



To: All Membership, Team Coaches, Team Managers
From: Tim Vom Steeg, President - Santa Barbara Soccer Club
CC: SBSC Board of Directors, Coaching Advisory Board, Greg Wilson, DOC

Subject: Policy Regarding Non-Compete Agreement with Local High Schools

This letter is to remind all membership of earlier communication in regards to participation in the High School CIF league and College Showcase and US Youth Soccer National League. To provide some background, over the course of the past few seasons, issues arose with the eligibility of high school aged players who play for Santa Barbara Soccer Club and High School teams. Per High School CIF rules, once a player plays a competitive game (non scrimmage/exhibition) with their High School team, they are prohibited from playing in a game with any outside team. If they do, they are ineligible to participate in CIF play and the High School team would be disqualified for any game that an ineligible player participated. With the CIF schedule starting 2-3 weeks earlier in November than in previous years, it meant that club players who played on their High School team would be prohibited from attending important college showcases held around Thanksgiving.

As a compromise, and in order to promote players being available during the Thanksgiving Showcases, local schools agreed that club players would not play in games during the first three weeks of the CIF season. This would allow them to participate in the Silverlakes or Surf Cup showcases, and maintain their CIF eligibility. In return, the Club agreed to prohibit a high school player from participating in any games after Thanksgiving weekend.

As a result of this agreement, the following policy was drafted and adopted by the Coaching Advisory Board, in conjunction with the Board of Directors:

"No Santa Barbara Soccer Club participant who is currently rostered with a Santa Barbara, Goleta, or Carpinteria area public high school, may participate, under the auspices of Santa Barbara Soccer Club, in any club related games or tournaments after Thanksgiving weekend, through the completion of the high school season, which shall be defined annually by the area CIF schedule".

We recognize this policy could potentially impact teams competing in Nationals. It is the intent to promote advanced play within the club, while honoring this agreement. Any team that qualifies for National League should work with the Director of Coaching to review any potential conflicts of this policy in advance of registering. If a team is able to field a competitive roster of players not attending impacted schools, the team will be allowed to participate in play with the approval of the Director of Coaching.

If you should have any further questions or concerns in regards to this policy please do not hesitate to contact Greg Wilson, Director of Coaching via email.