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TO: Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors, and Football Coaches

FROM: Brad Garrett, Assistant Executive Director

SUBJECT: OSAA Ad Hoc Football Advisory Committee

The Ad Hoc Football Advisory Committee conducted an organizational meeting on October 22, 2017 via webinar. This Committee has the specific charge to investigate the topics outlined below and any other proposals that may be submitted for consideration. Committee recommendations will be forwarded to the OSAA Executive Board for review and potential adoption.

Topics to be investigated are as follows:

- Long term viability of current league and special districts alignments at all classification levels.
- Review of current 11-man and 8-man structure – should we consider 9-man and/or 6-man game?
- Creating “enrollment zones” where schools could select level of play
- Use of a set criteria applied over defined timeframe to determine level of play
- Creating a petition process to “play-up” or “play-down” in Football only
- Strategies to address declining participation numbers
- Creating an open division system
- Exploring NFHS rules variations at the sub-varsity level

OSAA staff provided the group with a list of observations for review and consideration:

- Non-league scheduling issues with small leagues/conferences
- Competitive equity issues within classifications and leagues
- Number of forfeitures at the Varsity level due to lack of available players
- Number of teams seeking Independent Status
- Volatility in total number of 8-man teams each year
- Fewer schools offering multi-level programs
- Smaller teams creating the need for modified games at the sub-varsity level
- Increasing number of 2-quarter games
- 1 and 2 quarter games versus multiple opponents on the same day
- Increasing number of 9-man games
- Leagues modifying NFHS rules at sub-varsity level
- Structure of the game at the youth level
- Impact of early start date on participation numbers

OSAA staff presented several models to the group as examples of different types of structures that may be able to address specific need(s) either as a standalone option or in conjunction with one another. An

overview of the number of teams at each classification level in the new time block and potential issues created by the movement of schools between classifications was provided.

Two meeting dates were determined and are as follows. Future dates will be announced.

Sunday, November 5	1pm – 4pm	OSAA Office	Closed Work Session
Monday, November 27	9am – 1pm	OSAA Office	Public Input

The OSAA staff will provide a Committee update, like this one, to all superintendents, principals, athletic directors, and football coaches following each meeting. The Committee roster, charge, and any additional committee information is available at <http://www.osaa.org/governance/committees>.

Written suggestions and proposals should be emailed to the OSAA at bradg@osaa.org. Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all committee members for review and discussion.

The next public meeting of the Ad Hoc Football Advisory Committee will be at 9am on Monday, November 27, 2017, at the OSAA office in Wilsonville. The general format for the meeting will be for the Committee to receive public testimony followed by a closed work session.

The Committee appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact Brad Garrett (bradg@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.

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