

WCAL BYLAWS

Article V – Eligibility

1. RULES OF ELIGIBILITY – The California Interscholastic Federation and the Central Coast Section rules shall be observed by all league schools. The League rules, which may be more stringent, shall be observed by all member schools.
2. CLASSIFICATION OF ATHLETES – Athletes in all sports must be classified and certified for any interscholastic competition.
3. ELIGIBILITY LISTS
 - A. Eligibility lists shall be prepared for each sport, indicating:
 1. The classification of competition (Varsity, JV, Frosh-Soph, or Freshman)
 2. Certification of the eligibility of the athletes listed (Scholastic, Residence and Age).
 - B. Eligibility lists shall be prepared on the official League Eligibility Form and be signed by the Athletic Director and Principal.
 - C. A copy of each school's eligibility list shall be sent to the Commissioner by the first league contest. There is a \$10 fine for late filing.
 - D. The eligibility list filed with the Commissioner shall be the official eligibility list of a school. In the case of any changes (additions, deletions or revisions) the Commissioner must be notified in writing as soon as possible.
4. CHANGING CLASSIFICATION OF COMPETITION
 - A. Moving up OK, but no downward movement after League Begins: No player of a team in any sport whose name appears on an eligibility list may be moved to a team of a lower classification once the League starts, even though he/she may not have played in nor suited up for a League game. A player may be moved up to a team of a higher classification at any time during the season and his/her name shall be added to the official eligibility list as soon as possible, with proper and prompt notice to the other member schools.
Exceptions: Cross Country and Wrestling. Refer to the individual sport By-Laws for specific details.
 - B. Freshman Basketball: The Freshman A and B Teams shall have separate eligibility lists and there shall be no exchange of players between the two teams during the League season.
 - C. Temporary Moves to Varsity: Once the League begins, a player on a lower level team may be moved to the varsity team on a temporary basis. The player is considered to have moved up regardless of whether he/she plays in the contest. The maximum number of contests for that player for the season cannot be exceeded.
 1. Tennis: This provision also applies to the League contests, but only if the varsity team has no other players to compete in the match.
 - D. Once the league begins, players may be moved up to the Varsity for non-league contests. However, the maximum number of contests for that player in a season may not be exceeded.
5. ELIGIBILITY OF NEW STUDENTS – The eligibility of a boy/girl upon entering high school from an elementary or junior high school or upon transferring from one high school to another is specifically covered by the By-Laws of the CIF and CCS.
6. MULTIPLE SPORTS IN ONE SEASON – An athlete is eligible for any and all different sports whose seasons are concurrent within the school year.
7. INCOMING FRESHMEN – Incoming Freshmen shall not be eligible for summer league play or open gyms prior to starting school in the fall. Incoming Freshmen may not begin organized practice until the third Monday in August.

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8. SENIORS – Senior athletes are not eligible for Junior Varsity competition and shall not play on any JV team in any sport.

Exceptions: Cross Country (see the Cross Country By-Laws for specific details) and by consent of the League Commissioner. Also see “Eligibility of New Students” above.

If a school feels it may have a situation that would require using seniors on a JV team(s), that school must request permission to use those seniors from the Commissioner. The Commissioner will decide if the request is appropriate.

9. OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS – Eligibility requirements other than those of the CIF and/or CCS shall be determined and interpreted by the League Commissioner and/or the Principals’ Council.

10. SEASON LONG PLAY – 50% RULE

A. In individual sports (swimming, track and field, cross country, tennis, golf, gymnastics, badminton, or wrestling) a student athlete must compete in at least ½ of the regular league contests in order to participate in the CCS playoffs in that sport. The specific qualification standards outlined in the CCS bylaws for each of these sports must be met in addition to this general minimum participation.

The following exceptions to this rule may be determined by the League Commissioner only:

1. If there is a serious medical condition or hardship that is beyond the student’s control, and which clearly and solely causes their lack of participation in a minimum of ½ of their regularly scheduled league contests, or
2. If the student has corrected a scholastic ineligibility in the most recent grading period which occurs after the first half of the league season is complete, and which directly and solely causes their lack of participation in a minimum of ½ of their regularly scheduled league contests, or
3. If through internal team competition and ladder movement an athlete has not had the opportunity to participate in ½ of the regularly scheduled league contests.