

## 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 504.A). The following exceptions apply:

- 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.
- **Flag Football/Beach Volleyball/Slow Pitch Softball**  
For purposes of this rule, touch football, flag football, beach volleyball and slow pitch softball are considered to be different sports than tackle football, volleyball and softball respectively.  
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- **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.  
**NOTE:** For purposes of this section, indoor soccer and futsal are not considered the same sport as soccer.
- **Swimming and 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 Meet and the USA Swimming Junior Olympic Meet. Divers may compete for an amateur team during the season of sport in the USA National Championships, USA Junior National Championships and any Regional and/or Zone Championship meet that qualifies the diver to the aforementioned Championships.  
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- Bylaw 600 shall not be in effect for those sports conducted outside the State-adopted season of sport.
- **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.)

## 900. PARTICIPATION

- A graduating senior is any student who started his/her seventh semester of eligibility and completed the current school year season of sport prior to the high school all-star competition in that sport.
- For graduating seniors only, high school all-star competition (including practices and/or tryouts) may not begin until the conclusion of the last Section or State contest in that sport.
- 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.

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- 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 (2) or more high schools, or from one (1) or more CIF leagues, or from one (1) or more 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.

#### **504. SEASON OF SPORT**

All CIF member school interscholastic activities must be conducted in accordance with the following season of sport Bylaws.

- **Definition of School and Individual Student-Athlete Season of Sport**

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 participation in a contest for that particular sport in that season.