

# DIABLO ATHLETIC LEAGUE

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## Minutes

### DAL ZOOM LEAGUE MEETING

Thursday, January 28, 2021

8:00AM - Via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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### DAL LEAGUE MEETING NORMS

**1. THE MEETING WILL START AT 8:00AM; 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. ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER WILL BE FOLLOWED.**

1. Introduction and Roll Call 8:05; all present by 8:09

2. Public Comment - none

3. Discussion

a. Seasons of play (length and dates); AD will share proposal and coaches feedback, priority of discussion will be for sports' tiers of approved play (beginning with purple tier sports)

i. Golf Feb. 1-Mar. 22 (request flexibility of one week at the end for match); Feb. 1 would be earliest day but coaches can start after that depending on course availability. Boys and girls concurrently. Coaches will determine groupings.

ii. Track and Cross Country, hesitance and difference by school for when to set first meets, including virtual meets. Track and Field meets will need to be structured differently: ideas of staggered events on a Saturday and/or virtual meets. Coaches want to wait until we are in the season to finalize. Divisions will divide and schedule the meets that way (Valley together and Foothill together), Valley is planning on keeping the running together by school (staggered start on the same track). Foothill still finalizing.

1. Cross Country 6 week season (Feb. 1 – Mar. 13)

2. Track and Field coaches/Ads meet (Feb. 1 – May 1), week 7 would start competition

3. Question regarding why the two seasons are so different in length. Coaches said they supported this plan. Want to extend the season until they conflict with next tier of sports. Earlier start for T&F gives some buffer for athletes to get conditioned and set up for meets. Cross country will still have the same regular number of meets and can transition to T&F, but coaching overlap.

iii. Swimming, (Feb. 1 – Mar. 27) virtual meets, try to create one in person meet at the end of the season, researching best practices for that, divided by division

iv. Tennis: wanted to separate boys/girls season, start with the boys season because this is when their season would normally start and they lost the season last year. Coaches were concerned about groupings because many schools have the same coach for boys and girls. Valley and Foothill divisions split to plan.

1. Boys: Feb 1 – Mar. 20; request a hard end 4/3 if there are challenges in match scheduling

2. Girls: Mar. 22 – May 8, possible extension May 22 hard end date
3. Both boys and girls have 7 week seasons; just do double matches in Valley, Foothill wanted to increase number of students playing, (allowing all 14 to play) with timed rounds. Still working on logistics about spring break placement for matches.
- b. Red tier sports, (don't need the finalized dates to NCS until we approach the start dates)
  - i. Started with traditional season (2/8 start) and go from there, key factor was preparing athletes with conditioning and having 5-6 weeks for a league schedule
  - ii. Looked at an alternate version, starting with the end date of May 22 and going backwards
  - iii. Shared the common values of student and staff safety and need to slow down the roll out process to make sure all safety precautions are fully planned. It was suggested that a more cascading start schedule addresses this need.
  - iv. Request that coaches and ADs of red tier sports discuss length of season with a lens of equity of length and clear rationale for differences of length
- c. Discussed school districts' stance on athletics rollout
  - i. Benicia will discuss at tonight's meeting, some concerns regarding safety
  - ii. Clayton Valley advocates return as soon as possible
  - iii. All other schools have guidance to begin preparing to open sports
  - iv. All school will be mandating mask wearing
  - v. For current purple tiers, spectators are not allowed, but county guidance allows immediate families to observe.
    1. Supervision is necessary for spectator behavior
    2. Most sports, golf, cross country have no issue with spectators
    3. Swimming has very limited space in the pool area for families
    4. Track and Field is the most difficult to manage. Can limit to inside the stadiums
    5. Tennis facilities are difficult to restrict, but can limit families inside the courts
    6. Concerns of coach

#### 4. Action Items

- a. Determine seasons of play; priority of conversation will go by tier guidance from NCS. (Purple sports will be discussed and voted on first, voting on other tiers will commence if time allows)
    - i. Seasons of play
      1. Golf Feb. 1-Mar. 22
      2. Cross Country 6 week season (Feb. 1 – Mar. 13)
      3. Track and Field coaches/Ads meet (Feb. 1 – May 1), week 7 would start competition
      4. Swimming, (Feb. 1 – Mar. 27)
      5. Tennis:
        - a. Boys: Feb 1 – Mar. 20; request a hard end 4/3
        - b. Girls: Mar. 22 – May 8, possible extension May 22
    - ii. Matt proposed; Rianne seconded proposal to adopt the purple tier sports schedules as presented, approved unanimously.
  - b. Red tier, suggested a start no sooner than March 1<sup>st</sup> for red.
    - i. Rianne, CHS second, voted unanimously to approve
  - c. Alhambra moves to adopt a rule of no spectator during the purple tier within school facilities; AHS seconds, unanimously approved
5. Voted to add an action item to give recommendation (CHS proposes not to add additional voting members for larger leagues), Ygnacio Valley seconds. Votes: abstain, MHS; No, Clayton Valley; all others Yes)
    - i. Question to give additional voting rights to leagues with 10 or more member schools
      1. Exec committee unanimously says no to this as there does not seem to be a problem that this would be solving.
      2. Other discussion, could having more votes allow for our votes to be split proportionally when there is disagreement within our league.
      3. Concerns that shifting the voting power could cause collaborative challenges.
      4. Large leagues are already a larger percentage of the votes, so it could further minimize the needs of the smaller leagues.
  6. Go outside of regular governance cycle for sit out period

- a. CHS moves to go outside of our regular governance cycle for sit out period; Northgate 2 seconds.

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Votes: unanimous votes to approve

- b. Support eliminating the sit out period for all teams, in essence giving “hardship” waiver for all students due to Covid.
  - i. Clayton Valley moves to instruct to vote yes to suspend the bi law for this season; Mt. Diablo seconds. Clayton Valley amends their motion to send delegates uninstructed with a preference to waive sit out periods, CHS seconds. Vote: unanimous approval.
    1. Discussion, giving advice but clarifying that delegates will act in relation to the information shared in the Board of Managers meeting. For example, if there is a sanction for future seasons.
    2. Spirit of this is approved, support sit out, but not with a sanction
    3. EBAL athletic directors support this
    4. Need unanimous vote since we are out of regular governance
    5. Questions about why a sanction would be imposed, but could happen due to CIF regulations and bylaws.

#### 7. Future Agenda items

- a. Commissioner standing
  - i. President will continue to reach out to Commissioner regarding his return to duties. If he cannot return in February, league will discuss interim options.
- b. ADs will present red tier seasons of play; will be starting dates no sooner than March 1<sup>st</sup>. Request that coaches and ADs of red tier sports discuss length of season with a lens of equity of length and clear rationale for differences of length. Request proposal with end dates for each sport in red tier.

#### 8. Announcements- none

#### 9. Next meeting regular meeting: April 15 at 8:00am

- a. A special meeting will be scheduled in February regarding red tier sports and logistical guidance.

#### 10. Meeting adjourned at 9:50am