



TO: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PRINCIPALS
CIF SOUTHERN SECTION ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION UPDATE

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I hope all is well with you and your families. Here is the latest update.

1) Return to Play – Outdoor Sports – Today, we have received information from the Governor’s Office and the California Department of Public Health regarding return to play for outdoor sports, based on the factor of each county’s Adjusted Case Rate for COVID-19 per 100,000 people. The threshold for outdoor sports to begin competition is 14 cases or lower per 100,000 people, as of Friday, February 26, 2021. As a point of reference, here are the Adjusted Case Rates per 100,000 people as of Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

- San Luis Obispo County – 15.6
- Los Angeles County – 20.0
- Orange County – 20.7
- San Bernardino County – 24.2
- Ventura County – 26.2
- Santa Barbara County – 27.0
- Riverside County – 28.8

The information on each county’s Adjusted Case Rate is released weekly each Tuesday on this website: www.covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/. We will look forward to numbers above decreasing when they are published again on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. Once your county reaches the required threshold, the following Fall outdoor sports can begin competition, provided the required COVID-19 testing mandated by the California Department of Public Health is done for Boys/Girls Water Polo and Football. For more information on the CDPH Guidelines for Youth Sports, including the COVID-19 testing requirements, go to the following link. <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/outdoor-indoor-recreational-sports.aspx#.YDAfeWN3NBg.mailto>

- Boys/Girls Water Polo – Begin competition February 26, 2021, season ends on March 20, 2021.
- Football (See attached Football Scenarios) – Season ends on April 17, 2021.

Once your county reaches the required threshold; the following Spring outdoor sports can begin competition on or after the following dates...

- Girls Tennis (Can begin as planned on February 22, 2021. Dual Matches only.)
- Boys/Girls Soccer – February 27, 2021
- Boys Tennis – March 1, 2021 (Dual Matches only.)
- Boys/Girls Lacrosse – March 12, 2021
- Boys/Girls Swimming and Diving – March 13, 2021 (Dual Meets only.)
- Baseball – March 19, 2021
- Softball – March 19, 2021
- Boys/Girls Golf – March 20, 2021 (Dual Matches only.)
- Boys/Girls Track and Field – March 20, 2021 (Dual Meets only.)

2) Return to Play – Indoor Sports – We will continue to be in discussions with the Governor’s Office and the California Department of Public Health on a plan for return to play for indoor sports. However, if possible, indoor sports can begin to play outdoors, if your county meets the required threshold of 14 cases or less per 100,000 people, according to the following schedule...

- Girls Volleyball – February 26, 2021. Season ends on March 20, 2021.
- Traditional Competitive Cheer – Immediately. (Virtually, or in a Dual Match format only.)
- Boys/Girls Wrestling – March 5, 2021 (Dual Matches only.)
- Badminton – March 6, 2021 (Dual Matches only.)
- Boys/Girls Basketball – March 12, 2021
- Boys Volleyball – March 13, 2021
- Competitive Sport Cheer – March 27, 2021 (Dual Matches only.)

We hope to have an update later on the situation with indoor sports and as soon as that information becomes available, I will update you at that time.

3) Final Thought – We are now prepared to enter another phase of this journey we have been on for almost an entire year. From the very beginning, we have always tried to keep the focus on student-athletes, doing all we can to come through for them and be able to resume our education-based athletics programs. Let us resolve in the time ahead to continue to do all we can in service to the young people we are so fortunate to serve.

I hope this information is useful to you in the time ahead and if you have any questions, or I can help you in any way at all, do not hesitate to contact our office. My staff and I are ready, willing and able to assist you in any way we possibly can.

Thank you very much for your help and support, it is truly appreciated.