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The CIF State Office issues the following notice:

CIF Bylaws 600-605 (Outside Competition):

On July 20, 2020, pursuant to Bylaw 1108, the CIF Executive Director issued a notice which suspended CIF Bylaws 600-605 (Outside Competition) for the 2020-21 school year only. On December 14, 2020, the Governor's Office and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released the updated guidance document "Outdoor and Indoor Youth and Recreational Adult Sports" which included the language below:

Cohorting ("Outdoor and Indoor Youth and Recreational Adult Sports" CDPH document)

Athletes and coaches should cohort by team, and refrain from participating with more than one team over the same season or time period (notwithstanding competitions permitted as outlined below).

Therefore, the CIF must rescind its temporary suspension of CIF Bylaws 600-605 (Outside Competition) effectively immediately to avoid being in conflict with the language above issued by the Governor's Office and the CDPH. If the CDPH Guidance is amended in the future, the CIF may elect to revisit this issue.

Question: If a student has already participated on a team outside the CIF, does this impact their high school eligibility?

Answer: No. As of today, there have been no CIF contests so no student has lost eligibility with respect to this Bylaw.

Financial Hardship Waiver (CIF Bylaw 207):

On June 12, 2020, pursuant to Bylaw 1108, the CIF Executive Director issued a notice allowing for a waiver of Bylaw 207 for a student who transfers to a new school during the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year when there was a demonstrated and verifiable hardship condition due to financial difficulties due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus. That notice also granted the CIF the discretion to extend this waiver beyond the first semester of 2020-2021. Therefore, effective immediately, the application period for the filing of a financial hardship due to COVID-19 is extended through the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

Please see the link below for the original notices released by the CIF:

https://cifstate.org/governance/constitution/1108_Bylaw_Modifications_2020-21.pdf