



# Oregon School Activities Association

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TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: OSAA Rankings Committee Update – April 4, 2024

The OSAA Rankings Committee met on April 4 via Zoom meeting for the first time this school year to begin its review of the rankings from the Fall and Winter 2023-24 season.

The Committee welcomed two of its newest members and briefly explained the rankings system to make sure everyone understood the Rankings. We opened up the floor for public testimony, but there was no one in attendance so the Committee went into closed session.

The Committee’s final meeting of the year for public testimony will be on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, via ZOOM meeting starting at 11am. Following the meeting, the Committee will forward its final recommendations to the OSAA Executive Board for consideration at the Board’s Summer Workshop, July 22-24, 2024.

The Committee reviewed the Final 8 for each classification, Fall and Winter 2023-24 brackets and 2023-24 frozen rankings. Following this review, the Committee examined rankings scenarios, correlation studies of current systems, and rankable contest counts.

**Correlation Studies:** Correlation studies are produced by OSAA staff and serve as one way to gauge the “accuracy” of the system. What counts as “accurate” regarding a rankings system is certainly open to interpretation, but Committee members believe there is value associated with this information, especially when looking at making possible changes.

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Regular Season</u>	
23-24	Football	94.10%	<i>Using the final frozen rankings, correlation studies analyze the % of contests where the better ranked team in a classification won, going backwards through the regular season. A contest where that happens is considered “accurate”. In 2023-24 Girls soccer, the current system was 91.48% “accurate” going back through the regular season.</i>
23-24	Boys Soccer	88.03%	
23-24	Girls Soccer	91.48%	
23-24	Volleyball	91.17 %	
23-24	Girls Basketball	90.34%	
23-24	Boys Basketball	87.76%	

Ideas discussed with the Committee after the simulations were:

- \*The need to have the rankings public from the first contest when there is not much data.
- \*Developing a human element into the Rankings
  - >Re-seeding the activities that have a final site tournament when the final 8 teams have qualified.
  - >Creating a committee to take on:
    - \*Placing all teams on the bracket vs. seeding the top 4, 6, or 8 teams

### Delaying the publicizing of the Rankings

Currently the Rankings are public from the first contest played. The Committee discussed delaying the start of publicizing the rankings for an amount of time until there is more data in the system. How much time should that be? Should the Rankings be delayed for the first three weeks of the season, or the halfway point of the season until there is enough data? ***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on delaying the posting of the Rankings on the website and if supported, at what time of the season should they become public. The feedback needs to be prior to its June 11 meeting.***

#### **Should the OSAA consider reseeding the bracket at the final sites for volleyball and basketball**

There was some discussion on the match ups in some classifications where there was an “upset” and a lower ranked team made it to the final site. This created lower seed match ups and the higher seeds had higher seed competitions. Which asks the question, should the highest ranked team at the final site be playing the lowest ranked team or should the bracket stay true throughout the entire championship? Should we re-seed the final site once the 8 teams have been determined? ***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its June 11 meeting.***

#### **Should a human element be created for the Rankings**

The Committee spent some time on this topic. As of now the Rankings is solely based on data so there was some discussion on straight data and no human element, just numbers, versus adding a human element and subjective opinions; if there is this piece added, would it need to be for all sports or just select ones with less data like football; question of timeline came up, coaches and communities want/need to know who their opponents are and coordinate transportation in a short time frame; what would be the role of the Committee: to place all of the teams on the bracket, or top 4 teams, top 6 teams, or top 8 teams? ***Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its June 11 meeting.***

All written communication received will be forwarded to all members of the Rankings Committee for their review. Please send emails to [kyles@osaa.org](mailto:kyles@osaa.org) or Kris Welch ([krisw@osaa.org](mailto:krisw@osaa.org)) at the OSAA if you have any questions.