

## Cedar Valley 1 step closer to conference membership

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Cedar Valley Christian may have finally found a home in the Tri-Rivers Conference, [Iowa Prep Sports](#) is reporting.

A mediation team meeting Tuesday in Monticello developed a plan that will recommend to the Iowa Department of Education that Cedar Valley Christian be assigned to the Tri-Rivers Conference. The school was turned down for admission to the Tri-Rivers Conference by its membership last month.

Cedar Valley Christian began play in the Iowa School Athletic Association (IHSAA) and Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU) in the fall of 2011.

The mediation team made many recommendations to remedy the problem of conference affiliation for smaller schools in Eastern Iowa. Two members of the team were IGHSAU Executive Director Mike Dick and David Anderson, assistant director of the IHSAA.

Realignment included schools from the Big East, Cedar Valley, Tri-Rivers and Wamac Conferences. It was recommended that the Big East be abolished and a new, as yet unnamed conference, be established.

Part of the conference realignment includes downsizing the Wamac, of which Marion is a member, from 14 to 13 schools. Anamosa will be reassigned to the new conference.

Realignment would take effect in the 2013-14 school year.

The Iowa Department of Education will hold a hearing on the recommendations. The likely date is March 28.

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