

## **SPORTS RULES**

- 2.0** The Principal of each league school is responsible for the conduct of his/her students, coaches and teams as well as adherence to Sac-Joaquin Section rules, regulations, and the Code of Conduct.
- 2.1** By the Wednesday of the week prior to the first league football and basketball games, each Athletic Director shall send to all other league Athletic Directors a copy of team rosters.
- 2.2** Procedure for disseminating league information: All sports schedules, which are submitted for approval, should indicate "Proposed Schedule". When the Administrative Council has approved the schedule, a new copy will be issued by the commissioner, which states date of adoption.
- 2.3** Assessments: Whenever there is a change in league membership, each member school will retain one share of the play-off money returned to the league by the Section office.
- 2.4** The Delta River League will select All-League Teams in all approved sports. All-league teams are to be submitted in writing to the league commissioner.
- 2.5** C.I.F. rule 200B 1 permits girls to participate on a boy's team if no girl's team is provided.
- 2.6** The League Ethics Committee shall be composed of two administrators and two athletic directors appointed by the league president. It will serve as a fact-finding committee on matters involving league by-law violations. Requested matters for review by the Ethics Committee shall be submitted as follows:
- a. A written complaint in writing must be filed by the complaining school's principal. A telephone call to the league president and the alleged violating school's principal must be made prior to the written complaint being filed.
  - b. The league president may refer the complaint to the ethics committee, which will render a decision within three school days if possible.
  - c. If the Ethics Committee has determined that a violation has occurred, the Ethics Committee must meet to determine recommended penalty/penalties. The following alternatives have been adopted by the Administrative Council for the Ethics Committee to consider:
    1. Letter of reprimand.
    2. Reduce practice games and/or scrimmages the following season for the violating school

4. Probation:
    - a. Violating team placed on probation for one year. Further violations within the school's athletic program would result in school wide probation.
    - b. Further violation of (a) above would result in suspension of violating team from post-season competition for one year.
    - c. Further violation of (a) and (b) above would result in suspension of all teams of the violating school from post-season play for one year.
  5. Forfeiture of league contests the number of which are to be determined by the Ethics Committee.
  6. Possible suspension of coach for a specified period of time.
  7. Violating team is suspended from possible section competition in the year the violation occurs.
- d. Upon completing its investigation, the committee will make its report along with recommendations to the league president who will then take appropriate action.
  - e. Appeals may be made to the Delta River League Administrative Council by filing an appeal with the Delta River League President who shall appoint two Principals and one Athletic Director to hear the appeal and make a recommendation to the Delta River League President. The appeal committee will not include representatives from either the appealing or complaining schools.

**2.7 Game Protests** concerning rule interpretations will follow procedures outlined below:

1. Any protests are to be originated by the principal of the school making the protest(s).
2. Protests shall be made in writing and mailed to the league commissioner and league president within 72 hours following the game or contest.
3. The Delta River League President shall appoint two Principals and one Athletic Director to hear the appeal and they will make a recommendation back to the President. The appeal committee will not include representatives from either the appealing or complaining schools.

4. Protests shall be sustained or lost by a simple majority of the principals.
  5. Principals may appoint proxies to represent their school for voting purposes only.
  6. The Delta River League Commissioner shall entertain no protests of any official's judgment.
- 2.8** Visiting schools will refrain from putting up negative signs in the host school's gym. In their own rooting section, visiting schools may put-up signs that display good sportsmanship.
- 2.9** Visiting schools will refrain from any band or student body activity prior to or during an athletic contest except by prior arrangement with the host school. Halftime entertainment may be provided by the host school unless the two schools agree to other arrangements.
- 2.10** A maximum of two scrimmages per team are permissible prior to the first game (League or non-league) of the season. Said scrimmages shall not count in the team's contact total. Scrimmages held after a team's first game shall count as contacts. A scrimmage is defined as supervised competition between two or more teams where: no officials are paid; no admission is charged (closed scrimmages are permissible and donations are acceptable); no score/results are released to the media; no awards are presented. (CIF/SJS Bylaw 519.2)
- 2.11** Any time four or more league schools field a team sport, there will be league competition and those schools are required to participate with other member schools of the Delta River League.
- 2.12** Coaches attending the end of the season meeting of a sport are to have the athletic director or designee of the championship school, present and in charge of the meeting.
- 2.13** The athletic week starts with Monday and ends with Saturday.