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**BACK UP MATERIAL  
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING  
JANUARY 18, 2012  
THE RESERVE AT SPANOS PARK**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following items are considered for your approval. If requested, any of the following items may be removed and placed on the regular agenda.

**Section**

**1. Approval of October 19, 2011 Board of Managers Minutes**

The minutes of the October meeting need to be approved. Copies will be available at the board meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS (Voting Items)**

**Section**

**1. Co-ed Tennis Revision**

The section office along with the coaches of the co-ed tennis leagues are requesting that the team tennis scoring be increased from 7 points to 9 points. This protocol is currently in place in all the leagues that participate in co-ed tennis.

**2. Rodriguez Playoff Plan**

The section office introduced a playoff plan for Rodriguez High School for the next two years, but the section staff would like that plan tabled until the board has had a chance to review a proposal to change some of the league alignments for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school years. (Page 1)

**3. Girl's Volleyball Proposal**

The section staff is proposing a plan for girl's volleyball whereby each league qualifies their top three teams or any team with a league record of .500 or better. The seeding committee will seed the tournament in the same manner that the other section sports are seeded with the exception that schools will be placed in their respective division and seeded accordingly. Some brackets will be less than 16, while others will be larger than 16 teams.. The season will have to end a day earlier so that out-bracket games can be played on the Friday before the start of the first week of the regular playoff dates. The playoff time lines are included in the enclosed pages. (Page 2)

**4. Proposal to charge admission for scrimmages**

The Section has presented a plan for schools to be able to charge a set amount for scrimmages. (Page 3)

**State**

**1. There will be no voting items at the February, 2012 Federated Council, but the following items will be discussed. Please review the documents with your league.**

- Revision of the 200 series of the CIF Bylaws
- Revision of Bylaw 207 (transfer bylaw)
- CIF State Basketball Open Division

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Section**

- The staff will provide a review on fall playoffs and will be introducing a revised league alignment plan for the 2012-13 and the 2013-14 school years.
- There will be a report given on the process that will be used to evaluate the assignors within the section.
- There will be a report given by the budget committee on the current budget structure and possible recommended changes.

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### RODRIGUEZ PLAYOFF PLAN FOR 2012-13 AND 2013-14

The Board of Managers in April accepted the proposal from the MEL and SCAC schools to keep Rodriguez in the SCAC for the remainder of the 2010-14 realignment cycle.

The board, recognizing concerns that Rodriguez may be too large for Division III playoff competition in the Sac-Joaquin Section, asked the Section office to return in October with a playoff proposal regarding Rodriguez.

**Sports not affected by league affiliation:**

cross country -- all comers meet and divisional placement is by size.

girls volleyball -- divisional placement is by size.

football -- divisional placement is by size.

swimming -- individuals qualify by mark. There is only one division.

badminton -- there is only one division.

**If Rodriguez qualifies for playoffs through league competition in the following sports, Rodriguez will be placed in the Division I playoffs:**

boys soccer

girls soccer

softball

baseball

**If Rodriguez qualifies for playoffs through league competition in the following sports, Rodriguez will advance to playoffs in the division designated for the SCAC:**

boys water polo

girls water polo

boys tennis (team and individual)

girls tennis (team and individual)

boys golf

girls golf

~~**TRACK:** Rodriguez will compete in the MEL league finals and advance individuals as a member of that league.~~

~~**INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING:** Rodriguez will compete in the MEL league finals and advance individuals as a member of that league.~~

~~**TEAM DUALS WRESTLING:** Rodriguez will participate in the SCAC and will advance in the Division III playoffs if it qualifies through league competition.~~

**Track and Wrestling:** Rodriguez will compete as a member of the MEL in both track and wrestling. The SCAC will not receive any MEL schools for these sports. Thus, for track and wrestling, the MEL will be a 7-team league, and the SCAC will be a 5-team league. Number of qualifiers from the leagues will not change.

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## PROPOSAL FOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL SELECTION AND SEEDING PROCESS

### **Divisional Placement**

Once enrollment divisions are determined, there will be no opting up except for those schools in Division VI.

*NOTE: All other criteria already established for enrollment placement remain in effect.*

### **Qualifying**

- 1- Top 3 teams in each league will qualify for the playoffs. However, if a league has less than 6 teams participating, that league will receive only 2 spots.
- 2- All other teams that have a .500 league record or better will also qualify.

### **Breaking Ties**

- 1- Ties for first will be broken using the following procedure:
  - A. Head-to-head competition in league play between teams involved.
  - B. Game differential in league play between the teams involved.
  - C. Point differential within all games in league play between the teams involved.
  - D. Coin toss by the Section office on day of seeding.
- 2- Ties for third.
  - A. If all teams tied for third are at or above .500 in league play, all will qualify for the playoffs.
  - B. If two teams tie for third and both are below .500 in league play, the two will play each other in a play-in game.
  - C. If three teams tie for third and all are below .500 in league play, utilize No. 1 above to eliminate the third team. After that team is eliminated, the two remaining will play each other in a play-in game.

### **Seeding the Tournament**

- 1- The Section playoff committee will seed the qualifying teams.
- 2- All No. 1 seeded teams will be seeded ahead of all non-champions. If ties for first place occur, the tie-breaker system in "Breaking Ties" above will be utilized to determine the No. 1 seed from a league.
- 3- After all No. 1 seeds have been seeded, all others in the bracket will be seeded.
- 4- The committee will attempt to separate league opponents in the first round.
- 5- The committee may use rankings by Maxpreps or other services to seed the teams.

### **Bracket Size**

- 1- The size of each bracket will be determined by the number of qualifiers from the leagues that fit that enrollment size.

### **Playoff Schedule for 2012**

- 1- Play must end by Tuesday, October 30
- 2- Third-place play-in games (for teams tied for third with a sub-.500 league record) will be played on Wednesday, October 31
- 3- Brackets established on Thursday, November 1
- 4- Outbrackets will be played on Friday, November 2
- 5- Remaining schedule is as follows:  
Tuesday, Nov. 6 / Thursday, Nov. 8 / Tuesday, Nov. 13 / Thursday, Nov. 15

Thursday, September 22, 2011 11:50 AM

**Subject: FW: Scrimmages rule change****Date:** Thursday, September 22, 2011 11:40 AM**From:** Will DeBoard <wdeboard@cifsjs.org>**To:** Pete Saco <psaco@cifsjs.org>

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**From:** Will DeBoard <wdeboard@cifsjs.org>**Date:** Wed, 16 Mar 2011 09:30:55 -0700**To:** Pete Saco <psaco@cifsjs.org>, John Williams <jwilliams@cifsjs.org>**Conversation:** Scrimmages rule change**Subject:** Scrimmages rule change

Old rule:

**519.2 SCRIMMAGES**

A maximum of two scrimmages per team are permissible prior to the first game (league or non-league) of the season. Said scrimmages shall not count in the team's contact total. Scrimmages held after a team's first game shall count as contacts.

**NOTE:** A scrimmage is defined as supervised competition between two or more teams where:

- a. No officials are paid.
- b. No admission is charged; closed scrimmages are permissible (Donations are acceptable).
- c. No score/results are released to the media.
- d. No awards are presented.

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**NOTE:** A scrimmage is defined as supervised competition between two or more teams where:

- a. No officials are paid.
- b. Admission may be charged, but the price may not exceed \$4; closed scrimmages are permissible.
- c. No scores/results are released to the media or to Maxpreps.
- d. No awards are presented.

Made changes in the admission and I added that the scores shouldn't be reported to Maxpreps in 'c'.

# 200 PHILOSOPHY & RULES REFERENCES

**NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES:**

Moved B. (1)-(16) from former location in 201

## 200. CIF ~~PHILOSOPHY ON~~ STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC COMPETITION

A. **PHILOSOPHY:** The CIF, as the governing body of high school athletics, affirms that athletic competition is a privilege. The privilege of participation in interscholastic athletics is available to students in public or private schools who meet the democratically established standards of qualification as set forth by the CIF Federated Council. CIF Bylaws governing student eligibility are a necessary prerequisite to participation in interscholastic athletics because they:

- (1) Keep the focus on athletic participation as a privilege not a right;
- (2) Reinforce the principle that students attend school to receive an education first; athletic participation is secondary;
- (3) Protect the opportunities to participate for students who meet the established standards;
- (4) Provide a fundamentally fair and equitable framework in which interscholastic athletic competition can take place;
- (5) Provide uniform standards for all schools to follow in maintaining athletic competition;
- (6) Serve as a deterrent to students who transfer schools for athletic reasons and to individuals who recruit student-athletes;
- (7) Serve as a deterrent to students who transfer schools to avoid disciplinary action;
- (8) Maintain an ethical relationship between high school athletic programs and others who demonstrate an interest in high school athletes;
- (9) Support the Principles of "Pursuing Victory with Honors@."

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**A-I**

B. **RULES:** The CIF establishes the standards of eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics to include the following:

- (1) Philosophy statement (Bylaw 200)
- (2) Accurate information requirement (Bylaw 202)
- (3) Age requirement (Bylaw 203)
- (4) Eight Consecutive Semesters requirement (Bylaw 204)
  - a. Initial scholastic eligibility (Bylaw 205.A.)
  - b. Continuing scholastic eligibility (Bylaw 205.B.)
  - c. Summer School Credits (Bylaw 205.C.)
  - d. Non-Traditional Programs (Bylaw 205.D.)
  - e. Waivers of 20 semester credits requirement (Bylaw 205.E.)
- (5) Residential Eligibility (Bylaw 206)
  - a. Initial residential eligibility (Bylaw 206.A.)
  - b. Continuing residential eligibility (Bylaw 206.B.)
- (6) Transfer rule (Bylaw 207)
- (7) Hardship waivers of the transfer rule (Bylaw 208)
- (8) Foreign **Exchange** student eligibility (Bylaw 209)
- (9) Discipline eligibility (Bylaw 210)
  - a. Expulsion (Bylaw 210.A.)
  - b. Suspended Expulsion (Bylaw 210.B.)
  - c. Transfer Compelled for Disciplinary Reasons (Bylaw 210.C.)
- (10) Physical Assault (Bylaw 211)
- (11) Continuation School eligibility (Bylaw 212)
- (12) Amateur status requirement (Bylaw 213)
- (13) Hardship waivers of eligibility standards other than transfer (Bylaw 214)
- (14) Post-Injunctive Remedies (Bylaw 215)
- (15) Intercollegiate Competition (Bylaw 216)
- (16) Graduates (Bylaw 217)
  - a. Mid-Year/Spring Graduation (Bylaw 217.A.)
  - b. California High School Proficiency Exam (Bylaw 217.B.)

**No change  
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except #8;  
moved from  
201 A-Q**

# NEW 201-Standards of Enrollment



There are no substantive changes in 201. It is virtually a new bylaw accurately and thoroughly defining, clarifying and establishing current interpretations and practice on these 5 important issues. The former content of 201 has been moved into 200.B.

201 Now becomes the bylaw that defines enrollment standards in general and in each of the five categories below:

- (1) What does it mean for a student to be enrolled full time, before they can practice or compete with a school team?
- (2) How and when do we determine that student's 8 semesters of eligibility has begun?
- (3) What enrollment standards determine when a student has "transferred" to a new school?
- (4) When is a student considered enrolled so that pre-enrollment contact does or does not have to be disclosed?
- (5) Enrollment in a multi campus reference...NO CHANGES

While this is a significant addition of new language. This language is reflective of current interpretations and past practice reflected in the minimal language we currently have addressing these issues.

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## 201. STANDARDS OF ELIGIBILITY

Only students, who are enrolled in public and private CIF member schools, grades 9-12 and who meet all standards of athletic eligibility established by CIF, their respective CIF/Section of membership, their respective League and District and School, in order to be considered a student in good standing and be eligible to compete for their school of enrollment.

~~Only students regularly enrolled in public and private CIF member schools, grades 9-12, shall be permitted to participate in the CIF and shall represent only that school of enrollment.~~

## A. ENROLLMENT STANDARDS- See also CIF Bylaw 204, 206, 207 and 209.

(1) Enrollment standard required for participation: (CIF Bylaw 201 and 205)

**NEW language**

**A (1) - (5)**

**but reflective of**

**current & long-standing**

**interpretation**

a. Students must be enrolled full time (minimum 20 units) at the school for which they are competing. (See also CIF Bylaw 205.B.(1).a.. 217, 303, 304, 307 & 308.)

b. Students will be considered enrolled in a school for purposes of participation in interscholastic athletics (205.B) when they have:

1. been entered as a full-time student (20 units or equivalent in a non-traditional program-see also Bylaw 205.B.1.a and ii) on the attendance roll for 15 days or more in classes at that school, whether the student has physically been in attendance at those classes for all 15 days or not. OR participated in a fall sport, when the tryouts and/or practices of that team begin before classes at the school begin in the fall. Such a student will be considered to be enrolled during that practice time as long as they have registered for, and are enrolled, as a full-time student for the fall semester of that school year (20 units or equivalent in a non-traditional program-see also Bylaw 205.B.1.a and ii).

Question: *My son was not registered for any classes at any school, he was not attending school anywhere because we had just moved here. He enrolled in classes at the new school (CIF Member School A) two weeks after the first day of this school year. When does his 15 days begin?*

Answer: *Because he was not registered or currently scheduled for classes at any school he is not considered to have been on the attendance roll prior to his actual enrollment. His 15 days would begin on the day he enrolled at the new school, whether he began to attend immediately or whether he was physically in attendance at those classes for all 15 days or not. He would not be eligible to practice or compete with any of this school's teams until two weeks after the first day of this school year when he was registered and currently scheduled for classes, since he would not have been considered enrolled in this school until that time.*

Question: *My son was registered and scheduled in classes, but due to illness did not begin attending until 5 days after the school year/term began. When does his 15 days begin?*

Answer: *Because he was registered and scheduled in classes, even though he was not attending those classes, his 15 days begin the first day of that school year/term.*

- c. For eligibility purposes, students cannot have dual enrollment in two different schools at the same time. During the time a student remains enrolled in their current school but has registered for classes at a new school and/or paid a non-refundable registration fee at a new school, the student will be considered to be enrolled in the former school not the new school. Only at such time as the student has withdrawn from or has completed the courses in which they were enrolled at the former school, and is no longer enrolled in any way at the former school, shall that student be considered as being "enrolled" in the new school for eligibility purposes. This applies to 8<sup>th</sup> graders matriculating the following school year to 9<sup>th</sup> grade in a CIF member school.

**NOTE:** This is not intended to apply to traditional summer school coursework. Summer school is defined as a course of study that begins after the end of the previous school year and ends prior to the beginning of the fall term of the following school year.

**Question:** *My daughter will be transferring to a new school (School B) in the fall. She has registered for classes at that new school, but still remains enrolled in, and completing her coursework at, her current school (School A). For purposes of athletic eligibility, is she enrolled in both schools at this time?*

**Answer:** *Students may not have dual enrollment for eligibility purposes. Students may not have residential eligibility at two different schools at the same time. She is considered enrolled at, and therefore only eligible at, her current school (School A).*

- d. *Students may not participate in any athletic meeting, practice or competition at a new school in which they have registered for classes and/or paid a non-refundable registration fee until they have been officially withdrawn from their former school, or stopped attending or the regular school year for their former school has concluded. This applies to 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are matriculating the following school year to a CIF member school.*

**Question:** *My daughter will be transferring to a new school (School B) in the fall. She has registered for classes at that new school, but still remains enrolled in and completing her coursework at her current school (School A). Can she practice with her new school team during the current school year since she is registered for classes and will be attending the new school next term/year?*

**Answer:** *No, for eligibility purposes, she is not considered to be enrolled at the new school (School B) since she had not withdrawn from or stopped attending school A and therefore may not participate, practice or compete in any way with their athletic program. If she does, she may be declared to be in violation of CIF Bylaws 207.C.3 & 510 pre-enrollment contact with the new school (School B) which may jeopardize her athletic eligibility.*

- e. *Students may not practice with or compete for any CIF-member school in which they are not enrolled as a full-time student regardless of the sports offerings, or lack thereof, at the school in which they are enrolled.*

(2) **Enrollment standard establishing a semester of attendance:**  
(CIF Bylaw 204)

- a. *The first time any student has been entered on the attendance roll for 15 school days in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and/or in any classes taken subsequent to the completion of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, at any school whether the student has physically been in attendance at those classes for all 15 days or not, or has played in an interscholastic athletic contest, the CIF will count that as the student's first semester of high school eligibility.*

**Question:** *Because of family circumstances, we enrolled our daughter in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at a school after her completion of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She was unable to and did not begin attending until a month after school started. Because she was so far behind, we waited until the 2nd semester of that year for her to actually start attending classes. When does her 8 semesters begin?*

**Answer:** *NOTE: California Education Code section 48200 et seq. provides that each person between the ages of 6 and 18 hears is subject to compulsory full-time education unless the person is statutorily exempt. However, if during that first semester, she was not enrolled in any coursework of any kind in any school, and she was not home schooled and she was not taking any kind of courses on-line, through any Independent Study Program or in any other program of coursework, her first semester of high school eligibility would begin at the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.*

**Question:** *My son was struggling in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. After he completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade we decided that he needed some remedial work in order to enter the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at his local high school. Following his 8<sup>th</sup> grade year of school, we enrolled him in the fall in a (a) Independent Study Program; (b) home schooling; (c) on-line course work. He only took a few credits of remedial work. The following school year we enrolled him as an "official" 9<sup>th</sup> grader. When does his 8 consecutive semesters begin?*

**Answer:** *As soon as a student completes 8<sup>th</sup> grade as a result of completing their 8<sup>th</sup> grade course work, or because they have graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, all subsequent coursework, no matter where it is earned (a, b or c above), is considered to be high school courses. Whether the student is enrolled full-time or part time in any such coursework, their 8 consecutive semesters begin in the semester immediately subsequent to their completion of 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the spring. (typically with a spring 8<sup>th</sup> grade completion, the next fall semester—this does not include summer school)*

- b. Eight (8) consecutive semesters of eligibility including and immediately following the first semester as described in (a) above, are available to the student whether or not the student is enrolled in school, participates in or is eligible for, interscholastic participation. (CIF Bylaw 204).

(3) **Enrollment standard establishing students as a transfer:** (CIF bylaw 207)

- a. A student shall be considered to be a transfer student when:

- the student has been on the attendance roll of their former school (School A) for 15 days or more for classes occurring at School A, whether or not they have been in attendance during those 15 days or not;  
**AND/OR**
- the student has played in an athletic contest for their former school;  
**AND/OR**
- the student has tried out for or practiced with a team prior to the beginning of the school year for 5 days or more  
**AND**
- that student withdraws from School A or has completed the courses in which they were enrolled in at School A, so that student is no longer enrolled in any way at School A;  
**AND**
- that student enrolls as a full-time student in a new school (School B).  
**THEN**

that student shall be determined to be enrolled in and having transferred to School B if all conditions of 201.A.(1) above are met.

- b. Students may not practice with or participate in an interscholastic athletic contest for the new school prior to establishing enrollment in the new school meeting the enrollment standards contained herein, except if they are transferring at the beginning of the school year and practice for that season of sport begins prior to the first day that classes begin for the new school. These conditions must be met even if, prior to this, such a student has registered for classes and/or paid a non-refundable registration fee to the new school. Registering for classes and paying a non-refundable registration fee or tuition does not constitute enrollment in the new school for transfer purposes.
- c. For eligibility purposes, students cannot have dual enrollment in two different school at the same time. During the time a student, who is intending to transfer schools, has registered for classes at the new school and/or paid a non-refundable registration fee at the new school, but still remains enrolled in the former school, the student will be considered to be enrolled in the former school. Only at such time as the student has withdrawn from or has completed the courses in which they were enrolled at the former school, and is no longer enrolled in any way at the former school, shall that student be considered as having "transferred" to the new school. This applies to 8<sup>th</sup> graders matriculating the following school year to 9<sup>th</sup> grade in a CIF member school.
- d. No one associated with the athletic program at the new school may perpetrate any violation of CIF 510 or have inappropriate pre-enrollment contact as outlined in CIF bylaw 207.B or 510.B. prior to their enrollment in the new school as defined herein.

(4) **Enrollment standards for purposes of CIF Bylaw 510 (pre-enrollment contact)**  
(CIF Bylaw 510)

- a. General information about athletic programs, physicals, summer activity, camps etc. may be distributed to middle school students only by a CIF member school Administrator or Athletic Director

**QUESTION:** *What may representatives of a senior high school do as far as contact with junior high/middle school students is concerned?*

**ANSWER:** *Because a graduate of a junior high/middle school may enter any high school in California and may be residentially eligible in accordance with all CIF rules, contact by senior high school representatives is regulated. Individual coaches cannot visit or initiate contact with junior high/middle school students, but it would be permissible for the school administrator or athletic director (not the coach) of a senior high school to visit the junior high/middle school campus for the purpose of informing students of the total athletic program at the senior high school.*

*However, it is legal on a school day for a high school coach to be part of a total open house and/or school orientation (academics, activities, but not athletics by itself) where a student is part of a general gathering of students on the high school campus and such activity has the approval of the high school and junior high/middle or elementary school principal.*

- b. *8<sup>th</sup> graders who have not graduated from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade may not participate in any athletic meetings conducted by any high school coach that is not part of a school-wide high school presentation. The student may not practice or compete in any contest at any high school, even if they have registered for classes and/or paid a non-refundable registration fee, until they have graduated from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.*
  - c. *Contact between coaches (and others associated with the athletic program) and students or their parents during summer activity conducted by a CIF-member school, shall not be considered pre-enrollment contact requiring disclosure, if the student has, previous to that summer, registered for classes at the CIF member school and, in the case of a private school, also paid a non-refundable registration fee and has officially withdrawn from the previous school as long as the contact does not occur prior to the conclusion of the student's former school's year end. Such contact is not required to be disclosed. All other contact not covered in this circumstance between coaches (and others associated with the athletic program) and students or their parents must be disclosed as required in CIF Bylaw 206, 207 and 510.*
- (5) **Enrollment in Multi-Campus Schools:** Enrollment of students in a school with an existing multi-campus agreement may be residentially eligible only as provided in Bylaws 303, 304 and 306. (See Related Bylaws: 305 – Home Study/Home Schooling; 306 – Independent Study Programs/Schools.)

ARTICLE 20  
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

# 204 8 semester



NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES—ONLY LANGUAGE CHANGED TO MIRROR THAT IN 201 AND EXPANDED TO CLARIFY CURRENT INTERPRETATIONS AND APPLICATION OF THE CURRENT BYLAWS.

- Expanded clarifying language added in B. and in C. (2) & iv.

204. EIGHT CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS REQUIREMENT- (See also 201.A.2)

A. Definition of a Semester of Attendance

**Repeat of exact language in 201.A.(2)**

The first time any student has been entered on the attendance roll for 15 school days in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and/or in any classes taken subsequent to the completion of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, at any school whether the student has physically been in attendance at those classes for all 15 days or not, or has played in an interscholastic athletic contest, the CIF will count that as the student's first semester of high school eligibility.

Once a student has been entered on the attendance roll for 15 school days in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at any school, or a student has played in an interscholastic athletic contest (scrimmage or game), the CIF will count that as a student's first semester of high school eligibility.

(1) Enrollment and/or attendance for 15 school days or more shall count as one of the eight semesters.

(2) Participation in one or more interscholastic athletic contests shall count as one of the eight semesters.

B. Eight Consecutive Semester Rule

**NEW EXPANDED, CLARIFYING LANGUAGE**

A student who first enters the 9th grade of any school following the student's completion of the 8th grade in any school may be eligible for athletic competition during a maximum period of time that is not to exceed eight consecutive semesters following the initial enrollment in the 9th grade of any school and/or in any classes taken subsequent to the completion of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, whether or not the student is enrolled in school, whether or not the student is academically or otherwise eligible and whether or not the student avails themselves of the opportunity to participate in interscholastic sports during this time. The CIF allows only 8 consecutive semesters of eligibility available to the student. and Eligibility is only available must be used during the student's first eight consecutive semesters of enrollment in high school (grades 9-12) at that school or any other school.

C. Section Waivers:

- (1) **Waiving Semester Limitation:** Each Section may, at its discretion, establish rules and procedures for waiving the limitation on 8 semesters of eligibility, providing:
  - a. The student is required by the student's school principal to return to grade eight from grade nine and the student did not take part in an interscholastic contest while in the 9th grade, for the first time; OR
  - b. The student, because of mid-year completion of an 8th grade or a mid-year completion of the 9th grade in a junior high school, is required by the student's school principal to repeat a semester of work in order to conform to a school program having annual terms, AND
  - c. The student has not taken part in an interscholastic athletic contest while enrolled for the first time in the semester which the student's school principal required the student to repeat.

**(2) Waivers of the Charge of a Semester of Attendance**

- a. Other than paragraph (1) and (2) above, relief under this rule may only be granted when the conditions set forth in Bylaw 204.C. below are found to be present. Any other or past rationales or basis for relief under this bylaw are disapproved invalidated. (Approved May 2001 Federated Council)
- b. Each Section may waive the charge of one or more of the eight consecutive semesters of eligibility for athletic competition due to a hardship condition that causes the student's absence from school or to extend the student's attendance in school beyond eight consecutive semesters, PROVIDED:
  - (i) That a hardship condition exists that, in the judgment of the Section, warrants a waiver. "Hardship" is defined in CIF Bylaw 214; **AND**
  - (ii) The hardship caused the student to remain out of school for more than half of any semester during his/her high school career; **OR**
  - (iii) The hardship is the direct and sole cause of the student extending his/her attendance beyond eight consecutive semesters even though the student was in attendance for those eight consecutive semesters. Further, the student's extension of his/her attendance beyond eight semesters has no athletic motivation. **AND**
  - (iv) That the student was eligible under all rules in the semester immediately prior to either his/her absence or the onset of the hardship condition that is the direct and sole cause for extending his/her attendance beyond eight semesters; **AND**
  - (v) Such a waiver would not grant more than four years' participation in any sport; (See CIF bylaw 513 and 514); **AND**
  - (vi) Hardship applications may not be submitted prior to the conclusion of the student's 7<sup>th</sup> semester in high school.**
- (3) All other eligibility requirements apply.
- (4) **APPEALS:** A decision to deny such a waiver by the Section Commissioner may be appealed only to the Section and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Bylaw 1101.

**NOTE:** Failure to satisfy the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), California course requirements (e.g. Algebra I), and/or end of course requirements shall not be considered a hardship.

ARTICLE 20  
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

# 205 SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY



NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES:  
  
EXPANDED LANGUAGE CLARIFYING CURRENT INTERPRETATIONS  
AND APPLICATION OF RULES

205. SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY

A. Initial Scholastic Eligibility

**NO CHANGE**

B. Continuing Scholastic Eligibility

(1) Minimum Requirements

**NO CHANGE**

(2) Probationary Period

**NO CHANGE**

(3) Grading Period

The grading period is that time when all students in a school are graded. If two grades are given at the end of a grading period, scholastic eligibility shall be established according to the grade issued for credit.

(a) Schools/Districts or Leagues or Sections must establish a date of eligibility determination following the most recent grading period in compliance with their respective CIF/Section Policy. This is the date on which all students become eligible and ineligible based on their officially posted grades in the most recent grading period.

(b) Grades cannot be changed following the grading period for purposes of addressing any deficiency in an individual student's scholastic eligibility.

(c) Only grades changed prior to the established eligibility date and changed in accordance with all CA State Education Code requirements and approved by the principal may be used for purposes of determining scholastic eligibility.

(d) **Incomplete Grades**

A grade(s) of "Incomplete" shall not be considered a passing grade under this bylaw unless, by operation of a school grading policy, "Incomplete" grade shall become a passing letter or (numeric) grade without further achievement or accomplishment by a student, at a certain time. When an "Incomplete" grade is issued which does not automatically become a passing grade, as indicated immediately above, such "Incomplete" grade shall not satisfy the requirement of this bylaw until academic deficiency which gave rise to such "Incomplete" grade shall have been satisfied and a passing grade has been substituted for the "Incomplete" grade. Upon such substitution, the substituted grade shall be considered in determining scholastic eligibility as established by evaluation of previous grading period grades and the substituted grade. A scholastically ineligible student may become immediately scholastically eligible upon such evaluation.

**NEW LANGUAGE  
clarifying the  
requirement of an  
Eligibility date &  
changing grades**

- (e) **Physical Education Credits**  
Credits earned in physical education may count toward the 20 semester credits of work requirement.
- (f) **Summer School Credits**  
Summer school credits shall be counted toward making up scholastic deficiencies incurred in the grading period (semester) immediately preceding. Summer school courses failed shall not impair an athlete's scholastic eligibility achieved in the semester immediately preceding. A course taken by contract or independent study during the summer must meet the following four criteria:
  - (1) The course(s) must be approved by the local board of trustees as a valid part of the district's school program;
  - (2) The student receives a passing grade in the courses taken;
  - (3) The personnel providing the instruction and course supervision are approved by the board of trustees;
  - (4) The school credit is recorded on student's transcript.
- (g) **Scholastic Eligibility for Students in Non-Traditional Programs**  
In schools operating on other than the traditional program (i.e., for schools such as those with a modular or flexible scheduling, special programs for the physically-disabled, or continuous progress programs) the principal shall certify **on the established eligibility date** as to the scholastic eligibility of each student based upon satisfactory progress in accordance with the standards defined above. Students may apply college course units to satisfy the 20 semester credits of work requirement and the grade point average requirement. Students who are eligible for differential standards of proficiency pursuant to Section 51412 of the Education Code are covered by that Section.

**NOTE:** For crediting purposes the grading period closes with the last day of school in the given grading period. In determining eligibility, one grading period does not end until the next one begins.

E C. **Waiver of the Requirement of Passing 20 Semester Credits of Work**

**NO CHANGE**

ARTICLE 20  
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

# 206 VALID CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES INDICATED BELOW  
(See also attached Proposals 206-1 & 206-2 & 206-3)

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206 As written herein ONLY DEALS WITH Initial Residential Eligibility and Valid Change of Residence—anything that requires a 207/510 application that was in this bylaw has been moved to 207. (i.e. married, boarding schools, military, foster, return to previous school, court order)

- Rearrange the order of items in 206 C. Valid Change of Residence
- Add some language for clarification and to refer to changes made in 201.A. (Standards of Enrollment)

206. RESIDENTIAL ELIGIBILITY

A. Initial Residential Eligibility

A student has residential eligibility upon initial enrollment in: (See also CIF Bylaw 201.A for definition of enrollment)

- (1) The 9th grade of any CIF high school, a CIF junior high school, or a junior high school under provisions of Bylaw 303; OR
- (2) The 10th grade of any CIF high school from 9th grade of a junior high school in California.

B. Continuing Residential Eligibility –(See also CIF Bylaw 201.A)

A student retains residential eligibility as long as he/she is continuously enrolled in the CIF-member high school in which the student initially enrolled;

C. Sections may require paperwork for the following provisions:

**VALID CHANGE OF RESIDENCE:**

**A student may be determined to be residentially eligible,** when a student, whose parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, with whom the student was living when the student established residential eligibility at the prior school **(School A) completes a valid change of residence as described herein when the following conditions are met:**

- (1) **A valid change of residence must be made FROM a residence located in the public high school attendance area, (School A's attendance area) even if the student is not currently attending nor ever has attended, the school in which attendance area they reside, TO another public high schools' attendance area. (School B's attendance area).**
- (2) **School A may be a CIF-member school or a Non-CIF-member school or may be a school located outside of the United States.**

**(3) CIF DEFINITION OF A VALID CHANGE OF RESIDENCE**

A valid residence is defined as the location where the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver (with whom eligibility has been established) live with that student and thereby have the use and enjoyment of that location as a residence. **A valid change of residence for eligibility purposes requires the former residence to have been vacated by the entire family for use as its residence. For athletic eligibility purposes a student (with the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver with whom residential eligibility has been established) may only have one primary valid residence at one time.**

**(4) DETERMINATION OF WHAT CONSTITUTES A VALID CHANGE OF RESIDENCE**

Determination of what constitutes a valid change of residence depends upon the facts in each case. **In determining that a valid change of residence occurred, the following facts must exist:**

- a. The original residence must be abandoned as a residence by the immediate family. **The new school is responsible for validating this fact;** AND
- b. The student's entire immediate family must make the change **of primary residence** and take with them the household goods and furniture appropriate to the circumstances. For eligibility purposes, a family unit may not maintain ~~two or more residences;~~ **more than one primary residence** AND:
- c. The change of **primary** residence must be genuine, without fraud or deceit, and with permanent intent; AND

NOTE: A student whose family makes a valid **change of residence** move into a new school's **attendance** area (See "iv" below) ~~is immediately~~ **may be** residentially eligible for varsity **competition upon receipt and recording of a CIF 206 Form by the CIF/Section of the student's new school.** A subsequent move into a different school boundary by the family (or other family members) during the next 12 calendar months will result in the student being declared ineligible until cleared for competition by the Section Commissioner.

- d. A request for transfer eligibility based on a valid change of residence by the student's entire immediately family must be supported by documentation. Documentation may be cumulative and no single document or any combination of documents listed below will be considered as definitive that a valid change of residence occurred. The documents must support a finding by the Section that a valid change of residence by the student's entire immediate family occurred prior to participation at the new school; that the previous residence was vacated as required above in paragraphs a. b and c. and that the family no longer has the use and enjoyment of that former residence. The Section Commissioner and school may request additional documents they deem necessary to establish that a valid change of residence occurred as defined above. Evidence may include:
  - Property tax receipts;
  - Bank account statements;
  - Credit card statements

Other documentation that a Section and/or school/district may require that establishes **that the new address** is a person's primary residence ~~is living at the new~~ address. The Section Commissioner and/or school

has the discretion to request additional documents that he/she deems necessary to confirm change in residency. Examples may include:

- Real estate documents indicating and verifying a change of residence (sale and purchase, for instance);
- Court documents indicating a change of residence;
- Declaration of residency executed by the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/ caregiver;
- Operative telephone and utility service at the student's new residence and terminated at the former residence;
- Utility service receipts;
- Proof of paying for utilities at the new residence including phone, gas, electricity, water, cable television, and garbage collection;
- Proof of submitting a change of address to the U.S. Postal Service to receive mail at the new residence;
- Proof of transfer of the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and age-appropriate student's motor vehicle registration;
- Proof of changed address on the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and age-appropriate student driver's license;
- Voter registration listing the new address;
- Proof of entering a long-term lease; (minimum of 12 calendar months)
- Rent payment receipts;
- Declaration of residency executed by the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/ caregiver;

The Section Commissioner and/or school has the discretion to request additional documents that he/she deems necessary to confirm residency.

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**206.B. (10)**

(5) CHANGE IN SCHOOL ENROLLMENT MADE IN ANTICIPATION OF A VALID CHANGE OF RESIDENCE ~~Anticipated Residence Change~~

If a student transfers to a high school in advance of the anticipated change of residence by the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver with whom the student was living when the student established residential eligibility, student shall become eligible when the parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver actually complete a valid change of residence to that school's attendance area.

(6) CHOICE OF SCHOOLS AFTER A VALID CHANGE OF RESIDENCE:

**(6) a. Just language**  
**expansion**  
**clarification**  
**of current**  
**practice &**  
**interpretation**

A student choosing a school after making a valid change of residence in accordance with CIF's definition of valid change of residence ~~Such a student has a choice~~ for residential eligibility ~~among~~ as follows:

- a. Remaining at the same School: Continued attendance at the previous school (School A) maintains residential eligibility at School A ~~that same school~~ as long as the student has remained enrolled in the same school under a district/school approved enrollment process (i.e., inter or intra or senior privilege etc. district/school program) OR

- b. **Changing Schools:** A student must make a valid change of residence out of the public school (School A) attendance area in which their former family residence was located and into another public school's attendance area (School B) (this is true even if the student was not attending public school A but was enrolled in a private school or a charter school). Changing schools following such a valid change of residence will result in full residential eligibility if the following conditions are met:

(i) SEE PROPOSALS 206-1, 206-2 & 206-3

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- (ii) The student changes schools immediately following the family valid change of residence or no later than the beginning of the next school year following that family move; AND
- (iii) The new school verifies the family valid change of residence of the family; AND
- (iv) A CIF form 206 documenting the new school's verification of a the family's valid change of residence is completed by the new school and family and received by the CIF Section within 30 days of the valid change of residence and recorded by the respective CIF Section.
- (5) **VALID CHANGE OF RESIDENCE AFTER A DISCIPLINE SITUATION.**  
Such a student will not be granted residential eligibility except as outlined in CIF 210 if the student is changing residence and schools, voluntarily or if compelled by the former school or district, as a result of a disciplinary situation at the previous school. **(See also Bylaw 210)**
- (6) **PRE-ENROLLMENT CONTACT:**  
Such a student will not be granted residential eligibility until the Pre-Enrollment Contact Affidavit with the 206 form is completed by the family and school, received, and recorded by the CIF Section, verifying there is no evidence of the use of undue influence (recruiting) by anyone associated with either school in order to procure the student's enrollment in the new school. **(See also # 8 below and CIF Bylaw 510)**
- (3) **c. School Choice Following a Valid Change of Residence**  
~~A student, whose parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver with whom the student was living when the student established residential eligibility at the prior school move from a residence in public high school attendance area "A" to a residence in public high school attendance area "B," has a choice among continued attendance at the previous school, attendance at School "B," attendance at a charter school within the boundaries of School "B" or attendance at a private school. The student is eligible if the student remains in School "A," or if the student enrolls and attends class immediately or no later than the beginning of the next school year in~~

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206.C.3  
Valid Change  
of Residence**

School "B", a charter school within the boundaries of School "B" or a private school.

(7) **SAME SPORT AT TWO DIFFERENT SCHOOLS**

No student shall be eligible to participate in the same sport at two different schools in the same school year unless the student changed schools as a result of a valid change of residence by the student and his parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver. In the event of a change of schools due to a valid change of residence, a student will be allowed to participate in the same sport at two different schools not to exceed, in total, the maximum number of contests in that sport as established by the Section CIF and/or the CIF/Section. (Revised May 2010 Federated Council)

**Moved from**  
**206.2.C.**

(8) **ATHLETICALLY-MOTIVATED VALID CHANGE OF RESIDENCE**

If a student completes a valid change of residence as provided in Paragraphs 206.1 & 2, a student may not be eligible to participate at the varsity level if there is evidence the move was athletically motivated or the student enrolled in that school in whole or in part for athletic reasons (See Bylaw 200; ~~207(c)~~ **510.B-G**)

Q: What is meant by an athletically motivated move or transfer?

A: Based on the CIF philosophy that the "student attend school to receive an education first; athletic participation is secondary" (Bylaw 200 B), individual Section Offices may limit eligibility for a student when there is evidence the transfer, or move is made to acquire athletic participation at "School B." Such evidence of an athletically motivated move may be, but is not limited to: Evidence of parental or student dissatisfaction with a coach or a coaching decision at the former school.

- Evidence the student's move would result in the assurance the student would gain varsity participation at the new school or result in more playing time.
- A move to a school by the student that is believed (objectively or subjectively) to be more competitive or athletically "visible".
- A demonstrated move or transfer that is prompted by association with club programs or outside agencies that use the facilities of the new school.
- A demonstrated move or transfer to a school with which the student has had an athletic association.
- A move or transfer to a school by a student who is associated with outside agencies that use the facilities or personnel at the new school of attendance.
- The preponderance of credible evidence the move was not made in good faith to secure greater educational advantage for the student.

The standard applied to the evidence of "athletic motivation" is that which is associated with a student move or transfer proffered to a hearing officer or Section Commissioner is that which a responsible person acting in a thoughtful manner would judge be with "athletic motivation"

## 206-1 PROPOSAL

This proposed language change gives the student more options of school choice after a valid change of residence. This language attempts to treat all schools the same and is less restrictive than the current language.

**RATIONALE:** If a student can choose to go to any private school after a valid change of residence, why do we limit which public schools they can attend? If a public school district allows a student to enroll in a school other than the school into whose attendance area the family moved, why does the CIF try to restrict this?

- (i) student enrolls, attends, and/or is carried on the attendance roll at the new public school (School B) into whose attendance area the family moved, or another public school in accordance with the district(s) policies or a private school or a charter school; AND

## 206-2 PROPOSAL

This proposed language change is more restrictive and 206-1 AND more restrictive than the current language. This language attempts to treat all school the same, but is more restrictive in limiting the choice of private schools as it does for public and charter schools.

**RATIONALE:** Student should only be eligible in the public school into whose attendance area they move. This restricts which private school(s) in which they can enroll; also restricts which charter schools in which they can enroll and gain athletic eligibility after a valid change of residence.

- (i) student enrolls, attends, and/or is carried on the attendance roll at the new public school (School B) into whose attendance area the family moved or a private school closer geographically to the new family residence than any other private school or a charter school within the boundaries of School B's attendance area; AND

## 206-3 PROPOSAL

### CURRENT BYLAW with expanded language

This proposal reflects the current bylaws but adds and changes some words to fit in with the "rewrite" and "reorganization: of Article 20.

- (i) Student enrolls, attends, and/or is carried on the attendance roll at the new public school (School B) into whose attendance area the family moved or a private school or a charter school within the boundaries of School B's attendance area;, AND

ARTICLE 20-- ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

**NEW 207, 208,  
510.b.**

**OVERVIEW OF PROPOSAL FOR  
SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE TO  
TRANSFER STUDENT ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS**

Overview of Sit Out Period (SOP) for Transfer Students

- A transfer student is one who changes schools, but the family does not make a valid change of address (no change)
- All transfer students must complete CIF Forms 207/510 (no change).
- Student must be academically eligible at the time of transfer. If not, student cannot be deemed eligible until the first full grading period at the new school. (no change)
- Transfer students will be deemed ineligible if they are transferring due to a discipline issue at their prior school (Bylaw 210). (No change)
- The principal and athletic director of both schools must attest in writing that the move was not in violation of Undue Influence (CIF Bylaw 510). This will be as it is now done on Form 510. (no change)
- Student cannot transfer to a school where their former coach has relocated or where a club coach with whom they have been associated, is coaching. This is Bylaw 207. C (3) and (4). (no change)
- A student could be made eligible by a section commissioner quickly and easily in any sport that they did not compete in the prior 12 months.
- Upon transfer to new school and written approval, a student may be determined to be eligible by a section commissioner quickly and easily at the sub-varsity level, in a sport that they have played in the previous 12 months. A student who is granted eligibility under this provision at the lower level in such a sport cannot compete at the varsity level in that sport for the duration of that sport season, including section and state playoffs.
- Student may be deemed eligible for unlimited varsity eligibility in all sports by a section commissioner ONLY if the student meets one of the following hardship criteria:
  1. Court Ordered Transfers
  2. Children of Divorced Parents (eligible in the attendance area of the parent’s domicile where they are residing).
  3. Individual Student Safety Incidents (must be documented with the school and/or police).
  4. Return to Previous School (no change).
  5. Foster Children (no change).
  6. Military Service (no change).
  7. Married Status (no change).
  8. Board of Education Ruling (no change)

- All other transfer students who don't qualify for an exception under the hardship criteria above, but want to play varsity) will have a Sit Out Period (SOP) for any sport that they have played in the previous 12 months. They will become eligible for competition on the following days for the next two years:

Fall: Monday of NFHS Week 14

2012-October 1, 2012

2013-October 6, 2013

Winter: Monday of NFJS Week 27

2012-December 31, 2013

2013-January 6, 2014

Spring: Monday of NFHS Week 40

2012-April 1, 2013

2013-April 7, 2014

- Students who transfer into a school after the first game will have their SOP period determined by the Section Commissioner so that it is equivalent to the SOP of other students who transferred before the first game.
- The Section Commissioner/staff will meet with school officials if their school has three or more transfers for a given sport in the same school year to discuss and the review their transfer guidelines.
- Appeals: The only appeal will be in regard to a finding by the Section Commissioner that the student was in violation of CIF Bylaw 207 C (following a coach) or 510 (undue influence). There are no appeals in regard to the Sit Out Period (SOP)
- Hardships are not appealable other than in these two categories because all the hardship conditions are factual documentable circumstances. Either the student and their family are able to document the hardship to meet on of these three criteria or they do not.

**207/208/510 b LIMITED AND UNLIMITED PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE**

**OUTLINE:** 207

A. DETERMINATION OF TRANSFER STUDENT STATUS-STANDARDS OF ENROLLMENT (SEE ALSO 201.A.3.)

B. CIF TRANSFER RULE

1. Mandatory Applications for Eligibility Determination
2. Pre-enrollment Disclosure requirements
3. Transfers to a CIF member school from within the U.S.-Domestic Transfers
4. Transfers to a CIF member school from outside the US not in approved program –Foreign Transfers

**5 APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS**

(a) **LIMITED ELIGIBILITY APPLICATIONS**

- (1) academically eligible
- (2) not athletically motivated –new 510(b) language
- (3) not disciplinary
- (4) not following coach
- (5) can't play same sport at two schools
- (6) complete form
- (7) can't play JV and later play varsity

(b) **VARSITY ELIGIBILITY APPLICATIONS-(Non-Hardship)-SIT OUT PERIOD**

- (1) Academically eligible
- (2) not athletically motivated–new 510(b) language
- (3) not disciplinary
- (4) not following coach
- (5) can't play same sport at two schools
- (6) has not played jv
- (7) Sit Out Periods established

(c) **UNLIMITED HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY APPLCIATIONS-NO SIT OUT--HARDSHIP**

- (1) academically eligible
- (2) not athletically motivated |
- (3) not disciplinary
- (4) not following coach
- (5) can't play same sport at two school
- (6) has not played jv
- (7) documentation provided
- (8) received and approved

REMOVE CURRENT e.

KEEP CURRENT POLICIES AS FOLLOWS:

- (d) **RETURN TO PREVIOUS SCHOOL**
- (e) **FOSTER CHILDREN**
- (f) **MILITARY SERVICE**
- (g) **MARRIED STATUS**
- (h) **BOARD OF EDUCATION RULING**

C. PRE-ENROLLMENT COMMUNICATION OR CONTACT—**KEEP-NO CHANGES**

D. APPEALS—CHANGE—**LIMITED APPEALS**

207 TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY

A. DETERMINATION OF TRANSFER STUDENT STATUS-STANDARDS OF ENROLLMENT (SEE ALSO 201.A.3.)

B. CIF TRANSFER RULE

All students transferring at any time during their enrollment in high school, to a CIF member school .....

1. MANDATORY APPLICATIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION
2. PRE-ENROLLMENT DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS (Please see also 201.A.1 & 4 and 510)
3. TRANSFERS TO A CIF-MEMBER SCHOOL (described as New School or School B) FROM SCHOOLS (described as Former School or School A) LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES, A U.S. TERRITORY, CANADA OR A U.S. MILITARY BASE
4. FOREIGN TRANSFERS NOT IN A CIF-APPROVED FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

**NEW**

**Limited and**

**Hardship Rules**

**follow**

5. APPLICATIONS FOR ~~AN EXCEPTION TO WAIVER OF~~ TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY LIMITATIONS DETERMINATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS

The CIF recognizes that, in certain circumstances, students may transfer from one school to another due to a compelling hardship need or situation that is beyond a student's or their family's control. In response to such cases, the CIF allows for the CIF/Section to make an exception to the limited eligibility status of a student when the case meets one of the three hardship circumstances outlined in CIF Bylaw 208.

Note-Foreign Transfers: Foreign Transfers as described in 207.A.4 above are subject to all provisions of 207.A.5 that follows except that whenever there is a reference to "sports in which the student has participated at their previous school" foreign students shall read "sports in which the student has participated at their previous school OR ON ANY CLUB TEAM."

**Students May  
play sub-varsity  
upon submission  
& approval of a  
simple form**

a. LIMITED ELIGIBILITY APPLICATIONS

Any student who submits a limited eligibility application to their respective CIF/Section may be made eligible to play at the sub-varsity level in any sports in which they have participated at any previous school in the twelve months prior to this transfer under the following conditions:

**academically  
eligible**

(1) The student was academically eligible at the time of transfer from the former school. Students who are academically ineligible at their previous school will not be eligible to compete at their new school until the requirements in Bylaw 205 are met and the new school has completed a grading period to verify that the student has met the CIF and school district academic eligibility requirements. A student cannot be placed on probation at the new school to fulfill this requirement; AND

**no athletic  
reasons**

(2) The principal of the former school attests in writing that the move was not made in violation of CIF Bylaw 510 (b); AND

**not  
disciplinary**

(3) The student is not transferring either voluntarily or because their former school has determined they must withdraw, because of a disciplinary infraction at the former school as defined in CIF Bylaw 210.C(1); AND

**not following  
coach**

(4) The student is not found by the CIF/Section to have transferred to a school where their former high school coach has relocated or where a club coach, with whom they have been associated, is coaching per CIF Bylaw 207.C. (3) or (4); AND

**no same sport  
in 2 schools**

(5) No student shall be eligible to participate in the same sport at two different schools in the same school year; AND

**completed  
application  
received  
& approved  
when  
eligible**

- (6) A completed 207/510 Limited Transfer Application is received by the respective CIF/Section office and has been processed and approved; AND
- (7) The student who is approved by their respective CIF/Section office and competes in a contest at the sub-varsity level following such approval and before the Sit Out Period (SOP) dates described in b.(6) I, ii and iii below, is ineligible for and may not compete at the varsity level in that sport for the remainder of that school year. This applies through the end of any Section, Regional or State championship finals in that sport.

**Sit Out  
Period  
Provision**

- b. **VARSAITY ELIGIBILITY APPLICATIONS-(Non-Hardship-Sit Out Period)**  
Any student who transfers and whose circumstances causing the transfer do not meet any of the Hardship Exceptions outlined in c.5. below, may become eligible for varsity competition for the sport(s) in which they competed in the last twelve months at the former school or any other school, upon submission, review and approval by their respective CIF/Section under the following provisions
- (1) The student was academically eligible at the time of transfer from the former school; AND
  - (2) The principal of the former school attests in writing that the move was not the move was not made in violation of CIF Bylaw 510 (b); AND
  - (3) The student is not transferring either voluntarily or because their former school has determined they must withdraw, because of a disciplinary infraction at the former school as defined in CIF Bylaw 210.C(1); AND
  - (4) The student is not found by the CIF/Section to have transferred to a school where their former high school coach has relocated or where a club coach, with whom they have been associated, is coaching per CIF Bylaw 207.C. (3) or (4); AND
  - (5) No student shall be eligible to participate in the same sport at two different schools in the same school year; AND
  - (6) The student has not competed at the new school at the sub-varsity level in that sport following the transfer during the current school year; AND
  - (7) The student shall remain out of any competition at any level in each sport in which they competed in the last twelve months at the former school or any other school in accordance with the following Sit Out Periods (SOP):
    - i Fall Sports: The Monday of the NFHS week 14  
2012: October 1  
2013: October 6
    - ii Winter Sports: The Monday of the NFHS week 27  
2012: December 31  
2013: January 6
    - iii Spring Sports: The Monday of the NFHS week 40  
2013: April 1  
2014: April 7
    - iv The student who transfers to a school after school B's first game will have a SOP equivalent to the SOP of all other students who transferred before the season started. The respective CIF/Section Office will provide the actual date once the proper forms are received, reviewed and approved.

**(1)-(5)**

**Same as  
above**

**student  
can't play  
JV before**

**sit out  
dates**

c. **UNLIMITED ELIGIBILITY APPLICATIONS**

~~Waivers of~~ **Exceptions to** the determination of limited eligibility under 207. B (application for unlimited residential eligibility in all sports) may be applied for by the new school (CIF Form 207/510) on behalf of the student. Consideration for unlimited residential eligibility will be given by the respective CIF/Section upon review of the application **ONLY** under the following provisions.

**(1)-(5)  
Same as  
above**

- (1) The student was scholastically eligible at the time of transfer from the former school. Students who are scholastically ineligible at their previous school will not be eligible to compete at their new school until the requirements in Bylaw 205 are met and the new school has completed a grading period to verify that the student has met the CIF and school district scholastic eligibility requirements. A student cannot be placed on probation at the new school to fulfill this requirement; AND
- (2) The student is NOT transferring, either voluntarily or because their former school has determined they must withdraw, because of a disciplinary infraction at the former school as defined in CIF Bylaw 210.C(1); AND
- (3) The student is not found by the CIF/Section to have transferred to a school where their former high school coach has relocated or where a club coach, with whom they have been associated, is coaching per CIF Bylaw 207.C. (3) or (4); AND
- (4) The student has not competed at the new school at the sub-varsity level in that sport at any time following the transfer to the new school; (students who chose to play at the sub-varsity level under the provisions outlined in 5.a **LIMITED ELIGIBILITY APPLICATIONS**, above may not subsequently be granted unlimited eligibility for that same sport during the same season at the new school); AND
- (5) No student shall be eligible to participate in the same sport at two different schools in the same school year; AND
- (6) A completed 207 Unlimited Transfer Application and documentation required by the CIF/Section is received by the respective CIF/Section office and has been processed, reviewed and approved; AND
- (7) One of the following three hardship circumstances are documented to the satisfaction of the respective CIF/Section

**NEW (a) - (c)  
ONLY 3 specific  
hardship  
circumstances  
(replace 208)**

(a) **Court Ordered Transfers:**

Unlimited eligibility may be granted by the CIF/Section in which the student's new school is located in cases where a student is residentially placed from one school attendance area to the attendance area of the new school by a court order or a child protection order and all provisions listed above in c. 1-6 are met. The student may be determined to have unlimited residential eligibility upon receipt of the 207/510 application and sufficient documentation (including but not limited to a copy of the court order) to satisfy that CIF/Section Commissioner that the circumstances meet this criteria. The student will become eligible for varsity competition upon notification to the new school of the approval of such an application by the CIF/Section.

(b) **Children of Divorced Parents:**

Unlimited eligibility may be granted by the CIF/Section in which the student's new school is located when a student changes residence from one parent's domicile to the other parent's domicile as a result of a court-ordered custody change, or joint custody agreements and all provisions listed above in c. 1-6 are met. The student may be determined to have unlimited residential eligibility upon receipt of the 207/510 application and sufficient documentation (including but not limited to a copy of the divorce papers and custody agreements) to satisfy that CIF/Section Commissioner that the circumstances meet this criteria. The student will become eligible for varsity competition upon notification to the new school of the approval of such an application by the CIF/Section.

- (c) **Individual Student Safety Incidents**  
 Unlimited eligibility may be granted by the CIF Section in which the student's new school is located when a student is transferring as a result of a specific safety incident in which the student was involved and all provisions listed above in c. 1-6 are met. The student may be determined to have unlimited residential eligibility upon receipt of the 207/510 application and sufficient documentation is submitted to satisfy that CIF/Section Commissioner that the circumstances meet this criteria. Documentation may include, but is not limited to documentation from the former school about the specific safety incident that occurred at the former school and/or police records (if any). The student will become eligible for varsity competition upon notification to the new school of the approval of such an application by the CIF/Section.
- (d) **Return to Previous School**  
 When a student eligible in School "A" transfers to School "B" and is residentially not eligible, the student may return to School "A" and **shall be determined to be immediately residentially eligible for unlimited participation in interscholastic sports** provided the student did not participate in an interscholastic athletic contest while at School "B" and provided the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/ caregiver still reside in School "A's" attendance area.
- (e) **Foster Children**  
 A student under the court ordered supervision of the California Foster Care System who has changed residences pursuant to a court order and as a result, has transferred schools, **shall be determined to be immediately residentially eligible for unlimited participation** in interscholastic athletics provided all other CIF rules and regulations are met. A change of residence ordered by a social worker of the California Foster Care System shall be acceptable, provided all other CIF rules and regulations are met (Approved May 2009 Federated Council.
- (f) **Military Service**  
 A student **shall be determined to be immediately residentially eligible for unlimited participation** interscholastic athletics when returning from military service provided:
  - i. The student was eligible when the student entered into the Armed Forces; AND
  - ii. The student enrolls in the same school which the student attended before leaving for the service, or enrolls in the school in the district in which the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)/ caregiver reside; AND
  - iii. The student enrolls in the school no later than the succeeding semester after being discharged; AND
  - iv. Provided student did not receive a dishonorable discharge; AND
  - v. The student is fully eligible under all other rules of the CIF.
- (g) **Married Status**  
 A student who marries and lives with the student's spouse **shall be determined to be immediately residentially eligible for unlimited participation** in interscholastic athletics in the school in the attendance area in which the student **and their spouse** resides.
- (h) **Board of Education Ruling:**  
**A student, or group of students, who transfer as a direct result of a ruling by the Board of Education of a school district that has two or more high schools and which mandates a change of school attendance boundaries shall be determined to be immediately residentially eligible for unlimited participation in interscholastic athletics in the school in the attendance area in which the student(s) are required to attend, provided the Board of Education Ruling is not a result of a disciplinary situation.**

**(d) - (h)  
Is same as  
current  
language**

**NEW  
limited  
appeals!**

d. **APPEALS.**  
All eligibility determinations made by the respective CIF/Section office under the provisions of 207.5.c are final as all three of these hardship circumstances are factual in nature and can be documented. Students whose eligibility determinations are made because they do not meet one of the criteria outlined below may appeal that portion of their eligibility determination in accordance with CIF bylaws, Article 1100. Students may appeal a determination by their respective CIF/Section if they have been found to not meet the following criteria:

1. 207.B.5.(a)(2) or (b)(2) or (c)(2)-Conflict with Coach at former school
2. 207.B.5.(a)(4) or (b)(4) or (c)(4)-Following Coach

C. **PRE-ENROLLMENT COMMUNICATION OR CONTACT**

**Keep C. No changes**

E. **APPEALS**

~~Appeals of residential eligibility determinations made by a CIF/Section involving transfer students must be in accordance with all relevant provisions of the CIF appeal process as set forth in Bylaw 1100.  
(Revised May 2010 Federated Council~~

**APPEALS  
MOVED TO  
207.5.d  
above**

208. **HARDSHIP WAIVERS**

The following definition of hardship may be used in conjunction with the other required aspects of 207 in the consideration of a hardship waiver for transfer students. The CIF

recognizes that, in certain circumstances, students may transfer from one school to another due to a compelling need or situation beyond a student's control. In such cases the Section may waive the transfer limitation imposed on the student if the student meets the definition of a hardship. (See "A." below.) Consideration of any hardship request under this bylaw requires documented proof of the hardship circumstance, and all facts to be considered must be submitted at the time of application.

Consideration will be given to the situation in which there is no evidence of athletic motivation, and the hardship is discriminatory in nature and status of the student (also Bylaw 202).

A. A hardship is defined as an unforeseeable, unfavorable and non-transferable act, condition or event that causes the imposition of a severe and non-athletic burden upon the student or his/her family. Sections may only waive the transfer limitation if the conditions of hardship are met, and there is sufficient documentation to support the hardship claim. Sections may not waive the transfer limitation if the conditions of hardship are not met.

B. Consideration of any hardship request to a Section requires documentation. Such documents may include, but not be limited to copies of current transcripts, financial documents, medical statements and/or supportive statements from the previous school attended.

**REMOVE 208**

**HARDSHIP DEFINITION for transfers**

**no longer applies.**

**COVERED UNDER 214 for 8 sem, 20 units, age.**

## CHANGES PROPOSED TO 510.(b) As Referenced Above

510. **UNDUE INFLUENCE, PRE-ENROLLMENT CONTACT, FAILURE TO DISCLOSE PRE- ENROLLMENT CONTACT AND ATHLETICALLY MOTIVATED TRANSFERS**
- a. The use of undue influence by any person or persons to secure or retain a student or to secure or retain one or both parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver of a student as residents may cause the student to be ineligible for high school athletics for a period of one year and shall jeopardize the standing of the high school in the CIF.
  - b. ~~Transferring and enrolling in a school, in whole or in part, for athletic reasons may jeopardize a student's eligibility.~~  
**Transferring and enrolling in a school after a student and/or their parents/caregivers/guardians have had a verbal, written or physical altercation with the coach or anyone else associated with the athletic department of the student's former school and/or team(s) may jeopardize a student's eligibility and be considered transferring with athletic motivation.**

**NOTE:** Undue influence is any act, gesture or communication (including accepting material or financial inducement to attend a CIF-member school for the purpose of engaging in CIF competition regardless of the source) which is performed personally, or through another, which may be objectively seen as an inducement, or part of a process of inducing a student, or his or her parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, by or on behalf of, a member school, to enroll in, transfer to, or remain in, a particular school for athletic purposes.

**CIF BASKETBALL: OPEN DIVISION**

**Rationale:** The addition of an Open Division creates the opportunity for a greater level of competitive equity.

There will be four regional “open” tournaments. There will be a men’s and a women’s tournament in the south and a men’s and a women’s tournament in the north. Each regional “open” division tournament will have a maximum of eight teams, but could have less if the tournament committee feels that there are not eight qualified teams.

The tournament committee will select the teams for the “open” division before they seed the five divisions of the State Tournament.

**The following criteria will be utilized to select the teams for the Open Division for the CIF State Basketball Tournament. A school needs to only satisfy one of the criteria below to be considered:**

- A school must have won two consecutive section basketball championships; or a school must have qualified for the regional championships for three of the past four years.
- A school qualifies for the second straight year after competing in the state or regional final the previous year.
- A school qualifying for their regional playoffs may request to be placed in the open division.
- A school was ranked in the Top Ten of Cal Hi Basketball Rankings (early March) the past two years (current year and previous year).

**Evaluation Tool:**

- A school’s strength of schedule will be used to evaluate the strength of the program. (i.e., regional or national type of schedule).

**Entry Cap:**

- No more than four teams may be selected from any one of the ten sections.
- Sections may choose to replace selected teams in the division from which they were selected.