
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES, THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Jerry Bonfigli	Cardinal Newman	Kenny Knowlton	Santa Rosa
Rick O'Brien	Casa Grande	Bryan Price	Santa Rosa
Jerry Deakins	Maria Carrillo	Ty Yanez	Ukiah
Dean Haskins	Montgomery	Jeff Hardie	Windsor
Henri Sarlatte	Rancho Cotate	Jan Smith Billing	NBL Commissioner

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to recommend approval of the agenda as presented.

Motion: Jerry Deakins, Maria Carrillo

Second: Kenny Knowlton, Santa Rosa

Passed unanimously

II. APPROVAL OF THE NBL CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to recommend approval of the NBL consent agenda, as listed below.

Motion: Henri Sarlatte, Rancho Cotate

Second: Ty Yanez, Ukiah

Passed unanimously

1. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting. (Item III)
2. Motion to support instruction to NBL reps to NCS BOM vote to approve BOM Agenda (Item V.I.)
3. Motion to support instruction to NBL reps to NCS BOM vote to approve the NCS BOM Consent Agenda (Item V.II.)
4. Motion to support instruction to NBL reps to NCS BOM vote to approve minutes of the previous meeting, as printed. (Item V.III.)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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. NCS BOARD OF MANAGERS AGENDA ITEMS

I. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to support instruction to the NBL representatives to the NCS Board of Managers vote to approve the NCS Board of Managers Agenda.

II. Consent Agenda

Motion to support instruction to NBL representatives to the NCS Board of Managers vote to approve the NCS Board of Managers Consent Agenda.

III. Approval of minutes of the previous NCS Board of Managers Meeting

(Previously emailed, or mailed, posted on the NCS website)

V. Financial Items

A. December Balance Statement

Attachments A and B will be added in January after the December close

B. Report on Fall Championship Income/Expense

Attachment C will be added in January

C. Fund Balance based on 2015-2016 financials

Attachment D

The Fund Balance Report is an annual report about the overall finances of the Section. It is positive in that the Section has a healthy level of assets but as reported in the recent audit a substantial pension liability. While Section leadership is required to share the pension liability, the Section is not required to set aside funds to fund the estimated liability. Rather, the Section funds the liability on a yearly basis based on the budget. During the 2015-2016 school year the Section ended with a negative balance of

\$10,113.00. The Fund Balance is negative with the PERS pension liability, and without counting the liability \$193,126.00 is available for distribution. The current budget is balanced and the Section in recent years has focused on maintaining a healthy reserve for anticipated building costs such as lower floor restrooms remodel, outstanding mortgage and looming costs of re-roofing of the outer portion of the building and replacement of the HVAC.

VI. Executive Committee

A. Update on progress of the 2016-2017 Targets

Goal	Steps to Accomplish	Responsible Entity	Status
1. Promote sportsmanship at contests hosted by member schools.	• Communicate great sportsmanship programs	• Section Staff	• In progress
	• Encourage league sportsmanship program	• Section Staff/League Commissioners	• In progress
	• Provide sample letters/handouts for use by schools	• Section Staff	• In progress
	• Reduce ejections	• Member Schools	• TBA
	• Follow-up for alleged infractions of sportsmanship guidelines	• Section Staff	• In progress
2. Encourage the participation of member schools in the NFHS Network School Broadcast Program	• Arrange for presentations at league meetings	• NFHS Network and Section Staff	• In progress
	• Communicate new friendly pricing model to schools	• Section Staff	• Information sent to ADs but much more to do • In progress
	• Review with schools the financial implications of the program	• Section Staff	
3. Continue to support the professional growth opportunities for athletic directors and athletic administrators	• Encourage attendance to the NCSADA Workshop in September	• Section Staff	• Great turnout, over 60 ADs in attendance
	• Encourage attendance to the CSADA Conference in April	• Section Staff	• Email sent by CSADA NCS rep. with Travel Reimbursement form • To be determined
	• As funds become available, provide a minimum of \$30,000 towards the CSADA reimbursement	• Board of Managers	
4. Promote a new digital online	• Select a program that	• Executive Committee	• GoFan digital ticket system

<p>ticketing model</p> <p>5. Continue to support inclusive sport offerings</p>	<p>best meets the needs of member schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate the value of the program to member schools • Track participation as the year progresses • Continue the Track & Field Unified Teams • Add one or two Unified events to the sport of swimming • Add one or two wheelchair and ambulatory events to the NCS Track & Field Championships 	<p>and Section Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section Staff • Section staff in concert with ticket vendor • NCS Commissioner of Athletics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed but a process that continues • Even with a late start over 8,000 tickets sold in the fall • Letter sent to schools and district about Paralympics opportunities at the 2017 Swimming Championships. • Will continue Unified Track.
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B. President-elect Nominations

Nomination for President-Elect will be taken from the floor. Any person making a nomination must confirm with the nominee that they are willing to serve. The President-Elect serves a six-year term, serving as President-Elect, President, and Past-President. Once a slate is developed through the nomination process, a motion will be sought to approve the slate. The election will take place at the April 4, 2017 meeting.

VII. Closed Session

A. Anticipated Litigation—California Government Code section 54956.9(b)

While action is not anticipated and there is currently, as of the posting of this agenda, any pending legal action, if such action was to develop prior to the Board of Managers, items will only be added in accordance with the Brown Act.

VIII. Report of Action Taken in Closed Session

A. Report of Action taken during Closed Session, if necessary.

IX. Sports Advisory Committee

A. Proposal to adjust track advancement formula. FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION

The Track Management Committee proposes a change to the advancement formula from **league** championship meets to **area** championship meets.

Beginning in 2017 for the **Tri Valley** Area, the proposed formula is as follows:

EBAL 6 automatic berths

DAL 6 automatic berths

BVAL 4 automatic berths

Plus the next best 8 marks to reach a total of 24.

Plus any additional "at-large" qualifier marks.

*Only performances from the league championship finals may be used to determine advancement to the area championships.

*Auto qualifier marks must also be achieved in the league championship finals.

Beginning in 2018 for the **Bay Shore** Area, the proposed formula is as follows:

MVAL 4 automatic berths

TCAL 6 automatic berths

WACC 6 automatic berths

Plus the next best 8 marks to reach a total of 24.
Plus any additional "at-large" qualifier marks.

*Only performances from the league championship finals may be used to determine advancement to the area championships.

*Auto qualifier marks must also be achieved in the league championship finals.

Beginning in 2018 for the **Redwood Empire** Area, the proposed formula is as follows:

HDNL 4 automatic berths

MCAL 4 automatic berths

NBL 4 automatic berths

SCL 4 automatic berths

Plus the next best 8 marks to reach a total of 24.

Plus any additional "at-large" qualifier marks.

*Only performances from the league championship finals may be used to determine advancement to the area championships.

*Auto qualifier marks must also be achieved in the league championship finals.

B. Fall Competitive Divisions

Motion to approve the 2017 fall competitive divisions in the sports of football, girls' volleyball and water polo.

ATTACHMENTS E, F, and G.—THE DIVISIONS HAVE BEEN UPDATED SINCE THE SAC AND ED MEETINGS, CORRECTIONS OF A FEW ERRORS. PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY.

C. Badminton—New point system for NCS Badminton Championships

Motion to adopt a new point system for the NCS Badminton Championships
FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION

The points accruing to each team at the NCS Badminton Championships shall only be awarded for a singles player or doubles team placement as follows:

First place: 10 points

Second place: 7 points

Third Place: 4 points

Fourth Place: 2 points

Fifth/Sixth Place: 1 point

D. Proposal to eliminate Bylaw 18.501H Spring Football Practice

Motion to eliminate spring football practice

18.105H Spring Football Practice

~~a. Spring practices shall not start earlier than the Monday **four** weeks prior to Memorial Day and must be completed before spring final examinations start. (Board of Managers 4/25/08)~~

~~b. Spring practice shall not exceed ten (10) practice sessions, none of which may be held on Saturday or Sunday.~~

~~c. The only allowable football equipment for spring football shall be: football shoes, footballs, and blocking bags.~~

~~d. Eighth and 9th grade students from an elementary, middle or junior high school **may not** take part in the spring football practice at the high school. (See Bylaw 18.107H for multi-school exception). (CIF 1904)~~

~~e. A high school coach may not conduct a football practice session at a separate junior high school. (CIF 1904)~~

~~PENALTY FOR VIOLATION: Remedies/penalties for violation of NCS Sports & General Rulings Handbook Bylaw 18.105H are found in Bylaw 102H. (Board of Managers 5/1/06)~~

X. Alignment Committee

A. Definition of the Alignment Committee

Motion to alter/update the definition of the composition of the Alignment Committee.

NCS Constitution and General Bylaws

70.C Alignment Committee

The Alignment Committee shall consist of **seven members, outlined as follows:** ~~the following:~~ Not to exceed two Executive Committee members, ~~one Executive Committee member would serve as the Chair,~~ two school administrative staff from the north (MCAL, SCL, NBL, CMC and HDNL), two school administrative staff from the south (BAC, BVAL, DAL, EBAL, MVAL, TCAL and WACC), two **three** at-large positions and the Section Commissioner. The two **three** at-large positions can be any individual currently

involved with school related matters, such as school board members, district office personnel, member school principals, athletic directors, etc. Member leagues may nominate one representative to be considered to serve on the committee. A league cannot be represented by more than one person on the committee. The Executive Committee will select the two **three** at-large positions. All individuals on the Alignment Committee will be voting members with the exception of the Section Commissioner. (NCS Board of Managers 4/26/2010)

B. Report on the activities of the Alignment Committee

XI. Eligibility Committee

A. NCS/CIF Eligibility data for the 2016-2017 school year.

The following is August-December data for the listed years.

Eligibility Determination	2014 – 2015	2015 – 2016	2016 - 2017
206 Approved	37.6/374	38.2/413	31.3/318
206 Denied	.40/4	.37/4	.30/3
207.B.3.	17.5/174	17.0/184	17.6/179
207 B.5.a. Approved	11.0/110	12.7/137	10.94/111
207.B.4.a. Denied	.10/1	0.0	.10/1
207.B.5.b. Approved	18.1/180	18.3/198	22.0/223
207 B.5.b. Denied	.30/3	.09/1	.10/1
Hardships Approved	6.63/66	4.72/51	8.37/85
Hardships Denied	Did not track	.74/8	.69/7
Foreign Exch. Approved	6.93/69	6.6/86	6.6/67
Foreign Exchange Denied	.10/1	0.0	0.0
209 Disciplinary Denied	.30/3	.56/6	1.38/14
510 Denied	1.10/11	.65/7	.59/6
TOTAL	996	1080	1015

ATTACHMENT H—three pages

B. Requirement of Athletic Directors to attend mandatory athletic workshop

Motion to require schools to require any athletic director who has served less than five years as an NCS member school athletic director to attend an NCS sponsored athletic program workshop covering a variety of high school athletic issues, including student eligibility. (ATTACHMENT I)

Motion to support the implementation of this bylaw:.

Dean Haskins, Montgomery

Second: Ty Yanez, Ukiah

Approved unanimously

C. Non-league Affiliate Representative to the Eligibility Committee

Motion to include on elected representative of the NCS non-league affiliate schools as a member of the Eligibility Committee.

NCS Constitution Bylaw 70.B

Eligibility Committee

The Eligibility Committee shall consist of one representative from each NCS League, ~~and~~ a representative of school boards **and one representative of non-league affiliate schools**. League representatives to the Eligibility Committee shall serve minimum terms of two years.

Note: Leagues are requested to have at least two other administrators available to serve on student eligibility hearing panels in addition to their Eligibility Committee representative.

D. Report on the activities of the Eligibility Committee

XII. Sportsmanship Committee

A. Proposed revision of bylaw 400 to clarify procedure after an ejection.

Motion to support the revision of bylaw 400.

Motion: Jerry Deakins, Maria Carrillo

Second: Bryan Price, Santa Rosa

Motion approved unanimously

Question: When a coach is ejected from a contest they are not allowed to coach in the next contest. Can the coach attend as a spectator and watch the contest?

Answer: No, the coach may not be present at the contest. Failure to adhere to the spirit of the ejection policy and abide by the penalty of not being allowed to attend the next contest

would result in a forfeit and the requirement of the coach to serve the required ejection at the next contest.

Question: *When a coach is ejected from a contest they are not allowed to coach in the next contest at the same level. Can the coach attend another contest of a different level on the same day?*

Answer: *No, the coach may not be present at another contest of a different level on the same day until the penalty is served.*

A player ejected from a sub-varsity level contest must sit out the next contest at that level. Additionally, if the player is moved up to the next level to participate, prior to serving the penalty, the player must sit-out the next game at the next level. The player will still need to sit-out at the sub-varsity level if/when that player is moved back down.

B. Report on the activities of the Sportsmanship Committee

XIII. CIF Items

A. Revision of Bylaw 504; 1200; New Bylaw 1700, 1701, 1702 (Competitive Cheer) (Attachment J)

Review of the addition of Competitive Sport Cheer as a CIF sport.

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

Proposal reviewed beginning 10/1/2015 and will be voted on by the Federated Council on 4/7/2017.

Summary: A.B 949 directs the CIF to develop policies and procedures for competitive cheer. Associate Executive Director Ron Nocetti will share draft language that has been developed to include Competitive Cheer as a CIF approved sport.

Fiscal Impact: None

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

The revision of Bylaw 1200 adds Competitive Sport Cheer to the CIF-Approved list of sports.
The revision of Bylaw 504 adds Competitive Sport Cheer to the Spring Season of Sport.

**Article 170
COMPETITIVE CHEER**

1700 COMPETITIVE CHEER DEFINITIONS

a. Traditional Competitive Cheer (TCC)

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

b. Competitive Sport Cheer (CSC)

For all CIF Bylaws, Competitive Sport Cheer (CSC) will be defined as any competition that consists of four quarters of play (Partner Stunts, Pyramids & Tosses, Group Jumps & Tumbling, and Team Performance) with a halftime in between the second and third quarters. Competitive Sport Cheer will follow the rules of "Stunt" that focus only on the technical and athletic components of cheer. CSC Coaches must meet education and requirements and safety of Bylaws 22.B.9 and 1702. (CA Education Code 35179-35179.7, 49032 and 45125.01-45125.1).

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

1701 OFFICIAL RULE BOOKS

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

1702 SAFETY CERTIFICATION OF COACHES

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

a. A philosophy of safety awareness.

b. Understanding and assessing legal liability in cheerleading.

c. Knowledge of cheerleading safety equipment, including apparel and training aids such as

- spotting belts and mats.
- d. Spotting techniques for tumbling and partner stunts.
- e. Skill progressions for tumbling, partner stunts, and pyramids.
- f. Physical and psychological performer readiness.
- g. Medical responsibilities, including injury prevention, the development of an emergency plan, and the assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of injuries.

Competitive Cheer Q & A

Q.	Is sideline cheer considered a CIF sport?
A.	No. Only traditional competitive cheer and competitive sport cheer are considered CIF sport. Therefore, CIF Bylaws do not apply to sideline cheer. However, schools are strongly encouraged to ensure that their sideline coaches are certified in cheer safety issues.
Q.	Are sideline cheer squads allowed to go to competitions?
A.	No. Once a sideline cheer squad competes they are considered to be a traditional competitive cheer team and would be subject to CIF Bylaws as they relate to that sport.
Q.	Is there a CIF season of sport for traditional competitive cheer?
A.	No. At this time, traditional competitive cheer teams may operate and attend competitions throughout the school year. However, competitive cheer teams are restricted to the CIF spring season of sport.
Q.	Since there is not a CIF season of sport for traditional competitive cheer, does CIF Bylaw 600 (Outside Competition) apply?
A.	No. Since CIF Bylaw 600 only applies to outside competition during the student's high school season of sport, the rule would not apply as traditional competitive cheer does not currently have a season of sport. Bylaw 600 would apply to competitive sport cheer as that sport has the spring as its CIF season of sport.
Q.	Do transfer rules apply to traditional competitive cheer and competitive sport cheer since they are considered CIF Sports?
A.	Yes. All CIF Bylaws related to transfers now apply to traditional competitive cheer and competitive sport cheer. The only exception would be the application of the "Sit Out Period" for traditional competitive cheer. Since there is not currently a CIF season of sport for traditional competitive cheer, the "Sit Out Period" would only apply to the first season of sport follow the transfer.
Q.	Does CIF Bylaw 504.M. (Sundays) apply to traditional competitive cheer and competitive sport cheer?
A.	Yes. Schools may not compete on Sundays in either sport unless they have been approved by their local CIF Section Office to select either Friday or Saturday as their alternate day of respite for religious purposes.
Q.	Does CIF Bylaw 506 (Practice Allowance) apply to traditional competitive cheer and competitive sport cheer?
A.	Yes. Traditional competitive cheer and competitive sport cheer must comply with CIF Bylaw 506 (Practice Allowance).

B. CIF Regional and State Competitive Equity Playoffs in Selected Sports

The committee reviewed the proposal to adopt a similar competitive equity playoff as used in football for the sports of volleyball, basketball and soccer.

Type: Bylaw Revision

Next: April 7, 2017—Action Item

Proposal: Revise Bylaws 1606, 2402, 2902, 2903 for Regional and State Playoff Entry for Basketball, Soccer and Volleyball to a Competitive Model.

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

BASKETBALL RULE 1606 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION PLACEMENT OF SCHOOLS would be eliminated and replaced with the following:

Boys' and girls' regional and state championships will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. The CIF Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for their respective regional tournament. Note: Sections still determine their own criteria for placement and seeding of schools within their local playoff system.

REGIONAL SOCCER RULE 2401 FOR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS would be eliminated and replaced with the following:

Boys' and girls' regional championships will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. The CIF Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for their respective regional tournament. Note: Sections still determine their own criteria for placement and seeding of schools within their local playoff system.

VOLLEYBALL RULE 2902 GIRLS' STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONAL PLACEMENT OF SCHOOLS would be eliminated and replaced with the following:

Girls' regional and state championships will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. The CIF Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for their respective regional tournament. Note: Sections still determine their own criteria for placement and seeding of schools within their local playoff system.

VOLLEYBALL RULE 2903 BOYS' STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONAL PLACEMENT OF SCHOOLS would be eliminated and replaced with the following:

Boys' regional and state championships will be held following the completion of Section playoffs. The CIF Seeding Committee will determine the divisional placement of the Section entries for their respective regional tournament. Note: Sections still determine their own criteria for placement and seeding of schools within their local playoff system.

C. Uniform Penalty for Lack of Administrative Oversight

CIF member schools will consider a uniform penalty for omissions or errors by adults that ultimately impact student-athletes. The Federated Council will review the proposed uniform penalty for input and possible revision.

Note: This proposal failed 64-71 at Federated Council. CIF Commissioners will meet on January 11, 2017 and will come up with a new proposal.

Type: Bylaw Revision

Next: 1/27/2017—Federated Council First Reading

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Federated Council vote: 64 – 71, motion failed.

503.B.1 Uniformed Administrative Oversight Penalty

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

First Offense

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

Second Offense

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

D. **Athletically Motivated Transfers—Bylaws 206, 207, 510 and 1100**

Consideration of revision of bylaws concerning athletic motivation.

Proposal Originated: CIF Commissioners

Type: Bylaw Revision

Next: January 27, 2017—Federated Council First Reading

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

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

In this proposal, Bylaw 501.E.(1) would be eliminated as would item 501.E.(4) a, b, and d. Bylaw 206.C.(10) and 207A.(3) would be modified to eliminate:

- ~~• Evidence of parental or student dissatisfaction with a coach or a coaching decision at the former school.~~
- ~~• Evidence of the student's move would result in the assurance the student would gain varsity participation in the new school or result in more playing time.~~
- ~~• A move to a school by the student that is believed (objectively or subjectively) to be more competitive or athletically visible.~~
- A demonstrated move or transfer that is prompted by association with club programs or outside agencies that use the facilities of the new school.
- Evidence that multiple students have transferred or changed schools to participate in a particular sports program at one (1) school.
- ~~• A demonstrated move or transfer to a school with which the student has had an athletic association.~~
- ~~• A move or transfer to a school by a student who is associated with outside agencies that use the facilities or personnel at the new school of attendance.~~
- ~~• The preponderance of credible evidence the move was not made in good faith to secure greater educational advantage for the student.~~

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

Finally, this amendment would eliminate 207.B.(d)(1) under appeals 1100.A. under appeals.

See Board of Managers Addendum M to reference the entire bylaw.

E. **New Proposed Bylaw 1206—Standardized Number of Contests**

Consideration of a standardized number of contest limitations that is consistent in all CIF member schools in sports that culminate in a State Regional or State Championship. (Attachment N)

Proposal Originated: Executive Director and Federated Council Roundtable

Type: New Bylaw

Next: 1/27/2017—Federated Council First Reading

Proposal Summary: The proposed new bylaw would create a standardized number of maximum

contests that culminate in a Regional or State Championship. This proposal is an outcome of a Federated Council roundtable discussion and direction to the Commissioners Committee. It is anticipated that an updated revised proposal will be distributed at the meeting following the conclusion of the Commissioners Committee final revision on January 11, 2017.

Fiscal Impact: None

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

April 2011 Federated Council vote:

65 yes, 70 no. Motion failed that defined a scrimmage and maximum number of scrimmages.

51 yes, 84 no. Motion failed that would have established maximum number of contest in Regional and State culminating contests.

**Bylaw 1206
Maximum Contacts**

1206. A. Starting Dates for Practice

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

1206.B. Scrimmages

A scrimmage is defined as:

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

1206.C. Number of Scrimmages

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

1206 D Allowable Number of Contacts

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

Basketball	28
Cross Country	15
Football	10
Golf	24
Soccer	26
Swimming	16
Tennis	24
Track & Field	15
Volleyball	26
Water Polo	28 (NEW)
Wrestling	40 (see bylaw 3101)

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

Tournaments

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

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**WILL BE UPDATED FOLLOWING THE 1/11/2017 COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Revisions will be distributed at the Federated Council Meeting**

F. Proposed Revision of Bylaw 900—All Star Competition

Consideration of a new Bylaw 900 that would clarify the intent of the All-Star Competition rule. (Attachment O)

Proposed Revision Bylaw 900—All Star Competition

Proposal Originated: Commissioners Committee

Type: Bylaw Revision

Next: Federated Council Action Item—April 7, 2017

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

Fiscal Impact: None

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

**ARTICLE 90
ALL-STAR COMPETITION**

900	PARTICIPATION
	A. A graduating senior is any student who started his/her seventh semester of eligibility and completed the season of sport prior to the high school all-star competition in that sport.
	B. For graduating seniors only, high school all-star competition (including practices and/or tryouts) may not begin until the conclusion of the last Section or State contest in that sport.
	C. Undergraduates (grades 9-11) are prohibited from participating in high school all-star competition (including practices and/or tryouts) from September 1 through the completion of the last CIF-scheduled, sanctioned, event for that year. NOTE: 2017—June 3; 2018—June 2
	D. For purposes of interpreting the CIF All-Star Bylaw, high school all-star competition in any game, contest, or exhibition (including practices and/or tryouts) in which teams compete and the team participants include students from CIF member schools selected on a basis that involves, but may not necessarily be limited to, their high school athletic accomplishments. The following guidelines are to be considered in determining whether the activity is high school all-star competition: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the team name or activity includes “all-star” in its title, it shall be considered “all-star” competition unless it qualifies otherwise by these guidelines; 2. If a team includes high school participants and the team purports to represent outstanding players from any community, county, State or geographical region, it shall be considered “all-star” competition unless it qualifies otherwise by these guidelines; 3. If a team includes high school participants and the team represents itself in name, publicity, or programs as being composed of outstanding players from two (2) or more high schools, or from one (1) or more CIF leagues, or from one (1) or more Sections, it shall be considered “all-star” competition unless it qualifies otherwise by these guidelines; 4. If no admission charge is made nor donation solicited for the activity, it shall not be considered “all star” competition; 5. If the team(s) represents an organized sports association, religious organization, or municipal recreation department and the team(s) is comprised solely of current participants in ongoing leagues or divisions of that organization, it shall not be considered “all-star” competition; 6. If the team(s) is comprised solely of current members of an incorporated athletic club, it shall not be considered “all-star” competition. <p>(Revised May 2003 Federated Council) 901. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF BYLAW 900 A. School</p>
901.	PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF BYLAW 900
	A. School
	Violations of Bylaw 900 may cause the school involved to be suspended from membership in the CIF. Participation by member

		schools, by their school officials, or by any employee of the school, directly or indirectly, in the furnishing of school facilities or equipment, management, organization, supervision, player selection, coaching, or promotion in connection with any prohibited contests shall be considered a violation of Bylaw 900. The period of suspension shall be determined by the Federated Council. Suspended schools shall apply to the Federated Council for reinstatement.
	B. Student	
		Any student taking part in a prohibited all-star contest or similar contest shall be barred from all CIF athletic contests for up to one (1) year following the date the infraction is verified.

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G. Pitching Limitation Rule—Pitch Count

In accordance with the 2017 NFHS Baseball Rules Book, CIF member schools are considering a policy limitation on pitch count per week in addition to the current limitation of number of outs in a week.

ARTICLE 150--BASEBALL

1500. PITCHING LIMITATION RULE—30 OUTS

Sections shall adopt the following baseball pitching limitation rule: 30 outs and/or three (3) appearances in a calendar week through the season.

- A. The calendar week begins on Monday.
- B. Innings pitched in a no game (i.e., rainout, power failure, etc.) shall count toward the total.
- C. If the 30th out involves a double or triple play, the team will not be penalized.
- D. An appearance is defined as a pitcher pitching at least one (1) pitch. If a pitcher is removed from the mount to another position or to the dugout and later returns to pitch in the same game, the pitcher will be charged with a second appearance.
- E. Any violation constitutes a forfeit of the contest.

1501. PITCHING LIMITATION RULE—PITCH COUNT

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

Pitch count limits and required rest:

Level	Daily Pitch Limit	0 days rest	1 day rest	2 days rest	3 days rest
Varsity	110 pitches	1-30 pitches	31-50 pitches	51-75 pitches	76+ pitches
Frosh; F/S; JV	90 pitches	1-30 pitches	31-50 pitches	51-75 pitches	76+ pitches

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

Questions & Answers:

Q: How is a day of rest defined?

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

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

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

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

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

15012 OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK

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

15023 PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

It is required that adult base coaches wear a protective helmet. Play will not continue until compliance with this rule is met. It is recommended that the helmet meet NOCSAE standards. NOTE: NFHS rules govern use of protective equipment by a player/student.

H. Nominations for the CIF Executive Committee

The following names will be put forward for consideration as members of the 2017-2018 Executive Committee. Nominations may be made from the floor at the January Federated Council meeting. Election will take place at the April Federated Council Meeting.

Nancy Acerrio, San Diego
Terry Barnum, CAPSO
Vicki Ballard, NCS
Marty Bitter, CS
Monica Colunga, SS
Doug Kaelin, NS
Marco Sanchez, CCS
Susan Saunders, SF
Tina Tamura, LA
Sara Wetteland, SJS

XIV. New Business

A. New Membership Request, Jewish Community School, San Francisco

Jerry
Henri

Administrative leadership from Jewish Community School will be present to seek membership in North Coast Section, CIF as a member of the Bay Area Conference Bay Central League.

Motion to support instructing the NBL representatives to the NCS Board of Managers listen to the presentation by Jewish Community School representatives and vote in the best interest of the North Coast Section.

XV. Old Business

A. None

XVI. Staff Reports

- A. Commissioner**
- B. Associate Commissioner**
- C. Assistant Commissioner**

XI. Adjournment and Lunch

VI. NBL NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed boys' and girls' soccer schedules (Jerry Bonfigli)**
Start league in December
- B. Competitive Cheer (Dean)**
- C. Negotiations with Officials (Dean)**
- D. Pitch count form (Jan)**
- E. Sportsmanship (Jan)**
300H Sportsmanship
Sportsmanship Preamble

The member schools of the North Coast Section, CIF are committed to providing a sportsmanlike environment for students, coaches, and spectators. To that end, the NCS Board of Managers has adopted sportsmanship

and crowd control recommendations. Each member school is encouraged to implement these recommendations and commit to the enforcement of proper spectator behavior at all contests conducted at their home location and while visiting other contest locations. Repeated violations of sportsmanship standards may result in loss of hosting NCS and CIF Championship events. All concerns regarding violations of sportsmanship standards should be reported to the NCS Office.

Definition of Sportsmanship

A person who can take a loss or defeat without complaint, or victory without gloating, and who treats his/her opponents with fairness, courtesy and respect.

- a. The following are expected to be role models demonstrating sportsmanship at all times:
 1. Principal/administrative staff
 2. Athletic directors
 3. Coaches, players and cheerleaders
 4. Faculty members
 5. Booster club members
 6. Band director
- b. Coaches, players, cheerleaders, parents and spectators will respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials.
- c. The conduct of coaches, players and cheerleaders generally sets the tone of NCS/CIF contests. They will be expected to maintain the highest level of decorum at all NCS/CIF contests.
- d. The following behavior is unacceptable at **all** NCS/CIF high school contests:
 1. Berating your opponent's school or mascot
 2. Berating, yelling, booing or chanting at opposing players or coaches before, during and after the game. Personal attacks will not be tolerated.
 3. Obscene cheers or gestures
 4. Negative signs. All signs must show only positive support. Those which direct negative comments toward opponents or are unsportsmanlike or vulgar are not permitted.
 5. Noisemakers (Artificial noisemakers shall not be used at any event. Artificial noisemakers are items such as, but not limited to, megaphones, air horns, bells, whistles, clickers, thunder sticks, explosive devices, tape/CD players, jars filled with coins or marbles, etc., drums, large water bottles, conch shells, plastic horns and radios.
 6. Laser pointers
 7. Complaining about officials' calls (verbal or gestures)
 8. Throwing objects onto the playing area before, during, or after a contest.
 9. Entering the playing area before and during a contest, including the awards ceremony, if applicable.
- e. The following behavior is questionable behavior which schools may want to discourage and must be closely monitored by site administration.
 1. Demeaning acts such as actions, or gestures (ex: turning backward during introductions, holding up newspapers)
 2. Doing crowd initiated yells instead of following the lead of cheerleaders
 3. Yells such as "Air Ball" or "You, You, You".
 4. Spectator attire, including shirtless with messages painted on their bare skin, should be closely monitored.
 5. Bringing objects, such as brooms, newspapers, etc., used to demean your opponent.
 6. Entering the playing area after a contest prior to team handshakes or the opponents' safe return to their team area.

F. Discussion from the floor Soccer double round robin for boys and girls

INFORMATION ITEMS

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ADJOURNMENT