NORTH BAY LEAGUE

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NBL PRINCIPALS MEETING MINUTES, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2026, 3 PM
St. Vincent De Paul College Prep

ATTENDANCE

Chuck Wade	Analy	Absent	Santa Rosa
Matthew Vukicevich	Cardinal Newman	Nicholas Reynolds	St. Vincent
Monica Mertle	Cardinal Newman	Allen Riedel	Ukiah
Absent	Elsie Allen	Cameron Johnson	Ukiah
Absent	Healdsburg	Stephen Summers	Windsor
Jerry Deakins	Maria Carrillo		
John Ortiz	Montgomery		
Absent	Piner	Joe Ellwood	Commissioner
Rancho Cotate	Dave Ramalia	Dean Haskins	Asst. Commissioner

I. APPROVAL OF THE NBL AGENDA — **ACTION**

Motion to approve the NBL Principals Agenda for 9/21/26

Motion: CW, 2nd SS 8-0

II. ADOPTION OF THE NBL CONSENT AGENDA — **ACTION**

Motion to support the approval of the consent agenda as presented.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE PREVIOUS NBL Principal's Meeting

V. A. NBL Governance Calendar 2026-2027

VI. II. ADOPTION OF THE NCS BOM AGENDA 10/2/26

VI. III. ADOPTION OF THE NCS BOM CONSENT AGENDA 10/2/26

VI. X. C. Track & Field (SAC 24-7) (EXC 11-0)

VI. X. D. Baseball/Softball (SAC 33-0) (EXC 11-0)

VI. X. F. Team Tennis (SAC 27-7) (EXC 11-0)

VI. XII. B. New Member School Application: San Francisco High School of the Arts

VI. XV. A. CIF 503.M Court Storming (SAC 24-4) (EXC 11-0)

Motion: JD, 2nd CW 8-0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE PREVIOUS MEETING — **CONSENT**

Motion to approve the minutes from the 5/18/26 Principal's meeting, previously emailed and available online at www.northbayleague.org

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pursuant to Education Code Section 54954.3 and Education Code Section 33353, any member of the public wishing to speak on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the NBL, CIF, and NCS will be heard at this time. The time for such comment is no more than two (2) minutes per person on an item and no more than twenty (20) minutes total on an item or as designated by the Chair.

V.	**NORTH BAY LEAGUE AGENDA ITEMS**			
	A.	**NBL Governance Calendar** [2026-2027 NBL Governance Calendar]	**NBL ADs (12-0)**	**CONSENT**
	B.	**NBL Golf Bylaw Changes** [NBL Golf Constitution Changes]		
		1. Allowing Spectators to attend NBL Contests 7.801	**NBL ADs (10-1) MHS Opposed**	
		Motion: JD, 2nd MV 8-0 for immediate implementation at the NBL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS FOR THE 26-27 SEASON. Applies to all league matches starting in 27-28.		
		2. Creating New Oak/Redwood Championship Tournaments 7.802	**NBL ADs (11-0)**	
		Motion: SS, 2nd CJ 8-0. For immediate implementation		
		3. Adjust requirements for All League honors. 7.805	**NBL ADs (11-0)**	
		For immediate implementation only if it can be implemented for the Girls' Season this year		
		Motion: SS, 2nd CJ 8-0 For immediate implementation		
	D.	**Winter Draw**		
		Numbers will be drawn to break ties if needed in Winter Sports		
		1. UHS 2. SRHS 3. SA 4. MHS 5. CNHS 6. RCHS 7. RUP 8. SHHS 9. AHS 10. EAHS 11. MCHS 12, WHS 13. SV 14. HHS 15. PHS		
VI.	**NCS BOARD OF MANAGERS**			
	II.	**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** [NCS BOM AGENDA 10-2-26]		**CONSENT**
		Motion to support the approval of the agenda as presented.		
	III.	**ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**		**CONSENT**
		Motion to support the approval of the consent agenda as presented.		
	IV.	Minutes of April 17, 2026, Board of Managers Meeting		
	VII B.	NCS Representatives to Federated Council		
	X A.	Baseball/Softball Game Administration		
	X B.	Baseball/Softball Start Time (Weekday w/o Lights)		
	X E.	Team Tennis (USTA officials)		
	XI A.	NCS Bylaw 106.B.6		
	XI B.	Multi-School Agreements		
	IV.	**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**		**CONSENT**
		Motion to recommend approval of the minutes of the March 28, 2025 meeting, as printed. Posted at the NCS website, Board of Managers home page		
	VI.	**FINANCIAL ITEMS**		
		A. **2025-2026 End of Year Financials**		**INFORMATION**
		Review of the end of year 2024-2025 financials. All financial information is posted at the NCS website, including all monthly balance statements, audits, staff salary surveys, etc. Attachment A		
		B. **2025-2026 Audit Review Management Letter & Financial Statements**		**CONSENT**
		Regalia & Associates representative will report on the 2025-2026 audit review of the financial records of the CIF-North Coast section. The board will review and consider approval of the audit review. Attachment B (Will be Distributed at the Meeting)		
		C. **NCS Proposed Budget Adjustments for 26-27 (FC 5-0) (EXEC 11-0)**		**CONSENT**

Review of the staff recommended budget adjustments to the NCS 2026-2027 budget. These adjustments are necessary based on additional information not available at the time of the budget approval.
Attachment C

D. Fund Balance Based on 2025-2026 Financials (FC 4-0) (EXEC 11-0) **CONSENT**

The Executive Committee approved a motion to further investigate using the "Available for Distribution in Fall 2026" funds for potential student benefits this year. Suggested ideas were: no-cost student tickets to playoff events for schools that were on the 2025-26 Zero Ejection List, trauma-informed coaching methods training classes, and training classes for officials working NCS playoff games.
Attachment D

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Executive Committee Membership **INFORMATION**

President:	Clint Duey, (second year of two years as president)
Past-President:	Alton Nelson, (second year of two years as past-president)
President-Elect:	Dr. Steve Amaro, (second year of two years as president-elect)
Region 1:	Ron Polk, (first year of second term)
Region 2:	Clark Conover (second year of first team)
Region 3:	Dustin Dutra (second year of second term)
Female Rep.:	Elena DeSantis (third year of first term)
Sup. Rep.:	Julie Duncan (first year of second term)
CSBA Rep.	Greg Mack (third year of first term)
Class A Rep.:	Bruce Triplett (first year of second term)
Under rep. Rep.:	Gabriel Allbavera (second year of second term)
At-Lare Rep.:	Carlos Reed (second year of second term)

B. NCS Representatives to the CIF Federated Council **CONSENT**

Motion to support the proposal to send the following individuals to the CIF Federated Council as the representatives of the NCS.

Clint Duey—NCS President

Alton Nelson—NCS Past President, CIF Executive Committee Member

Elena DeSantis – NCS Female Representative

C. 2025-2026 Targets (EXC 11-0) **CONSENT**

Consideration of the recommended targets for the 2026-2027 school year. Commissioner Niemi and the Executive Committee are recommending the following:

	Goal	Steps to Accomplish	Responsible Person	Status
1.	DIGITAL GROWTH Build a strong, engaged Instagram and X community that increases awareness, celebrates	1. Increase followers by 650% on Instagram, from approx. 400 to 3,000. 2. Share "get to know" photos from all 175 schools.	NCS Staff	In Procress, accounts established @cifnorthcoast (Instagram) @cifncs

				student-athletes and schools, and drives people to NCS for accurate schedules, championships and merchandise.	3. Establish "verified" account, report fake accounts for removal.		(X)
			2.	**CONTINUED GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW ADs** Create additional Rookie Roundtable opportunities for new ADs to build skills and meaningful relationships.	1. Work with NCSADA to identify gaps in learning for newer ADs. 2. Identify times of day to best fit in AD schedule. 3. Schedule 5 zooms throughout the year.	NCS Staff w/ NCSADA	In Procress, to discuss with NCSADA
			3.	**NCS PRESENCE** Increase visibility and engagement by attending as many regular season and postseason games/practices/league meetings, etc. as possible.	1. Identify opportunities to get out and attend NCS games during regular season. 2. Connect with NCS stakeholders. 3. Post highlights to build connection and positivity.	NCS Staff	In Process, as games are underway.
		X.	**SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**				
			A.	**Baseball/Softball (SAC 28-0) (EXC CONS)**			**CONSENT**
				Proposal to update 15.601H & 25.501H- Game Administration as it pertains to double headers.			
			B.	**Baseball/Softball (SAC 28-0) (EXC CONS)**			**CONSENT**
				Proposal to adjust start time of games on fields with no lights.			
			C.	**Track & Field (SAC 24-7) (EXC 11-0) (NBL ADs 12-0)**			**NBL CONSENT**
				Proposal to conduct MOC in one day, timed finals format. **Attachment G**			
			D.	**Baseball/Softball (SAC 33-0) (EXC 11-0) (NBL ADs 12-0)**			**NBL CONSENT**
				Proposal to amend Open/D1 format **Attachment H**			
			E.	**Team Tennis (SAC 34-0) (EXC 11-0)**			**CONSENT**
				Proposal to require USTA officials for Open Division semifinal matches. Attachment I			
			F.	**Team Tennis (SAC 27-7) (EXC 11-0) (NBL ADs 12-0)**			**NBL CONSENT**
				Proposal to amend NCS 27.511H Team Composition. **Attachment J**			

	XI.	**ALIGNMENT COMMITTEE**	
		A.	**NCS Bylaw 106.B.6 (AC 3-0) (EXC 11-0)** **CONSENT**
			Proposal to amend NCS 106.B.6 to add girls flag football, STUNT, team tennis and team wrestling for the next Quadrennial Re-Alignment cycle (2032-2036). Attachment K in NCS BOM Agenda
		B.	**Approved Multi-School Agreements (AC 3-0) (EXC CONSENT) CONSENT**
			Motion to approve the CIF approved current list of NCS Multi-School Agreements for the 2026-2027 school year. Attachment L In BOM Agenda
		C.	**Selection of Alignment Committee Chairperson** **INFORMATION (BN)**
			Commissioner Niemi will report on the selection of a new Alignment Committee Chairperson to replace Henri Sarlatte.
		D.	**At-Large Representatives to the NCS Alignment Committee** **INFORMATION (SA)**
			Information regarding the Executive Committee's unanimous approval of Elena DeSantis (BAC) and Andy Bettencourt (VVAL) as at-large representatives to the NCS Alignment Committee.
		E.	**Southern Administrative Representative to the NCS Alignment Committee (1) INFO/ACT (SA)**
			The following three individuals are seeking placement as the Southern Administrative Representative to the NCS Alignment Committee (1 open position). Per NCS 70.C, this position encompasses the following leagues: BAC, BVAL, DAL, EBAL, MVAL, TCAL and WACC. Motion to approve the ballot that includes the nominees below, followed by the election vote. Nominees include (alpha by last name): 1. Eric Bamberger, Athletic Director, Clayton Valley Charter HS (DAL) 2. Chris Fortenberry, Principal, Castro Valley HS (WACC) 3. Theo Robertson, Athletic Director, Moreau Catholic HS (MVAL) Attachment M
			Motion to send Reps Uninstructed: SS, 2nd CW 8-0
		F.	**2028-2032 Quadrennial Alignment Cycle** **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION (BN)**
			Review and discuss the upcoming NCS realignment schedule for the coming year (2028-2032 Quadrennial Alignment Cycle): 1. Fall letter sent to schools on August 3, 2026. 2. Schools submit proposals to the NCS Office by September 4, 2026. 3. NCS Office holds Conference Workshops via Zoom for the Bay Shore, Redwood Empire, and Valley Conferences, Sept 15, 16, 17, 2026. 4. NCS Office holds Conferences Meetings at Conference Sites for the Bay Shore, Redwood Empire, and Valley Conferences, October 13, 14, 15, 2026. The Conference will vote on proposals at this meeting.

			5. The Bay Area Conference, Humboldt Del-Norte Conference, and Coastal Mountain Conference conduct their own workshops and meetings to develop their leagues as Single Commissioner Conferences. 6. Schools submit appeals to the NCS Office by November 4, 2026. 7. The Alignment Committee meets on Thursday November 19, 2026 and reviews appeals. 8. The Alignment Chair shares tentative alignment, pending appeals, at the Winter Board of Managers Meeting, January 22, 2027. 9. The Alignment Committee meets on Thursday, February 25, 2027 and depending on number of appeals, hears all. 10. The Board of Managers, at their spring meeting on April 16, 2027, votes to approve the Alignment Committee recommendations for final approval.	
	XII.	**ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE**		
		A.	**Review of 2025-2026 CIF Eligibility Data**	**INFORMATION (BN)**
			The committee will review the 2025-2026 State CIF Transfer Eligibility Data, including appeal information. Attachment N in BOM Agenda	
		B.	**Review of 2025-2026 NCS Eligibility Data**	**INFORMATION (BN)**
			Attachment O in BOM Agenda	
		C.	**Eligibility Committee Report**	**INFORMATION (JE)**
			Joe Ellwood, Eligibility Committee chair will report on the Eligibility Committee meeting.	
	XIII.	**NEW BUSINESS**		
		A.	**OMI Membership Update**	**INFORMATION (BN)**
			Update on the status of Oakland Military Institute.	
		B.	**New Member School Application**	**NBL CONSENT**
			San Francisco High School of the Arts Attachment P in BOM Agenda	
	XIV.	**SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE**		
		A.	**Report from the Sportsmanship Committee**	**INFORMATION (HS)**
	XV.	**CIF ITEMS**		
		A.	**CIF 503.M Court Storming (SAC 24-4) (EXC 11-0) (NBL ADs 12-0)**	**NBL CONSENT**
			Proposal to approve additional language to Bylaw 503.M regarding court storming. **Attachment Q**	
		B.	**CIF Federated Council Items**	**INFORMATION (BN)**
			CIF Federated Council Items First Reading/Informational Items 1. Bylaw 103 Weighted Voting Attachment R in NCS BOM Agenda	

			2. Bylaw 503.M. (Spectator Assault) Attachment S in NCS BOM Agenda 3. Bylaw 207.B.5.c (Mental Health Transfer Hardship) Attachment T in NCS BOM Agenda 4. Base Rule Attachment U in NCS BOM Agenda Round Table Discussion 1. Bylaws 201/203/204 2. Bylaws 302/303 3. Bylaw 600 4. Bylaw 900
	XVI.	**STAFF REPORTS**	
		A. Commissioner	**INFORMATION**
		B. Associate Commissioner	**INFORMATION**
		C. Assistant Commissioner	**INFORMATION**
	XVII	**PRESENTATION OF THE 2026 NCS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS**	
		1. Jorge Maldanado, James Logan High School	
		2. Eliot Smith, Lick-Wilmerding High School	

Next Principal's Meeting: Monday January 11, 2027, Ukiah High School

7.801	~~In the interest of safety, liability, and fairness, no spectators are allowed to be on the course of play. Coaches and courses may designate safe areas for galleries (for post-season honors or post-season play).~~ A gallery is permitted during league play: however, the gallery must remain at a distance of 30 yards from players at all times and are not to walk on the fairways. Participants are reminded of Rule 8 (Advice and Assistance) of "The Rules of Golf" which specifically prohibits players from receiving any counsel or suggestion from anyone (including their coach, other players, gallery, etc.) that could influence them in determining their play, the choice of a club, or the method of making a stroke. Spectators not following these rules will be asked to leave the course without warning. Note: *Information on the Rules of Golf and Local Rules are not considered to be advice. As a guest of private or municipal golf courses a gallery will only be permitted if the hosting golf course allows the gallery.*

7.802	The team with the most points in dual meet play and/or in mini-tournament rounds (if scheduled for that division), combined with points earned in the NBL Championship Tournament, will be declared the NBL champion and be awarded the automatic berth to the North Coast Section Golf Championships. (1/25/22) There will be an end of the year NBL Championship Tournament for both the Oak and Redwood Divisions. Points will be awarded as follows: 1.5 pts for 1st place, 1 pt for 2nd place, and .5 pts for 3rd place. These points will be combined with the dual and/or mini-tournament points to determine the league Team Champion. ~~If mini-tournaments are played, the team with the most points in the league mini-tournament rounds will be declared the champion and will be awarded the automatic berth to the North Coast Section Golf Championships. (1/25/22)~~

7.803	If two or more teams tie for first place at the end of the ~~round-robin~~ league season (including Championship Tournament), those teams shall be declared co-champions and each shall receive a pennant. In order to determine the

	NBL representative to the NCS Championships, the following process shall apply. 1. Head-to-head competition between/among the tied teams. 2. If the tie(s) still exists/exist, the next determination shall be the lowest total combined score versus the tied teams(s) in each of their matches. 3. If the tie(s) still exists/exist, the next determination shall be the lowest total combined scores in all league matches. 4. If the tie(s) still exists/exist, the next determination will be the principals' draw—the team with the lowest draw number shall represent the NBL at the NCS Championships. (3/11/24)

7.804	The championship team of the NBL may compete in the NCS Championships. The individual representatives are determined by a league tournament at the end of the season. ~~The tournament will be played on a neutral course whenever possible and will be hosted by schools on a rotating alphabetical basis.~~ The individual representatives from the Oak Division and from the Redwood Division will be determined by a league tournament at the end of the season. The tournament will be played on a neutral course whenever possible and will be hosted by schools on a rotating alphabetical basis. If the league tournament cannot be played, the individuals will be determined by their league average and the number of league matches won. (5/17/2022) ~~There will be a maximum of twenty golfers participating in the singles qualifying tournament. The top golfers from each of the divisions (Oak and Redwood) not already advancing on a championship team will be invited to participate. If one of the divisions does not have enough golfers who wish to participate, the extra spaces will be allotted to the other division. Players will~~

	~~be invited to participate based on shots over par per individual over the course of the league season. 9/25/23~~ ~~If the league tournament cannot be played, the individuals will be determined by their league average and the number of league matches won.~~

7.805	An all-league team will be selected following the end of the league season. There will be a Player of the Year, a first team of no more than 7 players, and a second team of no more than 7 players. The all-league team selections shall be based on shots over par per individual over the course of the league season. 9/25/23 A golfer must play in ~~a minimum of~~ ~~two-thirds or~~ more than 50% of the scheduled league matches to be considered for ~~NBL Qualifying Tournament and for~~ all-NBL honors. Additionally, the total scores for all golfers will be averaged against par for the course played. (3/11/24)