



# MINUTES 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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<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 (L) ✓College Park Hurtado/Bautista (L) ✓Concord Matt Harrod ✓Las Lomas Tim Kruger ✓Miramonte Sean Hennessey ___ Mt. Diablo Fetuao Mua ✓Northgate Ben Ballard (L) ✓Ygnacio Valley Briana Zielinski ✓DAL: Mark Tran / Jonathan McGonagle		I	Tran	Call to order 8.51a	
<b>2. Approval of Agenda (8:50-8:55)</b>		RDA	Tran		Aca/Con PASSED 10-0-3
<b>3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Feb 19, 2026 (8:55-9:00)</b>	A	C(DA)	Tran	<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/17ZDb3BaYg1IFWnQVj_jo040YUVmLRKqcSDe7Vyep1Ng/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/document/d/17ZDb3BaYg1IFWnQVj_jo040YUVmLRKqcSDe7Vyep1Ng/edit?usp=sharing</a>	Con/Aca PASSED 10-0-3
<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	None	
<b>6. CIF Information/Discussion/ Action Items (9:10-9:15)</b>			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.	

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<b>7. NCS Information/Discussion/ Action Items (9:15-10:00)</b>					
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	<a href="https://cifncc.org/governance/eligibility-committee/Min_2-25-26_w_att.pdf">https://cifncc.org/governance/eligibility-committee/Min_2-25-26_w_att.pdf</a> +Mental Health Hardship appeal still coming, will not be for this coming year though. +Court Storming Protocol coming, in its infancy though. +You cannot play any game but a foundation game on a foundation game day. +NM on a transcript is determined by the site as to how it impacts overall GPA. Is this something we want to further discuss as a league as to how we are going to each handle it? +NO NIL Discussion.	
C. Summary of SAC Mar 9				<a href="https://cifncc.org/governance/sports-advisory-committee/SACmin3-9-26.pdf">https://cifncc.org/governance/sports-advisory-committee/SACmin3-9-26.pdf</a>	
C1. CROSS COUNTRY (B&G)	C	IDA	Tran	Proposal to amend the formula for cross country divisional placement. (PASSED 18-14)	Aca/CP PASSED 12-0-1
C2. GOLF (B&G)	D	IDA	Tran	Proposal to amend NCS 22.301H Golf Tournament Format (PASSED 31-0)	Aca/Mir PASSED 11-0-2
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	DAL Proposal to expand from 2 to 3 divisions (passed 32-0)	
C5. GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL		IDA	Tran	DAL 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	DAL 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)	Mir/Aca PASSED

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				+Current bylaw for UTR does not address doubles. This bylaw mandates that there a documentation of a challenge ladder before you submit your final roster to NCS.	12-0-1
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)	Aca/Mir PASSED 12-0-1
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 from kids finishing HS season and joining AAU? -Only concern is liability as coaches use HS facilities, HS uniforms, and HS equipment +DAL Straw Vote to eliminate 11-0-2	
C10. NCS PLAYOFFS	H	ID	Tran	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? +Some Schools want unlimited movement up and no movement down. +Competitive equity is working but needs to be fine tuned for each sport. +This model works for the top teams and the bottom teams but puts the teams in the middle in a situation where they never have a chance to win an NCS Championship. +Lots of discussion right now but there have not been any proposals. EBAL is sitting tight because this model is great for them +The addition of Open Division has made the brackets more competitive for everyone -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.	
C11. BASEBALL/SOFTBALL OPEN		ID	Tran	Discussion regarding the potential of a	CP/Aca

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DIVISION				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 <b>+You have to get a win to get a bid to Nor Cal.</b> <b>+People felt positive about this proposal because it addressed the two biggest concerns.</b> <b>+Leo should create a mock up visual of the bracket to make it clear how Open+D1 would work.</b>	<b>PASSED</b> <b>12-0-1</b>
<b>8. DAL Information/Discussion/ Action Items (10:00-11:30)</b>					
A. 2026-27 Rules Book Orders		IA	Tran	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. <b>+All those that wanted to place an order did so</b>	
B. Summary of DAL Basketball postseason meeting		ID	Tran Ertola	-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  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  -Coaches supported a DAL Tourney to help increase MP rankings  <b>+Discussion on All-League Voting Structure:</b> <b>-Should we have a space for notes/highlights on the nomination form?</b> <b>-Should the vote be secret or public?</b> <b>-Should there be a conversation at the preseason meeting about what criteria to consider when you vote for all-league</b>	

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				<p>voting?            -Should one division sports have increased 1st or 2nd team numbers?            -Table this and reconsider allocation of numbers in the future.</p>	
<p>C. Summary of DAL Soccer postseason meeting</p>		ID	<p>Mcgonagle            Hennessey            Ballard            Webber</p>	<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.            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             Boys: YV has won the Valley Division consecutive years and should move to Foothill Division. Boys want to keep double round robin schedule</p>	
<p>D. 2025/26 DAL Winter Champions/ALL DAL list</p>	I	I	Tran	<p>List will be posted on DAL website after the last NCS Championship game</p>	
<p>E. 2026 Winter MaxPreps Rankings and proposals for 2025/26 DAL Winter Sports Schedules</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Boys Basketball</li> <li>2. Girls Basketball</li> <li>3. Boys Soccer</li> <li>4. Girls Soccer</li> </ol>	J K L M	IDA	Tran	<p>Analysis of 2026 DAL Winter Sports and recommendations for next year DAL schedules.</p> <p><b>Boys Basketball:</b>            -NG looking to be competitive next year. Definitely wants to stay be up.            -Miramonte Benicia Northgate Up with the top four CVC, ACA, CAMPO, YV            -7 Foothill 6 Valley            Double Round robin</p> <p><b>Girls Basketball:</b>            -YV think they will have a team next year            -Las Lomas is the break, 6 in Foothill 7 in Valley.            -Double round robin            -Going to create one schedule with a playoff then a second schedule without a playoff then digital vote.            -Valley tournament gives the sole auto berth for that division.            -Back to back games for tournament. 4 teams for tournament.            -Thursday Friday back to back.            -Benicia hosting Foothill            -Berean hosting Valley</p>	

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				<p>+Boys AND Girls Basketball Proposal for 2 divisions, double round robin. Tran will create schedules w playoff and w/o playoffs</p> <p>Boys Soccer: YV moves to FH Double Round Robbin</p> <p>Girls Soccer: Status Quo with FH single RR and V double RR</p>	<p>Aca/BC PASSED 11-1-1</p> <p>Aca/CP PASSED 12-0-1</p>
<p>F. Proposal of 2026-27 DAL Wrestling Schedules</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Girls</li> <li>2. Boys Valley - Benicia/Concord flip</li> <li>3. Boys FH</li> </ol>	N O P	IDA	Tran	<p>Based on alphabetical rotation, 2026/27 DAL Championship @ College Park HS</p> <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>	<p>Girls Con/Aca PASSED 12-0-1</p> <p>Boys-V Aca/Con PASSED 12-0-1</p> <p>Boys-F3 Alh/Aca PASSED 12-0-1</p>
G. DAL Bylaw Change Proposals		IDA	Tran	NO PROPOSAL, Coaches wanted to express to soccer officials that a player ONLY needs to subbed if that player's coach is called onto the field. NOT OTHER SCHOOLS TRAINERS.	
H. General discussion on NCS realignment		ID	Tran	<p>+Randy's proposal gaining support</p> <p>+Against having all competitive equity for each sport</p> <p>+New proposal putting De La in the BVAL.</p>	
<p><b>9. Future Agenda Items (11:30-11:33)</b></p> <p>A. Status of current DAL Spring sports</p> <p>B. General discussion on NCS Realignment</p>		I	Tran		
<p><b>10. Upcoming Meetings (11:33-11:35)</b></p> <p>A. BOG Tues April 16 @ Alhambra Principals/ADs 8:45a, ADs10:45a</p> <p>B. NCS BOM Fri, April 17 @ AUSD 8:45am (Bamberger/Mackinnon/Tran)</p> <p>C. BOG Tues April 16 @ Alhambra Principals/ADs 8:45a, ADs10:45a</p>		I	Tran	<p>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?</p> <p>NOTE: There is a nuts and bolts AD Zoom meeting on May 28.</p>	
<p><b>11. Announcements (11:35-11:40)</b></p> <p>___ Acalanes</p> <p>___ Alhambra</p>		ID	Tran	<p>+Alhambra Boys Water Polo Coach</p> <p>+Benicia needs a special ed senior to compete in JV Swimming.</p>	

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<b>12. Adjournment (11:40)</b>		A	Tran	Adjourned at 11.51p	