

## 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 – Eligibility declaration shall be the responsibility of the school principal. The principal may seek the advice of the League Commissioner or Section Commissioner in regard to interpretation of CIF Bylaws. The declaration of the principal shall be sufficient unless appealed by an interested party. This responsibility is part of the administrative control required of member school principals in regards to every aspect of student eligibility.
4. CHANGING CLASSIFICATION OF COMPETITION – Student-athletes may move between levels of competition during the season. A student-athlete may only participate in one level per day.
  - A. Member school’s administration must track eligibility and CCS max number of contests may not be exceeded.
  - B. Coaches must have Athletic Department documentation and approval. It is considered a contest when on the roster even if the student-athlete did not play.
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 CIF/CCS Bylaws.
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 FROSH – Incoming Frosh are allowed to participate in the following summer activities: conditioning, skill building, open gym/field/etc. Incoming freshmen are not eligible to represent the school in summer leagues/competitions. Member school’s administrations are responsible to comply with enrollment and liability policies.
  - A. Summer is defined as beginning the 1st Saturday in June through the Sunday of the 4th week in the NFHS Calendar each year.
  - B. Enrolled freshmen may not participate until they have graduated from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
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 bylaws for specific details) and by consent of the League Commissioner.

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  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the regular league contests in order to participate in the CCS or CIF 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 standard. 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  $\frac{1}{2}$  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  $\frac{1}{2}$  of their regularly scheduled league contests; OR
  3. If the student has been granted a SOP exemption to the transfer rule, the date of which makes it impossible for them to compete in  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the league competitions in that sport; OR
  4. If through internal team competition and ladder movement an athlete has not had the opportunity to participate in  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the regularly scheduled league contests.