

2006 and 2007
CIF STATE FOOTBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP BOWL GAMES
(TWO- YEAR PILOT PROPOSAL)



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OFFICIAL TITLE

The official title of this event is the **CIF State Football Championship Bowl Games.**

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

The proposed **CIF State Football Championship Bowl Games** dates are:

Saturday, December 16, 2006

Saturday, December 15, 2007

SITES

TBD – common site in the south

TIME SCHEDULE (if all three games are at one site)

Division III	11:00 AM
Division II	3:00 PM
Division I	7:00 PM

C-BED ENROLLMENT CALCULATIONS - The C-BED enrollment figures to be used for public schools are those figures certified by the public school principal in October of each year. Non-public school principals are to certify their enrollment figures as of the C-BED reporting date for each year.

Note: Grades 10-12 (9-12) will be utilized for C-BED enrollment.

Schools will be required to participate in the divisions that have been established.

Single Gender Schools - The enrollment for single gender schools shall be doubled in grades 10-12 to gain a total figure for the single gender school.

Moving Up in Classification: Moving up in classification will not be allowed.

SEEDING MEETING DATES

- **Sunday, December 10, 2006 at CIF State Office at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Sunday, December 09, 2007 at CIF State Office at 10:00 a.m.**

SELECTION PROCESS

A sub committee of the Championships, New Events Committee, will meet to determine the pairings for the three (3) championship games. This sub committee is comprised of a representative from each section.

A. Criteria to be used for selection of teams:

- 1. Only section champions will be considered. Section champions will be placed for consideration in their enrollment division regardless of what division they may have competed within their respective sections.
- 2. One (1) team each from the north and south will be paired in each division
- 3. Computerized rankings will be used as a guide for selection of teams
- 4. Point differential in final scores will not be used as a criteria

B. Northern Sections are comprised of: Central Coast, North Coast, Northern, Oakland, San Francisco, and Sac-Joaquin. Southern Sections are comprised of: Central, Los Angeles, Southern, and San Diego

Note: Competitors may not leave school on the day preceding the competition prior to the close of the school day unless travel requirements warrant. If travel requirements warrant, schools may petition to the State CIF Office for the additional day. Violation of this regulation may result in disqualification.

PAIRINGS

The pairings for all three (3) divisions will be posted on the CIF webpage as soon as available after the seeding meetings. Go to cifstate.org.

CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

The state championships shall be conducted in three (3) divisions. CIF Section Commissioners are responsible for ensuring that schools entering the championships meet the following C-BED enrollment criteria:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Starting #</u>	<u>Ending #</u>
I	1901 and above	
II	901	1900
III		900 and below

Note: 2005-2006 C-BED figures will be utilized to determine divisional placement for the 2006 football season and 2006-2007 figures will be utilized for the 2007 football season.

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FAQ SHEET

1. What is the purpose of the CIF sponsoring a State Football Championship?

Answer: *Several. The CIF leadership strongly believes that when it comes to high school sports, the CIF is the best possible organization to promote the educational values of athletics and the venue of “State Championships” gives the CIF a public platform to promote the positive values of educational athletics.*

The State CIF has transformed itself the past 8 years from a “rules and regulations ”body to assisting and supporting our member schools by offering eighteen (18) educational programs that can directly help schools and their student-athletes. This proposed 2-year pilot football championship is to generate revenue that can benefit all students across the state by funneling the net income back into programs that can directly help schools, regardless of their athletic competitive level.*

Educational Programs offered in 1993

None were offered

Educational Programs offered in 2004

(Partial list)

Coaching Education

Law and Liability for Coaches

Pursuing Victory with Honor

Athletic Administrators – 15 different classes

Parenting Education

2. In a time when the budget crunch has “hit” most of our schools so hard that some of us have had to reduce the number of teams/sports that we offer, what is the rationale adding this state championship at this time?

Answer: *The answer is really pretty simple. The CIF must create and generate more revenue and income so that our schools can minimize their expenses and cost of operating their athletic programs. The recent infringement by other state associations profiting (Washington and Hawaii netting over \$100,000 each) from match-ups with top California high schools is a potential source of revenue being siphoned from our schools, in part, because the CIF is the only state without a football championship. The expense of coaching education, training of athletic directors, dues, legal and insurance cost for schools continues to increase and these are direct costs for schools, most paying out of their ASB or their Gate Receipt Accounts. Adding these championship games and the net income generated should help to minimize the cost for these services and helps ALL 1362 CIF high schools.*

3. Will it cost my school money to participate in the state championship game?

Answer: *The six (6) participating schools will have their expenses paid for by the CIF through the revenues generated. The revised criteria for adding state championships calls for all expenses to be paid. Reasonable guidelines will be established with regard to squad size, etc. Schools may incur additional costs associated with participation in these championships.*

4. How many coaches, players, managers, stat crew, etc will teams be allowed?

Answer: *If the proposal passes, the State CIF will form a Football Advisory Committee with representatives from each section to help develop these specific policies. The committee would be comprised of section and State CIF staff, football coaches and administrators. They would also have to consider what is reasonable considering this is a State Championship event and all reasonable expenses are to be covered.*

5. Why are all reasonable costs covered for football and not other state championships?

Answer: *The revised criteria for adding state championships calls for the reasonable expenses to be covered for all teams participating.*

6. Won't this promote the concept "the rich get richer" and even more PR for those teams that already receive a lot?

Answer: *Financially – NO as the participating schools will not share in the net proceeds. PR – yes, but we all recognize that in California there are many newspapers, magazines, publications and web sites that already give outstanding coverage to the football "powerhouses" across our state. By using a computerized ranking system that is "on line," fans can follow their teams throughout the season, thereby, hopefully, creating more interest for more teams. That will continue with or without these proposed championship games. California is the only state that has not implemented a state championship in football.*

7. Will adding this championship extend my season?

Answer: *For six (6) schools, yes the season will be extended by 1-2 weeks. For the other 900+ high schools that play football, there will be NO IMPACT on extending the season. In our other state championships the season is extended by 2-3 weeks for 160+ schools.*

8. In order to play this championship game before the winter break, will this mean my regular season will be shortened?

Answer: NO! The State CIF policy on proposing any “New Event”, regional or state championship CANNOT negatively impact the section. Asking schools to shorten their regular season would hurt the schools with lost games and income and has NEVER been under consideration.

9. Where will these championship games be played?

Answer: The “two year pilot” proposal initially calls for the three (3) championship games to be played the first year at a site in the south.

SELECTION OF TEAMS

10. My team is ranked higher by the computer than the team selected to participate. Why?

Answer: Only Section champions will be considered. Although computer rankings will be evaluated and considered, the seeding committee will make the final decision on what teams will participate.

11. My school is so small we will never make it to the championship games. So, why should I support this proposal?

Answer: That is not necessarily true. The proposal calls for three divisions with a large, medium and small school division. But a greater reason for you to support this proposal is that your school can continue to receive programs and services at a reduced cost from the increased revenue generated from these three (3) championship games. If this pilot is successful the format may change to add more divisions.

12. What type of system is going to be used to determine which six (6) teams get to compete?

Answer: A committee made up of a representative from each of the ten (10) sections will make the final determination which teams will be invited to participate. The committee will utilize a computer ranking system. This computerized system will be used to help determine which teams to consider based upon the teams computerized rank.

13. What criteria will be used in the computerized ranking system?

Answer: *The criteria that will be used in the computerized ranking system is:*

- a. Section champions only will be eligible*
- b. Won – loss record*
- c. Common opponents*
- d. Strength of schedule*
- e. Head to head competition*
- f. Rankings will not be published until three (3) games have been played*

Criteria that WILL NOT be used:

- a. Margin of victory*
- b. Size of school*
- c. Whether the school is public or private*

14. Won't the same sections and schools always be involved?

Answer: *No. Using data from 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004, a “dry run” was done using solely the computerized ranking system. What it showed was that 7 of the 10 sections would have been represented and fifteen (15) different schools out of a possible eighteen (18) would have been eligible to participate. (See appendix B)*

15. Won't private schools dominate the participating schools?

Answer: *Using the same three-year data referenced above, of the possible 18 schools that could participate ten (10) are public and eight (8) are private schools. (See appendix B)*

16. If my school is selected, do we have to participate?

Answer: *Participation in this championship is optional. There will be a designated deadline by which teams will have to inform the CIF prior to the seeding meeting whether or not they want to participate should they be selected.*

DIVISIONS/ENROLLMENT/FORMAT

17. What are the enrollment parameters of the three (3) divisions being proposed?

Answer: *Based upon the number of schools participating in 2003-04 the enrollment divisions are broken into:*

- a. Division I 1901 and above*
- b. Division II 901 -- 1900*
- c. Division III up to 900*

18. How were these divisions determined?

Answer: The proposal calls for simply dividing the total number of schools playing eleven-(11) person football into thirds and creating three divisions.

19. Why only three (3) divisions and not five (5) as is the case in all other state championships?

Answer: The committee felt that it was vital that the proposal has the greatest opportunity for success and that it needed to be a 2-year pilot. The thought process was that increasing the divisions to five (5) would not be to the benefit of the CIF member schools at this time, but certainly could be considered in the future.

20. Will a division for eight (8) person football teams be considered?

Answer: Not at this time. Consideration may be given in the future, but any divisions added in the future would probably be to provide for five (5) divisions as in all other state championships.