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SUBJECT: WALK ON Pacific Grove High School Athletics Competition Update

DATE: March 4, 2021

PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE: Lito M. García, Pacific Grove High School and Pacific Grove Community High School Principal;
Lauralea Gaona Athletic Director PGHS

RECOMMENDATION:

The Pacific Grove High School Administration recommends the Board review and approve the request for Pacific Grove High School student-athletes to compete in athletics, effective upon meeting all required regulations for athletic competition based on the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) regulations, procedures and guidelines.

BACKGROUND:

Starting January 25, 2021, the California Department of Health and the CIF allowed competition under the guidelines outlined for sports based on a colored tier system.

- Widespread/Purple Tier - Cross Country, Golf, Swimming, Tennis, Track, and Field
- Substantial/Red Tier - Baseball, Softball
- Moderate/Orange Tier - Football, Boys Lacrosse, Soccer, Volleyball, Water Polo
- Minimal/Yellow Tier - Basketball, Competitive Cheer, Wrestling

In addition, the Pacific Coast Athletic League (PCAL) Board of Managers met and took the following action regarding PCAL sports for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year: effective immediately, the formal league schedules in all sports are suspended for the remainder of the year. This was done to give all 34 league schools, their districts, and governing Boards the maximum flexibility to provide their students with sports experiences when and as the current restrictions change and their local situations allow.

On February 26, 2021, the CIF implemented new conditions for athletic competition as follows: Teams listed in red and orange can now compete regardless of county tier status if the county gets to 14:100000 or less. If competition for high and moderate contact sports is permitted to resume in a county pursuant to this updated guidance, competition is not required to stop if the county's adjusted case rate exceeds the 14 to 100000 threshold.

- a. Red (Outdoor Moderate Contact Sports) for PGHS = Baseball and Softball
- b. Orange (Outdoor High-Contact Sports) for PGHS = Football, Soccer, Water polo, Boys Lacrosse

INFORMATION:

Under the guidelines outlined by the California Department of Health as it relates to youth sports and the CIF, Pacific Grove High School Athletics is requesting the PGUSD Board of Education approve the updated guidelines for PGHS student-athletes to compete in athletics, effective upon meeting all required regulations, procedures and guidelines. PGHS Athletics will follow all required health precautions and practices while conducting conditioning sessions, practices, and competitions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Reduction in normal yearly athletic costs due to a reduction in competition opportunities, elimination of travel outside the peninsula, seasons, and season length. A new cost - COVID-19 testing for football players and coaches.