



AGENDA ATHLETIC DIRECTORS MEETING

Facilitator: Mark Tran

Date: Thursday Mar 12, 2026

Location: Ygnacio Valley HS, Room 105

Time: 8:45am

755 Oak Grove Road, Concord, CA 94518

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 Randy Takahashi ___ Alhambra Anthony Ertola ___ Benicia Katie Caderao ___ Berean Christian LaShawn Wells ___ Campolindo Ray Meadows ___ Clayton Valley Charter Eric Bamberger ___ College Park Hurtado/Bautista ___ Concord Matt Harrod ___ Las Lomas Tim Kruger ___ Miramonte Sean Hennessey ___ Mt. Diablo Fetuao Mua ___ Northgate Ben Ballard ___ Ygnacio Valley Briana Zielinski ___ DAL: Mark Tran / Jonathan McGonagle		I	Tran		
2. Approval of Agenda (8:50-8:55)		RDA	Tran		
3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Feb 19, 2026 (8:55-9:00)	A	C(DA)	Tran	https://docs.google.com/document/d/17ZDb3BaYg1IFWnQVj_jo040YUVmLRKqcSDe7Vyep1Ng/edit?usp=sharing	
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	Tran		
5. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee (9:05-9:10)		ID	Takahashi		
6. CIF Information/Discussion/ Action Items (9:10-9:15)			Tran		
A. Proposal to establish a CIF State Championship for Baseball & Softball			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 decrease baseball/softball season by 1 week.	
7. NCS Information/Discussion/					

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Action Items (9:15-10:00)					
A. Proposed 2026-27 NCS Divisions	B	ID	Tran	Proposal to adopt enrollment-based divisions for the 2026-27 academic year (badminton, cross country, girls' flag football, golf and dual team wrestling) and competitive equity base divisions for the 2026-27 academic year (baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse, girls' soccer, boys' soccer, softball, tennis, girls' volleyball, boys' volleyball and water polo).	
B. Summary NCS Eligibility Committee Feb 25, 2026		ID	Hennessey	https://cifncs.org/governance/eligibility-committee/Min_2-25-26_w_att.pdf	
C. Summary of SAC Mar 9				https://cifncs.org/governance/sports-advisory-committee/SACmin3-9-26.pdf	
C1. CROSS COUNTRY (B&G)	C	IDA	Tran	Proposal to amend the formula for cross country divisional placement. (PASSED 18-14)	
C2. GOLF (B&G)	D	IDA	Tran	Proposal to amend NCS 22.301H Golf Tournament Format (PASSED 31-0)	
C3. GOLF (B&G)	E	I	Tran	Proposal to amend NCS 22.504H At-Large teams for qualifying tournaments (FAILED 13-18) -NO minimum standing in other sports -Golf course vary in difficulty -Different days, different environment	
C4. GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL		IDA	Tran	Proposal to expand from 2 to 3 divisions (passed 32-0)	
C5. GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL		IDA	Tran	Proposal to adjust format to play all games at home sites through the semifinals, with a Weds-Sat schedule (PASSED 30-2)	
C6. GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL		I	Tran	Proposal to establish girls flag football as a competitive equity sport for NCS playoffs (FAILED 11-21)	
C7. TEAM TENNIS (B&G)	F	IDA	Tran	Proposal to amend NCS 27.511H Team Composition UTR lineup (PASSED 27-0)	
C8. TEAM TENNIS (B&G)	G	IDA	Tran	Proposal to allow the Team Tennis Seeding 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 (PASSED 31-0)	
C9. ALL-STAR COMPETITION		ID	Tran	Discussion regarding CIF Bylaw 900 and whether it should be amended or eliminated? -People are finding ways around the bylaw, such as not charging for events. -Do we care if grades 9-11 are playing in an all star competition? How is this different	

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				<p>from kids finishing HS season and joining AAU? -Only concern is liability as coaches use HS facilities, HS uniforms, and HS equipment</p>	
C10. NCS PLAYOFFS	H	ID	Tran	<p>What are the positive and/or negative effects of the 2 up/2 down restrictions in NCS competitive equity sports? -Some prefer limiting downward movement while removing how many divisions a team can move up. -How is it that a smaller school can almost qualify for the open division but then is restricted from competing in the D1 or D2 division? -Randy Bessolo (Bay Area Basketball Coaches Association) spoke in favor of the current NCS 2 up 2 down division movement, citing 1. Base enrollment still matters 2. Removal would increase number of D1/2 schools moving down and pushing smaller schools out of NCS opportunities +BABCA is looking for a league to partner with to put forth the CCS Model for NCS.</p>	
C11. BASEBALL/SOFTBALL OPEN DIVISION		ID	Tran	<p>Discussion regarding the potential of a Baseball/Softball Open Division. EBAL looking for feedback before it submits a formal proposal. +Open division with 4 teams (2 NC bids). Losers enter the D1 playoffs +D1 with 12 teams (2 NC bids) +D2-6 with 16 teams</p>	
8. DAL Information/Discussion/ Action Items (10:00-11:30)					
A. 2026-27 Rules Book Orders		IA	Tran	<p>Leagues are required to submit orders to NCS office by Weds Mar 11, however DAL got a one day extension due to timing of league meeting.</p>	
B. Summary of DAL Basketball postseason meeting		ID	Tran Ertola	<p>-Coaches discussed the inequity of an unbalanced one league schedule where teams do NOT get to play everyone. The structure forces teams to take a "DAL Standing Loss" and/or "Win" without having a chance to play the game. +It may also impact ALL DAL voting since coaches did not get a chance to see players from every DAL team +Coaches voted on the structure of 2026/27 DAL schedule. Boys: 1 Division - 2 support; IF 1 division to have DAL Tourney - 13 support 2 Divisions - 11 support; IF 2 divisions to have DAL Tourney - 6 support</p>	

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				<p>Girls: 1 Division - 3 support; IF 1 division to have DAL Tourney - 10 support 2 Divisions - 7 support; IF 2 divisions to have DAL Tourney - 9 support</p> <p>-Coaches supported a DAL Tourney to help increase MP rankings</p>	
C. Summary of DAL Soccer postseason meeting		ID	Mcgonagle Hennessey Ballard Webber	<p>-Valley coaches propose 3 MVPs; an overall, a defensive and an offensive MVP +Coaches want DAL to pursue another official association such as Tri-Valley that officiate EBAL. Alex Delgado is in charge of that group +Coaches voted on the structure of 2026/27 DAL schedule.</p> <p>Girls: Valley girls are not competitively equitable and BC should move up. It was pointed out that each division needs a minimum of 4 teams, therefore if BC girls move up, Alhambra and or Campolindo will move to Valley which would create a bigger discrepancy +Girls Foothill prefer single round robin schedule</p> <p>Boys: YV has won the Valley Division consecutive years and should move to Foothill Division. Boys want to keep double round robin schedule</p>	
D. 2025/26 DAL Winter Champions/ALL DAL list	I	I	Tran	List will be posted on DAL website after the last NCS Championship game	
E. 2026 Winter MaxPreps Rankings and proposals for 2025/26 DAL Winter Sports Schedules 1. Boys Basketball 2. Girls Basketball 3. Boys Soccer 4. Girls Soccer	J K L M	IDA	Tran	Analysis of 2026 DAL Winter Sports and recommendations for next year DAL schedules.	
F. Proposal of 2026-27 DAL Wrestling Schedules 1. Girls 2. Boys Valley - Benicia/Concord flip 3. Boys FH	N O P	IDA	Tran	<p>3. BFH1: Rotate back 1 week + flip home and away (flip week 2/5 to ensure senior night)</p> <p>BFH2: Rotate back 1 week + flip home and away (flip week 2/5 to ensure senior night). FOR NEXT YEAR, NO ROTATING WEEKS. WILL SIMPLY FLIP HOME AND AWAY.</p> <p>BFH3: Fresh draw for year 1. No rotating weeks. For year 2, flip home and away.</p>	

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G. DAL Bylaw Change Proposals		IDA	Tran		
H. General discussion on NCS realignment		ID	Tran		
9. Future Agenda Items (11:30-11:33) A. Status of current DAL Spring sports B. General discussion on NCS Realignment		I	Tran		
10. Upcoming Meetings (11:33-11:35) A. BOG Tues April 16 @ Alhambra Principals/ADs 8:45a, ADs10:45a B. NCS BOM Fri, April 17 @ AUSD 8:45am (Bamberger/Mackinnon/ Tran) C. BOG Tues April 16 @ Alhambra Principals/ADs 8:45a, ADs10:45a		I	Tran	This is the last DAL AD ONLY in person meeting this year. Do we need a meeting (Zoom?) before the last Principal's meeting in May? NOTE: There is a nuts and bolts AD Zoom meeting on May 28.	
11. Announcements (11:35-11:40) ___ Acalanes ___ Alhambra ___ Benicia ___ Berean Christian ___ Campolindo ___ Clayton Valley Charter ___ College Park ___ Concord ___ Las Lomas ___ Miramonte ___ Mt. Diablo ___ Northgate ___ Ygnacio Valley		ID	Tran		
12. Adjournment (11:40)		A	Tran		