

NCS SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 14, 2009

MINUTE TOPIC	DISCUSSION LEADER	ACTION
II. CONSENT AGENDA	Susie Woodall	Unanimous
III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	Susie Woodall	PASSED (CONSENT)
IV PUBLIC INPUT	Susie Woodall	NONE
V. CIF ITEMS		
A. CIF Regional and State Championship Master Plan	Gil Lemmon	FAILED (1-18-8)
B. Wrestling: Bylaw 3101: 40-Match Rule Revision (Attachment A)	Gil Lemmon	PASSED (26-0-0)
C. Football: Request for 3-year pilot study to allow the use of the A-11 (Attachment B)	Gil Lemmon	FAILED (2-23-3) FAILED (2-25-0)
VI. NCS ITEMS		
A. Change the NCS boys' and girls' singles and doubles championship to two divisions	Susie Woodall	PASSED (28-0-0)
B. Team Tennis: Guideline for use of linesmen	Susie Woodall	PASSED (24-4-0)
C. Championship Calendar Dates for Softball	Susie Woodall	PASSED (28-0-0)
D. 111H Final date of season of sport	Susie Woodall	PASSED (27-0-0)
E. Golf- Addition of at-large individuals provided space available to fill the field	Susie Woodall	PASSED (24-0-0)
F. Calendar changes for Lacrosse, Spring Soccer and Boys' Volleyball	Susie Woodall	PASSED (26-0-2)
G. Deadline for schools to request placement into a league championship.	Susie Woodall	PASSED (29-0-0)
H. NCS Constitution and General Bylaws 110.G.1	Susie Woodall	PASSED (29-0-0)
I. Bracket Sizes	Susie Woodall	PASSED (27-2-0)
V. NEW BUSINESS		
A. Soccer Official Timer	Susie Woodall	FAILED (9-15-4)
B. NCS Baseball Championship format	Tom Breen	PASSED (27-1-1)
C. Classification/Divisions by sport (submitted by the BAC)	Susie Woodall	TABLED (24-4-1)
VI. OLD BUSINESS	Susie Woodall	NONE
XIII. STAFF REPORTS		
A. Commissioner B. Associate Commissioner C. Assistant Commissioner	Gil Lemmon Karen Smith Bri Niemi	INFORMATION

The regular meeting of the North Coast Section Sports Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairperson Susie Woodall at 8:35 a.m. on September 14, 2009, at Novato Unified School District, Novato, California.

LEAGUES & REPRESENTATIVES

Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League (2)

Bill Jones, ACCAL Commissioner-ABSENT
Tiffany Valdehueza, Pinole Valley HS

Bay Area Conference

Tom Welsh, BAC Commissioner

Bay Counties League (2)

Mary Fahey, Head-Royce HS

Bay Counties League East (1)

Linda Desimone, College Prep HS

Bay Counties League-West (1)

Josh Frechette, Marin Academy HS

Bay Counties League Central (1)

Steve Glass, Bay School S.F. HS

Bay Shore Athletic League (2)

Phil Tomasini, BSAL Commissioner

Tamara Smith, St. Patrick-St. Vincent HS

Bay Valley Athletic League (2)

Bud Beemer, BVAL Commissioner

Coastal Mountain Conference (4)

Chuck Davison, CMC Commissioner

NBL I North

Geri Giovannetti, Middletown High School

NBL I South

Tom Hoppe, St. Helena HS

Sue Keller, St. Vincent

NBL II North

NBL II South

Diablo Foothill Athletic League (2)

Ole Chiavini, DFAL Commissioner

Linda Sawyer, DFAL Rep.-ABSENT

Diablo Valley Athletic League (2)

Mario Balestrieri, DVAL Commissioner

Pat Middendorf, Clayton Valley

East Bay Athletic League (2)

Don Nelson, EBAL Commissioner, (Leo Lopez proxy)

Gleam Greene, Carondelet HS

Hayward Area Athletic League (2)

Dave Kiesel, HAAL Commissioner- ABSENT

Christine Krisman, Moreau Catholic HS

Humboldt-Del Norte League (2)

Charlie Lakin, HDNL Commissioner

Karen Parlato, Fortuna HS

Marin County Athletic League (2)

Susie Woodall, MCAL Commissioner

Rick Winter, Marin Catholic HS

Michelle Smith, Branson HS

Mission Valley Athletic League (2)

Tom Breen, MVAL Commissioner

Kim Martin, Irvington HS

North Bay League (2)

Marie Sugiyama, NBL Co-Commissioner

Russ Petrich, NBL Co-Commissioner

Sonoma County League (2)

Dave Ashworth, SCL Commissioner

Kathryn Teeter, Petaluma HS

STAFF:

Gil Lemmon, NCS Commissioner of Athletics

Karen Smith, NCS Associate Commissioner

Bri Niemi, NCS Assistant Commissioner

Each item passed at this meeting will become effective July 1, 2009 unless otherwise noted, if passed by the Board of Managers at the October 23, 2009 meeting.

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I. CONSENT AGENDA

A. PASSED (Unanimous)

To approve the consent agenda

MOTION: Chuck Davison

SECOND Geri Giovannetti

II. MINUTES**A. PASSED (CONSENT AGENDA)**

To approve of the minutes of the March 9, 2009 meeting as printed.

III. PUBLIC INPUT no public input was given.**IV. CIF ITEMS****A. FAILED(1-18-8)**

CIF Regional and State Championship Master Plan

CIF Regional and State Championship Master Plan:

Sport	Regional or State	Section End Date	Event Date
Girls Wrestling	State (Will begin in 2010-2011) 2/25&26/11 (Wk. 34)	2/19/11 (Wk. 33)	
Rationale: Balance the number of offerings for boys and girls.			
Tennis	SoCal Regional	G: Week 19 Week 20 B: Week 46	Week 47
Rationale: Already in place in NorCal. May not be considered for a State Championship event until three years of regional competition have been completed.			
Boys Volleyball	NorCal Regional	Week 45	Week 46
Rationale: Already in place in SoCal. Would only be added if SoCal remains in place. May not be considered for a State event until three years of regional competition have been completed.			
Swimming/Diving	State	Week 46	Week 47
Rationale: No Regional event necessary. Similar model as Track and Field.			
Badminton	NorCal/SoCal Regional	Week 45	Week 46
Rationale: The original criteria for adding events spoke to considering the diversity of our state.			
Water Polo	NorCal/SoCal Regional	N: Week 19 SB: Week 20 SG: Week 34	Week 20 Week 21 Week 35
Rationale: Due to the different seasons of sport, the Central Section girls should be allowed to participate in the NorCal Regional. The different seasons of sport would make a State Championship difficult as it could only be offered for the boys.			
Baseball/Softball	NorCal/SoCal Regional	B: Week 48	Week 49
Rationale: Last events added as they would be the most difficult due to the length of season and potential conflicts with graduations. A State Championship would likely extend into mid-June or later.			
Soccer:	There are no plans to offer a NorCal Regional due to the different seasons of sport. It has been suggested that if a section in the north (i.e. CCS) wants to play in the SoCal Regional, that request should be given consideration.		

Notes: This is the order in which championship events will be presented. The State CIF may forward a proposal for one of the above events if one is not brought forward by either a CIF Section or that sport advisory committee.

No more than one new Championship Event may be added per school year.

Rationale for Order of Events:

State Girls wrestling is the first event in order to restore balance to the number of State offerings for boys and girls sports.

SoCal Tennis and NorCal Volleyball were suggested as the next two events as there is already a NorCal Tennis Championship and a SoCal Volleyball Championship. Therefore, the Championship New Events Sub-Committee felt that current sports should be offered in both the North and South before any new events are added.

State Swimming/Diving was the next State Championship considered because we felt that there was already a model for it with our Track and Field Championship. Therefore, no Regional Championships are needed so it has a much shorter timeline.

NorCal/SoCal Badminton was added due to our criteria calling for the consideration of the diversity of our state when looking at the addition of new events. This Regional Championship will give consideration to a population not being served by our current offerings.

NorCal/SoCal Water Polo was a little further down the list of offerings for several reasons. Because not all sections in the South play girls water polo in the same season (CS plays in the Fall), it makes it more difficult than the other sports to host a championship in which every section may compete. This would give more time to consider other options such as allowing the Central Section to compete in the North Regional Championship. Also, given the different seasons of sport between the North and the South Girls, unless one region was willing to change seasons, an eventual State Championship is unlikely. Since the other Regional Sports (tennis and volleyball) do not face this issue, it was recommended that they move ahead of water polo.

NorCal/SoCal Baseball and Softball were the last sports added for the reason that baseball will likely extend the Spring season the longest into the month of June and conflict with graduations. Also, sections will most likely have to find ways to move their seasons up in order to conduct Regional Championships that will end by the dates specified in the proposal. Softball may not face the same timelines as baseball but they were put together in this proposal to keep the State in balance re: sport offerings for boys and girls.

MOTION: Phil Tomasini

SECOND: Linda Desimone

B. PASSED (26-0-0)

Wrestling: Bylaw 3101: 40-Match Rule Revision (Attachment A)

This revision would establish statewide penalties when there is a violation.

MOTION: Chuck Davison SECOND: Bud Beemer

C. Motion to request the CIF to “pilot” a three-year study to allow the use of the A-11 Offense (Attachment B)

1) FAILED (2-23-3)

Recommendation #1 (See Attachment B)

MOTION: Phil Tomasini SECOND Rick Winter

2) FAILED (2-25-0)

Recommendation #2 (See Attachment B)

Rationale: This would allow the use of the A-11 offense however would eliminate California's representation of the NFHS Football rules committee.

MOTION: Phil Tomasini SECOND: Josh Frechette

V. NCS ITEMS

A. PASSED (28-0-0)

Motion to change the NCS boys' and girls' singles and doubles championship to two divisions, beginning with the 2010-11 season (adopting team tennis classifications).

Rationale: Changing the individual tennis championship to two divisions would give student-athletes more opportunities for postseason competition. Under existing alignment of leagues, there are 15 automatic league qualifiers in a 16-competitor bracket, allowing room for one at-large singles player and one at-large doubles team. Moving to 16-competitor brackets in two divisions would create additional opportunities for both boys and girls. This change would reflect what has already been established in team tennis (Division I and II).

Cost: Under the existing format, it costs approximately \$500 to run the NCS Individual Tennis Championships (pennants, \$100; medals, \$15; site director(s), \$200; miscellaneous, \$200).

The section currently brings in approximately \$575 in entry fees from a full, one-division championship. Assuming both divisions fill 16-competitor brackets in singles and doubles, a two-division championship would bring in approximately \$1150 in entry fee income, and cost approximately \$1000 in event expenses.

As a reminder, tennis (combined team and individual) generally does not bring in more income than its expenses, and most recently lost \$1200 in 2008-09.

Logistics: Tennis is currently hosted by league rotation. It would have to be determined how another division of individual championships would be hosted – either by keeping the existing rotation, but having two league members host a division, or by adopting a new league rotation that would account for two divisions, but not necessarily having the same league host Divisions I and II.

MOTION: Tom Welsh SECOND: Phil Tomasini

B. PASSED (24-4-0)

Motion to add the following language adding linesmen: If either player in a match requests help with calling lines, coaches may agree to provide two (2) linesmen at the net posts in Boys' and Girls' NCS Team Tennis Championships who cover the half-width of the court closest to each. The linesmen would include one member from each team and all of the following would be adhered to:

- The linesmen do not offer calls on their own; they only respond when requested by a player.
- The linesmen do not keep score, or call anything other than lines.
- If a player is not in agreement with his/her opponent, that player can appeal to the linesman on the half-width of the court nearest to the call in question.
- Once that linesman makes a ruling, his/her call stands.
- If the linesman who is being appealed to did not see the ball clearly, he/she can shield his/her eyes and defer to the other linesman who then can make the call only if he/she saw it clearly. If neither linesmen can make a call, then the original call stands.

Tennis Management Committee voted (7-0).

MOTION: Phil Tomasini SECOND: Bud Beemer

C. PASSED (28-0-0)

Motion to add the following dates to the Softball championship calendar.

<u>SOFTBALL</u> **	<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>	
	<u>2011-2012</u>		
Deadline for Division I- VI leagues to determine qualifiers	May 22	May 21	May 19
Final date for Division I- VI competition other than NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championships	May 22	May 21	May 19
Class Division I- VI At-Large, Seeding & Orientation meetings	May 23	May 22	May 20
Division I- VI 1 st Round games	May 25, 26	May 24, 25	May 22, 23
Division I- V 2 nd Round games/ Division VI Semifinals	May 28, 29	May 27, 28	May 25, 26
Division I- V Semifinal games	June 1, 2	May 31, June 1	May 29, 30
Division I- VI NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship games	June 4, 5	June 3, 4	June 1, 2

Rationale: These dates will mirror the Baseball calendar and give more flexibility for staff to avoid conflicts. This will also help the official's assigners in scheduling the top umpires.

MOTION: Marie Sugiyama SECOND: Tom Welsh

D. PASSED (27-0-0)

Motion to delete/add the following language in Bylaw 111H.

A110H Final Date for Competition

The final date for competition other than NCS/Les Schwab Tires or CIF approved post-season tournaments, is determined by the Board of Managers annually and stated in the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship Schedule.

111H Final Date of Season of Sport

- a) ~~The final league/conference event (including league playoffs, league post season tournaments, league meets)~~ **The final date of competition for each sport is posted in the *Three (3) Year Championship Schedule*, which denotes the ~~be~~ the end of the season of the respective sports.**
- b) Those schools that qualify for, or are selected to participate in NCS/Les Schwab Tires or CIF Championships may practice and scrimmage (basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, volleyball and water polo – See 103H) beyond the final date of the season of sport.
- c) Those schools that qualify for, or are selected to participate in NCS/Les Schwab Tires or CIF Championships shall end their season upon elimination from the NCS/Les Schwab Tires or CIF Championships.
- d) The NCS Commissioner of his/her designee shall have the authority to approve or deny post-season competition for schools that participate in sports that do not have a NCS/Les Schwab Tires or CIF Championships.
- e) Sports that do not culminate in a NCS/Les Schwab Tires or CIF Championships and have received permission from the NCS Commissioner or his/her designee to conduct a post-season tournament shall end with the final date of the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship dates of the respective season (fall, winter, and spring).
- f) No tournaments that are scheduled after the completion of the league/conference season will be approved in sports in which NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championships are conducted.

(NCS Board of Managers 10/20/06)

Rationale: This language will allow teams that have had rainouts, forfeitures, cancellations, etc. to use the time between the last league contest and the final date of competition to reschedule those games provided the schools still stay within the maximum number of contests/scrimmages.

IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION

MOTION: Ole Chiavini SECOND: Phil Tomasini

E. PASSED (24-0-0)

Motion for NCS Selection Committee to add at-large golf individuals to the North/South Golf Qualifiers provided there is space available in the field of 144.

Rationale: This will give NCS staff the ability to add qualified individuals, via a league rotation, to the North/South Qualifiers. This past year the North Girls Qualifier did not come close to filling the field as a result we put an undue financial strain on the golf facility. By having the ability to add at-large individuals to the qualifiers, more student-athletes will be given the opportunity to compete as well as support our venues with an agreed number of golfers.

IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION

MOTION: Geri Giovannetti SECOND: Chuck Davison

F. PASSED (26-0-2)

Motion to include additional dates for the championship in the following sports; Lacrosse, Boys' Volleyball, and Spring Soccer.

<i>LACROSSE</i>	<i>2009-2010</i>		
<i>2010-2011</i>	<i>2011-2012</i>		
Deadline for leagues to determine qualifiers	May 15	May 14	May 12
Final date for competition other than NCS/Les Schwab Tires or CIF Championships	May 15	May 14	May 12
At-Large, Seeding & Orientation meetings	May 16	May 15	May 13
NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championships	May 19, 21, 22, 26, 28, 29	May 18, 20, 21, 25, 27, 28	May 16, 18, 19, 23, 25 , 26
 <i>GIRLS SOCCER</i>			
Deadline for leagues to determine qualifiers	May 15	May 14	May 11
Final date for competition other than NCS/Les Schwab Tires or CIF Championships	May 15	May 14	May 11
At-Large, Seeding & Orientation meetings	May 16	May 15	May 12
NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championships	May 18, 20, 21, 22	May 17, 19, 20, 21	May 15, 17, 18 , 19
 <u>BOYS VOLLEYBALL</u>			
Deadline for leagues to determine qualifiers	May 15	May 14	May 11
Final date for competition other than NCS/Les Schwab Tires or CIF Championships	May 15	May 14	May 11
At-Large and Seeding	May 16	May 15	May 12
NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championships (1st, Semifinal and Championship Rounds in Division I, II and III)	May 18, 20, 21, 22	May 17, 19, 20, 21	May 16, 18, 19 , 20

*Mother's Day in 2010 is May 9th. Seeding meetings for this weekend will be held Saturday, May 8th. Final date of competition is Friday, May 7th. 20012 Mother's Day is on May 13th for this weekend the development meeting will be on May 12th.

Rationale: The additional championship date will give NCS some flexibility in scheduling the final round of the above sports.

IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION

MOTION: Phil Tomasini SECOND: Chuck Davison

G. PASSED (29-0-0)

Motion to institute a 30-day deadline prior to the respective sports final date of competition for schools to request placement into a league championship.

Rationale: It is very difficult for leagues to schedule schools placed into league championships at the last minute. Giving the league 30 days to prepare for the additional teams will allow the league to better accommodate the supplemental schools as well as their basic league members.

MOTION: Phil Tomasini SECOND: Linda Desimone

H. PASSED (29-0-0)

Motion to add the following language to NCS Constitution and General Bylaws

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1. The agenda and packet of support materials mailed to the Sports Advisory Committee members will be structured in the following manner:

- a. Use a ballot format for all old business items with all items having a code system and support material coded the same.
- b. All agenda items must have written rationale before being placed on the agenda and identified by the league, *non-league associate member, management committee* or *NCS Staff member membership* that submitted the item.
- c. Agenda items shall be worded in the form of a motion.
- d. Any item considered by the Sports Advisory Committee cannot be placed on a future Sports Advisory Committee agenda for the balance of the school year without a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Sports Advisory Committee delegates.
- e. *NCS staff, with approval from the Sports Advisory Committee Chair, will determine the consent agenda items.*

MOTION: Tom Welsh SECOND: Phil Tomasini

I. PASSED (27-2-0)

Bracket Sizes

Motion to allow each NCS Selection Committee to increase the team sports brackets, when there are qualified teams applying for NCS Championships. Any increase in the brackets size will not cause the NCS Championship in each respective sport to exceed the posted championship date.

Rationale: This will allow NCS Selection committees to accept qualified teams, up to 16, to the NCS Championships. Often times, there is very little if any separation between the last team selected and the team(s) excluded from the Championships by the committee. By allowing the committee to increase the bracket size, this will allow qualified teams to compete on the field/court rather than on the chalkboard.

IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION

MOTION: Geri Giovannetti SECOND: Marie Sugiyama

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. FAILED (9-15-4)-(EBAL would like to move forward to BOM Agenda)

Motion to delete 21.505H Soccer Official Timer for NCS games state high school association adoption.

The EBAL proposes the NCS use the NFHS rules (6-2-1) which states "the home team school timer shall be the official timer for NCS Championship soccer matches". If the field does not have a visible timing device, then the center official will keep the official time.

Rational: By using the scoreboard clock everyone knows how much time is left in the game. Most other sports that play on a field with a scoreboard clock use this as the official clock. I have never heard of any complaints or concerns from these sports.

The EBAL has used this system the last few years, without a problem.

MOTION: Linda Desimone SECOND: Rick Winter

B. PASSED (27-1-1)

Motion to change the NCS Baseball playoff format to a 16-team bracket. (Current 2010 Divisions will not change for this proposal.)

The MVAL baseball coaches voted unanimously 7-0 to request a change in the NCS Baseball playoff format. We feel the 12 team format, that includes a bye, makes the tournament grossly unfair and unbalanced. The pitching factor is unique to baseball and we feel the baseball tournament should be different from any other sport because of the pitching. We feel the tournament should return to a 16 team format. We feel there are three ways to accomplish the 16 team format and create a fair and balanced tournament. A 12 team format is fine in any other sport. They do not have the baseball pitching factor. To give 4 teams the advantage of winning the tournament in only 3 games creates a poor tournament. To give the 4 bye teams the advantage of pitching their # 1 pitcher against a # 2 in round 2 is not fair whether or not they "earned the seed". Each tournament should be created in the best possible format for the sport. Tournaments should not be pushed into a rules box that limits the quality of the tournament. For example if the division falls below 30 teams you must have a 12 team tournament. Why? In baseball it dramatically affects the quality of the tournament.

Our league coaches also feel there was extremely poor communication on these major issues. To rejoin the Redwood Empire with the East Bay is a major change. We knew nothing about it. To reduce the number of teams in the Div. 1 tournaments from 24 to 12 is a massive change. As baseball coaches we were not consulted. Last year's winner College Park would not have made the tournament if the current format were in place.

We hope you will consider our input and change the format to improve the quality of the tournament.

Possible tournaments format:

1. All league winners and at large to fill the 16 team format.
2. The 1st and 2nd place teams from each league if 8 leagues.
3. The 1st and 2nd place teams plus at larges to complete the 16 team field.

MVAL Coaches 7-0-0, MVAL Management 7-0-0, MVAL Board of Managers 7-0-0

NCS Recommendation: NCS would recommend that whatever bracketing changes we accept for Baseball that we would also include for softball to keep with gender equity.

MOTION: Tom Welsh SECOND: Marie Sugiyama

C. TABLED (24-4-1)

An Ad-Hoc Committee was assigned to study and bring back a proposal. The members of the committee are; Phil Tomasini, Rick Winter, Josh Frechette. Tom Welsh, Chris Krisman, Sue Keller.

Classification/Divisions by sport (submitted by the BAC)

This proposal is for Division IV and Division V schools (#1-4 below) and DI, II, III (#1,3,4 below), which are affected by the fluctuation in enrollment numbers. This would be for clarification purposes for Principals, Admissions Directors and Athletic Directors.

BAC makes the following recommendations for the SAC to consider:

1. Written criteria and rationale for division alignment for all sports regulated by the NCS place in the NCS Bylaws.
2. For the State championship sports, NCS adopt the State Standards (0- 500 students in Division V; 501 to 1250 is Division IV). As a Section we should be consistent with the State enrollment

guidelines in regards to State Championship Series Events.

3. Make non-state championship sports standardized divisions. If you are D III in softball you will be D III in all the other sports. Adjust the NCS Championship Tournament Brackets to accommodate each Division. Currently we allow between 35-50% of the schools in each Division to participate in the NCS Championship Series Events.

4. There will be an allowance of 15% or less over-enrollment for all schools, except in the case of State Championship Series Events. If a school remains between 1-15% over-enrolled by NCS Divisional enrollment standards after 4 consecutive years, that school will then be moved to the higher division. This is done during every realignment cycle. If a school exceeds 15% in over-enrollment, that school will be moved to the higher division the following school year.

Rationale:

It appears that the NCS Staff has broken down the divisions based on "dividing up the divisions equally by enrollment"; so that each division will have close to the same number of schools, rather than consistent size of schools. This has been problematic for schools that are on the bubble from year to year.

MOTION: Rick Winter SECOND: Bud Beemer

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. NONE

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Commissioner
- B. Associate Commissioner
- C. Assistant Commissioner

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IX. ADJOURNMENT