



**MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

**DATE:** March 10th, 2021

**TO:** Member Schools of the Tri City Athletic League

**SUBJECT:** TCAL Protocols & Procedures for Athlete Eligibility & Interscholastic Contacts

As most of you are aware, updated CDPH Guidelines were updated based on a court settlement that came out of San Diego. We have been working hard through the day to gain better clarification and understanding of these most recent changes. As a result, the following procedures and protocols are now in effect for the Tri City Athletic League:

**1. COVID Testing Requirements:**

- a. Purple and Red Tier Sports WILL NOT have to conduct weekly testing at this time.
- b. Orange Tier Sports must conduct weekly testing until 7-Per-100K case rate is reached or Orange Tier is reached by your county respectively.
- c. Yellow Tier Sports must conduct testing 48-Hours prior to a contact with another school until Yellow Tier is reached by your county.

**2. Student-Athlete, Coach and Team Eligibility Reporting Requirements:**

- a. All Coaching Staff and Student-Athletes must be tested as required above in Section 1.
- b. Adult volunteers or support staff must also be tested as required above in Section 1.
- c. There can be no student volunteers or student assistants. No exceptions.
- d. A template eligibility roster is attached to this memorandum. It will be filled out for every required report and signed by a School Administrator and/or Athletic Director verifying the information is accurate, that all CDPH testing requirements have been met, all other CDPH and County PHO guidelines have been followed, and all CIF bylaws have been satisfied.
- e. Administrators and/or Athletic Director's must send to an opposing school, a roster of eligible student-athletes, coaching staff and support staff as required above in Section 1, to opposing school Athletic Directors. Coaches MAY NOT submit on behalf of their teams. This must be done in the timelines as outlined above in Section 1.
- f. No additions can be made to the eligibility roster prior to 48 hours before a contact between schools. No student-athlete, coaching staff, or support staff may attend a contest unless they are on the eligibility roster. No Exceptions.

**3. Positive COVID Test Reporting Requirements:**

- a. If a student-athlete or coach test positive for COVID school administrators, and/or athletic directors, should notify all member schools of the league on the same day of a positive test and prior to any contacts for that team in question that day.
- b. All CDPH and County PHO guidelines regarding a positive test must be followed. Including the required cancellation of that teams contests for the required quarantine period.
- c. If possible, or practicable, contest can be rescheduled within the construct of the league season of sport calendar.

**4. Attendance, Spectators, Bands and Sideline Cheerleaders:**

- a. All CDPH and County PHO guidelines must be followed.
- b. Spectators to contests are limited up to 2 adult members of the immediate family of the household a student-athlete resides as space allows for proper distancing. Spectators will remain masked for the duration of the contest.
- c. No student cheer sections or students not actively participating in a contest are allowed to attend.
- d. No extracurricular, non-CIF sanctioned programs, such as bands etc., are allowed to attend contests.

- e. Visiting school administrators, and/or athletic directors, need to e-mail a list of approved spectators to home site administrators, and/or athletic directors, 24 hours prior to the start of any contest. Home sites should not admit anyone who is not on a visiting schools approved spectators list. No exceptions.
- f. Home site administrators are responsible and required to enforce the attendance guidelines as outlined above for approved spectators.
- g. Sideline Cheerleading is approved under the following SJPH guidance:
  - i. Cheerleaders may remain socially distanced.
  - ii. Cheerleaders must have masks on AT ALL TIMES in accordance with CDPH guidelines.
  - iii. No stunting, flying or any physical contact between cheerleaders. No exceptions.
  - iv. Cheerleaders must stay 6 feet apart at all times. This includes the halftime performance.
- h. Attendance will be restricted by the facilities ability to socially distance all spectators allowed by at least 6 feet.
- i. No concessions will be sold at sporting events.
- j. Venues will be cleared of spectators after each level of play to allow for cleaning protocols to take place.
- k. A separate ticket will need to be purchased for each level of play.

**5. PPE & Social Distancing Requirements:**

- a. All CDPH and County PHO guidelines must be followed.
- b. Coaching Staff & Support Staff MUST have masks on AT ALL TIMES.
- c. Approved spectators MUST have masks on AT ALL TIMES.
- d. Student-Athletes idle, not actively in a contests or game, MUST have masks on AT ALL TIMES.
- e. Whenever practicable and possible, all persons should be socially distance in accordance with CDPH and County PHO guidelines. This includes spectators in stands, staff and student-athletes.

**6. Reporting Procedures & League Policy for Violations of this Document:**

- a. If a spectator, coach, staff and/or student-athlete has a concern and/or complaint about a possible violation, they should report it to their respective High School Administration and/or Athletic Director.
- b. If a member school Administrator, and/or Athletic Director, feels the issue cannot be resolved between member schools, and/or there is a blatant violation, it should be reported to TCAL Commissioner Steve Lopez.
- c. If a member school is found to have violated Sections 1 or 2 – that member school will be forced to into a quarantine period for the respective sport in question. All games during that period are cancelled, but can be rescheduled if within the construct of the league sport calendar.
- d. If member school is found to have violated Section 3 – the sports program in question will have its entire league season cancelled. If a member school is found to have violated Section 3 for a second consecutive time, that member school will be immediately suspended from all league contests, for all sports, through June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- e. If a member school is found to have violated Sections 4 or 5 – a written warning from the league will be issued to the member school. If sections 4 or 5 are violated a second time that member school will be forced to into a quarantine period for the respective sport in question. All games during that period are cancelled, but can be rescheduled if within the construct of the league sport calendar. If a member school is found to have a third violation of Sections 4 or 5, the member school sport program in question will have its season cancelled.

Effective March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 until amended or rescinded by league vote or at the direction of the League Commissioner.

**Adopted by roll call vote in the regular meeting of the TCAL on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021:**

**Approved: 7 (Lincoln, Lodi, Modesto Christian, St. Mary's, Tokay, Tracy, West)**

**Rejected: 0**

**Abstained: 0**

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*Adapted from CDPH and SJPH Guidelines, CIF Guidance, and SAL Protocols & Procedures for Athlete Eligibility & Interscholastic Contacts (Version 4)*