

Background from General Chair Regarding Agenda Items for Feb BOD Meeting

1. Phillips 66 Outstanding Service Award

HISTORY: The Outstanding Service Award was established in 1981 to recognize volunteers for their invaluable contribution to USA Swimming. The award, sponsored by Phillips 66, is presented annually to an honoree named by each of the 59 Local Swimming Committees.

Selection criteria considers quality, level and years of volunteer service in elected or appointed positions from among the categories of administrator, official and coach.

USA Swimming and Phillips 66 take great pride in honoring the role of the volunteer as an important investment in the future of all swimming athletes and the growth of the programs they represent.

I would like to suggest that we develop selection criteria and vote for the recipient at the Spring HOD meeting.

2. Discussion of Safe Sport Informational Dissemination

We had an email from Elizabeth Hahn, USA-S Safe Sport Manager regarding an issue concerning one of our coaches which was communicated to myself, Kelly and Laurie. Incorporated into this email was a warning that this was to be treated as confidential information. Subsequently we had a number of parents ask a couple of our senior officials at a swim meet about the issue. Of course, they had not been informed and could not answer questions. Upon further investigation, it turned out that information regarding this issue had been posted to the SafeSport Centralized Disciplinary Database which is viewable by the general public. This lead to a discussion about better ways of keeping our Board and Membership informed as to issues currently under investigation. The email below is one of series between myself and Elizabeth concerning possible ways to keep our membership informed.

Hi David,

Thank you for your email. We know that confidentiality is a big deal, and we appreciate your taking it seriously.

The Center gives us permission to share their decision with those in our local affiliates whom need to know in order to enforce the decisions. This is the leadership of the club and those on the LSC board. What makes this hard is that there are those that want to know but are not privy to the information, which we understands complicates things for you.

We are going to reach out to the Center and ask them to clarify their confidentiality requirements so we can better help and equip you, and all of our LSC boards. Until we hear back from them, here are a couple suggestions on our end:

1. Engage your LSC board in conversation about who receives notices like this, and why not everyone does. This will help them know that not everyone will hear about things, but who they can direct questions too.
2. As you suggested, you could add the SafeSport Centralized Disciplinary Database's (CDD) link to the Safe Sport portion of your LSC website. This will have pro's and con's.
3. We would not be comfortable with the LSC making any statements when an individual is removed the CDD as to the individual being cleared, removed, or further action taken.

We'll let you know as soon as we get some guidance from the Center.

Thank you again for your concern, questions, and suggestions.

Best,

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3. E-mail from Bob Griswold regarding videotaping of swim meets

My name is Bob Griswold. I don't think we have met yet, but I'm a long time USA swimming official, a former swimmer myself, and a father of a 15 year old swimmer on DACA's National Team. I know that Sergey Mariniuk (cc'd) just briefly discussed this with you, but I have been working for the last two years on an idea that combines my love for the sport of swimming with my technology background to bring a level of excitement to age group swimming that I didn't experience personally until I was swimming at the NCAA D1 level years ago. Check out the short 1 minute intro video I put together to give an overview of the service:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SR7A_s_9M08

The idea is to make it super easy for swimmers, parents & coaches to build a catalog of high quality videos of swim races - complete with lower thirds graphics and race information (date, meet name, event, seed time, etc.). Because my technology automatically assembles these videos with no human editing needed, I can offer these videos for a low price (~\$5/video) - far lower than similar services like the still photography services you see at some meets (eg. Zoom Photography), who have to charge upwards of \$50 per picture because they have humans taking as well as editing the images.

After working on this idea for nearly two years, including testing at several CBA meets, I am now at the point where I'm ready to launch the service publicly. In fact, I was setting up my cameras at the Santa Clara Senior Open meet last weekend (Sergey got prior permission from the Meet Director and Meet Ref to do a full-meet test) when Mike Davis asked me to discuss this with you to get your blessing on this idea.

Since this is such a new service, when I discuss this with meet directors, they initially are skeptical, but quickly warm up to the idea when I point out the following:

- Respects SafeSport - no cameras behind starting blocks or in any other compromising position

- Waivers - all meet sheets have a standard media waiver granting consent to be photographed:
 - NOTICE: By entering this meet, the athlete or his/her guardian consents to the publication, via electronic, print or other media, information and/or imagery related to their participation at this meet. Such information and imagery may include, but is not limited to, photographs, video, web casting, television, psych sheets and live meet results.
- Swim meets are live streamed all the time - particularly at more senior levels - this just brings a similar experience to younger age groups
- Security/Privacy - this idea is arguably more secure and private than live streaming, since only the swimmer, their parents and their coach can access a swimmer's videos
- Interference with the meet - as a swimming official myself, I have made sure that the equipment is unobtrusive and does not interfere with the normal operation of a meet. There are no photographers manning the cameras on deck ever - the cameras are mounted in unobtrusive spots and are not moved at all during the meet. Further, since videos won't be available to be viewed until after a meet is over, they can't be used to challenge any officials' calls
- Revenue opportunity - like other commercial services at swim meets, this business will also create a revenue opportunity for meet operators (timing/results operators) and meet directors with customary revenue sharing agreements

4. Extract from CIF Bylaws:

ARTICLE 60 OUTSIDE COMPETITION

600. COMPETITION ON AN OUTSIDE TEAM

A student on a high school team becomes ineligible if the student competes in a contest on an "outside" team, in the same sport, during the student's high school season of sport (See Bylaw 504.A). The following exceptions apply:

A. If the outside team has half or more of the team members as stated in the National Federation rules book for that sport, it shall be considered the same sport. Examples: three-on-three basketball---outside team competition prohibited; two-on-two volleyball---outside team competition permitted.

B. Flag Football/Beach Volleyball/Slow Pitch Softball

For purposes of this rule, touch football, flag football, beach volleyball and slow pitch softball are considered to be different

sports than tackle football, volleyball and softball respectively.

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C. **Soccer** In the sport of soccer, Bylaw 600 shall be in effect only during the winter high school soccer season. High school soccer programs that compete during the fall or spring season are not subject to Bylaw 600. **NOTE:** For purposes of this section, indoor soccer and futsal are not considered the same sport as soccer.

D. Swimming and Diving

Swimmers may compete for an amateur team during the season of sport in the USA Swimming Senior National Championship

Meet, the USA Swimming Sectional Championship Meet and the USA Swimming Junior Olympic Meet. Divers may compete

for an amateur team during the season of sport in the USA National Championships, USA Junior National Championships and

any Regional and/or Zone Championship meet that qualifies the diver to the aforementioned Championships.

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E. Bylaw 600 shall not be in effect for those sports conducted outside the State-adopted season of sport.

F. Spontaneous Recreational Activity

It is permissible for a high school team member to participate in a spontaneous recreational activity or game in which sides or teams are chosen without regard to players representing any group or organization. Such participation would not cause loss of eligibility. (Definition of spontaneous: no prior planning or notice; an unplanned part of another activity which has a primary focus other than the sport.)

Q: What is an outside team?

A: An outside team is one that is organized through a non-school organization such as, but not limited to, youth teams, community teams, club teams, national teams, park and recreation teams, etc.

Q: Is attendance by an individual student-athlete at a non-school practice, camp or clinic considered participation on an outside team if during that sport's season of sport?

A: No. Individual student-athletes may attend a non-school practice, camp or clinic during that sport's season of sport (unless your school and/or CIF

Section has developed a more restrictive rule).

Q: May an individual student-athlete compete in a scrimmage or game while attending a non-school practice, camp or clinic during that sport's season of sport?

A: Yes, as long as they are attending that camp as an individual (unless your school and/or CIF Section has developed a more restrictive rule).

G. Unattached Competition in Individual Sports (see also Bylaw 215)

(1) An unattached athlete shall not represent any team. Points won by the athlete shall not be credited to any team. An unattached athlete shall not use a uniform which identifies a school or "outside" team. Any violation shall be considered an infraction of Bylaw 600.

(2) Unattached competition is permissible for a student in other than school contests during the season of sport provided the student enters in the individual sports of badminton (singles and doubles), cross country, golf, gymnastics, skiing, swimming and diving (including unattached entry on relays), tennis (singles and doubles), track and field (including unattached entry on relays) and wrestling.

(3) Certification of Unattached Athletes

No official recognition or certification on the part of the CIF member school or personnel of the CIF member school may be given in order that unattached athletes may participate in contests.

(4) Representation in CIF Competition

Unattached competition is not permitted in any CIF competition (See Bylaw 503.D.). Individuals or teams entered in CIF competition must represent a CIF member school. No other form of representation shall be permitted in CIF competition.

NOTE: Alpine, Nordic Skiing and Snowboarding are exempt for this Bylaw as the season of sport is not defined and listed under Bylaws 503.D. and 504.H. and that all competitions are done in conjunction with the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association.

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Q: May an athlete compete unattached in a collegiate track meet?

A: No. CIF students are not eligible to compete at intercollegiate events (Bylaw 215).

Q: May an athlete compete unattached in "open competition" at a joint sanctioned event?

A: No. A high school student who has any eligibility left at a high school shall not participated in any "open competition" event. A high school student may only compete in a high school division comprised of high school student-athletes at these events (Bylaw 702.C.).

Q: May an athlete compete unattached in a national governing body event?

A: Yes. An athlete may compete unattached in an event such as the heptathlon or decathlon when the National Governing Body of that sport administers the event(s).

Q: May an athlete compete unattached in an "open competition" event?

A: Yes. Bylaw 600.G. permits unattached competition in individual sports. An athlete may compete unattached in an "Open Competition" event such as a road race, 5k fun run of similar community sponsored event.

ARTICLE 90 ALL-STAR COMPETITION

900. PARTICIPATION

A. A graduating senior is any student who started his/her seventh semester of eligibility and completed the **current school year** season of sport prior to the high school all-star competition in that sport.

B. For graduating seniors only, high school all-star competition (including practices and/or tryouts) may not begin until the conclusion of the last Section or State contest in that sport.

C. Undergraduates (grades 9-11) are prohibited from participating in high school all-star competition (including practices and/or tryouts) from September 1 through the completion of the last CIF-scheduled sanctioned event for that school year.

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D. For purposes of interpreting the CIF All-Star Bylaw, high school all-star competition in any game, contest, or exhibition (including practices and/or tryouts) in which teams compete and the team participants include students from CIF member schools selected on a basis that involves, but may not necessarily be limited to, their high school athletic accomplishments. The following guidelines are to be considered in determining whether the activity is high school all-star competition:

- (1) If the team name or activity includes “all-star” in its title, it shall be considered “all-star” competition unless it qualifies otherwise by these guidelines;
- (2) If a team includes high school participants and the team purports to represent outstanding players from any community, county, State or geographical region, it shall be considered “all-star” competition unless it qualifies otherwise by these guidelines;
- (3) If a team includes high school participants and the team represents itself in name, publicity, or programs as being composed of outstanding players from two (2) or more high schools, or from one (1) or more CIF leagues, or from one (1) or more Sections, it shall be considered “all-star” competition unless it qualifies otherwise by these guidelines;
- (4) If no admission charge is made nor donation solicited for the activity, it shall not be considered “all-star” competition;
- (5) If the team(s) represents an organized sports association, religious organization, or municipal recreation department and the team(s) is comprised solely of current participants in ongoing leagues or divisions of that organization, it shall not be considered “all-star” competition;
- (6) If the team(s) is comprised solely of current members of an incorporated athletic club, it shall not be considered “allstar” competition.

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901. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF BYLAW 900

A. School

Violations of Bylaw 900 may cause the school involved to be suspended from membership in the CIF. Participation by member schools, by their school officials, or by any employee of the school, directly or indirectly, in the furnishing of school facilities or equipment, management, organization, supervision, player selection, coaching, or promotion in connection with any prohibited contests shall be considered a violation of Bylaw 900. The period of suspension shall be determined by the Federated Council. Suspended schools shall apply to the Federated Council for reinstatement.

B. Student

Any student taking part in a prohibited all-star contest or similar contest shall be barred from all CIF athletic contests for up to one (1) year following the date the infraction is verified.