The CIF Los Angeles City Section is committed to providing quality support services in a respectful and gracious manner. We aim to enhance member schools’ abilities to manage safe and fair interscholastic athletic programs. Our goal is to promote healthy, safe, and fair interscholastic competition and develop programs that will raise academic achievement in all student-athletes.

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As we complete the fall season, we can reflect on some of the important events and issues that we have experienced thus far during the 2015-16 school year. There have been many positive changes to accommodate our schools ability to track, identify, and coordinate their athletic programs and participants. The Section has attempted to provide the most efficient resources for our member schools.

1) CIF Home has been expanded to include LAUSD documents for easier access by LAUSD schools. Our charter schools have been offered the same opportunities for a nominal fee. We have also increased the information on our CIF Home scheduler, to include all information necessary to meet students, community and official's needs.

2) The CIF Los Angeles City Section website, www.cif-la.org, has been completely redesigned to allow access to Section information with a user friendly approach.

3) The Section has continued with the education of our coaches and athletic directors as a focus by providing coaches meetings for every sport, an athletic director symposium, seasonal athletic director meetings, and additional new athletic director training. We hope that our members are taking advantage of this to maintain a safe and compliant program.

4) Monthly newsletters from the State Executive Director and NFHS have been sent out to all member schools to stay abreast of the current State and National legislation and issues in the news.

5) Coach’s advisory committees have been formed in every sport to allow the coaches a voice at the Section in all matters that each sport may be experiencing or proposing.

6) Leagues have been meeting on a monthly bases to maintain the communication between league members, the Section, and our Board of Managers.

7) Violations of CIF and Section regulations are down from the prior year at all schools with few exceptions. The rules that have continued to be most concerning are processing of transfer paperwork, transfer violations and game incidences going unreported.

The Section continues to grow, as we currently stand at 136 member schools and 10 multi-school members. With growth comes continual adjustment to ensure the Section is meeting the needs of our membership and providing for a maximum of opportunities for student participation in well-organized and effective education based athletic program.

Wishing everyone a great holiday season!
AD Symposium

For the second consecutive year, the Athletic Director Symposium was a major success. Athletic Directors from throughout the Section came to the Doubletree Hotel in Culver City to hear informational talks, visit with vendors, share innovative ideas and collaborate with each other on important topics in the fields of athletics and education.

The purpose of the 2015 CIF-LACS Athletic Directors Symposium was to identify the most compelling issues facing athletic directors today and to provide up-to-date tools to address each issue. These tools will allow the athletic director to make participation in the interscholastic athletic program of his/her CIF-LACS member school a more meaningful and safer experience for each student-athlete.

Santee Athletic Director Tina Tamura and Belmont AD Neil LaSala did a wonderful job of putting the event together. Keynote speakers were Ron Nocetti (Associate Executive Director) and Diane Marshall-Freeman (General Counsel) from the CIF State office who did an outstanding job of presenting the current state of affairs in high school athletics.

Guest speakers presented various workshops included Neil LaSala, Al Cone, Damasio Chavez, Candace Cayer, Karin Moore, Dawn Xitco, Kimberly Uyeda, Mark Edgemon, Georges Gilbert and Vicky Lagos.

We would like to thank the vendors who came out and supported this great event:


CIF-LACS Establishes GoFundMe Account

The Section has begun a campaign effort to help raise funds to off-set the financial costs of the championship events. To donate to the campaign, visit GoFundMe at the following link: www.gofundme.com/5n2rxark

25 Team Sports
55 Championships
136 Schools
38,969 Student-Athletes
Champion’s Salute

BOYS WATER POLO
Palisades

CROSS COUNTRY
Division 1 Boys- Palisades
Division 1 Girls- Palisades
Division 2 Boys- Panorama
Division 2 Girls- Canoga Park
Division 3 Boys- USC CAE
Division 3 Girls- USC CAE

FOOTBALL
Division 1- Narbonne
Division 2- Fairfax
Division 3- Belmont

GIRLS GOLF
Granada Hills

GIRLS TENNIS
Division 1- Palisades
Division 2- North Hollywood

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Division 1- El Camino Real
Division 2- Chatsworth
Division 3- Verdugo Hills
Division 4- Elizabeth
Division 5- Central City Value

Palisades Dolphins– Boys Water Polo
Palisades Dolphins– Boys Cross Country D1
Granada Hills Highlanders– Girls Golf
North Hollywood Huskies– Girls Tennis D2
Venice Earns NATA Safe School Award

The Gondoliers are the recipients of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Safe Sports School award for its athletic training program. The award champions safety and recognizes secondary schools that provide safe environments for student-athletes.

Palisades Wins Inaugural Commissioner’s Cup

Let’s hear it for Palisades Charter, winner of the inaugural CIF LA City Section Commissioner’s Cup for the 2014-15 athletic calendar year. Points are awarded for success in the playoffs with an increment in value for each round.

The Dolphins accumulated 329 points to take the coveted prize with Granada Hills Charter in second with 291 points followed by El Camino Real Charter (280 points), Birmingham Charter (259) and Taft (178). San Pedro (176), LACES (165), Eagle Rock (162), Cleveland (151) and Carson (143) rounded out the top 10.

Palisades dominated with 10 Section championships that included Boys Water Polo, Girls Cross Country, Girls Tennis, Girls Volleyball, Girls Basketball, Boys Golf, Boys Tennis, Boys Volleyball, Boys Swim and Girls Swim.

Athletic Director John Achen was recognized and the school will receive a special plaque. A perpetual trophy is kept at the Section office.
Gatorade Provides Athletic Trainer Initiative Program

Need an AT? The Athletic Trainer Initiative gives you a chance to receive funding ($50K) to improve athlete safety: www.atinitiative.com. As a Section sponsor, Gatorade has been working with the NFL and NATA on an SSAT grant initiative to help schools get the funding they need for an Athletic Trainer program. What a great opportunity to pursue!

Important Dates

Dec. 24 to Jan. 3 – Section Office closed
Jan. 4 – SOP ends
Jan. 19 – Executive Committee Meeting
Jan. 25 – Board of Managers Meeting
Feb. 2 – Eligibility Rosters
Feb. 19 & 20 – Wrestling Championships
Feb. 22 – Athletic Directors Meeting
Feb. 25 – Girls Water Polo Championship
Mar. 2, 3, 4 & 5 – Basketball Championships
Mar. 4 & 5 – Soccer Championships

Visit www.TWCCommunity.com for local events and how to get involved!