

Interpretation of CIF Bylaw Rules 511 and 600

Disclaimer: The following interpretation is just that, an interpretation. You are responsible for reading the applicable CIF bylaws in their entirety in order to determine how they apply to your team.

“Outside” Soccer teams must complete their season prior to the first interscholastic contest (see rule 511). An interscholastic contest is a game or scrimmage. The Central Coast Section of CIF determines when the first interscholastic contest will be. Please check with your High School’s Athletic Director.

Eligible high school soccer players may participate with an “Outside” soccer team for purposes of participating in winter indoor soccer or futsal during the winter high school CIF soccer season. (See Rules 511 and 600A)

Eligible high school soccer players may participate with an “Outside” Soccer Team, who is participating in a soccer tournament, as long as the tournament does not exceed 5 v 5. 6 v 6 or more would violate Rule 600A during the winter High School CIF soccer season.

CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION BYLAWS ARTICLE 60 OUTSIDE COMPETITION

600. COMPETITION ON AN OUTSIDE TEAM

A student on a high school team becomes ineligible if the student competes in a contest on an “outside” team, in the same sport, during the student’s high school season of sport (See Bylaw 511). The following exceptions apply:

A. If the outside team has half or more of the team members as stated in the National Federation rules book for that sport, it shall be considered the same sport. Examples: three on three basketball — outside team competition prohibited; two on two volleyball — outside team competition permitted.

B. **FLAG FOOTBALL** For purposes of this rule, touch football and flag football are considered to be a different sport than tackle football.

C. **SOCCER** In the sport of soccer, Bylaw 600 shall be in effect only during the winter high school soccer season. High school soccer programs that compete during the fall or spring season are not subject to Bylaw 600.

D. **SWIMMING & DIVING** Swimmers may compete for an amateur team during the season of sport in the USA Swimming Senior National Championship Meet, the USA Swimming Sectional Championship meets and the YMCA National Meet. Divers may compete for an amateur team during the season of sport in the USA National Diving Championships and the USA National Junior Diving Championships.

E. Bylaw 600 shall not be in effect for those sports conducted outside the State-adopted season of sport.

F. SPONTANEOUS RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY

It is permissible for a high school team member to participate in a spontaneous recreational activity or game in which sides or teams are chosen without regard to players representing any group or organization. Such participation would not cause loss of eligibility. (Definition of spontaneous: no prior planning or notice; an unplanned part of another activity which has a primary focus other than the sport.)

G. UNATTACHED COMPETITION IN INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

(1) An unattached athlete shall not represent any team. Points won by the athlete shall not be credited to any team. An unattached athlete shall not use a uniform which identifies a school or “outside” team. Any violation shall be considered an infraction of Bylaw 600.

(2) Unattached competition is permissible for a student in other than school contests during the season of sport provided the student enters in the individual sports of badminton (singles and doubles), cross country, golf, gymnastics, skiing, swimming and diving (including unattached entry on relays), tennis (singles and doubles), track and field (including unattached entry on relays) and wrestling.

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(3) CERTIFICATION OF UNATTACHED ATHLETES

No official recognition or certification on the part of the CIF-member school or personnel of the CIF-member school may be given in order that unattached athletes may participate in contests.

(4) REPRESENTATION IN CIF COMPETITION

Unattached competition is not permitted in any CIF competition (See Bylaw 302). Individuals or teams entered in CIF competition must represent a CIF-member school. No other form of representation shall be permitted in CIF competition.

For more information or to see CIF Bylaw 600 in its entirety, go to:

http://www.cifstate.org/governance/constitution_bylaws/pdf/600%20Series.pdf

CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION BYLAWS
ARTICLE 50
GENERAL RULES

511. SEASON OF SPORT DEFINITION

The season of sport for a school is that period of time which elapses between the first interscholastic contest and the final contest for that particular sport. The season of a sport for any individual student is that period of time which elapses between the student's first participation in an interscholastic contest and the student's final contest for that particular sport.

A. The "season of sport" shall be established for each sport by the highest CIF component level in which championship competition is conducted (i.e., State, Section or league) in that sport. To participate in state-level competition for any particular sport, a Section must comply with the CIF adopted "season of sport."

B. The basic sports seasons are:

Fall - August through November

Winter - November through February

Spring - February through June

Exact dates may vary from year-to-year and between Sections within the above specified basic seasons.

Championship competition may extend beyond these limits.

C. Sections have the responsibility to work toward equity relative to length of season, number of contests, and number of opportunities for participation by students. The "seasons of sport" for State championships are:

Fall - Volleyball (girls) Winter - Wrestling (boys and girls)

Fall - Cross Country (boys and girls) Winter - Soccer (boys and girls - SoCal Regionals only)

Fall - Football (boys) Spring - Track (boys and girls)

Fall - Golf (girls) Spring - Golf (boys)

Fall - Tennis (girls - NorCal Regionals only) Spring - Tennis (boys - NorCal Regionals only)

Winter - Basketball (boys and girls) Spring - Volleyball (boys - SoCal Regionals only)

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http://www.cifstate.org/governance/constitution_bylaws/pdf/500%20Series.pdf