San Diego CIF Section: A Shared Vision for Education Based Athletics

MEMORANDUM

TO: CIF San Diego Section Principals and Athletic Directors

FROM: Joe Heinz, Commissioner
Todd Cassen, Assistant Commissioner

SUBJECT: CIF San Diego Section Update

DATE: September 1, 2021

San Diego Section Leaders:

As we move into September, with nearly all our member schools back in session, we wanted to provide an update on several items currently affecting high school athletics in the State of California and our section. I would be remiss if I didn’t take this opportunity to congratulate all our athletic administrators and school leaders for their efforts in opening not only a new school year, but also the first Fall Sports Season in nearly twenty-four months. Although there have been a few bumps in the road, it is your daily work that makes athletics a possibility for all the student athletes in the San Diego Section. Thank you for your continued leadership!

1. Health & Safety Updates: Earlier this morning we met with our Coordinating Council and shared that in the absence of any current Youth Sports Guidelines from the State of California, or the San Diego County Public Health Department, the only guidance currently in place is in regard to the requirement of masking indoors for K-12 Educational Settings.

Currently, it is our recommendation that all member schools continue to follow and adhere to the current state guidelines requiring masks for all Indoor Activities, which includes the current fall sport of Girls’ Volleyball. All participants, coaches, game officials, and spectators are required to be masked while indoors based upon the state’s current guidance. We will not hesitate to provide you with any updated guidance once it is available.
II. **Temporary Suspension of State CIF Bylaw 504 - M:** As a result of the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the conditions caused by the State's wildfires, the CIF is temporarily suspending Bylaw 504.M., for the 2021 fall sports season. The temporary suspension of this Bylaw is only for competitions and not for practices or any other team activities. If a CIF competition is postponed directly due to documented COVID-19 cases (or the quarantine resulting from such cases), wildfires (or the poor air quality resulting from such wildfires), other natural disasters, or a declared state of emergency, the schools involved in those competitions may mutually agree to use the Sunday immediately following the postponement as a possible day to reschedule that competition. While the provision in Bylaw 504.M. prohibiting a school from interscholastic participation (practice and/or games) on seven (7) consecutive 24-hour days is being temporarily suspended, CIF Bylaw 506 (Practice Allowance) remains in effect.

The above temporary suspension of Bylaw 504.M. is effective as of August 31, 2021, and shall remain in effect for the 2021 fall sports season.

III. **Traditional Competitive Cheer - San Diego Section Championships:** We wanted to get the word out that we have decided on the date of December 4, 2021, for the return of our Traditional Competitive Cheer, San Diego Section Championships. We are still in the process of finalizing the location, once we have finalized all the details for the event, we will make sure to get this information out to our schools.

IV. **Cancelled Games & Minimum Number of Contests for Playoff Rankings:** As a reminder, any contests cancelled due to a covid related outbreak for a team will continue to be considered as a “No Contest”. Cancellations for reasons other than a covid related outbreak should be considered as a “Forfeit” should the contest not be able to be rescheduled under a mutual agreement with the athletic administration for both member schools. Currently, we have not made any adjustments to the minimum number of contests needed to validate a playoff ranking for any of our Fall Sports. Should the time come that we need to reduce these numbers, we will meet with our Conference Presidents and Sport Specific Advisory Committees to make the necessary adjustments.
V. **Deadlines to Enter Schedules and Scores:** Please review the information and dates on page 3 of the attached CIF State Memo of August 31, with all your coaches.

On behalf of myself, Todd, and the entire CIFSDS team, we are ready, willing, and able to assist you in any way we possibly can. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions on the information presented in this memo.

Thank you all for your hard work and support!

Respectfully,

Mr. Joe Heinz  
Commissioner  
San Diego Section  
California Interscholastic Federation

Mr. Todd Cassen  
Assistant Commissioner  
San Diego Section  
California Interscholastic Federation
August 31, 2021

Pursuant to Bylaw 1108, the CIF Executive Director issues the following notice:

Temporary Suspension of CIF Bylaw 504.M. (Sundays):
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TO: Fall Coaches and Athletic Directors

FROM: Joe Heinz, CIFDS Commissioner
      Todd Cassen, CIFDS Assistant Commissioner

RE: Deadlines to enter schedules and scores

Each sport has two deadlines for updated schedules and scores to be entered into CIFDS Home. **If a school team does not have schedules and scores entered into CIF Home by the first predetermined deadline, that school will be fined $100, and the team will not be permitted to host a playoff game in the 1st round in that sport.**

Below are the deadlines for Fall, 2021 Sports:

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Please enter your complete schedules into CIFDS Home well before the deadline and update scores on appropriate ranking sites on a regular basis.