



NORTH COAST SECTION, C.I.F

UNDUE INFLUENCE/RECRUITMENT
WORKSHOP

UNDUE INFLUENCE, ATHLETIC MOTIVATION DOCUMENTS

Documents concerning undue -influence can
be found at the NCS website (www.cifncs.org)

ACCURATE INFORMATION REQUIREMENT (202)

The CIF requires that all information provided in regard to any aspect of the eligibility of a student must be true, correct,

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1. Recruitment/undue- influence

CIF Bylaw 510.A. states:

The use of undue influence by any person(s) to secure or retain a student or their parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver as residents may cause

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Penalty

Jeopardize the membership standing of the high school in the CIF.

Influenced student may be deemed ineligible for up to 24 months.

Other penalties:

- Listed under NCS 218.A.4

- Assigned within the processes of NCS 1103.B and 1103.C

Repeated violations of CIF or NCS policies can lead to more severe sanctions as listed under NCS 218.A.4.

Undue -Influence

Evaluation of Undue- Influence

By the CIF member school – if a violation is determined the violation is reported under NCS 1103.B.

By the Section Commissioner – process outlined under NCS 1103.C.

How is Undue -Influence Evaluated?

Basic premise

Undue -Influence

When should a school be concerned?

Any contact with a potential student -athlete or their family prior to enrollment at your school.

Potential student -athlete visits a school prior to enrollment.

Potential student -athlete attends Open Gym or Open Field

Potential student -athlete or his/her family, or “friend” contact a coach at the school about your school’s athletic program.

Coaching staff or individuals associated with your school coach within outside programs.

“Flipping of the hat.”

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Examples

Booster club members discuss your school with potential athletes/parents.

Targeted invitation to attend a game/event at your school.

Targeting is contact with sport specific groups.

Trying to convince a student to not transfer.

Financial inducements to recruit or retain a student-athlete.

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Examples Continued

Allowing students who are not enrolled at your school as 9-12 students to participate in a practice, or attend practice to watch.

Conduct of club programs that mirrors school name, logo, mascot, colors, use school facilities with no use permit. Basically saying it is not a school program but the conduct of the club is evaluated and determined to be sponsored by the school.

Non -student attends summer activities, or Open Gym or Open Field and asks the supervising person questions about enrollment or questions about the athletic program.

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Examples Continued

Coach is allowed to visit a feeder school and is not the athletic director or an administrator.

Coach is an athletic director or an administrator and when they attend a feeder school do more than share general information, such as a need for a physical, sports offered, starting dates, etc. Instead the coach shares the accomplishments of the various athletic teams, scholarships received by student athletes at your school, essentially cross the line of offering general information versus a conversation that a person would evaluate as recruitment.

Providing jerseys or other school garments to potential students.

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Examples Continued

At an Open House coaches or current student athletes attempt to influence a student to attend your school.

Comments such as:

You would be a starter here!

As a freshman you could participate on a team that may go to the State CIF Championships.

Our school is looking for someone just like you.

We have an current opening for your position at our school.

Conduct a camp or clinic at your school and attempt to get one or more of the camp attendees to enroll at your school.

Attend a local youth sport function in school clothing.

Athletic Motivation

- Athletic motivation

This type of violation is usually performed by the enrolling student and family, making a decision to transfer to another school based on athletic participation. It is by far the most frequent violation of CIF 510.

- Involves CIF bylaws 200, 202, 206, 207, 208 and 510
- Usually involves pre- enrollment contact with individuals associated with the enrolling school.
- Can be considered prima facie evidence (sufficient evidence) of a transfer based on athletic reasons.
- Student can be ruled ineligible for one calendar year and the school may be required to forfeit games.

Athletic Motivation

Athletic motivation continued

Pre-enrollment contact

Is there any pre -enrollment contact? The rule states any and all pre -enrollment contact must be reported.

Pre-enrollment contact may include, but is not limited to: any communication of any kind, directly or indirectly, with the student, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver, relatives, or friends of the student about the athletic program at the school.

Requirement to Disclose Pre- enrollment contact by the student and family and enrolling school.

It is not an evaluation by the school if the pre -enrollment contact is a violation, that is a decision of the section commissioner.

Athletic Motivation and undue influence

Pre-enrollment contact is only reported when there is pre-enrollment contact with individuals associated with your athletic program.

Associated is defined as:

Persons “associated” with a school include, but are

Athletic Motivation

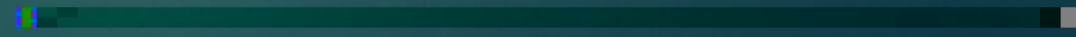
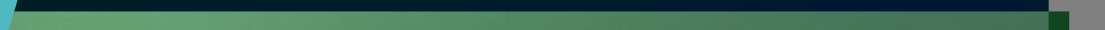
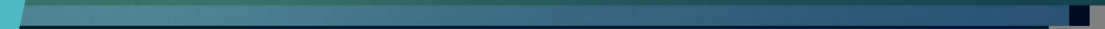
Examples are:

Playing for a coach of a club team who coaches at another school and then transfers to that school.

Plays on an outside team which has members from another school and then transfers to that school.

Multiple transfers to a school.

Association with an outside agency that uses the facilities or personnel of the student's new school.



Role of School

Athletic Directors

Are the front -line in knowing and applying eligibility rules and regulations.

Are expected to assist student -athletes, parents and coaches with eligibility determinations.

Are expected to develop protocols, oversee all aspects of the athletic program: coaches, athletes, schedules, facilities, boosters, finances, sportsmanship programs, league and NCS responsibilities.

Are expected to communicate regularly with administrative team.

Eligibility Statistics

2018-2019

36.0% CIF 206

0.42% Denied 206

17.8% 207.B.3 (Unlimited)

9.4% 207.B.5.a (Limited)

0.00% Denied Limited

21.4% 207.B.5.b (SOP)

0.07% Denied SOP

CLOSING

REMEMBER...These rules are written ..

1. To insure that athletics does not overshadow the academic mission of our schools
2. To insure that when we enter the field, court or pool, we can trust that the students against which we are competing are in compliance with the same eligibility rules as our own students
3. To insure that no one is attempting to procure the attendance of an athlete at any school, or are transferring for athletic purposes.

Questions

Questions regarding eligibility should be directed to NCS Commissioner Pat Cruickshank at 925 -263-2110 x221. If Pat is not available then ask for either Bri Niemi, Assoc. Commissioner, ext. 215, or Sonjha Phillips, Asst. Commissioner, ext. 220.

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