

## 2012-13 ATHLETIC REPORT

Board of Trustees  
Discussion Item  
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### Introduction

The TUHSD 2012-13 athletic program continues to consist of approximately 42 teams at each of our comprehensive schools for a total of **2,597 athletes** (duplicated) participating on **125 teams**. This represents 26 fewer athletes participating on district teams than last year and **415 more than in 2005-06** when we began keeping records. Sometimes, one site offers a level of a particular sport that the others do not depending interest in that sport.

Tamalpais Union High School District teams are members of the Marin County Athletic League (MCAL) in the North Coast Section (NCS) of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF). The CIF governs all high school athletics in California.

Athletic administration and coaches continue to uphold the purpose of our Athletic Code of Conduct (AR6145.21) which is to promote the idea of healthy competition and to set standards of good sportsmanship for everyone involved. The District and all of our schools, along with all other MCAL schools, subscribe to the tenets of Pursuing Victory with Honor.

Athletics is a learning situation where growth and maturity are expected to flourish and it is an experience that is intended to help our students develop poise and self-confidence, healthy and fair competition and many hours of hard work and enjoyment.

For the sixth year, District athletics operated under the TUHSD Athletic Manual which includes two publications, the Parent-Student Guide to Athletics and the Coaches' Handbook, which are updated annually.

The attached information is an overview of this year's athletic program.

*Sue Chelini*, TUHSD Athletic Coordinator

## **TUHSD ATHLETIC COUNCIL**

The TUHSD Athletic Council meets four times annually. It shares information and makes recommendations about district athletic programs and policies. The broad representation and expertise contributes to the high standards for athletics established by the Board of Trustees. The Athletic Council's support has never wavered from trying to do what is best for the kids. We are very lucky to have such a well-rounded support group for the athletic program.

### **2012-13 TUHSD Athletic Council Members:**

Board Representatives:	Bob Walter and Monica Bonny
Superintendent:	Laurie Kimbrel
Athletic Directors:	Christina Amoroso, Pete Donoff and Jessica Peisch
Athletic Administrators:	Elizabeth Chacón, Kim Stiffler and Chad Stuart
Booster Club Representatives:	Deborah Dilley (Tam), Gina Feiner (Drake) and Barbara Kelly (Redwood)
District Athletic Coordinator:	Sue Chelini
Facilities Representatives (ex officio):	Tony Catrino and Chris McCune

### **In 2012-13, the Athletic Council:**

- Spent the bulk of two meetings discussing **winter soccer**. A huge step by the MCAL this year was to move both boys' and girls' soccer to the winter season, no earlier than the 2014-15 season, in keeping with the CIF season-of-sport. This move has been under discussion in the league since at least the mid-eighties. With the emergence of synthetic turf fields, winter soccer has become more feasible. The AC spent the bulk of two meetings discussing the pros and cons before declining to make a recommendation, instead trusting the Principals to make an informed decision in context with the MCAL Board of Managers discussion. Principals and ADs received many letters, both pro and con, from community stake holders. The final list of arguments is attached as an appendix to this report for your review.
- Due to NCS rules and facility constraints, decided to abandon discussion about "official" and "unofficial" teams, resulting from an on-going **analysis of team sizes**, particularly in light of projected enrollment increases at District schools. Under discussion had been intramurals or off-campus teams. The AC did not want to consider capping team sizes, thus limiting athletic opportunities for students.
- Reviewed the **CIF Transfer Policy** that no longer bars transfer students in certain situations from participating in varsity sports for a year. Instead, after review, these students will have a 30-day "sit out" period for varsity sports they have played within the previous year. Transfer students usually are approved for non-varsity competition.
- Heard that the Tam Boosters have approved funds for a part-time **athletic trainer**, 15 hours per week for the first year, through UCSF. Both the Drake and Redwood Benchwarmers have been funding trainers for 25 hours per week. Athletic Council gave a "big shout out" to UCSF because none of our schools would have trainers without them. The partnership with UCSF allows the trainers to have a full-time job while only part-time at the schools. The AC also reinforced the CIF/NCS policy that, pending doctor's written instructions, the ATC trumps the parent in allowing a player to return to play after an injury. A written note from the athlete's own physician trumps the trainer. All District trainers are on the same page now.
- Heard that, after three years of being community-funded, the **JV lacrosse program** was successfully absorbed into the District athletic program. Boys' JV LAX continues to flourish at all three schools. The girls' program continues to be smaller. Redwood was the only school with a JV girls' program this year. Tam and Drake hope there will be enough girls next year. It is expected that more girls will participate in JV LAX when the girls' soccer moves to the winter.

- Agreed that there was an issue with **girls' lacrosse scheduling** that caused those athletes to miss more class time than boys. This is a league, not a district, issue that involved facility planning including both soccer and LAX. The MCAL ADs made adjustments equalizing the situation.
- Reinforced the policy that **coaches should never transport athletes**.
- Clarified that **athletic school-day attendance rules** applied to competition and not to practice.
- Heard a report about the awesome **Tam baseball and softball teams' trip to Cuba**.
- Discussed the conflict between athletics and community concerns regarding **amplified music**.

#### **Items for the Athletic Council to address in 2013-14:**

- Review the "ground rules" for the Athletic Council.
- Review the coaches' evaluation process and make recommendations as needed.
- Review the placement of various coaching positions on the coaching salary scale for equity in relation to length of season, number of athletes, safety concerns of the sport and amount of inventory to be maintained (not accomplished this year)
- Continue to seek ways to support the Athletic Directors.
- Continue to review athletic policies and make recommendations to the Board as needed.

#### **2012-13 ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Athletic Directors:** We have been fortunate that all three athletic directors, **Christina Amoroso (5 years), Pete Donoff (4) and Jessica Peisch, CAA (4)**, continued their positions giving strength and stability to the athletic program at all three schools after many years of a revolving door of athletic directors.

- Jessica was selected as a member the new CIF Athletic Administrators Advisory Committee, comprised of 20 athletic directors and assistant principals statewide and meets twice/year. She also represents the MCAL on the NCS Sports Advisory Committee.
- Jessica is one of the founding organizers and membership chair of the NCS Athletic Directors' Association. Jessica and Sue attended a NCSADA meeting at De La Salle in February.
- Christina, Jessica and Sue attended the California State Athletic Directors' Association conference in Reno in April. We always bring back something new to add to our athletic program.
- Congratulations to Christina, who was recognized with the 2012-13 Terwilliger Award at Tam. The Tam website says, "Her outstanding teaching in Physical Education and her leadership in athletics is appreciated by every coach, player, parent and staff member who interacts with the smooth running sports program at Tam."

**On-Line Athletic Participation Form:** The current APF is 7 pages long with multiple places for parents and students to sign. With the help of a creative Tam tennis player, Edward Donahue, we are now in the process of putting the four pages of District information on line. After going through the form (you cannot progress from one page to another unless fully filled out), families will turn in a single page with signatures plus the medical clearance form. This will allow the ADs to create team lists and give coaches emergency forms electronically. It will streamline the paperwork processing for the ADs and their assistants. Also, the new form incorporates the opportunity to gather data about interest in existing and potential sports and will serve as the Title IX interest survey.

**Turf Fields:** This year, the District committed the last of 2001 bond funds to Tam and Redwood to install synthetic turf fields. The amount needed for the work varies between the schools due to the size of the respective projects.

- Tam: Thanks to the District's commitment, Tam is work with maintenance, Tam administration and the vendor to install synthetic turf to the baseball infield during summer, 2013. They will be placing on-deck circles on top of the turf to reduce excessive wear and tear and prolong the life of the field. Once in place, the infield will

be used by all levels of Tam baseball and many youth and community users. No doubt, this small space will also be used creatively by other sports throughout the year.

- **Redwood:** In addition to the District’s commitment, the Redwood Foundation has committed to raise \$500,000 before October to provide synthetic turf for the Ghilotti soccer/lacrosse field. The District has agreed to accept payment over a five year period. John Watkins and Barbara Kelly are co-chairs of the campaign. The current expectation is to install the new field this summer. The field will be used by Redwood lacrosse and soccer teams and will enable four soccer teams to practice/play when soccer moves to the winter. While not striped for football, it could be use for football practices. It will be used extensively by community youth and adult groups when not used by the school.

**Disabled Athletes:** In December, 2012, the Office of Civil Rights issued a “Dear Colleague” letter regarding the rights of disabled students to participate in athletics. District teams have accommodated athletes with various disabilities, both physical and learning differences, over the years according to their ability to participate. NIAAA issued two memos with guidelines for meeting their needs. They were circulated to the Athletic Council, principals and Wes Cedros. The ADs with work with coaches to accommodate these student athletes as the need arises. In-depth workshops on this topic will be a feature of the NIAAA national conference in Anaheim in December, 2013.

**Incredible Parents:** None of the TUHSD programs could exist without the supportive parents who serve as team parents, statistic keepers, snack bar staffing, team chauffeurs, fund-raisers and dedicated fans to mention a few. The Tam Boosters and the Drake and Redwood Benchwarmers have taken on the significant commitment of providing certified athletic trainers for 25+ hours/week in addition to the other athletic activities/equipment they support. Some team’s parents have formed sport-specific clubs such as the Hoops Club, Pigskin Club or Grapppler’s Club. No words can fully express appreciation for all the dedicated and caring parents involved in our athletic program.

**TUHSD Athletic Website:** The website is accessed at [www.tamdistrict.org/athletics](http://www.tamdistrict.org/athletics). This year, we have added pages on Health for Athletes, College-Bound Athletes and additional Coaches Corner information. There are new links to several National Federation of High School on-line free courses including *Sportsmanship*, *The Role of Parents in Sports*, *Concussions in Sports: What You Need to Know*, *A Guide to Heat Acclimatization and Heat Illness Prevention*, *Creating a Safe and Respectful Environment* and *NCAA Eligibility Center*. Here are the statistics for the athletic web site.

**TUHSD Athletic Website Page Hits as of May 13, 2013**

From	Overview	Contacts	Sports	Guides Forms	Parent Links	Health	Transfer	College	Coaches Corner
<b>Inception</b>	5,798	1,971	2,505	1,131	827	392	744	259	2,407
<b>2012-13</b>	2,958	1,032	1,406	516	375	326	319	234	1,530

Coach Guides	Coach Links	Coach Proced.	Athletic Council
477	1,160	360	376
216	576	154	181

**Budget:** The athletic budgets continue to be extremely tight.

- **Football helmet and shoulder pad reconditioning:** Since it has already been three years since we negotiated a contract with T&B sports for football recondition, the ADs are in the process of taking bids from potential vendors for the next few years.
- **Benchwarmers/Booster Clubs:** The ADs want to acknowledge the support of the parent clubs at each school. In addition to subsidizing the athletic trainers, they sustain the athletic programs in many ways. Parents assist coaches, support individual sports, provide a fan base and raise funds for the athletic department. Parent clubs supplement the district athletic budget, especially for bussing, tournament fees and team requests.

**2012-13 TUHSD Athletic Successes:** Traditionally, TUHSD teams have been very successful in MCAL and NCS competition. This year is no exception. Pennants listed are MCAL unless otherwise indicated. RR is the MCAL Round Robin league season. By the time of the Board meeting, we will have additional results for spring playoffs. **Red: Changes since report was submitted on May 14 and before the BOT meeting on May 22.**

**Tamalpais Pennants:**

Fall (4): MCAL: B Soccer; G Tennis; NCS: B Soccer, G Tennis (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Winter (0): None

Spring (3): MCAL: G JV Soccer, G V Track & Field, **NCS Redwood Empire: G V Track & Field**

NCS Scholastic Pennants (5): G Cross Country, B Cross Country, G Volleyball, G Basketball, G Golf

Individual Recognition: MCAL Player of the Year: Teddy Mauze, Soccer

Teams still competing as of 5/14: **NCS: Baseball, Softball, and Individuals in Track & Field, G Soccer**

**Tamalpais Hosted MCAL/NCS Events:**

Fall: MCAL: B Soccer, G Tennis, B & G Waterpolo Championships; NCS: B Soccer, G Tennis,

Winter: None

Spring: MCAL: G Soccer, Softball, Tennis; NCS: G Soccer

**Drake Pennants:**

Fall (2): MCAL: G V Waterpolo, B V Waterpolo

Winter (2): MCAL: B V Basketball, B Frosh Basketball

Spring (4): MCAL: B Volleyball (4 years in a row), Baseball (RR & MCAL); **NCS 2<sup>nd</sup> place: B Volleyball**

Individual Recognition: John Lawson, MCAL Cross Country Athlete of Year; Lauren Emge, MCAL Water Polo Athlete of the Year; Liam Hunt, B Basketball Athlete of the Year; **Joe Ryan, MCAL Pitcher of the Year; Danny Nilsen, MCAL Baseball**

**Player of the Year; John Lawson, Track Athlete of Year**

Teams still competing as of 5/14: NCS: **Baseball;** Individuals in B Golf, Swimming and Track & Field; **NorCals: B Volleyball;**

**Drake Hosted Events:**

Fall: MCAL & NCS: G Volleyball

Winter: NCS & NorCal: B Basketball

Spring: MCAL: Swimming Finals, B Volleyball

**Redwood Pennants:**

Fall (5): MCAL: G Cross Country, B Cross Country, G JV Volleyball, G Frosh Volleyball; NCS: G Cross Country 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Winter (1): MCAL: B JV Basketball

Spring (9): MCAL: JV Baseball, B Golf, B Lacrosse (RR), G Soccer, G Swimming (10 years in a row), B Team Tennis (RR & Playoffs), B Track (RR & MCAL's),

NCS Scholastic Pennants (5): G V Golf, G V Basketball, B V Basketball, **B V Golf, G V Lacrosse, B V Baseball**

Individual Recognition: Hadley Berg, NCS Individual Tennis 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Parker Silverman and Nic Baretto, MCAL #1 Doubles & NCS DI Doubles Championship;

Teams still competing as of 5/14: NCS: Individuals in B Golf, Swimming and Track & Field, B & G Lacrosse, G Soccer, B Tennis, Track & Field

**Redwood Hosted Events:**

Fall: MCAL: B Soccer, G Volleyball, G Tennis; NCS: B Soccer, G Volleyball

Winter: MCAL: G & B Basketball

Spring: MCAL: Diving, G Lacrosse, B Lacrosse, G Soccer, B Tennis; NCS: B Lacrosse, G Soccer

## ATHLETIC PARTICIPANTS BY SPORT AND TEAM FOR 2012-13:

The District statistics for participation in MCAL teams give you an idea of the duplicated student participation in athletics at the three comprehensive high schools. As you can see, the Athletic Directors are supervising a total after-school program almost twice as large as a comprehensive school.

	2012-13			TOTALS							
	Fall	Winter	Spring	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13
<b>Tam</b>	339	110	451	762	780	682	780	812	862	898	900
<b>Drake</b>	296	101	320	640	673	706	748	750	715	740	706
<b>Redwood</b>	410	147	413	780	748	829	889	962	962	985	991
	1045	358	1184	<b>2182</b>	<b>2201</b>	<b>2217</b>	<b>2417</b>	<b>2524</b>	<b>2539</b>	<b>2623</b>	<b>2597</b>

Attached is a list of the individual sports by season and number of participants this year at each site. Note that some students participate in more than one sport, so the actual number of student athletes is  $\pm$  80% of the number of total team members.

### 2012-13 Sports Participation

FALL SPORTS	Tamalpais	Drake	Redwood	District Totals
Cheerleading: Coed Varsity	15	12	25	
Cheerleading: Coed JV	0	0	26	
Cross Country: Boys'	32	25	32	
Cross Country: Girls'	32	24	33	
Football: Varsity	29	42	36	
Football: JV	26	0	31	
Football: Freshman	27	28	36	
Golf: Girls' Varsity	7	5	9	
Soccer: Boys' Varsity	23	21	20	
Soccer: Boys' JV	19	23	30	
Tennis: Girls' Varsity	24	21	21	
Volleyball: Girls' Varsity	13	14	14	
Volleyball: Girls' JV	11	13	15	
Volleyball: Girls' Freshman	10	15	16	
Waterpolo: Boys' Varsity	19	14	17	
Waterpolo: Boys' JV	20	12	21	
Waterpolo: Girls' Varsity	21	17	13	
Waterpolo: Girls' JV	11	10	15	
<b>FALL TOTALS</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>1045</b>

<b>WINTER SPORTS</b>				
Basketball: Boys' Varsity	15	14	15	
Basketball: Boys' JV	14	13	14	
Basketball: Boys' Freshman	14	13	13	
Basketball: Girls' Varsity	15	11	13	
Basketball: Girls' JV	16	11	11	
Basketball: Girls' Freshman	0	17	12	
Cheerleading: Varsity	14	12	25	
Cheerleading: JV	0	0	16	
Wrestling: Coed Varsity	22	11	28	
<b>WINTER TOTALS</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>359</b>
<b>SPRING SPORTS</b>				
Baseball, Varsity	18	14	18	
Baseball, JV	14	15	19	
Baseball, Freshman	19	17	15	
Diving: Coed	0	0	3	
Golf, Boys' Varsity	15	9	8	
Lacrosse: Boys' Varsity	33	21	22	
Lacrosse, Boys' JV	18	18	29	
Lacrosse: Girls' Varsity	18	20	21	
Lacrosse: Girls' JV	0	0	21	
Soccer: Girls' Varsity	21	20	19	
Soccer: Girls' JV	18	26	18	
Softball: Varsity	13	13	19	
Swimming: Boys'	39	14	41	
Swimming: Girls'	57	24	42	
Tennis: Boys' Varsity	17	15	21	
Track: Boys' Varsity	71	33	59	
Track: Girls' Varsity	68	35	47	
Volleyball: Boys' Varsity	12	14	12	
<b>SPRING TOTALS</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>1193</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>2597</b>

## Appendix B

### Boys' and Girls' Soccer in Winter (TUHSD Athletic Council – November, 2012)

Added at MCAL AD or Board of Managers meeting, 1-31-13

#### Pros:

- It would be within the CIF soccer season-of-sport (either Fall or Winter) and align with playoffs for more NCS schools.
- Girls would have the possibility of an NCS playoff beyond the BCS. The girls' section championship would be a true championship, not just one between two leagues.
- There are no CIF championships in soccer. The only regional one is SoCal in the Winter.
- It would give another sport option for both boys and girls in the Winter balancing the sports offered per season better.
- There would be more unity between the boys' and girls' programs.
- Adds an outdoor winter sport to maximize the use of turf fields.
- Weather is not an issue with turf fields. All MCAL schools except San Rafael have a turf field.
- On the average, there is more rain in Spring season than the Winter season.
- No conflict on turf fields in Fall (with football) and Spring (with track & lacrosse).
- Alleviate demands on soccer/lacrosse field in the Spring
- Girls would be able to play lacrosse, another field sport
- No club conflict with the girls' State Cup playoffs and other girls' tournaments
- Potentially fewer injuries for girls as there would be less stress with club at the same time.
- Can play on Saturdays without conflict.
- More opportunities for group games on Saturdays.
- The teams could travel together for Saturday contests to cut down on travel costs.
- There would be one less team to manage in the Fall and Spring.
- It would be better for girls than boys.
- Officials are supportive of the change and feel they can cover all contests.
- Youth soccer and lacrosse in the younger ages is substantially increasing. There will be more conflict for these girls to have to choose. Both field sports and attract the same athletes.
- Girls don't have the same Title IX competitive opportunities in the Spring for post-season play.

#### Cons:

- Four teams each school would be competing to practice and play on one turf field.
- San Rafael and Justin Siena are the only schools with lighted fields.
- San Rafael's grass field is a closed all winter because it is a swamp. Would other grass fields be closed in the winter?
- San Rafael feels this move would kill basketball at SRHS because more athletes are interested in soccer than basketball.
- It is dark by 5:00 during most of the season limiting game and practice time.
- Games would have to start by 3:30 at the latest if playing home/away.
- More time missed from school in order to finish games before dark, especially with possible double-headers.
- Conflicts with "Quiet Week" and finals in the Winter.
- There would be a big "gap" in the winter with finals and winter vacation.
- It is colder in the Winter season than the Spring.
- Branson and San Rafael do not have a turf fields. It would be very expensive to add them. Branson may not be allowed by the City of Ross to install a turf field even if they had the funds.
- Two days/week the turf field would not be available for practice because of games (one each boys/girls, home/away schedule for V/JV)



- Eight games per school would need to be played each week. Each team would need to play one weekday game & one Saturday game.
- Saturday games would impact community use of the fields.
- Officials Association may not have enough qualified officials to do all games in one season instead of two.
- There would be no time to rest and rejuvenate the grass practice soccer fields before the lacrosse season.
- Cannot move girls to Winter without moving boys due to Title IX issues.
- Longer winter vacation in the Winter impacting scheduling and family plans.
- Coaches could not coach both girls' and boys' teams.
- Conflict for basketball/soccer players.
- Moving to winter would not be as good for boys as for girls.
- TUHSD has 7 period day and more days that get out between 3:15-3:30.
- Site specific issues with turf fields.
- Tough on family time.
- Families can't get to carpool and watch games that early.
- Would we inherently be setting up an unequal academic situation if boys stay in the Fall?
- Missing class time would be worse for kids that are just making the 2.0 ... those kids need more support and instruction. Higher end kids can make up the work more easily.
- Harder to get parents to do the carpooling earlier in the day.

QUESTIONS (in no particular order):

1. Title IX implications?
2. Why is every other team in CA in winter or fall? It seems like the farther north, the more likely soccer will be in the Fall. The farther south, the more likely to be in winter.
3. What time is school out at various schools?
4. Actual rainfall varies from place to place and season to season. We could gather data for the last few years about rainfall in November through April.
5. Could we move girls' to the fall? Fewer class would be missed due to daylight. It would conflict with football on Saturdays. We could play home when football is away. Could we experiment for one season?
6. There has been discussion in the community about adding a freshman level of soccer. Any decision should keep that possibility in mind for the long run and the impact on facilities.
7. Think long term.
8. Referees are a big issue. Can they get there by 3:15? There would be no double-headers.
9. What is driving this coming to a head at this particular time? Field use in the Spring is biggest issue.
10. To minimize the impact on the community users, could all four games be played at the same site on Saturdays, leaving the other site free?
11. When would this take effect? We have already missed the deadline for the 13-14 school year. It is likely it would take effect the 14-15 school year to give everyone a chance to prepare for the change.