



In accordance with the Canyon Athletic Association (CAA) Constitution, a meeting of the Executive Board was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, via teleconference.

Executive Board President Josh Leon called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

Executive Board Member Attendance:

Josh Leon - Legacy Traditional Schools
Nikki Foster - Leading Edge Academy
Myles Jackson - Southwest Leadership Academy
Erik Gray - Premier Prep Online Academy
Troy Miletta - Heritage Elementary
Nate Wong - A+ Charter Schools
Keven Barker - Ridgeline Academy

Staff:

Randall Baum, CAA Executive Director
Rachel McCune, CAA Executive Assistant
Melissa Rigazio, CAA Director of Sports

Members

Chandler Russell – Arrowhead Christian Academy
Brent Frazey – East Valley Christian Athletes
Patrick Gibbs – ASU Preparatory Academy South Phoenix
Jennifer Munoz – ASU Preparatory Academy Phoenix

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board approved the

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, President Josh Leon called for the following Executive Session: 9:28 AM – 9:47 AM

FINANCIAL REPORT

In accordance with Article 34.6 of the CAA Bylaws, the Executive Board approved the following financial report:

- Financial Report for Athletic Director Conference
- Financial report for current Profit & Loss Statement

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE:

The 2026–2027 school year is off to a great start. Although the scheduling process has moved somewhat more slowly than anticipated, games are being finalized and our Junior High Season 1 competitions are officially underway. More than 400 high school and junior high teams will compete during our opening seasons, demonstrating the continued strength and growth of the Canyon Athletic Association.

The 2026 Athletic Director Conference was a tremendous success. The conference provided valuable information, resources, and opportunities for our member schools to prepare for the year ahead.

Our new sportsmanship campaign, “It Starts With Us,” has also officially launched. The 30-day implementation process is progressing smoothly as we continue introducing the campaign’s key components to athletic directors, coaches, parents, student-athletes, officials, and spectators. This initiative will remain an important focus throughout the year as we work collectively to strengthen sportsmanship and create positive athletic environments across the CAA.

Overall, the association is well-positioned for another successful year, and we appreciate the continued efforts of our staff, member schools, administrators, coaches, and officials as the new seasons begin.

NEW SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP

After reviewing the membership application and scheduling a site visit with the Executive Director, the following new member schools were approved by the membership for the 2026-2027 school year.

<u>School</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Membership Type</u>
Academy of Math & Science - Mesa	Junior High	Full Membership
Academy of Math & Science - Power	Junior High	Full Membership
Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center	High School	Full Membership
Baboquivari Middle School	Junior High	Full Membership
Dawn Treader Academy	High School	Associate Membership
Goliath Christian Academy	Junior High & High School	Full Membership
Kings Ridge Preparatory Academy	Junior High	Full Membership
Online School of Arizona	Junior High & High School	Full Membership
San Tan Charter School Signal Butte	Junior High	Associate Membership
Valor Preparatory Academy	High School	Full Membership
The Prize Academy @ SSS Academies	High School	Full Membership

High School Drops:

<u>School</u>	<u>Sports</u>
Gila Bend	Boys Soccer
Estrella	Girls Volleyball
Maya High School	Boys Flag Football
Sonoran Science Academy Phoenix	Boys Soccer
BASIS Scottsdale	Boys Soccer
ASU Preparatory Academy Phoenix	Girls Volleyball
ASU Preparatory Academy Phoenix	Boys Soccer
Sequoia Charter School	Boys Flag Football
News Point Academy	Boys Soccer
News Point Academy	Girls Volleyball

Junior High Drops:**School**

The Jones-Gordon School
Summit School of Ahwatukee
Bagdad Junior High
Rim Country MS
Harvest Prep Academy Yuma
Harvest Prep Academy Yuma
Harvest Prep Academy San Luis
Academy of Math & Science Desert Sky
Academy of Math & Science Avondale
South Valley Prep and Arts Academy
BASIS Ahwatukee
NFL YET College Prep Academy

Sports

Girls Volleyball
Coed Soccer
Baseball
Cross Country
Girls Volleyball
Coed Soccer
Coed Soccer
Coed Soccer
Baseball
Girls Volleyball
Coed Soccer
Elementary Volleyball

APPEALS

General Appeals

Article 10: Penalties and Fines

10.4 Fines

10.4.4 Team cancellations or 3+ forfeits in a season.

10.4.4.2.1 Fine of \$250; AND still responsible for participation fee.

<u>School</u>	<u>Approved/Denied</u>	<u>Level/Sport</u>
BASIS Chandler	Approved	JV Girls Volleyball

Article 10: Penalties and Fines

***10.2.4 Probation** – Probation is a testing or trial period for a school or team. Probation is equivalent to a larger penalty should the probation not be carried out in good faith and with due respect to all concerned.*

10.2.4.4 Prohibition from participation in one or more CAA tournaments for one or more years

<u>School</u>	<u>Approved/Denied</u>	<u>Level/Sport</u>
Arrowhead Christian	Denied	High School Boys Soccer

Note: The member school has proceeded with due process per Article 11.

Division Classification Appeals

Article 13: Classification of Member Schools

13.7 Division Placement Appeals A school may appeal to be placed in a higher or lower Division.

13.7.2 Schools approved their appeal are placed in that division for a 2-year block if the appeal is moving up to a higher division.

13.7.2.1 Appeals approved to move down a division must be renewed each year

<u>School/Appeal</u>	<u>Approved/Denied</u>	<u>Sport</u>
Academy of Math & Science-Camelback	Approved	Junior High 7v7 Passing

Division 1

Academy of Math & Science-Camelback Division 1	Approved	Junior High Girls Flag Football
Peoria Accelerated High School Division 1	Approved	High School Girls Basketball
Ruth Fisher Middle School Division 3	Approved	Junior High All Sports
South Ridge High School Division 2	Approved	High School Boys Basketball
South Ridge High School Division 1	Approved	High School Girls Basketball

Student Hardship Appeals

The following representatives entered the meeting for a student eligibility appeal and left upon completion of their presentations:

Article 5: Eligibility of Players

5.10 Homeschool or Online Student Athletes

<u>School</u>	<u>Approved/Denied</u>	<u>Level/Sport</u>
Arizona Cultural Academy	Approved	Junior High Girls Volleyball

Article 5: Eligibility of Players

5.10 Homeschool or Online Student Athletes

5.10.1 Students must participate in a school within their boundaries. (For private and charter schools, this is the county of residence.)

<u>School</u>	<u>Approved/Denied</u>	<u>Level/Sport</u>
East Valley Athletes for Christ	Tabled	High School Boys Soccer
East Valley Athletes for Christ	Approved	Junior High & High School Sports

Article 14: Hardship

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 14, Section 2 of the CAA Bylaws, granted / denied the following hardship eligibility requests:

<u>School</u>	<u>Approved/Denied</u>
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New Way Academy	Denied
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Note: The member school has proceeded with due process per Article 11.

Roster Hardship Appeals

Article 5: Eligibility of Players

5.2.1.1 High School Grade limits

5.2.1.1.3.1 Seniors may appeal to compete at JV level. (w/appeal)

<u>School</u>	<u>Approved/Denied</u>	<u>Level/Sport</u>
Carefree Christian Academy	Approved	Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball
New Way Academy	Approved	Junior Varsity Boys Basketball

Combining of Schools

Article 5: Eligibility of Players

5.11 School Does not Offer a Sport *Students who attend a CAA member school or an Associate Member school that do not offer a particular sport may send students to other CAA member schools to compete on the members' teams.*

All Schools below have been **approved** to combine schools for those corresponding sports.

<u>Receiving School</u>	<u>Combining School</u>	<u>Level/Sport</u>
Grande Innovation JH	Big House Christian JH	Junior High Baseball
ASU Prep Poly	BASIS Chandler	Junior High Baseball
ALA Gilbert North	ALA Applied Technologies	Junior High Swimming
Gila Bend Middle School	Kiser Elementary	Junior High Boys Basketball

Roosevelt Prep	Dawn Treader Academy	All Sports 2026-2027
ASU Prep South Phx	ASU Prep Academy Phx	All Sports 2026-2027

Note: ASU Prep South Phoenix will stay in the current division for Fall 2026 and move to the appropriate division with combining enrollment for Winter and Spring.

New Business

The following red addendums will be reviewed at the annual Legislative Council Meeting.

Amendment - Article 18 - Baseball

Amendment - Article 21 - Football

Amendment - Article 27 - Flag Football

FUTURE MEETINGS

All meetings will take place at 9:00AM

September Executive Board Meeting	September 9	CAA League Office
October Executive Board Meeting	October 14	CAA League Office
November Executive Board Meeting	November 18	CAA League Office

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Randall Baum, CAA Executive Director