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Event fees include both the referees' expenses and the costs for any postseason games, as well as facilities in most cases. TCSAAL assigns all of the referees and organizes your schedules. As many of our members like to say, TCSAAL makes it easy - you just have to show up and play!



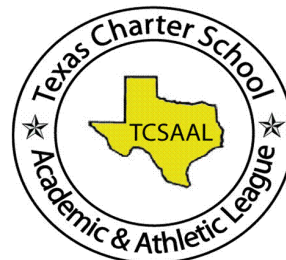
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“Participation with other charter schools in extracurricular activities has been tremendously positive for our students. Because of TCSAAL, charter school students are able to enjoy sports and extracurricular activities and competitions at a level commensurate with their peers in traditional public schools. Keep up the good work!” –  
*Dr. Victoria Dunn, Superintendent  
Girls and Boys Preparatory Academy Houston, TX*

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**TEXAS CHARTER  
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ACADEMIC &  
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LEAGUE (TCSAAL)**

*Proudly serving over 150 of Texas' Charter Schools*

## 2014-2015 Activities Information



*TCSAAL is the premier organization for charter school extracurricular activities since 2007*

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# Letter from the President

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## TCSAAL 2014-2015 Calendar of Events

Dear Texas Charter Schools,

I would like to welcome your participation in Texas' only statewide academic, arts & athletic league exclusively serving charter schools. This year, TCSAAL is honored to serve well over 150 schools and thousands of charter school students through its broad variety of academic, art & athletic leagues. Having grown from serving 17 charter schools in its inaugural year, and looking forward to its 8<sup>th</sup> year of operation, TCSAAL hopes to continue to grow and expand all over the state in order to involve more charter school students in the enriching extracurricular activities that we offer.

When I meet with schools considering joining TCSAAL, the question the school always asks me is how participating with the Texas Charter School Academic & Athletic League will help their school. Our member schools tell us that they have seen an increase in overall school pride and drastic improvements in behavior as well as grades from participating students. I have also learned that schools that participate in TCSAAL have seen an improvement in parental involvement with the school. As an added benefit to students, TCSAAL awards all-region and all-state teams, which help build students' resumes as they apply for colleges and jobs.

If your school has participated with us in the past, we look forward to working with you again next school year. If you have yet to participate, I invite you to give TCSAAL a close look and become one of our member schools in the 2014-2015 school year.

Thank you,

John H. Bucy III

President and Founder of TCSAAL  
and a Proud Graduate of a Texas  
Public Charter School



### Tentative 2014-2015 TCSAAL Calendar

6/10-11/14	3rd Annual Coaches Conference
9/9/2014	Start of Volleyball
9/13/2014	Start of Flag Football / Tackle Football
10/18/2014	State Cross Country
11/6-8/2014	Football & Volleyball regionals
11/15/2014	Football & Volleyball State
12/1/2014	Start of Basketball
12/6/2014	Math & Science Festival
1/10/2015	Chess & Spelling State
1/29-31/2015	Basketball Regionals
2/7/2015	Basketball State
2/14/2015	Track & Field Open Meets
2/21/2015	Track & Field Regionals
2/28/2015	Track & Field State
3/2-5/2015	One Act Play regionals
3/21/2015	Arts Festival
3/28/2015	Start of Soccer
3/23/2015	Start of Baseball / Softball
5/7-9/2015	Soccer / Baseball / Softball Regionals
5/16/2015	Soccer / Baseball / Softball State

## TCSAAL Principles

**TCSAAL** works exclusively with charter schools giving us an unmatched understanding of the needs and challenges facing charter schools.



**TCSAAL** was formed by a charter school graduate who has a comprehensive understanding of charter schools.

**TCSAAL** provides your students the opportunity to compete for a statewide championship against the other top charter schools across the state. By offering a seasonal structure that includes local divisional play with a regional round of playoffs and then followed by a state round.

**TCSAAL** only hires highly trained and certified referees in order to offer your students the most qualified officiating available to schools in the state.

**TCSAAL** utilizes a full time staff unlike many other leagues. Each staff member is assigned different regions across the state so they can build relationships with their schools and be readily available at any time to serve the needs of those schools.

**TCSAAL** keeps you in the know. We utilize a website and publish a weekly sports page (newsletter) which provides information on upcoming events, standings, stats and other relevant information.

**TCSAAL** provides the easiest possible facilitation of extracurricular activities. Our full time staff takes care of all scheduling, divisioning, and assigning, leaving you and your staff more time to focus on what they do best.

**TCSAAL** offers an All-Regional and All-State award program for high school students, enabling qualifying students to improve their college applications and future resumes.

**TCSAAL** generally follows NFHS rules and regulations, providing a more accurate representation of athletics in traditional public schools.

**TCSAAL** takes pride in each of their member campuses, and works with each of them directly and often daily to ensure the most fluid facilitation of extracurricular competition programs.



will help improve school pride, students' grades, behaviors and overall well-being, teamwork and physical activity. It also will enhance your schools ability to recruit students by providing them a wide variety of extracurricular activities.

## What is TCSAAL?

The Texas Charter School Academic & Athletic League (TCSAAL) is a statewide athletic and academic competition league exclusively serving Texas' Charter schools. Founded in 2007, TCSAAL serves students in grades 4 through 12 in four different age categories. The league offers a wide variety of academic, art & athletic activities including basketball, volleyball, 6 and 11-man tackle football, flag football, soccer, track & field, chess, science olympiad, spelling bee, math olympiad and arts competitions.



“Our participation in TCSAAL bridges our academic and extracurricular pursuits in a global way. Membership in TCSAAL has enabled us to meet our commitment to wellness, academic prowess, and metropolitan learning.” *Roderick Roberts, College Counselor, Pegasus School of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Dallas, TX*

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## Who Does TCSAAL Serve?

TCSAAL serves any charter school in the state of Texas. We serve 4th—12th graders in four different age groupings, 4th—6th, 6th—8th, 9th—10th and 11th—12th grade. Individuals can participate up in grade but not down. Starting next year we will be offering a JV level as well.

## TCSAAL League Structure

When you register for an athletic activity, your team will be placed into a division in their geographical area. All regular season games are played against teams amongst their division. Regular seasons are made up of 8 games. (11th—12th Basketball plays a 10 game season, and Track & Field is 3 meets) The top 2 teams from each division advance to the playoffs. When the state has 3 or more divisions in an activity the top 2 teams from each division will first play into a regional round of the playoffs, with the Regional Champions advancing to the State Playoffs. When there are 2 or less divisions in a sport in the state then there will not be a regional round and the top 2 teams from each division will advance directly to the State Playoffs.

## What's Included in your Participation Fees?

TCSAAL takes care of scheduling seasons, hiring referees, and organizing playoffs. You will never be charged extra for advancing to the playoffs. In all activities except basketball and volleyball, TCSAAL will also provide the facilities for your games or competitions. If you need us to book your basketball and volleyball facilities for your home games, we will do that for an additional fee.



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## Academics & Arts

Math Olympiad  
Chess  
Spelling Bee  
Science Fair  
Science Olympiad  
Drama  
Choir  
Piano  
Classical Guitar  
Small Ensemble

“The league has been instrumental in bringing the charter schools in Houston together on a regular basis through organized activities, and as an extra bonus, we have loved having a Statewide playoff system that has helped bring the state together. I love having all of the charter schools participating together.”  
-Ed Socha Administrator Houston Heights,



# Activities offer

## Athletics

Tackle Football  
Flag Football  
Volleyball  
Basketball  
Track & Field  
Soccer  
Cross Country  
Baseball  
Softball



“This league is exactly what Texas' Charter schools have needed. Our school has been a member of TCSAAL since its inaugural year and our participating in TCSAAL has helped build school pride and unity by rallying behind our teams. Participation has also helped increase our students' performance and their behavior. I recommend all of Texas' Charter schools participate in this league.”  
— Reginald Randle Athletic Director  
St. Anthony Academy,

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## TCSAAL Goals

- 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 facilitate safe, professional, and fun competitions.
- 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 positive development of behavior, good grades, and the Students' 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 learned through teamwork.

## MISSION

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

## VISION

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





## New in 2014-2015

### Junior Varsity (JV) Grouping

TCSAAL is proud to announce that we are expanding our organization by adding a fifth competition grouping: Junior Varsity (JV). JV will participate in a regional playoff tournament but they will not advance to state.

### 6-Man Tackle Football and expanding on our 11-Man program

TCSAAL is proud to expand to also offer 6-Man Tackle next year and we are excited to grow our 11-man tackle league and invite your school to participate!

## Don't Miss our 3rd Annual Coaches Conference...

June 10-11, 2014

Austin, TX



Dallas Cowboys Legend Everson Walls speaking on sportsmanship at the 2012 TCSAAL Coaches Conference

