

# CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION BYLAWS

## ARTICLE 30 SCHOOL REGULATIONS

### 300. GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### A. Student Participation

Interscholastic sports teams composed of boys and/or boys and girls shall be conducted in accordance with these Bylaws. Girls' interscholastic sports teams shall be conducted according to these Bylaws, including certain additional rules and modifications pertaining to girls' sports teams and mixed (co-educational) sports teams.

#### B. Team Designations

Schools shall designate the type of team for each sport according to the following:

- (1) Student Team: Whenever the school provides only a team or teams for boys in a particular sport, girls are permitted to qualify for the student team(s).
- (2) Boys' Team: Whenever the school provides a team or teams for boys and a team or teams for girls in the same sport, girls shall not be permitted to qualify for the boys' team(s) in that sport, nor shall boys be permitted to qualify for the girls' team(s) in that sport.
- (3) Girls' Team: Whenever the school provides only a team or teams for girls in a particular sport, boys shall not be permitted to qualify for the girls' team in that sport unless opportunities in the total sports program for boys in the school have been limited in comparison to the total sports program for the girls in that school. Permission for boys to qualify for a girls' team must be secured through petition by the school principal to the State CIF Federated Council.
- (4) Mixed Team (Co-ed): Whenever the school provides a mixed or coed team in a sport in which the game rules designate either a certain number of team participants from each sex or contains an event that designates a certain number of participants from each sex, boys shall not be permitted to qualify for the girls' positions on the mixed team nor shall girls be permitted to qualify for the boys' positions on the mixed team.

#### C. Limitations

If a boys' team has been created in a sport after a boy has competed on a girls' team or student team (See (3) above) that boy must compete on a boys' team in that sport. If a girls' team has been created in a sport after a girl has competed on a boy's team or student team (See (2) above) in that sport, that girl must compete on the girls' team. The above limitations are binding upon all Sections.  
(Approved May 1997 Federated Council)

### 301. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Schools shall be responsible to furnish eligibility information as required by the State CIF Federated Council, local Section, or leagues, for students participating in interscholastic athletics.

### 302. PRINCIPAL'S RESPONSIBILITY

The principal of each school shall be held responsible for the amateur standing and eligibility of the school's teams and team members under CIF rules. Ineligible students shall not compete as representatives of the school in any CIF contest. In CIF competition, no person shall be permitted to participate as an unattached athlete or an unofficial entrant. (See Bylaw 500).

### 303. MULTI-SCHOOL TEAM

- A. CIF-member schools may allow only students currently enrolled, in grades 9-12, in their school, to participate in any CIF competition (See Bylaw 203).
- B. Any non-CIF-member school that wishes to have its students participate in CIF competition must apply for multi-school status through a CIF-member school prior to October 1 of the current school year. A non-CIF-member school must have a California County-District-School Code (CDS Code) as a prerequisite to applying for multi-school status.
- C. Any CIF-member school that wishes to allow participation on its team(s) by students, who are currently enrolled in non-CIF-member schools or programs which do not offer any interscholastic athletic programs [such programs or schools would include, but not be limited to, alternative schools (as defined in Education Code Section 58500 et seq.), junior high schools, necessary small schools and charter schools], may request approval to do so under the following conditions:
  - (1) The administrative responsibility for all students involved in athletics shall rest with the principal of the CIF-member school for which the student(s) is competing. Such responsibility shall include:
    - a. Verification that residential eligibility of the student(s) is limited to the public school in whose attendance area his/her parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver reside; or where the student most recently established his/her residential eligibility or a private school; AND
    - b. Verification that students participating in the athletic program meet all the CIF-member school scholastic eligibility requirements; AND
    - c. The regular grading period of the CIF-member school shall be used to determine the scholastic eligibility of all students; AND

- d. Determination that students participating in the athletic program meet all other eligibility requirements of the CIF, its Section, its league and the CIF-member school; AND
  - e. Determination that private schools and charter schools entering a multi-school agreement with a public school or public school district meet the additional requirements set forth in E.-F. below.
- (2) For the purposes of determining dues, legal and liability assessments, realignment issues and State CIF and Section divisional placement, the enrollment figures for non-CIF-member school/program students residing in the CIF-member school's attendance area must be included in the CIF-member school's enrollment using the CBEDS enrollment figures.
  - (3) The application process must start with the principal of the CIF-member school. Written certification that all the conditions listed above will be met, as well as approval, must be obtained from the following:
    - a. CIF-member school principal; AND
    - b. CIF-member school governing board(s); AND
    - c. Non-CIF-member school or program administrator in charge; AND
    - d. Non-CIF-member school governing board (if applicable)
  - (4) Additional approvals must be obtained, in the following order, from:
    - a. The CIF-member school's League; AND
    - b. The CIF-member school's Section; AND
    - c. The State CIF Executive Committee
  - (5) Appeals Procedure (Applies only to (4) above)
    - a. If the CIF-member school is unable to obtain written approval from the appropriate league, then it may appeal for approval, in writing, to its Section, but only after exhausting any and all appeals procedures established by the respective league.
    - b. If the CIF-member school and its league are unable to obtain written approval from the appropriate Section, they may appeal for approval, in writing, to the Executive Committee, but only after exhausting any and all appeals procedures established by the respective Section.
  - (6) Renewal applications, including all signatures in (3) and (4) above, for multi-school teams under this bylaw must be filed annually prior to the ensuing school year.
- D. **Small Learning Communities, Small Schools, Alternative Schools, and Charter Schools Housed On A Member School's Campus**
- (1) Students in small learning communities, small schools, alternative schools or charter schools housed on an existing member school's campus are eligible at the member school upon their initial enrollment in the 9th grade. Small learning communities, small schools, alternative schools and charter schools housed on an existing member school's campus are not required to apply for multi-school status through the member school.
  - (2) Students transferring into small learning communities, small schools, alternative schools or charter schools housed on an existing member school's campus after their initial enrollment in the 9th grade are subject to Bylaw 207.
  - (3) Sections are empowered to waive the transfer rule upon request by a school district establishing a new magnet program, small learning community, small school, alternative school or charter school housed on a member school's campus for the first year only; thereafter, all transfer rules apply.
  - (4) If a small learning community, small school, alternative school or charter school is housed on an existing member school's campus, its students are not eligible to participate for any CIF-member school other than the member school on whose campus the small learning community, small school, alternative school or charter school is housed.
- E. **Private and Charter Schools Partnering With CIF-Member Public Schools Housed On a Separate Campus**  
Where a private school or a charter school enters into a multi-school agreement with a public school that is housed on a separate campus or with a public school district, only those students who live within the boundaries of the public school district may participate in athletics at the member school or at a member school within the district. A student attending such a private school or charter school must participate for the member school in whose attendance area his/her parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver reside or the school in the district where the student most recently established residential eligibility prior to attending the private or charter school entering the multi-school agreement.
- F. **CIF-Member School with Multiple Campuses**  
Teams representing a high school must be composed of students under the direct supervision of one principal and attending class on one campus. Where one school has multiple campuses, a student must participate for the team on whose campus he/she is housed unless the school petitions to be allowed to participate as a single school with multiple campuses under the supervision of one principal. These petitions must be filed prior to October 1 of the current school year.

## DEFINITIONS

### School Within a School

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

### Small Learning Communities

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

### G. Continuation Schools

Continuation schools may not apply for multi-school team status as provided for under this provision. For continuation school eligibility, refer to Bylaw 212.

(Revised May 2003 Federated Council)

(Revised May 2007 Federated Council)

## 304. SPECIAL SCHOOLS (CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF)

A. Students attending special schools (as defined in Education Code Sections 59000 et seq. and 59100 et seq.) may be permitted to compete as representatives of the CIF-member schools provided:

- (1) Student is eligible under all other rules of the CIF; AND
- (2) It is agreed that the administrative responsibility for the student involved in athletics shall rest with the principal of the school for which student is competing; AND
- (3) Permission is secured from the appropriate Board of Education; AND
- (4) Permission is secured from the Section.

B. A student with a qualifying disability in accordance with IDEA and State law who is attending a State-certified non-public school (as defined in Education Code Section 56365 et seq.) pursuant to placement by a public school Individualized Education Program (IEP) team may be permitted to compete as a representative of his/her CIF-member school of residence (or school in which eligibility was most recently established) provided:

- (1) The student is eligible under all other rules of the CIF; AND
- (2) The State-certified non-public school is not a CIF-member school; AND
- (3) The CIF-member school district has determined that the State-certified non-public school placement is necessary; AND
- (4) The administrative responsibility for the student involved in athletics shall rest with the principal of the school for which the student is competing; AND
- (5) Approval is received from the appropriate Governing Board or designee; AND
- (6) Approval is received from the Section.

(Revised May 2006 Federated Council)

## 305. HOME STUDY, HOME SCHOOLING

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

(Revised May 2002 Federated Council)

## 306. INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAMS/SCHOOLS

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

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

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

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## 307. GRADE LEVEL RESTRICTIONS

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

308. **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**

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

(Revised March 2004 Executive Committee)

309. **SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT**

No CIF team shall participate in interscholastic or approved competition with any other team unless the CIF team is under supervision as required by the California Code of Regulations Title V (Bylaw 506.A.) or Bylaw 506.B.

310. **SUNDAY RESTRICTIONS**

A. In order to provide at least one day of respite from involvement in interscholastic athletics each week, no interscholastic games or practices of any kind are to be held on Sunday.

(Approved May 2000 Federated Council)

**Exception:** Those schools founded upon religious tenets that observe the Sabbath from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown may practice or play on Sundays. Schools must register each year by August 1 for the following year with their Section office and indicate either Friday or Saturday as their alternate day of respite.

**NOTE:** Declaration of Alternate Day of Respite form is available through your local Section Office.

(Approved May 2003 Federated Council)

B. Violation of Bylaw 310 will result in the following sanctions:

- (1) Practice: for every practice conducted on a declared day of respite, the violating school will be prohibited from conducting twice as many regularly scheduled practices (2 for 1);
- (2) Game: a game played on a declared day of respite will result in forfeiture of the game.

310. C. In addition to the above sanctions, the Section, depending on the violation, may impose the following additional sanctions:

- (1) The final season record will be reduced by at least one win at the conclusion of the season;
- (2) The school will be placed on probation;
- (3) The team/individual will be ineligible to advance to or in Section, Regional or State Championships;
- (4) Reduction of maximum number of contests allowed for the following year in that sport;
- (5) Repeated violation may result in suspension of membership in the CIF.

(Approved May 2004 Federated Council)

311. **DONATED EQUIPMENT**

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

312. **OFFICIAL NATIONAL FEDERATION AUTHENTICATION MARK**

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

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