

Federation splits NCS

SCVAL gets break in new sports setup

The split of the North Coast Section in prep sports this fall will result in the domination of the two new circuits by the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League and the Alameda County Athletic League, according to a survey by Menlo-Atherton track coach Plato Yanicks.

The California Scholastic Federation this month voted to split the cumbersome NCS into two divisions — a Central Coast section and an East Bay division.

Each division will qualify the two top finishers in each varsity track event for the state championships which will be held at Berkeley.

In past years the top four in the entire NCS qualified for the meet.

Here's what Yanicks says it

will mean to the Midpeninsula area:

"In past years the sprinters and hurdlers from this area seldom made it to the state meet because they lost to the faster runners from the East Bay.

"Under the new setup, sprinters from the Peninsula will have a better chance to make it."

Yanicks did a survey of the

track results in the NCS for the last 10 years which showed that the ACAL and SCVAL were the strongest leagues.

The ACAL has scored the most points in the NCS finals in seven of the last 10 years. The Santa Clara Valley, South Peninsula and Diablo Valley leagues have each led once. The SCVAL has been second three times.

Yanicks said that the CIF now is considering a reapportion-

ment of positions in the state meet based on past performance by leagues in the finals.

He said:

"Los Angeles and the Southern Section are the leaders in points scored, but the NCS is third according to a quick check. San Diego is fourth."

The split in the NCS won't

affect any other sports except swimming and possibly tennis.

Because there is no state swim or tennis meet, the Central Coast finals now will serve as a championship meet for swimmers and tennis players.