



California Interscholastic Federation

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To: Baseball and Softball Officials' Instructional Chairperson
Baseball and Softball Officials Associations

From: Ron Nocetti, Director of State Championship Events

Re: Mandatory 2009 Rules Interpretation Meetings

There will be a change in the structure of the meetings this year. Since there are no significant changes in baseball, we did not see the need for a meeting. Therefore, Ken Allan, CIF Baseball Rules Interpreter, will be posting a summary of the baseball information of the State CIF website (www.cifstate.org) by Saturday, January 24, 2009. Each association's instructional chair, or designee, must go online, read the changes, and email Ken by February 2, 2009 indicating that they did so. Please include the association's name, address, phone and fax numbers and the name and email address of the instructional chair in the email.

A representative from each softball association still must attend one of the rules interpretation meetings listed below. As the individuals and associations who are responsible for the training of high school baseball and softball officials, you know the importance of statewide consistency in the interpretation and application of the rules. These meetings and keeping updated with rules changes are crucial to that endeavor, as well as to your work in instructing the officials who are members of your local associations.

Attendance at one of these meetings is mandatory for your association. The State CIF, supported by the ten sections, requires that the instructional chair, or designee, of each association attend this informational meeting. Fulfillment of this requirement is one condition of maintaining your association's accreditation. If associations fail to attend one of the meetings, their membership will not be eligible for post-season playoff assignments at the section and state level.

Vince Rosse, the CIF Softball Rules Interpreter will lead these meetings and present information received at the National Federation Rules Interpreters Clinic held in Indianapolis in January, including discussion of new rules and points of emphasis. The continuing role of officials and the State CIF sportsmanship program, "Pursuing Victory with Honor" will also be a topic of discussion so that officials are equipped to advance and enforce this very important statewide priority for all sports.

If you are unable to attend, or are no longer involved in the instructional work of your local association, please pass this letter on to those who have instructional responsibility in your area.

SOFTBALL – Southern California Meeting

Sunday January 25, 2009

9:00AM – 12:00PM

Van Nuys High School – Lecture Hall

6535 Cedros Ave

Van Nuys, CA 91411

SOFTBALL – Northern California Meeting

Saturday, January 24, 2009

10:30AM – 12:30PM

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For additional information on the softball meeting, please contact the CIF Rules Interpreter:

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