

## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

### AREA PLACEMENT, RELEAGUING AND PLAYOFF GROUPINGS UPDATE



Last Friday, an arbitrator ruled in favor of 4 member schools that had challenged the recommendations of the CIF Southern Section Staff, and upheld on appeal by the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee, to place those 4 schools into the Parochial Area for the 2014-2018 Releaguings Cycle.

As a result of the arbitrator's ruling, here is some information regarding what will be forthcoming in the time ahead...

- Area Placement - The decision of the arbitrator ordered that Damien High School and St. Lucy's High School be placed in the Mt. SAC Area and that Oaks Christian High School and St. Bonaventure High School be placed in the Northern Area for 2014-2018.

- Releaguings - The Mt. SAC Area, Northern Area and Parochial Area will immediately begin the Releaguings process for their areas. The timeline for that process is attached. Only those three areas are affected by this situation, so all of the other areas of our section who have already completed Releaguings for 2014-2018 are not affected in any way by this decision.

- Playoff Groupings - The CIF Southern Section Staff's recommendations for Playoff Groupings for the 2014-2016 Playoff Groupings Cycle were originally scheduled to be released this Friday, March 14. However, with Releaguings needing to be completed by the Mt. SAC Area, Northern Area and Parochial Area, those recommendations cannot be released until those areas complete Releaguings. The entire Releaguings process in those areas, including appeals, will be completed by April 30, 2014.

Therefore, a revised timeline for Playoff Groupings will be announced soon.

I thank you for your understanding and support as we move forward and if you have any questions, or we can help you in any way at all, do not hesitate to contact our office.

All the best,

*Rob Wigton*

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## **2014-2018 Mt. SAC , Northern and Parochial Area Releaguig Timelines**

- **March 10, 2014** – Mt. SAC Area, Northern Area and Parochial Area schools begin the Releaguig process for their respective areas. (CIF Southern Section Bylaw 32.5.B.1 - Releaguig Procedures #1, CIF Southern Section Blue Book, page 56)
- **April 7, 2014 – 12:00 Noon** – Deadline for Mt. SAC Area, Northern Area and Parochial Area to submit their 2014-2018 Releaguig plans to the CIF Southern Section Office.
- **April 11, 2014 – 12:00 Noon** – Deadline for Mt. SAC Area, Northern Area and Parochial Area schools wishing to appeal their placement into a particular league to the CIF Southern Section Executive Committee to submit written notice of appeal to the CIF Southern Section Office.

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

- **April 16, 2014** – CIF Southern Section Executive Committee meeting. The CIF Southern Section Executive Committee will hear all initial appeals with regard to Releaguig criteria and process. The Executive Committee may accept the appeal, in which case the Releaguig 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 proposal. The Executive Committee shall make no recommendations or approve alternative appeal configurations. (Releaguig Appeals Procedures #1, 2013-2014 CIF Southern Section Blue Book, page 57.)

If a proposal is remanded back to its area, the area must re-consider and vote on a configuration. The configuration will be forwarded to all member schools in that area. (Releaguig Appeals Procedures #2, 2013-2014 CIF Southern Section Blue Book, page 57.)

- **April 23, 2013** – CIF Southern Section Executive Committee meeting.(Teleconference) The Executive Committee will review any changes to Area Releaguig Proposals made by said areas as a result of appeals upheld on April 16, 2014 and will move those affected proposals forward to the CIF Southern Section Council.
- **April 28, 2014 – 12:00 Noon** – Deadline for schools wishing to appeal their placement into a particular league to the CIF Southern Section Council to submit written notice of appeal to the CIF Southern Section Office.
- **April 30, 2013** – CIF Southern Section Council approves the Mt. SAC Area, Northern Area and Parochial Area 2014-2018 Releaguig Plans and hears final appeals from schools in the Mt. SAC Area, Northern Area and Parochial Area relative to process. The 2014-2018 Releaguig Process is concluded.

### **Relevant Blue Book Sections**

Article 32.5 – Area Placement and Releaguig  
Article 512 – League Realignment Cycle