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**Hot Topics in the NSCIF  
January 2010**

**The next Board of Managers' Meeting will be held at the Red Bluff High School Library, on February 10, 2010, at 9 A.M.**

**Baseball Advisory Committee –**

The Baseball Advisory Committee has requested a central location for the Championship games for this year be put on the agenda as an action item. They would like to propose the committee runs the championship sites, with Divisions I-IV playing on Friday May 21, 2010, at Chico State's Nettleton Stadium. Divisions V and VI will play on Saturday May 22, 2010, at one site, either Butte College or Shasta College. The committee would like an opportunity to try this prior to proposing it in the baseball guidelines. The schools would be asked to provide two ticket takers, one hour prior to the contest through thirty minutes after the contest plus a site administrator. The Baseball Committee will provide the remainder of the necessary personnel for game management. This will be a voting item, so please seek league input, so representatives can discuss the issue and vote according to the league wishes.

**Section Budget –**

Another issue that will be discussed and recommendations sought, regards the Section budget. Due to a variety of reasons, the fall championships did not bring in the projected revenue. If cuts are not made in the expected expenditures, we will be deficit spending this year. We will be discussing the budget and asking for recommendations to increase revenue and/or decrease expenditures.

**Opting Out of Playoffs –**

If a school does not wish to participate in the Section's post-season playoffs, the school administration must notify in writing the Commissioner and Sport Advisory Chair two days prior to the seeding meeting. The deadlines will be Thursday February 11, 2010, for soccer. Troy Wellington from Foothill is the soccer chair. Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010, for basketball, and Randy Gilzean from Pleasant Valley is the basketball chair.

If a school is seeded into the post-season tournament and withdraws, the fine will be \$1000. To reduce the fine to \$500, the school administration must present a corrective action plan at the next Executive Council meeting and **must** attend the following year's administrative workshop in August.

Schools need to remember to opt out of the playoffs if they do not wish to participate regardless of their ranking in the playoffs, since teams ahead of them may opt out moving them up, with the possibility of being seeded.

**Seeding Meetings –**

The soccer seeding meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 13, 2010, beginning at 9 AM at Foothill High School and the basketball seeding meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2010, starting at 9 AM at Pleasant Valley High School.

**Realignment –**

Any school wishing to change Conferences or Sections for the 2012-14 realignment cycle must notify the Section in writing prior to February 1, 2010.

## **Sportsmanship –**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all school personnel that sportsmanship is a key component to the educational process of the Northern Section. Please share the following information with your school community.

Over the years the State and Northern Section CIF have continued to work to improve sportsmanship at all of our contests. The CIF has adopted the 16 Principles of "**Pursuing Victory With Honor.**" In addition, they offer a Coaching Education Program that supports and teaches those principles. The NSCIF has developed and adopted policies and procedures for schools to model whether they are hosting a contest or are the visiting team. These include guidelines for administrators, coaches, players, spirit groups, and officials.

Responsibility, respect, fairness, caring, trustworthiness and citizenship are lifetime values taught through athletics, and these are the principles of good sportsmanship. With them, the spirit of competition thrives, fueled by honest rivalries, courteous relations and graceful acceptance of the results.

We need your help as fans, parents, and participants as your support is essential as a part of our educational mission. We need your help in the following ways:

- Ø Realize that athletics are part of the educational experience and the benefits of involvement goes beyond the final score of a game;
- Ø Encourage our/your students to perform their best, just as we would urge them on with their class work;
- Ø Learn, understand, and respect the rules of the game, the officials who administer them, and their decisions;
- Ø Respect the task our coaches face as teachers; support them as they strive to educate our youth;
- Ø Respect our opponents as students, and acknowledge them for striving to do their best; treat them with courtesy;
- Ø Develop a sense of dignity under all circumstances; and
- Ø When at athletic events, urge our teams on with positive cheers; discourage cheers that would redirect that focus - including those cheers that taunt and intimidate opponents, their fans and officials; and reprimand those who engage in such unsportsmanlike behavior.

Even though one of these teams will not win this contest tonight, they are not "losers." You are an integral part in delivering that message. We believe that interscholastic athletics contain a lifetime learning experience. Unlike sports events we witness on television at the collegiate and/or professional level, where entertainment is the mission and education is not a primary objective, our goal is to have a positive lifelong effect. If we are to continue to grow and have success in this area, we need your support. Will the participants of this contest make mistakes tonight? Of course they will. We would hope that you support them so that this experience is a positive chapter in that lifelong learning experience. The participants are performing to the best of their abilities and they are all **WINNERS**, regardless of the outcome of this contest. Thank you for your support

Please feel free to use the above information in programs or PA announcements.