

**ARTICLE 3  
THE FEDERATED COUNCIL**

**30. MEMBERSHIP**

The governing body of the California Interscholastic Federation shall be known as "The Federated Council." The Federated Council shall consist of representatives elected from each Section, a representative from the State Department of Education, representatives from Allied Organizations selected by those organizations, the President, President-Elect, and immediate past President of the Federated Council.

- A. Representatives elected from each Section shall be elected to hold office for two years. If a Section has more than one representative on the council the terms will be staggered.
- B. With the exception of the Past-President, Section Past-President, the representative from the State Department of Education, and representatives of Allied Organizations, any individual not directly accountable to, or voting member of, a local board of education or school(s) governing body shall not be a voting member of the State or a Section-governing and/or policy-making body.
- C. Any member of the Federated Council who changes professional status in such a manner that no longer qualifies the individual as a member of the governing body, may not continue as a voting member of the body. The individual shall be replaced, by the rules of the State or Section, by the next regular meeting of the body.
- D. A voting representative to the Federated Council from an allied organization must be in a current role performing the daily responsibilities associated with the title or the organization (i.e., the representative from the Association of California School Administrators must be an active administrator in California; the representative from the Association of Private School Organizations must be currently affiliated with one or more of the private schools represented; the representative from the California School Boards Association must be an active board member; the California State Athletic Directors Association representative shall be an active athletic director, etc.). If the status of the representative changes in such a manner so that the representative is no longer in an active role that truly reflects the general membership of the allied organization, the organization must replace the representative with one who is in such a role in order to have full voting representation at the Federated Council. Allied Organizations will certify that representatives comply with this bylaw and send such certification to the State Executive Director by August 15 of each year.
- E. Representation on the Federated Council for Allied Organizations will include the following:
  - (1) California Coaches Association, two representatives;
  - (2) California State Athletic Directors Association, two representatives;
  - (3) California School Boards Association, two representatives;
  - (4) Association of California School Administrators, one representative;
  - (5) California Association of Private School Organizations, two representatives;
  - (6) California Superintendents Liaison Committee, one representative;
  - (7) California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, two representatives;  
(Approved May 1998 Federated Council)
  - (8) California Association of Directors of Activities, one representative.  
(Approved May 1999 Federated Council)

**NOTE:** An Allied Organization with two representatives shall have one male and one female representative.  
(Approved May 1997 Federated Council)

**31. REPRESENTATION REFLECTING THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE STATE AND SECTION**

The following is in effect:

- A. Any CIF Section which does not have at least one regular representative of an ethnic or racial minority group found in the demographics of the Section's student population, shall select an additional representative who is a member of an ethnic or racial minority group found in the demographics of the Section's student population. The Section's number of votes shall continue to be based upon the weighted votes formula, however, the votes shall be split equally amongst the voting representatives. The expenses of the additional delegate shall be paid by the State CIF consistent with the expense formula for all other Section representatives to the Federated Council.
- B. Each CIF Section and Allied Organization shall send a delegation of representatives to the Federated Council which is reflective of the student demographics within the Section and will include at least one representative of an ethnic or racial minority group found in the demographics of the Section's student population.  
(Approved May 1997 Federated Council)

**32. CRITERIA FOR ALLIED ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP ON THE STATE CIF FEDERATED COUNCIL**

Each Allied Organization represented on the Federated Council shall:

- A. Be composed of a membership which has direct responsibility or legislative responsibility for interscholastic athletics;
- B. Be able to demonstrate statewide representation;
- C. Be able to define its constituency which will include, but not be limited to, the number of interscholastic athletes it represents, the number of schools represented which participate in CIF activities, and that it has the capacity to select representatives to the Federated Council that reflect our State's student gender and ethnic make-up;
- D. Be able to demonstrate that its representative will have a viable system of communication to its members within its organization;
- E. Have a commitment to providing educational opportunities for students through interscholastic athletics. Prior to being formally accepted as an Allied organization, each interested group, including those presently represented on the Federated Council, shall complete a Request for Inclusion application. An organization's request for inclusion on the Federated Council as an Allied Organization must be submitted to the Executive Director by January 15 of the school year prior to the desired effective date of inclusion. The request will be reviewed by a membership committee designated by the Executive Committee. A recommendation by the membership committee for approval or disapproval of the Request for Inclusion will be made to the Executive Committee by April 15 and action on the Request for Inclusion will be scheduled for the spring meeting of the Federated Council. If an allied organization is approved for membership, the organization is approved for a four-year renewable term, unless the organization should, during the four-year term, no longer meet the criteria for membership and inclusion as defined by the Federated Council.  
(Approved May 1997 Federated Council)

33. **ELECTION AND ELIGIBILITY**

The governing body of each Section shall determine how its own representatives to the Federated Council shall be elected consistent with the Education Code. Voting members of the Federated Council shall not be paid employees of the CIF Sections.

34. **POWERS AND DUTIES OF FEDERATED COUNCIL**

- A. Determine the credentials of its own membership.
- B. Exercise jurisdiction over all interscholastic athletic games, events and meets involving CIF-member schools. The Federated Council delegates jurisdiction to each CIF Section for all interscholastic athletic games, events and meets in which only CIF-member schools of that particular Section participate.
- C. Govern State and Regional California Interscholastic Federation playoff contests.
  - (1) Determine time and place.
  - (2) Prescribe conditions and provide for appointment of officials.
  - (3) Define expected duties of contest officials.
 (C.(2)-(3) Approved May 1997 Federated Council)
- D. Establish and enforce penalties for any violation of the Constitution, Bylaws or other rules of the Federation. Schools, leagues and Sections may establish and enforce penalties, provided that such penalties are not in conflict with penalties that have been established by higher authority.  
(See Article 2-23 for order of descending jurisdiction)
- E. Determine which athletic activities shall be conducted by the Federation.
- F. Prescribe ways and means by which standards of eligibility shall be met.
- G. Elect its own officers.
- H. Institute and conduct impeachment of officers of the Federation or Sections thereof.
- I. For any matter of appeal not covered in the Constitution and Bylaws, an appeal to the Federated Council will be heard by the Council's appeals committee, a three-person committee, selected by the Council President from a standing appeals committee of seven Federated Council members appointed annually by the President of the Federated Council. The decision of this committee is final and will be reported to the Federated Council at its next meeting following the resolution of the appeal.  
(Approved May 1999 Federated Council)
- J. Award life passes to its members after three years of service.  
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