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**PRINCIPALS MEETING MINUTES, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2016**

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**ATTENDANCE**

Rich Herrmann	Cardinal Newman	Henri Sarlatte	Rancho Cotate
Jerry Bonfigli	Cardinal Newman	Kenny Knowlton	Santa Rosa
Rick O'Brien	Casa Grande	Gordon Oslund	Ukiah
Vickie Zands	Maria Carrillo	Ty Yanez	Ukiah
Mike Mastin	Maria Carrillo	Jeff Hardie	Windsor
Albert Ettudgui	Maria Carrillo	Dean Haskins	NBL Assist. Commissioner
Randy Burbank	Montgomery	Jan Smith Billing	NBL Commissioner
Aaron Harkey	Montgomery		

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to recommend approval of the agenda as presented.

Motion: Randy Burbank, Montgomery HS principal

Second: Gordon Oslund, Ukiah HS principal

Motion approved: Unanimously

**II. APPROVAL OF THE NBL CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Motion: Randy Burbank, Montgomery HS principal

Second: Ty Yanez, Ukiah HS athletic director

Motion approved unanimously

1. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting. (Item III)
2. Motion to support instruction to NBL representatives to the NCS Board of Managers vote to approve the NCS Board of Managers Agenda
3. Motion to support instruction to NBL representatives to the NCS Board of Managers vote to approve the NCS Board of Managers Consent Agenda
4. Motion to support instruction to NBL representatives to the NCS Board of Managers vote to approve the NCS Audit
5. Motion to support instruction to NBL representatives to the NCS Board of Managers vote to approve the nomination of two new members to the NCS Finance Committee
6. Motion to support instruction to NBL representatives to the NCS Board of Managers vote to approve the 2016 – 2017 Executive Committee Targets

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE PREVIOUS MEETING** (previously mailed and available on line at [www.northbayleague.org](http://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. NCS BOARD OF MANAGERS AGENDA ITEMS**

**I. Adoption of Agenda**

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

Motion approved by consent.

**II. Consent Agenda**

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

Motion approved by consent.

**III. Approval of minutes of the April 5, 2016 Board of Managers Meeting**

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

Motion approved by consent.

**V. FINANCIAL ITEMS**

**A. August Balance Statement**

Review of the August 2016-2017 balance sheet, Attachment A, and multi-year summary, Attachment B. With the change in the calendar and movement of the governance meetings to an earlier date having the September Balance for presentation at this meeting was not possible. All financial information is posted at the NCS website, including all monthly balance statements, audits, staff salary surveys, etc. The following link provides regular financial information.

**B. 2015-2016 Audit**

Motion to instruct the NBL representatives to the NCS Board of Managers vote to approve the NCS Audit. Motion approved by consent.  
Management letter and financial statements presented by Regalia and Associates.  
ATTACHMENTS C and D

We have recently concluded our audit of the financial statements of North Coast Section -CIF for the year ended July 31, 2016 and we are presenting our comments and recommendations to management. This communication is intended to satisfy the requirements of AU-C Section 260 (formerly Statement of Auditing Standards No. 114) *The Auditor's Communication with Those Charged with Governance*, which requires an auditor to communicate various items regarding audit findings, operations, and governance (such as scope of the audit, significant findings, effect of uncorrected and corrected misstatements, and other matters), and AU-C Section 265 (formerly Statement on Auditing Standards No.115) *Communicating Internal Control Related Matters Identified in an Audit*, which requires an auditor to communicate significant deficiencies and material weaknesses regarding governance and management.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Managers, management, and others within the organization.

**Our testwork of North Coast Section - CIF's internal accounting control system disclosed no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies.**

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the courtesy and assistance extended to us by personnel of North Coast Section - CIF during the course of our examination.

**C. 2016-2017 Budget Adjustments (ATTACHMENT E)**

Motion to instruct the NBL representatives to the NCS Board of Managers vote to approve the NCS Budget Adjustments.  
Motion approved by consent.

**D. NCS President nomination of two new members of the Finance Committee, completing membership on the committee**

Motion to instruct the NBL representatives to the NCS Board of Managers vote to approve the nomination of Jim Ketcham and Dave McQueen to the NCS Finance Committee.  
Motion approved by consent.

Current members:  
Jan Smith Billing (Chair)  
Eric Volta (Executive Committee President-Elect)  
Jerome Wiggins (CSBA Representative)

**VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**A. Nomination of under-represented Populations Representative to fill a vacated position.**

**B. 2016 – 2017 Targets**

Motion to support instruction to NBL representatives to the NCS Board of Managers vote to approve the 2016 – 2017 Executive Committee Targets.  
Motion approved by consent.

	Goal	Steps to Accomplish	Responsible Entity
1.	Promote sportsmanship at contests hosted by member schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicate great sportsmanship programs</li> <li>Encourage league</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section Staff</li> <li>Section Staff/League</li> </ul>

		sportsmanship program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide sample letters/handouts for use by schools</li> <li>• Reduce ejections</li> <li>• Follow-up for alleged infractions of sportsmanship guidelines</li> </ul>	Commissioners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section Staff</li> <li>• Member Schools</li> <li>• Section Staff</li> </ul>
2.	Encourage the participation of member schools in the NFHS Network School Broadcast Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrange for presentations at league meetings</li> <li>• Communicate new friendly pricing model to schools</li> <li>• Review with schools the financial implications of the program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NFHS Network and Section Staff</li> <li>• Section Staff</li> <li>• Section Staff</li> </ul>
3.	Continue to support the professional growth opportunities for athletic directors and athletic administrators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage attendance to the NCSADA Workshop in September</li> <li>• Encourage attendance to the CSADA Conference in April</li> <li>• As funds become available, provide a minimum of \$30,000 towards the CSADA reimbursement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section Staff</li> <li>• Section Staff</li> <li>• Board of Managers</li> </ul>
4.	Promote a new digital online ticketing model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select a program that best meets the needs of member schools</li> <li>• Communicate the value of the program to member schools</li> <li>• Track participation as the year progresses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Committee and Section Staff</li> <li>• Section Staff</li> <li>• Section staff in concert with ticket vendor</li> </ul>
5.	Continue to support inclusive sport offerings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue the Track &amp; Field Unified Teams</li> <li>• Add one or two Unified events to the sport of swimming</li> <li>• Add one or two wheelchair and ambulatory events to the NCS Track &amp; Field Championships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCS Commissioner of Athletics</li> </ul>

**C. CIF Representatives to the CIF Federated Council**

Motion to support instruction to NBL representatives to the NCS Board of Managers vote to approve the CIF Representatives to the CIF Federated Council.

Motion approved by consent.

Vicki Ballard – NCS Female Representative

Lars Christensen – NCS President and CIF President's Council

Eric Volta, NCS President-elect

Anticipated vacancy – Representative of Under Represented Populations (NCS staff recommend that for the first Federated Council meeting of the year the Board of Managers select a person to attend so that

a representative of the under-represented populations is present at the meeting. Once an election is completed in January then the elected representative would become permanent based on the remaining term of the position.

## VII. CLOSED SESSION

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

There is currently no legal action pending against the CIF-North Coast Section. During the fall eligibility process there have been several discussions between parents and the Commissioner of Athletics of possible legal action.

Closed Session will only be conducted if the requirements of CGC 54956.9(b) are met.

## VIII. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

### A. Report of any action taken in Closed Session

## IX. SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### A. **Baseball (15.503)/Softball (22.503) game time adjustment for NCS Championships**

Motion to approved by consent.

#### **BASEBALL 15.503h Starting Times**

- a. Single games will be played at 7:00 p.m., if lights and ~~4:00~~ **5:00** pm if there are no lights during the weekdays. Saturday games may be scheduled at 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. depending upon the availability of lighted fields for the host school. If the single game is played at a lighted field on Saturday, the starting time shall be 7:00 p.m.
- b. Baseball double-headers will commence at 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. if lighted fields are not available to the host school. If lighted fields are utilized, double-headers will commence at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (or as close to the scheduled starting time as possible if there is a doubleheader and the first game extends beyond the time necessary to provide sufficient warm-up time for the second game participants).
- c. NCS staff may adjust starting times for the good of the tournament.

#### **SOFTBALL 22.503H Starting Times**

- d. Single games will be played at 7:00 p.m., if lights and ~~4:00~~ **5:00** pm if there are no lights during the weekdays. Saturday games may be scheduled at 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. depending upon the availability of lighted fields for the host school. If the single game is played at a lighted field on Saturday, the starting time shall be 7:00 p.m.
- e. Baseball double-headers will commence at 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. if lighted fields are not available to the host school. If lighted fields are utilized, double-headers will commence at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (or as close to the scheduled starting time as possible if there is a doubleheader and the first game extends beyond the time necessary to provide sufficient warm-up time for the second game participants).
- f. NCS staff may adjust starting times for the good of the tournament.

### B. **Golf Championship format adjustment**

To propose a new format for the Division 1 and 2 Golf Championships.

Motion approved by consent.

#### **~~19.030H NORTH AND SOUTH QUALIFIER TOURNAMENTS~~ DIVISION 1 and DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **19.031H GOLF Tournament Format**

Two Divisions: Division breaks please see website, [www.cifnco.org](http://www.cifnco.org) for current division breaks.

Nor Cal qualifiers will come from the Division I ~~Tournament of Champions~~ **Championship**

One coach per school entered will receive lunch during each tournament.

#### **Division 2 Championship**

Tournament Field=up to ~~92~~ **144** total golfers (BOM 1/27/12) **14 teams and 60 individuals (4 per league)**

Scoring: Play 6 golfers top 4 will score. (Division 2 Tournament will use the double par plus 2)

**Date: One week prior to the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Division 1 Championship.**

League Champions automatically qualify plus ~~3~~ **4** individuals not on qualifying teams **from each league.**

The remainder of the field will be selected by the At-large selection committee from qualified applicants.

The top ~~eight (8)~~ **12** scoring individuals will advance to play in the Division I Tournament of Champions.

#### **Division 1 Qualifying Tournament**

~~The number of qualifiers will be determined depending on the number of league champions placed in the~~

~~Division I – TOC~~

~~Tournament Field: up to 144 total golfers~~

Scoring: Play 6 golfers top 5 will score.

Second place finishers in League Tournaments will automatically qualify plus 3 individuals not on qualifying teams.

The remainder of the field will be selected from the At large selection committee. The number of at large teams selected will be determined by the number of second place teams automatically advancing to the Division I Qualifier.

**Division 1 Tournament of Champions Championship**

Tournament Field: up to 144 total golfers

Scoring: Play 6 golfers top 5 will score.

Date: One week prior to the NorCal Golf Tournament.

League Champions automatically qualify plus 8 individuals not on qualifying teams from the Division 1 Qualifying Tournament and 8 individuals not on qualifying teams from the Division 2 Tournament. **12 top individuals from the Division 2 Championship.**

The remainder of the field will come from the Division I qualifier played the same day NCS currently holds the North/South Qualifiers for both Boys and Girls. **will be selected from the At - large selection committee from qualified Division 1 applications.**

Teams will be allowed to petition up from Division II to Division I between August 18 and September 18.

INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS (56 individual participants)

Each League receives 4 individual entries that are not on qualifying teams.

BCL-E-4	DAL-4	NBL-4
BCL-W-4	EBAL-4	SCL-4
BVAL-4	MCAL-4	TCAL-4
CMC-S-4	MVAL-4	WACC-4
CMC-N-4		

**TEAM QUALIFIERS**

Each League receives 1 automatic entry, the remaining entries will come from the at-large applications reviewed and selected by the at-large committee.

Division 1 Championship-21 teams + 18 individuals (qualified through the D2 Tournament) =144 total participants.

Division 2 Championship -14 teams + 56 individuals (qualifying through league tournaments-4 per league) =140 total participants.

RATIONALE: The Division 1 Qualifying tournament was designed to allow teams to qualify to the D1 TOC rather than be selected by a committee, due to the fact that there were so many teams applying with limited cross over competition to compare. However, in reality the Qualifying tournament has been consistently seeing all but one team moving on to the D1 TOC for the girls and all but 3 teams moving on in the boys. The golf committee does not see that this tournament is necessary and this proposal addresses previous concerns by adjusting the number of entries per league.

**IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION**

**C. Football Proposal—add language to mirror state bylaw for out of season practice.**

Motion approved by consent.

18.105H Spring Football Practice

Spring practices shall not start earlier than the Monday **four** weeks prior to Memorial Day and must be completed before spring final examinations start.

- a. Spring practice shall not exceed ten (10) practice sessions, none of which may be held on Saturday or Sunday.
- b. The only allowable football equipment for spring football shall be: football shoes, footballs, **blocking sleds** and blocking bags.
- c. Eighth and ninth 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)
- d. 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.

**D. Proposal to change the Division II East Bay WRESTLING championship to a mandatory 6-team bracket,**

**with up to 4 at-large spots available (mirroring the DIII Championship. IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION**

Motion to amend NCS Bylaw 28.302H (CONSENT via Wrestling Management Committee).

Motion approved by consent.

The NCS/Les Schwab Tires Division I East Bay, Division II Redwood Empire, Division II East Bay and Division III Wrestling Team Dual Championships will be a one-day, no-elimination, **up to** 10-team tournament.

Berths nine and ten will be selected through an At-large Application process **for Division I East Bay and Division II Redwood Empire. Berths seven, eight, nine and ten will be selected through an At - large Application process for Division II East Bay and Division III.** NCS staff will select no more than two teams for ~~each division DI EB and DII RE~~ **and no more than four teams for DII EB and DIII** based on At-large Applications submitted to the NCS Office no later than the date and time posted in the bulletin.

Rationale: With the existing 8-team (mandatory) format, the rotation typically goes out to 4th place in multiple leagues, which can be difficult for those schools that are selected. Going to a 6-4 format, provides more opportunities for teams that want to participate, as opposed to forcing those that may potentially find it challenging to attend.

**E. Proposal to increase entries fees in the sports of Track & Field and Swimming & Diving**

Motion approved by consent.

Due to the continual facility use fee increases NCS needs to increase the fees of Track & Field and Swimming & Diving to \$12.00 for individual participants and \$24.00 for relays.

**X. ALIGNMENT AND CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE**

**A. Definition of Alignment Committee**

Motion to adjust 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, DFAL, DVAL, EBAL, MVAL, TCAL and WACC), ~~two three~~ **two three** at-large positions and the Section Commissioner. ~~The two three~~ **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~~ **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. Appeal Process—Competitive Divisions**

Motion to instruct the NBL delegates to the NCS Board of Managers vote against this appeal process.

Motion: Gordon Oslund, Ukiah HS principal

Second: Kenny Knowlton, Santa Rosa HS athletic principal

Motion approved unanimously

**APPEAL OF DIVISION PLACEMENT FOR SCHOOL REQUIRED TO MOVE TO A HIGHER DIVISION  
BASED ON THE COMPETITIVE DIVISION PROPOSAL**

Any school required to move to a higher division based on the Competitive Division format may appeal their placement to the Alignment Committee ~~Section Commissioner, or his/her designee~~, within 15 days of the announcement of petitioning by the NCS Office.

Any appeal must include, but not limited to, the following criteria, all of which must be addressed.

Criteria:

1. A 10% or more drop in enrollment from the previous year as reported on the NCS Total Enrollment date;
2. The number of graduated athletes from the previous year's team;
3. The number of returning athletes from the previous year's team;
4. The season records of the lower level team(s) from the previous year;
5. Change in the status of the head coach;
6. The number of students who have transferred in or out of the program; and
7. The number of Competitive Division points earned in the most recent competitive season.

Any decision of the Alignment Committee ~~Section Commissioner, or his/her designee~~, must be

completed prior to the final deadline for petitioning and all decisions are final. **Appeals will be conducted according to hearing procedures outlined in the Appellant Handbook.**

**IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION –WINTER AND SPRING SPORTS**

**C. Report by Alignment Committee**

Alignment Committee representative Richard Graey will report on the recent Alignment Committee meeting.

The Committee reviewed the following:

1. Reviewed the approved 2016-2017 Multi-School Agreements.
2. Reviewed petitioning in fall sports.
3. Approved the WACC 2016-2017 sport divisions.
4. Reviewed the process for selection and seeding of the new Open Division in football.
5. Reviewed the approved competitive division process.
6. Discussed the point threshold for return to division for those teams required to move up a division. Currently set at an average of eight points. The discussion was centered on establishing a lower number.
7. Alignment Process with some suggestions for improvement of the process to be considered at the next meeting in November.
8. Approved the waving of the even record rule for teams required to move to a higher division based on the new competitive equity model. (This item was not forwarded since the SAC did not support.)
9. Approved the participation of one girls' lacrosse team from the Oakland Session in the NCS Lacrosse Championships.

**XI. ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE**

**A. NCS Eligibility Data, 2015 - 2016**

Eligibility Determination	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
206 Approved	38.5%	37.9%	36.4%
206 Denied	0.32%	0.35%	0.27%
207.B.3	21.4%	22.3%	22.4%
206.B.5.a Approved	7.0%	6.7%	7.7%
206.B.5.a Denied	0.16%	0.16%	0.25%
207.B.5.b Approved	23.5%	23.5%	24.1%
207.B.5.b Denied	0.60%	0.72%	0.82%
Hardships Approved	3.5%	3.2%	2.93%
Hardships Denied	0.40%	0.26%	0.40%
Foreign Exchange Approved	3.6%	4.0%	3.59%
Foreign Exchange Denied	0.09%	0.07%	0.00%
209 Disciplinary Denied	0.41%	0.40%	0.57%
510 Denied	0.46%	0.56%	0.49%

**B. Consideration of non-league affiliate representative to the Eligibility Committee**

Motion to recommend to the Board of Managers that one elected representative of the NCS non-league affiliate schools become 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.

**C. Revision of Return to Previous School after eligibility granted at the former school**

Motion to instruct the NBL representatives to the NCS Board of Managers vote to support the adjustment to CIF 207.B.5.c.viii.e—Return to Previous School without participation at the former school.

Motion: Randy Burbank, Montgomery HS principal

Second: Albert Ettudgui, Maria Carrillo assistant principal

Motion passed 7 – 1; Maria Carrillo voted against this proposal

**CIF 207.B.5.c.viii.e**

**Return to Previous School**

When a student eligible in School A transfers to School B and is residentially not eligible, the student may return to School A and shall be determined to be residentially eligible for unlimited participation in

interscholastic sports provided:

1. The student did not participate in an interscholastic athletic contest **or practice for five or more days** while at School B; and
2. The student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver still reside in School A's attendance area.  
(This item must ultimately be approved by the CIF Federated Council and if supported will move forward to the Section Commissioner's meeting agenda in January.)

**D. Report on the most recent Eligibility Committee Meeting**

**XII. SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE**

**A. Report on Sportsmanship Committee**

**XIII. CIF ITEMS**

**A. Pitching Limitation Rule—Pitch Count**

**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 30<sup>th</sup> out involves a double or triple play, the team will not be penalized.
- D. An appearance is defined as a pitcher pitching at least one (1) pitch. If a pitcher is removed from the mound to another position or to the dugout and later returns to pitch in the same game, the pitcher will be charged with a second appearance.
- E. Any violation constitutes a forfeit of the contest.

**1501. PITCHING LIMITATION RULE—PITCH COUNT**

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

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 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 umpire and head coach will both confirm and record the pitch count for all pitchers who threw a pitch in that half inning.

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.

**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.

**B. Proposed Northern California Regional Soccer Championship**

**Motion to support a Northern California Regional Soccer Championship approved by consent.**

Proposal Reviewed

03/18/2015- Commissioner Committee	Discussion
06/17/2015- Commissioner Committee	Discussion
06/20/2015- Executive Committee	Discussion



08/26/2015- Commissioner Committee	Discussion
01/11/2016- Commissioner Committee	10-0 Support Addition
02/24/2016- Executive Committee	1st Reading
03/08/2016 – New Events Committee	<i>Recommendation TBD</i>
04/07/2016- Executive Committee	<i>Action Item</i>
04/08/2016 – Federated Council	<i>1st Reading</i>
10/06/2017 – Federated Council	<i>Action Item</i>

Type: Bylaw Addition / Revision  
Next: New Events Committee

**Summary:** The Commissioners Committee is recommending that the CIF implement a Northern California Regional Soccer Championship for Boys and Girls beginning 2017-2018. This regional tournament would mirror the current Regional Soccer Championships implemented in 2008 in southern California.

**Fiscal Impact:** Based upon the previous experience in southern California, a regional tournament would start with a minor net gain for the organization and grow as the tournament gains popularity.

**Background:** The CIF Federated Council approved a southern California Regional Soccer Tournament in February of 2007. The regional tournament has grown in size and participation over the past few years.

At the time of the original Soccer Regional approval, the majority of northern California CIF Sections did not offer soccer during the winter season of sport. That is not the case today. The majority of schools in northern California now compete in soccer during the winter season of sport making a post season regional championship viable. This proposal still allows the flexibility for sections. The North Coast and Northern Sections can continue to offer multiple seasons of sports for soccer within their sections to accommodate their schools location (snowline) and allows the sections/schools that are aligned to compete in a regional format.

**SOCCKER**  
**CIF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Divisions I – IV, March 8, 10, 12, 2018**  
**March 6 – 8 at Home Site**  
**March 10 at Home Sites**

**I. FORMAT**

The format is an eight (8) team single-elimination tournament in each of the four divisions (DI – DIV) for both boys and girls. Entries into the tournament will include the champions of the four Sections representing Northern California, as well as at-large selections to fill the open brackets in each of the four (4) divisions, for a total of 32 entries for each gender.

**II. AUTOMATIC ENTRIES-SEEDING PROCEDURES**

A. Northern California boys and girls soccer championships (four divisions) will be held following the completion of Sectional playoffs. Divisional placement of teams in the Northern California Regional Tournament will be based on rankings provided by each section at the conclusion of their playoffs. Seeding for the Southern California Regional Championships will take place on Sunday, March 4, 2018.

SECTION	DIV. I	DIV. II	DIV. III	DIV. IV
Central Coast	2	2	2	**
North Coast	2	2	2	**
Northern		2	2	2
Oakland				1
San-Joaquin	2	2	2	2
San Francisco				1
At-Large	2*			2*

**B. SECTION LIMITATIONS**

Sections with less than eight (8) schools in a division shall be limited to one entry in that division. This applies to both team and individual sports.

**III. CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM IN NORCAL SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Division I As determined by Section

- Division II As determined by Section
- Division III As determined by Section
- Division IV As determined by Section

**IV. QUALIFYING TO CIF STATE/REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Teams/Individuals must compete, and qualify through, their respective CIF Section Championships to participate in CIF State/Regional Championships.

*NOTE: Complete details on the 2018 CIF Northern Regional Soccer Championships will be available on the State CIF website ([B.](#)) approximately 45-60 days prior to the event.*

**Proposal for CIF Northern California Regional Soccer Championships**

The following proposal will be forwarded to the Championships and New Events Committee of the CIF as the first step in the State CIF process for possible implementation. The proposal is to request the CIF to administer a Northern California Regional Championship for Boys' and Girls' Soccer to begin in the winter of 2018. It is understood that any proposal for the additional of a new championship under the auspices of the CIF must follow the criteria and procedures for new events, as specified by the CIF Federated Council.

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CIF NORCAL REGIONAL SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

**1. Format**

The proposed format is an eight-team single-elimination tournament in each of four divisions for both boys and girls, with the first round to be held during the week immediately following the six Sections' Soccer Championships to begin in March, 2018. Entries into the tournament will be the section champions as well as at-large selections to fill the open brackets in each of the four divisions, for a total of 32 entries for each gender.

**2. Management**

The IF NorCal Regional Soccer Championships will be under the direct responsibility of the CIF NorCal Soccer Management Committee, to be determined through the process as delineated by the State CIF Office. The Management Committee is to include but not be limited to representation from all six Sections.

**3. Regional Tournament Dates**

The CIF NorCal Soccer Championship dates will be Tuesday, March 6, Thursday, March 8 and Saturday, March 10, 2018.

**4. Classification System for Placement in NorCal Championships**

There will be four divisions. Teams will advance from their Section Championship in a criteria set by their governing board.

**5. Minimum Number of Entries from Each Section**

SECTION	DIV. I	DIV. II	DIV. III	DIV. IV
Central Coast	2	2	2	**
North Coast	2	2	2	**
Northern		2	2	2
Oakland				1
San-Joaquin	2	2	2	2
San Francisco				1
At-Large	2*			2*

**6. Seeding Committee**

The Seeding Committee will be composed of the six Section Commissioners and the Tournament Director, as determined by the State CIF Office.

**7. Sites**

The First Round, Semi-Final and Regional Final games will be played at the school designated as the "home" team.

**POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR NEW EVENTS**

The criteria specified by the CIF Federated Council for proposals of new events to be managed by the California Interscholastic Federation are addressed below.

**1. Financial Criteria**

- A. **Travel expenses, lodging and meals:** First round pairings will be made with

consideration of travel time and expenses. During all rounds, the visiting teams will be responsible for their own travel expenses, to include transportation, meals, and lodging, if required, subject to reimbursement. Host schools will be provided a flat amount to cover basic expenses. It is expected that since only the six Northern California Sections are participating, the cost for lodging will be minimal.

**B. Mitigating expenses of new event:** In order to minimize expense (and loss of school time), in the first round in each division, the seeding committee will consider geography when determining brackets.

**C. Financial burden on Section and State budgets:** The financial burden the sections and/or state may incur must be off-set, wholly or partially, through the use of funding sources to include, but not limited to: ticket sales, television and internet broadcast rights fees, and contributing corporate sponsors.

**D. Detailed, specific, feasible cost estimate:** The figures below reflect the total for four of the five divisions (I, II, III, and V) of the CIF Southern California Regional Soccer Championships which should be similar in size of field and format:

2015 Revenue: \$83,333

2015 Expenses: \$45,504

2015 Net: \$37,829

**2. Philosophical criteria:** The addition of a NorCal Regional Soccer Championship will continue to enhance the awareness of positive values taught through sport participation, including the opportunity for athletes to excel on the field while also adhering to the principles of "Pursuing Victory with Honor." Secondly, the event will elevate the sport of soccer in the high school community, and add credibility to the sport, as played at the championship level. Lastly, the sport of soccer in California features athletes that represent a high level of diversity.

**3. Qualifying participation criterion for a championship event:** According to the 2014-15 CIF Participation Census, more than 82% of all CIF member schools participate in the sport of soccer, with 93,934 boy and girl student-athletes.

**4. Feasibility:** The operational format and financial feasibility of a Regional Soccer Championship has been successfully implemented in Southern California.

**5. Other recommendations:** The addition of a CIF Northern California Regional will one day lead to the addition of a CIF State Soccer Championship in the coming years. The benefits of a NorCal Regional Soccer Championship will exceed the financial expense of such an event. A championship of this caliber will reinforce soccer as a major high school sport, and will give the student athletes the opportunity to excel at the highest level possible in their high school careers.

**5. Other recommendations:** The addition of a CIF Northern California

#### **C. Regional Water Polo Championship**

##### **Motion to support a regional water polo championship approved by consent.**

**Summary:** The CIF Central Section is proposing the implementation of a CIF Regional Water Polo Championship to begin in the fall/winter of 2017-2018. This proposal follows the approved State Championships Master Schedule timelines for implementation of new events.

The event would allow the most competitive water polo teams in the state an opportunity to compete at the Regional level. This championship event is proposed as a one week tournament held immediately after the section finals.

**Fiscal Impact:** The Regional Championship is projected as a \$6,900 loss without any corporate sponsorship. It is anticipated that with corporate support and ancillary event income the regional tournament could become revenue neutral to the organization.

**Background:** State CIF does not currently have a regional championship in water polo.

#### **XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. There is no new business**

#### **XV. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. There is no old business**

#### **XVI. PRESENTATION OF NCS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

- A. Mr. Gene Gire
- B. Mr. Steve Guthrie

**XVIII STAFF REPORTS**

- A. Commissioner
- B. Associate Commissioner

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT AND LUNCH**

**VI. NBL NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Motion to support moving girls' soccer to the winter season of sport, beginning with the 2017 – 2018 school year.**

Motion: Vickie Zands  
Second: Rich Hermann  
Approved: 7 – 1 (Ukiah voted no)

*Rationale:*

- *The proposal for a Northern California Regional Soccer Championship that will be conducted in the winter season of sport allegedly has enough votes in the CIF to pass and is a consent item on the upcoming NCS Board of Managers Agenda;*
- *The Sonoma County League Board of Managers has already passed a motion to move the girls' soccer season to the winter, beginning with the 2017 – 2018 school year.*
- *I would be a violation of Title IX if the girls' season of sport is not moved and, as a result, the girls are unable to have the opportunity to participate in the CIF Northern California Regional Soccer Championships but the boys are able to participate.*

**B. Ukiah High School use of an ineligible player in football**

Motion to accept Ukiah's proposed remedies as listed below:

- The secretary has been told that only the athletic director will have the ability to clear students who may need a waiver;
- Coaches will be issued an email notice prior to each contest listing any of their athletes that are not eligible. Ty will also require confirmation from each coach to verify receipt of the notification.

Motion: Rich Herrmann, Cardinal Newman HS assistant principal  
Second: Randy Burbank, Montgomery HS principal  
Approved unanimously

**C. Maria Carrillo High School use of an ineligible player**

Motion to accept Maria Carrillo's proposed remedies as listed below:

- Information regarding eligibility of student-athletes will be provided to head coaches at all levels, rather than just the varsity level.
- Confirmation of receipt of eligibility information will be required by the athletic director.

Motion: Gordon Oslund, Ukiah HS principal  
Second: Rich Herrmann, Cardinal Newman HS assistant principal

**D. Items from the floor**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Windsor was awarded the Spring season sportsmanship awards in both boys' sports and girls' sports. Congratulations to the Windsor coaches, student athletes, and administration!

**ADJOURNMENT**