



PRIVATE SCHOOL ATHLETIC LEAGUE

Board of Managers Meeting

Friday, August 11, 2023 @10am

[Via Zoom](#)

Passcode: PSAL

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

- a. **Welcome and Introductions** - Commissioner Natalie Talbot Thorne called the meeting to order at 10:05
- b. **Roll Call** – ACE Charter (Tommy Tabares), Alpha Cindy Avitia HS (Travis Boubel), Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit (John Pimentel), Design Tech (Wendy Gradek), Downtown College Prep- Alum Rock (Omar Kharroub), Downtown College Prep - El Primero (Louis Garcia), East Palo Alto Academy (Laura Nuñez), Kehillah Jewish (Ryan Greenfield), Kipp- Navigate (Allan Plews), Kipp-San Jose Collegiate (Josue Gil-Fernandez), Latino College Prep (David Wulff), Luis Valdez Leadership Academy (Billy Dick III), Mid Pen (Kurt Lange), Mountain View Academy (Andres Ruiz), Nueva School (Brett McCabe), Pacific Bay Christian (Natalie Talbot Thorne), Pescadero (Charlea Bimford), San Francisco Christian (Nile Valenzuela), Summit Prep (Jorge Chavez-Gary Lee sub), Summit Public School: Shasta (Jorge Chavez0Gary Lee sub), Summit Tahoma (Kevin Franey-Dina Le sub), University Prep Academy (Tommy McMahon)

Not present: North Valley Baptist (Tabitha Fanara), Thomas More (John DeTar)

Special Guests: Robert Lopez (Cross Country/Track and Field rep, Nueva Assistant AD)

c. **Adopt Agenda**

It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to adopt the agenda

II. **PUBLIC INPUT** Pursuant to Education Code 33353.2 (C), any person wishing to speak on any items on the agenda, or comment on the policies and practices of the Private School Athletic League will be heard at this time.

III. **CONSENT AGENDA**- Action Anticipated

a. **PSAL Business**

i. [Approval of Minutes May 18, 2023](#)

It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to approve the previous meeting's minutes

IV. **REPORTS** – Information Items & Action Anticipated

a. **Commissioner's Report**

i. **CCS/ CIF Items-**

1. [CCS Start and End Dates](#)

2. [Due Dates](#)

3. [Sportsmanship Contract](#)

4. **Fees- Print 3 invoices on [CIFCCSHome.org](#):**

Commissioner reminded members of all due dates coming up

a. **CCS Administrative fee (\$900) Due 9/15 (Hard Deadline, Late Fee Will Apply)**

b. **CCS Fall fees (\$80 per fall sports team/ Division) DUE 9/15 (Hard Deadline, Late Fee Will Apply)**

c. **CIF State Dues- CBED- Enter prior year enrollment and print the invoice (88 cents per child). Due 11/1 or 20% finance charge will be added to the bill.**

5. **CCS Administrative Workshop (Required in-person with AD & Principal/ RSVP**

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required meeting, must attend one

- a. Central Conference - Wednesday, August 23, 2023 @ Santa Teresa HS
- b. Northern Conference - Thursday, August 24, 2023 @ Junipero Serra HS
- c. Southern Conference - Friday, August 25, 2023 @ Palma School

6. [Sportsmanship Games](#)

7. [Misconduct Report 2022-23](#)

8. [Eligibility Report 2022-23](#)

9. **Transfer Student- Modification with Valid Change of Residency**

New paperwork will require more for valid change of residence and will include a checklist.

Require things like real estate docs, proof of residence address termination, bank/credit card statements of new address, proof of monthly bills, and documentation of termination, proof of change of address for caregiver's driver's license

ii. **PSAL Items-**

1. [PSAL Flash Store is now open- click here](#). ADs can choose 1-4 items in the store. Thank you to Louis, who is coordinating the PSAL gear and will deliver the items at our next in-person meeting. Please order by Friday, 8/11.
1. **PSAL Administrative Fee & Sports Fee Due 8/1**
2. [PSAL Sports Eligibility Form for Fall Sports](#)- COPY VERSION- Due to PSAL Commissioner by first CCS Contest
3. Correspondance- [KIPP Esperanza application for League Membership 2024-25](#)

b. **Treasurer's Report**

- i. **Reminder to pay dues**

c. **Sport Committee Report**

- i. [Pre-Season Coaches Meeting held via Zoom- Thursday, 8/10/23 @7 pm](#)

1. **Agenda:**

- a. **First, Group Meeting with Commissioner**
- b. **Second, breakout session with Fall Sports Reps & Coaches**
- c. [Coach Directory](#)

Commissioner reminded members to fill in their coaches

ii. **Fall Sports Reports**

1. [Fall Soccer \(B\)](#)

Mid Pen can't use Kelly Park, but will have a new site. Question about all-league awards and voting.

2. [Volleyball \(G\)](#)

Discussion about putting forth a proposal for a new voting system for all-league. Teams switching sides after each set put back into place, same as shaking hands after game. DeTar, Garcia, and Ruiz will be reps for the divisions.

3. [Cross Country](#)

CCS championships will return to Crystal Springs this year

iii. **Girls Flag Football Discussion**

1. **Dtech (maybe), DCP- El Primero, KSJC (not happening anymore), Nueva (not happening anymore), and LCPA (maybe) will pilot in the fall.**
2. **Pescadero, Cristo Rey, Mid Pen, Summit, Shasta, ACE, and DCP Alum Rock will try in the spring.**

I. **ACTION ITEMS- 2nd Reading- anticipated action**

- a. N/a

II. **ACTION ITEMS- 1st Reading & Other Action Items**

a. **CCS WINTER 2022-23 COMMITTEE REPORT**

Discussion tabled for next meeting. Members will go over proposals offline, on their own.

i. [Soccer](#)- **Major Format Change**

1. **Proposal #1: Reduce the number of bonus points a team is awarded for either playing, or being, a league champion. Rationale: Teams are receiving "too many" bonus points for**

either playing, or being, a league champion, which is resulting in those teams either being seeded too high, or placed in a division above their ability level.

- a. **Proposal #2:** Use the subjective criteria used to select & seed the Open Division to determine all division placement, and seeding within those divisions. Rationale: The committee feels that they can more accurately determine seeds and division placement subjectively, rather than using the point system. Too many teams are being misplaced and mis-seeded based on the current point system, and the committee is forced to use the “significant misplacement” bylaw more than originally intended
 - b. **Proposal #3:** Change how the league classification of out-of-section teams is determined by lowering the win percentage required to be considered an “A” League classification. Rationale: Teams who are playing high-level out-of-section teams are not being rewarded for playing a more difficult schedule. The committee feels that lowering the threshold will more accurately reflect the strength of some of the out-of-section teams that many of our CCS schools are scheduling. The League Commissioners have taken no action on the Soccer proposals.
- b. **SPRING 2022-23 SPORTS COMMITTEE REPORT**
- i. **Softball**- Major Format Change
 1. **Proposal #1:** The BVAL proposes that no “B” or “C” Division teams can be seeded into the CCS Open Division, unless they choose to opt up. Rationale: Due to the CCS Point System, a “B” level team has been placed as the last qualifier in the Open Division. In each case, the team qualifying has been “mercy” ruled.
 2. **Proposal #2:** The PAL proposes a requirement of a minimum number of 5 non-league games be instituted for at-large berths. Rationale: Concerns with teams playing an extremely short non-league season to meet the minimum number to qualify for CCS post-season play.
 - ii. **Swimming & Diving**- Major Format Change
 1. **Proposal #1:** Add modified team points for students that are swimming in the Para Events (50 Free & 100 Free) to match the CIF State Meet. Modified scoring will be as follows: 1st place = 2 points. 2nd – 6th place = 1 point each. The maximum point total obtained in the Para-Athlete division towards the team championship may not exceed 6 points per gender. Rationale: To create an inclusive event for all student-athletes in the Central Coast Section. This would also mirror the State CIF event.
 - iii. **Track & Field**- Major Format Change
 1. **Proposal #1:** In the events of High Jump and Pole Vault, the top twelve (12) competitors with the best marks will advance to the Finals. In the event of a perfect tie between two competitors, they both will advance to the CCS final. If three or more competitors have a perfect tie normal NFHS tie breaking rules will be used to advance to the finals. Rationale: This would eliminate “jump-off’s” when only thirteen competitors reach the finals mark.
 - iv. **Boys Volleyball**- Major Format Change
 1. **Proposal #1:** Reclassify the PAL (Bay) from a “C” League to a “B” League. Rationale: The PAL has grown in the number of schools offering boys volleyball, and expanded to two divisions in 2022. The league as a whole is getting stronger, and are now able to compete with other A & B League teams. In the 2023 season, the PAL (Bay) was 45-38 collectively against other B League teams.
 - v. **Boys Golf**- Major Format Change
 1. **Proposal #1:** Qualification of Individuals from Regionals to Section Tournament. All individuals who tie for the final qualifying spot from the Regional Tournament to the Section Final Tournament advance to the Section Finals. Rationale: At one time, the Regional Tournaments were conducted on consecutive days the week prior to the Section Finals. In the event of a tie, an on-the-course playoff involving the individuals tying for the final qualifying spot to the Section Finals would take place after the completion of the Regional round(s). Several years ago, in the best interest of the student-athletes, it was decided to conduct the Regionals on the same day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. This format does not allow for an on-thecourse playoff and a USGA scorecard tie-breaker was used instead. Noting

that this method is not a preferred way to break any ties to determine whether athletes advance to a championship round, the Committee felt it best to include athletes who tie for the final spot to be advanced to the Section Finals.

vi. Lacrosse- Major Format Change

1. **Proposal #1:** This proposal is to add an additional four (4) teams to the at large pool and create a second division based on competitive equity. **Rationale:** The North Coast Section has two divisions and if the sport becomes a Nor Cal Regional in the future, it would align with NCS.
2. **Proposal #2:** Reconfigure the CCS Lacrosse Playoffs for both the Boys and Girls tournaments as follows:
 - In Division 1-The four winners of the first round games would continue to play for the “Open Division” as single elimination. The four teams that lose in the first round, would advance and play a single elimination tournament for the Division 1 Championship.
 - In Division 2-The tournament would be played as a single elimination eight-team tournament.

Rationale: Two teams have dominated the CCS Championships and by going to this format, it would give less competitive teams an opportunity to advance.

3. **Proposal #3:** Recommendation from the CCS Lacrosse Committee, to formally approve the current Automatic Qualifier’s in the Boys Division: BVAL – 1 PCAL – 2 PAL – 2 WCAL – 2 **Rationale:** During the 2022-23 Lacrosse season, the Automatic Qualifiers (AQ’s) were selected by the CCS Commissioner due to a league dropping the sport of Boys Lacrosse

c. **CCS Bylaws & Policies**

i. CCS Article V

1. **Proposal #1:** Elimination of language in CCS Bylaw, Article V, Section 3.F.4.a (4) which would allow for skill development sessions AND Spring football to occur in the same school year. **Rationale:** The PAL Board of Managers feels that this this bylaw is unfair to the sport of football as other sports continue all year round (club) and football is limited to 10 days in the spring. A 4:1 ratio work option, during specified periods, would be advantageous to specifically work on techniques to improve player safety.

V. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

a. PSAL Calendar 2022-2023

b. PSAL Contact List and Confirm Reps

Correction made, Louis taking over for Travis G Soccer

i. **ADAC, CCS BOM, Sport Reps**

VI. **SCHOOL REPORTS**

- i. **ACE Charter** - no report
- ii. **Alpha Cindy Avitia HS** - no report
- iii. **Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit** - starting school 8/21
- iv. **Design Tech** - start school 8/16, looking for BBB and JV BBB head coaches
- v. **Downtown College Prep** - all coaches returning, except for girls’ soccer. Cal Stadium will no longer

be their soccer venue, still looking for another field

- vi. **Downtown College Prep- Alum Rock** - looking for 1 or 2 more soccer games
- vii. **East Palo Alto Academy** - no report
- viii. **Kehillah Jewish** - need to move some basketball games in December, restricted on gym space

- ix. **Kipp: Navigate** - boys' basketball in league this year, need to look for a site possibly
- x. **Kipp: San Jose Collegiate** - looking for JV GVB games, around 3 more
- xi. **Latino College Prep** - no report
- xii. **Luis Valdez Leadership Academy** - volleyball home dates coming out soon
- xiii. **Mid-Peninsula** - no report
- xiv. **Mountain View Academy** - no report
- xv. **North Valley Baptist** - absent
- xvi. **Nueva School** - no report
- xvii. **Pacific Bay Christian** - Natalie filling in until they get new AD, will have an assistant but has very limited knowledge/experience on sports
- xviii. **Pescadero** - no report
- xix. **San Francisco Christian** - no report
- xx. **Summit Prep** - girls varsity VB looking to add new games, XC has new coach
- xxi. **Summit Public School: Shasta** - GVB has full schedule and same coach, looking to add JV games
- xxii. **Summit Tahoma** - Kevin Franey coming back October after parental leave, different reps might be present in meetings, new coaches for all sports
- xxiii. **Thomas More** - absent
- xxiv. **University Preparatory** - still looking for Girls' JV VB

VII. **ADJOURNMENT** It was MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED to adjourn at 11:00AM

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, September 21 – 10:00 am
At Nueva School

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