

# Vine Valley Athletic League

## Vine Valley Athletic League AD Meeting Agenda

Date of Meeting: Tuesday February 17, 2026

Location of Meeting: **Sonoma Valley High School, 20000 Broadway, Sonoma, CA 95476**

Time of Meeting: 9:00 a.m. **Meeting Called to order at 9:03 a.m.**

### Call to order and roll call.

Karin Hatton	American Canyon HS	Darci Ward	Napa HS
Jon O'Con	American Canyon HS	Gio Napoli	Petaluma HS
Erika Noone	Casa Grande HS	Molly Kiss	Sonoma HS
John Antonio	Casa Grande HS	Mike Boles	Sonoma HS
Joe Welling	Justin Siena HS	Jessica Hutchinson	Vintage HS
Andy Bettencourt	Justin Siena HS	Maika Watanabe	Vintage HS
Erica Escalante	Justin Siena HS	Rick O'Brien - Commissioner	
Ean Ainsworth	Napa HS		

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

Motion to recommend approval of the agenda as presented.

**Motion to approve Sonoma Valley 2nd Petaluma 7-0**

### 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. **None**

### III.. **NCS Sports Advisory Committee** (Rick) Attachment A

#### **CIF Items**

#### Action a. **Baseball and Softball**

Proposal to establish a CIF Baseball & Softball State Championship.

**Motion to approve Petaluma 2nd Napa 7-0**

IV. **NCS Items -**

Action

a. **Divisions**

Proposal to adopt enrollment-based divisions for the 2026-27 academic year (badminton, cross country, girls' flag football, golf and dual team wrestling) and competitive equity base divisions for the 2026-27 academic year (baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse, girls' fall soccer, boys' fall soccer, girls' winter soccer, boys' winter soccer, softball, tennis, girls' volleyball, boys' volleyball and water polo).

What criteria does MaxPreps use to determine power ranking and seeding ?

Motion to approve Sonoma Valley 2nd Vintage 7-0

Action

b. **Cross Country (Boys and Girls)**

Proposal to amend the formula for cross country divisional Placement.

Motion to approve Casa Grande 2nd American Canyon 7-0

Action

c. **Golf (Boys and Girls)**

Proposal to amend NCS 22.301H Golf Tournament Format.

Motion to approve Sonoma Valley 2nd Petaluma 7-0

Action

d. **Golf (Boys and Girls)**

Proposal to amend NCS 22.504H At-Large Teams for Qualifying Tournaments.

Motion to approve Petaluma 2nd Napa 7-0

Action

e. **Traditional Competitive Cheer**

Proposal to amend the competition categories for the NCS Traditional Competitive Cheer Championships.

Motion to send SAC Reps Uninstructed Napa 2nd Petaluma 7-0

V **NCS New Business:**

Action

a. **Girls Flag Football**

Proposal to expand to three divisions in girls' flag football.

Motion to approve Napa 2nd Justin Siena 7-0

Action

b. **Girls Flag Football**

Proposal to adjust the girls' flag football format to play all games at home sites through the semifinals, with a Wed-Sat schedule.

Motion to approve Justin Siena 2nd Casa Grande 7-0

Action

c. **Girls Flag Football**

Proposal to establish girls' flag football as a competitive equity sport for NCS playoffs.

Motion to approve Sonoma Valley 2nd Petaluma 7-0

Action

d. **Team Tennis (Boys and Girls)**

Proposal to amend NCS 27.511H Team Composition.

Motion to approve American Canyon 2nd Vintage 7-0

Action

e. **Team Tennis (Boys and Girls)**

Proposal to allow the Team Tennis Seeding Oversight Committee the ability to evaluate and adjust the top seed in one bracket compared to the last seed in the adjacent bracket based on the stated criteria.

Motion to approve Justin Siena 2nd Petaluma 7-0

Action

f. **Team Tennis (Boys and Girls)**

Proposal to establish a 3rd place match in all three divisions of team tennis (Open, D1 & D2).

Motion to send SAC Reps Uninstructed American Canyon 2nd Casa Grande 7-0

VI **NCS Old Business**

- a. NA

VII **NCS Round Table Discussion Topics**

Discussion

- a. **All Start Competition**

Discussion regarding CIF Bylaw 900 and whether it should be amended or eliminated.

Discussion

- b. **Basketball and Girls Volleyball**

Discussion regarding the existing CIF cap for Division 6 (199 & below). Should this be expanded to 250?

Discussion

- c. **NCS Football Playoffs**

What are the positive and/or negative effects of the 2 up/2 down restriction in football? Is it serving the purpose for which it was intended? Does it need to be modified/amended/eliminated?

Date from first 2 years of using 2 up - 2 down is needed

Discussion

- d. **NCS Playoffs (Other Than Football )**

What are the positive and/or negative effects of the 2 up/2 down restrictions in sports other than football? Are they serving the purpose for which they were intended? Do they need to be modified/amended/eliminated in any specific sport?

Date from first 2 years of using 2 up - 2 down is needed

V. **VVAL Items**

Action

- a. **Badminton Start Time** **Darci**  
Move start time for Badminton matches to 4:30

Motion to approve Vintage 2nd American Canyon 7-0

Action

- b. **Proposed 2026-2027 Winter Schedules** **Rick**  
Saturday Games  
Approval of schedules needed to post on VVAL Website  
Motion to approve Sonoma 2nd American Canyon 7-0

Action	c.	<b>Court / Field Times Before VVAL Tournament Games/Matches</b>	<b>Rick</b>
		Need to update VVAL Bylaws with times for each sport Motion to allow VVAL AD's to create new start times for sports. <i>American Canyon 2nd Sonoma Valley 7-0</i>	
Information	d.	<b>VVAL Hosts NCS Redwood Empire Area Meet</b>	<b>Rick</b>
		SRJC confirmed - Saturday May 16th VVAL - MCAL - NBL Track coaches will work event. <i>Meet with SRJC Track Coach on Tuesday February 24th - 11:00 a.m. at the SRJC Track</i>	
Information	e.	<b>Financials - VVAL Winter Tournaments</b>	<b>Rick</b>
		Handout	
Information	f.	<b>Spring Coaches Meeting</b>	<b>Rick</b>
		Recap meetings <i>Spring Break reschedules should be done between schools affected</i>	
Discussion	g.	<b>Track Team Arrival Times</b>	<b>Molly</b>
		<i>AD's will work on arrival time at their next meeting</i>	
Discussion	h.	<b>Past Champions Page on VVAL Website</b>	<b>John</b>
		<i>AD's will be assigned a sport to create the past champions list for our website. Rick will create a new page for website</i>	
Information	i.	<b>Reentry Policies</b>	<b>Karin</b>
Discussion	j.	<b>Undue Influence - Club Teams</b>	<b>Jessica.</b>
Discussion	k.	<b>Medals For Swim, Track and Wrestling</b>	<b>Rick</b>
		VVAL purchases medals, schools reimburse <i>VVAL will purchase medals and each schools will repay 1/7 of the invoice</i>	
Information	l.	<b>Commissioner Cup Standings</b>	<b>Rick</b>
		Shared via email with AD's	

Action

m. **Justin Siena - Self Reporting**

**Andy**

Motion to accept Justin Siena's report and solution Casa Grande  
2nd American Canyon 6-0

Action

n. **Vintage - Self Reporting**

**Maika**

Motion to accept Vintage's report and solution Sonoma Valley  
2nd American Canyon 6-0

Action

o. **American Canyon - Self Reporting**

**John**

Motion to accept American Canyon's report and solution Petaluma  
2nd Napa 6-0

**VI Round Table**

Admin need at VVAL League Tournament Games for both teams

Sportsmanship at all VVAL Contest. - AD's will meet and discuss, bring a  
list of ideas and policies to BOM

Artwork for Scholar Athlete patch is pending

**VII. Closed Session (if needed) None needed**

**VIII Adjourn - Next BOM meeting Tuesday May 19, 2026**

**9:00 a.m. at Sonoma Valley High School**

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.