

New CIF Season Dates

The 2018 Soccer Season CIF has moved the start date for the first contest to be played on **November 12, 2018**

Question: What does this mean to Cal South players, teams, leagues and tournaments?

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) Once the student is eligible and plays there first game, he/she may not play on an outside team and retain their eligibility for that season.

Important Reminder to all High School Athletes:

If a club team is going to play in a thanksgiving tournament or National League games the only way the student can compete with their club team and be **eligible** for the high school season is by **not playing in any high school games** until after he or she plays the thanksgiving tournament or National League games.

On the date that a student **completes/plays** in their first high school game they can no longer play on an outside team with the only exception below:

CIF Green Book Only:

In the San Diego Area it is not permitted for a player to practice on an outside team while the student is playing on their high school team

603. OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

During their high school season of sport, a high school student who has been selected or qualified for an Olympic development program by the respective National Governing Body for that sport, shall be permitted to participate in such a program without loss of interscholastic eligibility, if the following conditions are met:

A. The Olympic development program is:

(1) Verified as such by the CIF; AND

(2) a. Conducted or sponsored by the United States Olympic Committee; OR b. Directly funded and conducted by the U.S. national governing body for the sport on a national level; OR

c. Authorized by a national governing body for athletes having potential for future national team participation; AND B. The student informs the high school principal at least 30 days prior to participating in the program; AND C. The principal verifies the authenticity of the program;

AND D. The student makes prior arrangement to complete missed academic lessons, assignments and tests before the last day of classes of the semester in which the student’s absence occurs. E. This Bylaw was written with the intent that only individual student-athletes

that have been identified by the respective National Governing body for that sport, as having Olympic potential, would be eligible for this exemption of Bylaw

600. Individual student-athletes who are members of a club team(s) consisting in whole or part of high school age athletes, participating in any competitions (e.g. Super Y League events, Championships, etc.), even if the competition itself is labeled as an ODP event, that occur during the high school student's season of sport are not eligible for this exemption.

NOTE: It is up to the school and individual(s) participating to confirm that above events have been approved by the CIF (visit www.cifstate.org). (Editorial Revision May 2017)