

*Status quo
individuals*

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Minutes of the DAL/SCVAL cross country league evaluation meeting
December 1, 1994

Schools represented: Homestead, St. Francis, Monta Vista, Lynbrook,
Saratoga, Fremont, Wilcox, Gunn, Palo Alto, Santa Clara, Los Altos

Verne Thornberg (Homestead) presided over the meeting.

I. Ted Lacicero came by to give his input on whether the CCS will force us to make a change to a El Camino and DeAnza divisions with a "strong-weak" philosophy. Most coaches felt that they would like to stay status quo due to different factors:

- a. some boys and girls were in different leagues, but this does not affect travel since we do not have dual meets.
- b. there was a discussion of whether a "weak" league champion is a true champion when this year we had 2 team champions from both leagues with quality teams
- c. qualifying to CCS would not be straight forward.
- d.** the feeling of the coaches was that Cross Country is run differently than all the other sports because we do not have a dual meet season and should not have to be forced into a strong-weak league situation. If we are, we will give majority of representation to the strong league for CCS berths.



II. The majority of the meeting was to go over the by-laws for next year (see attached copy of by-laws).

A. Discussion continued with the support of the coaches to pursue remaining status quo to be our "Plan A". We did make alternative qualifying procedures (see attached by-law sheet). Article VI, VII and VIII revisions were made in case we were forced to realign as our "Plan B". Revisions in Article III, section 1 and the omission of Article III, section 5 were unanimously approved.



B. In running the league championships it was discussed to have both leagues compete on the same day as we did this year and to keep the Girl's JV and Boy's frosh/soph as combined races. There was also a discussion of possibly running all races combined and have separate chutes for scoring purposes to see the real top teams compete for CCS berths.

C. The Coaches Alliance asked us to vote on a proposal to the CIF Board on the possible changes in qualifying of individuals to the State Championships.

Proposal #1:

- If the section qualifies 1 team then the individuals must finish in the top 9 places.
- If the section qualifies 2 teams " " " " " " " " " 12 places.
- If the section qualifies 4 teams " " " " " " " " " 15 places.

Proposal #2:

- If the section qualifies 1 team then the individual must finish in the top 8 places.
- If 2 teams " " " " " " " " " 10 "
- If 4 teams " " " " " " " " " 12 "

Both proposals have a minimum of 3 individuals and a maximum of 5 qualifying.
We unanimously voted for proposal #1.

Hal Daner (Gunn) and Roberta Chisam (St. Francis) were voted Co- League Representatives for the next 3 years.

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League Evaluation Recommendations

SANTA CLARA VALLEY ATHLETIC LEAGUE CROSS COUNTRY BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Governing Rules

Section 1. The official rules for Cross Country are contained in the current edition of the National Federation of State High Schools Track and Field Rule Book, in the C.I.F. By-laws, and these League By-laws.

ARTICLE II

Classification

Section 1. The four (4) official Cross Country teams are: Girls' Varsity, Boys' Varsity, Girls' Junior Varsity, and Boys' Frosh/Soph.

ARTICLE III

Practice and Game Limitations

Section 1.

Cross Country participants must have a minimum of five (5) days of practice before competing in a meet. (To be eligible to compete in the League Championship meet, the athletes must have written documentation of completing at least one inter-scholastic meet on the team's official schedule. The two exceptions would be an athlete who cannot compete in a pre-league championship meet due to academic ineligibility or a season-long injury, (with written verification by a physician). [added - vote 8:0 for the new addition

Section 2.

All team members within a given race will wear the same type of uniform as written in the C.I.F. rule book.

Section 3.

Practice is prohibited on Sundays.

Section 4.

Teams may not start practice prior to the starting dates established annually by the Board of Managers. (We unanimously voted to delete this.)

Section 5.

Schools may compete in a total of thirteen (13) meets per season, not including the Division finals, and any other meets to which the school may consequently qualify.

deleted - Teams may not start practice prior to the starting dates established annually by the Board of Managers.

(vote: 8:0 approved deletion)

Accepted -
revised
MS with
24 point edits

not passed

ARTICLE IV

Division Championships

Section 1. The Division finals shall determine the division standings and the Division champion in Girl's Varsity, Boy's Varsity, Girl's Junior Varsity, and Boy's Frosh/Soph.

1.1 A student may compete in just one (1) classification in the Division finals.

Section 2. The number of participants from each school shall be limited as follows:

2.1 Girls' Varsity A limit of seven (7) entrants

2.2 Boys' Varsity A limit of seven (7) entrants

2.3 Girls' Junior Varsity No Limit of entrants

2.4 Boys' Frosh/Soph A limit of ten (10) entrants

Section 3. An open race shall be run at the Division finals.

3.1 Any student who has not participated in the official Boys' Varsity and Boys' Frosh/Soph races may enter.

Section 4. The top 15 finishers in the four divisions identified in IV. II above, will be awarded All-League status.

*added
S.O vote
approval*

ARTICLE V

Special Rulings

Cross Country Chairpersons

Section 1. The Cross Country chairperson(s) shall serve for a minimum of three (3) years.

Section 2. The duties of the Cross Country chairperson(s) shall be:

2.1 Call a meeting of all the Cross Country coaches prior to the beginning of the season to go over schedules, by-laws, rule changes, and anything pertinent to that sport.

2.2 Call a meeting of all the Cross Country coaches at the end of the season to review the by-laws, make revisions in the by-laws, and discuss problems that came up during the season and try to determine how to solve these problems. The sport chairperson(s) shall present a report with any by-law changes to the Athletic Directors at their Winter meeting.

(** The following Articles are to be in use only if our league must be divided into strong league and weak league as governed by the Board of Managers. If our league stay status quo, then, Article VI , VII and VIII will be omitted.)

ARTICLE VI**

Division Alignment

- Section 1. The results of the two Division meets will be combined and the top seven (7), teams will be placed in the DeAnza Division. All other teams will be placed in the El Camino Division.
- 1.1 Scoring of the teams will be by place.
 - 1.2 If there are any ties in time between runners from different Division meets, the two tying runners will split their combined score (Example: The typing runners are placed 10th and 11th in the combined scoring. Each runner will receive 10.5 points.)
 - 1.3 The two Division meets will be held on the same date and site.

ARTICLE VII**

Qualifying to CCS

- Section 1 As long as the CCS has its current policy of qualifying only half of the teams and the top twenty (20) percent of individuals from a league, the following will be the SCVAL rule starting with the 1994 Cross Country season.
- 1.1 The DeAnza Division will automatically qualify five (5) teams.
 - 1.2 The El Camino Division will automatically qualify one (1) team.
 - 1.3 All other qualifying team places will be based on the following procedure:
 - 1.3.1 The two Division meets will be combined as indicated in Article VI.
 - 1.3.2 The highest placing teams will fill the remaining qualifying places.

1.3.3 Any individual to qualify must finish in the top twenty (20) percent of all runners.

*Follow CCS
by-laws*

1.3.4 If a school's enrollment classifies them for the Division I or Division IV classification, that school will not be counted when identifying teams qualifying for CCS.

ARTICLE VIII **

Realignment of Divisions after 1993-1994

Section 1. The automatically qualifying teams to CCS plus the next best team will compete in the DeAnza Division the following year. All other teams will compete in the El Camino Division for the following year.