



Date: April 29, 2015
To: Member Schools
From: John Aguirre, Commissioner
Re: New Bylaws

Memo

At the April 27, 2015, Board of Managers meeting, the committee approved three new Section Bylaws that will become effective June 1, 2015 and be included in the 2015-16 Gold Book. The first new Bylaw will implement a mandatory dead period for all sport teams. The second will require the posting of scores on the MaxPreps website for sports that MaxPreps offers this service. The third and most newsworthy, the Section will recognize a new level of competition, Inclusive Sports Level. This level will provide opportunity for participation for student with disabilities. Specific language in the bylaw will identify the qualifications for participation at this level of competition. The Section will begin implementation of this level of competition with the 2016 track & field season. We anticipate expanding to other individual sports moving forward. Here are the rules as they will appear in the 2015-16 Gold Book.

318 MANDATORY DEAD PERIOD

318-1 A mandatory "Dead Period" for all sports will consist of three consecutive weeks of no-contact between students and coaches (this includes all coaches on staff). The dates of this dead period will be the decision of the school site administration with the stipulation that fall and winter sports' dead periods are to be scheduled between June 1 (or following the last day of the spring semester) and the first official allowable practice date for the season of sport. Spring sports are required to schedule a three week dead period anytime between the first day of winter break and the first official allowable practice date for spring sports. The dead period must be the same for all levels in the same sport. Students that participate in multiple sports in back-to-back seasons that overlap the seasons would be required to comply with the dead period for the first season of sport participation and allowed to move directly to the second season of sport without delay. There are No Waivers for schools that offer sport class periods before the normal school day or after the regular school day. This would be considered a violation of the dead period. Schools that offer sport classes before or after the school day are required to schedule their dead period when school is not in session, summer or winter break. The only waiver for this rule is for students enrolled in sport classes during the regular instructional school day, but not the extension of the school day. (Passed by BOM April 27, 2015)

318-2 It is the responsibility of the site administration to submit the documented dead periods of each sport to the Section office no later than June 1 for all fall and winter sports, and no later than December 1 for all spring sports. Documentation not received from schools by the due dates will be cause for a Section fine of \$100.00 for each season of sport.

318-3 Schools found to violate the dead period by practicing during the identified dates of the dead period as provided by the school would be penalized by the following progressive disciplinary actions:

1. First time offense – would extend the dead period two for one. For every day practiced during its dead period, two days would be added to the dead period.
2. Second time offender – would not be assigned home games during the playoffs
3. Third time offender – would not be eligible for playoff participation

1012 REQUIRED POSTING OF GAME SCORES ON MAXPREPS

All coaches in sports that are served by MaxPreps are required to post game scores on the MaxPreps website within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game. Training will be provided to coaches at the annual coaches meeting to provide

information and instruction for accessing the coach's administrative site to post scores. MaxPreps will provide the Section staff with data of postings to assist with compliance.

Coaches that fail to comply with the required posting of game scores will be notified and provided a due date for posting of scores. If non-compliance continues after the assigned date, the following actions will be activated:

- a. Penalty for failure to post game scores after each game
 - i. First violation – Reminder sent to Athletic Director and Head Coach
 - ii. Second violation – Contact the Administration
 - iii. Future violation – \$100 fine for the season.
- b. Penalty for failure to post all contest scores prior to the seeding meeting date will result in NO home games for playoffs.

(Passed by BOM 2015)

521 INCLUSIVE SPORTS LEVEL FOR INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

521-1 The CIF Los Angeles City Section will allow students identified with disabilities to compete in a separate level of competition identified as "Inclusive Sports Level or ISL" in all individual sports that have identified eligibility requirements for students' participation at this level. All students participating on an Inclusive Sports Level team must meet all CIF eligibility requirements. This level of competition will only be offered in the sport of track & field beginning in 2016. Additional individual sports may be added with a request by the sport advisory to the Section Commissioner that includes NFHS rules and appropriate modifications identified. (Passed by BOM, April 2015)

521-2 All Inclusive Sports Level competition scoring will be consistent with NFHS and section regulations.

It is the belief of the CIF Los Angeles City Section Board of Managers that these additions to our Bylaws will enable students to achieve their best with both their athletic endeavors and academic progress. The Inclusive Sports Level will open an avenue to interscholastic competition to a population that has been limited in their options of participation in the past. Mandatory dead periods are designed to allow students and families to plan quality time, allow student to focus on academic preparation, or just be a child for a short period of time. It will also reduce the risk of burnout of coaches who are driven by competitive spirit to maintain a competitive edge. These rules are significant additions to the Section and may cause for questions from administrators and coaches. Please contact the Section office should you require clarification on any of the new regulations.

Sincerely,

John Aguirre, Commissioner



Date Period Calendar

Submit a copy of this form to the Section Office no later than June 1.

School _____ Athletic Director _____ Date _____

Fall Sports	Start Date	End Date	Coach's Name	Coaches Signature
Example	060115	062115	John Doe	John Doe
Football				
Boys' Water Polo				
Cross Country				
Girls' Tennis				
Girls' Golf				
Girls' Volleyball				
Winter Sports				
Boys' Basketball				
Girls' Basketball				
Boys' Soccer				
Girls' Soccer				
Boys' Wrestling				
Girls' Wrestling				
Girls' Water Polo				
Spring Sports				
Baseball				
Boys' Golf				
Boys' Lacrosse				
Girls' Lacrosse				
Boys' Tennis				
Boys' Volleyball				
Softball				
Swim & Diving				
Track & Field				

AD's Signature _____ Date _____

Principal's Signature _____ Date _____