

California Interscholastic Federation

About the CIF

The CIF has a proud heritage in providing equitable athletic competition for more than 1,600 high schools in California. Since its beginning in 1914, the CIF has grown to become the largest youth agency in the nation, serving more than 800,000 young student-athletes each year who participate in the interscholastic athletic activities of California's secondary schools.

As a problem-solving organization, the CIF retains its original responsibility to enforce the rules but has expanded its duties to include much more. The CIF offers educational programs in coaching education, parent education, and has adopted the principles of Pursuing Victory With Honor_{sm} (a character education program) as the cornerstone of the organization.

California has trained more coaches than any other state and has continued to expand, adapt and modify its educational programs to better serve the needs of schools and the state. The CIF also is a service organization to its more than 1,600 member schools, providing awards, honors programs and distributing information on up-to-date health and safety issues.

The CIF is organized under the State Department of Education and is governed by the CIF Federated Council, which consists of high school superintendents, principals, athletic directors, educators and allied organizations. Ten semi-autonomous, geographical Sections make up the CIF.

Vision

Athletic competition is an integral part of the high school experience. CIF is uniquely positioned to foster student growth in values and ethics. CIF's ideal of "Pursuing Victory with Honor," provides the opportunity to dramatically influence the actions of the athletic community. CIF strives to strengthen the integrity of students and adults across the state by promoting the concepts of sportsmanship, honesty and quality academics. These priorities advance the highest principles of character – trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship.

Mission

The CIF governs interscholastic athletics, promoting equity, quality, character and academic development.

- Equity Equal opportunity without regard to race, gender, and ethnicity within all aspects of the athletic program for students, personnel, schools and governance.
- Quality Training, education and commitment of coaches, officials, administrators and parents to improve the quality of athletic programs.
- Character Trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship.
- Academic Development Commitment to encourage academic growth is a high priority.

Allied Organizations

California Department of Education (CDE)

California Superintendents Liaison Committee

California School Boards Association (CSBA)

Association of California School Administrators (ACSA)

California Association of Private School Organizations (CAPSO)

California State Athletic Directors Association (CSADA)

California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CAHPERD)

California Coaches Association (CCA)

California Association of Directors of Activities (CADA)

National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

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