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Novato High Decides Not to Field a Varsity Football Team for the 2017-18 Season

Novato... Novato High School announced that the school will not be fielding a varsity football team for the 2017-18 season due to a low turnout of players. July 24 was the first official day of practice and 5 varsity players attended. At least 16 players are needed for a varsity team.

Players and parents were notified on July 26, 2017, that the head coach stepped down to spend more time with family. After careful consideration, and with student safety in mind, it was decided that it was in the best interest of the student athletes to suspend the team for one year. By doing so now, it allows those varsity players the opportunity to explore other options for the 2017 season without being penalized.

With a strong Frosh/Soph football program, Novato High is taking this opportunity to search for a new varsity coach to build a strong football program. The Frosh/Soph football program will continue to compete in the 2017 season.

A meeting with parents is scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, to discuss plans for moving forward with the Soph/Frosh program.

Both the California Interscholastic Federation and the Marin County Athletic League have been contacted and will be receiving a petition to withdraw the varsity team from the 2017 season.

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