



CANYON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
JANUARY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES JANUARY 14, 2026



In accordance with the Canyon Athletic Association (CAA) Constitution, a meeting of the Executive Board was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at the CAA League Office, 8102 N. 23rd Ave Suite E Phoenix AZ 85021.

Executive Board President Giles Glithero called meeting to order at 9:02 AM

Executive Board Member Attendance:

Erik Gray - Premier Prep Online Academy
Giles Glithero - South Ridge High School
Josh Leon - Legacy Traditional Schools
Myles Jackson - Southwest Leadership Academy
Nikki Foster - Leading Edge Academy
Tyler Olsen - AZ Compass Prep

Staff in Attendance

Randall Baum, CAA Executive Director
Rachel McCune, CAA Executive Assistant*

Members in Attendance

Glenda Hart - Adobe Mountain School*
Ryan Brezina - Adobe Mountain School*
Jeffrey Turney - Adobe Mountain School*
Jon Hutman - Leading Edge Academy East Mesa*
Tyler Nelson - Trinity Christian*
Jamarei Bryant - Skyline Schools*

*Indicates members were present via teleconference

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board approved the December Meeting Minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 9:14 - 9:34 AM

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Current Profit/Loss Review - December review

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE:

Welcome back from Winter Break. We hope our member schools, student-athletes, coaches, and families have time to rest and recharge as we move into an exciting stretch of the school year.

We have several major milestones ahead for our association. High School Basketball State Championships will be hosted at **Desert Financial Arena on February 14**, providing our student-athletes with a first-class championship experience. At the same time, **Junior High Season 3** is officially underway, and we are excited to see continued growth and participation across that division. In addition, **Football is here**, marking another important chapter for our programs and communities.

As we return to competition, it is critical that our **High School Basketball programs remain intentional about sportsmanship and enforcement of the Member Code of Conduct**. The association has received several reports regarding coach conduct toward game officials. This must improve. Respect for officials is not optional and is a shared responsibility among administrators, coaches, and programs. Changing culture takes consistency, leadership, and accountability at every level.

We appreciate the work many schools are already doing to model professionalism and positive behavior. Let's continue to move forward together, keeping the focus where it belongs—on education-based athletics, student-athlete development, and respect for the game.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to the Canyon Athletic Association

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 2025-2026 school year.

School

Alma Farrell Innovation Academy - Junior High Membership

Leading Edge Academy GEC - High School Membership

DROPS

<u>School</u>	<u>Level/Sports</u>
BASIS Peoria	JH Girls Basketball
BASIS Peoria	JH Flag Football
San Tan Charter	JH Girls Basketball
American Leadership Acad. Applied Tech	JH Girls Basketball
The Odyssey Institute	JH Girls Basketball Team 2
Eduprize Queen Creek	JH Girls Basketball
South Pointe	JH Girls Basketball
BASIS Mesa	JH Flag Football
Incito School	JH Flag Football Team 2
Pathfinder Academy	JH Girls Basketball
BASIS Phoenix South	JH Girls Basketball
Skyline Prep	HS Boys Basketball
Sequoia Pathway	HS Boys Basketball
Premier Prep	HS Boys Basketball
Heritage Academy Gateway	HS Girls Softball
Academy of Building Industries	HS Baseball
South Pointe	HS Girls Basketball
Harvest Prep	HS Girls Softball
Premier High School	HS Boys Basketball
New Way Academy	HS Baseball
American Leadership Acad. Sierra Vista	JV Boys Volleyball

APPEALS

GENERAL APPEALS

Article 5: Eligibility of Players

5.2.2 Junior High Age limits

5.2.2.1 Junior High athletes can be in grades 5 - 8

<u>School/Appeal</u>	<u>Approved/Denied</u>	<u>Sport</u>
Roosevelt Prep	Approved	Junior High Chess

Article 4: Responsibilities and Requirements of Member Schools

4.4 MEETINGS

4.4.1 On an annual basis, the school athletic director shall attend the CAA Kickoff Athletic Director Conference Meeting and the CAA Constitution and Bylaws Athletic Director Conference to be held each August and March, respectively.

4.4.2 Failure to attend the above required meetings will result in the school being fined \$150.00 per meeting.

<u>School/Appeal</u>	<u>Approved/Denied</u>
ASU Prep Poly	Denied

Classification Appeal

<u>School</u>	<u>Approved/Denied</u>	<u>Level/Sport</u>	<u>Division</u>
Champion Schools San Tan	Approved	JH Boys Basketball	D.3

Transfer Hardship Appeals

Article 5: Eligibility of Players

5.4 Transfer Rule

5.4.1 In State Transfers— a student shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels if transferred to a different school after August 1st of the current school year, OR until after the first half of the minimum regular season contests, stated in those sports in which the student participated during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the transfer.

<u>School</u>	<u>Approved/Denied</u>	<u>Level/Sport</u>
EVAC	Denied	Sand Volleyball

Winter Sports High School Student Athlete Hardship

Article 17A: Open Basketball

17.16.1 Must be enrolled in high school.

17.16.2.2 A 9th and 10th semester of eligibility may be granted for this division with all required documentation submitted prior to the season.

The following school has reported to the association that there will be 5th year student athlete(s) participating on their national or open roster.

<u>School/Team</u>	<u>Approved/Denied</u>	<u>Level/Sport</u>
EDUPRIZE Gilbert	Approved	Boys National Basketball
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Incident Reports

<u>School/Appeal</u>	<u>Approved/Denied</u>	<u>Level/Sport</u>
Imagine at Cortez Park	Tabled	JH Softball
Sequoia Pathfinder at Verrado Way	Tabled	HS Girls Basketball
American Leadership - Sierra Vista	Tabled	HS Boys Basketball

VIOLATION REPORT

<u>School</u>	<u>Level/Sport</u>	<u>Corrective Action Plan</u>
Skyline Prep Academy	JV Boys Basketball	Approved
Leading Edge Academy East Mesa	JH Girls Flag Football	Approved

COMBINING OF SCHOOLS

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>Sport</u>
Thunderbird Adventist Academy	Imagine Prep Superstition	High School Baseball

Member School Reporting Out

Non-CAA Event

<u>School</u>	<u>Level/Sport</u>
Sequoia Charter	Varsity Basketball

New Business:

2026-2028 High School and Junior High Classification Placement

26–28 Classification Placement

The Executive Board reviewed and discussed the proposed 2026–2028 Division Alignment and Classification Placement model for high school and junior high sports. The model establishes enrollment-based divisions by sport, including one-division, two-division, three-division, and four-division structures depending on participation numbers and competitive balance.

After discussion regarding competitive equity, scheduling consistency, and long-term association growth, the Board approved the 2026–2028 Classification Placement framework as presented.

This classification model will be implemented beginning with the 2026–2027 school year and remain in effect through the conclusion of the 2027–2028 school year, unless amended by Board action.

Document will be emailed out to members prior to January 30th for review with region and division placement. Appeal process information will be provided at this time.

Constitution Meeting Planning Update

- The Executive Board reviewed and confirmed planning details for the upcoming Constitution Meetings scheduled for **March 25** (High School: **9:00 AM–1:00 PM**; Junior High: **4:00 PM–7:00 PM**). Discussion included the proposed meeting agenda, review focus areas within the Constitution, the draft Legislative Council proposal including updates to **Article 3**, meeting structure, and the Board election process.

Annual Athletic Director Conference Update

- The Executive Board reviewed details for the **Annual Athletic Director Conference** to be held **July 24–25, 2026**, at **Talking Stick Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona**. Discussion included confirmation of the site and dates, planned presenters, key educational topics, and the inclusion of an exhibit hall featuring association partners and vendors.

FUTURE MEETINGS

February Executive Board Meeting	February 11	CAA League Office
March Executive Board Meeting	March 11	CAA League Office
High School Constitution Meeting	March 25 - 9:00 AM	TBD
Junior High Constitution Meeting	March 25 - 4:30 PM	TBD

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Randall Baum, CAA Executive Director