

Constitutional Editorial Changes

First Issue – The Northern Section had a player participate in outside competition, and it was not discovered until the conclusion of the season. After conferring with other commissioners, the application of the penalty is, if the student/athlete is not a senior, the penalty of participating in 1 game warrants the player being ineligible for 2 games waits until the next season. For example, if the 10th grade athlete is a basketball player they would be ineligible for the number of games during their 11th grade basketball season. If the athlete is a senior, they would be ineligible for the next season of sport during their senior year. For example, if the athlete was a 12th grade basketball player they would be ineligible for the number of games in baseball, or whatever spring sport they play during their 12th grade year.

It was recommended by Principal George Griffin, that this be included in the Constitution.

Background information –

605. **BYLAW 600 PENALTY**

A. **Individual**

(1) **First Offense in High School Career in Any Sport**

The student becomes immediately ineligible for participation with his/her high school team for a number of contests equal to twice the number of contests of outside competition in which the student participated.

(2) **Any Subsequent Offense in High School Career in Any Sport**

The student becomes immediately ineligible for one year (365 days) from the second infraction in all sports.

(3) **Appeals**

Upon written appeal to the Section commissioner, the student may petition his/her Section for reinstatement of his/her eligibility status.

B. **Team**

(1) **Games Forfeited**

Games in which a student participated on his/her high school team after violation of CIF Bylaw 600 shall be forfeited.

(2) **Appeals**

Sections may establish rules and procedures to consider requests for waivers of game forfeitures.

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Recommendation-

This is an editorial change and not a change to the Constitution, so it can be added without two readings.

Second Issue – For several years, an exception has been made for Bylaw 301.2 D, for baseball tournaments during spring break after the league season has begun. The rationale for this is that some pitcher may not be available because their families are out of town and the team needs to bring up JV pitchers for this tournament only. It has been recommended that this is added to the Constitution. The next question -does this apply to softball pitchers? Does this apply to basketball tournaments during winter break?

Background Information –

Bylaw 301.2 D-

A student may participate in a non-league interscholastic contest in an advanced class and may return to the lower class for League competition during that season of sport providing they do not violate any CIF or NSCIF Bylaws including, but not limited to: age limitations, maximum number of contests, and/or representing his/her school in but one classification per sport per day. A student, who participates on an advanced team in a League contest, may not return to a lower classification during that season of the sport. **Exceptions:** Skiing and Snowboarding, Track and Field (see note), and Wrestling. In the California Conference, JV players may participate at the varsity level when an opposing school does not field a JV team. They may return the following game as an eligible player at the JV level.

Exception: J.V. football players may participate at the varsity level when an opposing school does not field a J.V. team. They may return the following week as an eligible player at the junior varsity level. All of Article 19 including 1900.1 Age Requirement must be complied with.

NOTE: In the sport of Track and Field, a boy or girl may change classification until the League final meet. The classifications in the League final meet for Track and Field determines the classification for all Section meets.

Recommendation –

This should not apply to softball because softball does not have the same pitching limitations as baseball does. This does not apply to basketball because there are no limitations on the number of minutes an individual can play.

Is this an editorial change or does this need to go before the Board of Managers?