

MAJOR OSAA RULE CHANGES FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

These changes either were implemented during the 2024-25 school year or are new for the 2025-26 school year.

CONSTITUTION (Articles and Rules)

- **FULL MEMBERSHIP DUES.** Third year of increases to full membership school dues, per a recommendation from the Budget Committee, \$250 each year during a three-year period that began with the 2023-24 school year. Also increases the per activity fee \$10 a year during the same three-year period. *(Article 3.3.1. (a) – Full Membership Dues and Activity Fees; December 2022 EB Meeting per Budget Committee Recommendations)*
- **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP DUES.** Increases associate membership dues by 10% for each of the next three years. *(Article 3.3.1. (b) – Associate Membership Dues; May 2024 EB Meeting per Budget Committee Recommendations)*
- **CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS.** Allows greater flexibility for schools to move up a classification at the midpoint of the time block. *(Article 6. – Classification of Schools; October 2024 DA Meeting)*
- **CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS – PETITION TO PLAY DOWN.** Adopts recommendations from Petition to Play Down Task Force regarding schools seeking to play down a classification, including how individual programs return to their original classification if successful. *(Article 6.2.4. – Classification of Schools – Petition to Play Down; April 2025 DA Meeting)*
- **COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP.** Aligns the Article and the Board Policy language related to exceptions. *(Article 6.5.2. – Cooperative Sponsorship; October 2024 DA Meeting)*
- **DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.** Modifies the term limits and composition of the committee's roster. *(Article 9.10. – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee; October 2024 DA Meeting)*
- **STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL.** Modifies the term limits and composition of the committee's roster. *(Article 9.11. – Student Advisory Council; October 2024 DA Meeting)*
- **ASSOCIATION YEAR – STARTING, CUTOFF AND ENDING DATES.** Extends the sub-varsity cutoff dates in team sports to align with the latest varsity cutoff date at any classification in that team sport. *(Rule 6.7. – Association Year – Starting, Cutoff and Ending Dates; October 2024 DA Meeting)*
- **ALUMNI CONTESTS.** Added a rule to codify regulations and requirements for alumni contests. *(Rule 6.11. – Alumni Contests; October 2024 DA Meeting)*
- **AWARDS.** Further delineates activities, services, or products students may promote via NIL. *(Rule 8.4. – Awards; October 2024 DA Meeting)*

BOARD POLICIES

- **ADMINISTRATOR WORKSHOP REQUIREMENT.** Requires first-year athletic directors to attend an OSAA New AD Workshop, in addition to the regular Fall Administrator Workshop. *(BP – Administrator Workshop Requirement; September 2024 EB Meeting)*
- **COLLECTIVE SPONSORSHIPS.** Refines the current policy and Executive Board's involvement within the approval process. *(BP – Collective Sponsorships; September 2024 EB Meeting)*
- **EJECTION POLICIES.** Clarifies timelines for local officials associations to notify schools of an ejection along with procedures and deadlines for schools to appeal an ejection suspension. *(BP – Ejection Policies; July 2025 EB Summer Workshop)*

- **MORATORIUM WEEK.** Clarifies language for schools requesting a date shift to their moratorium week. *(BP – Moratorium Week; September 2024 EB Meeting)*
- **SPECIAL DISTRICTS - PLACEMENT.** Codifies current practice of considering number of individual participants and full teams as part of process. *(BP – Special Districts – Placement; July 2025 EB Summer Workshop)*
- **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – RANKINGS.** Updates rankings freeze dates, along with deadline dates for adding a contest vs. a team more than one classification away and adding a contest after a certain date. Clarifies 6A Football home game policy. *(BP – State Championships – Rankings; July 2025 EB Summer Workshop)*
- **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – TEAM SIZE.** Amends team size limitations in soccer and volleyball at all classifications. *(BP – State Championships – Team Size; September 2024 EB Meeting)*

PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

- **GENERAL PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS.** Clarifies how contests are counted when 1A sub-varsity teams play 1A varsity teams. *(Participation Limitations – General Participation Limitations; September 2024 EB Meeting)*
- **TENNIS.** Aligns limits with USTA rules as they apply to scheduling guidelines (matches per day & rest). *(Participation Limitations – Tennis; February 2025 EB Meeting)*
- **VOLLEYBALL.** Allows a student to participate in no more than six total sets per day at different levels. *(Participation Limitations – Volleyball; May 2025 EB Meeting)*

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.

CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

- **SCHOOL PLACEMENTS FOR 2025-26.** Moved Crook County up from 4A Tri-Valley Conference to 5A Intermountain Conference and Salem Academy up from 2A Tri-River Conference to 3A PacWest Conference. Dropped Sheridan from 3A PacWest Conference to 2A Tri-River Conference and Chemawa from 2A Tri-River Conference to 1A Casco League. *(December 2024 EB Meeting)*

SPORT-SPECIFIC CHANGES

- **GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL.** Approved Girls Flag Football as an emerging activity, beginning with the Spring 2025 season. *(October 2024 DA Meeting)*
- **GOLF COACHING/ADVICE RULE.** Increase number of coaches allowed to provide advice to two per school. Also expands ability to coach during a round to everywhere except on the green. *(Golf Coaching/Advice Rule; February 2025 EB Meeting)*

STUDENT ACTIVITIES HANDBOOKS

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

MISCELLANEOUS

- **OFFICIALS FEE SCHEDULE.** Adopted new fee schedule for officials for the 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28 school years. *(October 2024 DA Meeting)*
- **MILEAGE RATES.** Adopted mileage reimbursement rates for Officials/Staff (100% of the IRS rate) and meeting attendees (70% of the IRS rate). *(May 2025 EB Meeting)*
- **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.** Added, and updated, Questions and Answers throughout the Handbook.