeve stripes are impractical, one bar not to exceed 1/4 inch in width may be worn diagonally across a portion of the letter for each year a letter has been won. Such bars may be worn on a letter attached to a sweater.

Whenever piping or other device is used to accentuate an award letter, the over all dimensions, including such piping, shall not exceed the prescribed dimensions for the letter.

Letterperson sweaters must be of appropriate style. The length of the sweater shall not extend below the second finger joints of the wearer when the hands and arms are hanging naturally at the sides.
**STRIPES (Varsity Competition Only)**

812 1 Stripes designate the number of years on a Varsity team and may be worn only by a Varsity letterperson and a Varsity manager in the activity specified.

812 2 A stripe may be worn for each year in which a student is awarded a letter in a particular Varsity sport. It is permissible for students to obtain sweaters with more stripes than they are currently entitled to wear provided the additional stripes are covered until the letters indicated thereby have been won. The maximum number of stripes may not exceed the number of letters given in any given sport.

**LETTERS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS**
No student shall be allowed to wear a letter not awarded by the school in which the student is legally enrolled.

**PENALTY FOR ILLEGAL LETTERS**
If a student wears or displays an award letter, stripe, or emblem, etc., not complying with standard specifications, the student becomes ineligible for interscholastic athletics until reinstated by the Board of Managers.

**GOLD SPORTS CHARMS, SWEATERS, LETTER JACKETS, ETC.**
No individual high school may present, but may sanction, the presentation of any medal, gold sports charm, sweater, jacket, or any other gift of intrinsic or sentimental value to its letterpersons. Schools may award letters, emblems, certificates or plaques. (The CIF limits to $100 the total value of an award for high school competition, derived from any source, or $250 for league, section and State CIF playoff competition.

**AWARDS FOR ALL CITY ACTIVITIES**
Medals or other awards may be awarded in All City athletic activities in any sport as specifically authorized by the Board of Managers. If a sport is represented in the city by only one league, no All City awards will be given.

**SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD CERTIFICATE**
Any school that wishes may present these certificates to their letterpersons, provided that the letterpersons have a "B" average during the current semester, when all subjects taken are considered, and that their citizenship is satisfactory to the administration of the school. These certificates can be awarded each semester. Therefore, it is possible for one student to earn six certificates within three years or eight certificates in four years.

**CHAMPIONSHIP PATCHES**
818-1 League and Section championship patches may be purchased for awarding to members of the championship teams, for individuals, as well as team sports in both Varsity and Junior Varsity division.

818-2 Each school must purchase these patches through its student body funds.

**CHAMPIONSHIP PERPETUAL TROPHIES**
819-1 Perpetual sports trophies have been donated (in some cases.)

819-2 The championship team shall retain the trophy from the time of presentation until the finals for that event are held the following year.

819-3 The trophy becomes the complete responsibility of that school. Any loss or damage to the trophy must be reported immediately to the Section Office.

819-4 The engraving cost for the championship plate is the responsibility of the winning school.

819-5 It will be the responsibility of the championship school of each preceding year to deliver the trophy (in good condition) to the Section Office at least two days prior to the championship playoff date, with their plate engraved.

**TEAM GPA AWARDS**
Beginning in 2009, the Board of Managers approved an award for the varsity team in each sport, boys’ and girls’, whose team members accumulate the highest grade point average amongst all schools in the CIF-LACS. Schools are to submit the appropriate paperwork, to be verified and signed by the principal. The award is presented to the schools at a Board of Managers meeting after each season.
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:  2014 June 11  
        2015 June 6  
        2016 June 4
D.  For purposes of interpreting the CIF All Star bylaw, high school all-star competition in any game, contest, or exhibition (including practices and/or tryouts) in which teams compete and the team participants include students from CIF member schools selected on a basis that involves, but may not necessarily be limited to, their high school athletic accomplishments. The following guidelines are to be considered in determining whether the activity is high school all-star competition:

(1)  If the team name or activity includes all star in its title, it shall be considered all-star competition unless it qualifies otherwise by these guidelines;
(2)  If a team includes high school participants and the team purports to represent outstanding players from any community, county, State or geographical region, it shall be considered all-star competition unless it qualifies otherwise by these guidelines;
(3)  If a team includes high school participants and the team represents itself in name, publicity, or programs as being composed of outstanding players from two or more high schools, or from one or more CIF leagues, or from one or more Sections, it shall be considered all-star competition unless it qualifies otherwise by these guidelines;
(4)  If no admission charge is made nor donation solicited for the activity, it shall not be considered all-star competition;
(5)  If the team(s) represents an organized sports association, religious organization, or municipal recreation department and the team(s) is comprised solely of current participants in ongoing leagues or divisions of that organization, it shall not be considered all-star competition;
(6)  If the team(s) is comprised solely of current members of an incorporated athletic club, it shall not be considered all-star competition.  (Revised May 2003 Federated Council)

901  PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF BYLAW 900
A.  School

Violations of Bylaw 900 may cause the school involved to be suspended from membership in the CIF. Participation by member schools, by their school officials, or by any employee of the school, directly or indirectly, in the furnishing of school facilities or equipment, management, organization, supervision, player selection, coaching, or promotion in connection with any prohibited contests shall be considered a violation of Bylaw 900. The period of suspension shall be determined by the Federated Council. Suspended schools shall apply to the Federated Council for reinstatement.

B.  Student

Any student taking part in a prohibited all star contest or similar contest shall be barred from all CIF athletic contests for up to one year following the date the infraction is verified.

ARTICLE 1000  INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION
The 1000 series has been incorporated into Bylaw 705.

**ARTICLE 100  PLAYOFFS**

**1000  ALL PLAYOFFS MANAGED BY COMMISSIONER**
All playoffs of the CIF Los Angeles Section shall be under the management of the Section Commissioner, who will have final authority and responsibility for their conduct.

1000-1 The sports of swimming, track and field, shall have individual playoffs only with a team score based on individual advancement and place. There shall only be one division in the sports of Swimming, Track and field, and wrestling.

1000-2 The sport of tennis shall have individual and team playoffs.

1000-3 The sports of cross country and golf shall have advancement of both individuals and teams. Cross country will have multiple divisions matching state guidelines. Golf will have only one division.

1000-4 The sports of lacrosse and water polo shall be team playoffs in only one division.

1000-5 The sports of baseball and softball shall have multiple divisions based on competitive equity.

1000-6 The sports of basketball, football, soccer, and volleyball shall have multiple division playoffs based on state guidelines.

1000-7 In divisional sports, the sports advisory shall determine the divisions. Sports with state playoffs must follow state guidelines when placing schools.

1000-8 The Section Commissioner reserves the right to make decisions that could differ from published procedures in emergency circumstances.

1000-9 In all sports, a team with two or more forfeits that would have qualified for the upper division playoffs, but does not, based on the win/loss record with the forfeits, will not be placed in the lower division, and will be kept out of the playoffs.

**1001  REPORT OF PLAYOFFS**
At the close of the season for each sport, the Section Commissioner shall compile a report of the playoffs for the Board of Managers.

**1002  IDENTIFYING LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES INTO THE PLAYOFFS**

1002-1 Each sport will determine place tie-breakers in league standings.

1002-2 Each sport will develop its own guidelines for playoff entry. This includes number of teams.

1002-3 No team may be entered into the playoffs when a team that is in the same division and above it in the league standings has not been selected.

1002 4 School Determination Not to Move Forward Into Playoffs

A If it is the decision of school personnel that an individual athlete will not participate in playoffs if selected, this decision must be submitted in writing to the person coordinating the playoffs for that program prior to the seeding. The coach, athletic director and principal/designee must all sign off on the decision. If the document is not submitted prior to the seeding, that individual will be restricted from playoff competition in the following year.

B If it is the decision of school personnel that a team will not participate in playoffs if selected, this decision must be submitted in writing to the person coordinating the playoffs for that program prior to the seeding. The coach, athletic director and principal/designee must all sign off on the decision. If the document is not submitted prior to the seeding, that team will be restricted from playoff competition in the following year.

**1003  HOME TEAMS**
The higher seeded team will always be the home team for a playoff contest.
**1004 COMMISSIONER DETERMINES PLAYOFF SITES**

The Commissioner shall have sole authority in determining the sites for playoff competition in all sports and for all rounds.

1004-1 The Section shall develop guidelines for a home site.

1004-2 If the home team’s site does not meet Section guidelines, the home school shall find a suitable site.

1004-3 The Board of Managers has the authority to determine if any round of the playoffs shall in its entirety be played at a neutral venue.

1004-4 No team may practice at a designated neutral venue.

**1005 HOST SCHOOL ACCOUNTS FOR ALL GAME REVENUE**

1005-1 After a reasonable request from the Commissioner’s office, schools that continue to be delinquent with financial reports will not be allowed to host a game during the playoffs in all sports for a period of one year.

1005-2 Playoff Contests in Football and Basketball:

The Board of Managers and the Section Office shall manage all rounds of football and basketball playoffs. Schools designated as Home Schools will assume management responsibility as designated by the Section Office.

a. All game income and expenses are to be reported to the Section Office within thirty (30) days of the event.

b. The Section Office owns all rights to playoff games. Any radio or television broadcasts must be approved, in advance, by the Section Office.

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e. Any team that is disqualified during or following the playoffs, will not receive any profits from playoff games in which the school participated in that playoff season. School expenses will not be covered. Excess revenue will be placed in the Section general fund.

f. In order to host a CIF Los Angeles City Section football or basketball playoff game, host school agree to the following:
   1. Host schools are required to charge admission fees as set by the Section for all rounds in the sports of football and basketball playoff games.
   2. Host schools will manage the expenses and income for the play-in round, first round and second round playoff games in the sports of football and basketball.
   3. Host school and opponent will profit share gate profits after expenses at 60% / 40% splits respectively between each of the participating schools.
   4. If any playoff game results in a deficit, this deficit shall be shared under the same formula as a profit.
   5. If the host school is unable to charge for admission due to the facility restrictions, they would be required to notify the opponent and offer them the opportunity to host if able to anticipate a profit. If not, both schools will be responsible for 50% split of the expenses as played at the higher seeded facility.
   6. Participating schools administrators will discuss and agree on all expenses prior to the game. If unable to resolve any disputes will request resolution from the Section Commissioner.
   7. The semifinal and final games will be managed by the Section Office. The Section will incur all expenses and/or revenue.

(BOM approved 2016)

1005-3 Playoff Contests in all other sports:

a. All expenses for playoff contests played in preliminary rounds, and in some cases, semi-finals, shall be shared by the two participating schools. The two participating schools would also totally
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share any profit remaining after all expenses were subtracted. This includes, but is not restricted to, official’s fees, management and supervision, site rental and custodial charges.

b. The Section Office will manage all Final round contests. Schools designated as Home Schools will assume management duties as designated by the Section Office. The Section Office will be responsible for any losses incurred in Final round contests, and in some cases semi-final round contests. Any income from ticket sales must be applied to game expenses before a loss is determined.

1006 FREELANCE PLAYOFF ENTRY QUALIFICATION

If a school does not have membership in a league or the school belongs to a league which does not offer students in a given sport an opportunity to qualify into CIF Los Angeles City Section championships, special conditions exist which must be followed in order to qualify for possible entry.

1006-1 Team Sports - All freelance schools desiring entry into the playoffs must submit its schedules to the Commissioner for evaluation and approval of conditions under which the team may qualify. Schedules must be submitted prior to the start of each season for evaluation.

1006-2 Individual Sports - Schools meeting the criteria outlined in 1007-1 above may petition individual athletes for possible entry into CIF Los Angeles City Section individual playoff competition. Petitions for such athletes must include a complete data sheet for each individual showing best marks, scores or rankings from any competition held during the current school year. All such petitions must be submitted two calendar weeks prior to the first scheduled date of playoff competition.

1007 PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY

An ineligible player is one who is in violation of any State CIF or Section scholastic residence, transfer, age, semesters of attendance, or other eligibility rules.

A. Games in which the student participated, after the occurrence of the violation shall be forfeited.

B. From the time the seeding meeting, violations discovered will be assessed only against the individual(s) and will not affect the advancement of a team into the playoffs.

C. Violations discovered after the first round of any playoff will result in disqualification of the ineligible player’s team from the playoffs and forfeiture of its last playoff competition. In such cases, the losing team will advance provided the date of the next scheduled contest has not elapsed.

1008 TROPHIES

Appropriate trophies shall be awarded by the Section to team champions and runner-up in all official sports. The winning or runner-up team has the option of awarding more than the prescribed number of medals or patches at its own expense.

1009 NOISEMAKERS PROHIBITED

No noisemakers (horns, bells, victory bells, sirens, chimes, musical instruments other than those in the band, etc.) will be permitted inside the gymnasium, stadium or playing fields at any Section contest (non-league, league, tournament or playoff). Cheering devices such as wooden blocks, or other similar objects, are prohibited. Megaphones shall be used only by uniformed cheerleaders for the purpose of directing and controlling rooting sections. The improper use of any of the above listed devices by supporters of a team would subject that team to possible forfeiture of the contest.

1010 EQUAL FACILITIES

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

1011 SEEDING COMMITTEE DESIGN AND SELECTION

The seeding committees in all sports will consist of NON-COACHES and NON-MEDIA personnel. The format used to create the membership of the seeding committee and the number of representatives from leagues, region, or other entity will be determined by the coaches/sport advisory committee. Each representative on the seeding committee will have one vote, the Section Staff will facilitate the seeding meeting and will have a vote only to
break ties when necessary. Once the representation and design of the seeding committee is determined by the advisory, the committee members will be nominated and selected by majority vote from the coaches within the designated leagues or regions they represent in each sport. The ranking formula and criteria to be used by the seeding committee will be designed by the coaches’ advisory with a simple majority of all coaches in agreement with the system to be implemented. In addition to the seeding committee representatives, the coaches’ advisory may select one additional person to attend the seeding meeting who is knowledgeable of the seeding formula and criteria and will provide documents and/or clarification at the seeding meeting; this person will not have a vote. The coaches’ advisory will determine if more than one committee is necessary to complete the seeding for both genders and multiple divisions.

1012 REQUIRED POSTING OF GAME SCORES
All coaches in all sports that are served by Max Preps are required to post game scores on the Max Preps website within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game. Training will be provided to coaches at the annual coaches meeting to provide information and instruction for accessing the coach’s administrative site to post scores. Max Preps will provide the Section staff with data of postings to assist with compliance. (Passed by BOM 2015)

Coaches that fail to comply with the required posting of game scores will be notified and provided a due date for posting of scores. If non-compliance continues after the assigned date, the following actions will be activated:

a. Penalty for failure to post game scores after each game
   i. First violation – Reminder sent to Athletic Director and Head Coach
   ii. Second violation – Contact the Administration
   iii. Future violation - $100 fine for the season.

b. Penalty for failure to post all game scores prior to the seeding meeting date will result in No home games for playoffs.

1013 SECTION REIMBURSEMENT FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION
For individual sports that offer State CIF Championships, the Section shall reimburse the lodging and meal expenses for qualifying athletes and one coach or employed supervisor (one not both). Section reimbursements are contingent on the Coach (school employee) accompanying the qualifying athlete(s) at a ratio no more than 10 students to 1 supervising coach. All school/district insurance forms and waiver release forms must be completed and submitted to the proper authority prior to departure to the event. Completed reimbursement forms must be submitted to the Section Finance Manager by the supervising coach to include itemized receipts for meals and lodging within 30 days of the event (prior to the end of the school year for spring sports). Limitations for expenses shall include $8.00 for breakfast, $10.00 for lunch and $12.00 for dinner. Allowable hotel expenses will be determined by the location of the event and included in the championship bulletin. Expenses for a second day attendance at a State championship is contingent on athlete(s) qualifying for participation during the second day of competition. Athletes choosing to stay with their parents do not qualify for reimbursements. (BOM 2016)
ARTICLE 110  APPEALS AND DELEGATED POWERS

1100. CIF STUDENT TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY APPEALS PROCEDURES (B YLAWS 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.


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. S10 – Undue Influence, Pre-enrollment contact, Failure to Disclose Pre-enrollment contact and Athletically Motivated Transfers

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

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

Upon written appeal of Bylaws 203, 204.C. or 205.C. the Section shall appoint either:
A. A hearing panel; OR
B. A single hearing officer.

The panel or hearing officer shall be empowered to hear the matter under consideration and rule on the eligibility status of the appellant under Section and State CIF eligibility requirements. Neither members of the hearing panel, nor a single hearing officer can have been directly associated with the matter under consideration or directly associated with the schools involved in the matter or have any other interest, personal or professional, that would preclude a fair and impartial hearing. If it is apparent from the facts that the panel or the hearing officer have no authority to adjudicate the matter under the rules, the Section may find the appeal to be without merit and deny a hearing. The Section hearing need not be conducted according to the rules of evidence and those related to witnesses. Any relevant evidence including hearsay evidence shall be admitted. All testimony shall be given under oath or affirmation administered by hearing officer (a member of the panel or a single hearing officer).

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

If the affected party fails to file the appeal within the 30 calendar day period, the Section’s hearing panel or hearing officer will not hear the appeal, and the Commissioner’s decision, or hearing panel or hearing officer’s decision, denying eligibility, shall be final.

Within 10 business days after receiving the appeal, the Section will send notice of the receipt of the appeal to the Section’s panel or hearing officer, and to the appellant.

Within 30 business days after notifying both parties, a hearing shall take place at a time and place determined by the Section’s panel or hearing officer. Any continuance of the timelines must be agreed upon and documented.

A written decision of the Section’s panel or hearing officer shall be sent to the Section Commissioner and appellant within 10 business days after the hearing.

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

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

1102 STATE REVIEW PROCEDURE OF SECTION APPEAL PANEL DECISIONS

Appeals of final decisions determined through the Section appeals procedure concerning student eligibility involving requests for waiver of the age requirement, waiver of a charged semester of attendance and/or waiver of the requirement to pass 20 semester credits of work may be presented to the State CIF Executive Director after the Section decision has been made in accordance with the following, if the appellant believes that the Section violated one (1) or more of the following procedural guidelines:

A. Was the Section’s decision or action lawful; i.e., did the decision or action violate Title V, the Education Code, etc. and did it extend appropriate due process to the parties?
B. Was the Section’s decision or action fraudulent?
C. Did the Section act arbitrarily?
   (1) Did the Section have rules and criteria by which it reached its decision?
   (2) were the Section’s rules and criteria reasonable; i.e., do the Section’s rules reasonably relate to a legitimate objective?
   (3) Did the Section follow its own rules and criteria?
   (4) Does the Section’s action or decision have a basis in reason, or in other words, a reasonable basis? The test to be employed in the application of these criteria is whether responsible people, acting in a thoughtful manner, could reasonably have reached the same decision as the Section and not whether others might personally agree with the decision. The Executive Director, upon receiving such an appeal, may review the Section’s decision based on the above guidelines to determine whether its action was a violation of any of the above. If, in his or her judgment, this is the case, the Executive Director may return this matter to the Section for further review, or, if necessary, set aside the decision and take jurisdiction consistent with Bylaw 1109.A.
D. Dates and Deadlines for State CIF Student Eligibility Appeals
   (1) An appeal to the Executive Director, under this bylaw, must be initiated within 30 calendar days after a written notice of a Section’s decision denying eligibility is sent (by postmarked mail) to the affected party.
   (2) If the affected party fails to file the appeal within the 30 calendar day period, the Executive Director will not hear the appeal and the Section’s decision, denying eligibility, shall be final.
   (3) If the appeal is filed within the 30 business day period, the Executive Director will send notice of the receipt of the appeal, within 10 calendar days after receiving the appeal, to the Section, and to the appellant. The notice to the Section shall include all documents filed by the appellant.
The Section may file a response to the appeal within 15 business days after receiving the notice of appeal. The response shall be served on the appellant. The appellant may have five (5) days to file a reply with the Executive Director.

A written decision of the Executive Director shall be sent to the Section and appellant within 15 business days of receipt of the final reply.

(Revised May 2007 Federated Council)

1103 SECTION APPEALS PROCEDURES INVOLVING MATTERS OTHER THAN STUDENT ELIGIBILITY OR SECTION PLAYOFFS

In the final Section determination of rules questions other than student eligibility or Section playoffs, each Section shall establish appellate procedures, which incorporate the following requirements:

A. Upon written appeal, the Section shall cause a hearing body to be convened. The body shall be empowered to hear the matter under consideration and rule on the matter at hand;

B. Sections shall publish appeal procedures and provide appropriate due process for schools engaged in any appeal under the Section and/or State Bylaws;

C. Sections shall provide for timely notice of appeals, time schedule of such appeals, and written notice for determination of the matter being appealed;

D. Section appellate procedures shall allow for written and verbal presentations by the appellant to hearing bodies and testimony by knowledgeable parties.

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

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

1105 STATE CIF PLAYOFF APPEALS PROCEDURES

The State CIF Executive Director shall have full authority to rule on any appeal directly involving State playoffs or to delegate such authority to game or meet authorities. Such a delegation of authority would not prevent the Executive Director from subsequently assuming jurisdiction if the Executive Director believed conditions warranted.

1106 INTER-SECTIONAL DISPUTES PROCEDURE

In the event that two (2) Sections cannot come to a mutual agreement on an issue, a three (3)-person committee composed of the President, President-Elect and Past-President, along with the State CIF Executive Director, is authorized to hear the issue and render a decision which would be binding. If any member of the Committee is a representative of a Section involved in the dispute, the President shall select another member of the Federated Council to serve on the Committee for that particular issue.

1107 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S AUTHORITY TO INTERPRET

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

(Revised May 2007 Federated Council)

1108 DELEGATED POWERS

A. In emergency situations, the State CIF President or Executive Director or his/her authorized designee may act for the Federated Council in the best interest of the organization. This action will be reviewed by the Executive Committee as soon as possible.

B. Between meetings of the Federated Council, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to act for the Federated Council when necessary. This action will be subject to the approval of the Federated Council at its next meeting.

1109 SETTING ASIDE THE EFFECT OF A RULE FOR WHICH THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR WAIVER

(Revised May 2007 Federated Council)
The Executive Director and a Section appeals committee may, on a case-by-case basis, upon evaluation of the evidence, set aside the effect of any bylaw when, in their joint opinion all of the following criteria are met:

A. There exists a hardship as defined by Bylaw 213;
B. The rationale of the rule being waived will not be offended or compromised;
C. The principle of the educational balance (over athletics) will not be offended or compromised;
D. The waiver will not result in a safety risk to teammates or competitors;
E. The waiver will not result in an unfair displacement of another student from athletic competition;
F. Competitive equity among competitors will not, as a result of the waiver, be skewed in favor of the student or the student’s team.

(Aproved May 1997 Federated Council)

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

1110 APPEAL PROCESS AND RULE VIOLATION COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

INTRODUCTION

Authorized by the Education Code, the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) was established to bring balance, competitive equity, and fair play to high school sports. The CIF consists of the state level office (State CIF), sections throughout the state, leagues, and schools.

Membership in CIF is open to all public and private high schools in the state. CIF Los Angeles City Section (Los Angeles City Section) consists of Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) high schools and includes charter high schools that are affiliated with LAUSD, independent charter high schools and private high schools located within LAUSD’s geographic boundaries that have been granted membership in the Los Angeles City Section. LAUSD high schools, charter schools affiliated with LAUSD, independent charter schools, and private high schools that are granted membership in the Los Angeles City Section are collectively referred to in these procedures as Los Angeles City Section schools.

As a condition of membership in CIF, the Los Angeles City Section has adopted and upholds rules determined by the State CIF. The Los Angeles City Section has also adopted local rules under CIF rules that allow sections to adopt rules that are not inconsistent with, or less stringent than, CIF Rules. The Los Angeles City Section local rules are approved by their Board of Managers.

As a condition of membership in CIF and Los Angeles City Section, all member schools must:
A. Abide by all current rules of the CIF and Los Angeles City Section;
B. Abide by all decisions made by the CIF and Los Angeles City Section;
C. Monitor athletic programs and self-report to the appropriate governing body any suspected violations of CIF or Los Angeles City Section rules;
D. Remain Current with membership dues, fees, playoff financial reports, and fines.

1110-1 INITIATING A STUDENT ELIGIBILITY WAIVER REQUEST

A request for a waiver of CIF Bylaw 207 regarding a Section's decision to grant limited transfer eligibility will be made by the Section Commissioner, and 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.

For waiver requests of CIF Bylaws 203 (Age Requirement), 204 (Eight Consecutive Semesters Requirement), and 205E (Waiver of the Requirement of Passing 20 Semester Credits of Work), the following procedure is to be followed:
A. If a student and/or his/her parent or guardian is informed that the student is not eligible, the student and/or his/her parent or guardian may request a waiver of the eligibility rules (Request for Waiver form is available on the Section website www.cif-la.org) In general, CIF and Los Angeles City Section eligibility rules may only be waived
because of an unforeseeable, unavoidable, and uncorrectable act, condition or event which causes the imposition of a severe and non-athletic burden on the student and/or the student’s family (hardship) (CIF Bylaw 213).

B. The student and/or his/her parent or guardian will first discuss the waiver request with the current school’s athletic administrator to determine necessary documents and qualifying status. Appropriate documents to attach are indicated on the Request for Waiver form. This may include but are not limited to:
   1. Statement of Hardship
   2. Supporting documentation based on reason for hardship
   3. Current semester reports
   4. Attendance records for all high school years
   5. High school disciplinary record
   6. Police record
   7. Medical documentation
   8. Court documentation and/or

C. The request for a waiver must be signed by the current school’s administrator prior to submitting all documents to the Section Commissioner.

D. As per CIF policies, decisions on transfer eligibility will be made by the Section Commissioner. When necessary, the Section Commissioner will contact the parent (caregiver) and/or school administration for clarification and/or to request additional information.

1110-2. INITIATING A RULES VIOLATION COMPLAINT

A. Complainant. A complainant may be by the Section Commissioner, a Los Angeles City Section school, a Los Angeles City Section school student, a parent/guardian of a minor student, or a non Los Angeles City Section or Los Angeles City Section school employee or volunteer acting in the capacity of an employee. (See Chart of Rules Violations by Party and Appeal Level available at schools).

B. Complaint Filing Process.
   1. Informal Resolution of Complaints. Complainants are encouraged to seek informal resolution of their complaints before filing a complaint with the Section Office. Students or their parents/guardians should contact their school athletic director when attempting to informally resolve a complaint. Non Los Angeles City Section schools should contact the office of the Section Commissioner when attempting to informally resolve a complaint. Los Angeles City Section schools should contact their League Commissioner when attempting to informally resolve a complaint. Any other individuals with a concern/complaint should raise the concern/complaint with the involved school as a first step.

   2. Filing a Complaint. When informal resolution of complaint is unsuccessful, to formally allege a violation of any State CIF or Los Angeles City Section rule over which the Los Angeles City Section has jurisdiction (See Chart of Rules Violations by Party and Appeal Level available at schools), a Complainant must file a complaint and all documents supporting the complaint with the Section Office using a Complaint Form (See Complaint Form available at schools). The completed Complaint Form must include documented factual details that are, as determined by the Section Commissioner on initial review, sufficient to give the school or individual alleged to have committed a rule violation reasonable notice of all alleged rule violations. If the Complainant is a Los Angeles City Section school or an employee or volunteer of a Los Angeles City Section school, the Complaint Form must be signed by the Principal of the Los Angeles City Section School.

   3. Defective Complaints/Opportunity to Re file. If the Section Commissioner determines that a Complaint Form does not include documented factual details that are sufficient to give the school, or individual alleged to have committed a rule violation reasonable notice of all alleged rule violations, the Section Commissioner shall reject the Complaint Form and immediately return it to the Complainant. Complainants may re file rejected Complaint Forms, but must do so within 25 calendar days from the date of the Section Commissioner’s rejection. Complaint Forms that are not timely re filed shall not be accepted by the Section Commissioner.
4. Section Commissioner’s Complaint. The Section Commissioner may file a complaint using a Complaint Form whenever the Section Commissioner has knowledge of a rules violation that is not the subject of a Complaint Form that is pending or resolved.

5. Time for Filing a Complaint Form. A Complaint Form shall be filed within 30 calendar days of the date a violation is alleged to have occurred. If the Complaint Form concerns the eligibility of a student, the Principal must immediately send a copy of the Complaint Form to the student and the student’s parent, guardian, or caregiver.

6. Notification of Pending Complaint. When a Complaint Form is filed against a Los Angeles City Section school or its employee or volunteer, the office of the Section Commissioner shall send a copy of the Complaint Form and supporting documents to the Principal of the City Section School. The Section Commissioner shall send the Complaint Form to the appropriate individual within 30 days of receiving or filing the Complaint Form. Further, in any of the above cases, the Section Commissioner shall also include a copy of the Rules Violation Complaint Procedures when transmitting the materials described above.

7. Failure to Timely File a Complaint/Failure to Timely Re-File a Rejected Complaint. Unless the Section Commissioner determines the delay is justified (i.e., an extended school break occurred between the alleged violation and the filing or re-filing of the complaint), the Section Commissioner shall not accept for filing a Complaint Form that is not timely submitted for filing and shall not accept any rejected Complaint Form that is not timely re-filed. However, the Section Commissioner will forward an untimely complaint to the involved school principal/assistant principal in charge of athletics for further review and follow up.

1110-3 RESPONDING TO RULES VIOLATION COMPLAINT

A. Respondent. A Respondent is any Los Angeles City Section school, employee or volunteer for a Los Angeles City Section school, or student enrolled in a Los Angeles City Section school that is alleged to have committed a rules violation in a Complaint Form filed under these Rules Violation Complaint Procedures.

B. Filing a Response to a Complaint. If the Respondent and Complainant are Los Angeles City Section schools, the Respondent school should first respond directly to the complaining school and their League Commissioner as a first step toward resolution. Any Respondent may dispute a Complaint Form by filing a written response with all documents supporting the response with the office of the Section Commissioner. The written response must include factual details that are determined by the Section Commissioner, in the case of Section Commissioner Complaints, reasonable notice of the Respondent’s ground or grounds for disputing the Complaint Form shall be submitted to the Section Office for review by the Section Commissioner. The response must be signed. If the Respondent is a Los Angeles City Section school or an employee or volunteer of a Los Angeles City Section School, the response must be signed by the Principal of the Los Angeles City Section School prior to forwarding to the Section Commissioner. If the Respondent is a student the response must be signed by the student, and if the student is a minor, the student’s parent, guardian, or caregiver must also sign.

C. Defective Response/Opportunity to Re-file. If the Section Commissioner determines that a Response does not include factual details that are, in the opinion of the Section Commissioner sufficient to give the Complainant and the Section Commissioner reasonable notice of the Respondent’s ground or grounds for disputing the Complaint Form, the Section Commissioner shall reject the Response and immediately return it to the Respondent. Respondents shall have one opportunity only to re-file rejected Responses, but must do so within 25 calendar days from the date of the Section Commissioner’s rejection. Responses that are not timely re-filed shall not be accepted by the Section Commissioner.

D. Time for Filing a Response. A Respondent who wishes to contest the allegations presented in the Complaint Form shall file a Response within 20 calendar days after the complaint form and supportive documents has been sent to the Respondent by the office of the Section Commissioner.

E. Failure to Timely File a Response/Failure to Timely Re-File a Rejected Response. If a Respondent fails to file a timely Response or fails to timely re-file a rejected response to a Complaint Form, the relevant Complaint Form will be deemed uncontested and the Section Commissioner shall take the necessary action as an uncontested complaint.
**PROCEDURES FOR DECISION**

A. The Commissioner or Appeal Panel shall:
   1. Make findings that are directly relevant to the allegations presented in the complaint.
   2. Reference the findings to City Section and/or CIF rules, as applicable.
   3. Apply a Preponderance of the Evidence burden of proof. Preponderance of Evidence means, that after weighing all the evidence, the material allegations in the Complaint Form are more likely true than not true.
   4. Apply the Preponderance of the Evidence burden of proof, determine either:
      a. The Complainant failed to prove or proved the rule violation or violations alleged in the Complaint Form;
      or
      b. Require additional information be submitted, in which case any decision will be tabled and the hearing will be reconvened on a future date.
   5. Determine the appropriate penalty to be levied for the rule violation, if a rule violation has been established.
   6. The Commissioner shall determine whether any of the Complainant’s grounds for the complaint have been established.

B. A written decision, including findings of fact, shall be delivered by the Section Commissioner to the Complainant and Respondent within 10 school days after the hearing is adjourned.

Note: Neither the hearing Panel nor the Section Commissioner will hear an appeal of a judgment call made by a game official.

**APPEAL TO THE APPEALS PANEL**

A. Appellant. Either a Complainant or Respondent may appeal all or a portion of the Section Commissioner’s decision by filing a written notice of appeal with the Section Commissioner and sending a copy of the notice of appeal to the other party within 15 calendar days after the decision is sent to Complainant and Respondent, as indicated by the date of the correspondence. If the Appellant is a Los Angeles City Section school, or an employee or volunteer thereof, the notice of appeal must be signed by the principal of the appealing school. If the Appellant is a City Section school student or his or her parent or guardian, the notice of appeal must be signed by the principal of the attending school and by the student, if the student is a minor, the student’s parent or guardian. (BOM 2015)

B. Contents of Notice of Appeal. The notice of appeal shall include the date of the Commissioner’s decision, a short summary of the facts underlying the dispute, a copy of the decision being appealed, a statement of all reasons for the appeal, and any additional supporting documents.

C. Grounds for Appeal. Appellants may appeal the decision of a Hearing Panel only on the following grounds:
   1. Minimal due process was not afforded.
   2. Section rules were not applied to the decision.
   3. The Los Angeles City Section rules applied are unreasonable and/or do not reasonably relate to a legitimate objective of the Los Angeles City Section.
   4. The Los Angeles City Section failed to follow its rules.
   5. The evidence does not support the decision.
   6. The penalty levied by the Hearing Panel was inappropriate.

D. Appeal Respondent. A party receiving a notice of appeal may respond to the notice by filing a written response and any supporting documents. The response must be forwarded to the office of the Section Commissioner and a copy of the response and documents must also be sent to the Appellant. The response must be sent to both the Section Commissioner and the Appellant within five school days of the date of the notice of appeal from the Section Commissioner’s Office.

E. Contents of Response to Appeal. The response shall include the date of the Hearing Panel hearing, a short summary of the underlying dispute, a statement of the reasons for the opposing the appeal, and any supporting documents.
1110-6 APPEALS PANEL HEARING

A. Appeal to Appeals Panel. If an Appellant files an appropriate notice of appeal, the appeal shall be referred to an Appeals Panel. The office of the Commissioner shall forward copies of the notice of appeal, any response, the applicable Complaint Form, and supporting documents to an Appeals Panel.

B. Members of the Appeals Panel. The appellant shall have the option of selecting a one person panel or a three person panel to hear the appeal. A one member or three member panel shall be drawn from a pool of current members of the Los Angeles City Section Board of Managers who have been trained in these procedures. The panelists shall be selected by the Section Commissioner unless the Section Commissioner is an Appellant or Appeal Respondent, in which case the Section President shall select the members of the Appeals Panel. The Section Commissioner shall appoint a Chairperson for the Appeals Panel unless the Section Commissioner is an Appellant or Appeal Respondent, in which case the Section President shall appoint the Appeals Panel Chairperson. (BOM 2015)

C. Time of Hearing. An Appeals Panel hearing shall be held at least 10 school days after the filing of Respondent’s response.

D. Notice of Appeals Panel Hearing. The office of the Section Commissioner shall send written notice of an Appeals Panel hearing to the Appellant and Appeal Respondent within seven calendar days after the date for filing a response to an appeal has passed. The notice shall state the date, time and place of the hearing.

E. Conduct of Hearing. The Chairperson of the Appeals Panel Hearing Panel shall chair and conduct the hearing in the following manner:
   1. At the beginning of the hearing, the Chairperson shall generally describe the appeal procedures and the nature of the appeal. The Chairperson has the authority to control the hearing including, without limitation, the time each party will have to present its argument.
   2. The Appeals Panel shall have complete discretion in the conduct of oral argument, including allocation of time for speakers, number of speakers, and types of questions. If either the Appellant or Appeal Respondent leaves the hearing room voluntarily, the hearing shall continue. If, in the sole discretion of the Chairperson of the Appeals Panel, any person becomes unreasonably disruptive or it appears a confrontation likely to occur, the Chairperson may, among other things, bar the disruptive or confrontational person(s) from the hearing room and proceed with the hearing, have a recess, or postpone the hearing.
   3. The hearing shall be tape recorded. A court reporter may record the hearing if one or both parties satisfy the cost of the court reporter.
   4. The Appeals Panel deliberations shall be conducted in closed session. Only the Appeals Panel shall deliberate, but the Panel may request additional information from the resource person and/or parties as the Committee deems necessary. The Appeals Panel shall determine whether any of the Appellant’s grounds for the appeal have been established.
   5. The Appeals Panel shall affirm or reverse the Hearing Panel’s decision on any ground on which Appellant and Appeal Respondent have had an opportunity to be heard. The Appeals Panel may take new evidence during the hearing and may also remand a decision to the Hearing Panel for further consideration if a majority of the Appeals Panel members finds that the Hearing Panel failed to address or inadequately addressed a violation alleged in the Complaint Form or contrary evidence set forth in a Response. The Appeals Panel may modify a Section Commissioner’s decision in whole or in part without remanding the decision to the Section Commissioner.

F. A final decision, including the Appeals Panel’s analysis, shall be forwarded to the Section Commissioner within five school days after the hearing is adjourned. The Section Commissioner will forward the decision, in writing, to the Appellant and Appeal Respondent within five school days of receipt from the Panel Chairperson.

1110-7 APPEAL OF CITY SECTION DECISION

A. Appeal of Los Angeles City Section Decision to State CIF. Los Angeles City Section Schools may appeal a decision made by the Appeals Panel to the State CIF for violations of State CIF rules with the approval of the principal of the appealing school.
B. Los Angeles City Section Rules cannot be appealed to State CIF. While a finding of a violation of a State CIF rule may be appealed to State CIF, a finding of a violation of a Los Angeles City Section rule cannot be appealed to State CIF, and the decision of the Section Appeal Panel will stand.

C. Appeal of State CIF Decision. Los Angeles City Section Schools/employees may appeal a decision by the State CIF to a court of competent jurisdiction only if the appeal receives prior approval by the District School Board of Education.

D. Charter Schools. These procedures for reporting and responding to rules violations apply to both affiliated/dependent and fiscally independent charter school members of the Los Angeles City Section. This process must include approval by the charter school’s board for each level of appeal.

**1110-8 Exceptions to Above Procedures**

A. Modification of Deadlines. The deadlines set forth in these rules may be modified by an agreement of all parties and approved by the Section Commissioner or by the Section Commissioner alone, provided that the Section Commissioner shall not exercise the discretion unreasonably.

B. Waiver. If a student and/or his/her parent or guardian is informed that the student is not eligible, the student and/or his/her parent or guardian may request a waiver of the eligibility rule from the Section Commissioner. There is no appeal for transfer waiver decisions. Students / Parents requesting other than transfer decision appeals may submit this request to the Section Commissioner. This request must be signed by the attending school principal, if determined to qualify for the appeal based on credible evidence and documentation, a hearing will be scheduled with an appeal panel. (CIF Bylaw 203, 204, 205, 206, & 207)

C. Emergency Procedures. For purposes of this rule, emergency is defined as one of the following: (1) an allegation of a rules violation during a Los Angeles City Section sponsored playoff or tournament that requires immediate resolution so as not to negatively impact the outcome of the playoff/tournament; or (2) a student request for a waiver (see above, subpart E). If one of these emergencies occurs, the Section Commissioner may investigate and render a decision within 48 hours of notice of the emergency and any supporting information and/or documents. The decision of the Section Commissioner may be appealed to an appeals panel.

D. Expedited Process for Complaints Between Los Angeles City Section Member Schools. The complaining school should forward a completed Complaint Form and all supporting documents to the principal of the school with the alleged violation and to the Office of the Section Commissioner within ten school days of the date the Complainant believes the violation occurred. If the Complaint Form alleges an eligibility violation, the principal of the responding school must immediately send a copy of the Complaint Form to the student and parent/guardian. The responding school has ten school days from receipt of the Complaint Form to file a response to the complaint with the complaining school and the Office of the Section Commissioner. If the two schools cannot come to resolution within five school days of receipt of the response, the dispute will be handled under the processes outlined above.

**1110-9 Jurisdiction of the Board of Managers**

A. Rules governing policies for high school interscholastic athletics may not be changed or suspended except by action of the Board of Managers.

B. The Board of Managers has the authority to decide all cases referred to it. The spirit of the rule must always be considered, even where these rules may not fully cover them.

C. The Board of Managers may delegate limited authority to individual committee members, as well as the Section Commissioner, to meet emergencies.
ARTICLE 120  
APPROVED SPORTS

1200  CIF APPROVED SPORTS
A. The addition to, or deletion from, the list of CIF approved sports is subject to Federated Council approval. A Section may not approve or conduct competition in a non CIF approved sport without Federated Council approval. Approved interscholastic sports are:  badminton, baseball, basketball, cross country, field hockey, football, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, skiing, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, volleyball, water polo and wrestling.
NOTE:  Snowboarding is an approved event within the sport of skiing.
1. Interscholastic competition in approved sports shall be conducted under CIF rules.
2. All sports or events not listed as CIF approved sports need not be conducted under CIF rules or jurisdiction.
B. Boxing
Boxing is not approved as a CIF interscholastic sport. Schools participating in interscholastic boxing may be barred from all CIF competition for a period of time up to one year in duration.
C. Body contact sports (football and wrestling) may be played only with other high school teams.

1201  OFFICIAL RULES BOOKS
A. In all student team sports, where rules are written by the National Federation, the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) Rules Book shall be official. In student team sports where the National Federation does not write the rules, the NCAA rules scholastic division shall apply. In sports where neither the National Federation nor the NCAA writes the rules, the nationally recognized amateur association rules for that sport shall apply.
B. Where rules are written for girls’ sports by the National Federation, those rules shall be official.
C. In gymnastics, Sections are authorized to use the U.S. Gymnastics Federation (USGF) rules for compulsory routines; all optional routines must follow National Federation rules.
D. In sports for girls where the National Federation does not write the rules, the National Association of Girls and Women Sports (NAGWS) rules shall be official whenever the rules for the sport are written by NAGWS. In sports where neither the National Federation nor the NAGWS write the rules, the nationally recognized amateur association rules for that sport shall apply.
E. For special mixed events and coed teams in tennis and volleyball, the following rules guide shall be used:
Tennis    United States Tennis Association (USTA); Volleyball    United States Volleyball Association (USVBA).
NOTE:  Sections may adopt optional game rules whenever permitted by state association adoption in all sports game rules published by the National Federation.

1202  DAILY CONTEST LIMITATIONS
A. Contests
Interscholastic (dual triangular) athletic contests in CIF approved sports are to be arranged in such a way that no student shall take part in more than two athletic contests in any one day.
NOTE:  The two contest maximum rule does not apply to tournaments. In the sport of football, athletes are allowed to participate in one game within a five (5) day period.
B. Tournaments
All interscholastic athletic tournaments (involving four or more teams) in CIF approved sports are to be arranged in such a way that no student shall take part in more than one tournament in the same sport in any one day.

1203  SECTION GUIDELINES FOR OFFICIALS
Each Section shall develop guidelines for the use of officials. It is highly recommended that officials trained and rated in CIF approved rules for each sport be used.

1204  UNIFORM RULE EXCEPTIONS
In the case of manufacturer’s error, the Section Commissioner is authorized to waive National Federation rules, allowing exceptions as necessary within the spirit of the National Federation rules.

1205  UNIFORM ATTACHMENTS
ARTICLE 130   CONTEST MANAGEMENT AND OFFICIALS

1300  PREPARATION OF PLAYING SCHEDULES

1300 1  Schedules for all practice and league contests shall be prepared by the Section Office in conjunction with the Athletic Director at each school and the League Commissioner. Schools must determine the addition of any sport at the school, and submit this request in writing to the Section Office by the date of the initial Athletic Directors’ Scheduling Meeting for that sport. A calendar of suggested playing dates shall be furnished by the Section Office to aid in the scheduling process. Sites and times of contests shall be determined by schools, unless in conflict with Gold Book rules.

1300 2  Changes in published schedules will not be accepted, unless there are extenuating circumstances, such as facility problems or other emergencies. All proposed schedule changes must be approved by the League Commissioner. All requests must be sent to League Commissioners on the appropriate form, over the signature of the principal (or designee) of the school requesting a change and with the signature of the opponent’s administration acknowledging agreement. No non-league or tournament game shall cause a regularly scheduled league game to be moved after the official schedule is printed.

If a school forfeits a pre-season contest prior to the game being played due to lack of eligible players or other reason, the forfeiture must be submitted in writing to the Section Office by the forfeiting school. The forfeit will be recorded in that team’s record. The opposing school will be allowed to add a practice contest within a reasonable time frame within the same season. If the opposing school does not schedule an additional contest, the forfeit will be counted as a win in that team’s record.

1300 3  In most cases, all league schedules are to be formed on a rotating basis. The first league game for the current season would become the last game for the next season and all other league games move up one in the order. In double round sports, each round is to be rotated separately. In all sports, when a game must be moved to an alternate site due to a determined extraordinary situation, the designated home team will retain responsibilities as the home team and the established rotation will continue. (Exception: triple round sport(s).)

1300 4  Schedules for all playoff contests and championships shall be determined by the Section Office. Appeals for changes to the official playoff schedule based on emergency or conditions warranting the request shall be submitted to the Section Commissioner for consideration. Changes include date, time, and location.

1300 5  Schools that drop a team after the official schedule is printed by the Section Office, that team will be placed on probation the following year. When a school drops the same program for two consecutive years, that program will be suspended. Schools must submit a request to the Section Office to request to be reinstated into the sport after the suspension has been served. The request must include actions taken by the administration to avoid forfeitures and dropping of programs in the future.

1300 6  Schools that forfeit games during the season (due to a no-show) will be responsible for paying any costs assessed with said forfeiture, may be fined by the Section and may be placed on probation pending a hearing.

1300 7  Use of Signed Contracts for Participation in Non-League Contests and Tournaments vs. CIF Los Angeles City Section Schools

a. It is the prerogative of the two schools involved to enter into a signed contract. All contracts signed by authorized representatives from the schools involved must be kept as written.

b. If the contract is broken: The game is to be a forfeit by the school that broke the contract, and the team that violated the contract cannot schedule another contest in its place.
Failure on the part of either contracting party to fulfill the terms of this contract, except by mutual consent or when declared null and void if either party to the contract has its CIF membership suspended or if either party to the contract proposes to use an ineligible player, shall be cause for the offending party to pay the other party forfeiture fees as per the following: $1000 per contest in football; $500 per contest in basketball, and $100 per contest in any other sport. It is understood that there is a moral obligation to be considered in the making and breaking of a contract. Where obligations are not mutually adjusted, the Games Committee reserves the right to review the facts and determine what adjustments should be made. The school that is left without a game by virtue of the other team’s forfeit has the choice of either accepting the forfeit or adding a game to the existing schedule. The forfeiture will be reviewed by the Games Committee for possible further action.

c. The following penalties will be invoked for those schools that renege on a signed contract (to include the signature of an administrator) provided to the host school of any tournament:
   1. School in violation is required to pay the tournament fee.
   2. School is placed on probation in that sport for one year.
   3. School loses one tournament in that sport for the following school year.

Use of Signed Contracts for Participation in Non-League Contests and Tournaments vs. other than CIF Los Angeles City Section School. Contracts signed with Section schools must be honored. If the contract is broken by the CIF Los Angeles City Section School, it will be referred to the Board of Managers Games Committee. If broken by an out of Section school, the issue will be referred to the school principal and Commissioner of that Section.

Any contest scheduled to be played at night must have the approval of both schools involved. The host school is responsible for all arrangements and facility preparation for night contest. Failure to confirm and meet all facility needs for the game to be played in its entirety will result in a forfeiture for the host team.

(Revised Approved by BOM2016)

**1301  NON LEAGUE SCHEDULE**

1301 1 Non-league schedules must be confirmed in writing between schools well in advance of schedules being finalized.

1301 2 Non-league games do not count in league standings and must be conducted under all rules and regulations governing that sport.

1301 3 The Games Committee of the Board of Managers has the authority to approve and change, if necessary, the schedule of non-league games.

1301 4 Each team is allowed one alumni contest, which must be conducted after the first day of practice, and within the season of sport.

**1302  LIMIT ON GAMES**

1302 1 Inter school competition for any team is not to exceed two contests per week. This does not apply to playoffs and championship rounds. Exceptions can be granted by the Section Commissioner under special circumstances. Teams are discouraged from scheduling contests on consecutive days. Exceptions can be granted for making up postponed or weather cancelled contests.

1302 2 No student will be allowed to miss more than one day of school for tournaments or other activities not part of the regular program.

1302-3 In single round sports, the contest limitation is as follows

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<td>Wrestling</td>
<td>5 matches per day / 40 matches per season</td>
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Note: In the sport of football athletes are limited to no more than one game within a five (5) day period and no more than one level within a five (5) day period.
1302-4  Number of Non-League Games and Tournaments (Double Round Sports):
In team sports, schools are allowed to schedule non-league, league, and tournaments not to exceed the maximum number of contest (22). School are limited to a maximum of four (4) tournaments per season of sport each tournament counting as two (2) games. Refer to Bylaw 1324 for tournaments information.

1303  POSTPONED GAMES
When a contest is postponed for any reason other than a rain out, the home school is responsible for notifying the Section Office on the day of the postponement. For all postponements, including rain outs, the home school is responsible for notifying the opposing school and game officials, as well as rescheduling the contest. Any exceptions must be cleared through the Section Office.

1304  TERMINATION OF CONTESTS (SUNSET RULE)
When lights are not available, all outdoor afternoon contests shall be terminated at ten (10) minutes after sunset, as determined by the United States Weather Bureau at Los Angeles (or earlier, based on provisions of National Federation Rules.) NOTE: When lights are available, they may be used to complete the contest. Loss of lighting after the start of the game will be referred to the NFHS rules for completion. Loss of lights due to purposeful or negligence by the host school game manager will be considered a forfeit loss for the host school. Refer to 1300-9 (Clarification 2016)

1305  UNIFORMS AND APPEARANCE
It is the responsibility of each school to ensure that all uniforms meet the National Federation specifications for that sport. The Principal of each member schools is responsible for the approval of uniform colors and all approvals for consideration of other than school colors. (BOM 2015 Revision)

1305 – 1  Other than the above, if a school changes or adds to its school colors during a school year, the change would not be effective (as per this rule) until the following school year. It is the expectation, where applicable, athletes will wear the same number throughout the season, except when there are extenuating circumstances, such as a change in position which dictates a change in number. It is also expected that all players will wear the same uniform playing on the same team/level.

1306  OFFICIALS
1306 1  Assignments of officials for all competitions (including playoffs) will be authorized by the Section Commissioner.
1306 2  Assignment of officials shall be made in conformity with the policy established by the Board of Managers.
1306 3  All contests will use rated or qualified officials as assigned by Accredited Officials Associations as determined by the State CIF. If, however, an official does not appear, all games may be conducted as scheduled. Coaches may choose to officiate the contests themselves, if both teams agree. Once a contest is started, all NFHS, CIF, and Section rules apply.
1306 4  Problems involving officiating should be referred to the Section Commissioner or the person designated by the Section Commissioner.
1306 5  Officials will be assigned and compensated on a gender neutral basis.
1306 6  All sanctioned tournaments must use federated rated officials assigned by their league assigner.
1306 7  Comments regarding performance of officials, if submitted to the Section Office, must be done so on the appropriate form. Official evaluation forms are available on the Section website and are recommended for official’s consideration for playoffs and championship games.

1307  POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REGARDING GAME OFFICIALS AND 2016-17 FEE SCHEDULE
1307-1  ACCREDITATION
It is the expectation of the CIF Los Angeles City Section that all Official’s Associations providing service to member schools maintain current accreditation status through the State CIF process. Any Association that is not currently accredited will be restricted from Los Angeles City Section playoff assignments.
1307-2 PROVIDING FOR THE GAME OFFICIAL
1) It is recommended for the host school have available someone who will handle the needs of the officials assigned to the contest. This should include, but not be limited to, facility orientation, locker room directions, and parking. The Section request officials’ fees to be disbursed prior to the start of the contest.
2) At the completion of the contest, the officials’ locker room remains secured for at least 30 minutes. Coaches and other school officials should not enter an officials’ dressing area for the purpose of complaints.
3) School officials be alert to potential problem situations and, when necessary, provide security for officials to and from their dressing facilities and to the parking area after the contest.
4) Coaches should not approach or confront a game official at the completion of a contest.
5) Athletic administrators convey to coaches the proper method (through comment cards) of handling recommendations and/or complaints regarding officiating procedures. Administrators should contact the Section Office immediately if the problem is serious in nature.

Note: Schools may request the use of only one official for frosh/soph or junior varsity contests in the sports of basketball and volleyball. Athletic Directors must communicate this information to the Assigner(s) immediately after the schedules have been printed by the Section Office.

1307-3 NAMES OF OFFICIALS SUBMITTED TO SCHOOLS BY OFFICIALS’ ASSIGNERS
For all games played at CIF Los Angeles City Section member schools, officials must be assigned by the Assigner for the Officials Unit as determined by the LA City Section. (2014-15)
Game schedules shall be posted on the Section Website for the Assigners use in accordance to the Section Scheduling timeline. Assigners are to use the official Section scheduling tool for all game assignments.
Names of officials are to be submitted to schools by Officials’ Assigners no later than 48 hours before a contest. Changes in officials’ names, or officials whose names are submitted after this time, may have check mailed to them. The Sport Assigner will provide member schools with a name and phone number of a contact person available prior to events. If two officials are requested but only one is assigned, the official is paid a Single Official Fee. With the matter of non-communicated and/or last minute official changes, assigners will be responsible for Section member fees associated with the cancellation and processing of replacement checks. (BOM 2016)

1307-4 INCLEMENT WEATHER/HEAT
In case of inclement weather, to include but not limited to, rain and extreme heat, is the responsibility of the official assigned to contact the home school to learn whether or not the game will be played. If the official should arrive at the site without checking with the home school first, no fee shall be paid. If the official is notified by the home school by 12:00 p.m. that the contest will be played, and he/she arrives at the site and the contest is cancelled, the official will receive 1/2 of the game fee. If the game begins, and then is not played, the official will receive a full game fee.

1307-5 GAME CHANGES/CANCELLATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL GAMES/SEASON
All Game changes must be approved and communicated by the League Commissioner to the Assigner. No fee will be charged by the school if there has not been an official assigned to the contest or the originally scheduled officials can accommodate the change in date or time. If the originally assigned officials cannot accommodate the change, one half the game fee will be charged if there is at least a 72 hour notice; a full game fee will be charged if there is less than a 72 hour notice. Schools will pay the assigner $5.00 for each change (date or time) if change is made after the schedules have been printed by the Section Office. (This does not include Section approved additions.) If a school drops the sport prior to or during the season and after assignments have been made, an arrangement will be made between the Officials’ Unit and the school, with assistance from the CIF LA City Section Office. In the case of a school emergency that precludes the contest from being played, such as a natural disaster, broken pipes, school lock down, etc., the school will not be responsible for the entire game fee, but an accommodation for the official to include the minimum of a mileage fee will be required.

1307-6 NO SHOWS
When one official is a no show, schools are no longer responsible for payment of any additional fee to an official who covers a game alone.

1307-7  TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS’ FEES
All tournament officials’ fees will be determined by the assigner or the officials’ involved. All tournament officials must be certified or rated by their officials association for CIF contests. Non-tournament events like freshman leagues, Show Cases and Extravaganzas are considered to be non-league games and refer to rule 1307-3

1307-8  SECTION & STATE CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIAL ASSIGNMENTS
Assigners are required to submit their nominations for Section managed semi-final and finals to the Section Commissioner for approval no less than 30 days prior to the events. All nominations for State Championship must be approved by the Section Commissioner.

1307-9  FEE SCHEDULE
*The official’s fee increase will be a $3 increase for the 2016-2017 year which is included below, a $2 increase for 2017-2018 and a $2 increase for 2018-2019.* (BOM Approved, April 2016)

**BASEBALL (2-3 officials)**
2 person crews will be assigned to all varsity games, additional officials will only be assigned at the request of the school.

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Varsity Playoffs (all rounds except finals)

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**BASKETBALL**
2 person crews will be assigned to all varsity games, additional official will only be assigned at the request of the school.

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Note: Championship venues will utilize a 3 person crew. Request for a 4 man crews must have the approval of both schools and be funded by the host school. The Section will design the association responsibilities for game assign for all playoffs and championships games.
**CROSS COUNTRY**
League Meets In-Season  
Starter  
$92.00/date plus $15 for each additional league  
Recall Starter (if used)  
$82.00/date plus $10 for each additional league  
Umpire if used) $67.00/date plus $5 for each additional league  
League Finals: Add $11 to the fees above.  
Note: The League Manager is responsible for providing the check for the indicated amount to the Starter.

**FOOTBALL**
Schools shall be assigned 3 officials to non-varsity games and 5 officials to varsity games. Additional officials will only be assigned at the request of the school.

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Note: varsity 8 man football will be assigned 4 officials (fees are the same varsity 5 officials above)

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**LACROSSE**
Boys' Varsity (2 Officials) | 67.00  
Boys' non-varsity (2 Officials) | 63.00  
Girls' Varsity (2 Officials) | 63.00  
Girls' non-varsity (2 Officials) | 60.00  

**SOCCER**
Varsity game (3 officials) | 75.00 center/62.00 lines  
Varsity game (2 officials) | 66.00  
Varsity game (1 official) | 71.00  
Non Varsity game (2 officials) | 51.00  
Non Varsity Game (1 official) | 60.00  

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SOFTBALL
2 person crews will be assigned to all varsity games. 1 official will be assigned to non-varsity games. Additional officials will only be assigned at the request of the school.

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SWIMMING AND DIVING
A. Dual or Triangular Meet Pay Schedule - There are 11 swimming events for each level.

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*If there are additional heats between levels, add $1.00 for each additional heat.

When competition is conducted in 8 lanes or more (open lanes count toward the 8), 2 officials will be required for CIF time standard verification. If 2 officials cannot be obtained, qualification will only be recognized within the first 6 lanes (open lanes count toward the 6) from the starter.

B. Diving Meet Fees:

Dual or Triangular Meet Pay Schedule
If diving is held during the swimming competition, the fees are: The pay schedule for a six (6) or eleven (11) dive programs are the same.

1-6 divers = $30.00, each additional diver, add $2.00

Championship Finals or Invitational Finals Meet Pay Schedule
The pay schedule for a SIX (6) dive program:
1-12 divers = $71.00,
Each additional diver, add $1.25

The pay schedule for ELEVEN (11) dive program:
1-12 divers = $78.00, for each additional diver, add $2.50
TRACK (Dual or Triangular)
Starter   Boys’ and Girls’ (3 level meet)  106.00
Starter   Boys’ and Girls’ (4 level meet)  114.00
Starter   Boys’ and Girls’ (3 level meet)  124.00
Starter   Boys’ and Girls’ (4 level meet)  134.00
Note: If additional heats are run at any level, two dollars should be added for each heat.
League Prelims and Finals (Each Meet)
Starter  136.00
All of the listed prices include the $10 fee for shells.

VOLLEYBALL (BOYS & GIRLS)
3 person crews will be assigned to varsity contest, 2 officials will be assigned to non-varsity contest. Additional officials will only be assigned at the request of the school.

Varsity Match Referee (3/5)  71.00
Varsity Match Umpire (3/5)  61.00
Non Varsity Match Referee (2/3)  52.00
Non Varsity Match Umpire (2/3)  47.00
Varsity Match Single Official (3/5)  85.00
Non Varsity Match Single Official (2/3)  61.00

Varsity Playoffs (all rounds except finals)
Referee  82.00
Umpire  76.00
Varsity Finals
Referee  92.00
Umpire  84.00
Linespersons (Officials) for any varsity match
(if used)  51.50 (locked fee for 3 years)

WATER POLO
Varsity Game (2 Officials)  65.00
Varsity Game (1 Official)  75.00
Additional non varsity game (2 Officials)  29.00
Additional non varsity game (1 Officials)  30.00
Non Varsity gm with no Var gm (2 Officials)  55.00
Non Varsity gm with no Var gm (1 Official)  65.00
Playoffs (all rounds except finals)  75.00
Finals  85.00
Note: Schools can request to have only one official assigned, if participating schools supply goal judges.
WRESTLING

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Weigh-in Fee (optional at dual or small multiple meets) each official assigned / each day assigned
- Dual Meet: 10.00
- Larger Multiple Team meet: 20.00
- Elimination Tournament: 25.00

Multiple Meets
Any contest involving more than two teams will be considered a multiple team meet. Officials for multiple meets will be paid the following fee: 2 minute periods - $48.00. Not to exceed 1 ½ minute periods - $40.00. The number of officials recommended for multiple team meets is one official for each mat.

Elimination Tournament
The number of teams in an elimination tournament will be determined by the average number of wrestlers in each bracket of that tournament. Officiating fees for elimination tournaments with 6 minute matches (2 minute periods) will be $64.00 times the number of teams entered in the tournament, for 4 ½ minute matches (not to exceed 1 ½ minute periods) $54.00 times the number of teams entered in the tournament.

a. These fees apply to elimination tournaments with consolation wrestle backs from the semifinals.
b. Any other formats resulting in additional wrestling such as, but not limited to, double elimination type tournaments add $58 per official.
c. If a tournament has two sessions (day and evening) where there is a complete break in the tournament, add $22.00 per official.
d. If an elimination tournament runs for two days, add $65.00 per official.
e. Number of officials recommended for elimination tournaments are as follows:
   - 1 mat, 2 officials
   - 2 mats, 3 officials
   - 3 mats, 4 officials
   - 4 mats, 6 officials
   - 5 mats, 7 officials
   - 6 mats, 8 officials
   - 9 mats, 12 officials

CIF LACS Regional and Championship Fees – To be negotiated with the official assigner of the event.
CIF Dual Championship Fees – to be negotiated with the official assigner of the event.

DOCTOR OR MEDICAL ATTENDANT
A medical attendant must receive a fee equal to the highest paid official for that contest. In football, if medical equipment and supplies are not provided by the school, fees may be higher, and must be negotiated with the medical attendant.

SCHOOL POLICE/LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPT. OR SHERIFF
Please consult the appropriate agency for current pay rates.

CONTEST SUPERVISION
It is strongly recommended that a certificated school personnel be assigned supervision at all athletic contest. However, in emergency situations when certificated personnel is unavailable, principals may allow an appointed school personnel, who will be identified as the Contest Supervisor, to supervise the contest. A team shall not be recognized unless accompanied by a Contest Supervisor other than a member of the
coaching staff, who shall be responsible for the conduct of the team. At contest held on a school site, the responsibility for supervision is to be determined by the administrators from the schools involved in the contest (permissible for host school to provide supervision). It is strongly recommended that an administrator/designee from each school is present at all night contests. For playoff contests, an administrator or designee from participating schools must be present. The Contest Supervisor is required to introduce him/herself to the official(s) prior to the start of the contest and must remain until the contest has concluded and all team members and spectators have departed.

Contests held off campus, an administrator or Contest Supervisor representing each school must be present. If the home school administrator or designee is not present at an off campus site, the game will not start. If after 30 minutes from the established game time no home school administrator or designee is present, the home school shall forfeit the contest. Violations by the visiting school administration will be referred to the Section Commissioner. Supervisors must remain on the premises until all athletes and spectators have departed.

1309 RESPONSIBILITY FOR SPECTATORS
1309 1 Schools are responsible not only for the conduct of their own students at athletic events, but also for the development and display of proper attitudes and conduct on the part of alumni and other community groups which attend such contests.
1309 2 Unsportsmanlike conduct or other displays of improper behavior on the part of students, alumni, or community persons may result in forfeiture, probation, suspension, or other penalties to be determined by school officials and/or by the Board of Managers.
1309 3 All playoff contests, spectators must have appropriate attire, to include shirts, shorts (or other) and shoes.

1310 RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOME SCHOOLS
1310 1 Designated home school is responsible for the supervision and general conduct of all spectators with the exception of the students from the visiting school. Faculty, Los Angeles Police (or other Police Department) and School Police personnel shall be provided as needed. Details to be coordinated with the visiting school shall include: seating, parking arrangements, traffic control, dressing facilities, towels etc.
1310 2 Designated home school shall be responsible for the preparation of the playing area and all supplies and equipment needed for conducting the contest.
1310 3 Schools shall furnish its own equipment for warm up periods.

1311 PLAYERS’ BENCH
1311 1 Persons permitted on the players’ bench shall be limited to players in uniform, paid coaches and volunteer assistants, members of the physical education staff, administrator(s), athletic director, assistant athletic director, medical attendant, and no more than four student managers including water attendants. The instructor in charge of the team shall be responsible for maintaining orderly conduct on, and in the vicinity of the bench.
1311 2 School Administrations are responsible for policing their sidelines.

1312 PLAYER EJECTION
When a player in any sport is ejected from the game, the player will be ineligible for the remainder of the game, and for the next contest. It is required that a conference be held with the player, coach, and principal or designee, prior to the next contest in which the player participates. If the ejection occurs during the last contest of the season, the penalty will carry over to the athlete’s next sport. Before their return to play, players must complete the NFHS sportsmanship course on the NFHS website, post ejection reports must be completed and submitted via CIF Home website with post ejection report and certificate of completion of the NFHS sportsmanship course attached. The athlete will is not allowed to return to play until all condition listed are met to include the posting of the post ejection report. (BOM Jan 2014)

The following progression of penalties for multiple ejections of the same student was approved by Board of Managers in June, 2004.
A. On the first ejection: implement the current rule for ejections (one game suspension and conference);
B. On the second ejection: two game suspension, with parent included in the conference;
C. On the third ejection: the season will be terminated for that student; parent must be notified in writing.

The authority of the game official extends through the time the official signs the score book. This applies to those sports which require the game official’s signature.

Note: A player may be disqualified from a contest by game rule, which is not necessarily an ejection. However, if the disqualification is for unsportsmanlike behavior, i.e., the second technical foul in basketball, the player would be considered to be ejected. It is the responsibility of the game official and the coach to clarify the ejection at the time of the incident.

1313 RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTS

Radio broadcasting and televising of high school athletic contests are permissible only upon approval of the Section Commissioner and Time Warner Cable representatives.

1314 SCRIMMAGES

Scrimmages are defined as competition between two or more schools, initiated for the purpose of practice, where no score is kept, officials may be used by the school but not paid, and coaches are allowed to be on the field of play. Scrimmages may be scheduled for any sport and must follow the guidelines below, unless otherwise indicated.

A. Scheduling the Scrimmage
   A school may choose to have one scrimmage in each sport, with any and all expenses incurred, including transportation, to be borne by the schools involved. One scrimmage contest each is allowed for each level (varsity vs. varsity, junior varsity vs. junior varsity, soph. vs. soph., and frosh vs. frosh, where applicable), to be scheduled on the same day. Teams may opt to play a four way scrimmage on the same day. The total duration of the scrimmage may not exceed two and one half hours in length.

B. Rules
   A scrimmage can only take place from the first day of allowable practice until the team’s first official game, which can be a tournament or a non-league contest. Game rules for each sport will apply. Supervision of the scrimmage is to be arranged by the participating schools. Athletic Directors, in conjunction with coaches, are responsible for scheduling the scrimmage, as well as coordinating all other arrangements.

C. School Options
   Admission fees and sale of concessions are optional and arranged by participating schools.

D. Sport Specific Guidelines
   In the sport of softball, the scrimmage shall not exceed two and one half hours. In the sport of volleyball, the scrimmage will not exceed five games for varsity and three games each for junior varsity and frosh/soph. The fifth game for the varsity will not exceed 15 points, with a 17 point cap, as well as the third game for junior varsity and frosh/soph matches. In the sport of basketball, the scrimmage shall not exceed four quarters of eight minute full stop time, with four time outs per half for each team, each not to exceed two minutes in length. See BOM rule 1902 regarding scrimmage guidelines in the sport of football.

E. Scrimmages Do Not Counted Toward Maximum Contest Allowed
   A scrimmage is considered a practice and does not count toward the maximum number of contest allowed. Each school is allowed one alumni game to be played any time during the season of sport. An alumni game is considered a practice and does not count toward the maximum number of games.

1315 CONTESTS NOT COMPLETED

If any contest is shortened (except by rain or sundown rule) or forfeited, due to an incident involving one or more schools, all schools involved must notify the Section Commissioner in writing or by telephone before 9 a.m. on the next school day. A written report (two copies) signed by the principal must be filed in the office stated above by 4:30 p.m. on the fifth school day after the incident.
If the behavior of a participant or coach causes the contest to be shortened or forfeited (and they were not ejected from the contest), the offenders will be disqualified from the next contest. If the behavior of participants from both teams causes the contest to be stopped (and the contest is not official as per NFHS rules), the contest will be considered a no game and will not be rescheduled. (This rule regarding a no game, applies to baseball, softball, soccer, and any other sport that has a designated time frame by which an official game is determined.)

**1316 BENCH CLEARING INCIDENTS**

Any athlete representing the school that leaves the bench, or crosses the sidelines, will be removed from that game and automatically suspended for the next game. This rule will apply even if the player did not get involved with the incident on the field.

Any player who leaves the confines of the bench or team area and actively engages in or provokes a fight shall be removed for the remainder of the game and suspended from athletic participation for a period of 30 consecutive days from the date of the incident. Any forfeitures that occur during the 30 day suspension, the student will not be eligible to participate in the make-up game. If the incident occurs at the end of the season, the suspension will continue in the next season of sport that the student participates in.

Any student involved in a second fight during the same season, whether entering the field from the bench or as a participant, the student shall be suspended from athletic participation for the remainder of the season of sport and no less than 30 consecutive days from athletic participation from the date of the incident.

(BOM 2016)

**1317 TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES DURING THE PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

When the National Anthem is played at a contest, regardless of the sport, both teams shall be present on sideline or bench and shall stand respectfully until it has been completed. In the sport of football, the National Anthem will not begin until both teams are on their respective sidelines. If the start of the game is delayed, the violating team(s) will be charged with a fifteen yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty, assessed at the kickoff. In the event that both teams violate the rule, the penalties will be assessed on their respective kickoff.

**1318 INCIDENTS AT CONTESTS**

A. Incidents at contests such as fights or other disruptive acts on the field, court, in the gymnasium, stands or other areas in or nearby the school, before, during or after the contest, which would cause concern in the community, continued problems between the schools involved, or problems with students at either school, must be reported to the League Commissioners and the Section Office by telephone no later than 9:00 a.m. the following school day. Outside of regular office hours, the voicemail service is available to receive calls twenty four hours a day. A written report of the incident is required within five (5) working days.

B. When such incidents occur, communication between the principals or designee must take place before the submission of a written report to the Section Office. The written report must be exchanged between schools involved. This form can be found on the CIF-Los Angeles City Section website at www.cif.la.org.

C. Similar reports may be obtained from game officials and / or School Police.

D. A copy of a written report, indicating all actions taken, must be signed by principals of schools involved and mailed or delivered to the Section Office before 4:30 p.m. on the fifth school day following the incident.

E. Any school that does not adhere to the timelines indicated above will be placed on PROBATION automatically until such materials are received and reviewed by the Games Committee.

F. Please see the Incident Report at www.cif.la.org, under Forms. It is very important that this document be submitted with clear, concise and complete information. Please be as specific as possible in regard to the actions taken at the school, and use additional pages if necessary. All of the above information will assist in determining whether further action will be taken.

**1319 RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES FOR ATHLETIC CONTESTS IN PROGRESS**

A. It is in the interest of all concerned that every attempt be made to have athletic contests start and finish as scheduled. Completed games prevent problems with supervision, crowd control and team control.
B. It is recognized that there are times when extenuating circumstances change the normal pattern of a contest and some measures may need to be taken to alter the contest. Rules of many sports provide a means to help solve these circumstances by:
   1. Shortening the time of the quarters
   2. Use of running time
   3. Setting time limit for the contest
   4. Mutual agreement to play minimum complete game requirement

   Note: In some cases, the rules of the sport may not allow a modification of game ending procedures.

C. The above decisions may be used when mutual agreement of the two teams and officials has been established, and if the NFHS or the rules of the governing body of the sport allow. All the above alternates must be considered before a contest is forfeited, cancelled, or stopped.

D. Before a contest is forfeited (unless by the rules of the game), cancelled or stopped, the administrators in charge are to meet with game officials to assess the circumstances and make a mutual final decision. (When assessing the circumstances, the administrator should meet with his/her coach. In the event that a mutual decision cannot be made, the final decision should be made by the administrator of the team who is losing the contest.) If there are player injuries and a medical attendant is present, his/her recommendations should be considered in arriving at a decision.

E. If the decision is to forfeit, cancel or stop the game, the following guidelines must be followed:
   1. Only administrators may forfeit, cancel or stop contests, unless there are provisions for such in the rules of the game.
   2. The decision must be in compliance with Appendix G (Rained Out or Postponed Contests) Rules and Regulations Governing Interscholastic Athletics
   3. Where possible, the contest should be stopped at the half, the quarter or between innings and not during the progress of the game.
   4. A public address announcement will be made informing the spectators as follows:
      a. All supervisory personnel, police, and security will be notified of the decision.
      b. A public address announcement will be made informing the spectators as follows:
         (1) The contest is forfeited, cancelled, or stopped, and the reason
         (2) The plan for crowd dispersal
         (3) The refund procedure
      c. No refund if half the contest is played because this would be considered a complete game.
      d. If refund is necessary, issue ticket for another contest or use ticket to refund money at a later date.
   5. The Administrator and the Section Commissioner (if a playoff contest) must be notified as soon as possible following the termination of the contest.

1320 RESCHEDULING ATHLETIC CONTESTS - Rained out or Postponed

1320-1 Responsibilities of the Canceling School:
   (1) The administration of the home school should contact the administration of the visiting school and inform them of their decision to postpone and reschedule the contest. If the game is to be canceled and not replayed, the administrations of both schools must be in agreement regarding this decision.
   (2) The Section Commissioner should be notified of the postponed or canceled game immediately (other than a rain out.) The home school is responsible for notifying the Section Office, regardless of the classification of the contest, A, JV, or Frosh/Soph.

The Officials Assigner will furnish the names and telephone numbers of the officials assigned to the contest via the Arbiter. The home school will then notify each official that the contest has been postponed and give each official the date, time and place of the rescheduled contest.
The home school will ask the officials if they will accept the rescheduled contest. The home school must then notify the Official Assigner as to which officials have accepted and which officials have refused the rescheduled contest. Upon receiving this information, the Officials Assigner will obtain officials to replace the ones that are not available for the rescheduled contest. When these officials have been obtained, the Officials Assigner will contact the Athletic Director of the home school via the Arbiter and furnish the names of all officials for that contest so that new checks can be issued where necessary.

(3) If a doctor has been assigned, the doctor should be called immediately and given the essential information in connection with the rescheduled contest.

1320-2 Responsibility of the Visiting School:
As soon as the visiting school is informed of a postponement and rescheduling of a contest, its responsibility is to call the Bus Operations Office and reschedule the buses that have been ordered for this contest.

1320-3 Rescheduling Rained Out Contests:
Baseball: All baseball rain outs will be made up on the next available day, and in the succession in which they occur.
Cross Country: Rescheduled the Monday following the rain out.
Football: Rained out practice games will be made up the following Monday
Lacrosse: Rescheduled for the next available date, and in order of succession. No more than three contests are to be played in a week, without prior approval.
Soccer: Rescheduled for the next available date, and in order of succession. No more than three contests are to be played in a week, without prior approval.
Softball: All softball rain outs will be made up on the closest date determined by the Section Office. They should be made up in succession.
Swim: To be rescheduled on the next agreed upon date based on pool availability.
Tennis: Rescheduled the first available date as determined by the Section Office after the rain out.
Track: Rescheduled the Monday after the rain out. (If track is not in proper condition, then the Wednesday following the rain out.)
Water Polo: To be rescheduled on the next agreed upon date based on pool availability.

1320-4 Rescheduling When Principals Do Not Agree:
In the event the two principals concerned cannot agree upon the rescheduling, postponement, cancellation, or forfeiture of any regularly scheduled athletic contest, the matter shall be referred to a committee composed of the Section Commissioner, and the Chairperson of the Games Committee.

1321 PROTESTS

1321-1 A school shall have the right to protest the outcome of any athletic contest if the opponent has used an ineligible player in the contest or violated any other CIF or Los Angeles City Section eligibility rule.

1321-2 A coach or school official must raise the question of misapplication of a playing rule by an official in accordance with the official rules governing that sport with game officials at the exact time of the alleged misapplication. Game officials will rule on the possible misapplication before play continues. No protest may be forwarded from that point. The only exceptions are in the sports of baseball and softball, where protests are allowed under National Federation playing rules.

1321-3 A school may not protest a game because of a decision based upon the judgment of an official.
1322 RALLIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS: NOISE PROCEDURES

1322-1 There shall be no demonstration after any athletic contest. A brief post-game rally on campus of a school which has traveled to a game is not prohibited.

1322-2 The use of live animals or fowls as mascots is prohibited.

1322-3 No artificial noise producers shall be used by students or spectators at any athletic contest. This shall include all horns, cowbells, whistles, amplifiers, megaphones, radios, etc. (Exception: Yell leaders may use megaphones and P.A. systems at outdoor sport contests only.) Organized pep clubs and bands may use cowbells, small megaphones and amplifiers during the pre-game and half time intermission performances provided they are distributed and collected before and after games.

1322-4 No leis, balloons, or streamers may be used or displayed at any athletic contest. Goal posts may not be decorated at football games. Both the visiting and home drill teams will be permitted to use these items while marching during the half time intermission, provided the visiting team transports its properties as a unit under the direct supervision of a faculty member, and further provided that none of these items appear in the bleachers. Paper and/or rubber bands, spirit towels or other similar items are prohibited at athletic contests where confinement or limited seating exists, (i.e. gymnasiums, swim stadiums, etc.). However, when athletic contests are held outside, these items may be used in proper and prudent taste.

1322-5 The school whose students sponsor, or are associated in any way with, violations of the above rules related to the interscholastic athletics programs, after review by the Board of Managers, may be subject to probation or suspension from further interscholastic athletic competition until reinstated by the Board of Managers. (Revised 2016)

1323 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP AND STANDINGS

1323-1 League championships and standings in all sports shall be determined by percentage of league games won and lost. (Tie games to count half game won and half game lost.)

1323-2 For seeding purposes, all ties in league standings shall be broken. Tie breakers are:
   1. Head to head competition.
   2. In double round sports
      A. Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Softball, and Water Polo - the better point differential
      B. Volleyball and Tennis - the most games won followed by points in the games
         1. In Tennis a further tie-breaker is percentage of sets won during league matches.
      C. Golf - best stroke differential
         1. In the event three or more teams are tied, then the tie-breakers shall apply to all of the teams. In the event a team is eliminated, then the tie-breakers shall start over with the remaining teams.
ARTICLE 140    BADMINTON

Regional badminton events for boys, girls and coed will be conducted in the spring.

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.

Note: If the CIF adopts a pitch count rule before the start of the 2017 season, the State rule will become effected for the 2017 season.

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)
A. The official baseball of the Los Angeles City Section is the Diamond LACS.

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)

1503 WARM UP PERIOD
Both teams will be granted the field for 15 minutes. Infield practice will cease five minutes before the time designated for starting the game. The stretching area is limited to the use of the outfield side closest to the team’s dugout. The use of bats during pregame is limited to pepper within a 10 yard separation of no more than 4 players. In addition batting drills may be used with waffle balls or Safe T-Balls (smush-balls).

1504 GROUND RULES
Ground rules shall be clearly, fully and definitely agreed upon before the start of a game. These ground rules must be discussed with opposing coaches as well as game officials. The home team will furnish a written copy of the ground rules for the field concerned and a copy of the sunset table to the visiting coach and umpire prior to the game. Baseball facilities that have a flat pitching surface are approved for non-league and league contest. During playoffs, schools must have prior agreement from the opposing coach to play on a non-regulation facility (flat pitching surface). If mutual agreement does not occur, the home school will be required to secure an alternate site that meets NFHS regulations, for all playoff games. In the event a regulation site cannot be secured by the home team, the Section Office shall make the determination for a game site. All synthetic mounds must meet the NFHS regulations for installation and approved by the game official.
1505 PROTESTS
Protests of possible rule misapplications may be filed under conditions as outlined in National Federation Rules. The umpire in chief must be notified immediately, notation must be made in the scorebook, the Section Office must be notified by telephone immediately following the conclusion of the contest, and a written protest must be received by the Section Office no later than the close of the fifth school day following said game.

1506 COACHING
Only coaches and students who are in uniform may coach from the first / third bases, with students’ names included on the eligibility rosters. They must remain in the designated area and are required to wear a protective helmet.

1507 END OF GAME LIMITATIONS
Mercy Rule A game is officially over when a team is ahead by 10 or more runs after 5 or more complete innings. The team trailing must complete their at bat. If the home team is ahead by 10 runs or more, that team does not bat in the bottom half of the fifth inning.

1508 TIME LIMIT FOR NON VARSITY GAMES
Junior Varsity games are limited to a maximum time of two hours and thirty minutes (2:30). No new inning may begin after the time limit has been reached. Games tied at the expiration of time shall continue until a conclusion has been reached under normal baseball rules. The Sunset Rule will remain in effect.

1509 ENTRY INTO PLAYOFFS
1509-1 The CIF Los Angeles City Section will host playoffs in the sport of baseball in three divisions: Division I, Division II, and Division III. The teams to be placed in Division I II & III will be determined prior to the start of the season in every odd numbered calendar year with the placement based on the selected RPI ranking by the Coaches Advisory. The number of schools placed in each division will be equally distributed. No other accommodation will be made for division placement.

1509-2 Playoff seeding will be conducted by a Seeding Committee as selected by the Coaches Advisory Committee. No coaches or media personnel will be allowed selection to the Seeding Committee. One non-voting coach’s representative as selected by the coaches will be allowed to attend the seeding meeting.

1509-3 RPI rankings and an end of season coach’s poll (completed by each division) will be used as the ranking tools to seed all teams in each division.

1509-4 Automatic Playoff Berths are limited to League Champions.

1509-5 The higher seeded team in each round will be designated the home team (to include the championship). Division I and II semifinals and all Division finals shall be played at alternate sites.

1509-6 If ground rules are used at individual sites, the ground rules must remain consistent with what was used during the regular season.

1509-7 Officials will not be assigned to the same teams during the first three rounds of the playoffs.

1509-8 Once the playoffs begin, no team or individual who represents a school may practice at any playoff site. Schools and individuals may continue to practice at their regular home site.

1509-9 Team and individual awards will be given to the players and coaches at the conclusion of the championship finals. All teams are required to participate in the awards ceremony until its conclusion. Twenty two medals will be provided for each team. Any additional medals for players on the championship team may be purchased at the school’s expense.

1510 DOUBLE HEADERS
Schools are allowed to play one double header, to be counted as one game toward the total games allowed.
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 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
Division VI As determined by Section

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.

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)

1608 SCORING AND TIMING
The home school shall provide two trained adults, who will be in charge of the scoring and timing at each scheduled contest. The official scorer must wear a black and white striped shirt.

1609 CHEERING SECTIONS
In basketball, organized chanting during the game is to be construed as an unsportsmanlike act & is not to be permitted.

1610 TOURNAMENT FEES
When participating in basketball tournaments, schools that owe tournament fees will not be able to participate in future tournaments until obligations have been fulfilled. School names will be submitted to the Section Office and a Delinquency List will be distributed.

1611 SEEDING FOR THE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
The make-up of the Seeding Committee for the Basketball Championships will be determined by the Section Basketball Advisory Committee, and will include a representative from the Section Office and representation from BOM.

NOTE: A team will be ineligible for playoffs if it forfeits 25% of its games during the season.

1612 ENTRY INTO PLAYOFFS
See Playoff Bulletin.

Please note that Nike is the Official Basketball of the CIF Los Angeles City Section, and is to be used at all playoff contests.

Note: Once the playoffs begin, no team, or individual who represents a school, may practice at any playoff site. Schools/individuals may continue to practice at their regular home site.

ARTICLE 170 CROSS COUNTRY

1700 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION PLACEMENT OF SCHOOLS
Each Section will determine the divisional placement for its schools who qualify for the state cross country championships and is required to submit the placement of schools into the five divisions to the State CIF Office no later than October 1. CIF member schools will be required to participate in the division that has been established by their respective Section. Sections may use their own established criteria to determine placement of teams in the five divisions based on the following guidelines:

Division I  As determined by Section
Division II  As determined by Section
Division III As determined by Section
Division IV  As determined by Section
Division V  As determined by Section, but enrollment may not exceed 600

(Revised May 2014 Federated Council)

1701 AUTOMATIC TEAM ENTRIES
Team entries into the State championship meet would be based on a formula that includes the following factors:
A. An established baseline providing a minimum number of entries for each Section;
B. Additional entries based upon the most recent four year history of the Section team performance in each divisional race;
C. No Section shall have more than seven team entries in any divisional race.

(Revised May 2002 Federated Council)

1702 INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES TO THE STATE MEET
A maximum of five individuals (not on an automatic team entry), per the criteria in each division, will qualify from Section to State meet finals as follows:

# of Section - Five

Teams Automatic

Individual Qualifiers

Qualify to State Meet Must Finish in the Top

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(Revised February 2005 Federated Council)

1703 RULES

The official Cross Country Rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations shall govern all contests when not in conflict with rules of the CIF Los Angeles City Section.

Cross Country is considered a team sport. A cross country team shall consist of a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of seven (7) persons. Five team members must finish a race to score as a team. If fewer than five finish, they shall score as individuals only.

1704 COURSE

All home cross country courses in the CIF Los Angeles City Section must be standardized at 2.8-3.2 miles. This also applies to the course used for league and City Championship meets.

1705 IDENTIFICATION

1705 1 Uniforms: All students competing must wear complete school running uniforms, including shoes. Failure to comply with this rule disqualifies the offender, and the team loses all points which the offender may have made in the meet.

1705 2 Anyone wearing a hat or commercial headband during competition will be disqualified. Any points scored will be forfeited. Non-commercial headbands may be worn.

1706 DUAL MEET ENTRIES, AND LEAGUE MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DUAL MEETS

The League Manager is responsible for the set up and break down of the course for dual meets. If the League Manager does not want to be responsible for the set up and break down of the course, the league will contract with the starter. The League Manager will be responsible for securing and paying the medical attendant for dual meets, as well as paying the Starter. The cost of expenses from all league meets (including the League Finals) is then to be pro-rated among all schools within the league.

1706 1 Boys’ and girls’ divisions may run together, but will be scored separately.

The fastest five runners must participate on the varsity team regardless of grade level. No lower level team of 5 or more runners may be fielded unless there is already a varsity team in existence. The fastest five designated for varsity competition must be re-evaluated each week.

1706 2 National Federation Scoring Rules will be used.

1707 LEAGUE FINALS MEET ENTRIES

1707 1 Entries shall not exceed 7 per school in each varsity and junior varsity division and 10 per school in the Frosh/Soph division.

1707 2 The fastest five (5) runners that are not ninth or tenth grade runners must participate on the varsity team. Freshman and sophomore runners may compete on any level team. A junior varsity team of five or more runners may not be fielded unless there is a varsity team in existence.
Before the start of the race, the course and general scoring plan shall be explained and outlined to the assembled entrants.

Note: The season of sport for Cross Country extends from the first day of after school practice until the completion of the Section Championships, and may be extended for State CIF competition. League prelims and finals, and City prelims and finals have tentative dates scheduled. Unforeseen events may cause these dates to change. Cross Country participants must be available to run in any or all of these events, due to the possibility that these dates may change.

**ALL CITY PRELIMINARY MEET**

Schools must have a minimum of five (5) runners on the starting line to be permitted to participate in the Prelims or Finals. With prior notification (at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of a race) schools with less than five runners present may request Meet Management to allow those runners who would have qualified from the previous round as individuals to compete.

The following will qualify for the City Preliminary Meet, in the Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4. Divisions are based on the school’s enrollment from the previous year (CBEDS). Division 4 will consist of schools with an enrollment of 600 or less students. Divisions 1, 2 and 3 will be divided with the remaining schools.: the first three varsity teams in each League Final Meet plus any teams that have met the at large criteria (ranked in the top ten in the last two published rankings.) and individuals who finish in the top ten in each League Final Meet (whether or not the team qualifies.) Athletes who do not meet the individual qualifying criterion will not be allowed to run.

Moving Up in Classifications: Any student may be moved up into the Varsity division for the All City Preliminaries and Finals after the league meet. This would enable a school to have its best representative team for city competition; but the team is not to exceed seven members. If an athlete runs at the Varsity level at the League Final or City Prelim meet, they are not permitted to move to another lower level in the City Final meet.

For the Preliminaries, schools will be divided into two races on the basis of the order in which the teams finished in the league finals per division. Prelim races will only be run if needed.

The order of events for the All City Preliminaries will be listed in the Playoff Bulletin.

Position on Starting Line

The first place team scoring the fewest points in its league final meet has first choice of starting position. First place team scoring second fewest points chooses second, etc. Individuals must start in designated areas.

Note: Once the playoffs begin, no team, or individual who represents a school, may practice at any playoff site. Schools/individuals may continue to practice at their regular home site. At City Prelims and Finals, water is not permitted on the course unless previously approved by meet management.

**QUALIFYING FOR ALL CITY FINALS**

Schools must have a minimum of five (5) runners on the starting line to be permitted to participate in the Prelims or Finals. With prior notification (at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of a race) schools with less than five runners present may request Meet Management to allow those runners who would have qualified from the previous round as individuals to compete.

The following will qualify for the finals in the All City Meet:

- The first five teams in each of the two heats to finish in each division.
- All individuals who finish in the first ten in each division, whether their teams qualify or not. Athletes who do not meet the individual qualifying criterion will not be allowed to run.
- A student, to compete in the All City Finals, must have been entered in the All City Preliminaries in the student’s division. A student must run in the same division of the City Finals as that in which he/she was entered in the City Preliminaries. A student who did not compete in the Preliminaries may run in the finals if his/her team qualifies and he/she was declared on the eligibility form submitted prior to the Preliminary race.
- Position on starting line same as 1006 5, but results of preliminary meet will be used.
Junior Varsity and Frosh/Soph Qualifying for City Finals- The top 10 teams in each division based on team time at the League Final Meet (teams will consist of five to seven runners), plus the top 10 individuals not on a team, based on their League Final time.

1710 AWARDS
Varsity (Boys & Girls) Awards for first 15 individuals to finish and for seven members of the first through fifth place teams. Team plaques will be awarded to the Championship and runner up teams in each of the following divisions: Varsity Boys and Girls in both the large and small schools’ divisions. Frosh Soph and JV first 10 individuals and the first place team.

ARTICLE 180 FIELD HOCKEY
The CIF Los Angeles City Section does not Field Hockey at this time.

ARTICLE 190 FOOTBALL

1900 AGE REQUIREMENT
A student under 15 years of age may not participate in an interscholastic contest or scrimmage against the varsity team of another school. This bylaw may be waived by Section action provided the Section adopts criteria for such a waiver which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
A. Participant must be at least 14 years of age;
B. A letter from a licensed medical practitioner that the student is able to compete at the varsity level;
C. A signed consent statement from the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, allowing participation at the varsity level;
D. A statement from the head coach that the student-athlete has the physical and mental maturity to compete at the varsity level;
E. A statement of compliance must be forwarded by the principal to the respective Section Office verifying that all required documentation has been completed and is on file in the appropriate school office.
(Revised May 2000 Federated Council/Revised March 2004 Executive Committee)

1901 NUMBER OF FOOTBALL PRACTICE DAYS; NO SUNDAY PRACTICE; TEAM CAMPS/OTHER OFF-SEASON ACTIVITIES
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 (refer to Blue Pages).
C. Team camps and other off-season activities are allowable with the following equipment only: footballs, bags, blocking sleds and football shoes.
(Approved April 2015 Federated Council)

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 and local Section Bylaws.
SCRAMMAGE 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. Refer to Bylaw 1314 for more scrimmage information.

1902 1 Schools that elect to schedule a scrimmage accept responsibility for expenses related to the scrimmage.
1902 2 Officials can be used for training purposes, and may not receive pay. Athletic Directors will be responsible for coordinating with the Los Angeles Football Officials Unit.
1902 3 All spectators must remain in the bleachers during scrimmages. The need and amount of supervision assigned to a scrimmage should be based on the anticipated attendance and will be a school site decision.
1902 4 Charging admission for a scrimmage requires agreement by both schools. The admission price for a scrimmage cannot exceed one half the admission price for a regular football game.
1902 5 Schools are allowed only one scrimmage prior to their first contest.
1902 6 Scrimmages between Varsity and lower level squads are prohibited.
1902-7 Future opponents are allowed to video tape a team’s scrimmage that is open to the public or spectators (BOM 2014)
1902-8 A scrimmage is considered a practice and does not count toward the maximum allowable contest.
1902-9 Kickoff and kickoff return are not allowed in a scrimmage.

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. The Los Angeles City Section authorizes out of season physical conditioning programs during school hours. Conditioning week for football teams is the first week begin with the first allowable fall football practice date. The Los Angeles City Section does not authorize two per day practice sessions (bylaw 506A.)

SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
Eighth / 9th grade students from a middle or junior high school may not take part in a spring football practice at the high school until after they have completed their final semester at the middle or junior high school. A high school coach may not conduct a football practice session at a separate junior high school or middle school.

NUMBER OF GAMES LIMITATION
Each school has the opportunity to schedule 10 games over an 11 week period. A high school football team or student of any classification or name shall not play more than ten games on the year and no more than one (1) football game in any five (5) consecutive day period. A continued game under National Federation football rules shall not be considered in this limitation.

TIE-BREAKER SYSTEM
A. Each Section is authorized to establish a tie-breaker system for regular season football games and Section playoff football games.
   1. The Los Angeles City Section authorizes the 25 yard tie-breaker using NFHS rules in all regular season games and Section playoff games.

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. Nike is the official ball of the CIF Los Angeles City Section. (Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council)
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)

EQUIPMENT
Equipment Reminders: School personnel must be aware of required equipment regulations as per NFHS rules. Helmets are to be annually inspected and sanitized to ensure adherence to NOCSAE standards. It is the responsibility of each school to ensure that all equipment is properly fitted according to manufactures requirements for each individual athlete.

GAME LIMITATIONS AND PARTICIPATION AGAINST OTHER CIF SECTION SCHOOLS
1911-1 With the agreement of the principal of both schools, schools have the option to schedule either two or three levels, JV and varsity, or freshman/Soph, JV, and varsity games. However, individual athletes may only compete in one contest at one level in that week.
1911-2 Once a player participates in a contest on a particular day, the player will be required a five day wait until to move to another level for participation in a game. Note: Seniors and/or any student who has started his/her seventh semester in high school is restricted from participating on the Junior Varsity football team. Also, refer to BOM Bylaw 1102 for age limitations.

JV GAMES
JV Football replaced the Frosh/Soph program as the second required program a school can offer as of the 2010-11 school year. Schools are authorized to field and schedule games for three levels of football if they have the participation required to field three teams. Games for a Frosh/Soph level will be scheduled on an requested basis. Note: Seniors (or any student that is in his/her fourth year of high school) are restricted from participating on the junior varsity team. (BOM) All quarters in a football game shall be 12 minutes in length.

MEDICAL ATTENDANT
Schools and Districts are encouraged to provide a certified athletic trainer or certified medical attendant at every inter-school scrimmage and game. Arrangements for such service shall be made by the home school.

FILM/VIDEO TAPE
1914 1 Filming or video taping of games may be done by anyone attending a contest, regardless of whether they represent either of the participating schools. Accommodations for visiting school personnel to video-taping a game will be the responsibility of the host school when facilities are available. End-Zone cameras are allowed outside the restricted area of the field.
1914 2 Schools that participate in the playoffs must exchange tapes or internet access for two of the last three games played at the time of the playoff draw. It is the responsibility of the coach to inform the representative of the Section Office on the Seeding date by 1:00 PM that video has not been exchanged, or of any discrepancy in the exchange. Any team that does not complete the tape exchange by 1:00 p.m. on the day the seeding meeting will forfeit their playoff berth. A pre-selected alternate team will replace the seeded team as seeded. There will be no adjustments in the seeding. A ten (10) minute grace period will be observed before an alternate team is assigned as a replacement. For all succeeding playoff games, tapes will be traded by 12:00 noon the day after each playoff game. The exchange location will be conducted at the school of the higher seeded team or where mutually agreed upon by both coaches. Each opposing coach will have the choice of two of the last three games played, one of which must be the last playoff game. These tapes will be unedited and shall include all plays as originally taped. Tapes are to be returned at the playoff game. In addition to the mandatory exchange, it shall be permissible for either coach to secure from other sources, any game tape of the opponent that he may desire to view for the purpose of preparing for the next playoff game.
Any violation of the above rules must be reported at once to the Section Office. Such violation may subject the team to disqualification from the playoffs.

1914-3  
Exchange of Tapes for Non-Playoff Games
In games between two Los Angeles City Section schools, game video trade is based on mutual agreement of the coaches. In the event of a league game, League Policy will dictate exchange rules to include. Tapes and/or internet access will be unedited and shall include all plays as originally taped. Tapes will be of optimum scouting capability. Tapes are to be returned at the game. In addition to the exchange, it shall be permissible for either coach to secure from other sources, any game tape of the opponent that he may desire to view for the purpose of preparing for the next game. Any violation of the above rules will be reported at once to the Section Office. Such violation may subject the team to loss of home field.

1915  
COMMUNICATION DEVICES AND EQUIPMENT

1915 1  
The use of phones, walkie-talkies, or other means of communication between spotters and the bench shall not exceed the bounds of good sportsmanship, i.e., intercepting opposing team communication, use of imaging devices, unequal and unfair vantage points, etc. Each school shall be responsible for providing itself with at least one temporary communication set.

1915 2  
Recognized coaching staff members of the participating schools are the only persons authorized to use these methods of communication.

1915 3  
If a stadium is not equipped with permanent phones, each school shall be responsible for providing itself with a temporary communication system. If the facility is not equipped for spotters, teams will be allocated the highest position in the bleachers on their side of the field.

1915 4  
If a stadium is equipped with phones for spotting purposes, optimum facilities must be provided for both schools. If a stadium is equipped with permanent phones for spotting purposes, and one set becomes inoperative, then the other school shall not use its set. The stadium manager shall be responsible for verifying that the set is inoperative and for notifying the other school.

1915 5  
If video tapes are to be taken, equal vantage points must be provided, and no video-taping personnel may have communication with the sideline coaches.

1915 6  
In all cases, the spotters must remain in fixed locations behind the spectators' restraining fence (outside the game enclosure).

1915-7  
Video viewing equipment is allowed on the sideline by NFHS rules.

1916  
PRE GAME AND HALF TIME ACTIVITIES

1916 1  
In the matter of half time activities, it is left to the individual leagues (or the two competing schools in a non-league contest) to determine the nature of activities and the division of time between competing schools. Football teams will end their pre-game warm ups ten minutes before kickoff for the playing of the National Anthem. All team members, coaches and any other personnel associated with the teams are required to stand on their sideline in an orderly and respectful manner during the playing of the National Anthem, as per BOM Rule 154. In the sport of football, the National Anthem will not begin until both teams are on their respective sidelines. If the start of the game is delayed, the violating team will be charged with a fifteen yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty, assessed at the kickoff. In the event that both teams violate the rule, the penalties will be assessed on their respective kickoff.

1916 2  
As per NFHS rule, intermission is normally 15 minutes and may be increased to a maximum of 20 minutes, provided opponents have been notified no later than 5 minutes prior to the game. By mutual agreement of opposing coaches, the intermission may be reduced to a minimum of 10 minutes. A mandatory three (3) minute warm up period must follow the intermission. The Head Coach is responsible for the team being on the field for the mandatory warm up period at the end of the scheduled half time intermission.
1917 ENTRY INTO PLAYOFFS

1917-1 Divisions I, II, and III will be predetermined based on a two year ranking that will occur prior to every odd calendar season. Schools with 1250 or less have the option of fielding an eleven man or eight man football team.

1917-2 The Seeding Committee will be comprised of two (2) non coaching representatives selected by the coaches from each region respectively, two (2) football advisory representatives, and a representative from the Section Office. The Seeding Meeting will be a closed session, in addition to the committee members, one coach selected by the sport advisory will be allowed admission to the seeding meeting. Playoff brackets will be distributed to coaches and media at the conclusion of each division playoff draft.

Eight-man football Seeding Committee will be composed of the first through fourth place coaches from the Eight-man League. The committee will seed based on Max Preps ranking. (4 team tournament).

The Football Seeding Committee will select the top 16 teams to qualify for the division I, II and III football playoffs. The entries into the football playoffs for Division I, II, and III will be based on the following criteria:

a. Head to Head (when considered for the same seed)

b. Common opponent (when considered for the same seed)

c. Max Preps Ranking

d. Seeding Committee nomination

Ties in league will be broken for league placement using the ranking tool criteria. Remaining ties will be broken using the Max Preps Ranking to determine the league finish.

1917-3 Division I, II & III League champions receive automatic playoff berth.

1917-4 Each school participating in the current week of playoffs must send an Administrative or Athletic Director representative to the weekly organizational football playoff meeting. Any school not represented at the weekly football playoff meeting will forfeit all profit for the contest to the opponent. If there is no profit incurred for the contest, the offending school will receive no allotment for working personnel.

1917-5 As per BOM action, since the 2003 football season, semi-final playoff contests are to be played at home sites. If there is a concern with seating capacity, lights, etc., and the game is to be moved, the home school principal will make the decision as to the selection of the alternate site. In case of disagreement the Section Commissioner shall make the determination.

1917-6 Note: Once the playoffs begin, no team, or individual who represents a school, may practice at any alternate playoff site. Schools/individuals may continue to practice at their regular home site.

1918 END OF PRACTICE (Seasonal and Daily Practice)

All football practices will terminate after the last regularly scheduled league contest. Teams that are entered in the playoffs are the only schools allow to continue practicing until they are eliminated from playoff competition.

1919 PASSING LEAGUES

These activities are not sanctioned by the CIF Los Angeles City Section. Refer to Rule 305, 306, 307 regarding out of season practice and uniform/equipment usage during out of season and summer.
ARTICLE 200  GOLF

2000 SEASON OF SPORT
Girls golf will be conducted in the fall, while boys golf will be conducted in the spring.
(Approved November 1998 Federated Council)

2001 RULES
The official Golf Rules of the United States Golf Association shall govern matches when not in conflict with rules of the CIF Los Angeles City Section.

2001-1 Golf is considered a team sport.
2001-2 A roster of seven members is recommended, teams that do not carry the required five players on the eligibility roster will be allowed to participate in competition as individuals representing their school and the contest will be considered a no-game for the school that has less than the required number of participating athletes. (BOM approved 2014)

2001-3 A girl that is a member of the Student Team in the spring due to the absence of a Girls’ Team at the school, will be allowed to compete for the Girls’ Individual Championship in the fall, provided she meets all eligibility requirements. This would include the 9th grade year. If the student team qualifies as a team the girls on the student team will be allowed to participate in the Boy’s City Finals in the 9th grade school year and then as an individual in the 10th grade school year in the Girls All City Championship tournament as an individual.

2001-3 If a girl is a member of the Student Team in the spring due to the absence of a Girls’ Team at the school, she will be allowed to compete for the Girls’ Individual Championship in the fall, provided she meets all eligibility requirements. This will include the 9th grade year prior to participation on the student team in the spring.

2001-4 during league play, coaches are allowed to coach and communicate with athletes between holes.

2002 LEAGUE PLAY (DUAL MATCHES)
2002 1 Each team shall consist of up to seven players.
2002 2 Playing and Scoring
   1) Practice and league play shall be stroke play.
   2) Scoring: Each team will count its lowest five scores. The team with the lowest total score will be declared the winner. Ties to be broken as follows:
      1. Top 5 golfers
      2. 6th golfers score
      3. Back nine of Top 5 golfers total
      4. Last six holes Top 5 golfers
      5. Last three holes Top 5 golfers
      6. Last hole Top 5 golfers
   3) No handicapping shall be used unless agreed upon unanimously by the league.
   4) League matches will be limited to 9 holes per contest. Scrimmages, pre-season tournaments, non-league matches, end of season league tournaments and the City Championship will allow 18-hole competition.

2003 ASSISTANCE & DEVICES
2003-1 Contestants in golf are not permitted to use caddies or mechanical carts, unless specifically granted by the Section Commissioner.
DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES, Players may use a device which measures distance only. Players may NOT use any cell phone applications as the use of cell phones is prohibited. The use of devices that gauge or measure other conditions, in addition to distance, that might affect a player’s play (e.g. wind of gradient) is NOT permitted, even if that feature is turned off. (CIF Federate Council 2015)

No electronic devices (cell phones, pagers, I Pods, Walkman’s, etc.) will be allowed on courses.

2004 ALL LEAGUE TOURNAMENT
2004 1 Each school shall be represented by a team composed of five to seven players.
2004 2 The team with the lowest five scores will be declared the All League Tournament winner.
2004 3 Play shall be stroke play, the aggregate scores of five players being the team score. The lowest team score shall be declared the All League Tournament winner.
2004 4 The above provisions should not preclude an individual from a league school from entering the tournament and competing for individual honors, whether or not his/her school is represented by a team.
2004 5 A player must participate in a minimum of two league matches to qualify for the league tournament or the all city tournament (if there is no league qualifying tournament.)

2005 ALL CITY TOURNAMENT
2005 1 An All City Golf Tournament shall be held only when sanctioned by the Section.
2005-2 The teams shall be composed of six players with stroke play to determine the City Champion Team. The total number of holes played is to be determined prior to the start of the golf season. The team with the lowest five scores shall be determined the City Champion Team. (Ties will be broken by rules in 2005-4).
At large qualifiers will also play at this time to determine their status as to the individual championship
2005 3 Any player whose coach or school designee is not present at the designated report time will be disqualified from competition. If it is not the coach who attends, but a school designee, the person must meet Title V (current CPR and First Aid requirements). The school must notify the Section Office with the name of the designee at least 48 hours prior to the City Championship date.
2005 4 The following additional rules and procedures will be in place at the City Championship:
a) The minimum number of teams and individual competitors shall be two teams and 12 individuals. Selection of competitors selected for entry in the City Championship shall be governed by the number of slots given by the selected golf courses NOT TO EXCEED 72 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS for boys and girls. Team and At Large Competitors shall play at this time. The Golf Coordinator has the authority to raise or lower the participating number of competitors at their discretion not to exceed the maximum. League Managers will submit names of top golfers, average over par and top teams in each league along with courses played to the Golf Coordinator

b) Both the Boys’ Team Championship and the Girls’ Team Championship will be a one day tournament and will be determined by the top five players for eighteen holes of play.
c) The order of tie breaking will:
1. Top 5 golfers
2. 6th golfers score
3. Back nine of Top 5 golfers total
4. Last six holes Top 5 golfers
5. Last three holes Top 5 golfers
6. Last hole Top 5 golfers
d) Individual Players: The order of tie breaking will:
1. Back nine of total
2. Last six holes
3. Last three holes
4. Last hole
5. If there is a tie for the last playing spot for Regionals than there shall be a sudden death play-off with all individual tied for the last position.

2005-5 Coach’s Requirements

a) Coaches must act as scorekeepers. As per action taken by BOM, coaches are allowed to coach and communicate with players between the play of holes. Coaches will NOT be allowed to play, as scoring will be the main responsibility. Any player whose coach or school designee is not present at the designated report time will be disqualified from competition.

b) Coaches will be held responsible for enforcing the following rules:
   1. Cheating will not be tolerated.
   2. Players will be disqualified for signing an incorrect scorecard. (Mistakes in addition will not be penalized. Individual hole scores must be accurate.)
   3. Giving advice within a group will not be allowed.
   4. No electronic devices (cell phones, pagers, I Pods, Walkman’s, etc.) will be allowed on courses. (Penalty: Disqualification.)

f) Practice at the course site of the City Championship Tournament between rounds of play is prohibited for all participants when applicable. (Penalty: Disqualification.)

2006 NUMBER OF GOLF MATCHES
A golf team will be permitted to schedule and play no more than 16 team matches, not including the All League, All City, and Southern California Regional Tournaments. Any inter school golf competition will be considered as one of the permitted number of team matches. No dual matches will be allowed after the All League Tournament. Schools must submit Boys’ or Student golf schedules to the League Manager by December 18th of each year; Girls’ golf schedules must be submitted by June 15th of each year. Each athlete is allowed to participate in six invitational tournaments. Please see the Appendix for additional information regarding tournament participation.

2007 OUTSIDE AMATEUR COMPETITION
During the school year, a high school golfer may compete in outside amateur competition if he/she will not accept any award in violation of the State CIF Awards Rule (in excess of two hundred fifty dollars).

2008 COACHES’ MEETING
Golf leagues and schedules will be formulated by the coaches at this meeting.

ARTICLE 210 GYMNASTICS
The CIF Los Angeles City Section does not field Gymnastics at this time.

ARTICLE 220 LACROSSE

2200 OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK
Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball and water polo.
(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council)

2201 RULES
A. Girls Lacrosse - All girls lacrosse contest in the CIF Los Angeles City Section will be played in the spring season, under the U.S. Lacrosse rules endorsed by the National Federation, unless otherwise provided herein.
B. Boys Lacrosse - All boys lacrosse contest in the CIF Los Angeles City Section will be played in the spring season, under the U.S. Lacrosse rules endorsed by the National Federation, unless otherwise provided herein.
2202 PRACTICE
Organized team practice shall be interpreted as meaning the association of a coach with potential team members for the purpose of learning or practicing the skills of lacrosse. Organized before and after school practice may not be conducted until February 17. Before February 17, coaches may associate with potential team members for the purpose of learning or practicing the skills of lacrosse only during one physical education class. Practice sessions during spring break may not exceed two hours each day practice is held.

ARTICLE 230 SKIING
The CIF Los Angeles City Section does not field Skiing at this time.

ARTICLE 240 SOCCER

2400 OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK
Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball and water polo.
(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council)

2401 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)

2402 RULES
The official Soccer rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations shall govern all contests when not to conflict with rules of the CIF Los Angeles City Section.

2404 LINE UP CARDS
It is required that there be an exchange of line up cards which will include the names and numbers of all players before each contest. In addition, the Line-Up Card must be provided by each coach to the referee prior to the start of the game. The referee will return the Line-Up Cards to the home school administrator at the conclusion of the game. The Line-Up Card(s) will be kept on file at the home school. Violations will be reported to the Commissioner.

2405 PLAYER CONDUCT
The Los Angeles City Section has adopted the National Federation's suggested procedures regarding Yellow and Red Cards. A player receiving a Yellow Card must be removed from the game for the next five playing minutes. A player receiving a Red Card must be removed from the remainder of that game and must be suspended from participation in the next regularly scheduled game. A player receiving a yellow/red card, must be removed from the game and must be suspended from participation in the next contest. See BOM Rule 242 for additional penalties for multiple ejections. If the ejection occurs during the last contest of the season, the penalty will carry over to the athlete’s next season.

2406 JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER
The maximum playing time for a JV game is two 35 minutes halves. League policy will determine the length of JV league games. Schools with facility lighting may extend the JV game to 35 minute halves with the approval of the home school principal and the agreement of the opponent. Sunset rules will apply when there is no facility lighting.
(Revised 2014)

2408 CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS
2408 1 Seeding: Playoff seeding will be conducted by a Seeding Committee as selected by the Coaches Advisory Committee. The Seeding Meeting will be a closed session and only committee members allowed admission.
Sixteen teams will be entered into each of the five divisions of the playoffs. Automatic Entries will be determined by the seeding criteria. Each division will play a single elimination tournament. Divisions are based on the ranking formula selected by the Coaches Advisory per Bylaw 606. Only the league champion, regardless of division, is guaranteed entry into the playoffs.

Soccer Balls: Each school in the playoffs will be responsible for providing legal game balls and a suitable number for each game. It is recommended that at least three game balls be available. The home team must check with the visiting team to be sure three game balls are available. The official Soccer Ball shall be Brine.

Awards: The Board of Managers will present a team award to the Champion and Runner up, and individual awards (22) to the Champion and Runner up in each of the three Divisions.

Participating schools will set up their own supervision. Home schools will provide the game announcer for all playoffs, including specific information regarding the duties and responsibilities of the announcer.

Officials: The Section Office will assign officials for all playoff games, through the Soccer Officials’ Units. The home school will pay officials (except for the Finals.)

Expenses: Participating schools are responsible for all expenses incurred in the first three rounds. BOM will reimburse schools for expenses in the semi final round, provided admission is charged.

Tie Games: During the soccer playoffs (including the Championship), the "SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRESSION" as it appears in the National Federation Soccer Rule Book will be used. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 will be used.

Championship Game: The championship game is to be played at a neutral site.

Note: Once the playoffs begin, no team, or individual who represents a school, may practice at any playoff site. Schools/individuals may continue to practice at their regular home site.

**Soccer Playing Fields**
As per National Federation Soccer rules, the field of play shall be rectangular, 100 to 120 yards long and 55 to 75 yards wide. The following minimum dimensions are recommended for high schools: 110 yards X 65 yards.

At those school sites where a primary and secondary field exist and the school wishes to play on the secondary field, if requested, a certification must be submitted to the Section Office by the principal or principal’s designee verifying that the secondary field meets the standards recommended for a high school soccer field, including the implementation of the obstruction rule. If a secondary field is to be used as the playing field, the opposing school must be notified prior to the start of the season. For playoff contests, opponents must be notified in a timely manner, but not later than one day in advance of the contest.

**Guidelines for Soccer Game Management and Length of Game**
The following guidelines regarding game management will be in effect:

1) Supervision is required at all soccer matches.
2) The playing area must be secured to allow the game to be played without distractions.
3) Administrator or designated supervisor responsibilities include but not limited to meeting with game officials prior to game, providing support to the officials as requested, crowd control, sideline control, and coaching ethics.
4) The soccer game will not start without a Home School administrator or designee present. If a change of administrator is necessary during the course of the game, the head referee must be notified of the change.
5) League game start times will be set by league agreement. Non-league games start times will be set by school agreement.
6) The Team Area must be marked, for the home team as well as the visitors.
7) Spectator areas must be roped off or kept separate by other means.
8) If a report of misconduct is received in the Section Office, a conference must be conducted by school personnel, and a follow up letter sent to the Section Office by the supervising administrator.
2411 PARTICIPATION ON MULTIPLE LEVELS
Although movement between levels is allowed at any time during the season, no student will be allowed to participate in two levels against the same opponent for that scheduled event. Once a player participates in a contest on a particular day, the player will be required to wait until the next day to move to another level. While the varsity game is being played, if the junior varsity team needs to warm up, this should be done behind that team’s own goal (not the opponent’s goal), if no other place is available.

ARTICLE 250 SOFTBALL

2500 LENGTH OF GAME
Sections are authorized to limit junior varsity softball games to seven innings or a maximum time of one hour and forty-five minutes (no new inning shall begin after one hour and forty-five minutes have expired from the start of the game), whichever comes first. The varsity may play as time permits: re the Sunset Rule and umpires discretion.

2501 OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK
Only balls with the National Federation authentication mark shall be used in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball and water polo. (Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council)

2502 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)

2503 RULES
All contests shall be conducted in accordance with Official Softball Rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations, when not in conflict with the rules of the CIF Los Angeles City Section.
NOTE: Many rules elsewhere in this book apply to softball.

2504 FACILITIES
2503-1 If a host school does not have appropriate facilities, it must arrange for home games to be played on the opponent’s field or on a neutral field.
2503-2 Ground rules shall be clearly and fully agreed upon before the beginning of each game. It is suggested that the home team prepare a list of rules for the field concerned and furnish copies to the schools in their league and review with the umpire prior to game time.

2505 PROTESTS
Protests of possible rule misapplications may be filed under conditions as outlined in National Federation Rules. The umpire in chief must be notified immediately, notation must be made in the scorebook, the Section Office must be notified by telephone immediately following the conclusion of the contest, and a written protest must be received by the Section Office no later than the close of the fifth school day following said game.

2506 EQUIPMENT
Equipment Reminders: School personnel must be aware of equipment regulations as per NFHS rules. Helmets are to be inspected annually to ensure adherence to NOCSAE standards.
2505-1 A pitching rubber, home plate, and tied down padded bases are required for all league games. Note: Beginning with the 2010-11 season, the distance of the pitching rubber from home plate will be 43 feet.
2505-2 Each team shall provide a new leather ball at each game. The pitcher shall then have her choice of which she prefers to pitch at the onset of each inning. (However, the game will not be delayed if the pitcher’s designated softball is hit foul so that it cannot be retrieved. The pitcher MUST continue with the backup ball.)
2507 DIVISIONS
There will be a Varsity division and a Junior Varsity division. Schools may enter both divisions or only the Varsity division. A school having only one team must enter the Varsity division.

2508 CONDUCT OF PLAYERS AND COACHES
The rattling of the opponent’s pitcher or batter or attempting to confuse, through concerted action of a group, is strictly prohibited. Coaches and school officials are responsible for proper spirit and sportsmanship of their respective students at all contests.

2509 COACHING
Only coaches and players (in uniform) may coach from the first and third bases. Team coaches must adhere to the dress code which precludes wearing jeans while coaching the bases. Student coaches’ names must appear on the eligibility sheets. They must remain in the designated area.
Interpretation: Only the paid coach and/or designated assistant of that team may coach on the base lines. The paid coach shall be the only person who shall present the official lineup prior to the game, make official player changes, or arbitrate with the umpires on items concerning the game. There are no exceptions to this rule even if agreed upon by the coaches.

2510 LEAGUE GAMES
2510-1 The length of all varsity games will be seven innings, plus any additional innings to break a tie. Schools participating in softball will play seven inning games; however, a fifteen run rule will be in effect. If after the end of five innings one team is ahead by fifteen runs, (or four and a half if it is the home team) the game will be terminated.
JV games shall be seven innings or a maximum time of one hour and forty-five minutes, whichever comes first (no new inning shall start after the one hour and forty-five minutes). In the JV Division, games tied at the expiration of time shall continue until a conclusion has been reached under normal softball rules.
2509-2 A game shall be forfeited if a team does not appear within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time provided bus transportation was not the reason for the delay.
2509-3 The visiting team must be granted the field for 15 minutes before the starting time. The visiting team must conclude its practice at least two minutes before the scheduled starting time of the game.
2509-5 Although a protest may be lodged regarding field conditions, the game will be played. It is recommended that the protest be recorded (stating time, situation and coaches' signature) in the scorebook.

2510 PLAYOFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS
2510-1 a. There will be four (4) divisions in the sport of softball. Division I, II, III & IV teams will be selected based upon competitive equity using a ranking formula as selected by the coaches’ advisory per Bylaw 606. Each division will be balanced in numbers of schools. (BOM 2015)
b. Playoff format for entry into Round 1 will be determined by Softball Advisory Committee with approval of BOM (refer to Playoff Bulletin.)
c. All rounds except the championship game will be played at home sites, the higher seed will be the designated home team.
d. Umpire fees, softballs, and security for the first three round games will be divided between the two schools involved.
2510-2 Tie Breaker Rules (See Playoff Bulletin). Note: The Division II, III and IV Championship games will be a regulation 7 inning game utilizing the international tie breaker if need be. The City Championship Division I game will be played to its conclusion, without a tie breaker.
2510-3 Diamond softball is the official ball of the CIF Los Angeles City Section. All teams in playoffs must use the Diamond softball for all playoff games.
Note: Once the playoffs begin, no team, or individual who represents a school, may practice at any playoff site. Schools/individuals may continue to practice at their regular home site.

ARTICLE 260 SWIMMING AND DIVING

2600 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)

2601 RULES
The official Interscholastic Swimming Rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations shall govern all contests when not in conflict with rules of the CIF Los Angeles City Section.
NOTE: Failure to comply with all rules shall result in forfeiture of meet.

2602 SAFETY
2602 1 There must be a qualified person holding an Emergency Water Safety certificate on duty at all times that the team is engaged in practice or competition.
2602 2 Competitive meets must be swum in a 25 yard pool.

2603 COMBINED UNIT
2603 1 Both the boys' team and girls' team will be combined into one unit with the season beginning in February and concluding in May.
2603 2 Separate boys and girls scoring will be maintained for league and city competition.

2604 CLASSIFICATION
2604 1 All swimmers shall be classified at Junior Varsity (JV) or Varsity (V).
2604 2 Movement between levels is allowed at any time during the season. In order to qualify for City pre lims, the swimmer must swim at the Varsity level at the League Finals.
2604 3 Diving will be according to National Federation Rules at Varsity level only. A diver may swim at JV level.

2605 ORDER OF EVENTS
1. G JV 200 Yard Medley Relay
2. B JV 200 Yard Medley Relay
3. G V 200 Yard Medley Relay
4. B V 200 Yard Medley Relay
5. G JV 200 Yard Freestyle
6. B JV 200 Yard Freestyle
7. G V 200 Yard Freestyle
8. B V 200 Yard Freestyle
9. G JV 100 Yard Ind. Medley
10. B JV 100 Yard Ind. Medley
11. G V 200 Yard Ind. Medley
12. B V 200 Yard Ind. Medley
13. G JV 50 Yard Freestyle
14. B JV 50 Yard Freestyle
15. G V 50 Yard Freestyle
16. B V 50 Yard Freestyle
17. G-V Diving
18. B-V Diving
19. G JV 50 Yard Butterfly
20. B JV 50 Yard Butterfly
21. G V 100 Yard Butterfly  
22. B V 100 Yard Butterfly  
23. G JV 100 Yard Freestyle  
24. B JV 100 Yard Freestyle  
25. G V 100 Yard Freestyle  
26. B V 100 Yard Freestyle  
27. G V 500 Yard Freestyle  
28. B V 500 Yard Freestyle  
29. G V 200 Yard Freestyle Relay  
30. B V 200 Yard Freestyle Relay  
31. G JV 50 Yard Backstroke  
32. B JV 50 Yard Backstroke  
33. G V 100 Yard Backstroke  
34. B V 100 Yard Backstroke  
35. G JV 50 Yard Breaststroke  
36. B JV 50 Yard Breaststroke  
37. G V 100 Yard Breaststroke  
38. B V 100 Yard Breaststroke  
39. G JV 200 Yard Freestyle Relay  
40. B JV 200 Yard Freestyle Relay  
41. G V 400 Yard Freestyle Relay  
42. B V 400 Yard Freestyle Relay

2606  CONDUCT OF EVENTS

2606 1 Dual and Double Dual Meets:
   a. Each team shall be allowed the following number of entries in each individual swimming events:
      1. Five or less lanes  2 entries per team
      2. Six or more lanes  3 entries per team
   b. Each team shall be allowed two relay entries in all pools.

2606 2 A Varsity contestant is permitted to compete in a maximum of four events, no more than two of which can be individual.

2606-3 A JV contestant is limited to 3 events  one relay and two individual events or two relays and one individual event.

2606 4 Should a swimmer swim in more than the proper number of events, the swimmer is eliminated from that event and from further competition.

2606 5 Deadline for entries shall be prior to the start of the meet. No substitutions may be made after that point except for extenuating circumstances occurring during the meet.

2607  MEET OFFICIALS

2607 1 The home team shall provide the official scorer. The visiting team shall provide the assistant scorer.

2607 2 The home team shall provide trained timers for each lane. The visiting team should provide additional timers when requested.

2608  REPORTING RESULTS AND LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

2608 1 Score sheets shall be submitted to the Swimming League Manager within 24 hours after the meet.

2608-2 League Championship shall be determined by best win-loss percentage in league dual meets.

2609  UNIFORMS

Swimmers must comply with the NFHS rules. Any high tech suit must have a “FINA” stamp on it. Any suit that does not have the “FINA” stamp must be approved by the official prior to the start of the meet. There is to be no changing
into other suits. Coaches should also be in professional attire. Competitors shall not be permitted to participate wearing a suit or trunks that is not of decent appearance (Boys: trunks must cover buttocks; Girls: suits must cover buttocks/breasts).

2610 LEAGUE PRELIMS/FINALS
2610 1 All leagues may hold preliminaries for their respective league finals.
2610-2 League finals for JV are at the option of the league.
2610 3 Each school may enter four participants in each event and one relay team in each relay.
2610 4 Entries, with respective clocking’s, should be submitted to the League Manager. The League Manager must seed swimmers in heats and lanes according to their best clocking’s. No changes will be made once entries have been submitted.
2610 5 Alternates may be entered for relay events only.
2610 6 Scratches/additions or alternates to relay events shall be made prior to the beginning of the meet.
2610 7 A swimmer shall have swum officially in at least one league meet to qualify for league prelims and finals.

2611 CITY PRELIMINARY AND FINAL MEETS
All City Preliminaries and Championships shall be conducted at the Varsity level only, for Boys/Girls teams, and will be conducted within one week.

2612 OFFICIAL ENTRIES
2612 1 The entries to the All City Swim Finals for varsity will consist of the 32 fastest thirty two times achieved in all league finals. Swimmers, whose league finals times do not fall within the top thirty two will be listed as alternates followed by the extra entries. Extra entries are those swimmers who did not participate in league final meets. There will be four heats of eight participants.
2612 2 Each school may enter one extra entry in each classification, in addition to the entrants who have qualified in the league meet. This entry may be an individual or a relay team.
   a. Extra persons with a league final meet time will be seeded at the end of the alternate list.
   b. Extra non entries who were sick or disqualified, and who do not have an official league meet time, will be "drawn from the hat" and placed after the extra man with the league final time.
2612 3 All additional guidelines and procedures, (with possible changes) will be stated in the finals bulletin each year.
2612 4 The Hy Tek program results from the qualifying meet shall be used to seed the Pre lims. Entries shall be submitted to the Section Office by the league managers after the conclusion of league finals meet and prior to seeding meeting date.
2612 5 Four heats shall be filled with those swimmers with the fastest times (in the qualifying meet) throughout the city, for the City Pre lims. These swimmers will be seeded according to time.
2612 6 All City Diving finals should be conducted on the same day. The first six place finishers in Diving will receive their awards at the Diving finals.
2612 7 A RELAY TEAM qualifies as a team and not as individuals.
Note: Once playoffs begin, no team, or individual who represents a school, may practice at any playoff site. Schools/individuals may continue to practice at their regular home site.

ARTICLE 270 TENNIS

2700 REGIONAL-TENNIS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS
A regional boys and girls team tennis championship will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. (Approved May 1998 Federated Council/Revised May 2011 Federated Council/Revised April 2016 Federated Council)
2701 RULES
2701-1 The official Rules of the United States Tennis Association shall govern all matches, however all rules of the CIF Los Angeles City Section shall supersede if there is a conflict.
2701-2 Rule Interpretation: A player may request an interpretation of a rule from his/her coach or the host coach during play.
2701-3 Conduct of Players: Ethical conduct of players shall be observed at all times. Use of profanity or obscene gestures of unsportsmanlike conduct as well as racquet abuse, will be penalized. Penalties will follow the USTA Rules,
2701-4 Tennis will be considered a Team sport.
2701-5 To be eligible to participate in the sport, a school must field a complete team of no less than ten players, beginning with the first practice contest of the season.

2702 NUMBER OF MATCHES
A contest shall consist of four singles and three doubles matches for boys' and girls' matches. Note: Boys Playoff matches shall be round robin.

2703 RANKING ORDER
2703-1 Singles players and doubles teams must play in the order of decreasing strength from top to bottom, i.e., the best player in the singles line up must play in the first singles position; the best doubles teams in first doubles position, etc.
NOTE: A coach is permitted to enter any player in singles or doubles, regardless of the ladder ranking, provided that the strongest individual/team plays in the first position and on down in decreasing strength.
2703-2 All players whose names appear on the line-up card must be present and ready to play at the time of the line-up card exchange which will take place 15 minutes prior to the scheduled school match time. After this exchange, no change in the lineup is permitted. Players arriving late by private transportation, with written approval from school administration and proper notification to the opposing coach, may play if they arrive by 3:45 p.m. If the match is scheduled on an open court and that player has not yet arrived, the entire contest will be forfeited 7-0. If a member of the home team has a justifiable reason for arriving late to the match and BOTH coaches agree, the player does not have to be present at the line-up card exchange. The player must be present when the last (7th) varsity match is on the court. If the player is not present, the match will be forfeited 7 0.
2703-3 All matches must be contested for by actual completion of play. The player who becomes ill during the actual play of a match, or suffers an injury during the actual play of a match, shall forfeit only one point. Players that are sick and/or injured before the team boards the bus must remain at school.
2703-4 No singles player may be moved up or down more than ONE position between any two consecutive league and playoff matches. Consecutive matches are from the first practice match until your team is out of the playoffs. If singles players are absent or used in doubles, the remaining singles players must be moved up in order, as determined by the previous match card. No doubles team (partners the same) may be moved up or down more than ONE position between any two consecutive league or playoff matches. (This rule does not negate any of the other ranking order rules. If doubles team combinations change, players may move to any doubles position as long as the teams are ranked strongest to weakest.
2703-5 A player may not compete in both singles and doubles during the same league match. However, it is possible that a player may play in a singles match during one match and in a doubles match during a consecutive match, provided the players are played in the correct ranking order, as determined by the previous match card.
A USTA or SCTA (So. California Tennis Association) ranking shall not disqualify a player from competition as a member of a school team.

Nothing in the rules shall prevent an instructor from playing different students in different positions in successive matches provided that the letter and spirit of this rule (1803) is observed.

PENALTY (for above rules): forfeiture of the entire school match. Score will be 7 0.

In Boys Team playoffs, no ranking order needs to be established or followed.

**WARM UP PERIOD**

Boys and Girls: Opponents shall warm up with each other before the match begins. Maximum warm up time shall not exceed 10 minutes. A two minute coaching period is optional before the start of the match(es). During the playoffs, the warm up time shall not exceed 10 minutes. A two minute optional coaching period is allowed before the start of the match(es).

Players MUST take practice serves during the warm up before the match begins. (U.S.T.A. rule)

Order of Matches: The assignment of the courts and the order in which matches are played will be the prerogative of the home coach. Play shall be continuous on all courts.

**LEAGUE MATCH PLAY**

Boys' matches shall be two out of three sets using no ad scoring.

Girls' matches shall consist of one eight game pro set during league play using the AD system. The winner must be ahead by at least two games, until the tie breaker is used.

**TIE BREAKER (LEAGUE PLAY)**

All tie breakers will follow the U.S.T.A. 12 point singles/doubles procedures.

**SCORING/REPORTING RESULTS**

Each match shall count as one point.

Use of scorekeepers is optional. If the players agree, but disagree with the scorekeeper, the score will be that of the players. If the players disagree, the correct score shall be that of the scorekeeper. Note: Scorekeepers cannot coach or cheer for a player.

A team must win at least four of the seven matches played to be declared the team winner for league play.

Reporting Results:

a. Both schools MUST fax the score cards to the designated Tennis Advisory Committee member (TAC) for their league before the next scheduled match.

b. The Tennis Advisory Committee member (TAC) must review all cards for compliance to Rule 2704 and notify the administrator in charge (and the Section Office) of those schools within the assigned league that are not in compliance (form provided).

c. Non-compliance is defined as the "TAC" not receiving the match cards prior to the next scheduled match.

d. Non complying schools must submit to the "TAC" all missing match cards prior to the next scheduled match.

Penalty: Forfeiture (recorded as 7 0) of the match in question and all ensuing matches until the cards are received by the "TAC" and the Section Office is notified of final compliance.

**COACHING**

At the completion of any set, a two minute break is allowed regardless of score. Coaching is permitted at this time. No ten minute rest period is allowed.

Only the school’s officially designated and paid coach can coach at any time. During league and playoff matches, both team and individual, a coach may advise players at the conclusion of the odd game when players change sides, providing the ninety seconds for change is not violated. Coaches may coach on the court or at the fence surrounding the court during the change of sides. A two minute
coaching period is allowed after the warm up. There is only one coach per school who is allowed on the court during the entire match.

2708-3 No coaching is allowed during the change of sides in a tie breaker game since no rest period exists. (USTA Rule)

2708-4 Play shall be continuous. Players may NOT leave the court. (USTA Rule) When matches are 2 out of 3 sets, at the end of game 1 of any set, there is no rest period when changing sides.

2709 TEAM UNIFORMS

2709-1 Every school must establish a current tennis team uniform which must be worn at all team and individual matches when actual match play begins. The team uniform that is established must be worn by the team and individuals throughout the entire season. Doubles teams are considered one unit and must be dressed alike in the current team uniform. Uniforms must be in school colors or all white, unless the schools principal has approved. Sweats are not part of the team uniform and must be removed before the first serve of the match, unless permission is granted under special circumstances (inclement weather, etc.) by the Tournament Director during playoffs, or the opposing coach during practice or league matches.

2709-2 Every player must play in the current team uniform. Team colors or all white are acceptable. All tops must be the same color, and all bottoms must be the same color. School name on the uniform is optional. School sweats or plain sweats in school colors or all white may be worn during the warm up period, but must be removed before the first serve of the match unless permission is granted by the Tournament Director during playoffs, or the opposing coach during practice and league matches, under special circumstances. Hats, caps and/or visors are an optional part of the team uniform and may be worn, but must be in school colors or all white. Tennis related emblems are acceptable on uniforms and headgear. No other emblems are acceptable. Acceptable bottoms for girls include shorts, capris, compression shorts or skirts, but must be white or in school colors. Doubles must be the same color but can be a different style as long as they are part of the designated school uniform.

2709-3 It is the total responsibility of the coach to check uniforms of all participating players at all team and individual season and playoff matches prior to assignment to courts. It is also expected that opposing coaches will also check uniforms of opponents during the season, including playoffs. During playoffs, all decisions of the Tournament Director will be final regarding uniform rules.

2709-4 Violation of above will cause forfeiture of entire team match (practice, league and playoffs). Individual playoff violations will cause forfeiture of that individual match.

2710 EQUIPMENT

2710-1 The home team shall supply "high visibility" yellow tennis balls.

2710-2 At least three new tennis balls shall be provided for each match. If a third set is played, the best available balls shall be used to assure fairness of playing conditions.

2711 JV TENNIS (EXHIBITION)

If played, optional tennis matches must be conducted using the BOM rules listed below (Rule 1811 1 through 18114), as well as the following conditions from CIF Rule 500 D regarding exhibition competition. All varsity rules of eligibility still apply.

2711-1 A match shall consist of one regular set.

2711-2 The number of matches shall be determined by the number of courts available.

2711-3 Play shall terminate when the bus has arrived for pick up.

2712 PLAYING SITE

Spectators must remain behind fences during match play. Only the players, scorekeepers, and linespersons (if requested) are allowed on the court after the entire match has begun. Coaches are not allowed on the court except when rules permit.
INCLEMENT WEATHER (BOYS/GIRLS)
When a match is halted because of rain, or for other reasons that jeopardize playing conditions, it is to be completed within two weeks. Partial game, game and set scores shall be recorded. Play shall resume as if there was no delay in the match (USTA).

LINESPERSONS
2714-1 A player receiving what is believed to be unfair calls by the opponent may appeal to the coach. If justified by the coach, linespersons shall be placed to call the appropriate lines and shall remain at these assigned lines throughout the match. Linespersons shall be from both schools when possible.
2714-2 Coaches of both teams involved in the match are to act as official referees should a situation arise that requires adjudication. USTA rules are to be followed.

OJAI TENNIS TOURNAMENT
When a player is entered in the Ojai Tennis Tournament, the player’s regularly scheduled match for the first day of the tournament shall be played on the day before or on a mutually acceptable date. An opponent who refuses to make this adjustment to permit Ojai Tournament entries must forfeit the match. Coaches must accompany their entries to Ojai.

ALL CITY CHAMPIONSHIP
Note: Once the playoffs begin, no team, or individual who represents a school, may practice at any playoff site. Schools/individuals may continue to practice at their regular home site.
2716-1 Twelve teams are to be entered into the playoffs in the Division 1 and sixteen teams in the Division 2 brackets. The top four seeded teams in the City Division will receive a bye in the first round. Divisions are pre-determined prior to the season.
2716-2 Both individual and team competition shall be conducted in the All City championship matches. Any player that would like to be considered for the individual playoffs, including the automatic entry for the league, must have a summary of their season accomplishments submitted by their coach at the time of the playoff seeding committee. The forms for these summaries are given to the coaches at the coaches’ mandatory meeting and are on the CIF LA website. The Selection Committee, a representative from the CIF LA City Office and the Tennis Coordinators will make the selections for the individual playoffs based on these submissions.
2716-3 The All City Individual Tournament shall be a sanctioned tournament.
2716-4 Home school or alternate courts are to be used for play off matches. A minimum of four courts must be used for playoff competition. The home team will be responsible for arranging for the use of the match sites.
2716-5 During Girls Team and Individual playoffs, scoring for all rounds will be regular scoring: Two out of three sets no AD A tie breaker will be played if the score reaches 6 all. Boys shall be round robin.
2716-6 PLAYER CONDUCT: Section rules regarding player ejection will be applied, with specific action to be determined by the Tournament Director.
2716-7 AWARDS: Players who do not appear for their championship finals match, first through fourth place, will not be eligible to receive their award for that place, pending a hearing with the tournament committee.
ARTICLE 280    TRACK AND FIELD

2800  EXHIBITION EVENTS
Exhibition events may be staged by the host Section, if approved by the Federated Council, using athletes from that Section only. The javelin event, hammer throw and steeplechase are not to be conducted in CIF track and field competition.

2801  LANDING SECTOR FOR DISCUS AND SHOT PUT
For safety reasons, the landing sector for both the discus and shot put will be changed to 34.92 degrees and, furthermore, a clearly marked safety area will be maintained at 60 degrees in order to increase safety for participants, officials and spectators. The present width of area for restraining spectators and other athletes, not throwing the shot or discus, will remain the same as per National Federation rules.
(Revised 2007 NFHS)

2802  AT LARGE ENTRIES
An athlete shall earn an At large entry into the State Meet if his/her mark at the final Section competition (which qualifies entrants to the State Meet) is equal to or better than the average of the ninth place qualifying marks to the State Meet finals from the three most recent years.
(Approved May 2000 Federated Council)

2803  RULES
The official Track and Field Rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations shall govern all contests when not in conflict with rules of the CIF Los Angeles City Section.

2804  NUMBER OF ENTRIES
2807 1    In a dual meet, schools may enter as many students in any running or field event as meet management determines to be safe.
2807 2    In triangular meets, no school may enter more than four students in any one laned event.
2807 3    In hurdle races and sprints, an equal number of entries shall be allowed each school according to accommodations available.

2805  LANE ASSIGNMENTS
In the running events, the visiting team will have odd numbered lanes in the odd numbered events. The home team will have the odd numbered lanes in the even numbered events. In the field events, the visiting team will have the last jump in the high jump and long jump. The home team will be last in the pole vault, shot put, and triple jump.

2806  ONE RELAY TEAM
One scoring relay team may compete, to be declared prior to the race. Other non-scoring teams can compete, pending safety issues.

2807  UNIFORMS
2811 1    All students competing in any event must wear complete track uniforms, including shoes. Failure to comply with this rule disqualifies the offender from further competition in the meet in which the offense is committed, and the team loses all points which the offender may have made in the meet.
2811 2    Anyone wearing a hat or commercial headband during competition will be disqualified. Any points scored in that event by the competitor will be forfeited. Non-commercial headbands may be worn.

2808  UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT BY COMPETING ATHLETES
2812 1    All competitors must remain in the described, designated, and limited bull pen area at all times except when warming up or competing.
2812 2    No one, except officials, guards, and active contestants, will be permitted on the field or track during the progress of a track meet. Coaches shall remain in the designated bull pen area with their teams. Coaches may be on the field if they are assisting with the meet management, upon agreement of both schools.
ORDER OF EVENTS

All dual and triangular meets shall follow the order of events listed below. Starting times shall be determined by meet management with the recommendation that field events start one-half hour before running events.

25. B-V 100 M 38. B-JV 200 M

OFFICIALS

It is recommended that Faculty run the field events. Qualified students and adults may assist.

LEAGUE TRACK MEET

The Preliminary League Meet, for the purpose of qualifying entries shall be held at least three days before the Final League Meet. (This and starting times are a league decision.)

Entries: Each school is limited to four entries in each event. An individual athlete may only enter four events, since the League Preliminaries and Finals are considered as one meet.

Organization, Heats, and Numbers

a. The Track Manager of each league, prior to the preliminaries of the League Meet, shall call a league’s track coaches. At this meeting, each school will submit all entries. The number of heats to be run shall be determined; also, the lanes and placement of the contestants in the respective heats shall be decided. No entries shall be accepted after this meeting, except under extreme circumstances and with the approval of the meet manager.

b. After the drawing for heats and lanes, no exchange of heats or lanes shall be permitted.

Field Events: The numbers to qualify in the Preliminaries of the field events are as follows:

a. In the long jump, triple jump, and shot put, all contestants will be given three trials. The best eight performers will qualify for competition in the Finals. Marks made in the qualifying competition will not carry over into the Finals. In the Finals, the eight qualifiers in the long jump, triple jump, and shot put will be given four trials, with the six best performers qualifying for the final round; then, three additional trials will be allowed.

b. In the pole vault and high jump, entries shall be eliminated until between 6-10 are left in all divisions.

c. The above rules shall apply only when the Preliminary and Final Meets are held on separate days.

Track Events

a. The number of competitors to be selected for entry in the Final Meet shall be governed by the capacity of the track where the Final Meet is to be held.

b. Heats are to be run in all distance races whenever necessary to reduce to a desired minimum the number competing.
c. The Olympic curve is to be used in league preliminaries, finals, city semi-finals, and finals meets in relay events.

2816 Extra Person
a. One may not enter the League Finals unless a place has been won in the Preliminaries. Exception: On the afternoon of the preliminaries, the coaches may agree to enter the extra person in the Final Meet. This rule is established to provide for athletes who may be kept away from the preliminary meet by bereavement in the family or other unforeseen reasons. Note: Extra entry marks end at the conclusion of the League Final Meet.
b. If a student is ill on the day of the Preliminary Track Meet and is unable to compete, the student may not be entered in the Finals.

2816 Records, Scoring, and Distances: Times made in the Preliminary Meet may not be counted in the Finals, but records made at such time shall be allowed. League Preliminaries and Finals are not scored.

2816 Athletes' Area: Each school shall be assigned a section in a specially designated area for its athletes, and coaches shall be responsible for keeping them within the assigned section.

2816 Officials: Each school shall assign personnel to officiate at the League Meets.

2817 JURY OF APPEALS SEMI FINALS AND FINALS
A Jury of Appeals will hear all protests. The membership of the jury will be determined by meet management and approved by the Track Advisory.

2818 ALL CITY TRACK MEET SEMI FINALS
Note: Once the playoffs begin, no team, or individual who represents a school, may practice at any playoff site. Schools/individuals may continue to practice at their regular home site.

2818 Organization and Administration: The organization and administration of the All City Track Meet shall be under the supervision of the Board of Managers. The Director of the Los Angeles City Section (or designee) will manage the meet.

2818 A photo finish system will be used to determine places and times in each running event. Hand times and human finish judges may be used in the event of a malfunction of the timing equipment.

2818 Entries:
a. The League Champion will automatically qualify for the City Prelims. The athletes with the next best marks throughout the Section will qualify for the meet to fill the remaining open positions.
b. Ties must be broken according to the National Federation Track and Field Rule Book.
c. Extra Entries will continue to be accepted, but would be subject to a time/distance standard as published by the Section Office. In races/events where no competitors scratch, no Extra Entries would be added to the Prelim meet.

All current rules regarding proper verification of marks/distances would continue in place. Each school may enter one extra entry in each classification in addition to the entries who have qualified in the League Meet. One extra person in the field events and one extra person (or relay team) in the running events are allowed. These entries are to the Semi Finals. Extra person entries are listed as alternates. Extra person entries must be turned in to league managers immediately following each League Meet. Note: Extra entry marks must be met by the conclusion of the League Final Meet, and must be verifiable and FAT and MUST meet the Sections at-large standards.

2818 League Track Manager's Duties: The Track Manager from the league is responsible for submitting the entries from the league for the All City Track Meet. A complete summary, including place winners, times, and distances, must be submitted to the Director of the Los Angeles City Section immediately following each league meet.
2819  ALL CITY TRACK MEET - VARSITY AND FROSH/SOPH FINALS

2819 1  Entries
   a. The number of competitors selected for entry in the Final Meet shall be governed by the capacity
      of the track where the Final Meet is to be held.
   b. An optimum number of students to qualify for the All City Finals in the field events is eight. The
      Meet Manager has the authority to raise or lower this number at their discretion.

2819 2  Photo Finish or HyTek: A photo shall be taken of each finish in the Finals of the All City Track Meet.
      The placement of each contestant shall be determined by the position in the photo of the finish. Finish
      pictures are to be used for determining places only and not disqualification.

2819 3  Scoring: Six places shall be counted in the All City Track Meet.

2819 4  Records: All City records may be established in the Semi Final and Final meets.

2819 5  Officials, Officials' fees, and Medical Attendant will be the responsibility of the Section Office.

2819 6  Field Restrictions: All competitors must remain in the athletes' area at all times except when actually
      competing. Track coaches are responsible for the observance of this rule by their own student.

2819 7  In the Frosh/Soph division, the top eight finishers in the League Finals will qualify in the lane and field
      events, and the top sixteen finishers in the League Finals will qualify in the 800, 1600, and 3200 meter
      events.

2819-8  Each League will be assigned a field event at either the City Prelims or Finals.

2819-9  In the IS Division, the top eight (8) finishers in the league final meet will qualify, based on performance, 
      in each of the events. (Refer to Bylaw 514 for Inclusive Division qualifications).

2820  QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE STATE CIF TRACK AND FIELD MEET

The first three place finishers in each Boys' and Girls' Varsity events will qualify for the State CIF Track and Field 
Meet with the exceptions that a minimum qualifying marks for the high jump and pole vault is established. That 
minimum height to qualify is the opening state height.

Note: The CIF Los Angeles City Section will not conduct a discus final event. In order to qualify for the CIF State 
Meet, an athlete must meet or exceed the set standard in any verifiable meet through the season.

2821  STATE TRACK MEET

Each entry to the state may be required to be accompanied to the meet by an official, paid, member of the 
coaching staff at his/her school. Failure to observe this rule may result in the athlete(s) from any offending school 
being barred from competing in the State track meet.

ARTICLE 290  VOLLEYBALL

2900  RALLY SCORING

A. Rally scoring shall be utilized for all rounds of the State volleyball Championships. All sets shall be played 
to 25 points, and the fifth and deciding set shall be played to 15 points.

B. Rally scoring shall be utilized for all volleyball contests at the varsity level for all Sections. All sets shall be 
played to 25 points, and the fifth and deciding set shall be played to 15 points.

C. Rally scoring shall be utilized for all sub-varsity volleyball contests for all Sections. All sets shall be played 
to 25 points with the deciding set played to 15 points.

(Approved May 2003 Federated Council)

2901  OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK

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

(Revised to include lacrosse November 2000 Federated Council)
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
- Division VI: As determined by Section

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.


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)

RULES
All matches shall be conducted in accordance with the official Volleyball Rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations, when not in conflict with rules of the CIF Los Angeles City Section. NOTE: Many rules elsewhere in this book apply to Volleyball.

Both Boys and Girls Varsity competition will consist of the best three of five sets; Junior Varsity and Frosh/Soph competition will consist of the best two of three sets.

EQUIPMENT
2905-1 The home school must provide an official competitive leather volleyball. (See National Federation Rule Book.) Recommendation: The Los Angeles City Section recommends that all teams use a red, white and blue Molten Super Touch volleyball for all contest. This is the only approved color combination for all Section and State playoffs.
Note: Molten is the Official Volleyball for the CIF Los Angeles City Section and will be used for all playoff and championship contests.

2905-2 Each team must provide its own volleyballs for use during warm ups.
2905-3 A visible scoreboard to teams and spectators is required.
2905-4 Official’s stand must meet all NFHS standards.

WARM UP
2906-1 Warm up time limit between any two matches shall not exceed 20 minutes or that agreed upon by the head official and both coaches.
2906-2 One lines person from each participating school will be assigned for each set of the match. In the event one school is unable to provide a lines person or if both schools agree, the two lines persons may be assigned from the same school.

2906-3 Warm Up Protocol
A. Prior to pre match protocol, the home team picks its team bench and teams warm up on their side of the court.
B. There will be seven minutes of shared court time, with each team on its own side.
C. At least fifteen minutes prior to the first match, the officials will meet with the head coach and the team captain of both the varsity and the junior varsity teams, and conduct separate coin tosses at the same meeting to determine the first set service for each match. (If necessary, another coin flip will be held for the third set of JV matches and for the fifth set of varsity matches for the choice of side of the court or serve.)
D. The visiting team will take the whole court for six minutes at the thirteen minute mark prior to the scheduled match start time. (If the visiting team is not ready, the home team can go first.)
E. The home team will take the whole court for six minutes.
F. Announcements and introductions will take place and teams will report to the end line (one minute in length.) Note: If the team is having special awards or introductions, the warm up protocol should start earlier so that the match will start at the scheduled time.
G. In the event that the officials are late, the warm up protocol should begin on schedule.

2907 LEVELS
There will be a Varsity level, a Junior Varsity level and a Frosh/Soph level.
The Frosh/Soph matches will be scheduled as part of the regular season varsity and junior varsity schedule. Schools will determine prior to the scheduling dates whether to field the Frosh/Soph level, and determine whether the contest will be played in an ancillary gym or as part of a triple header.

2908 UNIFORMS (revised 2015)
2908-1 All players on a team shall wear identically colored uniforms. This applies to both Varsity and Junior Varsity teams. Uniform colors including the libero may only be a combination of the official school colors as listed in the Gold Book. White may be used without exception and should be used by the libero if school colors do not follow the NFHS contract rule (non-contrasting). White, grey, and black may be used as accent colors. (Refer to Bylaw 1305 for additional uniform restrictions and penalties)

2909 SCORING
2909-1 The home school must provide a trained scorer and Libero tracker, but the visiting school may provide a scorer also, although the home book is official. If the home school does not use the Libero and the visiting school does, the visiting school must provide the Libero tracker. If the visiting team uses and provides a Libero tracker, the home school then, cannot use a Libero. (Failure to comply with this rule should be reported to the Section Office.)

2909-2 A scorebook/score sheet and a Libero tracker sheet shall be supplied by the host team and kept at the officials' table at least 20 minutes before the match and throughout the match. It shall provide adequate space for recording rosters, line ups, individual scoring, team scoring, and time outs. The visiting team may maintain a second scorebook or score sheet at the officials' table, but that supplied by the host team is official unless the referee determines otherwise.
PLAYOFF ENTRY

2910-1 Playoff participation will be fielded within the Section in Divisions I, II, III, IV, and V (and VI if appropriate). Refer to the Playoff Bulletin for specific information regarding entry and playoff designations.

2910-2 Coaches from each league will determine the final league standings based on win/loss records. In the event of ties within a league, the league tie breaking criteria will be as follow:
   1. Match play, determined by win/loss record of head to head competition. If still tied:
      2. Total sets, determined by win/loss record of sets played in head to head match play competition. Total sets won divided by total sets lost. The team with the higher ratio winning percentage receives the higher ranking. If still tied:
      3. Point differential, determined by the score of sets played in head to head competition. Total points scored divided by total points given up. The team with the higher ratio winning percentage receives the higher ranking. If still tied:
      4. Coin flip
   Note: In the event of a forfeit:
   a) Same
   b) Forfeited sets will not become part of the formula
   c) Forfeited points will not become part of the formula
   d) Same

Volleyball Playoff Seeding Criteria
   1. League finish (in same division)
   2. Head-to-Head 3 out of 5 set match
   3. Head-to-Head 2 out of 3 set match
   4. Head-to-Head 2 – 0 sets in tournament pool play
   5. Head-to-Head 1 – 0 set in tournament playoff
   6. Common opponents
   7. Strength of league
   8. Strength of schedule
   9. No same league first round match-ups (Open Division excluded)
   10. The seeding committee reserves the right to make final placement.

ARTICLE 300 WATER POLO

CLOCKS
It is recommended, but not required, that clocks used in conducting water polo contests be visible to the participants.

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)

CLASSIFICATION
In the sport of water polo there will be a Varsity and a Junior Varsity division.

WARM UP TIME
Teams are to be allowed a minimum of thirty minutes warm up time prior to the start of the game.

REPORTING RESULTS
Coaches are to report their scores to Max Preps upon completion of the game.
ARTICLE 310 WRESTLING

3100 DAYS OF PRACTICE
A. Each individual student not a member and participant of a fall sports team shall have at least 10 days of practice before the student can compete in a match or tournament.
B. Each individual who completes the regular season in a fall sport shall have at least five days of practice before the student can compete in a meet or tournament.
Note: In both 2203-1 and 2203-2, practice infers after-school practice, which includes regular wrestling activities.

3101 40 MATCH RULE
A wrestler will be allowed a maximum of 40 matches during the wrestling season prior to the first qualifying tournament for the CIF State Wrestling Championships (in most situations this would be the league wrestling tournament). Forfeits do not count towards the 40 match maximum. Matches wrestled in any tournaments or competitions held prior to the first qualifying tournament will count towards the 40 match maximum.
EXCEPTION: Any matches wrestled in a Section team dual championship tournament will not count as part of the 40 match maximum.

PENALTY: Violation of Article 3101 will result in the following sanctions:
If an athlete goes over the prescribed 40 match limit, the athlete shall be ineligible for any further competition for the season. In addition, the Section may impose the following additional sanctions:
(1) The final season record will be reduced by at least one win at the conclusion of the season;
(2) The school will be placed on probation;
(3) The team/individual will be ineligible to advance to or in Section, Regional or State Championships;
(4) Reduction of maximum number of matches allowed for the following year in that sport;
(5) Repeated violation may result in suspension of membership in the CIF.
(Revised November 2009 Federated Council)

3101 – 1 In tournaments, every match a wrestler competes in would count as one match. In dual meets, triangular, double-duals, dual meet tournaments, etc., every match in which the wrestler participates counts as one match. *Forfeits do not count towards the 40 match maximum.* A wrestler in violation of the maximum 40 matches will be ineligible for further competition during that wrestling season.
Matches wrestled in any tournaments or competitions held prior to the first qualifying tournament for the state CIF wrestling championships (in most situations this would be the league wrestling tournament) will count towards the 40 match maximum. Exception: Any matches wrestled in a CIF section team dual championship tournament will not count as part of the 40 match maximum.

3101 – 2 Competitions shall be divided into the following fourteen weight classes:
Boys’ Wrestling Classes:
106 pounds 113 pounds 120 pounds 126 pounds 132 pounds 138 pounds
145 pounds 152 pounds 160 pounds 170 pounds 182 pounds 195 pounds
220 pounds 285 pounds
Wrestlers must weigh at least 189 pounds in order to compete in the 285 pound class.
Girls’ Wrestling Classes:
101 pounds 106 pounds 111 pounds 116 pounds 121 pounds 126 pounds
131 pounds 137 pounds 143 pounds 150 pounds 160 pounds 170 pounds
189 pounds 235 pounds

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

B. California provides 14 weight classes per NFHS rules and the two-pound growth allowance to each weight class on January 15.

C. Each coach is required to bring his/her team’s NWCA Alpha List and 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)

F. Female wrestlers will weigh-in in a separate room.

G. Any contestant failing to make weight during the weigh-in period shall be ineligible for that weight class. Once a weight class has completed weigh-in and the new classification has started, there will be no further weigh in(s) for that weight class.

H. Wrestlers are required to show identification prior to weigh-in at the regional meet. Acceptable identification are current year student ID or Valid California Driver’s License or Identification Card.

3102-1 WEIGH-IN

Dual meet weigh-ins will consist of both coaches and the referee when available, supervising the weigh-ins, or other authorized person. Boys and Girls weigh-in in separate rooms.

3104 SECTION MODIFICATIONS

3104-1 CIF Sections are authorized to conduct their championship and qualifying tournaments. The Los Angeles City Section will host a 2 two day tournament to conduct a Boys and a Girls championship. Both tournaments will be double elimination boys will qualify the top 5 from (3) Regional Qualifying Tournaments. The girls may enter 1 female wrestler per school in each weight class.

3104-2 One school in each Region will host a qualifying tournament. Participating school will be financially responsible. The Host school will manage the tournament, using the gate to cover tournament officials, custodians, and tournament administrator, etc. Deficits will be billed to participating school. The Host school will keep profits from the gate after expenses and all monies generated at the concession stand.

3104-3 The Regional tournaments will rotate between leagues each year.

3104-4 No school, league or CIF Section shall deviate from the official wrestling rules except as indicated in previous paragraphs.

3104-5 The CIF-LA City Section supports both a Boys’ Varsity and Girls’ Varsity wrestling program. The host school will determine which team will wrestle first at a Dual Match. Schools with additional wrestlers may have “JV” matches – this will add additional costs for the Official.

3104-6 Tournament and Dual match results for boys and girls must be turned in weekly to the Section ranking coordinators. League Managers will keep track of their league competitions and alert the Section Office for managing the Dual Meet Championships. Failure to submit results in a timely manner may result in sanctions that may include disqualification.

Note: Schools without a Girls team must notify the competing school, to save on transportation and supervision. This will not be considered a forfeit.

3105 QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS - BOYS

Three qualifying regional tournaments will be held to determine the Boys City Championship qualifiers. The top five (5) finishers in each regional will qualify for the City Championship. Regions
have been determined by the CIF Office: Northern & West Valley, Coliseum & Valley Mission, Marine & East Valley...

3105-1 Seeding for the Boys Regional Tournaments will be conducted by a seeding committee that is selected by head coaches (per Board of Manager’s Criteria). Seeding will be based on Section Rankings. A Seeding meeting will take place on a predetermined date and location.

3105-2 The top 4 wrestlers in each Region will be seeded. All other wrestlers will be drawn in – the top wrestlers may have byes the first round.

3106 CITY CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT – BOYS / GIRLS
3106-1 The Boys’ City Championship will be a sixteen man bracket, double-elimination two-day tournament. The top 8 - 5 finishers from each region. Wrestler will be seeded based on the Sections Rankings. Medals will be awarded 1st – 4th, with tournament scoring to 6th place. The 16th spot will be filled on a rotating basis by the 6th place finisher: beginning16-17, Region #1; 17-18 Region #2; and 18-19 Region #3. Should a Region not have a 6th Place finisher, selection would come from the next Region in numerical order.

3106-2 The Girls’ City Championship will be a 16 person bracket double elimination tournament. “Out Brackets” will be used if needed. To be seeded in the City Finals the wrestlers must have a minimum of 8 matches, others will be drawn in. To be eligible for seeding a female wrestler must have a minimum of 10 matches during the season.

3106-2 Seeding for the Boys’ Regionals and Boy’s and Girls’ Finals tournaments will be based on Section Rankings.

3106-3 The format used to create the membership of the seeding committee and the number of representatives from leagues, region, or other entity will be determined by the coaches’ advisory committee. The coaches’ advisory may select one additional person to attend the seeding meeting who is knowledgeable of the seeding formula and criteria and will provide documents and clarification at the seeding meeting; this person will not have a vote.

3106-4 Athletes are required to compete in the same weight classification in which they participated during the qualifying tournament.

3106-5 Byes will be assigned based Section Rankings. Unseeded wrestler will be drawn into “out brackets” first.

3106-6 Team scoring will be to sixth place. There will be no ties. The Section will provide medals to the top four finishers in each weight classification. A Champion and Runner-Up plaque will be provided to the top two teams.

Note: Once the playoffs begin, no team, or individual who represents a school, may practice at any playoff site. Schools/individuals may continue to practice at their regular home site.

3107 LEAGUE ALIGNMENT
League alignment will be determined by the CIF Office and Wrestling Advisory Committee prior to the start of the season. Schools that add the sport of wrestling will be placed in an existing league unless the Advisory Committee determines a need for league realignment.

3108 CITY DUALS
BOYS: The CIF-LA City Section will Sanction and supervise Duals Meet Championship using a two-tier championship format. Divisions will be based on the current Dual meet records. Division I will be comprised of the League Champions from each League and 2 wild card teams to be determined. Division II the next eight (8) teams. To participate in the Division II tournament teams must have a minimum of 10 wrestlers. These tournaments will run the last week of January. The higher place team will host a match at the beginning of the week. In the 1st Round host schools may charge a gate to pay for the officials for the first round. Round 2 will be held the following Saturday at one location. The Section Office will bring personnel, pay for the officials and provide awards: CIF - LA City Section Division I / II Championship plaques. (2 awards)

GIRLS: Future growth will determine when the Section will sanction Dual Championship and/or Regionals for the girls.

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*The last allowed non-league or league contest is the date prior to the seeding meeting per sport (volleyball is the Saturday before the Seeding meeting)

**Playoff dates and championship dates are subject to change.

***Team Sports total number of games cannot exceed 22 game maximum to include up to four (4) tournaments (count 2 games per tournament).
Team entering an invitational tournament in baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, water polo and volleyball will be charged two games toward the allowable maximum number of contests per season in that particular sport. The maximum number of contests allowed any team in a tournament, whether participating in the championship or consolation brackets will not exceed four (4) contests in an 8-team, four in a 16-team, or five contests in a 32-team tournament. If the number of contest exceeds the prescribed number allowed, then another contest will be charged toward the team maximum. For “Pool Play” tournaments, in the sport of volleyball, two contests will be charged per day of the tournament. In any other sport, each game played will be charged as one contest. In any “Round-Robin” tournament, each game played will be charged as one contest.
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-MORE-
I. CIF STATE BASKETBALL REGULATIONS
   A. 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 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.

   B. SECTION LIMITATIONS
      Sections with less than eight (8) schools in a division shall be limited to one (1) entry in that division. This applies to both team and individual sports.

      NOTE: NorCal Schools will be required to participate in the division that has been established by their respective CIF Section. Exception: In CIF Sections with fewer than 30 schools, the CIF Section may follow the specified procedures in this provision, or the Section may allow all of their schools to compete in Division I.
C. REGIONAL ENTRY AND SEEDING INFORMATION

(1) NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL

The Central Coast Section (CCS), North Coast Section (NCS), Northern Section (NS), Oakland Section (OS), Sac-Joaquin Section (SJS), and San Francisco Section (SFS) will participate in the CIF Northern California Regional Tournament. The numbers of eligible team entries are listed below:

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*San Francisco will have two automatic berths and their entries will be placed into their respective enrollment division. All Sections are eligible to submit at-large entries should openings exist.

(2) SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL

The San Diego Section (SDS), Los Angeles Section (LAS), Southern Section (SS) and the Central Section (CS) will participate in the CIF Southern California Regional. The numbers of eligible team entries are listed below:

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*Additional one entry in the SoCal OPEN Division will be filled by the Central, Los Angeles or San Diego Sections; If these 3 Sections cannot fill the entry, the Southern Section may fill the vacant spot.
(3) **OPEN DIVISION**

There will be four regional Open Division brackets. Each regional Open Division bracket will have a maximum of eight (8) teams, but could have less if the tournament committee feels that there are not eight qualified teams. The tournament committee will select the teams for the Open Division before they seed the five (5) divisions of the State Tournament. Teams selected by the committee for the Open Division will compete in the Open Division ONLY and cannot opt out.

**D. QUALIFYING TO CIF STATE/REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Teams must compete, and qualify through, their respective CIF Section Championships to participate in CIF State/Regional Championships.

The regional seeding meetings will take place on **Sunday, March 5, 2017**. Competition among the teams in each gender will be held in one Open Division and five (5) enrollment divisions previously determined by the CIF’s divisional classification system. Tournament brackets will range from 8 to 16 team brackets (unless out-bracket games are required) depending on the number of entries forwarded by each CIF Section.

**NOTE:** Complete details on the 2017 CIF State Basketball Championships will be available on the State CIF website (www.cifstate.org) approximately 45-60 days prior to the event.
I. CIF STATE CROSS COUNTRY REGULATIONS

A. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONAL 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

(Revised May 2008 Federated Council/ Revised May 2014 Federated Council)

B. SECTION LIMITATIONS

Sections with less than eight (8) schools in a division shall be limited to one (1) entry in that division. This applies to both team and individual sports.

C. ENROLLMENT CALCULATIONS

The enrollment figures to be used for schools are those certified by the school principal in October of the previous year. If a school incurs a gain/loss of enrollment of a minimum of 15 percent in the current year, the current year enrollment figures shall be used in place of the prior year.

Three & Four-Year Schools - The enrollment for 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades shall be used to gain a total enrollment figure for the school.

Single Gender School - The enrollment for single gender schools shall be doubled using the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades to gain a total figure for the single gender school.

Multi-School Agreements - Schools with multi-school agreements must use the combined enrollments of all schools within the agreement.

Note: Schools will be required to participate in the division that has been established by their respective CIF Section using the previous year’s enrollment. Exception: In CIF Sections with fewer than 30 schools, the CIF Section may follow the specified procedures in this provision, or the Section may allow all of their schools to compete in Division I.
D. **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:

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(Revised February 2005 Federated Council)

E. **TEAM ENTRIES TO THE STATE MEET**

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F. QUALIFYING TO CIF STATE/REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Teams/Individuals must compete, and qualify through, their respective CIF Section Championships to participate in CIF State/Regional Championships.

NOTE: Complete details on the 2016 CIF State Cross Country Championships will be available on the State CIF website (www.cifstate.org) approximately 45-60 days prior to the event.
FOOTBALL

CIF STATE and REGIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP BOWL GAMES
Friday-Saturday, December 9-10, 2016
Regional Sites T.B.D.
Friday-Saturday, December 16-17, 2016
Sacramento State University
(Additional State Sites T.B.D.)

II. CIF STATE FOOTBALL REGULATIONS
A. Procedure for Team Selection for Regional Games and Qualification for State Football Championship
The Section Commissioners will meet on Sunday, December 4, 2016 to determine the pairings for the CIF Regional Football Championship Bowl Games.

(1) DIVISIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS
a. The committee will select the top team from the north and the top team from the south, regardless of enrollment. These two teams will advance directly to the CIF State Championship Open Division Bowl Game.

b. Two (2) teams from the North and two (2) teams from the South will be paired in Divisions 1-AA, 1-A, 2-AA, 2-A, 3-AA, 3-A, 4-AA, 4-A, 5-AA, 5-A, 6-AA, 6-A. Winners from these NorCal and SoCal Regional games will advance to the CIF State Football Championship representing the above divisions for the title of CIF State Champion [See (2)f. below].

(2) PLACEMENT INTO DIVISIONS
a. Only Section champions will be eligible except for Sections with an Open Division Championship (see below)

b. CIF Sections with an Open Division Championship will be allowed to replace one or more of their Section champions from another division with a team that participated in that Section’s Open Division. That Section’s Open Division team may only replace that Section’s Champion from the division in which they would have been selected if they had not been selected for the Section’s Open Division. Sections with an Open Division choosing to utilize this provision must have a policy in place (adhering to the above language) which outlines the process the Section will use to replace champions from their Section divisions with non-champions from their Open Division.

c. All teams in the CIF Regional Football Championship Bowl Games will be slotted based on competitive equity considering the criteria listed in (3) below.

d. Based on the number of Section divisions, there exists a possibility for play-in games on December 2 or 3. The teams will be selected from those Section division champions that complete play by Saturday, November 26.
e. The Open Division is open to all teams regardless of enrollment that have qualified through their respective section playoffs. The best team from the north and the best team from the south will be selected to participate and will receive byes directly to the CIF State Football Championships Bowl Open Division game.

f. In order to balance the number of teams from the north and the south, three teams from the south will be slotted in the north once all of the bowl games participants have been determined. These three teams will be selected from the Central Section and/or Southern Section.

(3) CRITERIA CONSIDERED FOR DIVISIONAL PLACEMENT AND HOSTING OF REGIONAL GAMES

a. Win-Loss Record (Preseason, League, Section Playoffs)
b. Strength of Schedule (Preseason, League, Section Playoffs)
c. Head to Head Competition
d. Common Opponents
e. Opponents Win-Loss Record
f. Various rankings may be consulted when placing teams (i.e. MaxPreps, Cal Hi Sports, Cal Preps)
g. Suitability to represent the State in a Bowl Championship with regards to Pursuing Victory with Honor and acceptable standards of sportsmanship.

B. QUALIFYING TO CIF STATE/REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Teams must compete and qualify through their respective CIF Section Championships to participate in CIF State/Regional Championships. Only Section Champions are eligible for selection to the CIF State/Regional Football Championship Bowl Games except as listed in A.(2)b. above.

NOTE: Complete details on the 2016 CIF State Football Championship Bowl Games will be available on the State CIF website (www.cifstate.org) approximately 45-60 days prior to the event.

CIF STATE BYLAW 1901.B. & C. - POLICY

State statute mandates that 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 CIF 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 contact practices are prohibited in the off-season which includes team camps. The only equipment allowed in the off-season or at team camps is footballs, bags, blocking sleds and football shoes.

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. Live action is defined by USA Football as a drill run in game like conditions and is the only time that players are taken to the ground. Thud is a drill run at an assigned speed through the moment of contact with no pre-determined winner. Contact remains above the waist and players stay on their feet. Thud is considered full-contact by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

The CIF has developed the following regarding full contact football practices:
Allowable Activities during the Season of Sport:

- A team is allowed two days per week of full contact practice, with no more than 90 minutes of full contact on each of those days. This includes live action and thud.

- A team may participate in air, bags/blocking sleds and control drills at any time unless the Section has implemented more restrictive rules. A team may continue to dress in full pads for practice when conducting any of these drills defined below:

  o **Air** - Players run unopposed without bags or any opposition.

  o **Bags/Blocking Sleds** - Activity is executed against a bag/blocking sleds, shield or pad to allow for a soft-contact surface, with or without the resistance of a teammate or coach standing behind the bag.

  o **Control**: Drill is run at assigned speed until the moment of contact with a pre-determined winner. Contact remains above the waist and players stay on their feet allowing an exit for the ball carrier when one is involved in the drill.

- For purposes of this Bylaw, the season of sport for each team is defined as the first day of practice, as allowed by the Section, until the final contest for that team.

Allowable Activities for Team Camps and Other Off-Season Activities:

- No full contact practice or drills utilizing control are allowed during off-season activities and team camps.

- Team camps are considered practice.

- If allowed by the Section, a team may participate in air, bags/blocking sleds drills (see above for definitions of these activities) in the off-season or while attending a team camp. A team may only utilize the following equipment in the off-season or at team camps: footballs, bags, blocking sleds and football shoes.

- For purposes of this Bylaw, the off-season is defined as the team’s last football contest of the season until the first day of practice the following school year as set by the Section.

Questions and Answers for Bylaw 1901.B. & C.

**Q:** What is the implementation date for the new Bylaw 1901.C.?
**A:** This bylaw will be implemented immediately.

**Q:** May teams continue to use Thud as a training drill?
**A:** Yes. However, the time spent in Thud drills is considered full-contact and would count against the team’s allotment in both for both days and minutes.

**Q:** Does unused time carry over to the 2nd day of allowable full-contact?
**A:** No. Teams are allowed 2 days per week of full-contact with no more than 90 minutes on each of those days. If a team does not use the entire 90 minutes of full-contact on one day, it may not carry over those unused minutes to the next day.
Q: Is a team allowed any type of contact outside of the two days per week with no more than 90 minutes on each of those days?
A: Yes. A team may still engage in Control drills. See the Policy Page for Bylaw 1901 for the definition of Control.

Q: Is full-contact or control allowed at team camps?
A: No. According to AB 2127, team camps are considered practice so full-contact would be prohibited. In addition, Bylaw 1901.C. does not allow any equipment at team camps other than footballs, bags, blocking sleds and football shoes so control drills would not be allowable.

Q: May teams attend a full-contact team camp outside of California?
A: No. AB 2127 and CIF Bylaw 1901 apply no matter where the team camp is conducted.

Q: Given the addition of Bylaw 1901.C. may teams attend a team camp that only utilizes activities that are appropriate when no protective equipment is used?
A: Yes. Teams may attend a team camp and participate in drills such as Air, Bags/Blocking Sleds.

Q: May student-athletes wear traditional protective football equipment at team camps and other off-season activities?
A: No. Team camps and other off-season activities are allowable with the following equipment only: footballs, bags, blocking sleds and football shoes.

Q: If allowable by the school, school district and local CIF Section, may student-athletes elect to wear soft padded head and shoulder protection?
A: Yes. Soft padded head and shoulder protection is allowable if permitted by the school, school district and local CIF Section.

Q: Are players allowed to attend individual camps and participate in full-contact drills?
A: Yes. However, schools should consult their Section and School District (or school) policies regarding the use of school equipment by individuals. Also, schools may not use individual camps to circumvent AB 2127 and Bylaw 1901 regarding team camps.

Q: Does a scrimmage count against the full-contact limitation of two days per week/no more than 90 minutes on each of those two days?
A: No. For purposes of this bylaw only, a scrimmage between two or more schools is considered a contest and would not be counted as one of the two allowable full-contact days. However, an intra-squad scrimmage (i.e. scrimmage involving one school no matter how many levels of classification), would count against the weekly full-contact allowance.
I. FORMAT
A. The following format will be used in advancing teams and individuals to the state championships:

   Team - Top three (3) teams from the NorCal and SoCal Regionals will advance for a total of six (6) teams.

   Individuals - Top nine (9) individuals (not on qualifying teams) from the Northern California and Southern California Regionals will advance for a total of 18 individuals.

II. QUALIFYING TO CIF STATE/REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Teams/Individuals must compete, and qualify through, their respective CIF Section Championships to participate in CIF State/Regional Championships.

NOTE: Complete details on the 2016-17 CIF Regional and State Golf Championships will be available on the State CIF website (www.cifstate.org) approximately 45-60 days prior to the event.
I. FORMAT
The format is an eight (8)-team single-elimination tournament in each of five (5) divisions (DI-DV for both boys and girls. Entries into the tournament will include the champions of the four Sections representing Southern California, as well as at-large selections to fill the open brackets in each of the five (5) divisions, for a total of 40 entries for each gender.

II. AUTOMATIC ENTRIES-SEEDING PROCEDURES
A. 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. Seeding for the Southern California Regional Championships will take place on Sunday, March 5, 2017.

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** Additional one (1) entry in Division IV and V will be filled by the Central or Los Angeles Sections.

B. SECTION LIMITATIONS
Sections with less than eight (8) schools in a division shall be limited to one (1) entry in that division. This applies to both team and individual sports.

III. CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR PLACEMENT IN SOCAL SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS
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

(Approved February 2007 Federated Council/Revised May 2014 Federated Council/Revised October 2015 Federated Council)
IV. QUALIFYING TO CIF STATE/REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Teams/Individuals must compete, and qualify through, their respective CIF Section Championships to participate in CIF State/Regional Championships.

NOTE: Complete details on the 2017 CIF Southern Regional Soccer Championships will be available on the State CIF website (www.cifstate.org) approximately 45-60 days prior to the event.
TENNIS
CIF-USTA TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

GIRLS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Tuesday*, Friday-Saturday, November 15* 18-19, 2016
T.B.A. (North)

Friday-Saturday, November 18-19, 2016
Claremont Club, Claremont (South)

BOYS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Tuesday*, Friday-Saturday, May 16*, 19-20, 2017
T.B.A. (North)

Friday-Saturday, May 26-27, 2017
Claremont Club, Claremont (South)

I. FORMAT
A. The following format will be used in advancing teams to the regional championships:

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II. QUALIFYING TO CIF STATE/REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Teams/Individuals must compete, and qualify through, their respective CIF Section Championships to participate in CIF State/Regional Championships.

*Tuesday, November 15 and Tuesday, May 16 will be respectively played at home sites.

NOTE: Complete details on the 2016-17 CIF-USTA Regional Tennis Championships will be available on the State CIF website (www.cifstate.org) approximately 45-60 days prior to the event.
I. **CIF STATE TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS**
   A. **ENTRIES** - The State Federated Council rules governing entries per section are as follows:

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B. **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 9th place qualifying marks to the State Meet finals from the three most recent years. (Approved May 2000 Federated Council)

C. **QUALIFYING TO CIF STATE/REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**
   Teams/Individuals must compete, and qualify through, their respective CIF Section Championships to participate in CIF State/Regional Championships.

   **NOTE:** Complete details on the 2017 CIF State Track and Field Championships will be available on the State CIF website (www.cifstate.org) approximately 45-60 days prior to the event.
BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CIF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL BOYS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Saturday, May 27, 2017
Site: Edison HS, Huntington Beach

CIF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL BOYS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Saturday, May 27, 2017
Site: Dublin High School

CIF NORTHERN and SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL PRELIMINARY ROUNDS
May 23 & 25, 2017
Home Sites

I. CIF REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL REGULATIONS
A. SECTIONS PARTICIPATING
Central, Central Coast, Los Angeles, North Coast, Oakland, Sac-Joaquin, San Diego, San Francisco and Southern Sections will be represented in the CIF Regional Boys Volleyball Championships.

B. SECTION LIMITATIONS
Sections with less than eight (8) schools in a division shall be limited to one (1) entry in that division. This applies to both team and individual sports.

C. QUALIFYING TO CIF STATE/REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Teams must compete, and qualify through, their respective CIF Section Championships to participate in CIF State/Regional Championships.

NOTE: Complete details on the 2017 CIF Regional Volleyball Championships will be available on the State CIF website (www.cifstate.org) approximately 45-60 days prior to the event.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
CIF STATE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Friday-Saturday, December 2-3, 2016
Santiago Canyon College, Orange

NORTHERN & SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
November 16, 17, 19, 22, 26, 2016
Home Sites

I. CIF STATE VOLLEYBALL REGULATIONS

A. 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:

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*San Francisco will have two (2) automatic entries that will be placed into their respective enrollment division. All sections are eligible to submit at-large entries should openings exist.
The SoCal Regional Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for the SoCal Regional girls’ volleyball Championships.

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*Additional one entry in the SoCal OPEN Division will be filled by the Central, Los Angeles or San Diego Sections; If these 3 Sections cannot fill the entry, the Southern Section may fill the vacant spot.

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

**NOTE:** Bracket Size - Open Division = 8 teams; Division I-V = 16 teams; Division VI = 8 teams


1. **OPEN DIVISION**
   There will be four regional Open Division brackets. Each regional Open Division bracket will have a maximum of eight (8) teams, but could have less if the tournament committee feels that there are not eight qualified teams. The tournament committee will select the teams for the Open Division before they seed the five (5) divisions of the State Tournament. Teams selected by the committee for the Open Division will compete in the Open Division ONLY and cannot opt out.

B. **SECTION LIMITATIONS**
   Sections with less than eight (8) schools in a division shall be limited to one (1) entry in that division. This applies to both team and individual sports.

C. **QUALIFYING TO CIF STATE/REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**
   Teams must compete, and qualify through, their respective CIF Section Championships to participate in CIF State/Regional Championships.

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BOYS WRESTLING

CIF STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS
Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, 2017
Rabobank Arena, Bakersfield

I. CIF STATE WRESTLING REGULATIONS
A. WEIGHT CLASSES - California will follow the National Federation weight classes below:

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*Los Angeles will fill any voids left vacant by the Oakland Section

C. QUALIFYING TO CIF STATE/REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Teams/Individuals must compete, and qualify through, their respective CIF Section Championships to participate in CIF State/Regional Championships.

II. CIF WRESTLING WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
***Please see item II. in Girls Wrestling Blue Pages

NOTE: Complete details on the 2017 CIF State Boys Wrestling Championships will be available on the State CIF website (www.cifstate.org) approximately 45-60 days prior to the event.
I. CIF STATE WRESTLING REGULATIONS
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   C. QUALIFYING TO CIF STATE/REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
      Teams/Individuals must compete, and qualify through, their respective CIF Section Championships to participate in CIF State/Regional Championships.

II. CIF WRESTLING WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
    The establishment of a certified minimum wrestling weight based on 7% body fat for males and 12% for females is required for all high schools. Participation in the CIF Wrestling Weight Management Program will be mandatory and binding for all CIF interscholastic wrestlers. No wrestler may compete until he/she has completed the required body composition assessment. The CIF will utilize the NWCA Optimal Performance Calculator as the mechanism to calculate the certified minimum weight for each wrestler and as the data reporting and retrieval tool for all member schools sponsoring wrestling.

   A. Establishing Certified Minimum Weights
      (1) For all initial assessments, Bioelectrical Impedance will be the only method utilized to determine each wrestler’s body fat percentage. Refractometers will be utilized to determine hydration levels through analysis of urine. Only measurements taken by persons who have successfully completed the CIF Assessor Certification Workshop will be valid. Schools will receive a list of CIF Certified Assessors. It is the responsibility of the school to contact an assessor from this list and arrange a
time to have its wrestling squad assessed or attend a Section sponsored regional testing clinic. No
wrestler may compete until the athlete has had a certified minimum wrestling weight determined
by the NWCA Optimal Performance Calculator and it appears on the school’s NWCA Pre-Match
Weigh-In Form. Once a wrestler competes at a weight class allowed by the weight loss plan, the
option to appeal is voided.

(2) 1% Variance: The formula incorporated by the NWCA for assessment data for CIF wrestlers will
automatically include a 1% variance of the wrestler’s body weight at the certified minimum
weight. (Example: If a male wrestler’s minimum body weight at 7% is 150, the program will
indicate that 148.5 lbs. is the certified minimum for that wrestler).

(3) The lowest weight class at which a wrestler may compete will be determined as follows:
   a. If the certified minimum weight, at 7% or 12% body fat, is exactly that of one (1) of the
      adopted weight classes, that weight shall be the wrestler’s minimum weight class;
   b. If the certified minimum weight, at 7% or 12% body fat, is greater than one (1) of the
      adopted weight classes but lower than the next higher weight class, the next higher
      weight class shall be the wrestler’s minimum weight class.

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

B. Time Period for Assessments
   (1) No wrestler may compete until he/she has participated in an initial assessment and his/her name
       and data are included on the school NWCA Pre-Match Weigh-In Form and Alpha Master Report.
   (2) The specific gravity of the urine, as determined by a refractometer analysis, will determine
       whether a candidate may participate in an assessment on any date. A specific gravity result of
       less than or equal to 1.025 is required in order to participate in the body assessment. Any
       wrestler not passing the urine specific gravity test must wait a minimum of 24 hours in order to
       be retested.
   (3) Assessments may begin on October 15 of each school year. Wrestlers may be measured any time
       on or following this date and no later than January 15 to establish a minimum wrestling weight.
       All wrestlers, including those coming out late, must have their minimum wrestling weight
       established prior to competing.
       a. Hardship Exceptions
          Appeals may be submitted to the Section office for the following two (2) exceptions only:
          (i) Assessment Exception One (1): A student under doctor’s care may be assessed
              after January 15 before the student competes or within seven (7) days,
              whichever comes first, following the student’s release from the doctor.
          (ii) Assessment Exception Two (2): A student who becomes eligible after January 15
               may be assessed after January 15 before the student competes or within seven
               (7) days, whichever comes first, following the student becoming scholastically
               and/or residentially eligible.
   (4) A wrestler who competes at a weight class allowed by his/her weight loss plan before or during
       an appeal has accepted his/her most recent assessment and voids all other appeal options
       allowed within this policy.
C. **School Responsibilities for the Measurement Process**

(1) It is the school’s responsibility to contact and contract with a CIF Certified Assessor from list provided by the CIF or attend a Section sponsored regional testing clinic.

(2) Schools choosing to contract with a CIF Certified Assessor will be required to have available at the time of assessment:
   a. Bioelectrical Impedance Assessment Data Forms.
   b. Plastic collection cups to conduct urine specific gravity tests.
   c. Two (2) adults (teacher, AD, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, etc.) who will:
      (i) Assist with measuring height (in feet and inches);
      (ii) Assist with the recording of data;
      (iii) Assist with urine specific gravity testing.

(3) Bioelectrical Impedance assessments shall not be conducted by any active wrestling coach at any level.

D. **Wrestlers Below 7% or 12% Body Fat**

Prior to competition, any male wrestler whose body fat percentage at the time of his initial assessment is below 7% may request a waiver in order to establish a certifiable wrestling weight class if a physician attests that the athlete is naturally at his sub-7% body fat level. In the case of a female wrestler, a waiver may be requested if the athlete is naturally at her sub-12% body fat. A waiver form must be signed by a physician, a parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, the principal and the head wrestling coach. The completed waiver form must be mailed or faxed to the appropriate Section office. Wrestlers may not compete at their waiver weight class until the completed waiver form, with all four (4) required signatures, has been received by the appropriate Section office. The waiver weight class is valid for one (1) season only and expires March 15 of each year. The sub-7% male or sub-12% female, who receives clearance, may not wrestle below their actual weight class at the time of initial assessment.

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

(Revised May 2013 Federated Council)
E. **Growth Allowance**  
(1) The NFHS Wrestling Rules provide a two (2) pound growth allowance on January 15 of each wrestling season.

F. **Weight Loss Per Week**  
(1) An average weight loss limit per week of 1.5% of body weight at the time of initial assessment has been established. A season-long weight loss plan will guide each wrestler’s weight loss during the season.  
(2) The weight loss plan shall determine in which weight class(es) a wrestler may compete each week.  
(3) A wrestler is ineligible to compete in a weight class below the lowest eligible weight class defined by the weight loss plan before the proper amount of time has passed to achieve the weight class.

**NOTE:**  
a. A wrestler shall not wrestle more than one (1) weight class above that class for which the actual weight, at the time of weigh in, qualifies the competitor (NFHS Rule 4-4-2);  
b. If a wrestler weighs in one (1) weight class below his/her lowest allowable weight class per his/her NWCA Pre-Match Weigh-In Form, he/she is eligible per NFHS Rule 4-4-2 to only wrestle at the lower of the two (2) weight classes listed for that day on his/her NWCA Pre-Match Weigh-In Form.  
c. If a wrestler weighs in two (2) or more weight classes below his/her lowest allowable weight class per his/her NWCA Pre-Match Weigh-In Form, he/she is ineligible to wrestle in any weight class at that competition.  
d. If a wrestler weighs in at a weight class higher than his/her allowable weight classes per his/her NWCA Pre-Match Weigh-In Form, he/she may wrestle in compliance with NFHS Rule 4-4-2; a wrestler shall not wrestle more than one (1) weight class above that class for which the actual weight, at the time of weigh in, qualifies the competitor.

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

G. **Appeal of Assessment Results**  
(1) Any athlete may appeal his/her initial assessment results one (1) time by reassessment. In order to utilize the results of an appeal, the school must receive notification from the Section Office prior to allowing the challenging athlete to compete.  
(2) The steps of the appeal process are as follows (Step 1 may be bypassed and only Step 2 utilized):  
**STEP 1:** The athlete shall repeat the assessment as described in the regulation.  
a. The reassessment shall occur within 14 calendar days of the initial assessment date unless a written extension is granted by the Section before the expiration of the 14 day period. The 14 day appeal period shall start on the day following the date of the initial assessment. Day one (1) through seven (7) does not permit any loss of weight for an appeal to be valid. During the second week, days 8-14, a wrestler may weigh no less than 1.5% (rounded down) of the body weight measured at the initial assessment. Failure to meet these conditions or timelines is cause for denial.  
b. Data shall be recorded on the Bioelectrical Impedance Assessment Data Form.  
c. Reassessment includes hydration and Bioelectrical Impedance assessment.  
**PENALTY:** A wrestler who competes at a weight class allowed by his/her weight loss plan before or during an appeal has accepted his/her most recent assessment and voids all appeal options allowed within this policy.
STEP 2: If dissatisfaction with the results remains, the wrestler may choose Bod Pod assessment to determine body fat percentage. Results obtained at this step are final: the athlete, family, school or coach may not appeal further.

a. The Bod Pod assessment shall occur within 14 calendar days of the initial assessment date unless a written extension is granted by the Section before the expiration of the 14 day period. The 14 day appeal period shall start on the day following the date of initial assessment. Day one (1) through seven (7) does not permit any loss of weight for an appeal to be valid. During the second week, days 8–14, a wrestler may weigh no less than 1.5% (rounded down) of the body weight measured at the initial assessment. Failure to meet these conditions or timelines is cause for denial.

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

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

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

**H. Costs**

(1) All costs incurred for initial assessment, appeal process, nutrition education program, and NWCA Optimal Performance Calculator are the responsibility of the school or parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver.

(2) Charges for Bioelectrical Impedance assessment conducted by a CIF Certified Assessor may not exceed $10 per wrestler.

(3) CIF Certified Assessors are permitted to charge mileage at the CIF-adopted rate or a minimum service fee of $50 whenever travel is required to a location at which fewer than six (6) subjects are to be assessed on any given date.

**I. Training the Assessor**

(1) Persons eligible to be trained as CIF Certified Assessors shall be medical practitioners (e.g., physicians, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, certified athletic trainers, physical therapists, physicians assistants, nutritionists, health educators, exercise physiologists) or other persons approved by the CIF. Under no circumstances may an active wrestling coach be a certified assessor.

(2) Training and certification of CIF Certified Assessors will be conducted by CIF Master Assessors under the direction of the State CIF.

(3) The assessor will attend a training session and annual update certification.

(4) The assessor will participate in a random sample test to substantiate the quality and accuracy of his/her measurements.

(5) The assessor certification training will consist of a minimum of two (2) hours of training (classroom and practical training).

(6) A certification training fee will be charged to each assessor candidate attending the training program.

(7) Recertification

a. The CIF State Office will conduct annual recertification clinics for a minimum of one (1) CIF Head Master Assessor from each Section. Recertified Head Master Assessors will then conduct recertification clinics for CIF Master Assessors within each local Section.

b. CIF Master Assessors will conduct all recertification training programs for CIF Certified Assessors.
c. Recertification of CIF Certified Assessors will require a minimum of one (1) hour training.

   Data Collection

   a. The CIF will provide the reporting forms.
   b. The assessor will conduct all Bioelectrical Impedance measurements.
   c. The assessor will provide the supplies to conduct the urine specific gravity test.
   d. The assessor will be responsible for posting all wrestler data to the NWCA website within 72 hours after the initial assessment is made.
   e. Failed urine tests will not be reported to the CIF.

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

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