

WEST ALAMEDA COUNTY CONFERENCE  
MINUTES – AD MEETING  
Monday, November 14, 2022

Present: Alameda (Molina), Arroyo (Budge), Berkeley (Parker, Vegt), Bishop O’Dowd (Reed, Nishimoto), Castro Valley (Stacy), Encinal (Gorham), Hayward (Prasad), Mt. Eden (Duran, Hernandez), Piedmont (Smet) San Leandro (Thomas) San Lorenzo (Longaker), Tennyson (Feeney) (Commissioner (Kiesel)

Absent: None

Guests: Three Representatives from the SCUA: Steve DePetris, Patricia Connell and ???

1. There was no public input

2. There were no changes to the September 13. 2022 AD minutes.

3. NCS items

- NCS SAC 12/5 agenda items
  - Consensus to oppose VI. A. – the DAL’s item to increase the maximum number of contests in several sports
  - Voted unanimously to put forward the “Let’s Keep Discussion Alive” proposal to restructure the NCS playoffs
  - There was no DEI discussion

4. AD’s were reminded that schools should have a protocol and communication ladders in place to deal with contacting opposing schools in emergencies.

5. Cross-Country

- MSC (Prasad, Smet, 12-0-0) to add the following to Cross-Country Special Rule 1809.5 – “Coaches may adjust non-varsity scoring and race combinations at the preseason meeting or at a coaches’ meeting preceding a center meet.”
- MSC (Duran, Longaker, 12-0-0) to approve the 2023-24 Cross-Country schedule listed as “proposed 11/14/22
- The league commissioner was asked to check with our timer on the cost of using disposable bibbs at the championship meet.

6. Golf – Girls’

- AD’s need more clarification on how best to break ties. MSC (Molina, Reed, 10-0-2) to add a new 12.3 to the Golf Special Rules and renumber the present 12.3 and 12.4. The new 12.3 shall read: “The scores of the 6<sup>th</sup> golfers from the teams in the tie.”

7.. Volleyball

- Next fall’s schedule will be developed working with the BAOA
- AD’s agreed on a 4:30 start time and scheduling games one hour apart in a two-game or three-game sequence.

## 8. Football

- AD's had an extensive discussion about how best to align league schools when scheduling football. The coaches' recommendations were fully discussed. Rankings, health and safety concerns, size and strength of programs, "direction" of programs were among the many other factors considered by AD's. MSC (Duran, Smet, 11-1-0) to recommend the following alignment to the MVAL and, if approved by them, to league principals:

Foothill	Mission	Shoreline
O'Dowd	Berkeley	Alameda
Castro Valley	Encinal	Arroyo
James Logan	Hayward	American
Moreau Catholic	Mt. Eden	Kennedy
San Leandro	Irvington	Newark Memorial
Tennyson	Washington	Piedmont
		San Lorenzo

AD's understand and support the possibility that the MVAL may move some of their schools from one league to another. This is therefore a work in progress. The league commissioner will immediately contact the MVAL and work with them.

## 9. Water Polo

- The league commissioner reviewed some very serious health and safety concerns that our coaches have with MACPolo, our officiating association. League commissioners will be working with MACPolo representatives in December. We have communicated our concerns to NCS management.
- MSC (Molina, Thomas, 7-2-3) to amend Water Polo Special Rule 3003.1: 3003.1 Varsity and tournament games have seven-minute quarters; JV games have ~~five-minute~~ **six-minute** quarters.
- The NFHS protest process is incomplete. Water polo AD's will work with their coaches on tweaking the following language, to be added to our water polo special rules:

"Rule III, Section 12; Article 5 of the NFHS Rule Book deals with protests. Protests shall be handled in the following manner:

1. The head coach begins the process by taking the protest to the referee of the game. A protest may only involve alleged misinterpretations of NFHS rules. Protests are not allowed on judgment calls.
2. The protest must occur in a timely manner after the action/call by the umpires that caused the protest.
3. The protesting coach shall have a reasonable amount of time to verbally indicate the alleged misinterpretation of the NFHS rule
4. The opposing coach shall also have time to make his/her case to the referee
5. The referee shall consider the protest to the best of his/her ability and make a ruling, either denying or upholding protest. This ruling shall be made without contacting any other official or the officiating association,
6. If the protest occurs during a league game, the umpires shall then make a decision, in consultation with the NFHS rule book if necessary, which shall be final and the game continues
7. If the protest occurs during a tournament game, the umpires shall then make a decision, in consultation with the NFHS rule book if necessary. Either head coach may then call for a Jury of Appeals to be formed. That jury shall be composed of a member of the staff of the team hosting the tournament and the two most senior coaches of either gender present at the contest who are not involved in the protest. who will then review it and make a final ruling.
8. All of the above must be logged in the official score sheet.

10. Tennis

- The league commissioner reviewed an incident at our tennis championships. AD's concurred that it had been handled correctly by tournament management.
- The proposed schedules, dated "proposed 11/14/22," with San Leandro placed in Shoreline, were approved by consensus.

11. The league commissioner reminded schools of their responsibility to meet the WACC's supervision requirements posted on the website, titled "Security and Supervision at West Alameda County Conference (WACC) Athletic Contests.

12. The league commissioner reminded AD's that they are the ones responsible for contacting officiating associations about scheduling athletic contests. If an AD wishes his/her coaches to do the contacting, that AD needs to so notify the officiating association.

13. AD's expect coaches to use their school's website when so directed. They will indicate this to their coaches and the website will reflect those school email addresses. AD's asked the league commissioner to use school email addresses when contacting coaches.

14. Basketball

- Schools confirmed the number of levels for both their programs and are working to changes times where necessary.

15. Soccer

- Schools confirmed the number of levels for both their programs and are working to changes times where necessary
- We apparently have done a better job than past years in working with our officiating association regarding scheduling.
- If a school plays music at a soccer game, or any other league contest, case should be taken to ensure that the music is appropriate for educational athletics.

16. Wrestling

- Alameda and Tennyson will have some wrestlers and they have been added, as individuals, to our dual meet schedule. That revised schedule is posted on the website.
- Berkeley has disseminated a rough draft of the fact sheet for our February tournament. Final approval of that document is scheduled for our January meeting
- Arroyo will disseminate a fact sheet for our December 5 Novice Tournament.

15. Badminton

- The badminton schedule will be slightly revised as we need to accommodate a revised volleyball schedule at schools with only one gym.
- Mt. Eden is scheduled to host our championships and will find an appropriate alternate site if their gym is unavailable.

17. Baseball

- The revised Foothill schedule has been approved by the involved athletic directors.

18. Boys' Golf

- San Leandro will be hosting our championship tournament and is in the process of finding a site.
- The league schedule was approved by consensus and is posted on the website.

19. Softball

- Our guests from the SCUA presented their counter proposal to our counter proposal to their contract tender. MSC (Reed, Parker, 12-0-0) to accept their counter proposal in principal as the league commissioner was asked to work with them to clean up any necessary language.
- We do not yet have a host or a site for our championships.

20. Boys' Volleyball

- San Lorenzo is developing a program and they have been placed in the South. The league commissioner was asked to revise the volleyball schedules, reflecting this addition, after working with the BAOA on available days of the week.

21. Financial Accounting Sheets were disseminated and reviewed. A final fall document will be prepared after the NCS sends out fall dues notices to schools. Winter dues notices will be out the week after Thanksgiving Break

22. AD's expressed concern about the negative impact on student0-athletes when coaches (adults) don't meet their deadlines and all agreed that working with coaches has become more difficult. This will be a topic for the joint AD/Principal meeting in January.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 24; Encinal High; the AD portion of the meeting will begin at approximately 8:45 am

Respectfully submitted

Dave Kiesel, WACC Commissioner