



In accordance with the Canyon Athletic Association (CAA) Constitution, a meeting of the Executive Board was held on Tuesday, March 10th, 2026, at the Secondary Site: Premiere Prep Meeting Room, , and Remotely.

Acting Executive Board President Erik Gray called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM

**Executive Board Member Attendance:**

Erik Gray - Premier Prep Online Academy  
Josh Leon - Legacy Traditional Schools\*  
Nikki Foster - Leading Edge Academy\*  
Tyler Olsen - AZ Compass Prep\*

**Staff in Attendance**

Randall Baum, CAA Executive Director  
Melissa Lachvayder, CAA Temp Executive Assistant

**Members in Attendance**

Ahlan- AZ Cultural Academy\*  
Jen Ono - Elite Prep \*

\*Indicates members were present via teleconference

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - 9:08 AM-9:22 AM

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

- Current Profit/Loss Review - February review
- Initial 26-27 Budget Discussion - Article 34

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE:**

The Canyon Athletic Association is proud to report that the Season 3 Junior High athletic season has successfully concluded, marking another exciting and competitive chapter for our member schools.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all participating programs, student-athletes, coaches, and administrators who contributed to a successful season. A special congratulations goes out to the schools that earned Junior High State Championship titles, representing the highest level of achievement within CAA competition.

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## **CAA Initiative Launch: “It Starts With Us”**

This month, the CAA officially launched the “It Starts With Us” Sportsmanship Campaign, reinforcing our commitment to education-based athletics and the role each stakeholder plays in shaping the culture of competition.

This initiative represents a renewed focus on the core values and expectations that define the Canyon Athletic Association.

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### **Educational Athletics Principles**

#### **Purpose**

The Canyon Athletic Association believes that interscholastic athletics are an extension of the educational mission of our member schools. Through participation in athletics, student-athletes gain valuable life lessons in teamwork, discipline, leadership, and personal responsibility.

CAA remains committed to providing leadership that ensures athletic competition is conducted with the highest standards of integrity, sportsmanship, and mutual respect.

## **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.

### **Schools**

Elite Prep - Associate member approval (25-26 school year)

**Participation Report:**

**Add**

**School**

ALA Mesa North

**Sports**

JH Boys Soccer - Team 2

**Drops:**

**School**

West Valley Christian

**Sports**

HS Baseball

West Valley Christian

HS Sand Volleyball

ALA Sierra Vista

HS Softball

Phoenix College

HS Coed Soccer

LFPA

HS Girls Flag Football

Basis Scottsdale

HS Girls Soccer

Heritage Gateway

HS Boys Golf

Sequoia Charter

HS Girls Softball

Phoenix College

HS Boys/Girls Track

International School Arizona

JH Coed Soccer

San Tan Charter

JH Girls Soccer

Arizona Cultural

JH Boys Soccer

Dobson

Elementary Boys Basketball

Rim Country

JH Girls Soccer - Team 2

Calibre

JH Coed Soccer

Ben Franklin

JH Girls Soccer - Team 2

Pathfinder Academy

JH Boys Basketball

## **APPEALS**

### **GENERAL APPEALS**

*8.9 POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT 8.9.1 The CAA is responsible for organizing post-season tournaments, which include creating tournament brackets, rules, and securing venues and officials.*

<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Approved/Denied</u></b>	<b><u>Level/Sport</u></b>
Benjamin Franklin	Approved	ESPORTS- Super Smash Bros

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### **Article 10 - Penalties and Fines**

**10.4.5** Teams forfeiting or canceling their postseason game after the brackets have been announced. **10.4.5.1** Fine of \$400

<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Approved/Denied</u></b>	<b><u>Level/Sport</u></b>
Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy	N/A	Kickball - Tabled

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### **Roster Hardship 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.**

<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Approved/Denied</u></b>	<b><u>Level/Sport</u></b>
Eduprize- Gilbert	Approved	V. Girls Flag Football-

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Wickenburg Christian Academy	Denied	JH Boys Basketball
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## **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.

<b><u>Receiving School</u></b>	<b><u>Combining School</u></b>	<b><u>Sport</u></b>
Paradise Valley Christian Prep	N. Valley Christian	Football

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## **VIOLATION REPORT**

### **Article 8: Teams, Scrimmages, Regular Season Contests, Tournaments**

#### **8.2 Regular Season Contests**

**8.2.1.1** *Athletic Director will be responsible for communicating and scheduling all mandatory games.*

<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Level/Sport</u></b>	<b><u>Disciplinary Action</u></b>
Tipping Point Academy	Athletic Program	Probation

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### **12.4. Spectator Responsibility**

**12.4.1** *Spectators are expected to maintain high standards of sportsmanship and behavior at all CAA events.*

<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Level/Sport</u></b>	<b><u>Corrective Action Plan</u></b>
Imagine Cortez Park	JH Girls Softball	Accepted

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**ARTICLE 8: SCRIMMAGES, REGULAR SEASON CONTESTS, TOURNAMENTS*****8.2.1.1.1 Failure to schedule a mandatory game will result in postseason ineligibility***

<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Level/Sport</u></b>	<b><u>Corrective Action Plan</u></b>
Val Vista Academy/ Summit School of Ahwatukee	JH(G) Basketball	No Action-Post Season

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<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Level/Sport</u></b>	<b><u>Corrective Action Plan</u></b>
<u>AZ Cultural Academy vs West Valley Christian</u>	(G) Basketball	No Violation found

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<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Level/Sport</u></b>	<b><u>Corrective Action Plan</u></b>
<u>Sequoia Pathfinder Academy v. Verrado Way</u>	(Coed) Soccer	None-Reporting POA

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<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Level/Sport</u></b>	<b><u>Corrective Action Plan</u></b>
<u>Pioneer Tech</u>	Kickball	Tabled

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<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Level/Sport</u></b>	<b><u>Corrective Action Plan</u></b>
Pensar Academy	(G) Basketball	Tabled- April Meeting

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**Incident Reports****12.4. Spectator Responsibility**

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<b><u>School/Appeal</u></b>	<b><u>Approved/Denied</u></b>	<b><u>Level/Sport</u></b>
<u>Pensar Academy vs AMS-Prince</u>	Tabled	JH1(G) Basketball

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Harvest Prep Academy-Yuma/Sequoia Pathfinder-Verrado	Tabled	V (C) Soccer
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*Note: Board requesting additional support materials.*

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## **Ejection Report**

### **School**

ALA-Ironwood v. ALA-Queen Creek

Bella Vista vs. Dream City

LFPA vs. Premier HS

### **Level/ Sport**

JH (B) Football

V (B) Basketball

V (Coed) Soccer

## **New Business:**

### **Updated Bylaw Direction**

The following provisions have been **removed**:

- **Article 5.3.3** – “During a school year, a student shall be eligible to participate in only one season of competition per sport.”
- **Article 8.9.3** A player can only play in one postseason tournament, per sport (i.e. a junior high student who plays in the junior high tournament cannot be brought up to play in the varsity tournament).

The following provision remains **active and governing**:

- **Article 4.9.1.3.1 – Maximum Season Participation**

*A student-athlete may participate in more than one season of the same sport within a*

*single school year (e.g., participating in both Junior High and High School seasons).*

## **Official Interpretation**

Based on this approved amendment, CAA policy now permits the following:

- A Junior High student-athlete may compete at the Varsity (High School) level
- The same student-athlete may also participate at the Junior High level in the same sport within the same school year

## **Champions of Character Information:**

The **Character of Champions Luncheon / The Vinny Awards Presentations** will be held on April 29, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM, at the San Tan Ford Club (ASU Tempe) (tentative, confirmation pending). The Champions of Character Honors Luncheon provides an opportunity to celebrate excellence in character among peers, leaders, and athletic professionals from across the state, recognizing individuals who exemplify integrity, leadership, and sportsmanship.

**Nominations are now closed - selections will be announced on March 24th, 2026.**

## **2026 - 2027 Seasonal Timelines (JH and HS) Calendar Review**

- Timelines are posted on the CAA website under the administrators' section

**Annual Athletic Director Constitution Meeting - Reminder**

*\* This meeting is required for voting members*

- The event will take place on March 25, 2026, at the DoubleTree by Hilton – Phoenix North. The High School session is scheduled from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, followed by the Junior High session from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM.
- The agenda will be mailed out on March 20, 2026.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

High School Constitution Meeting	March 25 - 9:00 AM	Doubletree-North Phx
Junior High Constitution Meeting	March 25 - 4:30 PM	Doubletree-North Phx
April Executive Board Meeting	April 8, 2026 - 9:00 AM	League Office
May Executive Board Meeting	May 13, 2026 - 9:00 AM	League Office

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 AM

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Randall Baum, CAA Executive Director**