



Oregon School Activities Association

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TO: Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors, and Football Coaches
FROM: Kris Welch, Assistant Executive Director
SUBJECT: OSAA Football Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Update – November 10 Meeting

The Football Ad Hoc Advisory conducted its first meeting of this school year. It was a closed work session via Zoom. The goal of this group is to review school data and make recommendations to the Executive Board for their February 3rd meeting. Last year's recommendation was that this group start the process earlier and have an additional public meeting. This year, there will be four opportunities for public testimony prior to the February 3rd Executive Board meeting.

The Committee started by introducing the new Committee members to the group, clarifying the organizations of current members, and setting term limits. This Committee is made up of 12 members and each member will serve a three-year term. Each member represents not only an organization (OADA or OACA), but also their specific classification of football (1A-6 though 6A).

The Committee then reviewed data for every football team provided by the OSAA staff. This allowed members to identify schools that meet the criteria to enter the pool for consideration to play down a classification (below 22% winning percentage in-class over a two-year period). The group also reviewed schools that are already playing down a classification to determine if their performance qualifies them to enter the pool for consideration to move back to the school's original classification.

There are 21 schools that meet the criteria to enter the pool for discussion:

Astoria (4A), Brookings-Harbor (3A), Cleveland (6A), Crescent Valley (5A), David Douglas (6A), Grant Union (2A), Gresham (6A), Harrisburg (3A), LaPine (3A), McDaniel (6A), McLoughlin (3A), McNary (6A), Oakridge (2A), Putnam (5A), Rainier (3A), Redmond (5A), St. Mary's (Medford) (3A), Sweet Home (4A), Umatilla (3A), Vernonia (2A), Woodburn (5A)

OSAA Staff will contact these schools to see their intentions for next year. If any of these schools who qualify for the pool for discussion desire to move down a classification, they will need to submit all the required information.

Required Information. A member school that meets the criteria of winning percentage shall provide the Football Ad Hoc Committee with the following information:

- 1) Participation numbers by grade level (9-12).
- 2) Win/loss records, including point differentials, for each level in the program.
- 3) Listing of any forfeits for each level in the program.
- 4) Coaching staff continuity for each level in the program.
- 5) School Administration continuity.
- 6) Description of off-season programs (team camp, youth camp, 7 on7/lineman challenge, summer weights).
- 7) Youth program participation numbers by grade level and coaching staff continuity for the past four years.
- 8) Description of school/community support and action steps taken, or planned, by the school to return the program to its original classification.

There are five schools who are playing down a classification that meet the criteria to enter the pool for discussion:

Cottage Grove (3A), Gervais (2A), Glencoe (5A), Illinois Valley (2A), Willamette (5A)

Future Meetings: These meetings will be hybrid format with in-person and via Zoom. All will include public testimony sessions for schools.

Thursday, December 5th, 10:00am (OSAA Office and Zoom)

Thursday, December 19th, 10:00am (OSAA Office and Zoom)

Wednesday, January 8th, 10:00am (OSAA Office and Zoom)

Wednesday, January 22nd, 10:00am (OSAA Office and Zoom)

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 krisw@osaa.org. Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all committee members for review and discussion.

Please contact Kris Welch (krisw@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.