

## ***CIF-NS Fall Athletics Implementation***

Chico, Calif. – July 20, 2020 – Many students are primarily motivated to succeed in school by the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities, most specifically interscholastic athletics. The CIF-Northern Section met on Friday to consider the re-opening of member schools and the effects of the pandemic on member school athletics. After considering multiple factors influencing any decision to re-start athletic participation in member schools in a safe and consistent manner, and more specifically the impacts on eventual CIF-NS playoffs and CIF State championship playoffs, the following decisions were made:

- CIF-NS member school teams will begin league play when the member school districts' County Health officers approve the implementation of youth sports, including high school athletics
  - This decision could result in the removal of some sports from CIF State Championship-level playoffs
- CIF-NS member school teams may have the opportunity to compete outside league play when the member school districts' County Health officers approve the implementation of youth sports, including high school athletics
  - This decision could result in teams in one county playing teams outside their league in another county.

It is still the intent of the CIF-NS to host a Section playoff for Fall sports using a modified playoff structure.