

WEST ALAMEDA COUNTY CONFERENCE
MINUTES – ELIGIBILITY WORKSHOP
FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2022 – 4:15 PM

Present: Alameda (Ithurburn), Arroyo (Budge), Berkeley (Reygoza, Parker, Vegt), Bishop O'Dowd (Evans, Reed, Kigar, Nishimoto), Castro Valley (Stacy), Encinal (Snyder, Gorham), Hayward (Miller, Prasad), Mt. Eden (Mitsopoulos, Duran), Piedmont (Goswami, Smet), San Leandro (Ron Richardson, Thomas), San Lorenzo (Longaker), Tennyson (Taylor), Commissioner (Kiesel)

Absent: None

Guests: None

The league commissioner presented the NCS-mandated Eligibility Workshop, using the 26-page document provided by the NCS. Board members had several questions about changes to CIF Bylaw 210: Physical Assault of a Game or Event Official. The league commissioner communicated these questions to Pat Cruickshank, NCS Commissioner. For clarity sake, these communications are noted here:

RED: WACC Commissioner
in Green Answer # 1

GREEN: NCS Commissioner

BLUE: Note referred to

At yesterday's WACC Eligibility Workshop, I got several questions regarding the added language to CIF bylaw 210; C. Spectator listed in the 2022-23 Eligibility Workshop Changes for 2022-2023.

1. My dictionary defines assault as **an intentional act that puts another person in reasonable apprehension of imminent harmful or offensive contact**. Please define, or have the CIF define the term "physical assault, Are we talking about "assault" or "battery"?

2. When does the "permanent ban" on that spectator begin? Is it immediate? Are there appeals possible by the individual banned? Is a court judgment involved?

3. Is there a form that the NCS and CIF will use to allow schools to "Immediately notify" these bodies? or do schools just report an event on their own? Are there specifics that the CIF and NCS expect to be included in these reports? or does a simple sentence like "Turalura Goldfarb assaulted an official this evening" suffice?

4. How will CIF schools be notified of this permanent ban? How will gate personnel know who is banned?

5. How will the CIF enforce this permanent ban? How are CIF-member schools involved in this enforcement? The WACC principals strongly support appropriate consequences for all inappropriate behavior.

Dave K

1. See the note below the bylaw in our Constitution.

2. Schools will contact the section immediately and work together with the section, CIF, and CIF legal to gain the necessary information regarding the offender and the situation. That school will notify the offender of the consequences. School, Section, CIF, and CIF legal will work together if the offender decides to not follow the bylaw. Schools should let their opponents know of the situation, and if the offender returns and refuses to leave, call authorities, and report them as trespassing.

3. Call us immediately

4. See above

5. See above

Glad they are in support! This is something that needs to be done to ensure the proper environment that our students deserve. It's a message that we will not tolerate it and will deal appropriately with the individual when an incident like this occurs.

Thanks for your support and the support of the WACC schools. Have a great day!

NOTE #1: Definition of a Physical Assault: A physical assault is the intentional infliction of or an attempt to inflict a harmful or offensive touching or contact upon the person of an official. Note that the rule is violated even if no contact is made with the person of an official. Such conduct shall include verbal threats and/or intimidation either or before, during or after the contest. All that is required is the "attempt." However, the act constituting the attempt must be accompanied by a specific intent, which may be inferred from the circumstances and nature of the act, to inflict a harmful or offensive touching contact of the official's person.

NOTE #2: A person assaulting a sports official may also be subject to California Penal Code 243.8 which states the following:

(a) When a battery is committed against a sports official immediately prior to, during, or immediately following an interscholastic, intercollegiate, or any other organized amateur or professional athletic contest in which the sports official is participating, and the person who commits the offense knows or reasonably should know that the victim is engaged in the performance of his or her duties, the offense shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000), or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment.

(b) For purposes of this section, "sports official" means any individual who serves as a referee, umpire, linesman, or who serves in a similar capacity but may be known by a different title or name and is duly registered by, or a member of, a local, state, regional, or national organization engaged in part in providing education and training to sports officials.