

## Bylaw 301.2 D

**Issue-** Bylaw 301.2 D has so many exceptions we need to clean up the language. Another issue, when I became Commissioner my understanding was that once the league season began, if a student moved up to the varsity in a non-league contest or tournament they had to remain up for the rest of the season. That is not exactly how it is written. This was brought to my attention when we began talking about the baseball spring break pitching issue last year. I was told that softball has always allowed athletes to move up to a higher classification for tournaments and go back to the JV level for league play after the league season has begun.

### **Current language of 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.

### **Recommend language clean-up-**

**Exceptions-** 1) In the sports of skiing and snowboarding, track and field, and wrestling an athlete may change classification until the league final meet or contest. The classification in the league's final meet or contest determines classification for all Section meets.

2) 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.

3) 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.

**Discussion-** Once league begins, should an athlete be able to move up to the varsity for non –league games and return to the lower level for league contests?

**Recommendation-** We need to decide what the intent of the rule was and currently is, then either change the language or correct the interpretation.