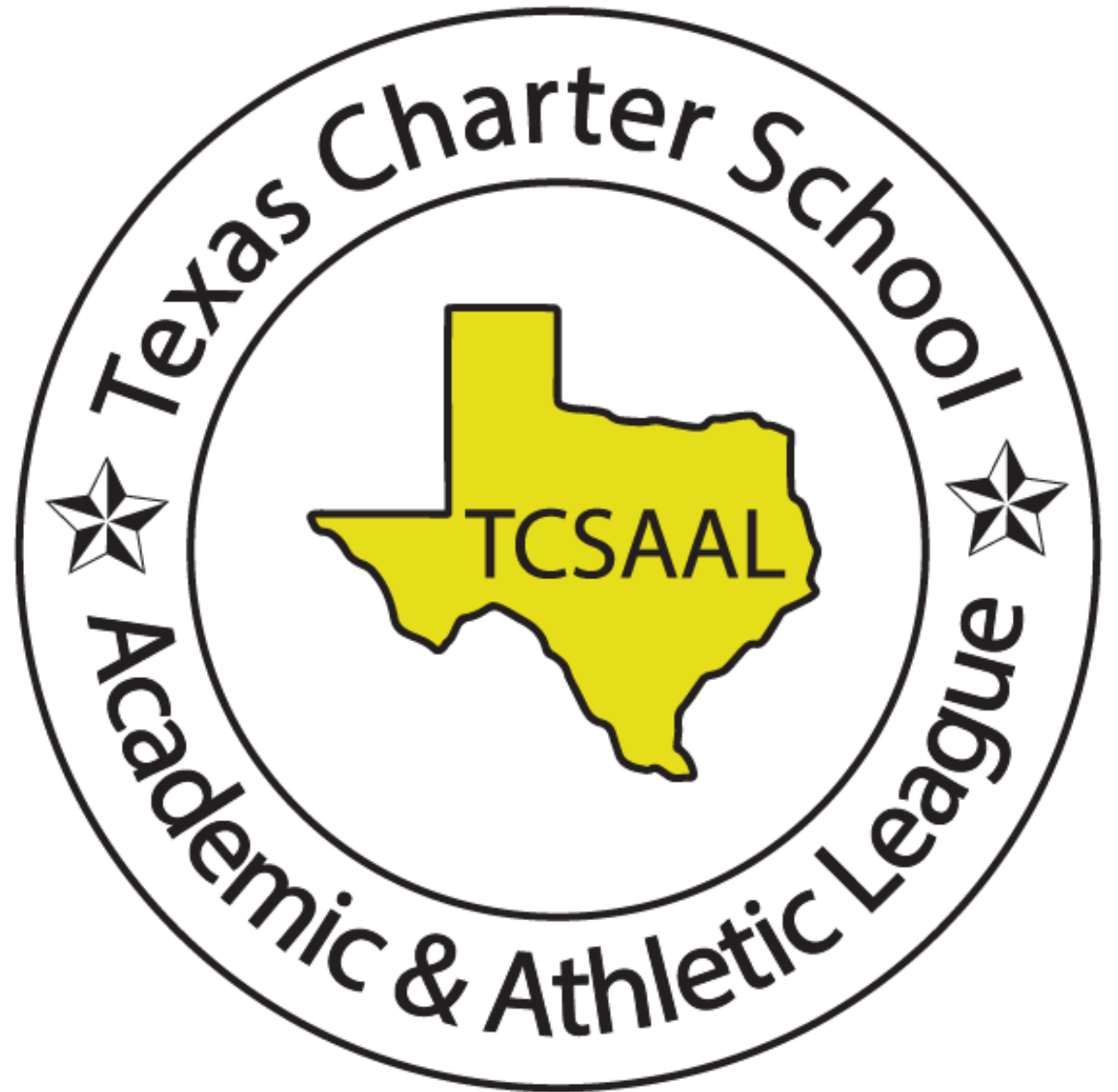


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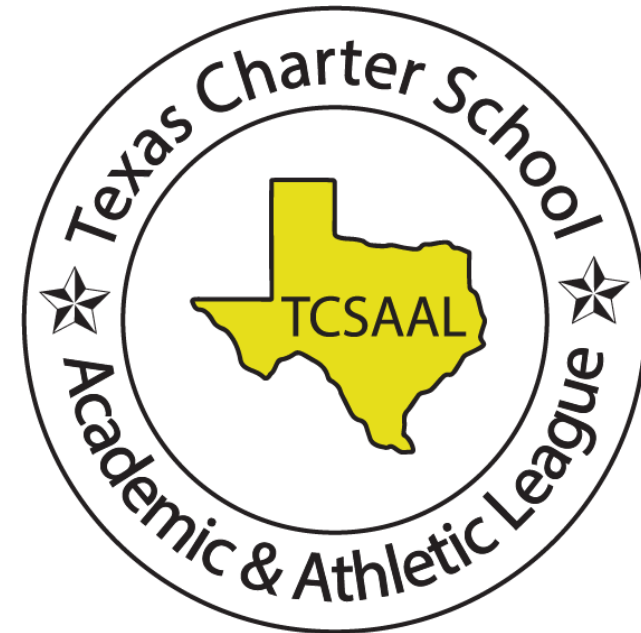
July 30-31, 2025

Texas State Capitol, Austin, TX





# Welcome



Thank you for joining us at our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Coaches Conference at the start of our 19<sup>th</sup> School Year

*'A coach will impact more young people in a year than the average person does in a lifetime.' That's not just a quote—it's a truth I see in this league every single season.'*

# TCSAAL Information

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- TCSAAL was formed in 2007 and we are proud to be kicking off our 19<sup>th</sup> school year serving Texas' Charter Schools.
- In our first year we started with 7 schools in 2 regions. Going into our 19<sup>th</sup> year we have nearly 400 schools registered for the 2025-2026 school year across the state of Texas, from Houston to El Paso and Brownsville to Dallas, making us the second largest league in the state behind UIL and one of the largest school sports leagues in the nation!



# TCSAAL 2025- 2026 Team

- John Bucy – President
- Jordan Hatch – Director of Regional Operations
- Molly Bucy - Finance Director
- Jason Lo – Academic & Art Director
- Nick Youngblood / Joshua Call – Compliance Officers
  
- Regional Directors:
  - Jordan Hatch – Central TX / San Antonio
  - Nick Youngblood – Central TX / Austin
  - Tashi Hickman – East TX
  - Tyler Hatch - North TX / Dallas / Tarrant
  - Tony Martinez - South TX / West TX

# 2025 -2026 School Year

LOOKING AHEAD





TCSAAL Partnership  
with  
Texas State  
University



State Chess & Spelling  
Texas State Capitol

# Calendar

<b>Tentative Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
July 30 & 31, 2025	<b>TCSAAL Annual Coaches Conference</b>
Aug 25, 2025	<b>Start of Flag Football / 6-Man Tackle / 11-Man Tackle</b>
Aug 25, 2025	<b>Start of Volleyball</b>
Sep 22 - Nov 10, 2025	<b>High School ESports Regular Season</b>
Sep 22 - Dec 8, 2025	<b>Middle School ESports Regular Season</b>
Sep 27, 2025	<b>Fall Team Tennis State</b>
Oct 18, 2025	<b>CTX XC Regional Meet</b>
Oct 18, 2025	<b>ETX XC Regional Meet</b>
Oct 25, 2025	<b>NTX XC Regional Meet</b>
Oct 25, 2025	<b>STX XC Regional Meet</b>
TBD	<b>WTX XC Regional Meet</b>
Nov 1, 2025	<b>XC State Meet</b>
Oct 27 - Nov 8, 2025	<b>Flag Football &amp; Volleyball Regionals</b>
Nov 10, 2025	<b>Start of Varsity Basketball</b>
Nov 10, 2025	<b>Start of Sub-Varsity Basketball</b>
Nov 14, 2025	<b>South TX vs West TX Regional Flag Football &amp; Volleyball Championships</b>
Nov 15, 2025	<b>Flag Football   Volleyball   6 Man Tackle STATE</b>
Nov 17 - Dec 9, 2025	<b>Chess / Spelling Regionals</b>
Dec 6, 2025	<b>11-Man Tackle Football State Championship</b>
Dec 13, 2025	<b>State Chess / Spelling</b>

Jan 7 - 14, 2026	<b>Math Regionals</b>
Jan 17, 2026	<b>Cheer State</b>
Jan 17, 2026	<b>Wrestling State</b>
Jan 24, 2026	<b>Math &amp; Science State</b>
Jan 26 - Feb 7, 2026	<b>Basketball Regional Tournaments</b>
Feb 9, 2026	<b>Start of Soccer</b>
Feb 12, 2026	<b>South TX vs West TX Regional Basketball Championships</b>
Feb 13 & 14, 2026	<b>Basketball State Tournament</b>
Feb 28, 2026	<b>Arts Festival</b>
Mar 7, 2026	<b>Spring Tennis State</b>
Mar 9, 2026	<b>Start of Baseball &amp; Softball</b>
Mar 26 - Apr 4, 2026	<b>Soccer Regional Tournaments</b>
Mar 30, 2026	<b>High School Golf State Tournament</b>
Mar 31, 2026	<b>Middle School Golf State Tournament</b>
Apr 9, 2026	<b>South TX vs West TX Regional Soccer Championships</b>
Apr 10 & 11, 2026	<b>Soccer State Tournament</b>
Apr 17 - 25, 2026	<b>Track &amp; Field Regional Meets</b>
May 2, 2026	<b>Track &amp; Field State Meet</b>
May 4 - 9, 2026	<b>Baseball &amp; Softball Regional Tournaments</b>
May 14, 2026	<b>South TX vs West TX Regional Baseball &amp; Softball Championships</b>
May 15 & 16, 2026	<b>Baseball &amp; Softball State Tournament</b>

# TCSAAL Athletic Activities offered

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- Flag Football
- Girls Flag Football
- Tackle Football
- Volleyball
- Boys Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Baseball
- Softball
- Tennis
- Golf
- Wrestling
- Cheer
- Track & Field
- Esports





# Academic & Art Activities Offered

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- Math
- Science
- Spelling
- Chess
- Arts

# New in 2025-2026

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Girls Flag Football  
Compliance Officer





# Accountability

COMPLIANCE OFFICER

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TCSAAL strives to enhance the product of the league by holding our schools accountable:

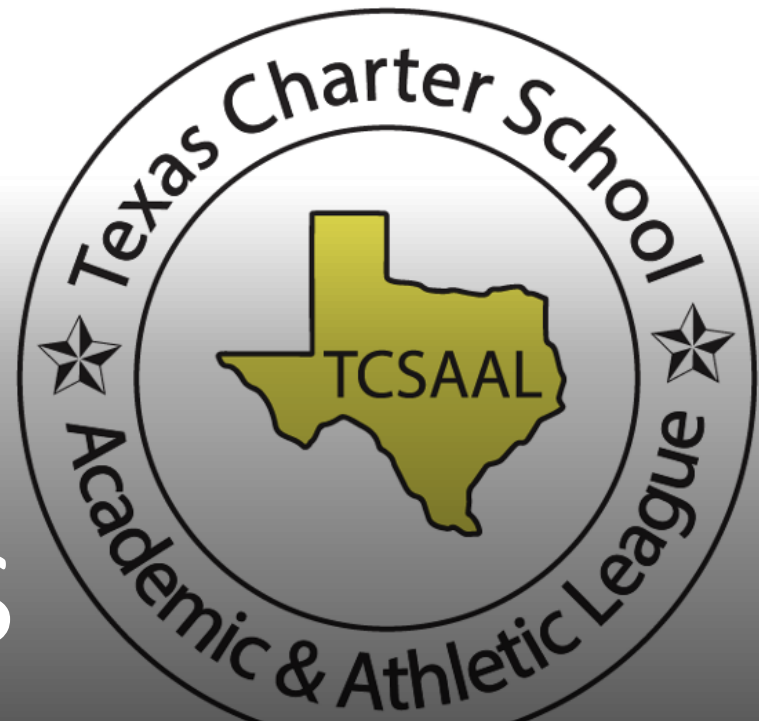
Rosters | Score Submission | Game Confirmations

Please attend the Coach and AD -Expectations Presentation



Texas Charter School Academic &  
Athletic League  
TCSAAL

TCSAAL Handbook  
points of emphasis



2025-2026 Handbook

# What's in the Handbook?

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In addition to the TCSAAL Handbook you should review rule docs and other important docs found on our website.

# Handbook League Points of Emphasis

The handbook will be broken up and covered through different presentations throughout the day.

# TCSAAL Mission & Vision

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## **Mission**

- The Texas Charter School Academic & Athletic League works to aid the individual growth of Texas' charter school students, through academic and athletic competition, to promote teamwork, a healthy lifestyle, and the constant pursuit for academic excellence.

## **Vision**

- TCSAAL will develop and maintain annual sports leagues and academic competitions as a venue to showcase charter school students in Texas.

Kids in extracurriculars do better in school, stay out of trouble, and grow up to be more successful and involved adults. Students who join activities are three times more likely to be in the top group academically and about 20–70% less likely to drop out of high school. They're also more likely to go to college and earn more later in life, and those who are really involved are up to 14% more likely to stay engaged in their communities as adults. –NCES.ed.gov

# TCSAAL Goals



It is the goal of TCSAAL to facilitate safe, professional, and fun competitions.



It is the goal of TCSAAL to promote and value sportsmanship above all other aspects in all TCSAAL Activities.



It is the goal of TCSAAL to develop a competitive league that is available to all charter schools in the state of Texas.



It is the goal of TCSAAL to promote a sense of community among Texas' charter schools and to help build a stronger sense of charter school unity.



It is the goal of TCSAAL to promote the progression of Texas Charter Schools.



It is the goal of TCSAAL to provide a program that is an incentive to help foster the development of a student's good behavior, good grades, and their overall character.



It is the goal of TCSAAL to provide activities that promote a healthy lifestyle.



It is the goal of TCSAAL to provide competitions that promote the lifelong lessons that are obtained through teamwork.

# League & Regional Structure

Athletic Competitions: TCSAAL will be divided into 6 different age groupings for athletic competitions.  
Grouping 1: 4th–6th Grade - Grouping 2: 6th-8th Grade Premier (under 15) - Grouping 3: 6th-8th Grade Secondary (under 15) Grouping 4: 9th-10th Grade (Under 17) - Grouping 5: Junior Varsity (Under 19) - Grouping 6: Varsity (Under 19)

Please note that only Varsity and MSP advance to state the rest culminate at the Regional Round.

## **Athletic Areas Being Offered:**

- North Texas (Dallas / Tarrant),
- South / West Texas (Texas Valley / Corpus Christi), (El Paso, Midland, Amarillo),
- Central Texas (Austin / San Antonio)
- and East Texas (Houston / College Station).

# Ancillary Tournament competitions

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Academic, Art, Wrestling, Cheer,  
Tennis, Golf & ESports Activities:  
Due to the structure of these  
competitions, all schools,  
regardless of their location around  
the state, will be able to  
participate.



# Registration Requirements



All schools must complete and submit an annual registration form.



NEW THIS SCHOOL YEAR



In our Varsity and Middle School Premier groupings registrations for the whole year are due at the same time. These schedules are released for the entire upcoming school year by the end of the previous school year. Other groupings have a rolling timeline. Please review registration form for more details.



WHAT HAPPENS IF I SIGN UP LATE?

# Athletic Scheduling and Regular Season Format



**Team Sports: Volleyball, Flag Football, Basketball, Soccer, Baseball and Softball.**

Teams will be divisioned and play a home and away with every team in their division.



**Cross Country and Track & Field**

Teams will participate in a Regional competition and in State groupings they will have the opportunity to advance to the state competition.



**Golf / Wrestling / Cheer / Tennis**

These activities are singular tournaments

# Athletic Divisioning

TCSAAL divisions will be composed of anywhere from 2 to 5 teams (with the exception of Varsity Volleyball and Varsity Basketball, which can have up to 6 teams within a division) within the same gender and age grouping. TCSAAL reserves the right to have larger division sizes if necessary. TCSAAL may choose to make larger division sizes at their discretion.



# Athletic Playoff Formats

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- Varsity and Middle School Premier
  - The top 2 teams from each division will advance to the playoffs except in divisions with 3 or less teams. If a division has 3 or less teams, only the top team will advance to the Regional Playoffs.
  - Each Regional Champion will advance to the State Playoffs (Final Four)
- Junior Varsity, 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade, Middle School Secondary and 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.
  - The top 2 teams from each division will advance to the playoffs except in divisions with 3 or less teams. If a division has 3 or less teams, only the top team will advance to the Regional Playoffs.
  - These groupings culminate at the Regional Champion.

# State Playoff Tournament Matchups (Final Four)

Semifinal Matchups	6-8 Grade and Varsity BOYS	6-8 Grade and Varsity GIRLS
2023-2024	North Texas vs. Central/West Texas East Texas vs. South Texas	North Texas vs. South Texas Central/West Texas vs. East Texas
2024-2025	North Texas vs. East Texas Central Texas vs. South / West Texas	North Texas vs. Central Texas East Texas vs. South / West Texas
2025-2026	North Texas vs. South / West Texas Central Texas vs. East Texas	North Texas vs. East Texas Central Texas vs. South / West Texas

# Health & Wellness

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## Hot Weather

- It is the policy of TCSAAL to not initiate or continue outdoor events when the Heat index is at 105 or higher. The heat index is determined when factoring temperature and humidity together.
  - TCSAAL uses the National Weather Service Heat Index Chart to determine the current heat index: As of publication of this year's Handbook, a copy of this chart can be found at the National Weather Service website.
  - TCSAAL uses the websites accessing the National Weather Service, such as [weather.com](http://weather.com), to determine the temperature and humidity of an area.

## Cold Weather

- It is the policy of TCSAAL to not initiate or continue outdoor events when the weather is 33 degrees or a wind chill of 28 or below **and it is wet (with precipitation)**.
- It is the policy of TCSAAL to not initiate or continue outdoor events when the weather is 30 degrees or a wind chill of 25 or below **and it is dry (no precipitation)**.
  - We will utilize [weather.com](http://weather.com).
- Road conditions should also be considered.

# General Health and Safety

Please remember to provide sunscreen and shading for your teams at all outdoor activities.

Please always bring plenty of water and food for your team. **Please never assume that water and food will be provided.**

## Game Suspension Due to Weather or outside circumstances

- Games that get called before completing the first half due to weather will be rescheduled and they will start from the beginning of a new game, not from the suspended point.



# Legislative Updates

- 89<sup>th</sup> Legislature
  - SB 401
  - SB 865
  - SB 2929
- 88<sup>th</sup> Legislature
  - HB 2484
- 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature
  - HB 25
- 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature
  - HB 2038



# 89<sup>th</sup> Legislature SB 401

Relating to participation by non-enrolled students in University Interscholastic League-sponsored activities.

Would allow homeschooled kids to participate in school sports in their local school district unless the district opts out (is currently an opt in procedure) and to participate in sports at a school district closest to them that does allow homeschooled kids to participate in sports.

**THIS BILL DOES NOT APPLY TO TCSAAL.**

# 89<sup>th</sup> Legislature SB 865

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Relating to instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automated external defibrillators and to a cardiac emergency response plan for certain school employees and volunteers.

Requires school nurses, assistant school nurses, **athletic coaches** or sponsors, PE instructors, marching band directors, and any other school employee specified by the Commissioner of education to complete CPR training. It also requires schools receiving defibrillator's to establish cardiac emergency response teams and various plans for responding to cardiac emergencies.

**Coaches must maintain active CPR Training**

# 89<sup>th</sup> Legislature SB 2929

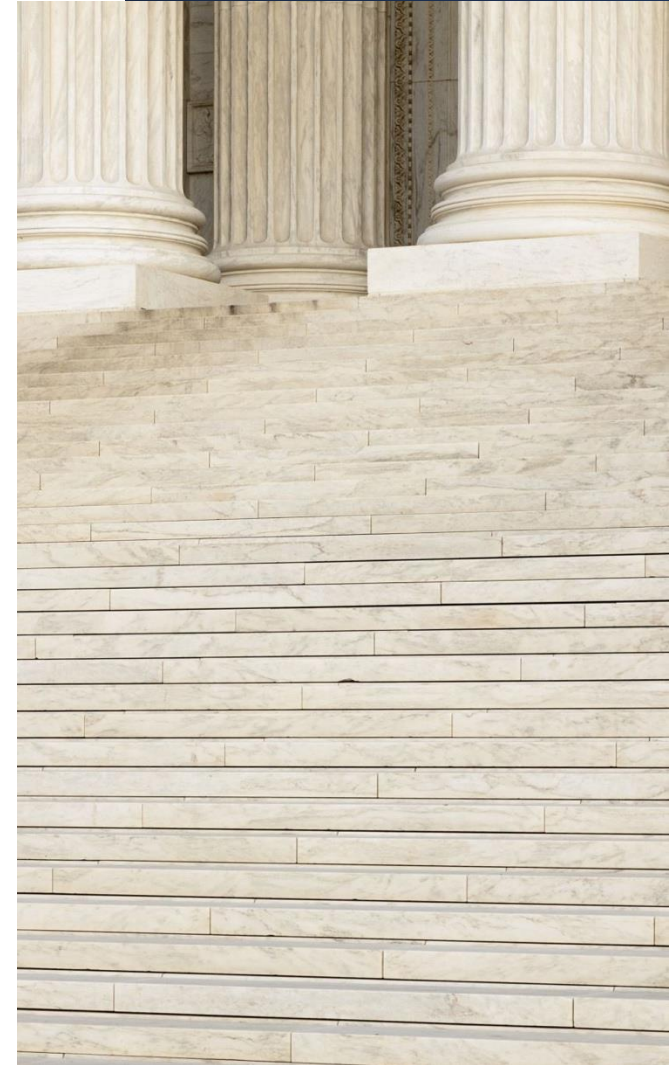
## **Relating to the removal of a spectator of certain school extracurricular athletic activities or competitions.**

Establishes that a verbal warning and persisting in inappropriate behavior are not required for a person serving as a referee, judge, or other official of an extracurricular athletic activity or competition sponsored or sanctioned by a public school district or the University Interscholastic League to eject a spectator from the extracurricular athletic activity or competition.

This builds on legislation passes in the 88<sup>th</sup> legislative session HB 2484.

# 88<sup>th</sup> Legislature - HB 2484

- In the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session **HB 2484** was signed into law. It is designed to ensure safety for officials at school competitions. This bill requires that *“An Open Enrollment Charter School... shall provide a peace officer, a school resource officer, an administrator, or security personnel to ensure the safety of a referee, judge, or other official of the activity or competition until the official departs district or school property if: 1)a participant or spectator of the activity or competition engages in, attempts to engage in, or threatens violent conduct against the official or otherwise disrupts the duties or free movement of the official; or (2)the district or school reasonably suspects that an incident described by Sub division(1)may occur at the activity or competition.”*
  - TCSAAL will support equivalent penalties to any person or fan interfering with officials as outlined in HB 2484. Minimum one year suspension.
  - The law impacts Public Charter Schools so please discuss implementation of the law with your schools’ in-house lawyers.





## HB 25 - 87th Special Legislature – HB 25 (Pg. 7 Handbook)

- Girls are eligible to participate in all boys' sports with the exception of Track & Field, Cross Country, Golf, Tennis and Boys Volleyball activities.
- Boys cannot participate on girls' teams.

# 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature - HB 2038

Relating to prevention, treatment, and oversight of concussions affecting public school students participating in interscholastic athletics.

Bi-Annual Required Concussion Training

We are offering today at 2pm!

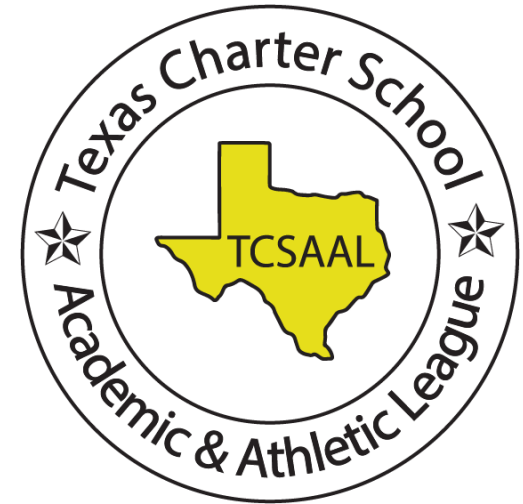


TCSAAL Partners

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# TCSAAL is a Proud Affiliate Member of the National Federation of High School Sports (NFHS)

- NFHS Mission Statement
- The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) serves its members by providing leadership for the administration of education-based high school athletics and activities through the writing of playing rules that emphasize health and safety, educational programs that develop leaders, and administrative support to increase opportunities and promote sportsmanship.
- The NFHS
  - Serves as the national authority that promotes and protects the defining values of education-based high school athletics and activities in collaboration with its member state associations.
  - Serves as the national authority on competition rules while promoting fair play and seeking to minimize risk of injury for student participants in education-based high school athletics and activities.
  - Promotes lifelong health and safety values through participation.
  - Develops and delivers impactful, innovative and engaging educational programs to serve the changing needs of state associations, administrators, coaches, directors, officials, students and parents.
  - Provides professional development opportunities for member state association staffs.
  - Promotes cooperation, collaboration and communication with and among state associations.
  - Collects and provides data analysis in order to allow its membership to make informed decisions.
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# Live Stream State Events -Rio Sports Live

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# Fine Designs

TCSAAL is happy to announce a second year partnership with Fine Designs for all Official TCSAAL State Championship Merchandise! We know how hard you work to get to each TCSAAL Championship and how much it would mean to be able to select from a wide variety of apparel items and placement of each custom decal of choice. This is the experience Fine Designs will offer onsite! Customization will include various sizes of the official TCSAAL Championship logo, player numbers, team and individual rosters, a selection of sport specific slogans and much more.



## Onsite Custom Apparel

Experience the magic of customizing your own shirt. Become your own fashion designer and choose from a large variety of logos, prints, hoodies, zip-ups, pants, dri-fits, and shirts. We will have it hot off the press in just seconds.



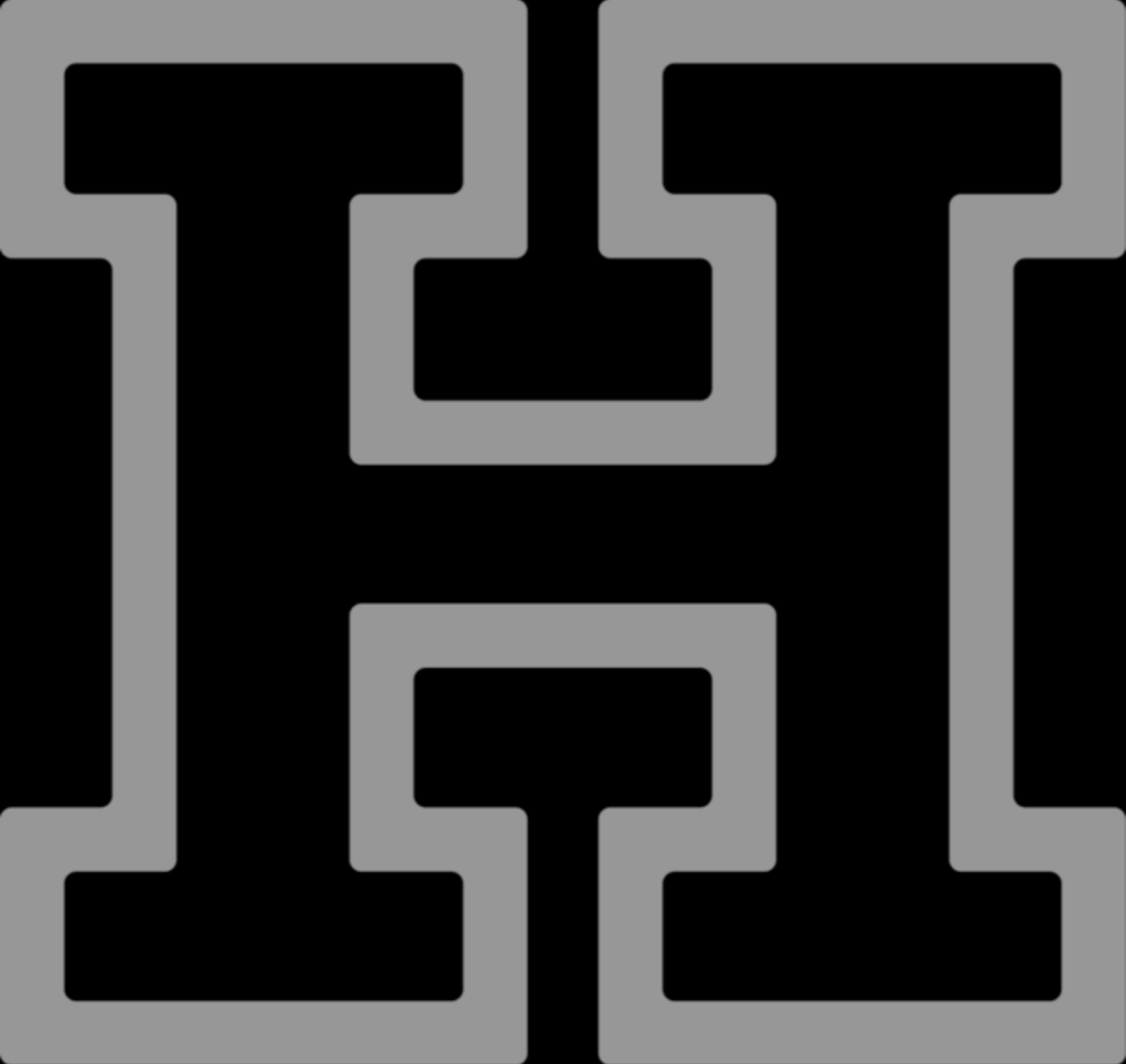
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# PlayVs - Esports

- TCSAAL is partnered with PlayVs. in order to offer your students the ability to participate in competitive eSports. PlayVs offers 8 game titles Super Smash Brothers, Mario Kart 8, Splatoon 3, League of Legends, Rocket League, Madden 24, NBA2K24, and Hearthstone.  
ROCKET LEAGUE & SUPER SMASH BRO's are the 2 major titles that previous TCSAAL teams have participated with primarily. Both of these titles consist of 3 person teams. Rocket League is offered on multiple platforms (Playstation, Xbox, PC, etc...) Whereas Super Smash Bro's is only a Nintendo title.





TCSAAL IS PROUD TO PARTNER  
WITH HOMETOWN TICKETING

[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/CEG7BFAJNWW](https://youtu.be/CEG7BFAJNWW)

HOMETOWN



# End of conference survey

What activities do we not offer that we should?

Flag Football Rules

Libero guidelines

Changes to Soccer standings to a point based system

Other Thoughts?

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## July 30, 2025

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Conference Welcome Rooftop Reception - TTLA Building, 1220 Colorado St, Suite 500, Austin, TX 78701

## July 31, 2025

Legislative Conference Center (Room E2.002) & Capitol Auditorium (Room E1.004)

8:00 AM – Check-In (Legislative Conference Center E2.002)

\*9:00 AM – A Path for Every Student! Beyond our Core Athletics: Overview of Cheer, Wrestling, Golf and Tennis

\*9:30 AM - TCSAAL President Welcome, Update and Handbook Overview

10:30 AM - Keynote Speaker (Quan Cosby)

11:00 AM – Regional Breakouts (Legislative Conference Center E2.002 & Auditorium E1.004)

\*12:00 PM - ESports (Presented by PlayVs)

12:30 PM - Working Lunch (Legislative Conference Center E2.002) - TCSAAL Awards (what we offer to the students) | Texas Cup Award Ceremony

1:00 PM – Coach and AD -Expectations to the League (From Roster Submissions to Inputting Game Results Plus hosting and Sportsmanship How to Navigate and Utilize the League Website and comply with League expectations. (Auditorium E1.004)

\*2:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Flag Football Rules Overview

\*2:00 - 4:00 PM - Concussion Training Bi-Annual Required Training (2 Hour)

\* 3:00 PM TCSAAL Academic & Arts Competitions Overview

*\*Denotes lecture is eligible for CPE Credit*



