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AGENDA ITEM: V.B.10

TO: FEDERATED COUNCIL
FROM: Commissioner's Committee
THROUGH: CIF Executive Committee
DATE: February 5, 2010
RE: Bylaw 600.C Revision

The Bay Area Conference provided the following rationale to the North Coast Section Board of Managers when requesting the deletion of Bylaw 600.C: Soccer. The North Coast Section Board of Managers agreed to this proposal and is forwarding the proposed revision of Bylaw 600 to the Federated Council for action.

Rationale:

Club soccer programs are operating during the winter season of sport and are conflicting with other sports by requiring participation, thus taking student-athletes away from currently established winter programs. It is the BAC understanding that the agreement between CIF and the Club Soccer Association is that they would shut down during the winter season. They have ignored their agreement.

It's time to eliminate this rule and make it consistent with all the other sport participation rules: during the Section's established season of sport, students may not participate on an outside team at the same time.

Students are overextending themselves and playing as many as 12 soccer matches per week, practicing 2-3 days per week after a school practice, and current evidence indicates that these players are injured most of the time. Let's keep the standards for participation the same for all sports regardless of the State mandated winter season of sport. There should not be an exception to this rule if we really care about the health and safety of the student-athlete.

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Vote: May 7, 2010