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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors  
FROM: Mike Wallmark, Associate Executive Director  
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SUBJECT: Update on the Proceedings of the Classification and Districting Committee

The Classification and Districting Committee for the 2010-2014 four-year time block met in a closed work session at the OSAA Office in Wilsonville on September 10, 2009.

The work session was the first opportunity for the Committee members to review the effect of the June 2009 Final Report enrollment numbers of member schools received by the OSAA from the Department of Education.

As with past meetings, the Committee started by reviewing and discussing the criteria for placement of schools in athletic districts required by the State Board of Education and included in OSAA regulations (Article 9.2.1 d). Committee members agreed that whether particular placements satisfied the criteria was an "eye of the beholder" judgment. That is, every change in school placement better meets the criteria for some of the affected schools and simultaneously meets the criteria less completely for other affected schools based upon the perspective of each of the individual schools impacted by the change. As a result, the Committee continues to face a challenge to balance the sometimes contradictory effects of each placement on multiple schools, and ultimately recommend what is in the best interests of the entire Association.

Following the discussion of the placement criteria, the Committee reviewed correspondence that had been received since the last meeting. Committee members also reviewed rationale for non-geographic hybrid leagues. Finally, the Committee reviewed how application of the new ADM figures from the Department of Education affected the previously released proposal #8.

What followed was a classification by classification discussion of all placements and cut-off points. Numerous adjustments were made consistent with the required criteria and also based upon the written communication and new information, particularly the new enrollment figures, available to the Committee at the work session.

Here is a classification by classification breakdown of the major changes and the reasoning of the Committee:

### **1A Classification**

Pacific was moved from 2A due to conditional approval of their Petition to Play Down by the Executive Board. There was discussion about a possible change in the cutoff point of 105 but the Committee felt 105 was a good fit, especially given the cutoff between the 2A and 3A classifications.

### **2A Classification**

Based on new ADM figures the following schools were moved in: Neah-Kah-Nie and Portland Christian from 3A-1 to 2A-1; Kennedy from 3A-2 to 2A-3; Irrigon from 3A-4 to 2A-4; Gold Beach and Reedsport from 3A to a new 3A-2A Sunset Hybrid. The hybrid allows this league of coastal schools to keep regular season travel manageable and split out separately for playoffs. It also allows for flexibility for this group of schools in the future as their enrollments continue to decline. Delphian was moved from 2A-1 to 2A-3 to put them with a majority of schools from their current league and improve travel. The cutoff was changed from 220 to 225 where a slight natural break in schools' enrollments occurs. This also enables the 3A and 2A classifications to be more balanced in regard to total number of schools.

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### **3A Classification**

No schools were moved into 3A based on new ADM figures. Valley Catholic was moved from 3A-2 to 3A-1 to put them in closer proximity to more schools in their league. This change also helps to balance the number of schools sponsoring football in each league. The cutoff point was lowered from 409 to 399 where a slight natural break in schools' enrollment occurs.

### **4A Classification**

Based on new ADM figures the following schools were moved in: Banks from 3A-1 to 4A-1; Molalla from 5A-1 to 4A-2. Madras petitioned the Committee to come west for league play and absent a lot of viable options the Committee felt that a reincarnation of the old Tri-Valley was the best fit. This placement resulted in a "domino effect" on other 4A leagues down the valley in order to maintain league balance. Cascade and Stayton were moved from 4A-2 to 4A-4 resulting in trips to the coast rather than Central Oregon. Sweet Home was then moved from 4A-4 to 4A-5 to help balance out the Sky-Em and keep viable 6-team leagues throughout the 4A classification (with the exception of the Greater Oregon League). There was no change made to the top end cutoff.

### **5A Classification**

Based on new ADM figures the following schools were moved in: Bend and Mountain View from 6A to 5A; Crook County from 4A to 5A; Wilson and Cleveland from 6A to 5A. Jefferson and Madison were placed at 5A at their request despite their enrollment. A request by the Northwest Oregon Conference to go "hybrid" and remain together was considered but ultimately denied by the Committee as unwarranted. After lengthy deliberation the Committee decided to continue proposing a PIL hybrid due to several unique factors. The PIL serves as the only single school district league in the state and has been functioning successfully as a hybrid for several years. In addition the Portland Public Schools' are currently involved in a restructuring process that will likely result in fewer schools which would negatively impact other leagues if the PIL was split out. With Century and Glencoe moving to 6A based on ADM figures and a request from Liberty to move up and stay with their fellow Hillsboro School District schools, the remaining members of the Northwest Oregon Conference (St. Helens, Sherwood and Wilsonville) were joined with Milwaukie, Parkrose, Putnam and Sandy in a greater metropolitan league.

The Committee then paired Hood River Valley and The Dalles Wahtonka in an Intermountain Hybrid with Hermiston and Pendleton plus the Central Oregon schools. This hybrid includes eight 5A schools and Redmond at 6A. The Committee believes that having four 5A schools along I-84 and four 5A schools in Central Oregon allows for a greater balance to the hybrid than previously proposed. This "north/south" type of league arrangement allows for creative scheduling models to reduce travel and the need for overnight lodging. The Committee carefully considered requests to bring Hermiston and Pendleton to an east metropolitan league. After discussion, the Committee ultimately decided that, with the changes necessitated by the Hillsboro schools moving to 6A and needing a league for the remaining members of the Northwest Oregon Conference, this proposed alignment is a better option for 5A classification schools. There was no change made to the top end cutoff.

### **6A Classification**

Based on new ADM figures the following schools were moved in: Century and Glencoe from 5A-2 to 6A-4; Thurston and Crater from 5A to 6A. Lincoln and Liberty were placed at 6A due to requests from the schools. The Hillsboro schools were placed in the Pacific Conference based on a request from them and the conference. McMinnville was moved from 6A-4 to 6A-5 to balance out the two leagues from 9 and 6 schools to 8 and 7.

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It is the hope of the Committee that release of the attached adjusted Proposal #9 now will allow member schools time to study the new proposal and respond in writing and/or in person at the next public meeting of the Committee on September 28. The Committee will review the responses received prior to and during the September 28 meeting prior to releasing its Final Recommendations following that meeting.

Written suggestions and proposals on all classification and districting related issues should be emailed to the OSAA ([peterw@osaa.org](mailto:peterw@osaa.org)). Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all committee members for review and discussion. In addition, all communication received is being shared with the OSAA Executive Board.

**The final public meeting of the Classification and Districting Committee will be at 9:00 am on Monday, September 28, 2009, at the Shriner's Building Auditorium across the street from the OSAA Office.**

The Final Recommendations of the Classification and Districting Committee will be released to member schools as soon as they are complete following the September 28 meeting of the Committee.

The release of the Committee's Final Recommendations is not the final step in the public process. Member schools and the public will still have the opportunity to respond to the Recommendations to the Executive Board in writing prior to and/or in person at the public meeting at which the Board will take action on the Recommendations. The Board will consider member school written input and public testimony prior to acting on the Committee's Final Recommendations.

**The Final Recommendations of the Classification and Districting Committee will be considered by the OSAA Executive Board and Delegate Assembly at the October 26, 2009, Special Classification and Districting Meeting at the Doubletree-Lloyd Center, Portland. The Board meeting will convene at 9:00 am, and the Delegate Assembly Meeting will follow at 1:00 pm.**

A full list of meeting dates, Committee Roster, Charge to the Committee and previous Updates are available at [www.osaa.org/governance/committees/](http://www.osaa.org/governance/committees/).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Proposal #9: Draft Proposal of Revised Six Classification Alignment with Hybrid Leagues

**Classification and Districting Committee  
DRAFT Proposal #9  
6-Classification Hybrid  
(with 08-09 ADM)**

<b>6A</b>	<b>(45)</b>
<b>1480+</b>	

<b>6A-1 - Metro League</b>	<b>(6)</b>
Aloha Warriors	1868
Beaverton Beavers	1798
*Jesuit Crusaders	1159
Southridge Skyhawks	1954
Sunset Apollos	1930
Westview Wildcats	2569

<b>6A-2 - Mt. Hood Conference</b>	<b>(7)</b>
Barlow Bruins	1856
Centennial Eagles	1762
*Central Catholic Rams	809
David Douglas Scots	2959
Gresham Gophers	1713
Reynolds Raiders	2612
*St. Mary's Academy Blues	1234

<b>6A-3 - Three Rivers League</b>	<b>(6)</b>
Canby Cougars	1572
Clackamas Cavaliers	2176
*Lake Oswego Lakers	1216
*Lakeridge Pacers	1035
Oregon City Pioneers	2152
West Linn Lions	1534

<b>6A-4 - Pacific Conference</b>	<b>(8)</b>
Century Jaguars	1508
Forest Grove Vikings	1879
Glencoe Crimson Tide	1486
Hillsboro Spartans	1493
*Liberty Falcons	1258
Newberg Tigers	1565
Tigard Tigers	1922
Tualatin Timberwolves	1794

<b>6A-5 - Central Valley Conference</b>	<b>(7)</b>
McKay Scots	1682
McMinnville Grizzlies	1711
McNary Celtics	1961
North Salem Vikings	1792
South Salem Saxons	1807
Sprague Olympians	1598
West Salem Titans	1589

<b>6A-5A-4A PIL Hybrid</b>	<b>(10)</b>
Grant Generals (6A)	1518
*Lincoln Cardinals (6A)	1323
Benson Techmen (5A)	1085
Cleveland Warriors (5A)	1471
Franklin Quakers (5A)	963
*Jefferson Democrats (5A)	480
*Madison Senators (5A)	775
Wilson Trojans (5A)	1448
Marshall Minutemen (4A)	729
Roosevelt Roughriders (4A)	649

<b>6A-5A Midwestern Hybrid</b>	<b>(9)</b>
Sheldon Irish (6A)	1547
South Eugene Axemen (6A)	1522
Thurston Colts (6A)	1493
Churchill Lancers (5A)	1130
*Marist Spartans (5A)	488
Marshfield Pirates (5A)	1026
North Eugene Highlanders (5A)	938
Springfield Millers (5A)	1335
Willamette Wolverines (5A)	1430

<b>5A</b>	<b>(37)</b>
<b>1479-855</b>	

<b>5A-1 - Greater Metro League</b>	<b>(7)</b>
Milwaukie Mustangs	1143
Parkrose Broncos	1002
Putnam Kingsmen	1354
Sandy Pioneers	1258
Sherwood Bowmen	1173
St. Helens Lions	1003
Wilsonville Wildcats	958

<b>5A-2 - Mid-Willamette Conference</b>	<b>(8)</b>
Corvallis Spartans	1210
Crescent Valley Raiders	949
Dallas Dragons	988
Lebanon Warriors	1186
Silverton Foxes	1167
South Albany Rebels	1256
West Albany Bulldogs	1419
Woodburn Bulldogs	1363

<b>6A-5A Intermountain Hybrid</b>	<b>(9)</b>
Redmond Panthers (6A)	1824
Bend Lava Bears (5A)	1395
Crook County Cowboys (5A)	858
Hermiston Bulldogs (5A)	1347
Hood River Valley Eagles (5A)	1184
Mountain View Cougars (5A)	1400
Pendleton Buckaroos (5A)	927
Summit Storm (5A)	1265
The Dalles Wahtonka EagleIndians (5A)	915

<b>6A-5A Southern Oregon Hybrid</b>	<b>(7)</b>
Crater Comets (6A)	1498
Grants Pass Cavemen (6A)	1789
North Medford Black Tornado (6A)	1665
Roseburg Indians (6A)	1806
South Medford Panthers (6A)	1746
Ashland Grizzlies (5A)	1021
Eagle Point Eagles (5A)	1122

<b>4A</b>	<b>(42)</b>
<b>854-400</b>	

<b>4A-1 - Cowapa League</b>	<b>(6)</b>
Astoria Fishermen	609
Banks Braves	411
Scappoose Indians	677
Seaside Seagulls	480
Tillamook Cheesemakers	682
Yamhill-Carlton Tigers	444

<b>4A-2 - Tri-Valley Conference</b>	<b>(6)</b>
Estacada Rangers	739
Gladstone Gladiators	729
La Salle Falcons	625
Madras White Buffaloes	801
Molalla Indians	825
North Marion Huskies	576

<b>4A-3 - Far West League</b>	<b>(6)</b>
Brookings-Harbor Bruins	530
Douglas Trojans	431
North Bend Bulldogs	504
Siuslaw Vikings	451
South Umpqua Lancers	496
Sutherlin Bulldogs	444

<b>4A-4 - Val-Co League</b>	<b>(6)</b>
Cascade Cougars	700
Central Panthers	852
Newport Cubs	616
Philomath Warriors	576
Stayton Eagles	730
Taft Tigers	489

<b>4A-5 - Sky-Em League</b>	<b>(6)</b>
Cottage Grove Lions	782
Elmira Falcons	427
Junction City Tigers	540
La Pine Hawks	530
Sisters Outlaws	521
Sweet Home Huskies	730

<b>4A-6 - Skyline Conference</b>	<b>(6)</b>
Henley Hornets	666
Hidden Valley Mustangs	805
Klamath Union Pelicans	790
Mazama Vikings	802
North Valley Knights	626
Phoenix Pirates	781

<b>4A-7 - Greater Oregon League</b>	<b>(4)</b>
Ontario Tigers	781
La Grande Tigers	684
Baker Bulldogs	631
McLoughlin Pioneers	503

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<b>3A</b> <b>399-226</b>	<b>(42)</b>	<b>2A</b> <b>225-106</b>	<b>(41)</b>	<b>1A</b> <b>105-1</b>	<b>(78)</b>	<b>1A (cont.)</b> <b>105-1</b>	<b>(9)</b>
<b>3A-1 - Lewis &amp; Clark League (9)</b>		<b>2A-1 - Northwest League (8)</b>		<b>1A-1 - The Valley 9 League (9)</b>		<b>1A-5 - Mountain Valley League (9)</b>	
Catlin Gabel Eagles	289	Faith Bible Falcons	142	City Christian Lions	94	Butte Falls Loggers	64
Clatskanie Tigers	285	Gaston Greyhounds	155	Columbia Christian Knights	81	Gilchrist Grizzlies	94
Corbett Cardinals	240	Knappa Loggers	179	Damascus Christian Eagles	97	Hosanna Christian Lions	64
De La Salle North Catholic Knights	252	Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates	219	Life Christian Lions	59	North Lake Cowboys	87
Oregon Episcopal Aardvarks	304	Nestucca Bobcats	211	North Clackamas Christian Saints	59	Paisley Broncos	33
Portland Adventist Cougars	237	Portland Christian Royals	216	Open Door Christian Huskies	69	Prospect Cougars	71
Rainier Columbians	375	Riverdale Mavericks	152	Portland Lutheran Bluejays	78	Rogue Valley Adventist Red Tail Hawks	53
Valley Catholic Valiants	362	Vernonia Loggers	222	Portland Waldorf School	95	Triad Timber Wolves	82
Warrenton Warriors	248			Southwest Christian Wildcats	82	Trinity Lutheran Saints	15
<b>3A-2 - West Valley League (8)</b>		<b>2A-2 - Mountain View Conference (10)</b>		<b>1A-2 - Casco League (11)</b>		<b>1A-6 - Big Sky League (13)</b>	
Amity Warriors	253	Canyonville Christian Pilots	128	C.S. Lewis Watchmen	90	Arlington Honkers	42
Colton Vikings	229	Crow Cougars	117	Country Christian Cougars	80	Central Christian Tigers	46
Dayton Pirates	327	Glendale Pirates	132	Falls City Mountaineers	68	Condon Blue Devils	39
Gervais Cougars	312	Milo Adventist Mustangs	115	Jewell Bluejays	52	Crook County Christian Warriors	30
*Horizon Christian Hawks (TUAL)	111	North Douglas Warriors	125	Mid-Valley Christian Navigators	13	Dufur Rangers	104
Sheridan Spartans	263	Oakland Oakers	188	Oregon School f/t Deaf Panthers	54	Echo Cougars	85
Westside Christian Eagles	267	Oakridge Warriors	184	Perrydale Pirates	104	Griswold Grizzlies	54
Willamina Bulldogs	286	Riddle Irish	128	St. Paul Buckaroos	82	Horizon Christian Hawks (HR)	46
<b>3A-3 - PacWest Conference (10)</b>		<b>2A-3 - Tri-River Conference (10)</b>		<b>1A-3 - Mountain West League (8)</b>		<b>1A-7 - Old Oregon League (6)</b>	
Blanchet Catholic Cavaliers	251	Central Linn Cobras	196	Alsea Wolverines	42	Cove Leopards	82
Chemawa Braves	311	Culver Bulldogs	215	Eddyville Charter Eagles	76	Imbler Panthers	88
Creswell Bulldogs	350	Delphian School Dragons	168	Lowell Devils	78	Joseph Eagles	80
Harrisburg Eagles	277	East Linn Christian Eagles	117	Mapleton Sailors	46	Mc Kenzie Eagles	80
Jefferson Lions	294	Kennedy Trojans	225	Monroe Dragons	149	Mohawk Indians	80
Pleasant Hill Billies	322	Monroe Dragons	149	Regis Rams	158	Siletz Valley Warriors	67
Salem Academy Crusaders	239	Santiam Wolverines	203	Santiam Wolverines	203	Triangle Lake Lakers	52
Santiam Christian Eagles	300	Scio Loggers	223	Western Mennonite Pioneers	174		
Toledo Boomers	253						
Walport Irish	246						
<b>3A-4 - Eastern Oregon League (6)</b>		<b>2A-4 - Blue Mountain Conference (8)</b>		<b>1A-4 - Skyline League (8)</b>		<b>1A-8 - High Desert League (14)</b>	
Burns Hilanders	290	Elgin Huskies	144	Camas Valley Hornets	43	Adrian Antelopes	96
Grant Union Prospectors	247	Enterprise Outlaws	139	Elkton Elks	47	Burnt River Bulls	26
Nyssa Bulldogs	304	Heppner Mustangs	162	Lifegate Christian Lions	30	Crane Mustangs	84
Riverside Pirates	243	Irrigon Knights	197	New Hope Christian Warriors	70	Dayville Tigers	24
Vale Vikings	283	Pilot Rock Rockets	132	Oak Hill School Falcons	44	Harper Hornets	33
Umatilla Vikings	368	Stanfield Tigers	148	**Pacific Pirates	118	Huntington Locomotives	42
		Union Bobcats	143	Powers Cruisers	44	Jordan Valley Mustangs	28
		Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots	176	Umpqua Valley Christian Monarchs	85	Long Creek Mountaineers	24
						Mitchell Loggers	35
						Monument Tigers	23
						Mt. Bachelor Academy Bears	76
						Prairie City Panthers	47
						Spray Eagles	28
						Ukiah Cougars	36
<b>3A-2A - Sunset Hybrid (6)</b>		<b>3A-2A - Southern Hybrid (8)</b>					
Bandon Tigers (3A)	280	Cascade Christian Challengers (3A)	345				
Coquille Red Devils (3A)	260	Illinois Valley Cougars (3A)	391				
Myrtle Point Bobcats (3A)	243	Lakeview Honkers (3A)	244				
Glide Wildcats (3A)	235	Rogue River Chieftains (3A)	349				
Reedsport Braves (2A)	221	St Mary's Crusaders (3A)	285				
Gold Beach Panthers (2A)	215	Bonanza Antlers (2A)	153				
		Chiloquin Panthers (2A)	128				
		Lost River Raiders (2A)	175				

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