

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Oakland Athletic League
Office of the Commissioner
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TO: Oakland Unified School District Board of Education
Special Board Committee on the Future of the OAL

FROM: Michael L. Moore, Sr. – OAL Commissioner

SUBJECT: **Recommendation of the OAL Commissioner**

It is the recommendation of the OAL Commissioner that the Oakland Athletic League should remain a CIF Section.

On April 20, 1999, the governing body of the Oakland Section, the Oakland Athletic League Policy Committee, composed of the six high school principals, approved a motion to continue the Oakland Athletic League (OAL) as a league and section in the California Interscholastic Federation.

Oakland has been a California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Section since 1940 and a league since 1919. After examination and investigation by the current Commissioner, the proposal of North Coast Section (NCS) membership has been weighed with the interests of all students and all high schools in Oakland now and in the future in mind. While there may be advantages for individual schools and singular athletic teams to participate in the NCS, there is no need to alter the section status of the OAL. The overwhelming and compelling benefit for all stakeholders in Oakland must be considered, and not the singular advantage for one school's men's or women's athletic program or for an individual team in the OAL.

As a result of discussions conducted with OAL principals, athletic directors, parents, alumni, current and former coaches and community stakeholders regarding the status of Oakland as a CIF section **it is the recommendation of the OAL Commissioner that the Oakland Athletic League should remain a CIF Section.**

OAL Recommendations for BOE Meeting September 24, 2008

Draft #2

1. Monitor All OAL Athletes Through Designation In AERIES

- Eligibility
- GPA
- Attendance
- Grade level progression
- CAHSEE
- PSAT/SAT/ACT

2. Implement Academic Support Requirement

- Provide academic assistance/enrichment outside of regular school hours (after school & Saturday) as needed

3. Move Soccer To Winter For Boys And Girls For The 2008-09, 2009-10 Seasons

4. Review Stipends For Coaches And Athletic Directors In Conjunction With Contract Negotiations

5. Give Preference To High School Site Staff Whenever Possible For Coaching Positions

6. Update All Schedules And Event Start Times

- Reduce losses of class time
- Increase parent participation
- Improve safety
- Improve transportation
- Improve access of scouts to games

7. Update And Improve The Financial Systems And Practices

- Utilize Armored car services for league games if feasible
- Implement standard collection of gate receipts
- Uniforms purchased for the entire league for volume savings

8. Sponsorships (Gallo)

- Championship games
- Fields
- Gymnasiums
- Scoreboards

9. Implement Season Tickets For Company Employees

- \$50 for season pass not including championships
- \$75 for season pass not including championships after October 12, 2008

- 10. Pursue Partnership With the Oakland Technology Exchange (OTX) to Provide Home Computers for Every OAL Athlete Who Meets the Criteria**

- 11. Establish the OAL Game of the Week on KDOL**

- 12. Improve Adherence to CIF, OAL, and Oakland Section Rules**
 - Eligibility
 - Reporting
 - Hardship Hearings

- 13. Coaching Professional Development, Clinics, Conferences and Screening**
 - Athletic Director annual evaluation of players, parents and coaches
 - Evaluation of Athletic Directors by parents, students and principal

- 14. Partnership With Local Colleges and Universities For Sports Clinics/Camps**