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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors
 FROM: Kelly Foster, Assistant Executive Director
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 SUBJECT: Update to the Proceedings of the Championship Thresholds Task Force

The Championship Thresholds Task Force held its sixth meeting via Zoom on April 29, 2025. The primary focus of this meeting was to review survey results and feedback from the OSAA Delegate Assembly caucus group discussions and the Oregon Athletic Directors Association (OADA) State Conference questions.

The following question was presented to each respective group, and their feedback is listed below:

This task force will make recommendations to the Executive Board regarding general state championship qualifying percentages in team sports, individual sports, and activities. The group believes, in general, that too many students are qualifying for state championships and currently supports an optimal qualification percentage range between 30%-40%, with a low-end base of 25% and high-end cap of 45%.

Do you support the task force’s general qualification percentage range outlined above?

Delegate Assembly Caucus Group Discussion

- 6A – Yes, they support the range. Individuals and sports are different. Look at revisiting and see if there is anything done in the past that worked.
- 5A – Individual sports have a lack of venues. They like the range for all activities. We need to start combining championships due to officiating.
- 4A – Lower thresholds are good, but it depends on how many are in the class. Filling the lanes in some activities would be great. 6A Football Columbia Cup doesn’t send the right message.
- 3A – Should have parameters and thought that 30% was a good target. They’d like to fill the lanes if possible. All classes need to be equitable.
- 2A – Generally supportive of range.
- 1A – Would like to review to ensure its equitable across all classifications.

Oregon Athletic Director Association Conference Questions

1A:	Yes: 78.1%	No: 21.9%
2A:	Yes: 61.5%	No: 38.5%
3A:	Yes: 83.8%	No: 16.2%
4A:	Yes: 76.7%	No: 23.3%
5A:	Yes: 79.3%	No: 20.7%
6A:	Yes: 62.2%	No: 37.8%

The overall feedback shows support for the task force’s proposed qualifying percentage range. This aligns with where the group’s discussions have been throughout this process, that generally too many students and teams are qualifying for state championships. Here is the group’s current recommendation:

The Championship Thresholds Task Force supports an optimal state championship qualification percentage range for team sports, individual sports, and activities between 30%-40%, with a low-end base of 25% and high-end cap of 45%.

The group knows that there will never be a perfect, one-size-fits-all exact percentage because each classification's size is different, the number of students participating is different, and the structure/format of each championship differs by activity. However, the group recommends implementing this range to:

- Reinforce the idea that qualifying for a state championship is an honor reserved for top teams/individuals
- Increase competitiveness of state championship events
- Decrease travel expenses for member schools
- Allow the Association to be more responsive in-season to either add or subtract qualifiers based on current participation figures when possible

The group also spent time discussing participation opportunities and input received that any decrease in state championship qualifiers cuts into those opportunities. Task force members felt strongly that participation opportunities should be the focus of the regular season and that state championship events should be reserved for the best teams/individuals.

OSAA Staff will present the task force's current stance to the Executive Board on May 12 for input and feedback. Since this group was formed by the Executive Board, the determination of any future meetings, etc. will be at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Written suggestions and proposals on these issues should be emailed to Kelly Foster (kellyf@osaa.org) **Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all task force members for review and discussion.**

A list of meeting dates, Task Force Roster, charge to the Task Force, and information are available at the OSAA website: <https://www.osaa.org/governance/task-forces#thresholds>.

The Task Force appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact Kyle Stanfield (kyles@osaa.org) or Kelly Foster (kellyf@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.