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**Enrollment Standards for Purposes of Bylaw 510**

**(4) Enrollment standards for purposes of Bylaw 510 (pre-enrollment contact) (Bylaw 510)**

- a. General information about athletic programs, physicals, summer activity, camps, etc. may be distributed to middle school students only by a CIF member school administrator or athletic director.

*Q: What may representatives of a senior high school do as far as contact with junior high/middle school students is concerned?*

A: Because a graduate of a junior high/middle school may enter any high school in California and may be residually eligible in accordance with all CIF rules, contact by senior high school representatives is regulated. Individual coaches cannot visit or initiate contact with junior high/middle school students, but it would be permissible for the school administrator or athletic director (not the coach) of a senior high school to visit the junior high/middle school campus for the purpose of informing students of the total athletic program at the senior high school. However, it is legal on a school day for a high school coach to be part of a total open house and/or school orientation (academics, activities, but not athletics by itself) where a student is part of a general gathering of students on the high school campus and such activity has the approval of the high school and junior high/middle or elementary school principal.

- b. 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have not graduated from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade may not participate in any athletic **communication(s)** conducted by any high school coach that is not part of a school-wide high school presentation **until May 1 and only if the student has registered for classes at the CIF member school and, in the case of a private school, also paid a non-refundable registration fee.**

*Q: What means of communication may coaches use after May 1?*

**A: Coaches may communicate with 8<sup>th</sup> grade families via phone, email or letters but must do so in accordance with school/school district/governing board policy.**

*Q: May coaches conduct meetings on or off-campus as part of these communications?*

**A: No. Coaches may not meet with 8<sup>th</sup> grade families unless part of a school-wide high school presentation.**

- c. The student may not practice or compete in any contest at any high school, even if they have registered for classes and/or paid a non-refundable registration fee, until they have graduated from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- ed. Contact between coaches (and others associated with the athletic program) and students or their parents during summer activity conducted by a CIF member school, shall not be considered pre-enrollment contact requiring disclosure, if the student has, previous to that summer, registered for classes at the CIF member school and, in the case of a private school, also paid a non-refundable registration fee and has officially withdrawn from the previous school as long as the contact does not occur prior to the conclusion of the student's former school's year end. Such contact is not required to be disclosed. All other contact not covered in this circumstance between coaches (and others associated with the athletic program) and students or their parents must be disclosed as required in Bylaws 206, 207 and 510.