



MINUTES BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Facilitator: Eric Bamberger
Location: Alhambra HS
 150 E Street, Martinez, CA 94553

Date: Thursday Apr 16, 2026
Time: 8:45am Principals and ADs
 10:45am ADs ONLY

DAL MEETING NORMS; (1) The meeting will start ON TIME. (2) Minimize side bars; (3) Only one person speaks at a time; (4) There will be time limits on the agenda; (5) A vote on a motion stops discussion on that item; (6) Robert's Rules of Order will be followed.

D=Discussion, P=Participation, A=Action, I=Information only, R=Review/prior topic, C=Consent

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1. Introduction and roll call (8:45-8:50) ✓Acalanes: E Shawn/R Takahashi ✓Alhambra: F Beede/A Ertola ✓Benicia: B Kleinschmidt/K Grubbs ✓Berean Christian: N Harris/L Wells ✓Campolindo: P Alvarez/R Meadows ✓CV Charter: Eric Bamberger ✓College Park: R Richardson/Hurtado, Bautista ✓Concord: J Mackinnon Estenson/M Harrod ✓Las Lomas: B Sullivan/T Kruger ✓Miramonte: B Campopiano/S Hennessey ✓Mt. Diablo: Dr. Markel, Mangelsdorf/Mua ✓Northgate: K Cooper/B Ballard ✓Ygnacio Valley: L oushin Honey/B Zielinski ✓DAL: M Tran/J McGonagle		I	Bamberger	Call to order 8.46a	
2. Approval of Agenda (8:50-8:55)		RDA	Bamberger		Con/Ben PASSED 13-0
3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Jan 22, 2026 (8:55-9:00)	A	CDA	Bamberger	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yUhzanX7idtL9PKR_9EAyDS1YESFJ-ExBhQ35E1SyCQ/edit?usp=sharing	Con/Mir PASSED 13-0
4. Public Comment (9:00-9:05) Pursuant to Ed Code 33353.2(C), any person wishing to speak on any item on the agenda, or comment on the policies and practices of the DAL will be heard at this time.		ID	Bamberger	None	
5. CIF Information/Discussion/ Action Items (9:05-9:10)			Bamberger	Discussion around Bylaw 600 where soccer players cannot play high school if they are playing MLS Academy. +AD's are in favor of keeping bylaw 600.	
A. CIF proposing Baseball and Softball State Championships for 2026-27		I	Tran	The process is progressing with action items on the Federated Council Meeting agenda April 24, 2026. If approved, it will be implemented Spring 2027. This would result in NCS Championships starting a week earlier and shorten baseball/softball season by 1 week.	

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6. NCS Information/Discussion/ Action Items (9:10-9:55)			Bamberger		
A. NCS BOM Summary Fri Jan 23, 2026		ID	Tran Bamberger Mackinnon	https://cifnccs.org/governance/board-of-managers/1-23-26_BOM_Minutes_Complete.pdf Baseball/Softball (EBAL) - Proposal to establish an Open/Division 1 playoff bracket (DAL YES 13-0) (NCS BOM FAILED 18-27)	
B. Eligibility Committee Weds Feb 25, 2026		ID	Hennessey	https://cifnccs.org/governance/eligibility-committee/Min_2-25-26_w_att.pdf +Mental Hardship Waiver coming into play relatively soon, could pass for next year. There will need to be extensive documentation to receive this waiver. +Court Storming Protocol coming, in its infancy though. People are questioning what the potential penalty will be for a court storming violation. They want to hold the school accountable but not penalize the athletes on the court. +You cannot play any game but a foundation game on a foundation game day. +NM on a transcript is determined by the site as to how it impacts overall GPA. Is this something we want to further discuss as a league as to how we are going to each handle it? +NO NIL Discussion.	
C. Sports Advisory Committee Mon Mar 9, 2026		ID	Tran Kleinschmidt	https://cifnccs.org/governance/sports-advisory-committee/SACmin3-9-26.pdf +ALL-STAR COMPETITION. Discussion regarding CIF Bylaw 900 and whether it should be amended or eliminated. Questions asked regarding bylaw specific, liability, school-issued gear, etc. The room was generally in favor of elimination of bylaw. (DAL AD SUPPORT 11-0-2) +BASKETBALL & GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL Discussion regarding the existing CIF cap for Division 6 (199 & below). Should this be expanded to 250? Discussion was had regarding expansion to 250 (at the present time, 4 NCS schools would be affected). The room was in favor of keeping the status quo (199 & below). +NCS FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS. Discussion about positives and negatives about the current NCS system, including separating football from the other comp. equity sports, size of school vs. size of program/roster, no limit on going up, but keeping 2 down, MaxPreps rankings/algorithm – how over-ranking teams may factor in. +NCS PLAYOFFS (OTHER THAN FOOTBALL). More good discussion, including how context matters (# of	

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				available playoff brackets – some sports have 7, some sports have 2, and all #'s in between), the need to look at base divisions, how those are determined and are there other ways to select/place teams.	
<p>D. NCS BOM Proposals Fri Apr 17, 2026</p> <p>1. Cross-Country VOTING</p> <p>2. SIX Consent Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Boys & Girls Golf b. NCS Traditional Competitive Cheer Championship c. NCS Girls Flag Football Championship Divisions d. NCS Girls Flag Football Championship Format e. Boys & Girls Team Tennis f. Boys & Girls Team Tennis 	B	IDA	Tran	<p>https://cifncc.org/governance/board-of-managers/agd4-17-26_w_AttB-NN.pdf</p> <p>1. Proposal to amend the formula for cross-country divisional placement (DAL 12-0-1)</p> <p>2.a. Boys & Girls Golf - Proposal to amend NCS 22.301H Golf Tournament Format</p> <p>2.b. NCS Traditional Competitive Cheer Championship - Proposal to amend the categories for the NCS Traditional Competitive Cheer Championships.</p> <p>2.c. NCS Girls Flag Football Championship Divisions - Proposal to expand to 3 divisions in girls flag football for the 2027 NCS Championships</p> <p>2.d. NCS Girls Flag Football Championship Format - Proposal to adjust the format for the championships to play all games at home sites through the semi-finals with a Wednesday-Saturday schedule.</p> <p>2.e. Boys & Girls Team Tennis - Proposal to amend NCS 27.511H Team Composition for immediate implementation</p> <p>2.f. Boys & Girls Team Tennis - Proposal to allow the Team Tennis oversight committee the ability to evaluate and adjust the top seed in one bracket compared to the last seed in the adjacent bracket based on the stated criteria</p>	Con/LL PASSED 13-0
E. NCS Football-Only Alignment	I	ID	Tran	Football Realignment by Conference for the 2028-32 Cycle (PASSED 18-12)	
E. General discussion on NCS realignment	J	ID	Tran	<p>General discussion regarding the General Realignment Timeline</p> <p>+New NCS Commissioner will be announced at tomorrow's NCS BOM Meeting</p> <p>+Conversations still occurring around Randy's 5 league Tri-Valley Proposal. These divisions would be split up by schools not by sport.</p> <p>+Different leagues trying to pull Clayton Valley in different directions.</p> <p>+The gain of 4 votes would have won us the water polo proposal and the voting structure proposal.</p> <p>+Lot of positivity around EBAL/BVAL/DAL AD's all meeting together. Should this happen once a year?</p> <p>+Each school can put forth a proposal, the league can also put a proposal forth as a</p>	

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				whole. +Benicia is very happy to be in our league and wants to stay.	
7. DAL Information/Discussion/ Action Items (9:55-10:30)			Bamberger		
A. Financial Activity Report	K	IDA	Tran	Review of the current DAL Financial status	Con/Ben PASSED 13-0
B. Summary of 2025/26 Winter DAL Sports	L	I	Tran	DAL Champions and ALL DAL Selections posted on league website https://www.dalathletics.com/league-champions https://www.dalathletics.com/all-league-selections	
C. Proposed 2026/27 Winter Sports Schedules 1. Wrestling (AD 12-0-1)	M	IDA	Tran	These are the 1st of the 2 yr cycle. Status quo with Concord and Benicia Boys switching divisions based on performance	Con/Ben PASSED 13-0
2. Soccer (AD 13-0)	N	IDA	Tran	Status quo with YV Boys moving from Valley to Foothill based on performance	NG/CP PASSED 13-0
3. Basketball a. Option 1 (AD YES 5) b. Option 2 (AD YES 6)	O P	IDA	Tran	Going from 1 division to 2 divisions: a. OPTION 1: NO DAL PLAYOFF, (2) 3 GAME WEEKS INCLUDING 1 SATURDAY, ALL GAMES AFTER WINTER BREAK b. OPTION 2: DAL PLAYOFF, (3) 3 GAME WEEKS INCLUDING 2 SATURDAY, ALL GAMES AFTER WINTER BREAK +Benicia and Acalanes are in favor of option 1 because it is less Saturdays and teams won't be seeing each other 3 times such as in the DAL Tournament. +CVC in favor of Option 2 because it takes away the tournament which can impact NCS seeding. Tournament/Playoff games impact Maxpreps ranking more. +Straw vote: Option 1= 9 YES	Proposal to adopt Option 1 Ben/Con PASSED 11-2
D. Self Reporting: 1. Benicia Flag Football	Q	IDA	Grubbs	Benicia played 8th grader on JV the entire season. +NCS Sanction is a 13 game suspension for next season. +if this student transfers to a league school? +DAL is denying the self report and going back to NCS to request increased sanctions to a full season suspension on the student athlete.	Aca/YV PASSED 13-0
E. MAC POLO Contract Proposal	R	IDA	Tran	MAC POLO Contract Proposal for 2026-2028 (AD 13-0)	Ben/MD PASSED 12-0-1

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F. Request for Senior athlete to participate on sub-level sports		IDA	Tran	Benicia swimmer has been on the team for 4 years but is also one of our Unified Athletes. Although he still continues to get faster his times are still in the low JV times and he does not use the blocks for starts.	CP/Con PASSED 13-0
8. Emergency Items (added with a 2/3 vote)			Bamberger		
9. Future Agenda Items (10:30-10:32) A. NCS BOM B. Financial Activities C. 2027 Spring Sports Schedules D. Elect 2026/27 DAL BOG and NCS Representatives E. DAL Commissioner/Asst Commissioner contracts F. 2026/27 DAL Business Calendar		I	Bamberger		
10. Upcoming Meetings (10:32-10:35) A. NCS BOM Fri, Apr 17 @ AUSD 8:45a (Bamberger/Mackinnon/Tran) B. BOG Tues May 19 @ Alhambra Principals/ADs 8:45am, ADs10:45am C. DAL AD Thurs May 28 (ZOOM?) TBA		I	Bamberger		
11. Announcements (10:35-10:40) ___ Acalanes ___ Alhambra ___ Benicia ___ Berean Christian ___ Campolindo ___ Clayton Valley Charter ___ College Park ___ Concord ___ Las Lomas ___ Miramonte ___ Mt. Diablo ___ Northgate ___ Ygnacio Valley			Bamberger	Acalanes announces that the CSADA conference is in Oakland next year. They are encouraging AD's and Administrators to go. Ygnacio Valley asking if boys basketball positions are open across the league. Benicia, Northgate, YV, College Park, Las Lomas, Acalanes getting new coaches.	
12. Adjournment (10:40)			Bamberger	Adjourned at 10.35a	