

# CIF/CENTRAL COAST SECTION

## 2011-2012 CCS BYLAWS

Changes made during the 2010-2011 school year are *italicized and bold*

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**Section 1 REGISTERING OF ATHLETES**

All schools must register their athletes with their League Commissioner on the form provided or approved by the League Commissioner

**Section 2 DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

Eligibility declaration shall be the responsibility of the school principal. The principal may seek the advice of the League Commissioner or Section Commissioner in regard to interpretation of CIF Bylaws. The declaration of the principal shall be sufficient unless appealed by an interested party. This responsibility is part of the administrative control required of member school principals in regards to every aspect of student eligibility

**Section 3 COACHING REQUIREMENTS**

All student-athletes competing in any CIF contest (scrimmages, alumni contests, pre-season, league and CCS playoffs) must be accompanied by a coach that meets the following criteria as addressed in CIF Bylaw 308 & 506

- A. The coach of a either a public or private school team or athlete must be the coach of record for that school for the current season and must comply with all requirements of CIF Bylaw 506.
  - 1. All public school teams must be coached by a person who meets the requirements of the "California Education Code and the California Administrative Code Title V."
  - 2. In the case of a non-public school, a person engaged by that school on a yearly contract basis as a regular member of the school coaching or teaching staff and certified by the administrator of that school as competent for the position held.
- B. In the case of an emergency **ONLY**, the principal of the school may designate an alternate coach, as long as it is done in writing prior to the contest and submitted to the League Commissioner for all pre-season and league contests and the CCS Commissioner for CCS Playoff contests. Any alternate coach **MUST** be an individual who meets all the conditions required in A above in the case of a public school; and B above in the case of a non-public school.
- C. Students who are not accompanied by a coach meeting these requirements at any CIF contest **WILL BE CONSIDERED INELIGIBLE** and will not be allowed to compete. (See Section 10 "Ineligible Players for any violations)

#### **Section 4 WAIVERS OF RESIDENTIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Waiver of residential eligibility requirements as provided by CIF Bylaws 212, 206, 207, 214, 216, 219, 220 and 221 shall be the responsibility of the Section Commissioner as authorized by the Board of Managers. Request for such waiver shall be submitted in the following manner.

- A. All required documents and statements described in CIF/CCS ADMINISTRATION and/or PARENT HANDBOOKS shall be submitted with the appropriate waiver application form
- B. The Section Commissioner shall approve or deny said application. If application is approved, student is immediately residentially eligible. If application is denied, CIF Bylaw 206 or 207 shall apply.
- C. If a student participates as an ineligible athlete prior to approval, but is later approved by the CCS Commissioner, beyond the forfeitures dictated in CCS Bylaw Article VI, Section 9, the student will be required to remain out of a number of games equal to those in which that student participated while ineligible.
  1. Those games shall be the regularly-scheduled games immediately following the participation of the ineligible athlete AND
  2. Games in which the student sits out after the school realized and/or reported the infraction, but before the CCS Commissioner has approved the student as eligible, will count towards the total # of games the student must sit out  
Tournaments: If a student participates in a number of tournament games prior to being approved for a waiver of 214 as described above, it shall count only as the number of contests the tournament counts for the participating teams, not the actual number of tournament contests in which the student participated. ( e.g tournament counts as 2 contests, but student plays in four contests; the student would only be required to sit out the next 2 contests.) However, in the penalty aspect, every game the team plays whether a regular dual contest or in a tournament, from which the ineligible athlete is kept out, will be applied to the number of contests the student must sit out.
- D. A written appeal of the Section Commissioner's approval or denial may be made by any school principal or representative of the student at any time following the Section Commissioner's approval or denial of application. Said appeal shall be sent to the Section Commissioner who shall refer the appeal to the Section Eligibility Committee. The Eligibility Committee shall consider the appeal as soon as is reasonably possible
- E. A written appeal of the Section Eligibility Committee decision may be made by any school principal or representative of the student at any time following the Committee's decision. Said appeal shall be sent to the Section Commissioner who shall refer the appeal to the Section Executive Committee. The Section Executive Committee shall consider the appeal at its next regularly scheduled meeting unless a sport in which the student's eligibility is in question is in season, then a sub committee of the executive committee (minimum of 3) shall consider the appeal as soon as is reasonably possible.
- F. A written appeal of the Executive Committee decision may be made as provided by CIF Bylaw II0I.

#### **Section 5 WAIVER OF SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Waiver of scholastic eligibility requirements as provided by CIF Bylaw 204 shall be the responsibility of the Section Commissioner. Such requests for waiver shall be submitted in the following manner

- A. All required documents and/or statements shall be submitted together with the request.
- B. Decisions for waiver and appeal of said decisions shall be made as directed in Section 3 (b) through (e) above.

#### **Section 6 NON-CIF TEAM COMPETITION**

As allowed in CIF Bylaw 502.A. OUTSIDE TEAMS referenced below

- A. Alumni/Faculty Games: CCS grants approval for CCS member schools to conduct one alumni and/or one faculty competition against each of their varsity teams provided such contests:
  1. are approved by the Principal of the school; AND
  2. are conducted during the season of sport and prior to the date of the last league event for that sport as established by the CCS Board of Managers annually; AND
  3. are not conducted on Sunday.
- B. Any other competition with a non-CIF member Team, must be approved by the League Commissioner and the CCS Commissioner. (CCS Form 502) (CIF Bylaw 502 OUTSIDE TEAMS: A. No school belonging to the California Interscholastic Federation shall compete, scrimmage or practice with any team outside the jurisdiction of the Federation without the consent of the California Interscholastic Federation Section involved. A school disregarding this rule may be barred from participation in that sport during the following season)

**Section 7 WAIVER OF VARSITY FOOTBALL 15-YEAR-OLD RULE**

The Central Coast Section will grant a waiver of the CIF's 15 year old age requirement for students to participate on a member school's varsity football program, after a statement of compliance from the principal of that school verifying that the following criteria has been met (as outlined in CIF Bylaw 1900) has been received in the CCS office. The principal must verify in writing that:

- A. the participant is at least 14 years of age; AND
- B. the principal has a letter from a licensed medical practitioner that the student is able to compete at the varsity level AND
- C. the principal has a signed, consent statement from the parents, or legal guardian, allowing participation at the varsity level AND
- D. the principal has a written, signed statement from the head coach stating that the participant has the physical and mental maturity to compete at the varsity level

**Section 8 WAIVER OF CIF AGE REQUIREMENT (19 YEAR OLDS)**

According to CIF Bylaw 201 criteria, a waiver of that bylaw regarding a 19 year old participating if his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday occurs prior to June 15 of the preceding year, may be considered by the CCS as follows:

- A. Such waiver would not grant more than four years (eight consecutive semesters) of eligibility AND
- B. Such a waiver would not grant more than four years participation in any sport, AND
- C. A hardship exists, which in the judgment of the Section, requires a waiver. Hardship is defined as an unforeseeable, unavoidable and uncorrectable act, condition or event, which causes the imposition of a severe and non-athletic burden upon the student or his/her family. (CIF Bylaw 208 AND
- D. The circumstances in the case are very extraordinary and singularly unique to the situation that this waiver could not be construed to set a precedent in a multitude of consecutive cases, AND
- E. The physical size, strength or maturity of the individual in question would clearly not be a safety issue in the sport in which the student will be participating, either for the student him/herself or other students participating with or against this student, AND
- F. The student will not turn 20 years of age during the season(s) in which she/she would be participating.

**Section 9 USE OF FALSE INFORMATION OR FRAUD**

See also CIF Bylaw 202.A.

Any case of fraud in all aspects of high school competition is strictly prohibited

**A. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

1. If it is discovered that any student has provided false information in regards to any aspect of their eligibility status, that student shall become immediately ineligible for CIF competition at any level in any sport for a period of twelve calendar months from the date the determination was made that false information was provided. Falsification of residence information provided to a school or district for enrollment purposes.
  - (a) If it is discovered that the enrollment of any student at a CCS member school has been based on a false or fraudulent address; and it is determined that the school or district policies for enrollment have been violated; and the school or district enrolled the student in good faith having provided a reasonable\* process for confirming the accuracy of the residence information provided to them; the student shall become immediately ineligible for competition in any CIF sport at any level at any CCS member school for a period of no less than twelve months and up to twenty four months, from the date of determination. However, no forfeitures of team victories will be imposed.
  - (b) If it is discovered that a coach or athletic director of the school had knowledge of, or was involved in, the falsification of the address and subsequent enrollment based on that falsified information at any time prior to the discovery of such violation:
    1. The student shall become immediately ineligible for competition in any CIF sport at any level at any CCS member school for a period of no less than twelve months from the date of determination; AND
    2. All team victories prior to the date of determination will be forfeited; AND
    3. Additional more severe sanctions may be applied to that program and the school athletic program at-large, based on the specific circumstances.

\*Reasonable: that which is usual and normal procedures for schools and districts to confirm residency status: some examples may include, but not be limited to:

- requests for and receipt of, recommended documents as outlined in CIF Bylaw 206.B.(2)b.(iv);
  - home visits;
  - interview with parents and students;
  - signed affidavit of residence; appropriate caregiver or legal guardianship documents required by school or district, etc.
2. If it discovered that persons associated with the student or the school (coach, teachers, parents, friends, etc.) provided false information in order to fraudulently gain favorable eligibility status for a student, that student shall become immediately ineligible for competition at any CCS member school at any level in any sport for a period of twelve calendar months from the determination that false information was provided whether the student was aware of the fraudulent information or not.
  3. Any contests in which a student or students participated based on false or inaccurate information or fraudulent practices regarding their eligibility status shall be forfeited according to the guidelines set forth in Article VI, Section 10, Ineligible Players.

#### B. **QUALIFICATION FOR CCS PLAYOFFS**

##### 1. Individual Student(s)

- (a) If it is determined that fraud or false information has been used by any student(s) or persons associated with the student(s) in order for an individual student to meet qualification standards for participation in any CCS Playoff Event, that student shall become immediately ineligible for competition at any CCS member school in that sport for a minimum period of time of twelve calendar months from the date that it was determined that false or fraudulent information or practices were used. If it is determined that someone associated with a student (coach, parents, friend etc.) provided false information or used fraud in order for that student to meet qualification standards for participation in any CCS Playoff Event, with or without the students knowledge, that student shall become immediately ineligible for competition at any CCS member school in that sport for a minimum period of time of twelve calendar months from the date it was determined that false or fraudulent information or practices were used.
- (b) Any contests in which this student participated subsequent to the use of false information or fraud shall be forfeited according to the guidelines set forth in Article VI, Section 9 Ineligible Players

##### 2. Teams

- (a) If it is determined that someone associated with a school (including, but not limited to a coach) knowingly participates in either providing false information or using fraud or knowingly allows others to do so, in order for a team to meet qualification standards in any CCS Playoff Event, that team will become immediately ineligible for further competition in that sport that season.
- (b) Any contests in which that team has participated based on the false information or fraud shall be forfeited and any trophies or awards earned shall be returned

#### C. **SCHOOL PERSONNEL INVOLVEMENT**

If any school personnel (including but not limited to a coach) knowingly participates in either providing false information or allowing others to provide false information in order to gain favorable eligibility status for a student, or team information to meet qualification standards for participation in any CCS Playoff Event, sanctions may be imposed on the school including but not limited to; probationary status, prohibitions against playoff participation, forfeitures, revoking of CCS membership, etc.

**Section 10 INELIGIBLE PLAYERS**

- A. Ineligible students shall not compete in any school contest. The participation of one or more ineligible athletes in any individual or team contest shall result in a forfeiture of all aspects, awards, points or other titles earned by the team members. This includes forfeiture of all points earned by any member of the ineligible athlete(s) team in individual sports' competitions. Qualifying marks or other individual awards earned by any individual other than the ineligible athlete shall stand in such competition.
- B. Additional sanctions may be imposed on the school or the sports programs involved if determined to be necessary by the appropriate CCS or League governance body

**Section 11 OUTSIDE COMPETITION**

A student may not join a school Varsity team after the first league contest of that team if the student has competed on an outside team or in outside competition in the same sport during the school/league season of that sport except as provided for in CIF Bylaw ARTICLE 60. A newly enrolled student or one who could not participate due to illness or injury may join the team if he/she does not compete on an outside team subsequent to his/her enrollment or recovery from such illness or injury