

Frequently Asked Questions

GCSS Athletics

1. Why are we discussing moving management of three sports from CAYA to CA?
 - The TSSAA has changed districts so that we would play the same schools that we play at CAMS.
 - This gives CA control of scheduling and maintaining balance of athletics in relationship to spiritual, academic, and social opportunities at school.
 - Allows more CA students to be involved in school activities.
 - Allows CA students who receive worthy student monies to participate.
 - New district ensures less distance and time away from school for games.
2. What actually changes?
 - CA manages as opposed to CAYA.
 - Either way, CA students will still be involved in the same sports.
 - Boys soccer would be in the Spring.
3. What is the cost to the school?
 - By policy, funding will come from the student-athletes, booster club, and additional fundraisers/donors (as it is presently).
4. Will CA Athletic Director will keep game schedule in balance with school requirements?
 - YES: AD must follow GCSS athletic policy.
5. Does CAYA support?
 - CAYA and CA have been in discussions since last spring.
 - While CAYA would continue with the 3 sports, if CA takes them on, they will be supportive of move.
 - In particular, CAYA leadership would be very supportive with a written policy that is followed by the school.
6. Will CA be competitive?
 - CA Athletic Director will be able to schedule any high school team. Not required to play all the teams in our new district.
7. Will CA still do the annual away tournaments?
 - Yes (basketball) No (volleyball – but we are in discussion): tournaments must fall in the competition date window given by the TSSAA. e.g. – SWAU & Andrew's tournament good.

8. What will we do if we have a district, region, or state game scheduled for Sabbath?
 - We will do what we do currently for the four athletic sports we have now (cross country, track & field, golf, and tennis). We would not compete - period. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to be a witness to our community . . . to stand up for our Faith. We've had several athletes qualify for state in cross country, who then did not compete because state was on Sabbath. This is an issue we have already dealt with and we stand for what is right.
9. This is a lot to put on the plate of the AD (one person) . . . can he handle it?
 - Our current AD, Erik Pardo, came from a school where he taught 6 classes, was the AD for 18 sport teams (middle school, JV, and varsity), ran open gyms, and coached 2 teams. As we have 4 sports currently, this would give us a total of 10, with no intent to add more to an already full extra-curricular calendar. Erik does teach 5 classes, just like every teacher at CA that has evening/weekend/lab duties (Science, English, Music, and PE/AD).
10. Would moving three sports to CA, mean that CAYA would simply add more sports?
 - No, Pastor Ferguson has no plans for adding additional sports. He shared that he believes a school is more uniquely qualified to manage this area.