



PHS Athletics Wraps Up Outstanding 2025–2026 School Year

Pasadena High School Athletics completed an exceptional 2025–2026 school year marked by historic milestones, CIF postseason success, individual championships, and continued growth across multiple programs. The Bulldog athletic department was also honored with the Pacific League Sportsmanship Award, recognizing the character, respect, and integrity consistently demonstrated by Pasadena student-athletes, coaches, and teams throughout the year.

The fall season set the tone with several program breakthroughs. Girls Volleyball made a historic CIF playoff run, advancing to the second round and hosting its first home playoff match in nearly two decades. Boys Water Polo continued its growth, earning eight wins and giving Coach Robbie Robles his first career varsity victory. Both Boys and Girls Cross Country qualified for CIF competition, highlighted by a historic first as the Girls team reached the postseason for the first time in school history.

Football earned a CIF Division 10 playoff berth and battled through a competitive season highlighted by a thrilling Turkey Tussle matchup. Pasadena’s inaugural E-Sports teams also made an immediate impact, with both squads qualifying for the playoffs in their first season.

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The winter season brought championship success across several programs. Boys Basketball captured another Pacific League title and advanced to the CIF playoffs. Senior Josh Irving was named Pacific League Player of the Year for the second consecutive season, while Timmy Anderson surpassed 3,000 career points. Boys Soccer made a strong CIF run highlighted by a dramatic opening-round penalty kick victory over rival Muir.

Girls Basketball earned statewide recognition as the California Army National Guard Team of the Month for February. Girls Water Polo nearly doubled its win total from previous four seasons combined, while Girls Soccer finished fifth in league play with Coach Sustaita earning Coach of the Year honors. Multiple athletes and teams across winter sports also received All-League recognition.

The spring season featured several standout individual and team performances. Baseball saw Coach Scottie Morrow earn his first career varsity victory. Boys Golf secured its second consecutive CIF playoff appearance, led by Ali Abu Rayyan, who finished second overall at the CIF Southern Section Individual Championships.

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Track & Field delivered a CIF champion as Natalia Shanovich captured the Division 3 title in the Girls 300m hurdles. The Swim program also performed well at CIF Finals, with multiple athletes advancing and competing at a high level. In recognition of his leadership and impact across all three aquatics programs, Coach Robbie Robles was named Pasadena High School Athletics Coach of the Year.

The year also marked the retirement of two longtime Pasadena High School leaders, as Boys Basketball Head Coach Anthony Brooks and Cheer Coach Linda Laughrun concluded outstanding careers dedicated to Pasadena student-athletes and the Bulldog community. Their leadership, commitment, and lasting impact helped shape generations of Bulldogs both on and off the court and sidelines.

As the school year concludes, Pasadena High School Athletics now turns its focus toward continued development and summer preparation as programs prepare for the transition into the Rio-Pacific Conference beginning in the 2026–2027 school year. With strong leadership, competitive success, and a continued commitment to sportsmanship, the future of Bulldog Athletics remains bright.

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