

**MONTICELLO EMPIRE LEAGUE
ATHLETIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
DATE:**

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PURSUING
VICTORY WITH HONOR

Roll Call:

Pioneer HS	Megan Ussery	Present
Rodriguez HS	Sarah McLaughlin	Present
River City HS	Brittany Adame	Absent
Sac High	Destiny Isaac	Present
Vanden HS	Sean Murphy/ Eddie Wilson	Present
Vacaville HS	Jori Herman	Present
Will C Wood HS	Nick Voight	Present
FSUSD AD	Brad Burzynski	Present

Call to order

Eric Tretten called the meeting to order at

Public Input

None

BOM report

None

Announcements

Additions to the Agenda

- None

MEL League Business

3.11 Spring Schedules - Boys Tennis : Timing changed from Section.

Coaches want to go to double Round Robin. (Yes- RCHS, Pio , RHS, Vanden)

Co-Ed teams limit the number of available opponents for preseason matches.

Transportation may be an issue as most schools are close proximity. Vanden will bring 2 schedules to March meeting. AD's will Decide for BOM the following week.

27-28 T&F finals will be at WCW.

3.12 Pre- Season meeting template: Presented and a couple of changes made.

How do we get the coaches to attend League meetings? (Both Preseason and All-League)

Adjustments to the template be brought to the next meeting for the MEL calendar.

3.13 All- League Meeting Template- Approved. Discussion moved to coaches not attending meetings (both pre-season and All-League). Lots of discussion about video? Does that bring in other issues (Computer not working ? Audio Out?) How to get a coach to send a rep if they cant go? Does school lose all-league votes and players on the list? No coach, no recommendation but others choose your 1 kid. The question arose about an emergency situation. EX: coach on the way and got a flat tire. AD's felt that in an emergency they would decide how best to move forward?

3.14 MEL Financial form (New)- Approved by AD's. The discussion revolved around MEL Tournaments and funds raised. AD's requested the MEL cards contain the phrase "Not Valid for Conference Tournament".

AD's also felt that if a school wants to host a MEL Tournament and a facility cost is incurred the hosting school will pay. We have facilities available for no cost.

3.15 School charging parking for events was discussed. The group stressed communicating this up front so visiting schools can prepare.

3.16 Official Fee's: Presented proposed costs from the section.

3.17 26-27 Sport Calendar- Presented

3.18 Re-Alignment update- Presented. Discussion held around the proposal.

3.19 Dale Lackey- AD's brought nominations as requested and voted. Girls candidate Camila Perez from Pioneer. Boys candidate Brandon Na from RHS.

Section Items

- **Old Business**

4.01 These are action items presented for approval by the SJS Board of Managers.

1. Sac-Joaquin Section Items

- a. Proposed Continued Success Movement - Spring Sports {Pg. 26} Brewer** This proposal recommends the movement of four (4) member schools up a division based on Section bylaw language for continued success in the spring sports of baseball, softball, and boys tennis.
- b. Proposed Amendments to SJS Bylaw 501.4 {Pg. 27} Brewer** This proposal adjusts the requirements of a member school principal ensuring their school meets their obligations for post season play.
- c. Proposed Realignment Model {Pg. 28} Brewer** This proposal directs staff to present a conference model alignment during the organizations next realignment process/meetings (2028-2032).

NEW BUSINESS (Non-voting Items)

5.01

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These are first reading items presented for the purposes of information/discussion. No action is anticipated; however, a member can revise the agenda in order to act on any Section related item. State items will be first read items at the Federated Council meeting on February 5, 2026.

1. Sac-Joaquin Section Items

a. Proposed Continued Success Movement - Fall Sports {Pg. 29} DeBoard

This proposal makes recommendations for the movement of schools up a division based on the Sections bylaw language for continued success in the fall sports of cross country, flag football, football, girls golf, girls tennis, girls volleyball, girls & boys water polo.

b. SJS Season of Sport & Sport Calendar Modifications - Bylaw 504 {Pgs. 30-33} Feuerbach

This proposal redefines in-season, out-of-season, and summer periods, adjusts requirements for each period and adjusts the 2026-27 SJS Sports Calendar.

c. Approval of Full Membership - Tahoe Truckee Unified School Dist. {Pgs. 34-43} Garrison
Tahoe Truckee Unified School District is seeking full membership into the Sac-Joaquin Section for both of their high schools (Truckee HS & North Tahoe HS), effective the 2026-27 school year.

d. Proposed Mercy Rules {Pgs. 44-45} Feuerbach

This proposal establishes a mercy rule for the following sports: flag football (2101.1), soccer (2200.3), water polo (3300.2) AND adjusts the current mercy rule for basketball (1606.1).

e. Adjustment to SJS Constitution Article 2, Section 3 - Realignment Procedures Garrison
This proposal provides adjustments to the processes and procedures for realignment and will take effect with the commencement of the 2028-2032 planning cycle. {Pgs. 46-50}

f. SJS President-Elect Nominations {Pgs. 51-57} Brewer

The SJS Nominating Committee met by conference call, as per SJS Constitution - Article 4, Section 5 to nominate no less than two (2) individual candidates for President-Elect (see attached materials for names & resumes). Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

g. CIF-SJS Executive Committee Nominations {Pgs. 58-67} Brewer

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Administrator Representative-South

Athletic Director Representative

STATE ITEMS

5.02 State CIF Items

a. CIF President-Elect and Executive Committee Nominations {Pgs. 68-70} Brewer

The CIF Nominating Committee met by conference call, as per Bylaw 70.E., to nominate at least five (5)

candidates for a two-year term on the CIF Executive Committee and at least two (2) candidates for President-

Elect. Additional nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

b. Proposed Bylaws 1505/2804 - State Baseball/Softball Championships {Pgs. 71-76} Brewer

The council will discuss the addition of this Bylaw which would implement a state championship event for the

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c. Proposed Budget 2026-27 {Pgs. 77-82} Brewer

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Adjournment: 10:45am

Respectfully Submitted by Eric Tretten, MEL Commissioner