**Fall Sports Moved to December; New CIF Waivers Enacted**

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In conjunction with the State CIF and the 10 Sections in California, the 2020 Fall sports season has been delayed to December. Due to the current climate of the coronavirus and the recent spike in positive cases throughout California, it was decided in the best interests of our student-athletes, coaches, and member schools to adjust the 2020-2021 sports calendar.

It has been the goal of the CIF to offer three seasons of sport and the newly revised calendar reflects sports being divided into a Fall and Spring season. We are dedicated and hopeful that our member schools will be given that opportunity from December through June. It will require continued flexibility and understanding on behalf of all parties and a willingness to work together to ensure we achieve that goal.

The health, safety, and well-being of our member schools and constituents are first and foremost our number one priority. We will continue to follow the recommendations and guidance of the California Department of Public Health as well as the County of Los Angeles Public Health Department.

“Throughout this fluid situation it has always been the goal to give our student-athletes an opportunity to compete. I would like to thank all of our constituents for their support and compassion that they have shown one another through this pandemic,” LA City Section Commissioner Vicky Lagos said. “These decisions took a tremendous amount of creativity, resilience, forward thinking and dedication, all while keeping the health and safety of student-athletes and coaches at the forefront.”

The new schedule of dates for the CIF Los Angeles City Section has been published and will continue to be a living document where revisions might be necessary as we navigate through these uncertain times. All dates and return to practice and competition will be predicated upon the approval of the CIF, County of Los Angeles Public Health Department, LAUSD, and fellow charter organizations.
In addition to this newly developed sports calendar, CIF Executive Director Ron Nocetti has made the decision to enact CIF Bylaw 1108.A, which states, “In emergency situations, the State CIF President or Executive Director or his/her authorized designee may act for the Federated Council in the best interests of the organization. The action will be reviewed by the Executive Committee.” Therefore, a decision has been made that CIF Bylaws 600 - 605 (Outside Competition) will be suspended for the 2020-2021 school year. Thus, student-athletes will be given the opportunity to participate with outside organizations during their season of sport.

Furthermore, summertime rules will be extended from when the school year begins in August/September through December and the beginning of Fall sports. As schools open and students return, provided state and local health authorities deem it safe to do so, schools can begin their pre-season preparations as they see fit, depending on what is allowed by health authorities during that time period. If the principal allows teams to represent member schools as school teams during the off-season during the school year, schools will be allowed to do so during the 2020-2021 school year.

We would like to thank CIF Executive Director Ron Nocetti and CIF Associate Executive Director Brian Seymour for their leadership, along with my fellow Section Commissioners and our entire staff for their hard work, dedication, and professionalism throughout this entire process. We truly appreciate everyone’s time and effort for collaborating and creating a calendar that offers our member schools an opportunity to compete again in education-based athletics.

We will be meeting with our Executive Committee on Wednesday to approve of the waivers and sports calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. Please continue to be safe and healthy!

About the CIF Los Angeles City Section

CIF Los Angeles City Section is the governing body of high school sports for 156 schools in the Los Angeles area. We aim to enhance member high schools’ abilities to manage interscholastic athletic programs. Our goal is to promote healthy, safe, and fair interscholastic competition and develop programs that will raise academic achievement in all student-athletes.