

NCS SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 12, 2011

MINUTE TOPIC	DISCUSSION LEADER	ACTION
I. CONSENT AGENDA	Susie Woodall	Unanimous
II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	Susie Woodall	PASSED (CONSENT)
III. PUBLIC INPUT	Susie Woodall	NONE
IV. CIF ITEMS	Gil Lemmon	PASSED (29-1-0)
A. Addition of a Division 6 at CIF State Cross Country Championships		
B. Season of Sport (This item will be discussed/voted in	Gil Lemmon	REVIEW
1. Starting Dates for Practice (including tryouts)	Gil Lemmon	PASSED (25-6-0)
2. Last Contest Date	Gil Lemmon	PASSED (31-0-0)
3. Number of Allowable Contest	Gil Lemmon	PASSED (27-4-0)
4. Scrimmages	Gil Lemmon	FAILED (0-31-1)
5. Definition of scrimmage amendment	Dave Kiesel	PASSED (28-2-2)
V. NCS ITEMS		
A. NCS Constitution Bylaw 1103.A.2.a	Don Nelson	PASSED (23-9-0)
B. Basketball rule change-fingernail inspection	Susie Woodall	FAILED (15-16-0)
C. Tennis Ladder Rules	Susie Woodall	PASSED (29-1-2)
D. NCS 24.205H Tennis Doubles Entries	Susie Woodall	PASSED (30-0-2)
E. Wrestling 28.505H Seeding Criteria	Susie Woodall	PASSED (31-0-1)
F. Wrestling 28.600H Admission Policy	Susie Woodall	PASSED (30-2-0)
G. Minimum Qualifying Record for Lacrosse	Pat Lickiss	PASSED (27-5-0)
H. Boys' Volleyball Brackets size increase. (up to 12-team)	Pat Lickiss	PASSED (24-0-7)
I. Open Division in the basketball playoffs	Bud Beemer	FAILED (9-20-2)
J. Football starting date one week prior to all fall sports	Susie Woodall	PASSED (25-6-0)
K. Sports & General Rulings Handbook 515H; 4 & 5 (Request to change the seeding of 12 and 16 team brackets)	Dave Kiesel	FAILED (6-24-0)
L. Elimination of the Badminton Championship Rotation	Marie Sugiyama	PASSED (18-0-11)
M. Two automatic entries for 12 school basic leagues	Dave Kiesel	FAILED (13-19-0)
N. Sports & General Rulings Handbook 519H.8	Susie Woodall	PASSED (19-6-5)
VI. NEW BUSINESS		
A. NONE	Susie Woodall	NONE
VII. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION		
A. Dead Period during the summer	Susie Woodall	NONE

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VIII. STAFF REPORTS A. Commissioner B. Associate Commissioner C. Assistant Commissioner	Gil Lemmon Karen Smith Bri Niemi	INFORMATION

The regular meeting of the North Coast Section Sports Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Susie Woodall at 8:35 a.m. on September 12, 2011, at Novato Unified School District, Novato, California.

LEAGUES & REPRESENTATIVES

Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League (2)

Bill Jones, ACCAL Commissioner
Tiffany Valdehueva, Pinole Valley HS

Bay Area Conference

Tom Welsh, BAC Commissioner

Bay Counties League (2)

Michie Sierra, Fremont Christian HS

Bay Counties League East (1)

Linda Desimone, College Prep HS

Bay Counties League-West (1)

Josh Frechette, Marin Academy HS

Bay Counties League Central (1)

Joe Killmaier, Gateway HS

Bay Shore Athletic League (2)

Phil Tomasini, BSAL Commissioner
Tamara Smith, St. Patrick-St. Vincent HS

Bay Valley Athletic League (2)

Bud Beemer, BVAL Commissioner
Elisha Hall, Liberty HS

Coastal Mountain Conference (4)

Chuck Davison, CMC Commissioner

NBL I North

Geri Giovannetti, Middletown High School

NBL I South

Tom Hoppe, St. Helena HS

Sue Keller, St. Vincent

NBL II North

Robert Pinoli, Anderson Valley HS

NBL II South

Diablo Foothill Athletic League (2)

Pat Lickiss, DFAL Commissioner
Linda Sawyer, DFAL Rep

Diablo Valley Athletic League (2)

Craig Lee, Interim DVAL Commissioner
Megan Coddington, Concord HS

East Bay Athletic League (2)

Don Nelson, EBAL Commissioner
Gleam Greene, Carondelet HS

Hayward Area Athletic League (2)

Dave Kiesel, HAAL Commissioner-
Christine Krisman, Moreau Catholic HS

Humboldt-Del Norte League (2)

Charlie Lakin, HDNL Commissioner
Karen Parlato, Fortuna HS

Marin County Athletic League (2)

Susie Woodall, MCAL Commissioner
Jessica Peisch, Redwood HS
Steve Farbstein, Terra Linda HS

Mission Valley Athletic League (2)

Tom Breen, MVAL Commissioner - Absent
Kim Martin, Irvington HS

North Bay League (2)

Marie Sugiyama, NBL Co-Commissioner
Russ Petrich, NBL Co-Commissioner

Sonoma County League (2)

Dave Ashworth, SCL Commissioner
Kathryn Teeter, Petaluma HS

STAFF:

Gil Lemmon, NCS Commissioner of Athletics
Karen Smith, NCS Associate Commissioner
Bri Niemi, NCS Assistant Commissioner
Sandy Lemmon, NCS Staff

Each item passed at this meeting will become effective July 1, 2012 unless otherwise noted, if passed by the Board of Managers at the October 24, 2011 meeting.

**NCS SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 12, 2011**

I. CONSENT AGENDA

B. PASSED (Unanimous)

To approve the consent agenda

MOTION: Chuck Davison SECOND: Tom Welsh

II. MINUTES

A. PASSED (CONSENT AGENDA)

To approve of the minutes of the March 7, 2011 meeting as printed.

III. PUBLIC INPUT no public input was given.

IV. CIF ITEMS

A. PASSED (29-1-0)

Addition of a sixth division at the CIF State Cross Country Championships

Motion to support the addition of a sixth division at the CIF State Cross Country

Championships: *with the addition that every section is guaranteed at least one automatic entry in each Division.*

This proposal creates six divisions with a new Division I minimum enrollment set at 2,600+, the new Division V enrollment capped at 1,250, and the new Division VI capped at 500. The sections would then be able to balance their enrollment numbers for the new Divisions II, III and IV. There would also be a requirement of eight teams per division to be eligible for automatic State qualifying.

Rationale: See Attachment CIF Cross Country

MOTION: Don Nelson

SECOND: Linda Sawyer

B. REVIEW

CIF Season of Sport

A proposal to adopt a statewide season of sport should now be going forward for a vote by the Federated Council. The four parts will be voted on separately. One of the issues raised during the Federated Council roundtable discussion in May of 2008 was the need to address starting and ending dates and maximum number of contests for sports culminating in a state championship.

The subcommittee on Standard Rules and Regulations formed through the Governance Task Force recommended to the Commissioners to develop common starting and ending dates and maximum number of contests for sports culminating in State Regional and/or Championships for all sections. The Governance Task Force met on April 19 and suggested several edits. These recommendations were included on the proposal the Commissioners reviewed last June.

New Bylaw

SEASON OF SPORT

1. PASSED (25-6-0)

Starting Dates for Practice (including tryouts)

Sections shall determine the first day of practice in all sports. Sections, however, may not set as its first day of practice a date prior to:

(1) The Monday of NFHS Calendar Week 6 for fall sports. For 2011, Aug. 8. For 2012, Aug. 6;

(2) The Monday of NFHS Calendar Week 19 for winter sports. For 2011, Nov. 7. For 2012, Nov. 5;

(3) The Monday of NFHS Calendar Week 32 for spring sports. For 2012, Feb. 6. For 2013, Feb. 4.

NOTE: These dates are inclusive of required/mandated "dead periods" such as Thanksgiving Week, winter break, and section mandated dead periods.

MOTION: Linda Sawyer SECOND: Phil Tomasini

2. PASSED (31-0-0)

Last Contest Date

(1) The last contest date for regular season competition shall be determined by each Section.

(2) For sports culminating in Regional or State championships, Section playoff competition must be completed by the Saturday prior to Regional or State competition.

MOTION: Linda Sawyer SECOND: Tom Welsh

3. PASSED (27-4-0)

Number of Allowable Contests

Sections shall determine the maximum number of allowable contests. Sections, however, for sports culminating in a Regional or State championship may not set a limit higher than:

Basketball	26
Cross Country	14
Football	10 (Sports not listed do not lead to a Regional or State Championship)
Golf	24
Soccer	26
Tennis	24
Track and Field	14
Volleyball	26
Wrestling	40 (See Bylaw 3103)

NOTE: The maximum number of allowable contests is in effect for teams during the regular season. The maximum number of allowable contests does not include Section Foundation or Scholarship Games, League, Section, Regional or State championships.

- (1) Basketball - One contest for each game.
- (2) Golf - Tournaments count as 1 contest per day.
- (3) Soccer - One contest for each match.
- (4) Tennis - One contest for each match.
- (5) Volleyball - Tournaments that do not utilize a best 3 out of 5 format (i.e., best 2 out of 3 or single games to 25) count as 2 contests per day.

MOTION: Don Nelson SECOND: Tom Welsh

4. FAILED (0-31-1)

Scrimmages

A scrimmage is defined as:

- (1) An activity involving teams or individual student-athletes from two or more different schools in a CIF-approved sport; AND
- (2) Where no score is kept; AND
- (3) Where regulation time is not kept; AND
- (4) Where no officials are paid; AND
- (5) Where substitute rules are set aside; AND
- (6) Where coaches may stop play for instructional purposes; AND
- (7) Where admission is not charged; AND
- (8) Where no score/results are released to the media.

A. Number of Scrimmages

A maximum of two scrimmages per sport are permissible prior to the first interscholastic contest (league or non-league) of the season. Scrimmages shall not

count in the teams or individuals maximum number of contests. Scrimmages held after a team's first interscholastic contest shall count as a contest.

SAC: Support: 3/7/11 (26-3-0)

Executive Committee: 3/14/11 (Support by Consent)

MOTION: Phil Tomasini SECOND: Tom Welsh

5. PASSED (28-2-2)

Motion to have the definition of a scrimmage defined by each Section. Each sport would still be allowed two scrimmages with the exception of football having one.

MOTION: Dave Kiesel SECOND: Chuck Davison

V. NCS ITEMS

A. PASSED (23-9-0)

Constitution Bylaw 1103.A.2.a

Motion to adopt the following language for Constitution Bylaw 1103.A.2.a;

1103. Penalty for Violations of NCS and/or CIF Bylaws OTHER THAN Use of an Ineligible Participant

The penalties and proceedings as set forth in this section are to be applied by league committees of North Coast Section, CIF when applicable, or by the Section Commissioner, or his/her designee, when the alleged infraction(s) do not fall under the jurisdiction of the league.

A. Forfeit of League Contest

Should a school's team or teams fail to participate in any of its contests as per the league schedule, it's action would represent a breach of the implied contract and the school would be further guilty of breaking its faith with the member schools of its league and the North Coast Section, C.I.F. Member schools are expected to make every reasonable effort to fulfill their varsity schedule.

1. League contests that are canceled for legitimate administrative cause by mutual agreement of the competing schools with authority granted by the respective league(s) would not be subject to sanctions or penalty. Examples of reasons for cause are listed below:

- a. Inadequate sign-ups of students to field a team. Schools are expected to encourage additional students to participate, but should notify the league one week after the starting date of practice if they are unable to field a team.
- b. Loss of an adequate number of participating students due to imposition of school disciplinary action.
- c. Loss of an adequate number of participating students due to scholastic ineligibility.
- d. Student and spectator safety due to unforeseen circumstances such as travel conditions or field conditions.
- e. School, state or national tragedies or emergencies (ex. the death of a student or teacher at the school, State of Emergency by the Governor of California or a Homeland Security Red Alert).

2. ~~League contests that are forfeited due to actions of intent or neglect that creates a competitive advantage for the school forfeiting the contests or a disadvantage to the other schools in the league shall be subject to sanctions and penalties. Examples of actions of intent or neglect are listed below:~~ **League contests that are forfeited, to avoid exceeding the maximum number of contests, due to actions of intent or neglect shall be subject to sanctions and penalties. Examples of actions of intent or neglect are listed below:**

- a. Over-scheduling to exceed the maximum number of contests permitted by NCS rules.

- b. Cancellation due to travel inconvenience or lack of travel preparation.
- c. Over-scheduling by making conflicting commitments for the same time period.

FIRST OFFENSE

- a. Forfeitures of contest(s) in which the offending school did not compete shall count as contests played against the final season record,
- b. Exclusion from participation in the league's post-season championship (playoff) competition in that sport for a period of one year from the date of determination of the violation,
- c. Exclusion from participation in NCS post-season championship competition in the specific sport in which the school did not fulfill its league scheduling responsibility for a period of one year from the date of determination of the violation.

SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THREE SCHOOL YEARS OF THE FIRST OFFENSE (Items above plus):

- a. The school will be placed on probation with the conditions of probation to be determined by the member league. Failure to follow all NCS and CIF rules during the term of probation may subject the school to **THIRD OFFENSE PENALTIES**.
- b. Exclusion from participation in the league's post-season championship (playoff) competition in the specific sport(s) for a minimum of two years or more as determined by the league,
- c. Possible suspension from the league and any other NCS league in the specific sport(s) for a period of time to be determined by the league.

THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN FIVE SCHOOL YEARS OF THE FIRST OFFENSE (Items above plus):

- a. Possible placement on non-league affiliated membership status for a period of time to be determined by the league.
3. The actions of the league in all matters stated above would be subject to appeal to the NCS President. A NCS member school, NCS Commissioner of Athletics, affected students, or parents of affected students may appeal a league hearing panel's decision on appropriate school remedies for violation of CIF or NCS rules or regulations other than the use of an ineligible student to the NCS President. The NCS President will assign a three-person hearing panel or a single hearing officer who will review the action of the league a formal hearing and may affirm, deny, reduce, or increase the remedies ordered by the school's league hearing panel.
- a. An appeal of a league hearing panel shall be filed with the NCS Office in writing and shall detail the nature of the appeal and outline the position as to why the league hearing panel determination or remedy is in error or why an appeal to the NCS President is necessary at this time.
 - b. The appeal must be submitted to the Section President within 20 working days of the decision by the league.
 - c. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the guidelines in the North Coast Section Appellate Procedures Handbook.
 - d. The hearing panel or a single hearing officer shall make its determination by evaluating the evidence presented and

applying the guidelines found in the North Coast Section
Appellate Procedures Handbook.

Rationale: NCS has a maximum number of contests that a school can play. A forfeit should count against this number. It is the responsibility of the coach to make sure they do not exceed that number. If they do, they should be penalized for breaking the bylaw.

MOTION: Don Nelson SECOND: Linda Sawyer

B. FAILED (15-16-0)

Basketball Rule –fingernail inspection

Motion to adopt the following proposal; before the game begins, the referee will inspect the athletes for long fingernails. If a player is found to have long fingernails, they will not be able to play in the game until the fingernails are trimmed and the referee rechecks them.

RATIONALE: SAFETY

A student this year (2010-2011) was unintentionally poked in the eye during a basketball game. The result of this injury was a torn optic nerve that resulted in blindness. If the nails of the participants were checked before the game, this injury may have been prevented.
umber one seeded team. This process will continue until all teams are placed.

MOTION: Don Nelson SECOND: Marie Sugiyama

C. PASSED (29-1-2)

Tennis Ladder Rules

Ladder Rules

Motion to change 24.512H Team Composition (CONSENT by NCS Tennis Mgmt. Comm.)

NCS 24.512H Team Composition

Each team will consist of four (4) singles players and three (3) doubles teams. Players may only play one event (singles or doubles). Each school shall decide which event a player will enter. The number one singles player must be ranked higher on the team individual player strength ladder (ladder) than the number two player. The number two singles player must be ranked higher than the number three player. The number three singles players must be ranked higher than the number four singles players.

In doubles play, if the sum of any of the ladder positions for two or three of the teams is equal, then the highest ranked individual player shall play on the higher ranked doubles team.

Lineups may change from one match to the next. If a player in the lineup is unable to play, a substitution is allowed, providing the ladder rules stated above are met. No player can appear in the lineup unless he is listed on the ladder. Moving players with the intent of gaining an advantage is not permitted and shall subject the team to default by the tournament directors. **~~A player may only move up or down one position on the ladder by challenge.~~ A player may only challenge up one position on the strength ladder. A player who has established a record at a team position in six team matches and whose results show that they are clearly stronger than the player below them, may not be moved down. The line up must stay in order of ability.**

The player strength ladder submitted for the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Team Tennis Championships shall be the same player strength ladder submitted for the CIF Nor-Cal Regional Championship.

Doubles Entries

Motion to change 24.205H Entries (CONSENT by NCS Tennis Mgmt. Comm.)

D. PASSED (30-0-2)

NCS 24.205H Entries

g) Schools may substitute one player of their doubles entry. If both players need to be replaced, the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th place team from the league tournament shall represent the league.

MOTION: Tom Welsh SECOND: Don Nelson

E. PASSED (31-0-1)

Wrestling rule 28.505H Seeding Criteria changes

Individual Wrestling Championships

Motion to change 28.505H Seeding Criteria (CONSENT by NCS Wrestling Mgmt. Comm).

28.505H Seeding

Criteria

- ~~a) State Tournament placer (place and weight class)~~
- ~~b) North Coast Section placer in previous year (place and weight class)~~
- ~~e) Overall Record (wins and losses)~~
- ~~d) Section losses (list each section loss)~~
- ~~e) Head to Head (list who won from and who lost to)~~
- ~~f) Tournament record this year (list tournament place names, etc.)~~

Note: Overall Record in weight class will take precedence

—(NCS Board of Managers 10/25/02)

28.505H Seeding

Criteria for all seeded wrestlers

1. Head-to-head wins (during current season)
2. Returning CIF State medalist (place and weight class)
3. Returning CIF State qualifier
4. Returning NCS medalist (place and weight class)
5. Overall record (all wins and losses)
 - a. Tournaments (include size [64/32/24/16/dual] and place/finish)
 - b. Section losses
6. Secret ballot league-rep voting

MOTION: Don Nelson SECOND: Pat Lickiss

F. PASSED (30-2-0)

Individual Wrestling Championships

Motion to change 28.601H Head and Assistant Coaches Admission (CONSENT by NCS Wrestling Mgmt. Comm.).

28.600H ADMISSION POLICY

28.601H Head and Assistant Coaches Admission

Head and Assistant Coach's floor passes (wristbands) will be distributed with the Registration packets and will be used for admittance on both days of the tournament. ~~Schools with one or two participating wrestlers will be allowed a maximum of two coaches. Schools with three or more wrestlers participating in the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Wrestling Championships will be allowed a third or fourth coach, if listed on the Certification of Authorized Personnel Form, but must pay for the fourth wristband.~~ **1-2 wrestlers = 2 coaches passes; 3-9 wrestlers = 4 coaches passes 10+ wrestlers = 5 coaches passes. The fourth and fifth wristbands must be paid for. All coaches must be listed as certified on the Certification of Authorized Personnel Form.**

(NCS Board of Managers 10/25/02)

MOTION: Tom Welsh

SECOND: Don Nelson

G. PASSED (27-5-0)

20.047H MINIMUM QUALIFYING RECORD FOR LACROSSE

Motion to adopt the following language in the Sports and General Rulings:

20.047H MINIMUM QUALIFYING RECORD FOR LACROSSE

To be accepted as a participant in the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Lacrosse Championships, a team shall have compiled a winning overall record, or a winning record against teams in its own division or a winning record in its own league.

Exception: league champions gain automatic entry.

- a. *A winning record is defined as a team having won more games than it has lost.*
- b. *“Teams in its own division” is defined as any team whose grades 9-12 enrollment falls within the school’s NCS Lacrosse Division.*
- c. *Games against teams outside of the United States will not be counted in determining the “winning record within a division”.*

504H Minimum Standards/Procedures for Qualifying League Representatives to Section Championship Series in Team Sports

-Baseball, Basketball, Football, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball, **Lacrosse**

- a) *The Varsity level team is the only team that is potentially eligible to qualify to the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship events. (Board of Managers 10/17/08)*
- b) *To qualify for an automatic berth in any NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship Series team sport, a league must have at least four schools participating in that sport at the varsity level.*
- c) *A league that, due to extenuating circumstances (geography, late withdrawal by a school or schools), has only three participating schools in a team sport, may petition for an automatic berth.*

Note: If a basic league/conference has only one girls’ golf team, it will automatically qualify to the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Girls Golf Championships. Each basic league must have a qualifying tournament to determine their basic league’s team and individual automatic qualifiers. Any school who is a member of this basic league, and wishes to qualify golfers to the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Golf Championships must participate in the basic league’s qualifying tournament. Supplemental schools may not qualify through their supplemental league.

- d) *When there are less than four schools participating in a team sport in a league, its representative to the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship Series must qualify through its conference.*
Note: If a basic league/conference has only one girls’ golf team, it will automatically qualify to the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Girls’ Golf Championships. Each basic league must have a qualifying tournament to determine their basic league’s team and individual automatic qualifiers. Any school who is a member of this basic league, and wishes to qualify golfers to the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Golf Championships must participate in the basic league’s qualifying tournament. Supplemental schools may not qualify through their supplemental league.

- e) *The team designated as the league winner receives the automatic berth in the section championships. The league determines prior to the season, in writing, how the league winner is determined. If a league has more than one winner, i.e., round-robin winner and playoff winner, the league will determine which winner gets the automatic berth. For North Coast Section purposes that designee is the designated league champion.*
- f) *In the sport of basketball, girls’ and boys’ volleyball, softball and baseball **Lacrosse** only, a team shall have compiled either an overall winning record for the season, or a winning record against teams in its own division/class, or a winning record in league competition in order to participate in the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championships. In the sports of football and soccer, a team shall have compiled either an overall record of at least an equal number of wins and losses, or an overall record of at least an equal number of wins and losses against teams in its own classification, or an equal number of wins and losses against teams in league competition in order to participate in the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championships. (Board of Managers, 1/18/08)*

IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION

MOTION: Pat Lickiss SECOND: Josh Frechette

H. PASSED (24-0-7)

Boys Volleyball Bracket Size (increase up to 12-team brackets). Competition dates will match that of Spring Soccer and Lacrosse.

26.503H Format

The number of teams in the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Boys' Volleyball Championships shall be as follows:

- ~~a) The volleyball bracket of Division I shall be limited to eight (8) teams. (Board of Managers 4/25/08)~~
- a) The boys' Division 1 volleyball bracket shall be conducted up to a 12-team single elimination championship.**
- ~~b) The volleyball bracket of Division II shall be limited to eight (8) teams.~~
- b) The boys' Division 2 volleyball bracket shall be conducted up to a 12-team single elimination championship.**
- ~~c) The volleyball bracket of Division III shall be limited to eight (8) teams.~~
- c) The boys' Division 3 volleyball bracket shall be conducted up to a 12-team single elimination championship.**
- d) In any division, if the number of teams define an eight (8) (12) team bracket and the automatic qualifiers exceed eight (8) (12) then additional berths will be created as necessary and an out-bracket added.
- d) A single elimination tournament will be conducted for each division.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
Deadline for leagues to determine qualifiers	May 11	May 10	May 9
Final date for competition other than NCS/Les Schwab Tires or CIF Championships	May 11	May 10	May 9
At-Large and Seeding	May 12	May 11	May 10
NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championships (1st, Semifinal and Championship Rounds in Division I, II and III)	May 16, 18,19, 23, 25, 26	May 15, 17, 18, 22, 24, 25	May 14, 16, 17, 21, 23, 24
*Mother's Day in 2012 is May 13 th . Seeding meetings for this weekend will be held Saturday, May 12 th . Final date of competition is Friday, May 11 th . 2013 Mother's Day is on May 12 th for this weekend the development meeting will be on May 11 th .			

IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION

MOTION: Pat Lickiss SECOND: Don Nelson

I. FAILED (9-20-2)

Open Division in the basketball playoffs

Proposal: To create an "Open" Division in the Section/State Basketball Playoffs that would allow any school no matter the size of its enrolment to option into what could become a true state championship bracket.

Process:

- Any school wanting to participate in the "Open" division would have to declare by October 1st of the year in which they wish to compete.
- Schools may only opt into the "Open" division. They may not choose to opt into any other division. Example: School A may not move from Div III to Div I.
- The movement into the "Open" division would be for the current school year only.
- The minimum number of schools allowed to create an "Open" division would be 8. Otherwise all schools would return to their respective divisions based upon school enrollment.

The date for declaration may need changing, however the basic premise of the proposal is here.

MOTION: Bud Beemer SECOND: Phil Tomasini

J. PASSED (25-6-0)

Football starting date one week prior to all fall sports

	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
Earliest date practice may begin – <i>(FOOTBALL ONLY)</i>	<i>Aug. 6</i>	<i>Aug. 12</i>
FALL	Aug. 13	Aug. 19
WINTER	Nov. 5	Nov. 11
SPRING	Feb. 4	Feb. 10

FOOTBALL

	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
First date schools can play a game, provided the team has had at least 14 days of practice and individuals have had at least 10 days of practice)	Aug. 22	Aug. 28
Deadline for Division I-V leagues to determine qualifiers to NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championships	Nov. 3	Nov. 9
Final date for Division I-V games other than NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championships	Nov. 3	Nov. 9
Division I-V At-large and Seeding Meetings	Nov. 4	Nov. 10
Division I-V first round games	Nov. 9, 10	Nov. 15-16
Division I-IV Quarterfinal games and Division V semifinal games	Nov. 16, 17	Nov. 22-23
Division I-IV semifinals and Division V Championship game	Nov. 23, 24	Nov. 29-30
Division I-IV Championship games	Nov. 30-Dec. 1	Dec. 6-7
CIF Nor Cal Regional Football games	Dec. 7-8	Dec. 13-14
State CIF Bowl Football Championships	Dec. 14-15	Dec. 20-21

MOTION: Steve Farbstein SECOND: Pat Lickiss

K. FAILED (6-24-0)

Sports and General Rulings Handbook 515H; 4 & 5 (Seeding of 12 and 16 team brackets)

This proposal is a change to the Sports and General Rulings Handbook, 515 H; 4. and 5. The wording on 3 and 6 would also need to be changed. This proposal would change the way NCS seeding committees schedule first round NCS tournament games in the team sports listed in 515 H.

Description of the Proposal:

At the present time, NCS uses pure section-wide seeding to determine 1st round games in NCS-tournament contests. The NCS at-large and seeding committee puts teams in rank order from 1-8 or 1-12 or 1-16 depending on the number of teams in the bracket and 1 hosts 16, 2 hosts 15, etc (in a 16-team bracket) or 5 hosts 12, 6 hosts 11, etc. (in a 12-team bracket). 2nd round games are based on seeding.

This proposal would change how 1st round games are scheduled. NCS staff would be asked to develop a “North/South Grid” of all NCS member schools based on the distance from the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge. The various seeding committees would continue to seed the 16 or 12 selected schools in each tournament.

16 TEAM BRACKET

For 16-team tournaments, NCS staff uses North/South Grid to divide those 16 teams up into the 8 northernmost teams and the eight southernmost teams. Four 1st round games are played between teams in the North Grid; four 1st round games are played between teams in the South Grid;

North Grid	South Grid
1 vs. 8	1 vs. 8
2 vs. 7	2 vs. 7
3 vs. 6	3 vs. 6
4 vs. 5	4 vs. 5

i.e. - highest ranked team in each grid plays the lowest ranked team in each grid.

League champions would continue to be honored with the right to host games as they are now unless the NCS votes to change this policy.

2nd round (and subsequent) games are pure seeded with the teams still in the tournament.

12 TEAM BRACKET - Committee seeds all 12 teams

For 12-team tournaments, NCS staff uses North/South Grid to divide teams 5-12 up into the four northernmost teams and the four southernmost teams. Teams 1-4 receive a bye. Two 1st round games are played between teams in the North Grid; two 1st round games are played between teams in the South Grid;

North Grid	South Grid
Highest seeded vs. lowest seeded	Highest seeded vs. lowest seeded
2 nd highest seeded vs. 2 nd lowest seeded	2 nd highest seeded vs. 2 nd lowest seeded

2nd round (and subsequent) games are pure seeded with the teams still in the tournament.

8 TEAM BRACKET – Committee seeds all 8 teams – no change

Date of Requested Implementation: August 1, 2012

Rationale in Support of Proposal: By definition, about one-half of all NCS tournament games are first round games and many of these games are very one-sided. The lower seeded team travels to the higher seeded team and gets badly beaten. Interest in the game is minimal and the traveling team brings few team followers.

1. Cost of travel, whether paid for by the NCS or the school, for about ½ of all NCS tournament games, is reduced. The cost of travel is an increasing percentage of the cost of athletics and unlike all other athletic travel, this cost can't be planned for in advance. It's very short notice.
2. Time out of class is reduced (1st round games are almost always midweek games)
3. Reduced likelihood that a highly seeded team must take a long 1st round trip. At the present time, it's possible for a 2nd seed (not a league champion) to travel a great distance to a 15th seed (league champion), midweek. This will lessen that likelihood.
4. Greater likelihood of an increased gate as greater likelihood that the two teams will be in the same general geographic area and there would be more local interest in the game. Host school team followers might be more interested in a 1st round game against a more geographically proximate school than they would be against a school on the other side of the bridge. Visiting school team followers would be more likely to travel to a game if that game is geographically proximate.
5. Greater likelihood that the brackets will be filled as the decision-makers at lower-seeded schools might be more likely to enter a weaker team in an NCS tournament if 1st round travel time/costs were reduced. There are a number of unfilled brackets in NCS tournaments.
6. Keeps pure seeding after the 1st round; 3rd, 4th, 5th seeded teams (overall) are not put at a disadvantage by having to play a second round game against a highly seeded team.

Possible Objections to the Proposal:

1. It's not pure seeding; it's possible that the eight "best" teams would be in the same 1st round bracket and the eight "worst" teams would be in the same 1st round bracket. (This would all get sorted out by the end of the 2nd round however.)

2. Schools in some leagues just north of the bridge would have a greater likelihood of having to travel to the far north of the section for a 1st round game. Right now that (burden) is shared by all schools, based on seeding. (Travel would be reduced for those schools in the far north of the section however.)
3. It's a change; change is threatening

Income and Expenses Related to Implementation:

1. Travel costs would be reduced, both for individual NCS schools and the section.
2. Increased gate income for the section as more team followers of both schools would be likely to attend the games.

MOTION: Dave Kiesel SECOND: Bud Beemer

L. PASSED (18-0-11)

Elimination of the Badminton Championship Rotation

Badminton Management Committee would like to eliminate the rotation of the Badminton Championships. Due to the size of the NCS Badminton Championships, the committee feels the student-athletes, coaches and management are best served by securing venues which are large enough to handle the size of the Championship. Size of venue should be more the focus than location for the good of the championship.

~~**14.612H League Rotation of the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Badminton Championships**~~

~~The rotation of the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Badminton Championship sites will be as follows:~~

- ~~2012 — North Bay~~
 - ~~2013 — Northeast Bay~~
 - ~~2014 — Southeast Bay~~
 - ~~2015 — North Bay~~
 - ~~2016 — Southeast Bay~~
 - ~~2017 — North Bay~~
 - ~~2018 — Northeast Bay~~
 - ~~2019 — Southeast Bay~~
- ~~(Board of Managers April 21, 1995)~~

Rationale: Larger facilities such as Newark Memorial HS can accommodate the size of the championship. Using smaller facilities causes the tournament to run much longer than necessary creating undo hardships on the athletes, coaches and management. Championships at smaller facilities are running between 8-9 hours.

IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION

MOTION: Don Nelson SECOND: Tom Welsh

M. FAILED (13-19-0)

Two automatic entries for 12 10 school basic leagues (HAAL)

To accept the Alignment and Classification Committee recommendation;

Basic leagues of 12 10schools shall get two automatic "league champion" berths to the NCS Championships under all of the following conditions:

1. **There must be 12 10 schools competing in the sport;**
2. **The league schedule must reflect at least two scheduling divisions; i.e. all schools in the league are not playing the same schedule;**
3. **The two entries shall be the champions of each league grouping;**
4. **The two basic leagues/groupings must be aligned by the basic alignment criteria, competitive equity and geographical proximity;**
5. **The two basic leagues/groupings must be reviewed and approved by the Alignment & Classification Committee; and**

6. The two basic leagues/groupings must remain as a league/group for the given sport for a ~~four~~-two-year period.

Description of the Proposal:

“Basic leagues of 12 schools shall get two automatic “league champion” berths in NCS playoff tournament competition in the following circumstances:

1. There must be at least ten schools competing in the sport.
2. The league schedule must reflect at least two scheduling divisions; i.e. all schools in the league are not playing the same schedule.
3. The two entries shall not come from the same NCS division or classification.”

Date of Requested Implementation: August 1, 2012

Rationale in Support of Proposal:

When the Alignment and Classification Committee developed the 12-team league recommendation to the NCS Board of Managers, they made the assumption that these 12 schools would divide up into two six-team sport specific “leagues” in many of the sports and that each “league” would earn an automatic berth to NCS playoffs. Changing the NCS rules regarding this is not in the prevue of the A and C Committee however.

Some reasoning on 1. above

NCS basic leagues must be at least six schools (and we do have six-team leagues in the NCS); if four of those six schools participate in a given sport, that basic league gets an automatic berth: if only three; no automatic berth but schools can supplemental out. I believe that this requirement would not put other schools in other leagues at a disadvantage as the new 12-team leagues couldn't play games and take two schools out of one division and two schools out of the other division; end up with eight schools participating and get two automatics.

Some reasoning on 2.

I believe it would be unfair to give two berths to these 12 schools if they operated as one league with the same league schedule for all schools. The whole intent of the A and C Committee was to schedule based on sport-specific competitive equity. If the 12 schools lump everyone in one league with the same exact schedule, they don't deserve that second automatic berth.

Some reasoning on 3.

Whichever way the 12-team league schedules its athletic contests, it would be unfair to other leagues and other schools if the two entries came from the same NCS division or classification. There are advantages to being an automatic entry into the NCS tournament, not the least of which is the opportunity to host games. (If hosting decisions were made based on pure seeding, this would not be an issue.) I'm aware that if the 12 schools were put into two separate and distinct NCS leagues, the two entries could be in the same division, but that's not the case here.

Possible Objections to the Proposal:

1. If this proposal is implemented, there will be one more automatic berth added to NCS playoff competition, which means one less at-large berth available to NCS-member schools
2. It's a change; change is threatening

Income and Expenses Related to Implementation:

None

MOTION: Dave Kiesel SECOND: Phil Tomasini

M. PASSED (19-6-5)

Sports & General Rulings Handbook 519H.8

Motion to remove the 519H.8 requirement for Soccer facilities to have lights for contests scheduled during the week (Monday through Friday)

519H Criteria for Selection of Sites for the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championships Series (First and Quarterfinal Round Games)

Criteria for selection of sites for NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship Series first and quarterfinal round contests (quarterfinal rounds only take place in a four round tournament) hosted by competing schools.

1. The playing field (court) must meet all minimum standards as described in the National Federation rulebook for the respective sport. In team tennis hosting schools are required to provide four (4) courts, which meet USTA standards, and tennis balls for the match.
2. Minimum seating capacity of
Football: Division I – 2,500, Division II and III – 1,250, Division IV- 750, Division V- 500
Baseball: Division V & VI-50; Division IV & III-125; Division II & I-125
Softball: Division V & VI -50; Division IV & III -125; Division II & I -125
Basketball: Div. I & II boys-500; III & IV boys-500; Div. V & VI boys-300.
Div. I & II girls 250; III & IV girls 250; Div V & VI girls-150.
Water Polo: 50 for first round games and 75 for 2nd round games.
Lacrosse: 100
Soccer: Division III – 175, Division I & II – 250, Spring Girls - 150
Boys Volleyball: Division I, II and III - 200
Girls Volleyball: Div. I - VI - 250
If seating is not provided on both sides of the field or court the seating on one side of the field or court must be divided in half for home and visitor spectators.)
3. Adequate, safe and lighted parking for spectators within a reasonable distance of the facility
4. Adequate rest room facilities for spectators
5. Public address system
6. Easily assessable telephone in case of emergency
7. Capable of securing the facility for the purpose of collecting admission
8. ***Soccer facilities must have lights for contests scheduled during the week (Monday through Friday)***

Note: If neither participating school has a lighted field, NCS staff will assign the contest to a lighted field. If NCS staff cannot place the game on a lighted field then the contest may be played in the afternoon (this policy applies to all games, regardless of which day they are played).

9. Football facilities for all divisions may play afternoon contests on Saturday.
10. Provide rest room and dressing facilities for the home and visiting teams use before, at halftime and after the game in the sports of football, basketball and volleyball.
11. Provide the required site personnel in the hosting sport and in the sport of football hosting schools must make arrangements to provide appropriate medical personnel for the game.
12. Pay the site personnel in accordance with the NCS fee schedule
13. Display NCS sponsorship banners unless the school has an exclusive agreement with a competing sponsor.
14. Make the required NCS public address announcements
15. Site costs must be within the costs allowed by NCS for the respective activity.
16. Sites must conform to the American Disabilities Act.
17. Staff will be allowed to adjust "sites" and site criteria for the maximum benefit of the respective tournament and/or due to lack of appropriate facilities in the areas of the competing schools.
(Board of Managers 4/27/07)

Criteria for Selection of Sites for the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championships Series (Semifinal games and final championship games in volleyball)

- a. League champions will have the first option to host semifinal round games provided the league champion's facility meets the minimum NCS host site criteria.
 1. The playing field (court) must meet all minimum standards as described in the National Federation rulebook for the respective sport.

2. Minimum seating capacity of
Football: Division I – 2,700, Division II and III – 1,500, Division IV - 1,000, Division V-600
Baseball: Division V & VI-250; Division III & IV-300; Division I & II-300
Softball: Division V & VI -250; Division III & IV -250; Division I & II -250
Basketball: Div. I & II boys-750; III & IV boys-700; Div. V & VI boys-500.
Div. I & II girls 400; III & IV girls 400; Div V & VI girls-250.
Lacrosse: 100
Soccer: 400, Spring Girls' - 225
Water Polo: 75
Boys Volleyball: Division I, II and III - 250
Girls Volleyball: Div. I - VI, 250
(If seating is not provided on both sides of the field or court the seating on one side of the field or court must be divided in half for home and visitor spectators.)
3. Adequate, safe and lighted parking for spectators within a reasonable distance of the facility
4. Adequate rest room facilities for spectators
5. Public address system
6. Easily assessable telephone in case of emergency
7. Capable of securing the facility for the purpose of collecting admission
8. ***Soccer facilities must have lights for contests scheduled during the week (Monday through Friday)***
Note: The first priority is always to play contests in the evening under lights, regardless of which day of the week a contest is played (including Saturdays). If neither participating school has a lighted field NCS staff will assign the contest to a lighted field. If NCS staff cannot place the game on a lighted field then the contest may be played in the afternoon (this policy applies to all games, regardless of which day games are played).
9. Football facilities for all divisions may play afternoon contests on Saturday.
10. Provide rest room and dressing facilities for the home and visiting teams use before, at halftime and after the game in the sports of football, basketball and volleyball.
11. Provide the required site personnel in the hosting sport and in the sport of football hosting schools must make arrangements to provide appropriate medical personnel for the game.
12. Pay the site personnel in accordance with the NCS fee schedule
13. Display NCS sponsorship banners unless the school has an exclusive agreement with a competing sponsor.
14. Make the required NCS public address announcements
15. Site costs must be within the costs allowed by NCS for the respective activity.
Note: Additional costs shall be the responsibility of the host school.
Sites must conform to the American Disabilities Act.
16. Staff will be allowed to adjust "sites" and site criteria for the maximum benefit of the respective tournament and/or due to lack of appropriate facilities in the areas of the competing schools.

(Board of Managers 4/27/07)

Rationale: This rule gives an unfair advantage to schools with lights.MCAL has only one school, not in our county, with a lighted soccer field. There have been soccer contests held during the day so we feel schools without lights should not be penalized, forced to travel if they are the higher seed or a league champion.

IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION

MOTION: Jessica Peisch SECOND: Josh Frechette

VI. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

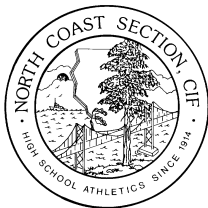
VII. ROUND TABLE

A.DEAD PERIOD DURING THE SUMMER

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IX. ADJOURNMENT



FROM THE DESK OF BRI NIEMI
Assistant Commissioner - North Coast Section, CIF

September 12, 2011

NCS/LES SCHWAB TIRES FALL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES EVENTS REMINDERS

Listed below are a couple of reminders for the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Fall Championship Series events. Bulletins have been sent out and are updated on the NCS website.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country will be conducted at Hayward HS on Saturday, November 19. Chip timing will be utilized for the first time this year (Record Timing, Sean Laughlin). Information and directions on chips, bibs and finish corral will be distributed to the coaches mid-season. Coaches will be expected to go over the procedures with their student-athletes.

In addition, www.ezmeets.com is live and coaches can go in and request a password to enter their athletes into the meet. The deadline for entries is Sunday, November 13 (11:59 PM). There will be no exceptions. Password requests should be made early. If a password is requested near the entry deadline, entries may close before a password can be sent.

SOCCER

Boys' and girls' soccer teams from the BAC, CMC, MCAL, HDNL, NBL and SCL will compete for an NCS/Les Schwab Tires Soccer championship. All brackets will be up to 16 teams and as a reminder, there are three divisions in the fall for boys' soccer only.

TENNIS

The Division I individual tennis tournament will be conducted at James Logan HS (MVAL host). The Division II individual tennis tournament will be conducted at Fortuna HS (HDNL host). Division I team tennis will be hosted by the SCL (Windsor HS) and will take place at Santa Rosa Junior College and Santa Rosa HS. Division II team tennis will be hosted by the highest remaining seed, provided they have an application to host on file.

VOLLEYBALL

Girls' volleyball will be conducted in six divisions this fall, each of which will be up to a 16-team bracket. Championship games will be hosted by the highest seeded team, provided they have a facility that meets NCS hosting criteria.

WRESTLING WEIGHT CLASSES

As a reminder, the NFHS has changed its boys' weight classes, effective immediately. The new weight classes for 2011-12 are: 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 182, 195, 220 and 285. There were no changes to the girls' weight classes.

NCS E-NEWSLETTER

NCS will once again be sending an e-newsletter out to principals, league commissioners, athletics directors, coaches and the public during the championship seasons. The newsletter will have partial stories and information that can be found in the NCS prep, as well as links to souvenirs, recognition opportunities and other pertinent information. The public is encouraged to sign up for the newsletter and a link is available on the NCS website.

If you have stories of interest, particularly related to great sportsmanship or community service, please email me at bniemi@cifncs.org.

SOUVENIRS

NCS will be testing black t-shirts, sweatshirts and long-sleeve t-shirts in football and volleyball for the fall, as well as wrestling and potentially basketball in the winter. The remaining five fall sports (and one winter sport) will continue to be printed on white material.

Online orders continue to grow each year as we saw a 5% increase in overall online sales in 2010-11, as compared to 2009-10. Total souvenir sales eclipsed \$158,000 in 2010-11, a mark that was slightly down (-6,000) from the previous year.

