**Prior Contact Policy for the Northern Section**

Issue- When must a coach or schools disclose prior contact for incoming 9th graders?

Background Information –
State Constitution 510 A -

**Pre-Enrollment Contact**

Any and all pre-enrollment contact of any kind whatsoever with a student must be disclosed by the student, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver and the schools to the Section office on a completed CIF Pre-Enrollment Contact Affadavit (CIF Form 510). Pre-enrollment contact may include, but is not limited to: any communication of any kind, directly or indirectly, with the student, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, relatives, or friends of the student about the athletic programs at a school; orientation/information programs, shadowing programs; attendance at outside athletic events or the like by anyone associated* with the school to observe the student; participation by the student in programs supervised by the school or its associates before enrollment in the school.

Most Sections only require a 510 form if there is an allegation and use the form as part of the investigation.

Discussion -If a coach has prior contact with an athlete outside their attendance zone and the athlete enrolls in their school, should they disclose the prior contact prior to an accusation? What about club coaches? How would this impact a private school? If you put on a camp for junior high students, should/could you just submit a list of attendees to your AD?

Recommendation – Waiting for an allegation to materialize, seems to be too late. Will coaches/schools wait until contests have been played? I'm not sure what is doable and not cumbersome. Possibly coaches submitting a list of incoming freshmen that they have had prior contact with to the AD and then the AD forwards the list to the Section Office and it is held until there is an allegation/investigation. Or should the Northern Section wait until there is an allegation, and then require the 510 form?

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