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

FROM: Brad Garrett, Assistant Executive Director

SUBJECT: OSAA Football Ad Hoc Committee Update

The Football Ad Hoc Committee conducted its third public meeting related to Football placements during the 2022 – 2026 time-block on January 19, 2022, at the Holiday Inn Wilsonville with public testimony streamed live via the OSAA YouTube channel. When finalized, Committee recommendations will be forwarded to the OSAA Executive Board for review and adoption.

OSAA staff provided a summary of 23 pieces of correspondence received after the last meeting. The Committee received online testimony from five individuals and in-person testimony from one individual in total representing six different schools. The group then convened into a work session to continue developing recommendations.

2A, 1A Structure/Game Type

During the work session the Committee continued discussion on the type of structure/game type at the 2A and 1A classifications. The group reviewed correspondence and testimony from members of the 2A classification indicating that a majority of schools surveyed supported moving to the 9-player game for the next time block. Cutoff points outlined below could be adjusted depending on the number of schools moving between the three groups.

- Recommends that 2A schools (ADM 75 - 145) play the 9-player game.
- Recommends that 1A schools (ADM 74 - 61) play the 8-player game.
- Recommends that 1A schools (ADM 0 - 60) play the 6-player game.

6-Player State Championship

The group fully supports adoption of the 6-player game and is encouraging the OSAA State Championship Committee to recommend conducting an OSAA State Championship for 6-player teams.

Playoff Eligibility for Teams Playing Down

The Committee also spent considerable time reviewing the concept of adding a criterion that if a school plays down, they would not be eligible for the OSAA playoffs. Specifically, they discussed the conflict created when a school is granted a Petition to Play down by the Executive Board for all sports and remains eligible for OSAA playoffs, yet a school moved down by the Football Ad Hoc Committee wouldn't be eligible for OSAA playoffs.

Ultimately the group shifted their stance in this area to recommend that schools meeting the criteria and choosing to play down would be eligible for OSAA playoffs, but that these schools would be reviewed on an annual basis by the Football Ad Hoc Committee. Any school playing down that has an in-class winning percentage of 67% or higher and/or advances beyond Round 1 of any OSAA Football State Championship will automatically be moved back up for the following season. The group reserves the right to consider additional information when annually reviewing these schools, including participation numbers, JV record, roster analysis, etc.

Criteria for Schools Requesting to Play at a Lower Classification

The Committee also discussed criteria that will be used to evaluate teams that have requested to play at a lower classification. Schools would be categorized in two different ways – those requesting a lower classification for the first time and those previously playing at a lower classification requesting to remain there.

Schools requesting a lower classification for the first time must have had a 2-year in-class winning percentage below 22%.

Ashland
Harrisburg
Parkrose
Phoenix
Southridge

Schools previously playing at a lower classification requesting to remain there must have had a 2-year in-class winning percentage of less than 67% and have not won an OSAA playoff game.

Forest Grove
Glide
Milwaukie
Neah-Kah-Nie
Riverside
Rogue River
Sheridan
South Eugene
Umatilla
Willamette
Woodburn

Schools eligible to request a lower classification because they have had a 2-year in-class winning percentage below 22% (January 31 deadline).

Central Linn
Cleveland
Cottage Grove
Crescent Valley
Culver
Douglas
Grants Pass
Gresham
La Salle Prep
Molalla
Newport
North Marion
Oakridge
Ontario
Oregon City
Pleasant Hill
Reedsport
Taft
Vernonia

Schools previously playing at a lower classification eligible to request to remain there because they have had a 2-year in-class winning percentage of less than 67% and have not won an OSAA playoff game.

Creswell
Enterprise
Gold Beach
Junction City
North Eugene
Philomath

Draft League/Special District Configurations by Classification

Attached are the draft league/special district configurations by classification currently supported by the Committee. Schools who have requested and meet the criteria above have been placed accordingly. Schools meeting the criteria have until Monday, January 31 to notify the OSAA of their intent for the new time block.

Additional Topics Discussed

The Committee is requesting feedback on the following topics prior to its next meeting.

- OSAA State Championship bracket sizes and allocations at each classification.
- The concept of allowing 10 weeks to play 9 games. This would allow additional flexibility with scheduling considering the large number of odd numbered leagues, ease the burden on officials by spreading the same number of games over a longer period of time, help with transportation issues, and allow for medical or environmental cancellations to be rescheduled.
 - Example A – Start One Week Earlier (using Fall 2022 dates):
 - First Practice Date for Football – Monday, August 8
 - First Jamboree Date for Football – Thursday, August 18
 - First Contest Date for Football – Thursday, August 25
 - Example B – End One Week Later (using Fall 2022 dates):
 - Cutoff Date for Football – Saturday, November 5
 - 5A-1A Finals for Football – Saturday, December 3
 - 6A Final for Football – Saturday, December 10
- Restructuring the 6A Football Championships.
 - Example A: 16-Team Bracket with 1 or 2 qualifiers from each special district and the remainder of the bracket filled by rankings. Allow non-playoff teams to play an Endowment Bowl Game.
 - Example B: 16-Team Bracket with 1 or 2 qualifiers from each special district and the remainder of the bracket filled by rankings. The #17-#32 ranked teams would have a separate consolation bracket championship. Allow non-playoff teams to play an Endowment Bowl Game.
 - Example C: Eight-team Open Division Bracket using the top eight 6A teams in the rankings. The 6A schools ranked #9-32 would play in the 24-Team 6A Bracket with teams ranked #9-16 receiving a first-round bye. The top eight teams would receive a bye into the 2nd round.

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 Committee is Wednesday, Feb 2, 2022, at 9 a.m. The meeting will be conducted at the **Holiday Inn 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 contact Brad Garrett (bradg@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.

OSAA Football Ad Hoc Advisory

Proposed 2022-2026 Alignments

(as of 1/20/2022)

6A	45	5A	32	4A	34
1005+		1004-608		607-311	
6A-1 - Portland Interscholastic	9	5A-1 - Northwest Oregon Conference	9	4A-1 - Cowapa League	6
Benson Techmen	691	Canby Cougars	957	Astoria Fishermen	398
Cleveland Warriors	1219	Centennial Eagles	1034	Milwaukie / Arts Academy Mustangs (5A)	796
Franklin Lightning	1376	Forest Grove Vikings (6A)	1086	Scappoose Indians	501
Grant Generals	1314	Hillsboro Spartans	769	Seaside Seagulls	313
Jefferson Democrats	444	Hood River Valley Eagles	883	St. Helens Lions	598
Lincoln Cardinals	1190	La Salle Prep Falcons	514	Tillamook Cheesemakers	454
McDaniel Mountain Lions	718	Putnam Kingsmen	872		
Roosevelt Roughriders	705	Southridge Skyhawks (6A)	1073	4A-2 - Tri-Valley Conference	7
Wells Guardians	1152	Wilsonville Wildcats	906	Crook County Cowboys	603
				Estacada Rangers	362
6A-2 - Metro League	6	5A-2 - Midwestern League	8	Gladstone Gladiators	440
Aloha Warriors	1235	Churchill Lancers	711	Madras White Buffaloes	418
Beaverton Beavers	1038	Crater Comets	874	Molalla Indians	518
Jesuit Crusaders	960	Eagle Point Eagles	704	Parkrose Broncos (5A)	533
Mountainside Mavericks	1422	North Eugene Highlanders	652	The Dalles Riverhawks	511
Sunset Apollos	1600	Springfield Millers	874		
Westview Wildcats	1848	South Eugene Axe (6A)	1101	4A-3 - Oregon West Conference	7
		Thurston Colts	919	Cascade Cougars	514
6A-3 - Pacific Conference	6	Willamette Wolverines (6A)	1035	Newport Cubs	354
Century Jaguars	1077			North Marion Huskies	393
Glencoe Crimson Tide	1026	5A-3 - Mid-Willamette Conference	9	Philomath Warriors	335
Liberty Falcons	1054	Central Panthers	660	Stayton Eagles	499
McMinnville Grizzlies	1414	Corvallis Spartans	766	Sweet Home Huskies	443
Newberg Tigers	1077	Crescent Valley Raiders	619	Woodburn Bulldogs (5A)	870
Sherwood Bowmen	1209	Dallas Dragons	616		
		Lebanon Warriors	643	4A-4 - Sky-Em League	5
6A-4 - Mt. Hood Conference	8	McKay Scots	1304	Cottage Grove Lions	520
Barlow Bruins	1280	Silverton Foxes	910	Junction City Tigers	378
Central Catholic Rams	609	South Albany Red Hawks	998	Marist Catholic Spartans	323
Clackamas Cavaliers	1930	West Albany Bulldogs	910	Marshfield Pirates	507
David Douglas Scots	1587			North Bend Bulldogs	530
Gresham Gophers	992	5A-4 - Intermountain Conference	6		
Nelson Hawks	NEW	Bend Lava Bears	814	4A-5 - Skyline Conference	5
Reynolds Raiders	1612	Caldera Wolfpack	900	Ashland Grizzlies (5A)	675
Sandy Pioneers	974	Mountain View Cougars	890	Henley Hornets	502
		Redmond Panthers	804	Hidden Valley Mustangs	374
6A-5 - Three Rivers League	6	Ridgeview Ravens	753	Klamath Union Pelicans	470
Lake Oswego Lakers	927	Summit Storm	934	Mazama Vikings	461
Lakeridge Pacers	886				
Oregon City Pioneers	1531	6A-6 - Central/Southwest Valley Conference	10	4A-6 - Greater Oregon League	4
Tigard Tigers	1316	Grants Pass Cavemen	1105	Baker Bulldogs	359
Tualatin Timberwolves	1408	McNary Celtics	1413	La Grande Tigers	433
West Linn Lions	1406	North Medford Black Tornado	1242	Ontario Tigers	364
		North Salem Vikings	1068	Pendleton Buckaroos / Griswold / Nixyaawii	615
		Roseburg Indians	1161		
		Sheldon Irish	1013		
		South Medford Panthers	1274		
		South Salem Saxons	1451		
		Sprague Olympians	1287		
		West Salem Titans	1238		

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3A	33	2A - 9 player	38	1A - 8 player		1A - 8 player	27
310-146		145-75		74-61			
3A-1 - Coastal Range League	6	2A9-1 - Northwest League	6	1A8 - Special District 1	14	1A8 - Special District 2	13
Banks Braves	269	Clatskanie Tigers	141	Alsea Wolverines	64	Adrian Antelopes	59
Corbett Cardinals	258	Gaston Greyhounds	127	Bonanza Antlers	67	Cove Leopards	64
Rainier Columbians	177	Knappa Loggers	92	Camas Valley Hornets	39	Crane Mustangs	53
Warrenton Warriors	177	Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates (3A)	158	Chiloquin Panthers	50	Dufur Rangers	59
Valley Catholic Valiants	275	Nestucca Bobcats	95	Crosspoint Christian Warriors	66	Elgin Huskies	65
Yamhill-Carlton Tigers	184	Vernonia Loggers	117	Days Creek Wolves	46	Imbler Panthers	59
				Falls City Mountaineers / Kings Valley	72	Ione Cardinals / Arlington Honkers	75
3A-2 - PacWest Conference	7	2A9-2 - Tri-River Conference	8	Glendale Pirates	55	Lyle Cougars / Wishram / Klickitat	63
Amity Warriors	169	Blanchet Catholic Cavaliers	140	Lost River Raiders	74	Pilot Rock Rockets	61
Dayton Pirates	187	Chemawa Braves	143	Mohawk Mustangs	68	Powder Valley Badgers	50
Jefferson Lions	151	Colton Vikings	129	Myrtle Point Bobcats	70	Sherman Huskies / Condon Blue Devils	73
Kennedy Trojans	106	Culver Bulldogs	120	Perrydale Pirates	66	Union Bobcats	71
Santiam Christian Eagles	167	Gervais Cougars	196	Prospect Cougars / Butte Falls Loggers	67	Wallowa Cougars	39
Scio Loggers	165	Santiam Wolverines	124	St. Paul Buckaroos	66		
Taft Tigers	266	Sheridan Spartans (3A)	148				
		Willamina Bulldogs	139				
3A-3 - Mountain Valley Conference	6	2A9-2 - Cental Valley Conference	8	1A - 6 player		1A - 6 player	22
Creswell Bulldogs	240	Central Linn Cobras	139	60 - 0		1A6 - Special District 3	14
Elmira Falcons	307	Lowell Devils	76	1A6 - Special District 1	8	Crow Cougars	53
La Pine Hawks	266	Monroe Dragons	79	Dayville Tigers / Monument Tigers	21	Eddyville Charter Eagles	35
Pleasant Hill Billies	236	Oakridge Warriors	83	Echo Cougars	51	Elkton Elks	55
Sisters Outlaws	302	Regis Rams	75	Huntington Locomotives	20	Gilchrist Grizzlies	23
Siuslaw Vikings	234	Salem Academy Crusaders	114	Joseph Eagles	49	Jewell Bluejays	30
		Toledo Boomers	116	Mitchell Loggers / Spray / Wheeler	38	Mapleton Sailors	25
3A-4 - Far West League	10	Waldport Irish	105	Pine Eagle Spartans	39	McKenzie Eagles	32
Brookings-Harbor Bruins	309	2A9-2 - Southern Conference	8	Prairie City Panthers / Burnt River Bulls	53	North Douglas Warriors	58
Cascade Christian Challengers	153	Bandon Tigers	122	South Wasco County Redsides	44	North Lake Cowboys	48
Coquille Red Devils	188	Glide Wildcats (3A)	148			Powers Cruisers	11
Douglas Trojans	259	Gold Beach Panthers	92			Riddle Irish	59
Lakeview Honkers	146	Harrisburg Eagles (3A)	160			Siletz Valley Warriors	35
North Valley Knights	290	Illinois Valley Cougars	155			Triangle Lake Lakers	37
Phoenix Pirates (4A)	400	Oakland Oakers	138			Yoncalla Eagles	56
South Umpqua Lancers	244	Reedsport Brave	106				
St. Mary's Crusaders	238	Rogue River Chieftains (3A)	173				
Sutherlin Bulldogs	269	2A9-5 - Blue Mountain Conference	8				
		Enterprise Outlaws	101				
3A-5 - Eastern Oregon League	4	Grant Union Prospectors	107				
Burns Hilanders	164	Heppner Mustangs	76				
McLoughlin Pioneers	290	Irrigon Knights	141				
Nyssa Bulldogs / Harper Charter	184	Riverside Pirates (3A)	158				
Vale Vikings	169	Stanfield Tigers	89				
		Umatilla Vikings (3A)	211				
		Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots	121				