



NORTH BAY LEAGUE

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ATHLETIC DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023, 10 AM Lewis Learning Center

ATTENDANCE			
Mike Roan	Analy	Ryan Riddle	Piner
Monica Mertle	Cardinal Newman	Scotty McKeon	Rancho Cotate
Richard Sanchez	Cardinal Newman	Kenny Knowlton	Santa Rosa
Ry Basham-Mintz	Elsie Allen	Bryan Price	Santa Rosa
Josh Cavanagh	Healdsburg	Heather Campbell	St. Vincent
Jerry Deakins	Maria Carrillo	Aaron O'Brien	Ukiah
Dean Haskins	Montgomery	Jamie Williams	Windsor
Megan Ornelas	Montgomery	Joe Ellwood	Commissioner
		Dean Haskins	Asst. Commissioner
I. APPROVAL OF THE NBL AGENDA (ACTION)			
Motion to approve the NBL AD Agenda for 9/13/2023			
II. APPROVAL OF THE NBL CONSENT AGENDA			
There is no consent agenda for this meeting			
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE PREVIOUS MEETING (ACTION)			
Motion to approve the minutes from the 8/22/23 athletic director meeting, previously emailed and available online at www.northbayleague.org			
IV. PUBLIC COMMENT			
Pursuant to Education Code Section 54954.3 and Education Code section 33353, any member of the public wishing to speak on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the NBL, CIF, and NCS will be heard at this time. The time for such comment is no more than two (2) minutes per person on an item and no more than twenty (20) minutes total on an item or as designated by the Chair.			
V. NORTH BAY LEAGUE AGENDA ITEMS			
A. Proposal for a rule to address excessive noise during volleyball matches. (R/D/A) (Joe)			
B. Proposal to change the format for boys' golf from 18-hole mini-tournaments to a double-round robin, 9-hole format like the girls have in the fall. (R/D/A) (Joe)			
C. Review of spring schedules (INFORMATION) (Joe)			

		D. Discussion/poll of athletic directors on Redwood Conference Football Bylaws (braking ties, all-league selection, film exchange). (INFORMATION) (Dean & Joe)
		E. Reminder to submit NBL Dues ASAP. Not received as of 9/13: Rancho Cotate, St. Vincent and Windsor. (INFORMATION) (Joe)
		F. How many teams will be fielding junior varsity teams this year? (INFORMATION) (Dean)
		G. Reminder to turn in 2023-2024 Ejection Notification Forms (INFORMATION) (Dean)
VI. NCS BOARD OF MANAGERS		
II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENA (ACTION)		
		Motion to support the approval of the agenda as presented.
III. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA (ACTION)		
		Motion to support the approval of the consent agenda as presented.
		IV. Minutes of April 14, 2023 Board of Managers Meeting
		VIIB. NCS Representatives to Federated Council
		XA. Spring Competitive Divisions
		XB. Boys and Girls Wrestling Officials
		XIA. Winter Sports Appeals
		XIB. Multi-School Agreements
IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (CONSENT)		
		Motion to recommend approval of the minutes of the April 14, 2023 meeting, as printed. Posted at the NCS website, Board of Managers home page
VI. FINANCIAL ITEMS		
A. 2022-2023 End of Year Financials (INFORMATION)		
		Review of the end of year 2022-2023 financials. All financial information is posted at the NCS website, including all monthly balance statements, audits, staff salary surveys, etc. <u>Attachment A</u>
B. 2022-2023 Audit Review Management Letter & Financial Statements (ACTION)		
		Regalia & Associates representative will report on the 2022-2023 audit review of the financial records of the CIF-North Coast section. The board will review and consider approval of the audit review. <u>Attachment B (not available at the time of the agenda)</u>
C. NCS Proposed Budget Adjustments for 2023-2024 (EXEC 8-0) (ACTION)		
		Review of the staff recommended budget adjustments to the NCS 2023-2024 budget. Those adjustments are necessary based on additional information not available at the time of the budget approval.
		<u>2023-2024 REVISED BUDGET NOTES:</u>
		We made the following revisions to our approved budget:

		<p>Revenue:</p> <p>Sports Fees: Increase in budgeted income for Spring and Winter sports based upon the actuals at year end and a yearly average. Total Increase \$66,000. Increase in terms of Merchandise (\$20,000) and Patches/Medals (\$8,000). Total Increase \$28,000 Increase in Sales, Marketing, and Promotion to account for increase in the revenue share, Wilson contract. Total increase \$5,500 Increase in interest income (\$10,000)</p> <p>Expenses: Changes in Sports Expenses account for additional increases to the number of officials in Football, Baseball, and Softball semifinals. Additional increase for line judges in volleyball. Also increases for medical coverage at section playoff contests. We used actuals and averages to offset these costs. Entered actual 2022-23 salaries per surveys calculated after the original budget was approved. \$78,000 Increases in Medical Benefits, Payroll Taxes, Workers Comp, and PERS Retirement benefits. o Medical Increase is due to a proposal to cover full benefits for all employees. (Total of \$25,000) o the payroll taxes, Workers Comp, and PERS benefits increases are tied to Salaries. (Increase of \$16,000) Increase in Scholastic Awards due to increase costs (\$10,000) Increase to Office Operations (\$6,000)-Copier contracts. Decrease in Meetings expenses (\$5,000) Decrease in Building Maintenance (\$59,000)- Completion of renovations in 22-23 Increase in Utilities (\$1,300)-based on actuals. Increase in Merchandise (\$25,000)-cost of goods. Increase in patches/medals (\$2,900)- cost of goods.</p> <p>CDE Grant: The North Coast section received a onetime distribution of \$626,000 from the CA Department of Education through the CIF to ensure the continuance of high school sports considering the disruption of high school sporting championships during COVID. NCS is required to spend these funds by the end of fiscal year 2024 and maintain detailed records to support the expenditures. The amount budgeted to be spent in 2023-2024 is \$171,276.</p>
		D. Fund Balance based on 2021-2022 financials (EXEC 8-0) (ACTION)
		<p>The Executive Committee approved a motion to use the \$542,634 balance to make a one-time PERS Liability payment with the remainder being placed in a short-term investment account. Attachment D</p>
	VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	
	A. Executive Committee Membership (INFORMATION)	
	President:	Alton Nelson, (first year of two years as president)
	Past-President:	Louie Rocha, (first year of two years as past-president)
	President-Elect:	Clint Duey, (first year of two years as president-elect)

		Region 1:	Paul McDermott, (first year of second term)
		Region 2:	OPEN
		Region 3:	OPEN
		Female Rep.:	Kristie Christensen (third year of second term)*
		Sup. Rep.:	Jullie Duncan (first year of first term)
		CSBA Rep.	OPEN
		Class A Rep.:	Mike Gorman (second year of first term)
		Under rep. Rep.:	Gabriel Allbavera (second year of first term)
		At-Lare Rep.:	Carlos Reed (second year of first term)
		*Final year of last term	

B. NCS Representatives to the CIF Federated Council (CONSENT)

Motion to support the proposal to send the following individuals to the CIF Federated Council as the representatives of the NCS.

Alton Nelson—NCS President, CIF Executive Committee Member

Louie Rocha—NCS Past President, CIF Executive Committee Member

Kristie Christiansen, NCS Female

C. Executive Committee Positions to be filled for the 2023-2024 School Year (ACTION)

Region 2 Representative (BVAL, FBAL, ICAL)

Nominees:

Sebastian Bull, Principal, Foothill High School

Steve Amaro, Principal, Freedom High School

Region 3 Representative (HDN Big 5, MCAL, NBL, VVAL)

Nominees:

Dustin Dutra, Principal, McKinleyville High School

Ean Ainsworth, Principal, Napa High School

Attachment E

D. 2023-2024 Targets (ACTION)

Proposal to recommend support of the recommended targets for the 2023-2024 school year.

	Goal	Steps to Accomplish	Responsible Person	Status
1.	Continue to emphasize and promote positive sportsmanship with our school administrators and officials' associations.	Promote beginning of year, beginning of season meeting reminders. Monthly sportsmanship tips and reminders to schools. Collaborate with Officials' Associations on working with schools, "Bench Bad behavior" wristbands.	Commissioner of Athletics Associate & Assistant Commissioners, Officials Liaison, NCS Member school administrations, NCS Sportsmanship Committee.	Beginning of year email sent out 8/1/ Wristbands to league Commissioners on 8/28
2.	Investigate, review, and support the establishment of an NCS Traditional	Meet with sections currently holding this. Visit and evaluate current	Commissioner of Athletics, Associate Commissioner	

			Competitive Cheer Championship.	championships in other CIF Sections.		
		3.	Continue to support professional growth opportunities for Athletic Directors, NCS Commissioner, NS Associate Commissioners, and Officials/	Promote opportunities such as, NCSADA Workshop, New Administrator Workshops, CSADA, NFHS Conferences, Officials conferences, financial support for these opportunities when available.	Commissioner of Athletics Associate & Assistant Commissioners	NFHS Summer Meeting, NCS New Administrator Workshops (3), NCSADA Workshop, Officiate Calif.
		E. Approval of the Extension of the Contract of Employment for the Commissioner of Athletics. (ACTION)				
		The Executive Committee is recommending the extension of the contract for the Commissioner of Athletics. In accordance with the terms of the Commissioner of Athletics employment, at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year upon the Commissioner's receipt of a satisfactory (3.0 on the Commissioner's Performance Appraisal) or better evaluation, it is agreed that the contract will be extended for an additional year through July of 2026. The extension does not increase the Commissioner of Athletics' salary and fringe benefits for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.				
		X. SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE				
		A. SPRING COMPETITIVE DIVISIONS (Niemi & Phillips, Immediate Implementation) (CONSENT)				
		Proposal to adopt competitive divisions for the following 2024 spring sports: baseball, softball, boys' lacrosse, girls' lacrosse and boys' volleyball. <i>Note: proposed divisions are found at the end of this agenda. The only change involving is in softball, where Cardinal Newman has been placed in Division 3.</i>				
		B. WRESTLING (BOYS AND GIRLS) (Phillips, immediate implementation) (CONSENT)				
		Proposal to support the adoption of NCS Rule 32.305H.(below in red)				
		Rule 32.305H Officials <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.The NCS will obtain a ranked list of officials from each participating Officials Association prior to the NCS Championships. 2.The East Bay/Alameda Officials Association(s) will select one person to be their NCS Assignor. 3.The North Bay/Mendocino/Lake/Humboldt Del Norte Officials Association(s) will select one person to be their Assignor. 4.The two Assignors will then combine the ranked list into a list of officials to be used for the NCS Wrestling Championships. 5.This list will then be sent to the NCS Management Coaches sub-committee for final approval. 6.The NCS will obtain a ranked list of officials from each participating Officials Association prior to the NCS Championships. <p style="text-align: center;">1 If the assignors cannot agree between officials to use, the names will be</p>				

			submitted to the coaches' sub-committee to choose between.
			C. NCS 31.302H Boys & Girls Water Polo Open Division (SAC 21-11) (EXEC 7-1) (ACTION)
			Motion to support the proposal to amend the Open Division Championship format for Boys and Girls from 6 teams to 4 teams. Each team in the Open Division will receive an entry into the CIF Regional Championship.
			D. NC 101H Maximum Number of Contests in Volleyball (SAC 19-13) (EXEC 1-7) (ACTION)
			Motion to support the proposal to amend NCS 101H in the sports of Girls and Boys Volleyball to increase the maximum number of contests from 24 contests to 26 contests.
			League Submitting Proposal: East Bay Athletic League
			Vote from the League Regarding Proposal: 11-0-0
			Increase number of Boys and Girls Volleyball contacts to 26 + 2 scrimmages
			Date of Requested Implementation: 2023-2024 season (if possible), 2024-2025 season
			Description of Proposal: Increase the number of contacts for boys and girls' volleyball to 26 contacts plus 2 scrimmages.
			Rationale in Support of Proposal: Increases the number of contacts to be more in line with other sections in the state and other sports within NCS. Other sections average 26 to 28 contacts for boys' volleyball. Other sports with similar formats within NCS, such as Basketball, allow 26 contacts + 2 scrimmages. Teams are still free to not use the extra contacts without penalty.
			Possible Objections to Proposal: Ability to find quality local matches and/or tournaments to fill those extra contacts.
			Income/Expenses Related to Implementation: Some schools would have to pay for an additional one or two officials crews for the extra matches
			E. NCS Playoff Proposals (INFORMATION)
			The NCS Executive Committee discussed the two proposals attached. The Committee would like to give an overview of their discussion.
			ATTACHMENT J
			NCS Play-Offs Proposal "CCS Model" Background: There is continued pressure to move to the State Competitive Equity method for Section Championships. This method allows schools of any size to be placed in any division. The BAC successfully fought this off earlier this year at the SAC meeting and prevailed with a clear-cut voting victory. Recently, the head of the Southern Section, the largest section in the State, put out an article calling for the State Competitive Equity Model saying 'It is time.' We need to put our own views forward aggressively or we may find that the issue gets resolved against our views.
			Proposal: The proposal put forward today is to have the NCS adopt the CCS model with very few modifications. The CCS model has these advantages:
			1.
			1. It maintains the size-based classifications that protect small schools from large school competition

2. It pulls up 11 schools out of the sized based divisions to play in the Open Division. Last year in BB, the D1, D2, D3 and D4 winners would have been pulled up into Open from both BBB and GBB opening up those Section title opportunities to other size-based schools.

3. It ends the 3-year method of moving smaller schools into larger school classifications. This eliminates the scenario where a school is good for a few years, graduates key players and then has to wait 3 years to move back down to the original level. This move up method is also what is killing larger but not exceptional athletic schools as the competition keeps getting tougher in the larger divisions.

4. Most importantly, it has been in effect in the CCS for 8 years now and it is WORKING in that Section. Most CCS schools/ADs seem to like this model. We do not seem to like our model.

Date of Requested Implementation: 2024-2025 School Year. This gives one calendar year to work out any issues and look at brackets in 23-24 to prep for unintended consequences. We would also then be aligned with the new alignment cycle.

Description of Proposal: (include bylaw revision, if appropriate). Bylaws affected include 510H, 511H and 513H. The Open Division is 8 teams in CCS, but would be 11 teams in NCS since we get more allotted NorCal slots.

NORTH COAST SECTION PLAYOFFS

Sports: Volleyball (VB), Water Polo (WP), Basketball (BSKB), Winter B&G Soccer (Soc), Lacrosse (LAX), Baseball (BSB), Softball (SB). Note we are intentionally omitting Football since it has its own issues and politics. We are using Boys and Girls Basketball as the example sport throughout this proposal. We will need to provide a greater definition on the size of Open Division for non-BB sports which can be done between now and the next SAC meeting in September.

Base Divisions: Traditional NCS enrollment-based divisions. For example, for basketball:
 Division 1 – 1950+
 Division 2 – 1350-1949
 Division 3 – 900-1349
 Division 4 – 420-899
 Division 5 – 200-419
 Division 6 – 199 and less

Petitioning up or down: Per existing NCS guidelines individual schools could petition to move up or down enrollment divisions

Automatic Qualifiers: Per existing NCS guidelines

Qualifying: Per existing NCS guidelines

Hosting: Per existing NCS guidelines

Bracket Development: Per existing NCS seeding committee guidelines taking into account overall record, league record and place, division record, strength of schedule and head-to-head results. For the purposes of the examples presented with this proposal we exclusively used the MaxPreps rankings for Open selection and Division selection and seeding.

- Open Division (maximized to include 11 teams) – The bracket development process begins with selecting the best 11 teams in the Section to play in the Open Division. These teams could be pulled from any of the Base Divisions 1-6. They would be seeded 1-11 and play a traditional bracket to determine a NCS Open Champion. (Note the CCS has recently used a pool play format but with 11 teams a traditional bracket is a better solution). All 11 Open teams would get a NorCal bid which would assure that the NCS's best teams are representing it in the NorCal Tournament.

- Divisions 1-6 – The seeding committee would then seed the remaining teams in each Base Division in a bracket with up to 16 teams. The two finalists in each division (1-5) would earn a NorCal bid. Division 6 would continue to receive 4 NorCal bids.
- Staggered Brackets in Division Play – The brackets in division play would be staggered with the top seeds getting byes in order to avoid first round blow-outs. See example CCS bracket. This method pits seeds 9 through 16 in the first round, the winners vs seeds 5-8 in the 2nd round, and the winners vs seeds 1 through 4 in the quarters. First week has two rounds and 2nd week has 3 rounds.
- NorCal Qualifier Allotment: Per existing guidelines the NCS has 25 bids to NorCals with 4 being tied to D6. Therefore, we calculate: 25 bids = 4 (D6) + 10 (D1-5 finalists) + 11 (Open).
- See attached examples of breakdown of Open and Division Seeding for boys and girls basketball using MaxPreps rankings only. Note the NCS has not presented enrollment-based divisions recently so we tried to recreate them using the footnotes in the posted NCS Divisions.

Rationale in Support of Proposal:

- The current NCS system is not aging well for a couple reasons including all the best teams are being collected into the top divisions which crowds out the opportunity for larger public schools to succeed. Moreover, many of the best NCS teams are no longer qualifying for NorCals since the upper divisions have become a mosh pit of the best teams with many of them being eliminated in early rounds. The lower divisions are becoming weaker and insignificant like the NIT or CBIT in college basketball. The NCS's great history of Division Championships is being lost at all levels.
- The CCS has been using its Open model for 8 years with great results that are well received by its members. The power teams are pulled out of the traditional Base Division brackets. The remaining teams compete for historically significant Division Championships and NorCal bids. With the power teams cleared out the remaining teams consistently have a fighting chance and are rewarded with success when they have good teams that play well. The history of CCS Division Champions since the addition of its Open Division is very diverse with public schools of all sizes regularly capturing Division Championships and earning NorCal bids. The CCS's best teams always represent it in NorCals. The CCS eliminated first round blow-outs with its staggered brackets.
- The Open Division is the best version of Competitive Equity because it is based on current success and not past results. So often in the current NCS system teams are moved up based on past success but the reason for that success has graduated and the successor teams are left at a great competitive disadvantage.
- Enrollment size still matters – We have done regression analyses that show enrollment is very significantly correlated to MaxPreps rankings. Also, historical results from the NorCal playoffs show small enrollment schools lose very disproportionately in the NorCal's version of competitive equity. Small schools are in a "lose-lose" situation in that they are either being moved up to play bigger schools or bigger schools are being moved down. This proposal preserves enrollment being a factor which protects smaller enrollment schools from being at a constant disadvantage.

- Educational outcomes are vitally important to what we are all trying to accomplish with high school sports. For high school sports to be educational hard work and success needs to be rewarded with Championships and NorCal bids. Losing and falling just short is ok and a valuable part of learning too. The State's version of competitive equity punishes success and rewards failure which hurts educational outcomes. As a result, it is almost universally disliked by coaches and players. Do not confuse benefitting from the system with liking it. This CCS model proposal strikes the right balance with competitive equity in the form of pulling out the power schools via an Open Division and then allowing the rest of schools to compete for traditional and historically significant Division Championships.

Possible Objections to Proposal:

- Schools with socio-economic disadvantages are likely to still be left behind. That being said this is the case with all play-off systems including the current one. The solution is to adjust enrollments levels down for schools in lower socio-economic areas, but we have not added that to this proposal. It is a big issue and should be addressed on its own. If it is adopted, this proposal still works well with that adjustment.
- Lower Division Relative "Power Teams" could remain even after the top 11 are pulled up to Open. The examples show that Power Teams are being pulled out of all 5 divisions and the CCS history shows this is an infrequent occurrence. But it could happen. No system can guarantee that it can get placement exactly right.
- There is a reduction from 4 to 2 in NorCal slots for divisions 4 and 5. This is balanced by the elimination of the block on D4 or D5 teams being allowed to go to Open. Last year, a D4 team in each of Boys and Girls BB would have been pulled up to Open had this new system been in place.

Income/Expenses Related to Implementation: The same number of teams should qualify so this proposal should not increase expenditures. That being said, it should increase ticket sales. Recently League Championship play-offs with rivalries and tradition are outdrawing the NCS and State play-offs that are losing their historical and competitive significance at the lower levels in particular. This model best retains the significance, history and rivalries of NCS Championships and thus should increase fan interest and attendance. Pros Cons

ATTACHMENT K

NORTH COAST SECTION PLAYOFFS

SPORTS

Football (FB), Volleyball (VB), Water Polo (WP), Basketball A(BSKB), Winter B & G Soccer (S), Baseball (BSB), Softball (SB)

BASE DIVISIONS

Base Divisions would be determined by enrollment and would only change when a changes.

AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS

	FB, LAX, WP	VB, BSKB, SOC, BSB, SB
Leagues of 10+	2	3

Leagues of 6 - 9	1	2
Leagues of 4 - 5	1	1

QUALIFYING

- A. League Champions
- B. Additional League Automatic Qualifiers
- C. .500 or better overall
- D. .500 or better in league
- E. .500 or better in base division
- F. All teams must still apply through CIFHome

HOSTING

- League Champions or Higher seed in First Round, Higher seed after that

BRACKET DEVELOPMENT

- Brackets are created using MaxPreps rankings.
- Seed beginning with pen or D1 and continue seeding brackets using MaxPreps NCS rankings.
- If a team does not qualify (see above), regardless of their rank, they are not seeded in any bracket
- A school cannot be placed in a bracket more than two division higher or lower than their base division. For example, if they are D1 school, they cannot be seeded lower than D3. A D5 school cannot be seeded higher than D3.
- EXCEPTION:** Open teams can be selected using MaxPreps rankings from any division, including football's Open/Division 1 bracket.
- The total number of qualifiers will be spread evenly over each bracket when possible.

Example: 90 teams – 6 brackets of 15, Example: 87 teams – 3 brackets of 15 and 3 brackets of 14.

- Brackets would be set using MaxPreps Rankings, but the seeding committee could move teams within brackets based upon seeding criteria.
- In the sports of Girls Volleyball and Basketball, Division 6 brackets will contain only those schools which have an enrollment of less than 200. Division 6 schools would not be moved up to a higher division regardless of their MaxPreps ranking.
- *NCS Staff and the Seeding Committee can adjust the seeding for the good of the tournament.*

Football: Brackets/Divisions would remain at 7 with the Open/Division 1 teams being selected from any of the 7 divisions. The 7 Champions would qualify for the CIF Bowl games.

- Division 1 – 2030+
- Division 2 – 1,798-2,029
- Division 3 – 1,530-1,797
- Division 4 – 1,243-1,529
- Division 5 – 870-1,242
- Division 6 – 551-869
- Division 7 – 550 & below

Girls Volleyball: Would add an Open Bracket with 6 teams that could be chosen from

any division. CIF Qualifiers (25): All 6 Open teams, the finalists in Division 1-5 plus the highest seeded semifinal losing team in each division will advance. All semifinalists will advance in Division 6.

Division 1 - 2000+

Division 2 - 1,450-1,999

Division 3 - 900-1,449

Division 4 - 420-899

Division 5 - 200-419

Division 6 - 199 & fewer

Water Polo: No change to the brackets. CIF Qualifiers (6): The 4 Open Semifinalists plus Division 1 and Division 2 Champion.

Division 1 – 1,801+

Division 2 – 1,800 and below

Basketball: No change to the current structure of an Open Bracket and 6 divisions except Open Division teams could be chosen from any division. CIF Qualifiers (25): All 6 Open teams, the finalists in Division 1-5 plus the highest seeded semifinal losing team in each division will advance. All semifinalists will advance in Division 6.

Division 1 - 2000+

Division 2 - 1,450-1,999

Division 3 - 900-1,449

Division 4 - 420-899

Division 5 - 200-419

Division 6 - 199 & fewer

Winter Soccer: No change to the current structure of brackets. CIF Qualifiers (10) are the finalists in each division and the 2 highest seeded semifinal losing teams.

Division 1 – 2,025+

Division 2 – 1,500-2,024

Division 3 - 1,000-1,499

Division 4 - 999 and below

Lacrosse: No Change to the current structure. No CIF Regional Tournament.

Division 1 – 1,401+

Division 2 – 1,400 and below

Baseball: No change to current bracket structure. CIF Qualifiers (9): would be the 6 Division Champions and the top 3 highest seeded runners-up from Division 1-5.

Division 1 – 1,950+

Division 2 – 1,400-1,949

Division 3 - 925-1,399

Division 4 - 420-924

Division 5 - 200-419

Division 6 - 199 and below

Softball: No change to current bracket structure. CIF Qualifiers (9): would be the 6 Division Champions and the top 3 highest seeded runners-up from Division 1-5.

Division 1 – 1,950+

Division 2 – 1,400-1,949
Division 3 - 925-1,399
Division 4 - 420-924
Division 5 - 200-419
Division 6 - 199 and below

Boys Volleyball: No change to the current structure of 4 divisions. CIF Qualifiers (8):

The 2 finalists from each division.

Division 1 - 2,101+
Division 2 - 1,400-2,100
Division 3 - 501-1,400
Division 4 - 500 & fewer

SEEDING CRITERIA

The criteria for seeding brackets in the competitive equity sports listed shall be a balance between:

- A) Record Overall
- B) League/Place Co-Champion
- C) League Playoff Finish/Record
- D) Non-League Record
- E) Strength of Schedule
- F) MaxPreps Ranking (MP)

RATIONALE IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSAL

The ongoing discussions with the SAC Committee and the AD-Hoc committee in 2021-2022 brought several concerns and ideas to the forefront.

- Small schools throughout the NCS do not want a system that does not give them the opportunity to compete in section championships.
- Increasing the number of automatic qualifiers from leagues allows every league to be well represented.
- Hosting for league champions is very important and would remain the same as is done currently.
- Competitive Championships are important. Real time brackets could potentially make for more competitive brackets instead of brackets based upon p
- CIF qualifiers are important to the majority of our schools.

POSSIBLE OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSAL

- All the reasons in support may also be objections from member schools

INCOME/EXPENSES RELATED TO IMPLEMENTATION

Since This model would not affect the number of schools participating in the championships, and since games are potentially more competitive, the financial impact, although unknown, could be positive.

LENGTH OF PROPOSAL

The structure of this proposal, if approved, cannot be altered during the 2024 – 2028 alignment cycle.

	XI. ALIGNMENT COMMITTEE
	A. Appeals in Competitive Equity spring sports (EXEC CONSENT) (NCS CONSENT AGENDA)
	Motion to support the denials of the following Competitive Equity Appeals
	1. San Marin Girls Basketball from Division 3 to Division 2
	2. San Francisco Waldorf Boys Basketball from Division 6 to Division 5
	3. Salesian College Prep Girls Basketball from Division 2 to Division 1
	4. Ferndale Girls Basketball from Division 5 to Division 5
	5. Maria Carrillo Girls Soccer from Division 2 to Division 1
	6. St. Patrick /St. Vincent Boys Basketball from Division 3 to Division 2
	B. Approved Multi-School Agreements (AC 5-0) (EXEC CONSENT) (NCS CONSENT AGENDA)
	Moton to support the CIF approved current list of NCS Multi-School Agreements for the 2023-2024 school year. NBL Schools: Healdsburg & Marce Berra Academy Windsor & North Bay Met Academy
	C. Alignment Committee Report (INFORMATION)
	Commissioner Cruickshank will give a brief report from the Alignment Committee
	XII. ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE
	A. Review of 2022-2023 CIF Eligibility Data (INFORMATION)
	The committee will review 2022-20233 State CIF Transfer Eligibility Data, including appeal information.
	B. Review of 2022-2023 NCS Eligibility Data (INFORMATION)
	C. CIF Eligibility Changes for 2023-2024 (INFORMATION)
	1. CIF 206, CIF Defined Valid Change of Residence Verification Form (Attach P)
	2. Bylaw 212, 510 Amateur Status (Attachment Q)
	3. Bylaw 207, 504 Academic Programs (Attachment R)
	4. Eligibility Waiver for students from Ukraine (Attachment S)
	5. Review of League Eligibility Workshops, Administrative Workshops
	D. Eligibility Committee Report (INFORMATION)
	Commissioner Cruickshank will report on the Eligibility Committee meeting
	XIII. SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE
	A. Report
	XIV. CIF ITEMS
	A. CIF Voting Item for Executive Committee (INFORMATION)
	Proposal Summary: As per the CIF Article 70.G.(1), when there is a vacancy on the CIF Executive Committee, that committee member shall be replaced at the next Executive Committee meeting with the individual receiving the next highest vote during the last regularly held election. Since all candidates at the last election are serving on the current Executive Committee, the next step is to conduct an election at the October 2023

		<p>Federated Council meeting in order to fill the vacancy. Nominations were sought from eligible Sections and Allied Organizations and the following Federated Council members have volunteered to be candidates to serve the remainder of the two-year term on the CIF Executive Committee.</p> <p>The following candidates have been nominated and have agreed to place their name for consideration to serve a two-year term on the CIF Executive Committee:</p> <p>Dr. Paula Hart Rodas, Southern Section Robert Poyer, Los Angeles City Section Doug Williams, Northern Section 70.G. held to fill the vacancy at the next regularly scheduled Federated Council meeting.</p>
		B. CIF Update (INFORMATION)
		XVII PRESENTATION OF THE 2023 NCS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS
		1. Al Hurtado, College High School, Pittsburg High School
		2. Terry Eidson, De La Salle High School