

Meeting of the Executive Committee

August 7, 2025 1:00 p.m. CIF Southern Section Offices, Los Alamitos, CA Agenda

1. OPENING BUSINESS A. Call to order by Dr. Paula Hart Rodas, President of the Council B. Pledge of Allegiance C. Roll Call D. Introduction of Guests E. Adopt Agenda Action F. Approval of Minutes 1. Minutes of the May 13, 2025, Executive Committee Action 1F1

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Meeting

A. Recognition of anyone wishing to address the Executive Committee. Speakers must limit their remarks to three minutes.

3. NON-ACTION ITEMS

DISPOSITION ITEM

A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL NON-ACTION ITEMS

There are no State Federated Council non-action items.

B. SOUTHERN SECTION NON-ACTION ITEMS

There are no Southern Section Council non-action items.

4. ACTION ITEMS DISPOSITION **ITEM** A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS There are no State Federated Council action items. B. SOUTHERN SECTION ACTION ITEMS 1. Releaguing Appeal Hearings A. Orange County Area 1. Crean Lutheran Action 3B1A1 2. Laguna Beach High School Action 3B1A2 3. St. Margaret's High School Action 3B1A3 5. NEW BUSINESS A. 2025-2026 CIF Southern Section Goals Non-Action 5A B. Financial Report Mitch Carty **Thom Simmons** C. Communications Report D. Marketing Report Jacqulyn Gibson 6. REPORTS A. NFHS Summer Meeting Reports Dr. Paula Hart Rodas Jim Perry Dr. Alexis Barile Anne Fitzgerald Dr. Reggie Thompkins

Dr. Paula Hart Rodas

Rich Imbriani

Mike West

B. President's Report

C. Treasurer's Report

C. Commissioner's Report

D. Executive Committee Member Reports

7. ADVANCE PLANNING

A. DATES

- 1. September 18, 2025 CIF Southern Section Executive Committee Meeting, CIF Southern Section Office, Los Alamitos, CA, 1;00 p.m.
- 2. September 22, 2025 Champions for Character Awards Dinner, The Grand Conference Center, Long Beach, CA 6:00 p.m.
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- 6. January 16-18, 2026 CIF Southern Section Executive Committee Meeting, The Mission Inn, Riverside, CA 9:30 a.m.

B. SU	JGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS
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<u>8. ADJO</u>	URNMENT
A. Ti	me of Adjournment



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May 13, 2025 1:00 p.m. CIF Southern Section Offices, Los Alamitos, CA Minutes

1. OPENING BUSINESS

DISPOSITION

ITEM

A. Call to order by Dr. Paula Hart Rodas, President of the Council

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. President Hart Rodas welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call

All members were present except for Ann Fitzgerald, Mary Jane Hibbard, Dr. Erika Tejeda and Dr Reggie Thompkins.

D. Introduction of Guests

Commissioner Mike West introduced the guests from Arcadia Christian High School.

E. Adopt Agenda

Adopted

There was a motion and a second to adopt the agenda as written. The motion carried 17-0-0.

F. Approval of Minutes

Approved

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes of March 20, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting as written. The motion carried 16-0-1.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

A contingency from Arcadia Christian High School came to speak on behalf of their school's membership application for the 2025-2026 school year.

3. NON-ACTION ITEMS

DISPOSITION

ITEM

A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL NON-ACTION ITEMS

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B. SOUTHERN SECTION NON-ACTION ITEMS

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4. ACTION ITEMS DISPOSITION ITEM

A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

There are no State Federated Council action items.

B. SOUTHERN SECTION ACTION ITEMS

There are no State Federated Council non-action items.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of the Following Schools for Membership for the 2025-2026 School Year

 Arcadia Christian School Presented by David Parkes Probationary

5A1

David Parkes presented Arcadia Christian School for consideration and recommended probationary membership at this time. A motion and second were made for probationary membership status for Arcadia Christian School. After discussion, which included a review of the New Member School Application, the motion carried 17-0-0.

2. Mojave River Academy
Presented by Matt Maeda

Denied

5A2

Matt Maeda presented Mojave River Academy for consideration and recommended probationary membership. Their athletic director, from Riverside Prep, has been granted the job at another school, and there is no longer an athletic director on-site. They have a district athletic director overseeing Mojave River and Riverside Prep. Multi-school was suggested but not well received by the school or its district. Independent study schools becoming members is not addressed in the Blue Book. This school has several campuses, and the Victorville campus is the one applying for membership. Concerns regarding curriculum, true attendance online and grades were voiced. A motion and second were made for probationary membership status for Mojave River Academy. After discussion, which included a review of the New Member School Application, the motion failed 3-14-0.

3. Phase3 Lab

Denied

5A3

Presented by Rich Imbriani

Rich Imbriani presented Phase3 Lab for consideration and recommended probationary membership. A motion and second were made for probationary membership status for Phase3 Lab. A review of the New Member School Application and discussion took place. They hope with membership to increase the wrestling program. Only enrollment of four students but with the membership, they feel that will grow. The motion failed 4-13-0.

4. South Hills Academy

Probationary

5A4

1F1

Presented by Mitch Brunyer

Mitch Brunyer presented South Hills Academy for consideration and recommended probationary membership. A motion and second were made for probationary membership status for South Hills Academy. A review of the New Member School Application took place. There was a discussion regarding an item on their website regarding tuition assistance. The motion carried 12-5-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS (Cont.)

- B. Membership Status of New and Probationary Schools Admitted in 2023-2024
 - 1. Aveson Global Leadership Academy Presented by Mitch Brunyer

Membership Dropped

5B1

Mitch Brunyer presented the evaluation of Aveson Global Leadership Academy for consideration and recommended dropping membership at this time. It is up to the Executive Committee to grant full, probationary, or deny membership. There was a motion and a second to drop membership. Because of displacement from the recent fires, it was difficult to set the evaluation meeting. The school is putting academics ahead of athletics since the fires and were only able to field one sport, boys basketball. Any other sport was considered an intermural sport with lower grade levels. What about probationary again because of the fires? School was non-responsive to calls, although Mitch reached out several times. School seems to be focused on basketball and no other sports, and only fielded boys' basketball. The fires were in January, so why were there no fall sports? Motion was approved 16-0-1.

2. DNA Prep Academy

Membership Dropped

5B2

Presented by Dr. Alexis Barile

Dr. Alexis Barile presented an evaluation of DNA Prep Academy for consideration and recommended dropping membership at this time. It is up to the Executive Committee to grant full, probationary, or deny membership. There was a motion and a second to drop membership. This school submitted no paperwork, and there was no communication from the school after many attempts. Motion was carried 17-0-0.

3. Entrepreneur/Fontana
Presented by Kai Lyles

Membership Dropped

5B3

Kai Lyles presented the evaluation of Entrepreneur/Fontana for consideration and recommended probationary membership at this time. It is up to the Executive Committee to grant full, probationary, or deny membership. There was a motion and a second to approve probationary membership. This is the third time visiting this school and the third set of administration. They did not field a boys' sport in the fall. There is an Athletic Director who plans to remain in place, but this athletic director is also the same athletic director overseeing the sister school in Highland. Motion failed 7-9-1.

4. First Baptist/Long Beach
Evaluated by Mary Jane Hibbard
Presented by Jim Perry

Full Membership

5B4

Jim Perry presented the evaluation of First Baptist/Long Beach for Mary Jane Hibbard, who was not in attendance, for consideration and recommended full membership at this time. It is up to the Executive Committee to grant full, probationary, or deny membership. There was a motion and a second to approve full membership. This school met the sports requirement and are planning to add more sports. Motion was approved 16-1-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS (Cont.)

B. Membership Status of New and Probationary Schools Admitted in 2023-2024 (Cont.)

Gorman LC/Antelope Valley Presented by Gil Gomez

Probationary

5B5

Gil Gomez presented the evaluation of Gorman LC/Antelope Valley for consideration and recommended full membership at this time. It is up to the Executive Committee to grant full, probationary, or deny membership. There was a motion and a second to approve full membership. They have grown since last year. The school attempted to start a girls' basketball team, but injuries kept them from fielding the sport. Thus, they did not meet the criteria for full membership. Still growing slowly with over 300 students. The first motion was rescinded, and a new motion and a second one were made to grant probationary membership. There is a concern regarding the numbers for cross country and track, with only a couple of students participating and the school not fielding full teams, but only individuals. Motion was approved 13-4-0.

6. Legacy Christian Academy
Presented by Rob Dearborn

Full Membership

5B6

Rob Dearborn presented the evaluation of Legacy Christian Academy for consideration and recommended full membership at this time. It is up to the Executive Committee to grant full, probationary, or denied membership. There was a motion and a second to approve full membership. The school fielded the required number of sports and anticipates 20% growth for next year. The motion was approved 17-0-0.

7. Orange County Classical Academy Presented by Dr. Paula Hart Rodas **Probationary**

5B7

Dr. Paula Hart Rodas presented the evaluation of Orange County Classical Academy for consideration and recommended probationary membership at this time. It is up to the Executive Committee to grant full, probationary, or deny membership. There was a motion and a second to approve probationary membership. This is a former member school that has seen changes in facilities. They barely missed the requirement of sports fields because of the loss of students due to the change in facilities. They will be hosting basketball and volleyball tournaments over the summer; however, they were unable to field a boys' sport in the fall. Motion was approved 16-0-1.

C. Financial Report

Mitch Carty

Chief Financial Officer Mitch Carty distributed a report, which is included at the end of these minutes, and highlighted various items in the handout.

D. Communications Report

Thom Simmons

Assistant Commissioner Thom Simmons shared with the Committee that we are hiring students to help with film coverage of championships to get the students involved. Teachers are shadowing others to gain experience and bring new ideas to their campuses. We are in the process of producing a history program that will feature Dr. John Dahlem and be released over the summer. The next CIFSS This Week (#6) is 100% student-produced.

5. NEW BUSINESS (Cont.)

E. Marketing Report

Jacqulyn Gibson

Director of Marketing and Corporate Partnerships Jacqulyn Gibson shared the success of the Academic Awards night at Angels Stadium last month. Marketing is extremely busy with multiple events every weekend.

President Dr. Paula Hart Rodas called the Closed Session, which began at 2:36 p.m.

6. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Public Employee Evaluation of Performance (Government Code 54957):
 - 1. Commissioner's Evaluation

7. REPORT OF ACTION(S) TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session concluded at 3:19 p.m. No action taken in closed session.

8. REPORTS

A. President's Report

Dr. Paula Hart Rodas

Thank you to all, the office, the Committee. There is a wealth of information in this room, and I appreciate the knowledge and perspective each person brings. It is a privilege to be here. I look forward to us continuing to grow and be the front runner in the state and the nation. Thank you, Rich, for your friendship and your work. You will be missed!

B. Treasurer's Report

Rich Imbriani

Rich Imbriani gave the Treasurer's Report, which is included at the end of these minutes.

C. Commissioner's Report

Mike West

Thank you for all the hard work this year. Looking forward to everyone on the Committee returning next year. Mike Middlebrook and Lisa McInerney did a great job running the beach volleyball championships. Swimming and diving are now complete thanks to Kristine Palle and Tamara Towgood. Looking forward to the rest of the Spring events. Unified track was phenomenal. Held a new event in the North and watched how competitive the South was once again. Unified swimming was also a tremendous success. An update on transgender - Both Division 1 and Division 3 Track and Field prelims had transgender athletes competing. There were no issues at the Division 1 event, and the athlete did not move on. At the Division 3 meet the athlete has advanced in three events and there was news coverage and protests. We worked closely with the Placencia/Yorba Linda School District and the CIF State Office to plan for event safety and will continue to as we move through the rest of the track events. May 29 will recognize state athletes of the year, both of whom are from the Southern Section. The Champions for Character golf tournament is June 16 at Skylinks, and we would love for you all to dust off those clubs and come out. Rich Shearer is retiring. In his 6 years, he has been very knowledgeable in the Blue Book and has run the championships under his umbrella with professionalism and integrity. He will be missed. The application is out and will close May 30. Screening will be on June 4, with the first interviews on June 17/18, the second interviews on June 23, and the announcement of the new Assistant Commissioner on June 26. Hope is to have someone on board by July 14.

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8. REPORTS (cont.)

D. Executive Committee Member Reports

No reports

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B. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS

There were no items suggested for the next agenda.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m. by President Dr. Paula Hart Rodas.

Submitted by:

Sharon Hodge

Executive Assistant

Approved by:

Mike West

Commissioner of Athletics

Council Voting Report

Council Voting	Report									_					
			Adopt May 13, 2025 Agenda Vote	Approval of Minutes from March 20, 2025	ltem 5A1 – Arcadia Christian	5A2 – Mojave I emy	Item 5A3 - Phase3 Lab	ltem 5A4 – South Hills Academy	ltem 5B1 – Aveson Global Leadership Academy	ltem 5B2 – DNA Prep Academy	Item 5B3 – Entrepreneur/Fontana	ltem 5B4 – First Baptist/Long Beach	Item 5B5 – Gorman LC/Antelope Valley	ltem 5B6 – Legacy Christian Academy	Item 5B7 – Orange County Classical Academy
First Name	Last Name	Keypad	4	8	12	16	18	20	22	24	26	27			
Jamal	Adams	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dr. Alexis	Barile	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Terry	Barnum	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Abstain	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mitch	Brunyer	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rob	Dearborn	5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ann	Fitzgerald	6													
Gil	Gomez	7	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mary Jane	Hibbard	8													
Demetre	Howard	9	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rich	Imbriani	10	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Kai	Lyles	11	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Matt	Maeda	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Abstain
David	Parkes	13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mary	Perez	14	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
James	Perry	15	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dr. Paula Hart	Rodas	16	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Alicia	Seevers	17	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Cari	Strange	18	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Suzie	Swartz	19	Yes	Abstain	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dr. Erika	Tejeda	20													
Reggie	Thompkins	21													
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	Total 2 = No		0	0	0	14	13	5	0	0	9	1	4	0	0
	Total 3 = Abstain		0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Total Voters		17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
	Total Yes + No		17	16	17	17	17	17	16	17	16	17	17	17	16
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	% No		0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	82.35%	76.47%	29.41%	0.00%	0.00%	56.25%	5.88%	23.53%	0.00%	0.00%
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	Pass/Fail		Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

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C.I.F. SOUTHERN SECTION Sports Revenue Performance Budget vs. Actual 2024-25

Executive Committee Meeting May 13, 2025

	Revenue ~Actual~	Revenue ~Budget~	+/-		
BASEBALL	0.00	58,500.00	-58,500.00		
BASKETBALL	1,192,317.00	1,151,000.00	41,317.00		
CHEER	65,786.00	44,000.00	21,786.00		
CROSS COUNTRY	112,055.00	104,000.00	8,055.00		
FOOTBALL	2,005,409.00	2,212,700.00	-207,291.00		
GOLF	59,950.00	98,000.00	-38,050.00		
LACROSSE	0.00	24,000.00	-24,000.00		
SOCCER	161,014.00	91,000.00	70,014.00		
SOFTBALL	0.00	37,000.00	-37,000.00		
SWIMMING & DIVING	72,058.00	58,000.00	14,058.00		
TENNIS	6,980.00	16,000.00	-9,020.00		
TRACK & FIELD	22,800.00	127,500.00	-104,700.00		
VOLLEYBALL	528,351.00	529,000.00	-649.00		
WATER POLO	53,893.00	62,000.00	-8,107.00		
WRESTLING	205,714.00	159,000.00	46,714.00		
	4,486,327.00	4,771,700.00	-285,373.00		

COLUMN 1: Revenue Actual	This is the SPORTS REVENUE earned via ticket sales and entry fees.
COLUMN 2: Revenue Budget	This is SPORTS REVENUE target for the fiscal year.
COLUMN 3: + / -	Difference between ACTUALS against the BUDGET = Revenue performance versus projections.

SPORTS IN YELLOW ARE PENDING COMPLETION.

C. I. F. SOUTHERN SECTION Treasurer's Report

Executive Committee Meeting May 13, 2025

I. AUDIT & TAXES FROM FISCAL 2023-24:

- A. Prior year audit **COMPLETE** and approved last meeting.
- B. Annual tax return (990) filed and **COMPLETE**.

II. INVESTMENTS FISCAL 2024-25:

- A. Balance at May 12, 2025 = 4,005,350
- B. Up \$189,917 this fiscal year (May and June left to go).
- C. How are we currently invested? As per CIF-SS investment policy...
 - 1. 78% Mutual Funds
 - 2. 14% Cash, Money Funds and Bank Deposits
 - 3. 8% Exchange-Traded Products

III.CIF-SS CAPITAL PROJECTS FISCAL 2024-25:

- A. SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM TECHNOLOGY.
- B. BUILDING MONITORING SYSTEM.
- C. ROOFING PROJECT.
- D. HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING PROJECT.
- E. SOLAR PANEL REMOVAL AND RE-INSTALL.
- F. TOTAL OUTLAY = close to \$200,000 (all will be depreciated over time).

IV. FINAL FISCAL YEAR (2024-25) FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE:

A. To be presented at first Executive Committee meeting in August.

Prepared by: MITCH CARTY, Chief Financial Officer



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Date: July 22, 2025

To: CIF Southern Section Principals & Athletic Directors

From: Mike West, Commissioner of Athletics

Subject: 2026 – 2030 Releaguing Update

This information is designed to update you on the current situation related to the 2026-2030 Releaguing Cycle. Attached to this communication are the completed Releaguing Plans, as approved by each of the nine areas within our section. Here are the processes and timelines moving forward...

- June 19, 2025 Area Releaguing plans due to the CIF Southern Section Office by 4:00 pm (Already submitted by all areas, see attached)
- July 31, 2025 Schools wishing to appeal their placement into a particular league must send written notice of appeal to the CIF Southern Section Office by 4:00 pm

NOTE: Schools wishing to appeal their placement into a particular league or conference must confine their appeal to their own school's placement. Appeals will not be heard regarding the placement of another school into the league or conference to which the appellant school has been placed. Schools who are appealing must also offer an alternative placement for their school into another league as part of their appeal.

 August 7, 2025 - The CIF Southern Section Executive Committee will hear all initial appeals regarding Releaguing criteria and process. The Executive Committee may accept the appeal, in which case the Releaguing Chair for the respective area will re-convene the area schools to consider suggestions from the Executive Committee and possibly make changes to the original plan. The Executive Committee shall make no recommendations or approve alternative appeal configurations. (Releaguing Appeals Procedures #1, 2025-2026 CIF Southern Section Blue Book, page 40.)

If a Releaguing Plan is remanded back to its area, the area must reconsider and vote on a configuration. The configuration will be forwarded to all member schools in that area. (Releaguing Appeals Procedures #2, 2025-2026 CIF Southern Section Blue Book, page 40.)

- September 18, 2025 CIF Southern Section Executive Committee meeting. The Executive Committee
 will review any changes to Area Releaguing Plans made by said areas as a result of appeals upheld in
 August. It will move those affected plans forward to the CIF Southern Section Council.
- September 25, 2025 CIF Southern Section Council approves Releaguing Plans and hears final appeals relative to process. The 2026-2030 Releaguing process will be concluded.

Relevant Blue Book Section

Article 32.5 - Area Placement and Releaguing

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

Citrus Belt Area Releaguing 2026-2028 (2yr)

Arrowhead Conf.

Arroyo Valley

Bloomington Carter Colton Eisenhower

Fontana Grand Terrace Indian Springs Jurupa Hills Kaiser Rialto

Rim of the World San Gorgonio Summit

Mountain Pass

Elsinore San Jacinto Tahquitz

Temescal Canyon West Valley

Southwestern

Chaparral Great Oak Murrieta Mesa Murrieta Valley Temecula Valley

Vista Murrieta

Football Only Conf.

Centennial/Corona Chaparral Corona Great Oak Martin Luther King Murrieta Mesa

Murrieta Valley Norco Roosevelt Santiago/Corona Temecula Valley

Vista Murrieta

Big VIII

Centennial/Corona

Corona

Martin Luther King

Norco Roosevelt Santiago/Corona

Desert Sky

Adelanto Barstow Granite Hills Silverado Victor Valley

Raincross Conference

Arlington
Canyon Springs
Citrus Hill
Hemet
Heritage
Hillcrest
Lakeside
Liberty
Moreno Valley
North, JW
Orange Vista
Paloma Valley
Perris

Poly/Riverside Rancho Christian Rancho Verde Valley View Vista Del Lago

Citrus Belt

Beaumont Cajon Citrus Valley Redlands

Redlands East Valley

Yucaipa

Mojave River

Apple Valley
Burroughs/Ridgecrest

Hesperia
Oak Hills
Serrano
Sultana

Valley Conference

Big Bear
Jurupa Valley
La Sierra
Miller, AB
Norte Vista
Pacific
Patriot
Ramona
Rubidoux
San Bernardino

Desert Athletic Conference

Banning Cathedral City Coachella Valley Desert Hot Springs Desert Mirage

Indio

La Quinta/La Quinta Palm Desert Palm Springs Rancho Mirage Shadow Hills Twentynine Palms

Xavier Prep Yucca Valley

Coast Area Releaguing 2026-2028 (2yr)

South Bay AA North	South Bay AA South	SoCal Legacy Association
Beverly Hills	El Segundo	Cabrillo/Long Beach
Culver City	Mira Costa	Centennial/Compton
Hawthorne	North Torrance	Compton
Inglewood	Palos Verdes	Compton Early College
Lawndale	Peninsula	Dominguez
Leuzinger	Redondo Union	Jordan
Santa Monica	South Torrance	Lakewood
	Torrance	Millikan

West Torrance Poly/Long Beach
Wiseburn Da Vinci Wilson/Long Beach

Desert Area Releaguing 2026-2030

Golden Conference Antelope Valley

Eastside

Highland

Knight

Lancaster

Littlerock

Palmdale

Quartz Hill

Foothill Area Releaguing 2026-2030

Conference A Arcadia Blair Burbank

Burbank
Burroughs/Burbank
Crescenta Valley
Gabrielino
Glendale
Hoover
La Canada
Marshall
Monrovia
Muir
Pasadena

San Marino

Temple City

South Pasadena

Conference B

Alhambra
Arroyo
Bell Gardens
El Monte
El Rancho
Mark Keppel
Montebello
Mountain View
Rosemead
San Gabriel
Schurr

South El Monte

Conference C

Artesia
Bellflower
California
Cerritos
Downey
Firebaugh
Gahr
Glenn
La Mirada
La Serna
Lynwood

Mayfair

Whittier

Norwalk Oxford Academy Paramount Pioneer Santa Fe Warren Whitney **Conference D**

Canyon/Canyon Country

Castaic Golden Valley Hart

Saugus

Valencia/Valencia West Ranch

Mt. SAC Area Releaguing 2026-2028 (2yr)

Baseline Hacienda Miramonte Montview Chino Hills Alta Loma Bassett Azusa Colony Edgewood **Baldwin Park** Damien Etiwanda Los Altos Ganesha Duarte Los Osos San Dimas La Puente Garey Rancho Cucamonga South Hills Pomona **Nogales** Sierra Vista St. Lucy's Workman Upland

Valle Vista Mt. Baldy **Palomares** Chaffey Ayala Charter Oak Chino **Bonita** Covina **Diamond Ranch** Claremont Northview Don Lugo Diamond Bar Rowland Glendora Montclair West Covina Ontario Walnut Wilson/Hacienda Heights

Mt. SAC Football Only Leagues

Baseline Hacienda **Miramonte** Gano Chaffey Chino Hills **Baldwin Park Bassett** Damien Don Lugo Covina Ganesha Etiwanda Montclair Diamond Bar Garey **Nogales** Pomona Rancho Cucamonga Los Altos Rowland Workman Upland South Hills Walnut West Covina

Valle Vista **Montview** Sierra Azusa Ayala Bonita Alta Loma Charter Oak Chino Duarte La Puente Colony Claremont Ontario Glendora **Diamond Ranch** Northview Sierra Vista Los Osos

Wilson/Hacienda Heights Cos Osos
San Dimas

Northern Area Releaguing 2026-2028 (2yr)

Citrus Coast Carpinteria Fillmore Hueneme Nordhoff Santa Paula

Coast Valley Coast Union Coastal Chritian Cuyama Valley Maricopa

San Luis Obispo Classical

Shandon

Valley Christian/Santa Maria

Coastal Canyon

Camarillo Moorpark Oak Park Royal Simi Valley **Condor** Anacapa

Besant Hill Midland Oak Grove

Marmonte

Agoura Calabasas **Newbury Park** Oaks Christian **Thousand Oaks** Westlake

Channel Association

Tri-County Athl. Assoc. Bishop Diego Buena **Channel Islands** Cate Del Sol Dunn **Dos Pueblos** Foothill Tech Oxnard Grace Pacifica/Oxnard

Laguna Blanca Rio Mesa Malibu

San Marcos Providence/Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara Santa Clara Ventura St. Bonaventure

Thacher Villanova Prep

Northern Area Football Only

League A

Bishop Diego **Newbury Park** Oaks Christian Pacifica/Oxnard Simi Valley St. Bonaventure **League B** Westlake Moorpark Rio Mesa Santa Barbara **Thousand Oaks** Ventura

League C Agoura Buena Calabasas Camarillo Oak Park Oxnard

League D Dos Pueblos Fillmore Heneme Royal San Marcos Santa Paula

League E

Carpinteria Channel Islands Del Sol Grace Nordhoff Santa Clara

Orange County Area Releaguing 2026-2028 (2yr)

Century Conference

Brea Olinda Canyon/Anaheim Laguna Beach

Cypress El Dorado El Modena Esperanza Foothill La Habra

Pacifica/Garden Grove

Sonora Sunny Hills Troy Villa Park Yorba Linda

Sunset

Corona Del Mar

Edison Fountain Valley

Huntington Beach

Los Alamitos Marina

Newport Harbor

Trinity

JSerra Lutheran/Orange Mater Dei Santa Margarita

Servite

St. John Bosco

Coast View Conference

Aliso Niguel Beckman Capistrano Valley

Dana Hills El Toro Irvine Mission Viejo

Northwood

Portola San Clement San Juan Hills Tesoro Trabuco Hills University

Woodbridge

Golden Empire Conference

Buena park

Calvary Chapel/Santa Ana Costa Mesa

Fullerton Garden Grove Godinez Katella Kennedy Laguna Hills Ocean View Santa Ana

Tustin Valencia/Placentia Westminster

Segerstrom

Orange Grove Conference

Anaheim **Bolsa Grande** Century Estancia

La Quinta/Westminer

Loara Los Amigos Magnolia Orange

Rancho Alamitos Saddleback Santa Ana Valley Santiago/Garden Grove

Savanna Western

Trinity Conference Crean Lutheran

JSerra

Lutheran/Orange

Mater Dei

Pacifica Christian/Orange County

Rosary Academy

Sage Hill

Santa Margarita

Servite

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St. Margaret's

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Century

Cypress

Edison

El Toro

Dana Hills

El Dorado

El Modena

Esperanza

Fountain Valley

Estancia

Foothill

Fullerton

Calvary Chp/Santa Ana

Canyon/Anaheim

Capistrano Valley

Corona del Mar

Crean Lutheran

Costa Mesa

Anaheim

Beckman

Orange County Area Releaguing 2026-2028 (2yr) **Football Only**

Orange County Football Conference

Garden Gove Godinez

Huntington Beach

Irvine Katella Kennedy La Habra

La Quinta/Garden Grove

Laguna Beach Laguna Hills Loara Los Alamitos Los Amigos

Magnolia Marina Mission Viejo **Newport Harbor** Northwood Ocean View

Orange Pacifica/Garden Grove

Portola

Rancho Alamitos Saddleback

San Clemente San Juan Hills Santa Ana

> Santa Ana Valley Santiago/Garden Grove

Savanna Segerstrom Sonora St. Margaret's Sunny Hills Tesoro Trabuco Hills Trov Tustin

University Valencia/Placentia

Villa Park Western Wetminster Woodbridge Yorba Linda

4B1

Parochial Area Releaguing 2026-2030

Association A

Alemany Chaminade

Crespi

Flintridge Sacred Heart Harvard-Westlake Immaculate Heart

Louisville

Loyola Marlborough

Marymount

Notre Dame Academy Notre Dame/Sherman Oaks

Sierra Canyon

St. Francis

Association B Bishop Amat

Bishop Conaty-Loretto Bishop Montgomery Cantwell Sacred Heart

Cathedral Don Bosco Tech

La Salle

Mary Star of the Sea

Paraclete

Pomona Catholic Ramona Convent Sacred Heart of Jesus

Salesian

San Gabriel Mission

Serra St. Anthony St. Bernard St. Genevieve

St. Joseph/Lakewood St. Mary's Academy St. Monica Catholic

St. Paul

St. Pius X-St. Matthias Verbum Dei Jesuit

Parochial Area Football Only

Angelus

Bishop Montgomery

Cathedral **Paraclete**

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Camino Real

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Del Rey

Alemany Crespi

Harvard-Westlake

La Salle Salesian

St. Anthony

Notre Dame/SO

Serra

Loyola

Mission

Sierra Canyon

Bishop Amat

Chaminade

Small Schools Area Releaguing 2026-2030

Agape/Cross Valley

Academy Career/Explor. Academy/Acad Excell. Cobalt Institute **Excelsior Charter** Hesperia Christian Lakeview Leadership Acad Lucerne Valley

PAL Charter Riverside Prep Summit Leadership Silver Valley University Careers/Sports

University Prep

Victor Valley Christian

Ambassador

Aquinas Arrowhead Christian Linfield Christian Notre Dame/Riverside Ontario Christian Woodcrest Christian

Gold Coast

Brentwood Campbell Hall Crossroads The Archer School for Girls Viewpoint Windward

Arrowhead

California Lutheran CSDR Hamilton La Sierra Academy Sherman Indian

Desert Christian/Lancaster Faith Baptist Lancaster Baptist Palmdale Acad Charter Palmdale Aerospace Santa Clarita Christian St. Monica Academy **Trinity Classical** Valley Torah Vasquea

National/International

Mesrobian New Covenant Academy **New Harvest Christian** Southwestern Academy Waverly

Heritage

Olympic

Coastal

Geffen Academy

Hawthorne MSA

Lennox Academy

Rolling Hills Prep

Legacy Conference

Calvary Baptist

Grove

Bethel Chr/Riverside

Crossroads Christian

Loma Linda Acad

Norton Academy

Public Safety Acad Redlands Advent. Acad. River Springs Magnolia River Springs/Hemet River Springs/Temecula United Christian Acad.

Mesa Grande Acad

Packinghouse Christian

Cornerstone Chr/Wildomar

New Roads

Vistamar

Wildwood

CAMS

Heritage Christian Maranatha Valley Christian/Cerritos Village Christian Whittier Christian

Liberty/Independence

AGBU/Canoga Park **Buckley** de Toledo **Holy Martyrs** International School of LA Le Lycee Milken Community Pacific Chr/Santa Monica **Pilibos**

Providence/Burbank Yeshiva (YULA)

Omega Beacon Hill Glendale Academy Gorman Learning Center Highland Hall Hillcrest Chr/TO Lighthouse Christian Newbury Park Advent. Ojai Valley **Pilgrim** San Fernando Vly Acad Santa Clarita Vly Inter. Squoyah **Summit View** Westmark

Price

Shalhevet

Mulholland

Ambassador

Animo Leadership

Pacific Lutheran

Summit View West

Animo City of Champions

Environmental Charter

Prep Chadwick **EF Academy** Flintridge Prep Mayfield Oakwood Poly/Pasadena Rio Hondo Prep Westridge

South Valley

California Military **Desert Christian Academy Nuview Bridge** San Jacinto Leadership Acad San Jacinto Vly Academy Santa Rosa Academy St. Jeanne de Lestonnac Temecula Prep

Small Schools Area Releaguing 2026-2030 (Cont)

Victory

Desert Chapel Joshua Springs Noli Indian Palm Valley Weaver, Jack

Western Athletic Conf.

Acaciawood Academy Anaheim Discovery Christian

Avalon

Bethel Baptist

Calvary Chapel/Downey Capistrano Valley Christian

Cristo Rey/OC
Eastside Christian
Fairmont Prep
Legacy College Prep
Liberty Christian
Magnolia Science Acad
Newport Christian
NOVA Academy

Orange County Christian

Orange County Classicial Acad

Samueli Academy
San Gabriel Academy
Southland Christian
Tarbut V'Torah

Vista Meridian Golbal Acad

Waldorf Webb

Western Christian

Football Only Conf.

Aquinas

Arrowhead Christian California Militiry Institute Capistrano Vly Christian

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Desert Christian Acad

Hamilton

Heritage Christian Linfield Christian Maranatha

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Silver Valley

St. Jeanne de Lestonnac

Temecula Prep Trinity Classicial Acad Valley Chr/Cerritos

Vasquez

Village Christian

Webb

Western Christian Whittier Christian

Freelance Schools 2026-2030

Arcadia Christian Bridges Academy Delphi Academy Entrepreneur/Highland First Bapist/Long Beach Legacy Christian Academy Lifeline Education Charter Orion International Academy South Hills Academy The SEED School of LA



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he matter of CIF-SS Orange County a Releaguing and Crean Lutheran High ool) APPEAL - CREAN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL, Irvine, CA
School	July 24, 2025

I. INTRODUCTION

Christ's grace and peace to you and yours as we progress through these weeks of summer!

I submit this appeal on behalf of Crean Lutheran High School, pursuant to CIF Southern Section Blue Book guidelines (*Southern Section Constitution, Section 32.5, Subsection D*). As required by the aforementioned *Subsection D*, this appeal is being shared with the CIF Southern Section, Principal Paul Lopez, who serves as Area Releaguing Chairperson, and all Orange County Area Principals and Athletic Directors.

Crean Lutheran's concerns stem from misalignment between the CIF principles of competitive equity (Southern Section Constitution, Section 32.5, Subsections B and C) and fairness (Constitution of the California Interscholastic Federation, Section 12, Subsection A), and the decision to remove Crean Lutheran from the Century Conference without applying those principles. We request immediate intervention to ensure Crean Lutheran's continued placement in the Century Conference.

II. BACKGROUND AND BASIS FOR APPEAL

Crean Lutheran, a private school in Irvine with an enrollment of 1,121 students for the 2024-2025 academic year, is currently a member of the Century Conference, which offers exceptional competitive equity for all student-athletes (*Century Conference Ratings and Rankings*, *OC Register*). Notably, no school in the Century Conference has requested relief due to concerns related to competitive equity, enrollment, or geography. The decision to remove Crean Lutheran from the Century Conference and place it in the Trinity Conference disregards CIF's principles of competitive equity and fairness, and is the basis for this appeal.



III. COMPETITIVE EQUITY

On the morning of the releaguing meeting, May 15, 2025, Dr. Moyer shared <u>an email</u> with all Orange County Area Principals and Athletic Directors. Attached to that email was a <u>Google Slides</u> presentation containing data compiled from CIF and <u>hsratings.com</u>. This was the only data presented that day -- by any party -- addressing competitive equity and enrollment in relation to Crean Lutheran's proposed removal from the Century Conference and placement in the Trinity Conference.

CIF's bylaws require a releaguing process that honors and promotes competitive equity (Southern Section Constitution, Section 32.5, Subsection B) and fairness (Constitution of the California Interscholastic Federation, Section 12, Subsection A). Crean Lutheran's placement in the Trinity Conference, absent any data or reasoning linked to promoting competitive equity, is wrong, contrary to the guidelines established by CIF, and detrimental to the student-athletes of Crean Lutheran.

All proposals removing Crean Lutheran from the Century Conference and placing the school in the Trinity Conference rejected the CIF principles of competitive equity (Southern Section Constitution, Section 32.5, Subsection B) and fairness (Constitution of the California Interscholastic Federation, Section 12, Subsection A). No examples of competitive equity existing for Crean Lutheran through participation in the Trinity Conference were shared by school, league, or conference representatives during the releaguing process. Examples of competitive equity existing in the Century Conference and absent from the Trinity Conference were shared throughout the releaguing process by Dr. Moyer, yet were not taken into account. Examples are included below.

Well-Balanced Placement (Century Conference [Link]): Crean Lutheran's athletic teams are well-balanced within the three levels of the Century Conference.

In the 2024-2025 academic year, Crean Lutheran had nine teams in the top league (Crestview), nine teams in the middle league (Freeway), and four teams in the lower league (North Hills).

	School	Crestview	Freeway	North Hills	Total Sports
					•
1	Canyon	19	5	0	24
2	El Dorado	16	8	1	25
3	Foothill	14	3	8	25
4	Yorba Linda	12	8	5	25
5	Cypress	11	8	3	22
6	Villa Park	10	12	0	22
7	Esperanza	10	10	4	24
8	Crean Lutheran	9	9	4	22
9	Sunny Hills	7	6	9	22
10	Troy	4	10	6	20
11	Brea Olinda	4	7	11	22
12	El Modena	4	4	16	24
13	Pacifica	3	5	13	21
14	La Habra	2	9	11	22
15	Sonora	2	5	15	22



Ranking Averages (Century Conference [Link]): There is **greater competitive equity** across sports and far less disparity in the rankings of athletic programs and athletic teams in the **Century Conference** than in the Trinity Conference.

School	Overall Average Rank	School	Boys Sports Average Rank	School	Girls Sports Average Rank
Canyon	49	Foothill	47	Canyon	44
El Dorado	75	Canyon	55	Yorba Linda	59
Crean Lutheran	76	Crean Lutheran	71	Sunny Hills	66
Foothill	76	El Dorado	85	El Dorado	67
Yorba Linda	84	Villa Park	92	Cypress	75
Sunny Hills	86	Troy	106	Crean Lutheran	80
Cypress	91	Brea Olinda	107	Troy	85
Troy	95	Cypress	108	Esperanza	87
Villa Park	108	Sunny Hills	109	Foothill	101
Esperanza	114	Yorba Linda	111	Sonora	121
Brea Olinda	116	La Habra	143	Villa Park	123
La Habra	135	Esperanza	144	Brea Olinda	125
Sonora	147	Pacifica	175	La Habra	127
Pacifica	166	Sonora	177	Pacifica	157
El Modena	190	El Modena	178	El Modena	202

Ranking Averages (Trinity Conference [Link]): There is limited competitive equity across sports and far more disparity in the rankings of athletic programs and athletic teams in the Trinity Conference than in the Century Conference.

School	Overall Average Rank	School	Boys Sports Average Rank	School	Girls Sports Average Rank
JSerra	18	JSerra	15	Orange Lutheran	13
Mater Dei	18	Mater Dei	17	Mater Dei	17
Santa Margarita	22	Santa Margarita	18	JSerra	20
Orange Lutheran	28	Servite	37	Santa Margarita	22
Servite	37	Orange Lutheran	42	Sage Hill	63
Rosary	71	Crean Lutheran	71	Rosary	71
St. John Bosco	74	St. John Bosco	74	Crean Lutheran	80
Crean Lutheran	76	Sage Hill	122	St. Margarets	91
Sage Hill	92	St. Margarets	127	Pacifica Christian	136
St. Margarets	111	Pacifica Christian	188		
Pacifica Christian	160				

Vast Ranking Disparities (Trinity Conference [Link]): The majority of Crean Lutheran's athletic teams are competitively incomparable to those within the Trinity Conference. This raises substantial concerns related to student safety, athlete well-being, and CIF's requirement for competitive equity. Examples are included in the tables below.

Female Sport Ranking Disparities (Trinity Conference)

		RANK							
		Female							
	First School	Second School	Third School	Crean Luthera					
Basketball	3	14	21	24**					
Beach Volleyball	2	5	21	17					
Flag Football	1	4	5	28					
Golf	1	2	9	36					
Lacrosse	5	7	9	NA					
Soccer	3	9	10	85					
Softball	3	6	25	301					
Tennis	3	13	22	29					
Volleyball	2	15	16	103					
Water Polo	1	2	13	101					
	**Six seniors	on Varsity, graduat	ing in 2025						

Male Sport Ranking Disparities (Trinity Conference)

	RANK							
	Male							
Sport	First School	Second School	Third School	Crean Lutheran				
Baseball	4	6	19	64				
Basketball	3	4	8	19				
Golf	2	9	21	68				
Lacrosse	2	3	6	18				
Soccer	1	2	18	246				
Tennis	6	34	54	44				
Volleyball	9	10	12	84				
Water Polo	2	6	8	24				

15-Team Conference Model: The 15-team conference model has proven to provide a great deal of competitive equity for member schools, leading to the majority of proposals shared and discussed before and during the May 15, 2025, releaguing meeting including a minimum of four 15-team conferences. With placement in the Trinity Conference, Crean Lutheran does not benefit from the 15-team conference model, which significantly reduces opportunities and access for our student-athletes.

Maximized Playoff Opportunities (Century Conference [Link]): 60% of Teams to Playoffs for 16 Sports at all levels within the conference (i.e., Girls Volleyball, Girls Tennis, Flag Football, Boys Water Polo, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Girls Water Polo, Baseball, Boys Volleyball, Softball, Boys Tennis, Boys Golf, Boys Swim, Girls Swim).

Limited Playoff Opportunities (Trinity Conference [Link]): 60% of Teams to Playoffs for only 6 Sports at all levels within the conference (i.e., Baseball, Basketball, Boys Golf, Boys Soccer, Boys Tennis, Boys Volleyball).

		Vlale		Fe	emale
Sport	Top League	Bottom League	Sport	Top League	Bottom League
Baseball	60%	60%	Basketball	60%	50%
Basketball	60%	60%	Beach Volleyball	50%	50%
Cross Country	NA	NA	Cross Country	NA	NA
Golf	60%	60%	Flag Football	57%	NA
Lacrosse	50%	50%	Golf	60%	50%
Soccer	60%	60%	Soccer	60%	50%
Tennis	60%	60%	Softball	50%	NA
Volleyball	60%	60%	Tennis	60%	50%
Water Polo	50%	50%	Volleyball	60%	50%
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IV. SECONDARY CONCERN: ENROLLMENT

Enrollment Disparities: Crean Lutheran High School is smaller than the existing Trinity League schools. Crean Lutheran's student body is only 61% of Mater Dei's, the largest school in the Trinity Conference. Crean Lutheran's enrollment as of today is 1121 students compared to Mater Dei (1851), Santa Margarita (1821), Orange Lutheran (1515), JSerra (1285), St. John Bosco (756 [males], and Servite (751 [males]). Crean Lutheran can objectively display that it cannot significantly increase enrollment, given a Conditional Use Permit that limits enrollment to 1,200 students and ongoing parking limitations. Crean Lutheran is far larger than the remaining schools in the Trinity Conference, including Rosary (465 [females]), Sage Hill (590), St. Margaret's (458), and Pacifica Christian (343).

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Crean Lutheran Rosary (Female) Sage Hill St. Margaret's Pacifica Christian	1125 465* (Females) 590 458 343	60.8% 50.2%* (Doubled) 31.9% 24.7% 18.5%



V. REQUESTED REMEDY

We respectfully request:

• **Retention in the Century Conference**: Absent a data-driven justification for change, affirm Crean Lutheran's placement in the Century Conference, consistent with the CIF Southern Section's emphasis on competitive equity, fairness, and the welfare of student-athletes.

VI. CONCLUSION

Over the past two releaguing cycles, Crean Lutheran High School has consistently advocated for placements aligned with CIF Southern Section standards for competitive equity and fairness. Despite our good-faith participation in the process, the proposals affecting our school have not reflected those standards and have now placed our student-athletes in an environment that compromises their well-being and denies them equitable competition.

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Geography: Our Greatest Concern

The most significant issue impacting our students and programs is geography. The travel distances required in this new league far exceed reasonable expectations for regular league competition. Our student-athletes, most of whom are involved in multiple extracurricular and academic obligations, will now face considerable travel times that often exceed 90 minutes one way for league contests. These extended travel requirements come at a cost to instructional time, student wellness, and family commitments. Essentially, LBHS, one of the southern most high schools in the CIF-SS area would be obligated to commute and compete in league play with some of the northern most high schools within the region. While not as significant, it is also an unfair burden for the other student-athletes within the proposed league to travel to LBHS for the same reason of geographic location and commute time.

It is important to emphasize that Laguna Beach High School was not seeking relief from our current league. We have not expressed concerns about our existing placement and have operated in good faith within our league framework. Unfortunately, our inclusion in this newly formed league appears to be a result of adjustments made to accommodate the preferences of a few other schools, leaving us to bear the unintended consequences of that realignment.

School Enrollment

Laguna Beach High School is a small public high school with a current enrollment of just over 800 students (this is anticipated to continue to decline). This number is significantly

below that of many schools in our new league assignment. As a smaller area high school, competing regularly against larger schools is something that we have consistently navigated. While it can, at times, place some strain on our programs, especially those that rely on broad student participation rather than specialized depth, it is exacerbated by the distances we would have to travel.

Competitive Equity

Our competitive history demonstrates that Laguna Beach competes honorably and with parity in our current league. We are neither dominant nor underperforming in the current athletic environment, and we believe our student-athletes are appropriately challenged across sports. The new league alignment places us in a competitive environment that lacks this balance, putting some programs at a disadvantage while others may be asked to compete at a level beyond their current development.

Conclusion

We are proud of the commitment our students make to athletics, academics, and the community. Decisions about league placement should prioritize student balance, safety, and equitable opportunity. We feel that our current placement undermines those priorities, especially in light of the geographic burden it imposes. It is disappointing to find ourselves placed in a position we did not request, a byproduct of other schools' requests, without sufficient consideration for the consequences to our students and programs.

We respectfully request that CIF-Southern Section reconsider Laguna Beach High School's league assignment and explore alternatives that more appropriately reflect our enrollment, competitive standing, and—most critically—our geographic location.

Thank you for your time, leadership, and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jason Altemann

Principal

Laguna Beach High School

CC: Paul Lopez Area Principals



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Date: July 21, 2025

To: Amy Roberts, Principal, St. Margarets Episcopal High School

From: Mike West, Commissioner of Athletics

Subject: 2026 – 2030 Releaguing Appeal – Thursday, August 7, 2025

The following information is provided to help you prepare for your Releaguing Appeal scheduled for the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee meeting on Thursday, August 7, 2025. We will be sending you an agenda soon for that day's meeting, which will begin at 1:00 pm. The agenda will include your Releaguing Appeal, which will be heard that day.

In preparation for your appeal hearing, here is some information to assist you:

1) Your appeal hearing is scheduled for a maximum of 20 minutes. That will include the presentations, questions from the Executive Committee, open deliberation by the Executive Committee, and the vote to accept or not accept the appeal.

Note: If you wish to have PowerPoint as part of your presentation, we have the capability to present it in our conference room. You are welcome to bring your laptop if you wish, or we have one available here for your use if you prefer. Please let me know what you would like to do.

- 2) In terms of format for the appeal hearings, here are the guidelines:
 - A) As the appellant, you will make your presentation first and present the rationale behind your appeal of your area's decision to place your school into the conference you have been placed into for the 2026-2030 Releaguing Cycle. Your presentation must focus on the three criteria of competitive equity, school enrollment, geography, and how those criteria were not applied in placing your school as described in the 2025-2026 CIF Southern Section Blue Book on page 40.

NOTE: Schools wishing to appeal their placement into a particular league or conference must confine their appeal to their own school's placement. Appeals will not be heard regarding placement of another school into the league or conference the appellant school has been placed into.

- B) A representative from your area will follow your presentation, focusing on the processes followed by your area and the criteria from the Blue Book referenced above. After both presentations, the Executive Committee will have the opportunity to ask questions and/or seek more clarification.
- C) After all presentations are finished and all questions answered, a member of the Executive Committee will make a motion to accept the appeal. That motion will be seconded, and then a discussion will follow.
- D) After discussion is concluded, there will be a vote on the motion. The vote to accept or not accept the appeal will be taken, and the result of that vote will be final.
- E) The entire appeal hearing, from beginning to end, including the deliberation and vote of the

Executive Committee, will be open to you and the decision will be made in your presence.

Here are the relevant timelines moving forward:

- July 25, 2025 Appeal letters should be received by this office, the Releaguing Chairperson in your area, and all Principals in your area.
- August 7, 2025 The CIF Southern Section Executive Committee will hear all initial appeals regarding Releaguing criteria and process. The Executive Committee may accept the appeal, in which case the Releaguing Chair for the respective area will reconvene the area schools to consider suggestions from the Executive Committee and possibly make changes to the original Releaguing Plan or may not accept the appeal. The Executive Committee shall make no recommendations or approve alternative appeal configurations. (Releaguing Appeals Procedures #1, 2025-2026, CIF Southern Section Blue Book, page 40.)

If a Releaguing Plan is remanded back to its area, the area must reconsider and vote on a configuration. The configuration will be forwarded to all member schools in that area. (Releaguing Appeals Procedures #2, 2025-2026 CIF Southern Section Blue Book, page 40.)

- September 18, 2025 CIF Southern Section Executive Committee meeting. The Executive Committee will review any changes to Area Releaguing Plans made by said areas as a result of appeals upheld on August 7, 2025. It will move those affected proposals forward to the CIF Southern Section Council.
- September 25, 2025 CIF Southern Section Council approves Releaguing Plans and hears final appeals relative to process. The 2026-2030 Releaguing process will be concluded.

Relevant Blue Book Section

Article 32.5 - Area Placement and Releaguing

I hope this information will be helpful to you as we move forward. If you have any further questions or I can help you in any way at all, do not hesitate to contact me. I will look forward to seeing you on August 7.

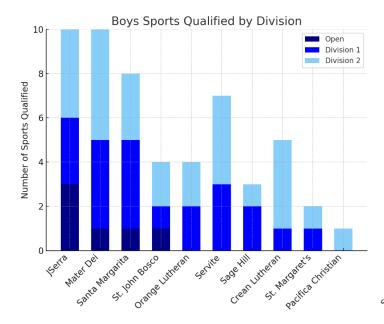
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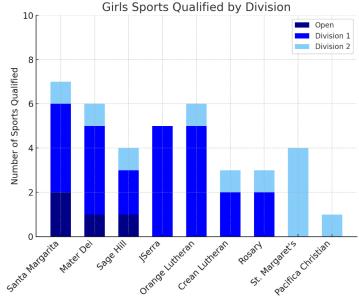


GOAL: To be moved from the Trinity Conference to the Golden Empire Conference for the 2026–28 cycle. This request is based on the competitive equity profile outlined below, the school's prior league placement alongside several Golden Empire Conference teams that reflected appropriate competitive balance over multiple years, and the inclusion of another private school in that league, which they deemed an appropriate fit.

RATIONALE FOR APPEAL:

- 1) Competitive Equity: The data below brings to light a noticeable difference in our school's competitive level compared to the other teams in the proposed new Trinity Conference. CIF has gone to great lengths, with the support of this Council, to develop playoff structures in every sport based on competitive equity. This league placement appears to run counter to the years of effort invested in building the current system.
- 2) Precedent: On multiple occasions, the CIF Southern Section has granted appeals for schools whose league placements did not align with competitive equity. In 2021, St. Margaret's received relief from the Coast View Conference on this basis, and current section data indicates that the Trinity Conference competes at an even higher level.
- 3) CIF Blue Book: Article 3 of the CIF Southern Section Blue Book mandates that "league configurations within a Conference must be based on competitive equity," yet it lacks specific criteria for determining equity and offers no clear process or timeline for schools to appeal placements when competitive balance is not prioritized. This ambiguity is particularly problematic in the context of newly formed conferences, where league structures and placement criteria remain undefined. While appeals must be filed by August, finalized league configurations are not due until May 15 of the following year—leaving schools without meaningful recourse if material changes occur in the interim. This is further complicated by the fact that leagues are configured and submitted to CIF by sport, thus multiplying the potential for competitive inequity.



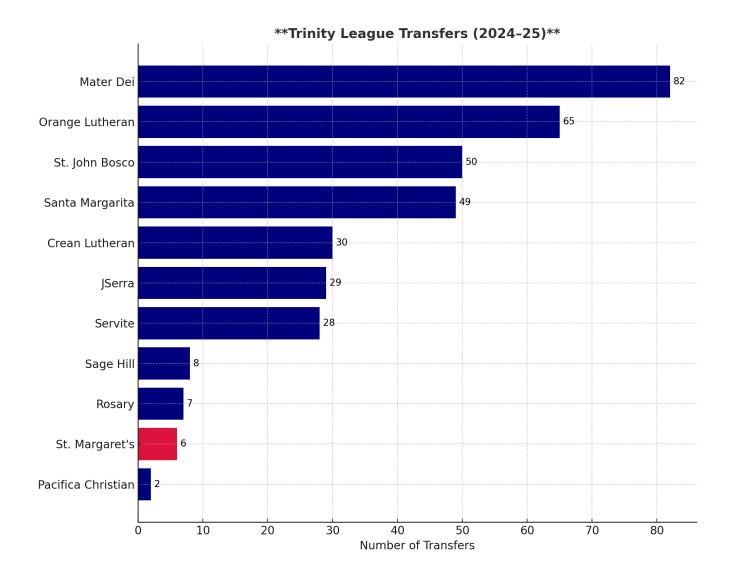


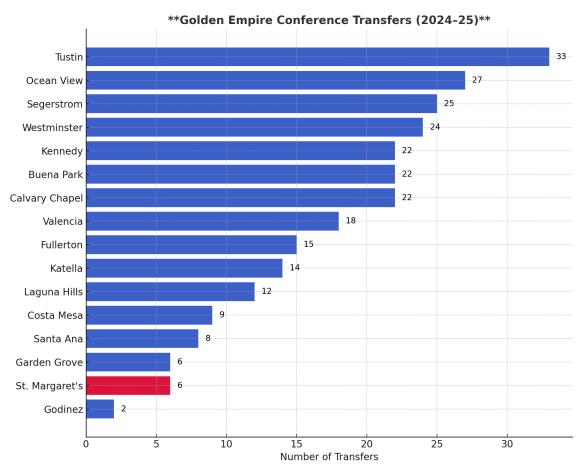
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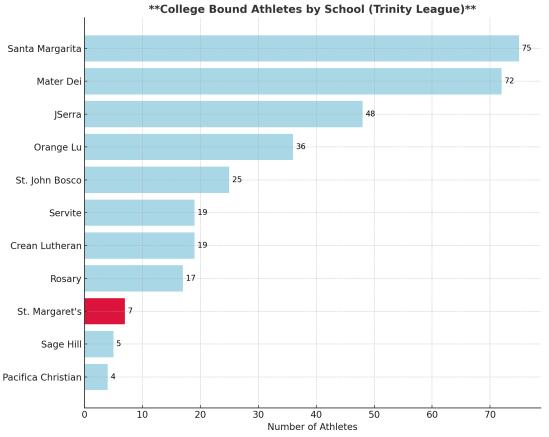
St. John Bosco

	<u>Trinity League</u>	Golden Empire Conference
Baseball	Division 1: Orange Lutheran, Santa Margarita, St. John Bosco Division 2: JSerra, Crean Lutheran, Mater Dei, Servite Division 6: Pacifica Christian, Sage Hill Division 8: St. Margaret's	Division 3: Costa Mesa, Fullerton Division 4: Katella Division 5: Kennedy, Laguna Hills, Ocean View Division 6: Calvary Chapel, Tustin Division 7: Buena Park, Garden Grove, Segerstrom
Povs	Division Onon: ISorra Santa Margarita St. John Rosco	Division 8: Godinez, Santa Ana, Valencia, Westminster, St. Margaret's
Boys Basketball	Division Open: JSerra, Santa Margarita, St. John Bosco Division 1: Crean Lutheran, Mater Dei, Orange Lutheran, Servite Division 2AA: Pacifica Christian Division 3AA: Sage Hill Division 4AA: St. Margarets	Division 3AA: Kennedy, Tustin Division 3A: Calvary Chapel, Fullerton Division 4AA: Costa Mesa, Valencia, St. Margarets Division 4A: Garden Grove, Katella, Segerstrom, Laguna Hills, Ocean View, Godinez Division 5AA: Buena Park Division 5A: Westminster, Santa Ana
Boys Golf	Division 1: Orange Lutheran, Sage Hill, Santa Margarita, Servite Division 2: JSerra, Mater Dei Division 3: St. Margaret's Division 4: Crean Lutheran Division 5: Pacifica Christian, St. John Bosco	Division 3: St. Margaret's Division 5: Fullerton, Valencia Division 7: Buena Park, Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa, Garden Grove, Katella, Kennedy, Laguna Hills, Ocean View, Santa Ana, Tustin, Westminster
Boys Soccer	Division Open: JSerra, Mater Dei Division 1: Orange Lutheran, Servite Division 2: Santa Margarita Division 6: Crean Lutheran, St. John Bosco, St. Margaret's Division 7: Pacifica Christian, Sage Hill	Division 1: Valencia Division 3: Katella Division 4: Santa Ana Division 5: Godinez, Laguna Hills, Westminster Division 6: Buena Park, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Segerstrom, St. Margaret's Division 7: Costa Mesa, Kennedy, Ocean View, Tustin Division 8: Calvary Chapel
Boys Volleyball	Division 2: JSerra, Mater Dei, Santa Margarita, Servite, St. John Bosco, St. Margaret's Division 3: Orange Lutheran Division 4: Crean Lutheran, Sage Hill Division 6: Pacifica Christian	Division 2: St. Margaret's Division 3: Calvary Chapel Division 4: Tustin Division 5: Fullerton, Godinez, Kennedy, Valencia, Westminster Division 6: Costa Mesa, Laguna Hills, Ocean View, Santa Ana Division 7: Buena Park, Garden Grove, Segerstrom Division 8: Katella
Boys Swimming	Division 1: JSerra, Mater Dei, Santa Margarita Division 2: Crean Lutheran, Orange Lutheran, Sage Hill, Servite, St. John Bosco Division 4: St. Margaret's	Division 1: Costa Mesa Division 2: Laguna Hills, Valencia Division 3: Buena Park, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Kennedy, Ocean View, Tustin, Westminster Division 4: Calvary Chapel, Godinez, Katella, Segerstrom, St. Margaret's
Boys Tennis	Division Open: JSerra Division 1: Sage Hill Division 2: Crean Lutheran, Mater Dei, Santa Margarita Division 3: St. Margaret's Division 4: Servite Division 5: Orange Lutheran, St. John Bosco Division 6: Pacifica Christian	Division 3: St. Margaret's Division 4: Tustin, Valencia Division 5: Fullerton, Segerstrom Division 6: Buena Park, Godinez, Kennedy Division 7: Costa Mesa, Garden Grove, Katella, Laguna Hills, Ocean View, Santa Ana, Westminster
Boys Lacrosse	Division 1: J Serra, Mater Dei, Santa Margarita, Servite, St. Margaret's Division 2: Crean Lutheran, Orange Lutheran,	Division 1 : St. Margaret's Division 3: Laguna Hills, Segerstrom

Cross Division 2: Mater Dei Division 1: Katella, Santa Ana, Segerstrom, Valencia, Westminster Division 3: St. John Bosco, Orange Lutheran, Santa Margarita, Division 2: Garden Grove, Kennedy Country Division 3: Buena Park, Fullerton, Godinez, Tustin Division 4: Costa Mesa, Laguna Hills, Ocean View Division 4: JSerra, Rosary, Crean Lutheran Division 5: Sage Hill, Pacifica Christian, St. Margaret's Division 5: Calvary Chapel, St. Margaret's Track & Division 2: Mater Dei Field Division 3: Crean Lutheran, JSerra, Orange Lutheran, Santa Division 1: Santa Ana, Segerstrom, Valencia, Westminster Margarita, Servite, St. John Bosco Division 2: Fullerton, Garden Grove, Godinez, Kennedy, Tustin Division 4: Pacifica Christian, Rosary, Sage Hill, St. Margaret's Division 3:Laguna Hills, Ocean View Division 4: Buena Park, Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa, St. Margaret's Girls Division Open: Mater Dei, Sage Hill Division 2AA: Buena Park, St. Margaret's Basketball Division 1: Crean Lutheran, JSerra, Orange Lutheran, Santa Division 2A: Segerstrom, Valencia Margarita Division 3AA: Godinez **Division 2AA: St. Margarets** Division 4AA: Calvary Chapel, Tustin Division 2A: Rosary Division 4A: Kennedy, Laguna Hills Division 3AA: Pacifica Christian Division 5AA: Costa Mesa, Fullerton, Katella, Santa Ana, Westminster Division 5A: Garden Grove, Ocean View Girls Golf Division 1: Mater Dei, Orange Lutheran, Sage Hill, Santa Division 2: St. Margaret's Margarita Division 3: Valencia Division 2: Crean Lutheran, St. Margaret's Division 4: Fullerton Division 3: JSerra Division 5: Buena Park, Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa, Garden Grove, Katella, Division 4: Rosary Kennedy, Laguna Hills, Ocean View, Santa Ana, Segerstrom, Tustin, Division 5: Pacifica Christian Westminster Girls Soccer Division Open: Santa Margarita Division 3: Fullerton, Kennedy Division 1: JSerra, Mater Dei, Orange Lutheran, Rosary Division 4: Costa Mesa, Garden Grove, Katella, Valencia Division 3: Crean Lutheran Division 5: Santa Ana. Tustin Division 4: Pacifica Christian, Sage Hill Division 6: Calvary Chapel, Godinez, Segerstrom, St. Margaret's, Westminster Division 6: St. Margaret's Division 7: Buena Park, Ocean View Girls Division 1: JSerra, Mater Dei, Orange Lutheran, Santa Margarita Division 2: Costa Mesa Swimming Division 2: Sage Hill Division 3: Buena Park, Calvary Chapel, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Godinez, Division 3: Crean Lutheran, Rosary Kennedy, Laguna Hills Division 4, St. Margaret's Division 4: Katella, Ocean View, Santa Ana, Segerstrom, St. Margaret's Tustin, Valencia, Westminster Girls Tennis Division Open: Santa Margarita Division 2: Fullerton, Valencia Division 1: Crean Lutheran, JSerra, Mater Dei, Orange Lutheran, Division 3. St Margaret's Sage Hill Division 5: Garden Grove, Tustin Division 3: St. Margaret's Division 6: Katella, Kennedy, Segerstrom Division 4: Pacifica Christian Division 7: Buena Park, Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa, Godinez, Laguna Hills, Division 6: Rosary Ocean View, Santa Ana, Westminster Girls Division 1: Mater Dei Division 3: St. Margaret's, Valencia Volleyball Division 2: JSerra, Orange Lutheran, Santa Margarita Division 4: Kennedy Division 3: Rosary, St. Margaret's Division 5: Laguna Hills, Division 4: Crean Lutheran, Sage Hill Division 6: Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa, Fullerton, Ocean View, Segerstrom, Division 5: Pacifica Christian Tustin, Westminster Division 7: Buena Park, Godinez, Santa Ana, Division 8: Garden Grove, Katella Beach Division 1: JSerra, Santa Margarita Division 2: St. Margaret's Volleyball Division 2: Crean Lutheran, Mater Dei, Orange Lutheran, Division 3: Buena Park, Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa, Estancia, Laguna Hills, Ocean View, Westminster St.Margaret's Division 3: Pacifica Christian, Rosary, Sage Hill Girls Division 1: JSerra, Mater Dei, Santa Margarita Division 2: St. Margaret's Lacrosse Division 2: St. Margaret's Division 3: Segerstrom, Tustin, Valencia Division 3: Rosary









2025-2026 CIF Southern Section Goals Mike West, Commissioner of Athletics

- 1. Continue and enhance the same-season data playoff system in its second year for all affected sports.
 - a. Provide examples of how divisions are developed.
 - b. Continue to promote score and schedule updates by schools throughout each season.
 - c. Continue to collect and publish data showing system efficacy
 - d. Evaluate the efficacy of the system by comparing the sum of the score differentials in each playoff division for each sport from this year to last year.
- 2. Improve communication and connection with small school membership
 - a. Hold virtual meetings for small school leadership.
 - b. Perform a needs assessment on what small school leaders need/want from the CIF Southern Section office
 - c. Establish a Small Schools Leadership Committee
 - d. Attend small school league meetings
- 3. Re-negotiate all ball contracts for every eligible sport.
 - a. All established contracts with ball manufacturers come to term at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
 - b. New agreements will be solicited and negotiated with ball manufacturers.
 - c. Satisfaction with the ball and company based on the Ball Survey to schools will be a priority.
- 4. Revise and update the CIF Southern Section Financial Policy
 - a. Playoff revenue splits to be paid based upon gross revenue.
 - b. Revenue disbursement to schools will be much quicker and efficient.
 - c. The proposed percentage sharing of the gross revenue to the host and visiting schools will be calculated based upon comparison to the existing expenses reported, plus a 20% profit split from the net income distribution over the past 3 years.
- 5. Establish and enhance a CIF Southern Section Student Athlete Advisory Council.
 - a. Solicit Representation from all areas of the Southern Section
 - b. Provide formalized opportunities for student-athletes to share their voices on CIF Southern Section issues.
 - c. Provide opportunities for students to be involved in CIF Southern Section Projects and Championships.

The following are ongoing initiatives, projects, or programs that the CIF Southern Section will continue to address, maintain, or monitor.

- 1. Continue to Enhance Communication Between the CIF Southern Section Office, Member Schools, and the Executive Committee
- 2. Maintain and/or Enhance the CIF Southern Section Title Sponsorship/Media Rights/Linear Television agreements
- 3. Maintain and/or Enhance the CIFSSHome 2.0 Platform for CIF Southern Section Member Schools
- 4. Implement/Ratify New Rules Changes
- 5. Provide Professional Growth Opportunities for Member Schools
- 6. Maintain Fiscal Responsibility as it Relates to the Member Schools and the Section Office
- 7. Examine and Explore Issues Involving Public and Private Schools
- 8. Promote and support officials' recruitment, retention, and recognition.
- 9. Examine and Explore Opportunities for Student Participation in a Variety of Settings
- 10. Work Cooperatively with the CIF State Office and the Other 9 Sections
- 11. Expand Relationships with the National Federation of State High School Associations