

# Vine Valley Athletic League

## Vine Valley Athletic League AD Meeting Agenda

Date of Meeting: Tuesday September 23, 2025

Location of Meeting: **Vintage High School - 1375 Trower Ave, Napa, CA 94558**

Time of Meeting: 11:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### Call to order and roll call.

Jon O'Con	American Canyon HS	John Antonio	Casa Grande HS
Andy Bettencourt	Justin Siena HS	Erica Escalante	Justin Siena HS
Darci Ward	Napa HS	An Truong	Petaluma HS
Mike Boles	Sonoma HS	Miaka Watanabe	Vintage HS
Rick O'Brien	Commissioner		

Action

#### I. **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to recommend approval of the agenda as presented.

#### II. **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.

#### III. **VVAL NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion

##### a. **Water Polo All League**

**Rick**

\* Update ??

Discussion

##### b. **NCS Track Meet - VVAL Host**

**Rick**

\* **SRJC Confirmed**

Discussion

##### c. **2026 Track Schedules - Attachment A**

**Darci/Rick**

Discussion

##### d. **Baseball/Softball 4:30 Start Time**

**Rick**

\* BOM will vote via email

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| Discussion | e. | <b>RPI vs Max Preps - Attachment B</b>           | <b>Rick</b> |
|            |    | * Which should be used for playoff seeding       |             |
| Discussion | f. | <b>Committee Members Report Out</b>              |             |
| Discussion | g. | <b>Congrats to Sonoma's John Rounkle</b>         | <b>Rick</b> |
|            |    | * Recognized by NCS of good sportmanship         |             |
| Discussion | h. | <b>Football Realignment</b>                      | <b>Rick</b> |
|            |    | * Use 1 or 2 years of data                       |             |
| Discussion | i. | <b>Steps and Protocols for a negative parent</b> | <b>Andy</b> |
|            | i. | <b>Pat Cruickshank Retiring</b>                  | <b>Rick</b> |
|            | k. | <b>Roundtable</b>                                |             |

**IV**

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting - AD's Tuesday October 28th  
11::00 a.m. at Casa Grande High School**

	<b>2026 Propose Dual and Tri Meet Schedule (7 Weeks)</b>						
	<b>American Canyon</b>	<b>Casa Grande</b>	<b>Justin</b>	<b>Napa</b>	<b>Petaluma</b>	<b>Sonoma</b>	<b>Vintage</b>
<i>Wednesday, March 18th</i>	Petaluma	Napa, Sonoma	Vintage	Casa Grande, Sonoma	American Canyon	Casa Grande, Napa	Justin
<i>Wednesday, March 25th</i>	Casa Grande, Justin	American Canyon, Justin	American Canyon, Casa Grande	Petaluma, Vintage	Napa, Vintage	Bye	Napa, Petaluma
<i>Wednesday, April 1st</i>	Bye	Justin	Casa Grande	Bye	Sonoma	Petaluma	Bye
<i>Wednesday, April 8th</i>	Sonoma	Bye	Bye	Vintage	Bye	American Canyon	Napa
<i>Wednesday, April 15th</i>	Napa	Bye	Petaluma	American Canyon	Justin	Bye	Bye
<i>Wednesday, April 22nd</i>	Bye	Petaluma	Bye	Bye	Casa Grande	Vintage	Sonoma
<i>Wednesday, April 29th</i>	Casa Grande, Vintage	American Canyon, Vintage	Napa, Sonoma	Justin, Sonoma	Bye	Justin, Napa	American Canyon, Casa Grande

Vine Valley Athletic League  
Track Schedule 2026  
Year 1 of 2 Year Rotation

First Day of Practice: February 9, 2026

**Wednesday March 18**

Justin Siena at Napa  
Casa Grande at Petaluma  
American Canyon at Vintage  
Sonoma Valley BYE

**Wednesday April 15**

American Canyon at Justin Siena  
Vintage at Sonoma Valley  
Petaluma at Napa  
Casa Grande BYE

**Wednesday March 25**

Vintage at Casa Grande  
Petaluma at Justin Siena  
Napa at Sonoma Valley  
American Canyon BYE

**Wednesday April 22**

Napa at Vintage  
Sonoma Valley at American Canyon  
Justin Siena at Casa Grande  
Petaluma BYE

**Wednesday April 1**

Casa Grande at Sonoma Valley  
American Canyon at Napa  
Vintage at Petaluma  
Justin Siena BYE

**Wednesday April 29**

Sonoma Valley at Petaluma  
Justin Siena at Vintage  
Casa Grande at American Canyon  
Napa BYE

**Wednesday April 8**

Petaluma at American Canyon  
Napa at Casa Grande  
Sonoma Valley at Justin Siena  
Vintage BYE

VVAL League Championship Meet  
Wednesday May 6th and Friday May 8th  
Casa Grande High School

**NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championships**

Deadline for leagues to determine qualifiers	May 9
Final date for competition other than NCS or CIF Championships	May 9
Class A Championships	May 16
Area Meets (Redwood Empire, Bay Shore & Tri-Valley)	May 16
NCS Meet of Champions	May 22-23
CIF State Championships	May 29-30

# MAXPREPS RANKINGS & THE NCS COMPETITIVE EQUITY SPORTS | JULY 2025

MaxPreps provides State/Section associations, such as NCS, with custom RPI rankings (1), MaxPreps rankings (2) or modified MaxPreps rankings (3). As adopted by the Board of Managers (1/2024), the NCS currently uses **standard MaxPreps rankings (2)** found on the MaxPreps website for postseason brackets in competitive equity sports.



NORTH COAST SECTION,  
CIF



## COMPETITIVE EQUITY SPORTS THAT USE MAXPREPS

Baseball  
Basketball  
Football  
Lacrosse  
Soccer (Fall & Winter)  
Softball  
Volleyball  
Water Polo

## WHAT ARE THE EXISTING MOV CAPS FOR EACH SPORT?

Baseball - 10  
Basketball - 20  
Football - 21  
Lacrosse - 10  
Soccer - 5  
Softball - 10  
Volleyball - 3 (sets)  
Water Polo - 3

## HOW ARE THE RANKINGS CALCULATED?

The specific MaxPreps ranking formula is protected due to its proprietary nature. They state that "The system utilizes the huge number of game results stored in MaxPreps across the nation. Generally, the more a team wins, the higher the ranking. However the system takes into account quality wins (against other highly ranked opponents) and strength of schedule. For example, a team's ranking is hurt more by losing to a team that is ranked below them than a team ranked ahead."

## CAN NCS MODIFY THE RANKINGS?

Yes, if proposed and adopted through the NCS governance process. It should be noted, however, that modified rankings would have to be posted to the NCS website (the rankings on the MaxPreps site would be the traditional MaxPreps rankings). Some examples of factors that could be modified:

- Margin of victory (MOV) can be eliminated so all wins are counted equal or can be set at a specific number such as 10.
- The weight of MOV can be increased/decreased.
- Forfeited games can be discounted.
- Tie games can be discounted.

## WHAT IS THE MAXPREPS RPI?

RPI, Rating Percentage Index, is another option that could be used for playoff seeding, should schools choose

to pursue and adopt through the NCS governance process. Two potential benefits of using the RPI is that the formula is transparent and score differential has no bearing. It would also have to be posted on the NCS website. The following is an RPI sample formula:

$$\text{SAMPLE RPI} = (40\% \times \text{WP}) + (40\% \times \text{OWP}) + (20\% \times \text{OOWP})$$

WP (Winning %): Divide the # of wins by the # of TGP. OWP (Opponents Winning %): Average of the winning % of a team's opponents. OOWP: Same as OWP, except with opponents of the team's opponent.