MINUTES
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS MEETING

Facilitator: Mark Tran **Date: Thursday Dec 11, 2025**
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	Call to order 8.50a	
2. Approval of Agenda (8:50-8:55)		RDA	Tran		Aca/Con PASSED 13-0
3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Nov 13, 2025 (8:55-9:00)	A	C(DA)	Tran	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KOwo7lBAKOJZaG0rzqxotxQGgOB-CX9MbLwyBezEQ4o/edit?usp=sharing	Con/Aca 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	Tran	No comment	
5. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee (9:05-9:10)		ID	Takahashi	No meeting until January	
6. CIF Information/Discussion/ Action Items (9:10-9:15)			Tran		
A. CIF proposing Baseball and Softball State Championships for 2026-27		I	Tran	If approved, it would force the NCS playoffs to start one week earlier. CIF is aware.	
7. NCS Information/Discussion/ Action Items (9:15-9:45)					

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A. NCS Eligibility Committee Report (Nov 19, 2025)		ID	Hennessy	https://cifncs.org/governance/eligibility-committee/11-19-25_min_w_att.pdf The state has backed out of any changes because there is a big NIL lawsuit that has been filed against CIF	
B. SAC Meeting - Report (Dec 1, 2025) on voted items		ID	Tran	https://cifncs.org/governance/sports-advisory-committee/SACmin12-1-25.pdf 1. FOOTBALL (8-PERSON) Proposal to retain schools with an enrollment of 199 or less in the 8-person Division 2 football playoffs (FAILED 5-28) 2. FOOTBALL (8-PERSON) Proposal to exempt 8-person football from the .500 or better requirement for NCS playoff eligibility. (FAILED 5-28) 3. BASEBALL & SOFTBALL Proposal to establish an Open/Division 1 playoff bracket (FAILED 11-22) 4. BASEBALL & SOFTBALL Proposal to cap Division 6 baseball and softball at less than 200, limiting playoff participation to only those schools within the enrollment break (FAILED 15-18) 5. FOOTBALL (TABLED ITEM FROM 8/25/25) Proposal to establish an 8th Division of 11 person football (DENIED W/ NO MOTION)	
C. SAC Meeting - Report (Dec 1, 2025) on discussion items		I	Tran	1. NCS PLAYOFF APPLICATION DEADLINES for 2026-27. NCS proposes to move the deadline to either Thursday 9p or Friday 5p while maintaining the final date of competition on the standard Saturday. Changes to application can be made until Saturday 10p It's a lot more work for coaches and ADs to submit an application twice. Can NCS create an "intent to submit" button instead? 2. 2026 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL/HALLOWEEN NCS proposes 2nd round playoff on Saturday start time moved from 7p to 1p 3. FALL CHAMPIONSHIPS - WACC and DAL led discussion on the late change in NCS football qualification, the difficulty in finding games going forward, and the move away from encourage competitive equity competition +A Ertola has a Football Advisory Committee on Monday. Topics will include: -How difficult has scheduling been so far? -Travel is a concern because we would have	

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				to schedule other conferences that do operate under competitive equity as opposed to “Chasing Wins”. -Tough for Foothill teams to schedule games	
8. DAL Information/Discussion/ Action Items (9:45-10:45)					
A. 2026 DAL Fall Schedules		IDA	Tran	Proposed 2026 DAL Fall Schedules with recommendations with DAL ADs at previous meeting	Tran will make correction and email Principals for online vote
1. XC	B			XC and GG voted as a block	Aca/Con PASSED 13-0
2. G Golf	C				
3. G Tennis	D			DAL will have 3 tournaments instead of traditional 2	Aca/BC PASSED 13-0
4. Water Polo	E			Valley and Foothill Dates need to be corrected	Aca/CP PASSED 13-0
5. G Volleyball	F			MDUSD teams may need to reschedule games during their Fall Break	Aca/YV PASSED 13-0
6. Flag Football	G			MDUSD teams may need to reschedule games during their Fall Break	Aca/BC PASSED 13-0
7. Football	H			Mountain Schedule has the wrong heading	Aca/MD PASSED 13-0
B. Posting of ALL DAL Selections		ID	Tran	ALL DAL selections for all the 2025 Fall Sports are now posted on the league website	
C. 2026 DAL Swimming & Diving Schedules	I	IDA	Tran	Proposal to amend 2026 DAL Swimming & Diving Schedule -Will ask coaches if they prefer “center meets” rather than schedule dual or tri meets -Coaches will finalize schedules at preseason meeting	Aca/Alh PASSED 13-0
D. Football Bylaw Request	J	IDA	McGonagle	Proposed change in DAL Sport Bylaw for Football Tie Breaker NCS has a different OT rule than NFHS. Proposal for DAL to bylaw to match NCS	Con/Aca PASSED 13-0
E. General discussion on NCS		ID	Tran	+DAL Meeting EBAL later this week to	

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realignment				discuss realignment, SAC proposals, Beach postseason +NCS Commissioner Job Posted. We are expecting Bri to be next commissioner +Tim (and Randy) working on Flag Football proposals -We want 3 Divisions for NCS Champ -NG qualified and did not get in this year. -Need to have competitive equity as well where teams can switch divisions for playoffs -Open 1 and 2 division for playoffs -Wednesday/Saturday Games for playoffs? -Four of the five sections have flag football, -why do we not have a nor cal championship?	
9. Future Agenda Items (10:45-10:50) A. Spring Sports Preseason Meetings B. Winter Sports Postseason Meetings C. General discussion on NCS Realignment		I	Tran		
10. Upcoming Meetings (10:50-10:52) A. BOG Thurs Jan 22 @ Alhambra Principals/ADs 8:45am, ADs 10:45a B. NCS BOM Fri, Jan 23 @ AUSD 8:45a (MacKinnon/Bamberger/Tran) C. DAL AD Thurs Feb 19 @ YVHS 8:45a		I	Tran		
11. Announcements (10:52-11:00) __ Acalanes __ Alhambra __ Benicia __ Berean Christian __ Campolindo __ Clayton Valley Charter __ College Park __ Concord __ Las Lomas __ Miramonte __ Mt. Diablo __ Northgate __ Ygnacio Valley		ID	Tran	YV Boys JV Basketball team is struggling and requested to switch from JV to Frosh?? Since most teams have already scheduled replacement games, schools will schedule on a game by game basis. -YV Request sophomore be able to play frosh games Benicia AD Questions -We give CIf certificates to everybody -Whoever is keeping gate money should be paying the cost of the event. -HUDL over NFHS. For BOM Rep, should we have two consistent representatives instead of rotating every year? We should change it to an elected position that is consistent each year so that we can establish credibility in the room. Can be Athletic Director or Principal/VP. Newark Memorial no longer has a boys lacrosse team. Revised schedule has been posted to DAL Website +Alhambra needs a boys water polo coach +Benicia needs a track and field coach	Aca/CVC PASSED 13-0

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				Benicia needs a swim coach Benicia is starting Esports +Berean Christian needs a track coach +CVC needs a girls lacrosse coach +CP needs boys water polo coach +Las Lomas needs a girls or boys water polo coach Las Lomas looking for a Football Coach +Miramonte thanks Benicia and Berean for working with them. +Mt D looking for Swim and Girls Volleyball Coach +Northgate announces there is no tenths of a second in California high school football	
12. Adjournment (11:00)		A	Tran	Adjourned 10.18a	