

DIABLO ATHLETIC LEAGUE

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Acalanes, Alhambra, Benicia, Berean Christian, Campolindo, Clayton Valley Charter, College Park, Concord, Las Lomas, Miramonte, Mt. Diablo, Northgate, Ygnacio Valley, St. Patrick-St. Vincent (spring 2021 only)

Minutes

DAL ZOOM LEAGUE MEETING

Thursday, March 4, 2021

8:00am - Via Zoom

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DAL LEAGUE MEETING NORMS

1. THE MEETING WILL START AT 8:00AM (regular meetings only); 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. Closed Session at 7:30am: Personnel Update
2. Introduction and Roll Call
Acalanes, Alhambra, Benicia, Berean Christian, Campolindo, Clayton Valley Charter AD, College Park, Concord, Las Lomas, Miramonte, Mt. Diablo absent, Northgate, St. Patrick's, Ygnacio Valley
3. Report on Closed Session
 - a. Action taken: Appointed [Randall Takahashi](#) interim Assistant Commissioner at the rate of \$1500 per month through June 2021. Yes votes: Acalanes, Alhambra, Benicia, Berean Christian, Campolindo, College Park, Concord, Las Lomas, Miramonte, SPSV, Ygnacio Valley; Not present: Clayton Valley, Mt. Diablo, Northgate. No abstentions or no votes.
4. Public Comment -- None
5. President's Report
 - a. Sit Out Period (SOP) reminder of calculation rule
 - i. SOP were approved by NCS and distributed to league ADs
 - ii. Only games count for sit out period, not bye weeks
6. Discussion
 - a. Live streaming plans for member schools
 - i. Benicia shared their plan to have live streaming set ups with the capacity to livestream 2 events at the same time; they are planning to have 3 live streams per team for home games
 - ii. Northgate experimented with live streaming for home games using youtube
 - iii. MHS, plans to also use youtube streaming. Hoping to use team parent volunteers to help with filming.
 - iv. AHS has done live streaming in the past and will share details on the company used in the past. Some teams are considering contacting separately.

- v. Asst. Commissioner will collect information on this.
 - b. Friday/Saturday night football games.
 - i. Home team would decide; schedule was shared and principals choose Friday or Saturday dates.
 - c. Supervision for visiting teams
 - i. Football and Basketball requirements
 - ii. Preferences for other sports for supervision
 - iii. Raised some concerns about social distancing of away teams
 - iv. Shared some other leagues are requesting that an administrator and another paid staff member for entrance monitoring
 - v. Concerns were raised about staffing capacity to run all seasons together with increased supervision.
 - vi. Principals will send a staff member, who is paid to help and have the home site handle increased supervision.
 - vii. Issues of swim meets needing some additional parent volunteer supervisions. We should consider team size and competition type (rivalry game).
 - viii. Goal of increased supervision will be to monitor social distancing, we will draft instructions for staff regarding:
 - 1. masks
 - 2. social distancing
 - 3. checks in with home supervision
 - 4. enforcing site specific COVID protocols; including assisting home site admin on enforcement as necessary
 - 5. Communication number/protocol will be provided for internal staff use
 - ix. Suggest that sites make the rules are clearly visible for visiting teams/fans
7. Action Items
- a. Review/approve “red tier” sports schedules
 - i. Softball: Campolindo motioned to approve the schedule as proposed. Ygnacio Valley Seconds: **Passes Unanimously**
 - ii. baseball: Concord motioned to approve the schedule as proposed. Acalanes Seconds: **Passes Unanimously**
 - iii. Girls LaCrosse: Benicia motions to approve the schedule as proposed. Concord Seconds. **Passes. Yes votes:** Acalanes, Alhambra, Campolindo, College Park, Concord, Las Lomas, Miramonte, Mt. Diablo, Ygnacio Valley
 - 1. **No votes:** Northgate
 - 2. **Abstentions:** Benicia, Berean Christian, SPSV
Discussion of changing game day to Thursday instead of Friday. Teams support the change, but prefer to have longer to discuss any changes in the future.
 - 3. Moving to Thursday allows for increased field space for practices.
 - 4. There are still three conflicts that may necessitate either boys soccer or girls LAX to Fridays. Due to the double round robin schedule of soccer and single round robin for girls LAX don’t match exactly.
 - 5. ADs at three schools attempted to fix the conflicts and could not
 - 6. Boys soccer
 - iv. football - Northgate motioned to approve the schedule as proposed. College Park Seconds: Passes Unanimously
 - b. Spectator policies (purple, red and orange tier)
 - i. Current purple agreement: No spectators
 - ii. It was discussed if we could create an interim plan until our next special meeting on 4/18 to practice our supervision and gather more information on site needs.
 - iii. Many football teams have a scrimmage and/or non-league game in the next two weeks to “sandbox” different options.
 - iv. Group reminded us about the ever-changing nature of the state and county guidelines and Covid numbers, and the values of flexibility, safety and legality need to drive our decisions. We also want our communities to know how they can participate in their students’ athletic events.

- v. There may be value in having a more restrictive start to avoid community members in unsafe outside areas (gathering in groups near viewing spots)
- vi. Discussed having a limited number of household members per team member, but venue size needs to be considered. Other leagues are doing something similar.
- vii. Questions about how to handle issues of small children or blended families and how the restriction of 2 per household. The need for site flexibility for family needs. There are some concerns though that younger children need to be monitored closely by parents.
- viii. Discussed 2 adults and small children with parent supervision. Concerns about how ticket takers know how many people are coming.
- ix. A neighboring league is having a check on of rosters and check off by student “household”.
- x. Discussed wristbands that can be distributed, but the distribution concerns were raised.
- xi. Have home team and away team check in of team spectators. That would mean that home site would need to have stadium supervision for all fans.
- xii. Discussed the need for emptying the stadium between games and 2 lists.
- xiii. Students will not be allowed to attend unless it is their sibling. Prioritizing parents as it is required by youth sports guidelines.
- xiv. Can revisit student spectators with lower tier (orange)
- xv. Logistical alignment, including spectators on campus, may not have an issue with this moving forward as camps are “practices” with limited parent involvement.
- xvi. In and out privileges should be limited.
- c. MHS makes a motion: I move to allow parent spectators in accordance with the Youth Sports Guidelines for competitions in the Red Tier. Households will be determined by home sites in alignment with sports facility size and supervision capacity. Spectators will check-in at the gate prior to a competition so numbers can be recorded. Gate lists will be submitted by the home and away team prior to the competition. Both home and away sites will provide supervision for gate check in and facilities supervision.
Yes: Acalanes, Alhambra, Benicia, Berean Christian, Campolindo, Clayton Valley Charter, College Park, Concord, Las Lomas, Miramonte, Mt. Diablo, Northgate, St. Patrick’s, Ygnacio Valley

-Clarification from an AD on passed resolution. Sites will need to clarify the capacity for facilities. Passed guidelines should apply to all stadium sports. Cheer will count as part of the football team support and can travel with the team.

8. Future Agenda items

- a. Review our spectator protocols
- b. Discussion of current plans to charge for spectators; MHS shared they were not going to charge. Current practice is that sites may charge for admission. Preference not to charge for only away teams. Need to add a discussion item for future agenda. Donations will be allowed.

9. Announcements

- a. Next Special Meeting 4/19/21 at 8am (Note this is Friday instead of Thursday.)
- b. Indoor sports announced impending opening during the end of the meeting. Facilities issues necessitate adding this to our future agenda. (ADs are directed to begin discussing plan for indoor sports.)

10. Next meeting regular meeting: April 15 at 8:00am;