Southern Section
Academics / Integrity / Athletics

TRIVIA

Who we are!!

45th historical "tidbit."
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Total number of member schools – 581 (there are 1,587 high schools in California)
Total population of CIF-SS High Schools – 779,354
Total number of student/athletes in CIF-SS – 271,069
CIF-SS has 9,771 teams playing varsity sports
Number of Public Schools – 386 (66%)
Number of Private Schools – 195 (34%)
Interesting: 91% of the total CIF-SS student population is in public schools
145 Public School Districts served
Schools located in 238 different cities
Area served by CIF-SS – 61,244 "square miles"
10 California Counties contain CIF-SS Schools
Average school size by enrollment – 1,345
Schools over 3,000 population - 36
Schools under 100 population - 64
Schools under 20 population - 50
Number of boarding schools – 16
Number of freelance schools (no league affiliation) – 26
Number of leagues – 88
Largest league by enrollment – Moore (average of 3,900)
Number of all boy's schools – 14
Number of all girl's schools – 22
Largest School by enrollment – 5,000 Paramount High School
Smallest School by enrollment – 20 North Country Christian

School farthest:
North – Mammoth (almost same latitude as San Francisco)
South – Avalon
West – Coast Union
East – Twentynine Palms

If Avalon played Mammoth, they would have to travel 300 miles including a boat

trip.

Unique location:
Avalon – on Catalina Island

City with the most CIF-SS schools:
Los Angeles (25)
Riverside (15)
Anaheim (13)

Most popular mascot:
#1 Eagles (38)
#2 Knights (18)
Warrior (18)
#4 Lions (17
#5 Mustangs (16)
99 schools have mascots that no other school have

Unique Mascots:
Amens - Holy Martyrs
Belles – St. Mary's Academy
Breakers - Laguna Beach
Contenders - Faith Baptist
Fighting Frogs – Ribet Academy
Gales - Holy Family
Kares - Rio Hondo Prep
Koalas – Connelly
Nitros – Glendale (Dynamiters)
Rajahs - Indio
Seraphs - St. Bonaventure
Tarbabe - Compton
Toads - Thacher
Tologs - Flintridge Sacred Heart

The most unique nickname:
#1 Spuds (Ojai Valley)
#2 Monsoons (Mayfair)

Match-ups that would be fun to see:

The Lightening vs. the Flashes
The Roadrunners vs. the Coyotes
The Hornets vs. the Yellowjackets
The Waves vs. the Breakers
The Saints vs. the Sun Devils or the Red Devils vs. the Diablos
The Aztecs vs. the Conquistadors
The Fighting Irish vs. the Fightin Scots or the Highlanders
The Toads vs. the Fighting Frogs

Most popular colors:

#1 Blue & Gold (25)
#2 Red & White (23)
#3 Green & Gold (18)

Most unique color:

Vegas Gold (Oaks Christian)

Schools with single Color: 12

School with four colors: 3

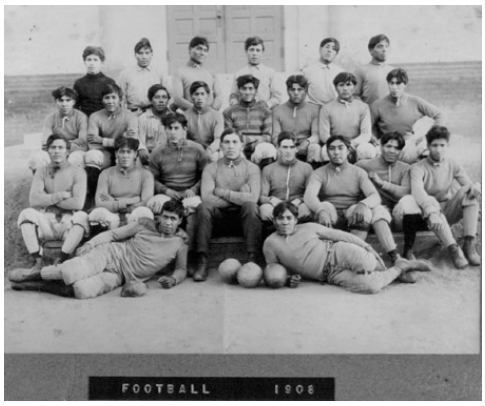
School with the partial same names:

16 schools start with St. (Saint)
14 schools start with San
12 schools start with Santa
11 schools start with word La
6 schools start with California
6 schools start with word El
6 schools start with Calvary
5 schools start with Bishop
5 schools start with Desert
4 schools start with Calvary Chapel
4 schools start with Rancho
4 schools start with Summit
3 schools starts with Canyon
3 schools start with Poly
3 schools start with Arroyo
3 schools start with Bethel
3 schools start with Notre Dame
3 schools start with Pacific

3 schools start with Pacifica
3 schools start with Redlands

Schools with same name:

- Burroughs
- Cabrillo
- Canyon
- Centennial
- La Quinta
- Notre Dame
- Pacifica
- Poly (3)
- Santiago
- St. Joseph
- Valencia
- Valley Christian
- Wilson



Early football team…Sherman Indian Institute..1908

Unique types of schools:

- American Indian schools
- Charter schools
- Court assigned schools
- Prep Schools
- Religious
- Special education schools
- School for the Deaf
- Schools for the arts
- Special academic academies…Leadership, honors, technology, international, aerospace, public safety, career sports, etc.

THE STATISTICALLY AVERAGE SCHOOL IN CIF-SS:

Name: Named after a city
Colors: Blue & Gold
In a league with 5 other schools
Public
Location: Los Angeles
Enrollment 1,345
Public
Coed
Mascot: Eagles
Demographics:
40% Caucasian
35% Latino
10% African American
10% Asian
5% Other
32 languages spoken

“35”

How many Approved Sports in the CIF-SS?

Quantifying the exact number of sports that the CIF-SS considers to be “Approved Sports” (Bylaws-Article #126) is difficult. There are major sports, sports with less than 20% membership participation (considered to be “non-Championship sports” Bylaw 1200 – Approved Sports), sports that are declining in number of participants, i.e., gymnastics and State CIF Sports.
The total number of Approved Sports offered by the CIF-SS is ***35!***

CIF-SS CHAMPIONSHIP SPORTS - 23

Baseball
Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Boys Cross Country
Girls Cross Country
Football
Boys Golf
Girls Golf
Boys Soccer
Girls Soccer
Softball
Boys Swimming and Diving
Girls Swimming and Diving
Boys Tennis
Girls Tennis

Boys Track and Field
Girls Track and Field
Boys Volleyball
Girls Volleyball
Boys Water Polo
Girls Water Polo
Boys Wrestling
Girls Wrestling

CIF-SS NON-CHAMPIONSHIP SPORTS - 12

Boys Badminton…there is a State CIF Regional Championship in Badminton
Girls Badminton
Coed or Mixed Badminton
Cheerleading – Stunt
Cheerleading – Performance
Field Hockey
Boys Gymnastics
Girls Gymnastics
Boys Lacrosse
Girls Lacrosse
Boys Skiing and Snowboarding…California Nevada Interscholastic Skiing and Snowboarding Federation
Girls Skiing and Snowboarding

Broken down by just sport and not gender specific, the CIF-SS has a total of 19 sports with 13 of those being Championship Sports.

All other sports that high school students compete in which may be interscholastic are considered to be "Club Sports." The next sport that may be considered for inclusion is Beach Volleyball. Historically looking through the minutes of the State CIF and the CIF-SS you will find many sports that were suggested for "approval" but were denied such as boxing and surfing.

Other suggested sports:

Quoits
Archery
Checkers
Chess
Curling
Cycling
Equestrian
Sailing
Squash
Fencing
Handball
Horseshoes
Iced Hockey
Roller Hockey
Judo
Karate
Moto-cross
Polo
Rodeo
Speedball
Rifle shooting
Rowing
Rugby
Bowling
Weight lifting
Etc.