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### MAJOR OSAA RULE CHANGES FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

*These changes either were implemented during the 2021-22 school year or are new for the 2022-23 school year.*

#### **CONSTITUTION (Articles and Rules)**

- **FULL MEMBERSHIP DUES.** Increases full membership school dues, per a recommendation from the Budget Committee, from \$1000 to \$1250 beginning with the 2022-23 school year. (*Article 3.3.1. (a) – Dues, Full Membership Dues; February 2022 EB Meeting*)
- **DELEGATE ASSEMBLY - COMPOSITION.** Changes the composition of the Delegate Assembly in alignment with the recommendations from the Classification and Districting Committee. Additional changes add a representative of the OSAA's Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee, allows voting privileges for the OACA and OAOA representatives, and adjusts how affiliated organization representatives are selected. (*Article 4.1. – Delegate Assembly - Composition; December 2021 EB Meeting and April 2022 DA Meeting*)
- **EXECUTIVE BOARD - COMPOSITION.** Changes the composition of the Executive Board to move from two at-large representatives (6A/5A/4A and 3A/2A/1A) to three at-large representatives (6A/5A, 4A/3A, 2A/1A), adds a representative of the OSAA's Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee, allows voting privileges for the OACA and OAOA representatives, and adjusts how affiliated organization representatives are selected. (*Article 5.1. – Executive Board - Composition; April 2022 DA Meeting*)
- **CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS – CLASSIFICATION THRESHOLDS.** Amends the classification thresholds and cutoff points in alignment with recommendations from the Classification and Districting Committee. (*Article 6.2.4. – Classification of Schools – Classification Thresholds; December 2021 EB Meeting*)
- **PLACEMENT IN A DIFFERENT CLASSIFICATION – FOOTBALL ONLY.** Requires an annual review for any school that plays in a lower classification and allows schools to play up a classification (i.e., from the 9-player game to the 11-player game). (*Article 6.2.4 (c) – Placement in a Different Classification – Football Only; April 2022 DA Meeting*)
- **REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS – REGULAR AND SPECIAL ATHLETIC DISTRICTS.** Adjusts the total number of regular districts per classification in alignment with recommendations from the Classification and Districting Committee. (*Article 7.1. – Representative Districts – Regular and Special Athletic Districts; December 2021 EB Meeting*)
- **ACTIVITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE.** Renames this group to eliminate confusion with the recently created Student Advisory Council. (*Article 9.6. – Activities Advisory Committee; April 2022 DA Meeting*)
- **FEE REVIEW COMMITTEE - COMPOSITION.** Changes the makeup of the Fee Review Committee to have four representatives of the Oregon Athletic Officials Association (OAOA) to balance out the number of officials and school personnel on the committee. (*Article 9.7.2. – Fee Review Committee - Composition; October 2021 DA Meeting*)
- **STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL.** Adds this student group to serve in an advisory capacity to enhance the total student-participant experience by promoting opportunity, protecting student-participant well-being, and offering input on the rules, regulations, and policies that affect students in member schools. (*Article 9.11. – Student Advisory Council; October 2021 DA Meeting*)
- **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY – HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY STUDENTS.** Adds language applicable to high school equivalency students per changes in state statute adopted by the Oregon Legislature. (*Rule 8.1. – Academic Eligibility; July 2022 EB Workshop*)
- **SCHOOL REPRESENTATION – HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY STUDENTS.** Amends the rule to be applicable to high school equivalency students, not just GED students, per changes in state statute adopted by the Oregon Legislature. (*Rule 8.5. – School Representation; July 2022 EB Workshop*)

#### **BOARD POLICIES**

- **AIR QUALITY GUIDELINES.** Amends policy for schools to consider rescheduling to a different time and/or area with a lower AQI when the AQI is between 101-150 (orange) and requires that outdoor events must be cancelled when AQI reaches 151 (red). Clarifies that schools in remote areas not near a DEQ reporting station may also refer to Purple Air

monitors for monitoring air quality using the EPA's Fire and Smoke map. Suggests schools consider the impact of elevated AQI lasting for multiple days and the impact of prolonged exposure for athletes and staff on multiple practice session days when making decisions. Athletes with asthma or other lung diseases, heart conditions, or diabetes may need additional rest breaks during practices/contests. Also references Oregon OSHA permanent rules regarding outdoor workplace exposure for employees.

- **CERTIFICATION – ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AND COACHES.** Amends requirements for football coaches to be certified annually in alignment with recommendations from the Football Ad Hoc Committee and Oregon Athletic Coaches Association (OACA). Includes a switch to the NFHS Football Tackling Course and having an OSAA Master Trainer conduct the in-person Player Safety Coach clinics. Requires all athletic directors and coaches complete the OSAA Interrupting and Preventing Acts Training as a one-time requirement. *(BP – Certification – Athletic Directors and Coaches; May 2022 EB Meeting and July 2022 EB Summer Workshop)*
- **COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP.** Allows schools to request an exception, including a required annual review, when their combined ADM places a cooperative agreement at a higher classification. To be considered for an exception, the combined ADM of the schools involved may not exceed 10% above the classification cutoff of the largest school. *(BP – Cooperative Sponsorship; May 2022 EB Meeting)*
- **ELIGIBILITY – HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY STUDENTS.** Amends language applicable to high school equivalency students per changes in state statute adopted by the Oregon Legislature. *(BP – Eligibility – High School Equivalency Students; July 2022 EB Workshop)*
- **ELIGIBILITY – HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS.** Amends language applicable to home school students per changes in state statute adopted by the Oregon Legislature. *(BP – Eligibility – Home School Students; July 2022 EB Workshop)*
- **FOOTBALL – PLACEMENT IN A DIFFERENT CLASSIFICATION.** Adjusts criteria for eligibility in football for placement in a different classification, including an annual evaluation for any school placed in a lower classification, in alignment with recommendations from the Football Ad Hoc Committee. *(BP – Football – Placement in a Different Classification; May 2022 EB Meeting)*
- **HAIR DEVICE/ADORNMENT.** Updates policy to align with NFHS rules that are inclusive of hair adornments in volleyball, cheerleading, basketball, and soccer. Maintains that hair adornments are not allowed in football and wrestling due to the contact nature of those sports and safety considerations. *(BP – Hair Device/Adornment; July 2022 EB Summer Workshop)*
- **PRACTICE LIMITATION RULE (6A, 5A, 4A PILOT).** Amends out of season coaching policy for 4A classification to align with 6A and 5A schools per request from 4A schools. *(BP – Practice Limitation Rule (6A, 5A, 4A Pilot); July 2022 EB Summer Workshop)*
- **PRACTICE MODEL.** Requires a minimum of five days of practice prior to competition with another school in all sports (football remains unchanged at nine days required) unless the student participated in the immediately preceding season. *(BP – Practice Model; July 2021 EB Summer Workshop)*
- **SANCTIONING OF CONTESTS.** Adds clarification about which events require NFHS sanctioning. *(BP – Sanctioning of Contests; July 2022 EB Summer Workshop)*
- **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – RANKINGS.** Updates freeze dates and adjusts dates each season after which games added to a team's schedule won't be counted in the rankings. League champions at the 6A and 1A classifications will be guaranteed a home game in their first state playoff contest in 32-team brackets regardless of final frozen ranking. Clarifies league champion home game procedures in football. *(BP – State Championships – Rankings; July 2022 EB Summer Workshop)*

## FORMS MODIFICATIONS

- **UPDATES.** Existing forms have been modified to make them consistent with the changes specified above. The actual forms are no longer housed in the Handbook but have direct links at: [www.osaa.org/governance/forms](http://www.osaa.org/governance/forms).

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES HANDBOOKS

- **UPDATES.** Activity specific changes have been made to the Band/Orchestra, Cheerleading, Choir, Dance/Drill, Solo Music and Speech Handbooks.

## OTHER

- **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.** Additional Questions and Answers have been added to the Handbook.