POLICY WAIVER OR ACCOMMODATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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No qualified student with a disability shall, solely by reason of that disability, be denied access to, participation in, or the benefits of any CIF sponsored activity.

When appropriate, the CIF will provide reasonable accommodations for a disabled student who is declared ineligible pursuant to CIF Bylaw 203 (Age Requirement), Bylaw 204 (Eight (8) Consecutive Semester Requirement), or requires reasonable accommodation due to a specific sports playing rule. Reasonable accommodations will be provided to qualified students with disabilities in conformity with the requirements of federal and state law. Such reasonable accommodations shall provide a disabled student with equally effective access to CIF sponsored activities unless the provision of such reasonable accommodation would constitute an undue hardship or would substantially alter essential elements of the activities involved.

The following procedures shall apply to a request for a waiver based on disability of CIF Bylaw 203 (Age Requirement), Bylaw 204 (Eight (8) Consecutive Semester Requirement), or a request for reasonable accommodation due to a specific sports playing rule.

1. A student with a disability who requests either a waiver of CIF Bylaw 203 (Age Requirement), Bylaw 204 (Eight (8) Consecutive Semester Requirement), or reasonable accommodation due to a specific sports playing rule must identify him/herself to the principal of his/her school and request accommodation from the school site. The student must provide documentation that clearly supports the claim of the presence of a disability, as defined by state and federal law, the impact of the disability on his/her eligibility and/or ability to participate in a CIF sponsored activity, and a justification of the need for the requested accommodation. A student who provides a current signed Individualized Education Plan or a Section 504 Plan from his/her school of attendance shall be deemed to have a disability.

2. The principal, on behalf of the student, shall present a formal request for reasonable accommodation to the Section Commissioner, together with all necessary supporting records.

3. Within the timeline applicable to eligibility waiver requests, the Section Commissioner, upon examination of all documents and consideration of the student's individual circumstances and the purposes for the related rule, may grant or deny a request for a waiver or accommodation. The Section Commissioner's decision shall be subject to the Section's appeal provisions.
REQUEST FOR DISABILITY WAIVER OR ACCOMMODATION FORM

It is the policy of the CIF to provide accommodations for students with disabilities pursuant to the CIF Policy for Accommodations. Disabilities include mental, physical or visual impairment which substantially limits a major life activity. A student, his/her parent/guardian, or member school may request a waiver or accommodation by submitting this form to the CIF.

PART 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN

Name: ___________________________ Year in School: ___________________________
Date of Birth: ___________________________ Gender: ___________________________
Sport/Activity: ___________________________ School: ___________________________
Parent/Guardian Name Address: ________________________________________________
Phone Number: ___________________________ Email address: ___________________________

Waiver or Accommodation Requested (be specific):
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Reason:
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Records provided by member school with parental permission that support the request (e.g., medical records/reports, IEP or Section 504 plans, etc.):
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Student signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
Parent/Guardian signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
PART 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE

I have reviewed this request for waiver or accommodation and verified that this student qualifies as a student with a disability in accordance with federal and state laws.

PART 3: TO BE COMPLETED BY SECTION COMMISSIONER

The Section shall respond to each request for waiver or accommodation within ten (10) business days.

The requested waiver or accommodation applies to the following CIF activity:

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The requested waiver or accommodation is:

Granted: ______________   Granted in part: ______________   Denied: ______________

Explanation:

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Signature: _______________________________   Date: _______________________________

Section Commissioner

The Section Commissioner must provide a copy of this completed form to the member school within ten (10) business days of its submission.

IF THE REQUEST IS DENIED, THE STUDENT, HIS/HER PARENT/GUARDIAN AND THE MEMBER SCHOOL HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION'S CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.