West Alameda County Conference

Minutes – Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 – 8:42 AM – Alameda High School

Present: Alameda (Barrett), Arroyo (Kurzfeld), Berkeley (Raygoza), Bishop O’Dowd (Evans), Castro Valley (Fortenberry), Encinal (Snyder), Hayward (Purser), Tennyson (Estrada), Commissioner (Kiesel)

Absent: Mt. Eden, Piedmont, San Leandro, and San Lorenzo

Guests: None

1.There was no public input

2. There were no changes to the 10/2/24 Board minutes

3. MSC (Snyder, Fortenberry, 8-0-0) to approve the following changes to our special rules in the following sports:

* Basketball

1905.1.2. If this is a tie for other than 1st place, the records of the teams within the tie against the teams above them in the league standings, starting with the first place team.

* Soccer

2503.2 If this is a tie for other than 1st place, the records of the teams within the tie against the teams above them in the league standings, starting with the first place team

* Tennis

1706.2 Each match consists of the best of three sets with “no-ad” scoring, preceded by a maximum five-minute warm-up. Points are called 15, 30, 40, game and the first player to win the 4th point wins the game. If a 6-6 game score is reached in a set, the 7-point tiebreak outlined in the USTA rulebook is used. 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).

* Volleyball

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 eight**-**minute periods are court time by the serving team followed by court time for the receiving team.

2307.2 If this is a tie for other than 1st place, the records of the teams within the tie against the teams

above them in the league standings, starting with the first place team.

* Water Polo

3005.2 ~~The All-League First Team shall be composed of nine players: seven players, one goalie, and~~

~~Player-of-the-Year. The All-League Second Team shall be composed of eight players: seven players and one goalie.~~

* + 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

4. The Board reviewed the 1/24/25 NCS BOM agenda and directed our delegates (MSC Snyder, Bennett 8-0-0) to take the following positions:

* Oppose Item X. E. – Baseball and Softball
* Support Item X. F. – SAC and BOM Representation and Su Item X. H – Tennis

5. MSC (Fortenberry, Snyder, 8-0-0) to approve the following Fall 2025-26 school year schedules, posted on the website:

* Cross-country
* Football
* Golf
* Tennis
* Volleyball
* Water polo

The league commissioner reviewed some flag football actions taken at the 1/21/24 AD meeting. Bishop O’Dowd reminded Board members that flag had not yet been formally approved as a new sport. No flag action was taken.

6. Board members had a long discussion about sportsmanship and supervision at athletic contests. The league commissioner was directed to put this item on the March agenda for further discussion and action.

7. The meeting started 25 minutes late due to the lack of a quorum. The league commissioner was directed to place meeting dates and times on the March agenda when next year’s Meetings and Events Calendar will be reviewed.

8. There was no other new business

Respectfully submitted Dave Kiesel, WACC Commissioner

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 12; 8:30 am; Alameda High School