

# CIF SAC-JOQUIN SECTION

**To:** CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Principals / Athletic Directors

**From:** Michael S. Garrison, Commissioner

**Date:** January 28, 2021

**Re:** CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Update - 2020-21 Updated Sports Calendar

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On Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> the Sac-Joaquin Section Board of Managers passed, by a vote of 47-10, the attached updated 2020-21 SJS Sports Calendar. The proposal was moved forward by the Sac-Joaquin Section Executive Committee and staff. This was a lengthy process that included reviewing input from each league and considering multiple options.

On Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> the Section reviewed the updated 2020-21 SJS Sports Calendar in a Zoom meeting with 297 individuals representing the 189 member schools.

## Details of the Updated 2020-21 SJS Sports Calendar

- ✓ Each League will develop seasons of sport calendars (for all sports offered) for its league members.
  - Each league will submit its league-approved 2020-21 season of sport calendar to the Sac-Joaquin Section office.
  - Leagues may work with surrounding leagues to accommodate school alignment issues.
  - Leagues are encouraged to work with surrounding leagues to align seasons of sport to provide opportunities for out of league play, if appropriate and acceptable by CDPH and local health department guidelines.
  - Leagues shall set seasons of sport so that they provide equal opportunity for all students to participate in like sports, and softball and baseball. Included in this is maximum and/or minimum number of allowable contests - they shall be equal for all like sports, and softball and baseball.
- ✓ All sports will have an earliest start date of February 1, 2021 (Exception: Cross County kept its original start date of January 25, 2021).
- ✓ All sports have a latest end date of June 12, 2021 (**Exception: Football, last contest date is April 17, 2021**).
- ✓ There will be no Sac-Joaquin Section playoffs for any sport for the 2020-21 school year.
- ✓ Practices and competitions may begin as soon as allowed by the California Department of Public Health and county health authority guidelines and in accordance with the leagues' seasons of sport calendar.
- ✓ All sports not within the league-approved season of sport calendar dates will fall under the "limited" and "out-of-season" period guidelines (CIF SJS Bylaws 504.7 and 504.9).
- ✓ Bylaw 600 is in effect, meaning that a student can not participate on a club team and their high school team at the same time.
- ✓ Cohorting: CDPH guidelines say, "Athletes and coaches should cohort by team, and refrain from participating with more than one team over the same season or period of time."
  - We have received many questions from membership about this language and the word "should", specifically, is it a recommendation or a directive? On December 13, 2020, the CIF was told by CDPH that this was mandatory; this is why we have rescinded waiving bylaw 600.

✓ SOP: As per Bylaw 207.B.(5).b.(ix) - 50% of the season.

*“The Sit Out Period will be 50% of the total number days in that particular season of sport. The number of days in a season is determined by each Section in accordance with their first allowable competition date through the final regular season competition date. If total number of days in a season is an odd number, then the Sit Out Period would be 50% plus one additional day. (Revised October 2017 Federated Council)”*

- As stated at the January 27, 2021 Zoom SJS membership meeting, we understand that there may be new information / potential proposal brought before the Sate CIF Federated Council, at their February 5, 2021 meeting, related to the SOP. Any updates to the SOP will be immediately shared with membership.

**NOTE: As of January 28<sup>th</sup>, transfer students who qualify for an SOP are subject to the SOP. After the State CIF Federated Council meeting (2/5/21), Section staff will provide further direction on SOP’s and the SOP process.**

We sincerely hope that by providing the flexibility of allowing our leagues to work with its member schools in developing season of sport calendars, we are meeting the needs of the organization (which is our member schools) and those of their student athletes. We wish you the best as you all move forward in developing and providing those opportunities for your student athletes in a safe and healthy environment.

Thank you for your support and for all you do, it is greatly appreciated by all of us. If you have any questions, or we can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us – we are here for you!

Attachments:

1. 2020-21 Updated SJS Season of Sport Approved Proposal/Calendar
2. Updated “All Sports Guidelines”