

MINUTES OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTORS MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2015.

ATTENDANCE

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| Jerry Bonfigli | Cardinal Newman | Henri Sarlatte | Rancho Cotate |
| Rick O'Brien | Casa Grande | Kathy Hower | Santa Rosa |
| Jerry Deakins | Maria Carrillo | Ty Yanez | Ukiah |
| Mike Mastin | Maria Carrillo | Jeff Harding | Windsor |
| Chris Giovannini | Montgomery | Marie Sugiyama | Commissioner |
| Dean Haskins | Montgomery | Jan Smith Billing | Assistant Commissioner |

- I. APPROVAL OF NBL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AGENDA
Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion: Henri Sarlatte, Rancho Cotate
Second: Ty Yanez, Ukiah
Motion approved unanimously.
- II. APPROVAL OF THE NBL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CONSENT AGENDA
1. Minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Adjournment
Motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented.
Motion: Henri Sarlatte, Rancho Cotate
Second: Ty Yanez, Ukiah
Motion approved unanimously.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE PREVIOUS MEETING
Minutes of the January 8, 2015 NBL AD meeting (previously emailed and posted at www.northbayleague.org)
Approved by consent.
- 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 three (3) minutes per person on an item and no more than twenty (20) minutes total on an item or as designated by the Chair.
One member of the public was present but chose not speak at this time.
- V. NCS SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA
I. The NCS SAC Agenda was not available at the time of this meeting.
- VI. NBL NEW BUSINESS
A. Should coaches be allowed to coach during a golf match?
Karen Smith spoke with the CIF and got information regarding coaching in golf. Since coaching is allowed within the rules of the NCGA, as long as NCGA Rule 8 Note is followed, coaching would be allowed during league play. Karen would suggest that our league have parameters regarding what coaches are allowed (i.e. can only coach during the time a student finishes putting to the next tee box, similar to the Southern Section Rule, which is included below). Also this would only be during league play. For matches against outside league opponents the coaches would be considered the "Committee" therefore they would decide at the match if coaching would be allowed. As far as the NCS, Nor Cal and CIF State tournaments coaching will not be allowed since these championships have both individual and team play.
Motion to support the adoption of the following bylaw to allow coaching in boys' and girls' golf.
Motion: Chris Giovannini, Montgomery
Second: Ty Yanez, Ukiah

Coaching in Golf.
Coach to provide instruction, encouragement and information to his/her golfers without interfering with play or the conduct of the event is allowed under the following regulations:
1. Between the play of holes, a coach is allowed to communicate advice to his/her players. Between the play of holes is defined as that period when an entire group has completed play of a hole and ends when the individual player hits his or her tee shot on the next hole.
2. The communication of advice may not impede the pace of play.
3. Coaches are NOT allowed to communicate any advice (verbal or non-verbal) during the play of the hole. A violation of this would result in the player being penalized under Rule 8 of USGA Rules of Golf.
4. Coaches who are in violation of this policy may be subject to one or more of the following consequences from a member/members of the tournament committee: a) limited coaching time; or b) Removal from the golf course (coach may remain in the clubhouse/practice area)
5. Only the golf coach may communicate advice to his/her players. The golf coach is defined as the person who signs in the team at the event and is listed on file at his/her respective school as the golf coach.
6. As a reminder, players are still prohibited from communicating advice, as defined by Rule 8, to other players at any time during their round. Any player who gives or asks for advice will be penalized according to Rule 8 of the USGA Rules of Golf.
B. Motion to amend General Rule 6g as follows, effective immediately.
Seniors are not eligible to participate on junior varsity teams in boys' teams with the exception of boys' soccer, boys' wrestling, boys swimming, **and boys' track.**
No motion was made to support this amendment.
C. Motion to delete General Rule 6g as follows, effective immediately.

Seniors are not eligible to participate on junior varsity teams in boys' teams with the exception of boys' soccer, boys' wrestling, and boys' swimming.

Motion to support the deletion of General Rule 6G, effective immediately.

Motion: Henri Sarlatte, Rancho Cotate

Second: Jerry Deakins, Maria Carrillo

Motion supported unanimously.

- D. Motion to amend NBL Track Rules 12.104, 12.403, 12.404, and 12.801, as indicated below, effective immediately.

Motion to support the amendments to NBL Track Rules 12.104, 12.403, 12.404, and 12.801, effective immediately.

Motion: Henri Sarlatte, Rancho Cotate

Second: Kathy Hower, Santa Rosa

Motion approved unanimously.

12.104

The league championship will be determined by the points earned during the league tri/dual meet season added to the points for the league meet. ~~The points for the league meet will be three points for first place, two points for second, and one point for third place.~~

Delete 12.401

~~The track coaches shall have no part in officiating the meet.~~

Delete 12.403

~~Track coaches and contestants shall be required to remain in the space allotted to their respective team.~~

12.404

For the league meet, the referee shall be determined by the Meet Director.

12.801

Seven places shall count in scoring track and field events for the North Bay League Meet. Points shall be awarded as follows: first place, 8 points; second place, 6 points; third place, 5 points; fourth place, 4 points; fifth place, 3 points; sixth place, 2 points; seventh place, 1 point.

- E. Motion to amend NBL Softball rule 9.803, as indicated below, effective immediately.

~~In the event of a tie in varsity competition, there will be a play-off game between the two teams. The home team will be determined by the following criteria:~~

~~1. Head to head competition between the two teams.~~

~~2. Record against the other teams above them (only if there is a tie for second or third place).~~

~~3. Fewest runs scored.~~

~~4. Score differential~~

~~The same criteria will be used to seed if there is a three way tie and a team receives a bye. If all the criteria are the same, then there will be a draw for the seeding. If there is a four way tie, all the above criteria will be used.~~

The automatic entry to the NCS Championships shall be the NBL round-robin champion.

Motion to support the amendment of NBL Softball rule 9.803, effective immediately.

Motion: Chris Giovannini, Montgomery

Second: Kathy Hower, Santa Rosa

Motion supported unanimously.

- F. Motion to amend NBL Softball rule 9.804, as indicated below, effective immediately.

Motion to table this item until the next meeting.

Motion: Jerry Deakins, Maria Carrillo

Second: Chris Giovannini, Montgomery

Motion supported unanimously.

There shall be a softball postseason tournament, beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. (NBL Board of Managers, 4/22/14).

The round robin champion will not participate in the NBL Softball Tournament unless there is a tie for first place.

- a. **If there is a tie for first place, the automatic entry to the NCS Championships shall be the team that goes the farthest in the NBL postseason tournament. If both teams lose in the first round, the following criteria will be used.**

Ties in the seeding for the tournament will be resolved by:

1. **Head-to-head competition between/among the teams.**

2. **If the ties still exists, the next determination for seeding will be runs allowed between teams.**

3. **If a tie still exists after steps 1 and 2, the seeding will be determined by the draw of the principals that is conducted at the beginning of the school year.**

The NBL Tournament will be played on the Tuesday and Thursday the week after the round-robin schedule. Both games will begin at 4:00 PM.

a. **On Tuesday, 2 vs. 5 at the home site of the higher seed and 3 vs. 4 at the home site of the higher seed.**

b. **The winners of the Tuesday games will play at a neutral site**

If there is a tie for first place at the conclusion of the NBL softball round-robin, the following schedule for the tournament will be used. Both games will begin at 4 PM.

a. **On Tuesday, 1 vs. 4 and 2 vs. 3, at the site of the higher seed.**

b. **The winners of the Tuesday games will play at a neutral site.**

- G. Motion to amend the NBL Badminton Bylaws to reflect changes that were made in 2011 and not included in the current constitution. Note: these modifications will be effective beginning on 2/4/15, so that they will be in effect during the entire

badminton season.

Motion to support the badminton "clean-up" language as proposed.

Motion: Chris Giovannini, Montgomery

Second: Kathy Hower, Santa Rosa

Motion supported unanimously.

1.304 The schools of the NBL shall have a first, second, third, and fourth singles players in girls' and boys' singles; a first and second doubles team in boys' and girls' doubles; and a first, second and third mixed doubles teams.

(a) ~~The first three players in the line up must play singles and must play in ranked order.~~

The top three ranked players do not have to play singles, but those who are playing singles and doubles must play in ranked order. (2/2/11)

(b) ~~After the first three players in the line up, any combination of players can be used provided the first doubles team is ranked higher than the second. In mixed doubles, the teams must play the first, second, and third doubles teams in ranked order.~~

~~1.306 Play shall be continuous from the first service until the match is concluded with the exception of an injury. There will be no sideline coaching allowed during the match except in the following instances.~~

(a) ~~A maximum 90 second break will be allowed between the first and second game on the court for coaching (players may not leave the court). Water may be taken to the court but a player may not have water/drinks on the court at any other time.~~

(b) ~~A maximum two minute break will be allowed between the second and third game (players may leave the court).~~

1.307 Match rules

(a) When matches are put on the courts, have both players come to the desk to get their score sheets and the shuttle. They should introduce themselves.

(b) Players should be reminded that play is continuous and that no coaching is allowed except at the following breaks:

Between the first and second game—2 minutes—players may NOT leave the court.

Between the second and third game if split games—2 minutes—players may leave the court.

(c) Water is allowed on the courts in a container that is not open. Abuse of water breaks is considered unsportsmanlike and may result in a warning. Continued abuse may result in an ejection.

(d) When players go to the courts, they should try not to disturb the courts in play. Players should move quickly to their court when the bird is not in play on the courts they are passing.

(e) ~~Remind players that play is continuous and that they may not leave the court during play except between the second and third games.~~

(f) If there are questions regarding the rules, etc., players can indicate this to the coaches by sending a player to the table.

(g) Players who split games should leave their rackets on the court to indicate that the match has not yet been completed.

~~1.308 Girls' singles will play to 15 points. Setting will be at 14 all to three points.~~

~~1.310 Junior varsity co-ed format shall be three boys' singles, three girls' singles, one girls' doubles, one boys' doubles, and one mixed doubles. The top two singles must play in ranked order. The top two singles do not have to play singles, but those who are playing singles and doubles must play in ranked order. (2/2/11)~~

H. Alleged violation of NBL Bylaw 14.305 by Maria Carrillo High School during a dual wrestling meet against Cardinal Newman. Carrillo allegedly had a girl wrestle on the boys' varsity team at 126 pounds.

14.305

Girls will wrestle at their own weights and will NOT wrestle in boys' competition. NBL Board of Managers, 4/22/14.

Maria Carrillo acknowledged the violation and has proposed the following remedies:

- Maria Carrillo will forfeit the match to Cardinal Newman
- The coach will review the NBL rules pertaining to wrestling
- The school will contact the NBL commissioner when in doubt as to the interpretations of any NBL rule.

As a result of discussion regarding this bylaw, Jan Smith Billing will work with the wrestling coaches to come up with a rule that will not impact competition opportunities for girls when their school does not field separate boys' and girls' teams.

I. Use of an ineligible wrestler by Ukiah (Ty Yanez)

Ukiah High School acknowledged the violation of NCS Eligibility Rules in girls' wrestling and proposed the following remedies:

- The schools that Los Angeles Country whose athletes lost to the Ukiah ineligible wrestler will be notified that the wrestler was academically ineligible and that Ukiah will forfeit any points earned by this wrestler.
- Ukiah has evaluated its procedures to make sure that notification to coaches regarding an athlete's eligibility is thorough and easy to follow. The school's findings reveal that it couldn't be clearer! An Eligibility Spreadsheet is emailed weekly to all coaches and all ineligible athletes are clearly marked "ineligible" and an email is send individually to coaches stating who on their team is ineligible and why.
- Coach Roberts has been placed on probation and a letter is in his file stating that if another infraction of this magnitude happens within one year, he will be subject to disciplinary action that may include termination from coaching.

VII. NBL OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on women's lacrosse officials (Marie Sugiyama)

The NBL has agreed to a contract with the women's lacrosse officials association. Because these officials are from the Bay Area, they are willing to go to Petaluma, but would request an additional \$10 to travel farther north than Petaluma. Marie is

trying to recruit female lacrosse players from SSU and SRJC, as well as local club programs, in order to increase the number of available officials. The Women's Lacrosse Officials Organization is willing to train any new officials that we can find. Marie will schedule a meeting between lacrosse coaches and the lacrosse officials association as soon as possible.

- B. Update on boys' golf schedule (Jan Smith Billing)
The final boys' golf schedule has been completed and sent to all coaches and athletic directors.
- C. Update on boys' soccer schedule (Jan Smith Billing)
*Two proposed boys' winter schedules were distributed and reviewed by the athletic directors.
The schedule that was approved by the athletic directors will begin on January 4, 2016.*

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. CSADA Conference in Sparks, NV
Athletic Directors discussed the schedule regarding courses available.
- B. Sportsmanship and Ejections to date
A summary of ejections in the NCS was distributed to all athletic directors. There has been an increase in ejections throughout the NCS and NBL over the past three years.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. FROM NCS COMMISSIONER GIL LEMMON (JANUARY 23, 2015)

April Board of Managers Meeting Date Change

Due to a conflict with the California State Athletic Directors' Association Conference and also a conflict with the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club calendar the NCS Executive Committee has agreed to move the spring Board of Managers meeting to Tuesday, April 28, 2015. Please mark your calendars!!!



Football Practice Guidelines

As of January 1, 2015 AB 2127 is now law and the CIF member schools are currently considering establishment of new contact guidelines for the sport of football, included on today's agenda. In an effort to establish more defined guidelines with state parameters Commissioner Lemmon met with several football coaches over a week ago to develop guideline recommendations to the Sports Advisory Committee. The meeting was well attended and the coaches present were outstanding, meeting for over 2.5 hours. Coaches included: Matt Sweeney (Foothill), Kim Jorgensen (Ferndale), Craig Lee (Berean Christian), Chad Nightingale (Salesian), Trent Herzog (Casa Grande), Jason Strickland (Hercules), Keith Minor (St. Mary's), George Zuber (James Logan) and Paul Perenon (Mt. Eden). Don Nelson, EBAL Commissioner, also attended the meeting. Based on CIF parameters, state law and authority granted to sections the following is an outline of football activities from now until the 2015 season zero week game.

1. Now until May 31 – NCS member schools may only conduct conditioning drills which include no sport specific activities. Any conditioning is not mandatory. For the sport of football schools may not use football equipment, such as helmets, pads, blocking bags and other sport specific equipment.
2. June 1 – Official starting date for NCS member school, start of the summer period. With approval of the school principal schools may conduct practices. Practices cannot be mandatory. Schools may start using football equipment but there can be no full contact drills (state law and CIF rule). Control drills as defined by the State CIF may be conducted (state law and CIF rule). Schools are allowed to go to team camps but there can be no full contact, such as live action or THUD drills (state law and CIF rule).
3. July 22 (first proposed date for allowed contact – 30 days prior to first scrimmage {defined by state law, section must adopt}) – Assuming date is approved NCS member schools could starting conducting contact, such as live action or THUD on this date. This would give teams 12 practices with contact, but no mandatory participation until August 10th. Schools could now attend team camps with full contact but must adhere to state law and CIF rules for contact limitations.
4. August 10 – First official day of practice, first day practice can be mandatory. All full contact is limited to two days a week, no more than 90 minutes a day.
5. August 21 and 22 – first scrimmages
6. August 26 – first possible game date.
7. August 27-29 – Zero week



Recommending Revision of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is currently composed of the Section Officers, CSBA representative and a ratified non-Executive Committee member who serves as the Chair. The current committee make-up places additional responsibility on officers who already have six NCS governance meetings as well as three to eight additional CIF meetings. Commissioner Lemmon will propose at the March Executive Committee an adjustment to the committee membership, recommending that the committee be composed of one Section Officer, a southern and northern representative who is not a member of the Executive Committee and member of the Board of Managers, along with the current ratified Chair and CSBA representative.



NFHS Network

North Coast Section is currently in our third year, but second year of a five-year agreement with the NFHS Network, formally PlayON! Sports. Approximately 41 state associations and six California Sections have an agreement with the NFHS Network, a partnership that includes a fee for the selling of all NCS Championship Broadcast rights and the potential for profit sharing. California (consists of NS, CCS, SJS, NCS, CS and SFS) was consistently number three in the nation during the fall championships. California and North Coast Section are commonly among the top ten state association websites in terms of referral traffic. The Network has also established its first major sponsorship partner, Under Armour.

Schools are also encouraged to participate in the NFHS Network School Broadcast Program, promoting our school athletic and any extracurricular events conducted at each participating school, including all athletic events, drama and music productions, graduation, student council meetings, etc. The school broadcast program is a great way to get other possibly non-athletic participating students involved in the broadcast of contests, a great learning opportunity. Any pre-season and league contest broadcast returns 50% of any subscription fees back to the school. Games are available on mobile devices. Subscription costs are very low and protect schools from free broadcast of contests. A Day Pass is \$9.95. Monthly 30 day pass \$14.95, Six-month pass \$59.95 and Annual Pass \$119.95. (Fees subject to change without notice) School broadcast information is available at www.sbp.nfhsnetwork.com, or contact Sean Hennessy, West Coast Territory Manager at 619.408.2853. This summer the NFHS Network will conduct a Broadcast Academy July 17-19 in Atlanta, Georgia. The Academy is designed for student broadcasters to hear from successful sports broadcasters from major networks, develop skills through hands-on broadcast training sessions, and be recognized for their accomplishments during the first annual NFHS Network Broadcast Academy Awards Ceremony. Information is available at www.nfhsnetwork.com/broadcastacademy.

Multi-School Agreements Due at the NCS Office Thursday, May 28, 2015

New and renewal multi-school agreement forms are now available at the NCS website under Alignment. Completed forms are due at the NCS Office no later than Thursday, May 28, 2015. The Commissioner's Office will forward a letter to all NCS principals explaining the process and the deadline for submission. Remember that only new applications must secure multiple signatures and pay the CIF dues in advance of the normal September dues billing process. Renewal applications only require the principal's signatures of each school, CIF member and non-CIF member. Call the NCS Office concerning any questions.

Deadline for Scholastic Awards

WINTER Sports: Postmark deadline, Friday, February 27, 2015

(Use Fall Semester grades)

(Tri-semester schools may need to use first trimester grades in order to adhere to the deadline date.)

Total Eligibility Cases Increase by 8.8% through December, 2014, Appeals even compared to 2013-2014

- Through the month of December NCS has processed 922 transfer waiver requests, 8.8% greater than last year at the same time. Parentheses () represent 2014 and 2013, respectively. If there is only one number then the number represents 2014. Below is a breakdown of the results:
 - 3 (4) of 7 (9) age limitation, maximum semester and passing of 20 semester units of coursework approved.
 - 378 (306) students have filed the CIF 206 form, four (eight) denied.
 - 174 (180) transfer students did not participate at their former school and were granted unlimited eligibility.
 - 110 (112) transfer students were granted limited eligibility.
 - 180 (185) have requested the new CIF Sit-Out Provision, three (10) denied.
 - 31 (41) hardships have been approved, 35 (23) return to previous school students.
 - 69 (55) international students have been processed, one denied.
 - 3 (3) students have been denied based on a disciplinary transfer.
 - 11 (13) students were denied eligibility based on a CIF 510 violation – athletic motivation.
 - Eight (3) students appealed the 510 denials and the appeal panel upheld five (one) and approved the appeals in three (two) cases.

CIF/Farmers Scholar-Athlete of the Year Application Packet

The 2015 CIF/Farmers Scholar-Athlete of the Year Application Packet is available online at the NCS website – www.cifnca.org and click on Students and then CIF/Farmers Scholar-Athlete of the Year under Awards and Scholarships. The parameters are as follows:

Qualifications – College-bound high school seniors whose academic and athletic careers have been truly exemplary and whose personal standards (i.e., integrity, honesty, etc.) and accomplishments are a positive model for others.

Students must:

1. Possess no less than an unweighted cumulative (grades 9-12) grade point average of 3.50;
2. Have demonstrated superior athletic ability in at least two years of varsity play within California (must be participating in athletics as a senior); and
3. Most of all have portrayed themselves as athletes of character displaying trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, community service and citizenship.

NCS Budget to be Reviewed at the March 23, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting

NCS staff will present a proposed 2015-2016 budget to the Executive Committee meeting in March. The Board of Managers will review in April. The complete budget with budget notes will be posted on the NCS website under the Executive Committee in early March. Adjustments for next year will include the loss of marketing income with the end of the Farmers sponsorship, a reduction of \$22,500, and potential loss of the Pacheco Brothers Landscape and Gardening sponsorship, a reduction of \$10,125. These reductions may have required a ticket price increase for some rounds of NCS Championship competition, or increase in entry fees, both items that have not been adjusted for seven or more years. However, good news is that the PERS contributions paid for employee retirement will decrease from 21.217% to 9.353%, saving the section approximately \$60,000. Cost of the conduct of section business does continue to increase but any impact on ticket prices; entry fees and dues should be minimal.

Ejection Appeals

The NCS Office continues to get phone calls and emails from school personnel who wish to protest and appeal the ejection of a student-athlete. Most of the protests and appeals involve the use of video. Therefore, I wish to address this issue in this report and ask that league representatives share with other league members that the only appeal concerning the ejection of a student from a contest is for incorrect identification. There is no appeal based on officials' judgment. Just because the individuals watching the video believe the video proves that the ejection was not warranted there is no review, no different than the scoring of a touchdown, basketball or goal. Any appeal for incorrectly identifying an ejected player is conducted through the member school's league. The following language is part of the NCS Ejection Policy posted in the NCS Constitution, Bylaw 400:

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| Question: | <i>How can a school appeal the ejection of an athlete when videotape of the contest clearly shows that the official erred in the application of the ejection?</i> |
| Answer: | <i>The only appeal is for incorrect identification. Videotape or other electronic video may not be used to reverse the application of the penalty of ejection. NFHS rules do not allow the use of video to correct calls. Further, video shows a view from one angle and from a considerable distance from the actual action of the infraction. Officials are usually close to the point of the infraction and make their calls on what they view on the field or court. Therefore, their judgment is not subject to appeal.</i> |

Marketing Report

- NCS has current contacts with the following sponsors/vendors:
 - Les Schwab Tires – currently through 2016
 - Pacheco Brothers Landscaping and Gardening
 - Max Preps – Contract in the works, reviewed by legal counsel and should be signed soon
 - NFHS Network (formerly PlayON! Sports) – currently through 2018
 - NCS is continuing a relationship with Children's Hospital to provide approved medical personnel at many NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship series events.
 - Official Ball Sponsors
 - Yonex – Badminton
 - Water Polo – Mikasa agreement has expired and water polo ball testing will commence soon
 - Molten – Soccer

- Wilson – Football
 - Rawlings - Baseball
 - Spalding – Basketball, Volleyball and Softball
- US Awards – Souvenir Patches
- CIF has the following sponsors with a market share to NCS:
 - Farmers (agreement ends with the conclusion of the 2014-2015 school year)
 - Sports Authority
 - Max Preps
 - Subway – New sponsor. If winter and spring 2015 go well then Subway may also sponsor during the 2015-2016 school year.
 - California Correctional Peace Officers Association
 - Herff Jones (rings)
 - Balfour (rings)
 - Jostens (rings)
 - Signature Style Jewelry (rings)
 - Wilson
 - Nike – cross country, football, track & field and golf

B. FROM NCS ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER KAREN SMITH

NCS/Les Schwab Tires Basketball Championships

NCS staff is making final arrangements on sites to be used during the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Basketball Championships. Arrangements include the use of the St. Mary's College and several other high schools with facilities with larger seating capacities and locations approximate to potential higher seeded teams in the championship round. Neither the Oakland Oracle Arena nor the University of California is available for the NCS/ Les Schwab Tires Basketball Finals this year. Championship dates are as follows:

| Divisions | Dates (Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat., Wed. and Sat.) |
|------------------|--|
| Divisions I-III | Feb. 24, 27, Mar. 4, Mar. 6 or 7* Depending on availability of facilities |
| Divisions IV-VI | Feb. 25, Feb. 28, Mar. 4, Mar. 6 or 7* Depending on availability of facilities |

NFHS Network selection show

NCS has partnered with NFHS Network to broadcast a selection show on seeding Sundays for the following sports; football, girls and boys basketball and at sport to be announced. This is an exciting way to create even more interest in the NCS championships. Brackets for the above mentioned sports will be announced live through an online selection show.

NCS winter soccer and basketball at-large and seeding committee

NCS staff has appointed the committee members to participate in the process of selection of at-large teams and seeding for the NCS Winter Soccer and Basketball Championships. Each participant has been sent information concerning their responsibilities, meeting date and internet locations where they can track potential teams, review records, head to head competition, common opponents, etc.

Elmer Brown Award

Current fall standings for the Elmer Brown Award of Excellence are as follows;

- 1) Monte Vista – 32 points
- 2) Dougherty Valley – 29 points
- 3) Campolindo & Piedmont – 26 points
- 4) Branson & Sonoma Academy – 24 points

Official Ball Program

The official water polo and badminton contracts will end at the end of the school year. Therefore we will be going through the official ball bid process with companies this winter/spring with the intention of signing a new contract prior to the end of the school year.

C. FROM NCS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, BRI NIEMI

LATE WRESTLING ASSESSMENTS

As a reminder, the deadline for wrestling assessments was January 15, 2015, however the CIF does have two hardship exceptions for any student-athlete that did not get assessed before the deadline. Athletic directors can contact the NCS for the hardship definitions as well as the late certification form, which must be signed off by the NCS prior to assessment.

NCS/LES SCHWAB TIRES WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES EVENTS REMINDERS

Listed below are a couple of reminders for the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Winter Championship Series events. All winter bulletins have been posted on the NCS website.

Soccer

The Division I and II East Bay soccer championships will begin Wed., Feb. 18 and conclude Sat., Feb. 28. Dublin HS will again be used as a championship site. Other sites are TBD.

Boys Wrestling

The Boys Wrestling tournament will take place this year at James Logan HS. Coaches are encouraged to make hotel arrangements early – the headquarters hotel, with a reduced rate, is listed on the wrestling webpage.

The North Coast Section will have three qualifiers for state in each weight class, but will pick up any unused qualifiers from the Oakland section. The Boys Wrestling tournament dates are Fri.-Sat., Feb. 27-28. The boys' wrestling seeding meeting will be at College Park HS on Sun., Feb. 22. As a reminder, only two representatives per league shall be present to seed the tournament, with only one representative speaking on behalf of the league. Leagues will be required to submit their representatives to the NCS.

Girls Wrestling

Girls wrestling will also have a new site this year – Ukiah HS. Hotel accommodations are listed on the wrestling website and coaches

are encouraged to make arrangements early as well.

The North Coast Section will have three qualifiers for state in each weight class. The Girls Wrestling tournament dates are Fri.-Sat., Feb. 13-14. Please remind your schools that sponsor girls' wrestling that the CIF rule of one entry, per weight class, per school is in effect. All girls must declare their weight class at the seeding meeting and must make weight at the weigh-ins in order to compete. Finally, please note that girls may compete in their league tournaments, following the NCS qualifier.

Dual Team Wrestling

The D II Redwood Empire/D III Dual Team wrestling championships are set for San Rafael HS, while the Division I and II East Bay championships are set for Ygnacio Valley HS. The date is Sat., Feb. 14. Girls may compete as a part of the student team in the dual team wrestling championship, but must wrestle at the boys' weight classes.

MOLTEN SOCCER BALL

Molten has changed its model numbers for soccer. The official ball for NCS is the Molten FG 4750.

SPALDING VOLLEYBALL

Spalding has changed its model numbers for volleyball. The official ball for NCS (spring) is the Spalding TF VB5.

FOOTBALL SELECTION SHOW – NFHS NETWORK

Selection show traffic for this past fall's football preview was slightly down from last year as 3,198 unique page views and 5,644 total page views were recorded for 2014. NCS plans on doing girls and boys basketball as the winter selection show and has yet to determine the spring event.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment approved by consent.