



# NORTH COAST SECTION, CIF

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## ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS VERIFICATION FORM

*(To be completed by a non-border state, Canadian or International school when they are playing a single game hosted by a North Coast Section, CIF school.)*

School Hosting Event \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Event \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) of Event \_\_\_\_\_

Sport \_\_\_\_\_ Boys  Girls  Level of Play \_\_\_\_\_

Schools and athletes requesting permission to attend or participate with schools from North Coast Section, CIF must meet the following conditions:

- a. All participants in the event represent only their respective school of enrollment.
- b. Meet the age requirement of CIF 203 (see back of form)
- c. Meet the maximum number of semester rule for attendance in secondary school (see following pages)
- d. All participants must have amateur standing (see following pages)
- e. All participants must meet the conditions of CIF Bylaw 600 – Outside Competition Rule (see following pages)
- f. All participants must meet the conditions of CIF Bylaw 900 – All-Star Competition (see following pages)
- g. Meet all parameters under CIF Bylaw 705 – International Competition (see following pages)
- h. All participants in the event meet the eligibility standards of their respective state or national associations, including, but not limited to, maintaining minimum progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements as prescribed by their respective governing boards.

Participating School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) verify that all participants from the above named participating school meet all the requirements in items a-h above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Principal or Headmaster

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal or Headmaster's Name Printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Athletic Director or Coach

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Athletic Director or Coach's Name Printed

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**203. AGE REQUIREMENT**

A student, whose 19th birthday is attained prior to June 15, shall not participate or practice on any team in the following school year. A student, whose 19th birthday is on or before June 14, is ineligible. Each Section may waive this provision so long as criteria for such a waiver shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. Such a waiver would not grant more than four years (eight semesters) of eligibility; AND
- B. Such a waiver would not grant more than four years' participation in any sport; AND
- C. That a hardship exists which, in the judgment of the Section, requires a waiver. "Hardship" is defined in Bylaw 214; AND
- D. A decision to deny such a waiver by the Section Commissioner may be appealed only to the Section and in accordance with the provisions set forth in Bylaw 1101.
- E. Sport Specific Age Limitations
  - 1. A student shall not participate in an interscholastic varsity football game or scrimmage until the student has reached his fifteenth birthday. (CIF 1900)
  - 2. High school teams shall not compete or practice against other individuals or teams in football or wrestling unless the players on such teams shall meet the age requirements of the CIF. (CIF 505)

**204. EIGHT CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS REQUIREMENT**

**A. Definition of a Semester of Attendance**

- (1) Enrollment and/or attendance for 15 school days or more shall count as one of the eight semesters.
- (2) Participation in one or more interscholastic athletic contests shall count as one of the eight semesters.

**NOTE:** A scrimmage, as defined in 111H of the NCS Sports & General Rulings Handbook, **does count** as an interscholastic athletic contest.

- a. Entry into a scrimmage or contest as a competitor constitutes participation in the scrimmage or contest.

**B. Eight Consecutive Semester Rule**

A student who first enters the 9th grade of any school following the student's completion of the 8th grade in any school may be eligible for athletic competition during a maximum period of time that is not to exceed eight consecutive semesters following the initial enrollment in the 9th grade of any school, and eligibility must be used during the student's first eight consecutive semesters of enrollment at that school or any other school. Each Section may, at its discretion, establish rules and procedures for waiving the limitation on semesters of eligibility, providing:

- (1) The student is required by the student's school principal to return to grade eight from grade nine and the student did not take part in an interscholastic contest while in the 9th grade, for the first time; OR
- (2) The student, because of mid-year completion of an 8th grade or a mid-year completion of the 9th grade in a junior high school, is required by the student's school principal to repeat a semester of work in order to conform to a school program having annual terms, AND
- (3) The student has not taken part in an interscholastic athletic contest while enrolled for the first time in the semester which the student's school principal required the student to repeat.

**213. AMATEUR STATUS**

**A. CIF Sponsored Competition**

A student is governed by CIF amateur rules when the student participates in CIF competition. A student who violates CIF amateur or award rules shall be ineligible for CIF competition in that sport until appeal and reinstatement as an amateur by the CIF Federated Council. A student may apply to the CIF Federated Council for reinstatement when the student can again qualify as an amateur in that sport.

**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

**705. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION**

**A. APPROVAL OF COMPETITION**

All international high school competition in CIF-approved sports must have the approval of the participating school's CIF Section office, the State CIF, the National Federation and the sanction of the appropriate international body involved.

**B. SANCTIONING OF QUALIFYING TRIALS**

The State CIF will not sanction qualifying trials for an individual or team for the purpose of selecting undergraduates for international competition. Such selection must be made on the basis of previous performance of the individual or team.

**C. HOSTING SCHOOL PROCEDURES**

In applying for all necessary approvals (as described above) of such an event, the host school event manager must access and register and follow all sanctioning deadlines as listed at [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org) no later than 60 prior to the event. Completion of the registration, application and appropriate fees can ONLY be completed electronically at [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org). Late fees will be assessed for application filed less than 60 days prior to the event.

1. **ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS**

The hosting entity is responsible for submitting, upon request, to its respective CIF Section office written verification of all of the following:

- a. All participants in the event represent only their respective schools of enrollment; AND
- b. All participants in the event meet the provisions of the following State CIF Bylaws: 203 (Age Requirement), 204 (Eight Semesters), 213 (Amateur Standing), 600 (Outside Teams), and 900 (All-Star Competition); AND
- c. All participants in the event meet the eligibility standards of their respective state and national associations, including, but not limited to, maintaining minimum progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements as prescribed by their respective governing boards.

D. **TRAVEL SCHOOL PROCEDURES**

Schools wishing to travel internationally to participate in a school sponsored sanctioned event, should be aware of the following procedures:

1. The traveling school is responsible for the following:
  - a. Initiating and forwarding the completed State CIF international sanctioning form to its respective CIF Section office; AND
  - b. Submitting to its respective CIF Section office written verification of the eligibility of all participants in the event, as stipulated in Bylaw 705.C.2.; AND
  - c. Obtaining written approval to participate in the event from the appropriate amateur governing body and submitting it to the respective CIF Section office.
2. Upon receipt and approval of the completed State CIF international sanctioning form and the appropriate written verifications referenced above, the CIF Section Commissioner will process the application to State CIF office.
3. The State CIF will be responsible for notifying the appropriate CIF Section of final action.

**900. PARTICIPATION IN ALL-STAR COMPETITION**

- A. A graduating senior is any student who has started his/her seventh semester of eligibility and has completed the season of sport prior to the high school all-star competition in that sport.
- B. For graduating seniors only, high school all-star competition (including practices and/or tryouts) may not begin until the conclusion of the last CIF Section or State contest in that sport.
- C. Undergraduates (grades 9-11) are prohibited from participating in high school all-star competition (including practices and/or tryouts) from September 1 through the completion of the last CIF scheduled sanctioned event for that school year.

**NOTE:** 2012 June 5  
2013 June 5

- D. For purposes of interpreting the CIF All-Star bylaw, high school all-star competition in any game, contest, or exhibition (including practices and/or tryouts) in which teams compete and the team participants include students from CIF member schools selected on a basis that involves, but may not necessarily be limited to, their high school athletic accomplishments. The following guidelines are to be considered in determining whether the activity is high school all-star competition:
  1. If the team name or activity includes "all-star" in its title, it shall be considered "all-star" competition unless it qualifies otherwise by these guidelines;
  2. If a team includes high school participants and the team purports to represent outstanding players from any community, county, State or geographical region, it shall be considered "all-star" competition unless it qualifies otherwise by these guidelines;
  3. If a team includes high school participants and the team represents itself in name, publicity, or programs as being composed of outstanding players from two or more high schools, or from one or more CIF leagues, or from one or more CIF Sections, it shall be considered "all-star" competition unless it qualifies otherwise by these guidelines;
  4. If no admission charge is made nor donation solicited for the activity, it shall not be considered "all-star" competition;
  5. If the team(s) represents an organized sports association, religious organization, or municipal recreation department and the team(s) is comprised solely of current participants in ongoing leagues or divisions of that organization, it shall not be considered "all-star" competition;
  6. If the team(s) is comprised solely of current members of an incorporated athletic club, it shall not be considered "all-star" competition.