



# MINUTES ATHLETIC DIRECTORS MEETING

**Facilitator:** Mark Tran  
**Location:** Ygnacio Valley HS, Library  
 755 Oak Grove Road, Concord, CA 94518

**Date:** Thursday Sept 18, 2025  
**Time:** 8:45am

**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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<b>1. Introduction and roll call (8:45-8:50)</b> ✓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 8.46a	
<b>2. Approval of Agenda (8:50-8:55)</b>		RDA	Tran	Tran proposed adding to item #8.F. NCWLUA contract proposal	Aca/Con PASSED 12-0
<b>3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Aug 21, 2025 (8:55-9:00)</b>	A	C(DA)	Tran	<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hb2Y7LqPCdLpXgKm7npgfgwb3Yf4GhPbZUulfbKg1Ys/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hb2Y7LqPCdLpXgKm7npgfgwb3Yf4GhPbZUulfbKg1Ys/edit?usp=sharing</a>	Con/Aca PASSED 12-0
<b>4. Public Comment (9:00-9:05)</b> 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	None	
<b>5. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee (9:05-9:10)</b>		ID	Takahashi	First meeting was Tuesday September 16, 2025. DAL did not have a representative	
<b>6. CIF Information/Discussion/ Action Items (9:10-9:15)</b>			Tran		
A. Proposed common start dates	B	ID	Tran	Updated proposal +Week 1 is based on NFHS calendar. For 2025/26, first day is 7/6 +Yes they are mandating date for first contest in every sport +Yes it includes the start date for TCC	

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				+No known reason why some Spring sports start dates are different	
<b>7. NCS Information/Discussion/ Action Items (9:15-9:45)</b>					
A. Review NCS Sport Advisory/Management Committee Representatives		ID	Tran	<p>Following changes were requested to NCS: Change: Angela Paradise Track Alh to Camp</p> <p>Remove: Phil Freeman (Camp) and John Welch (LL) from wrestling</p> <p>Add: Ruth Seabrook (NG) to XC John Studebaker (Camp) to Swimming Sean King (Con) to Boys Wrestling Joe Escobar (Aca) to Track B Kleinschmidt (Ben) to Sportsmanship <b>Steve Nelsen (Aca) will join Wrestling Committee to represent girls. Randy will email contact information to the league</b></p>	
B. Wrestling (Boys) (SAC) PASSED 33-0 CONSENT NCS BOM	C	ID	Tran	<p>Proposal to adjust the Automatic/At-Large application process for the NCS Dual Team Tournament, giving schools in the rotation the option of participation. (immediate)</p> <p><b>This proposal can benefit DAL if teams opt out</b></p>	<b>Con/Aca PASSED 13-0</b>
C. Track & Field Proposal to amend NCS 28.405H Area Entries. (SAC) PASSED 34-0 CONSENT NCS BOM	D	ID	Tran	<p>Athletes shall qualify to the NCS Class A/Area Championships based on times or distances achieved in the finals of their league's qualifying meet. (immediate)</p>	<b>Aca/BC PASSED 13-0</b>
D. Tennis (B/G) PASSED 31-3 CONSENT NCS BOM	E	IDA	Tran	<p>Proposal to amend NCS 27.513H Team Composition using UTR to place players in the ladder lineup. (Immediate)</p> <p><b>All challenge matches need to be recorded into UTR BEFORE NCS ladder submission.</b></p>	<b>Con/CV NO 12-1 (Mir)</b>
E. Seeding (Competitive Equity Sports) – Proposal #1 (SAC) PASSED 29-5	F	IDA	Tran	<p>Proposal to adjust the seeding criteria for use by Seeding Oversight Committees in competitive equity sports. (immediate)</p> <p><b>-Can only adjust within bracket</b> <b>-Recommend taking into acct not playing league opponents in 1st round if possible</b> <b>-Why is coaches rankings not considered in this proposal?</b> <b>-MaxPreps will update final rankings on the morning of seeding</b></p>	<b>Con/Aca PASSED 13-0</b>
F. Seeding (Competitive Equity Sports) – Proposal #2 (SAC) PASSED 30-4	F	IDA	Tran	<p>Proposal to allow Seeding Oversight Committees the ability to evaluate and adjust the top seed in one bracket compared to the last seed in the adjacent bracket. (immediate)</p>	<b>Aca/CV PASSED 13-0</b>
G. Football (HDNL) SAC 12-22; EXC 10-1	G	IDA	Tran	<p>Proposal to adjust the entries for the NCS Football Championships (immediate)</p>	<b>Cam/Alh NO</b>

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H. Winter Soccer (B/G) PASSED 18-16	H	IDA	Tran	Proposal to establish a 4-team Open Division in boys and girls winter soccer. (immediate)	LL/CV PASSED 13-0
I. Minimum Qualifying Record FAILED 11-23		I	Takahashi	Proposal to eliminate the minimum qualifying record for competitive equity sports that have at most three divisions. (immediate)	
J. Voting Representation SAC PASSED 18-16; EXC 0-11		I	Takahashi	Proposal to restructure NCS voting representation based on number of schools in the league. (immediate)	
<b>8. DAL Information/Discussion/ Action Items (9:45-11:15)</b>					
A. Seniors playing sub-level sports		I	Tran	DAL Principals approved (13-0) +Alhambra GFF +Campolindo G Tennis (2)	
B. 2025-26 DAL G Wrestling Schedule	I	IDA	Tran	Campo will not have a team. <b>If another DAL school create a team, they will replace Campo in the schedule. If no other DAL school create a team, Campo position in the DAL schedule will be a bye. Campo will join the scramble for DAL competition.</b>	
C. DAL Water Polo Tournament		IDA	Tran	DAL ONLY schedule Varsity. JV tourney is organized by coaches.  <b>Home team will collect gate and pay all costs associated with games.</b>  Valley - Number of teams CP hosting Dates: <b>Oct 23-25</b> Place: <b>CP</b> Time: <b>Coach will disseminate</b>  Foothill - Top 4 teams <b>Higher seed host semifinal. Final game will be boy/girl double header at predetermined site (Camp,Aca,Mir,LL)</b> Dates: <b>Thurs / Friday</b> Time: <b>5 and 6 for double header; 6 for single game</b>	
D. FINAL DAL levels of sports - FALL 2025	J	I	Tran	All changes will be emailed to the League Commissioner <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1v-cZQ8XHPBZa2z_6WpB7c-3LZN-2FzPhPOyDSUFPZFw/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1v-cZQ8XHPBZa2z_6WpB7c-3LZN-2FzPhPOyDSUFPZFw/edit?usp=sharing</a> <b>Update: NO JV Flag Football for BC, Mir</b>	
E. DAL Hosting NCS Championships		IDA	Tran	For 2025-26 the DAL is responsible for hosting: 1. Team Tennis - Northgate 2. Individual Wrestling Tournament for D2? <b>Benicia will check with coach and notify DAL</b>	

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				if interested in hosting NCS wrestling.	
F. NCLRA Contract Proposal NCWLUA Contract Proposal	K	IDA	Tran	Contract proposal for Boys AND Girls LAX Officials Tran will recommend the following changes: +Remove Emergency Medical Services Clause. Change to "Recommend" +Remove clause where the contract stands even if league alignment changes. +Add clause that changes due to unforeseen circumstances will not incur fees as long as it is submitted in writing beforehand and the official does not leave the house.	GLAX Aca/Mir PASSED 11-0-2  BLAX Aca/CP PASSED 5-5-3
G. DAL/WACC LAX Challenge		IDA	Tran	2026 Schedules incorporating non-league games between DAL/WACC. APPROVED BY DAL AND WACC Posted on the DAL Website	
H. DAL/EBAL Beach Volleyball Challenge		IDA	Tran	DAL teams: Aca,Campo,Mir,LL,NG,CVC EBAL proposal to create a DAL/EBAL Championship Tournament with two divisions AD support end of season DAL/EBAL tournament  Should DAL make a league schedule? Will check with Campo coach who created unofficial schedule in 2024	
I. General discussion on status of Fall Sports		IDA	Tran	Girls Flag Football Start Times? Lengthy discussion on GFF start times and late finish. NG motion a 6.15/7.30 alternative. There was no second. Motion denied.  2026 DAL Football Divisions? +CVC not playing De La Salle Week 10 +3 divisions or 2 divisions? +Should we go down to 2 crossover games instead of 3 for valley?  An unnamed DAL coach exploring possible GFF official associations for future league services/contracts	
J. General discussion on NCS realignment		ID	Tran	General discussion on current status of NCS realignment: +BVAL wants 2 from EBAL +EBAL wants to add 1-3 +Granada and Livermore want to go to BVAL +Emerald would leave BVAL +CVC wants to stay in DAL +Should we split into two leagues but act as one? If the Voting proposal fails will more leagues split into multiple leagues for more voting power? +Will there be football only alignment? +CVC NG, Acalanes schools be a league? +SRVUSD and Acalanes USD form	

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				<p>together?            +Competitive Equity and Mileage still considered.            +Can MDUSD form a MDUSD only league?            NO. MDUSD tried this in 1989 and was denied by NCS            IS DAL in favor of football only alignment?            Majority in the room supports football only league comprising of Tri-Valley schools</p>	
<p><b>9. Future Agenda Items (11:15-11:20)</b>            A. PRE coaches meetings for Winter            B. POST coaches meetings for Fall            C. NCS Realignment talks</p>		I	Tran		
<p><b>10. Upcoming Meetings (11:20-11:25)</b>            A. SAC (Kleinschmidt/Tran)  <del>— Monday Aug 25, Novato 8:30a</del>            B. DAL AD Thurs Sept 18, 8:45a YVHS            C. BOG Thurs Oct 2 @ Alhambra  <del>— Principals/ADs 8:45a; ADs 10:30a</del>            D. NCS BOM  <del>— (Bamberger/Mackinnon/Tran)</del>  <del>— Friday Oct 3 @ Acalanes USD 8:45a</del>            A. BOG Thurs Oct 2 @ Alhambra            Principals/ADs 8:45a; ADs 10:45a            B. NCS BOM (Bamberger/Mackinnon/Tran) Friday Oct 4 @ Acalanes USD 8:45a            C. DAL AD Thurs Nov 13, 8:45a YVHS            D. NCS Eligibility (Hennessey)            Weds Nov 19, 9:30a NCS Office            E. SAC (Kleinschmidt/Tran) Monday Dec 1 @ Novato 8:30am</p>		I	Tran		
<p><b>11. Announcements (11:25-11:30)</b>            ___ Acalanes            ___ Alhambra            ___ Benicia            ___ Berean Christian            ___ Campolindo            ___ Clayton Valley Charter            ___ College Park            ___ Concord            ___ Las Lomas            ___ Miramonte            ___ Mt. Diablo            ___ Northgate            ___ Ygnacio Valley</p>		ID	Tran	<p>Alhambra is looking for a baseball coach.</p> <p>CVC looking for a girls lacrosse coach</p> <p>Concord playing a unified basketball game against Benicia. January 23rd in between JV and VAR Boys game.</p> <p>NG asking about Girls Wrestling Locations? We will decide on wrestling locations at the next meeting.</p> <p>BC looking for Head TF coach</p>	
<p><b>12. Adjournment (11:30)</b></p>		A	Tran	Adjourned 10.43a	