WEST ALAMEDA COUNTY CONFERENCE

MINUTES – AD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024 - Hayward High STEAM; 8:00 am

Present: Alameda (Nakamura, Gregor), Arroyo (Budge), Berkeley (Parker), Bishop O’Dowd (Kigar), Castro Valley (Feria), Encinal (Gorham, Lyons), Hayward (Prasad), Mt. Eden (Duran, Hernandez), Piedmont (Small), San Leandro (Thomasd) San Lorenzo (Longaker), Tennyson (Sagapolu) Commissioner (Kiesel)

Absent: None

Guests: : Michael Wilson, Berkeley High Swim Coach

1. There was no public input.

2. There were no changes to the October 1, 2024 AD minutes.

3. The AD’s addressed agenda items on the 12/1/NCS SAC agenda and directed our delegates to take the following position:

Consensus to support: V. C. – the addition of divisional subsection NCS events in both B and G wrestling.

Consensus to support: D. - the establishment of a girls’ duel team championship event

Consensus to oppose: VI. A. – the establishment of a three-team open division in NCS baseball and softball.

Consensus to support: Vi. B. – our proposal to restructure voting representation on the NCS SAC and NCS BOM

Consensus to support: VII. A. – making team tennis a competitive equity sport

* 4. Hillary Kigar led a DEI discussion – there appeared to be lots of concern over the inequities caused by some of the CIF’s eligibility policies.

5. Cross-Country

* The AD’s reviewed the schedule proposal developed by the coaches. There was some concern from smaller programs that the reduced number of center meets reduced their meet opportunities as they are unable to participate in many Saturday invitationals. MSC (Duran, Longaker, 11-0-0) to approve the 2025-26 Cross-Country Schedule posted on the website
* We’ll be hosting at Point Pinole (Berkeley), Garin Park (Mt. Eden), and Oyster Bay (San Leandro.) Two assistant hosts will work to mark the courses, work the finish chute and help out the host. These “helper” schools will be select at the January AD meeting.
* Shoreline AD’s will work with their coaches to develop a scoring protocol for these three center meets. A suggested starting point would be Shoreline teams running against all other Shoreline teams at all three center meets; then developing a league standing based on these three meets. Language in our special rules would need to be changed.

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6. Football

* Several schools indicated that their administrators are moving games off Halloween night. The tentative schedules are posted on the website. No final action was taken on these schedules but they’ll be posted on the rSchool calendar.

7. Golf - The generic girls’ golf schedule is posted on the website.

8. Tennis

* MSC (Duran, Gorham, 10-0-1) to approve the fall 2025 tennis schedules posted on the website.

Berkeley announced that it would be using an alternate site next Fall.

* MSC (Duran, Small, 11-0-0) to add the following language to Tennis Special Rule 1706.2:

“Two coaches may agree to change the structure of the 3rd set in any match except when it(**they**) may be the determining match(es).

9. Volleyball

* No action was taken on the volleyball schedule as it might be affected by football schedule changes.
* MSC (Sagapolu, Longaker, 11-0-1) to approve the following changes to the Volleyball Special Rule 2303:

“The recommended starting time for ~~all JV~~ the first match~~es~~ is 4:00. The ~~varsity~~ next and any following matches will follow ~~27~~ 19 minutes immediately after the conclusion of the ~~JV~~ preceding match. ~~Varsity m~~ Match protocol after the ~~JV~~ preceding match shall be ~~five minutes (including the pre match conference) to prepare for the varsity match, followed by 6~~ 3 – 8 – 8 segments. ~~The six common minutes of warm-up for the varsity match shall commence no earlier than the conclusion of the pre match conference and no earlier than five minutes after the JV match. Teams may use balls during the first five-minute warm-up period during the transition from the JV match to the varsity match and during the pre-match conference and coin toss but may not hit/spike balls across the net.~~ The ~~next six~~ three-minute period is common on-court time. The two eightminute periods are court time by the serving team followed by court time for the receiving team.

* MSC (Prasad, Duran, 12-0-0) to approve the following addition to Volleyball Special Rule 2307:

“If this is a tie for other than first place, the records of the teams within the tie against the teams above them in the league standings, starting with the first place team.” Renumber remaining priorities.

10 Water Polo

* MSC (Parker, Gorham, 8-0-3) to approve the Water Polo Schedule, 2025-26 Season, posted on the website
* After some discussion, MSC (Small, Gorham, 7-0-4) to amend Water Polo Special Rule 3005.2:

The All-League First Team shall be composed of ten players and the Player-of-the-Year. The All-League Second Team shall be composed of ten players. Positions shall be listed on the ballot but players shall not be voted on by position.

* AD’s had a full discussion of the positives and negatives of having an All-Star game with the MVAL at the conclusion of the league, NCS, and NorCal water polo seasons. MCS (Longaker, Small, 11-0-1) to oppose WACC all-star games in any sport.
* The JV tournament, held the week before the varsity championship tournament, is conducted as an unofficial event. AD’s pointed out several generic problems with “unofficial events.”MSC (Gorham, Small, 8-0-3) to make this tournament an official WACC event and The league commissioner was instructed to add it to the schedules and the rSchool calendar. The league commissioner will work with the coaches at the preseason meeting to develop a fact sheet for this event.

11. Basketball

* MSC (Longaker, Parker, 12-0-0) to approve the following change to Basketball Special Rule 1905.1.2:

“If this is a tie for other than first place, the records of the teams within the tie against the teams above them in the league standings, starting with the first place team.” Renumber remaining priorities.

* The body was reminded that supervisors from both the home and visiting schools must be present for the entire boys’ varsity game.

12. Soccer

* MSC (Longaker, Parker, 12-0-0) to approve the following change to Basketball Special Rule 25-3.2:

“If this is a tie for other than first place, the records of the teams within the tie against the teams above them in the league standings, starting with the first place team.” Renumber remaining priorities.

13. Wrestling

* MSC (Duran, Longaker, 11-0-0) to appoint Dennis Spencer, Alameda High Wrestling Coach, as our representative on the NCS Wrestling Management Committee
* MSC (Longaker, Parket 11-0-0) to pprove the Novice Wrestling Fact Sheet proposed on the website and proposed by Berkeley

Spring Sports

14. Baseball

* There are now four schools with frosh baseball programs, many of which have already filled out their schedule. The league commissioner wa asked to work with the coaches this February at the preseason meeting to work to formalize a freshman baseball schedule.
* Alameda will work with Alameda babe Ruth and COA to host our baseball championships at the COA.

15 Softball – discussion of selecting a Shoreline League champion was put off until the January meeting.

16. Swimming

* : Michael Wilson, Berkeley High Swim Coach presented some options for revising our swimming and diving special rules and setting up some revised rules for conducting our league championships. AD’s will work with their coaches and make some decisions at the January meeting.

3. AD’s recommend (consensus) that principals establish a league policy that mandates “if at any time after an outdoor league game has begun, and the AQI moves to 151 or above, that game shall be immediately suspended. NFHS rules shall determine whether the game is considered complete. If the game is not considered complete, the two involved administrators shall determine whether and/or when the game shall be completed.

4. AD’s reviewed the NCS Board agenda and determined that there were no items on which they wanted to make recommendations to the WACC Board.

5. Hillary Kigar led a discussion of the ways WACC individual schools are working at being inclusive.

6. Cross-Country

* MSC (Prasad, Duran, 12-0-0) to approve the 2024 Cross-Country Fact Sheet presented by Hayward High.
* AD’s recommend that in working with the EBRPD and using its regional parks for our meets, we use the same host schools every year who have experience working with the EBRPD staff.
* MSC (Gorham, Prasad, 12-0-0) to authorize the league to fund the development of a “senior area” at our X-C championships. Hillary Kigar was asked to work with a team of coaches to develop the area.
* The X-C center meet, originally scheduled for 10/2, has been rescheduled for 10/16.
* AD’s asked that coaches review the possibility of using bibb chips for all center meets.

7. Flag Football

* MSC (Duran, Lyons, 12-0-0) to approve the amended Flag Football Championships Fact Sheet as presented by San Leandro.
* AD’s expressed concerns about the lack of consistency by EBFOA officials in enforcing basic rules.

8. There were no specific issues reviewed in the sports of football, golf, tennis, and volleyball

9. Water Polo

* MSC (Nakamura, Gorham, 9-0-3) to approve the Water Polo Championships Fact Sheet presented by the Alameda.

10. Basketball

* AD’s had a thorough discussion of the contract tender proposed by the EBBOA that aligns the WACC with the already-approved contract between the OAL and the EBBOA. MSC (Prasad, Gorham, 12-0-0) to recommend approval to the WACC Board.

11. Soccer

* MSC (Longaker, Small, 12-0-0) to approve the following addition in red to Soccer Special Rule 2503:

Three points shall be awarded for a win; one point for a tie, with the following exception. When a Shoreline A boys’ team is playing against another Shoreline A boys’ team or a Shoreline B boys’ team is playing against another Shoreline B boys’ team, the points earned shall be divided in half. The teams with the most points at the end of the season are the league champions. If there is a tie for 1st place, the league championship shall be shared by the teams in the tie. The automatic qualifiers to NCS competition shall be the Foothill League champion, the Foothill League runner-up, and the Shoreline League champion. If there is a tie, the NCS representative will be determined by the following prioritized steps:

12. Baseball

* After discussion, AD’s decided to let schools and coaches develop their own freshman schedule rather than develop a league-wide schedule.
* The league commissioner indicated he would add JV games to the rSchool calendar.

13. Swimming and Diving

* We’re working to develop responsibilities for schools at our swimming championships.

14. Track and Field

* MSC (Duran, Longaker, 12-0-0) to approve the revised track and field schedule.

15. AD’s decided not to continue to discuss reimbursing schools for hosting league events.

16. The league commissioner indicated that the 2023-24 Financial Report and the 2024-25 Budget are posted on the website.

17. AD’s are okay with a slight change in how we post tennis matches on the website.

18. There was no new business on which the AD’s took action.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dave Kiesel, WACC Commissioner

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 20, 2024;