

WEST ALAMEDA COUNTY CONFERENCE
MINUTES – BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023 – 8:00 AM

Present: Alameda (Ithurnburn), Arroyo (Webster), Berkeley (Raygoza), Bishop O’Dowd (Evans), Encinal (Snyder), Piedmont (Goswami), San Leandro (Ron Richardson), San Lorenzo (Kumar), Tennyson (Taylor), Commissioner (Kiesel)

Absent: Castro Valley, Hayward, Mt. Eden

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 after a quorum was present

1. There were no corrections to the January 24, 2022 WACC Board minutes
2. There was no public input
3. MSC (Ithurnburn, Evans, 7-0-0) to approve the remedies proposed by Encinal for the use of ineligible student-athletes in three sports.
- 4.. The Board reviewed the NCS BOM 4/14/23 agenda and gave the following directions to our two representatives:
 - Our two delegates were asked to “vote their conscience” on Item V. H., members of the NCS Executive Committee
 - Oppose VI. C., the change to water polo
 - Support V. D. and V. E., the competitive modifications
5. School responsibilities for the 2023-24 season were determined and are attached to these minutes
6. the principals set Monday, August 7 at 4:00 pm for the mandated NCS Eligibility Workshop. The remainder of the AD and Board meeting dates will be determined based on NCS meetings.
7. MSC (Ithurnburn, Evans, 9-0-0) to approve the following alignments and schedules that are posted on the website:

Cross-Country, Football, Fall Tennis, Fall Volleyball, Water Polo, Basketball, and Soccer
8. MSC (Ithurnburn, Richardson, 8-0-0) to approve the following change to the 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. No more than five minutes shall be spent attempting to contact a MACPolo rules interpreter from a list predetermined at the beginning of the season. This ruling may 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.

- Add 3003.6 on establishment and use of the Jury of Appeals

9. MSC (Webster, Evans, 9-0-0) to approve the contract tender from MACPolo, our water polo referee provider.

10. No action was taken on changes to the Football Special Rules.

11. The league commissioner reported on the AD discussion about how coaches structure try-outs and team selection.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00

Respectfully Submitted
Dave Kiesel, WACC Commissioner

Next Meeting: Monday, August 7, 2023; 4:00 pm; Alameda High School