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TO: Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors, and Local Associations

FROM: Kris Welch, Assistant Executive Director

SUBJECT: OSAA Officials Fee Review Committee – June 6 Meeting Update

The Officials Fee Review Committee conducted its second public meeting in a hybrid format on June 6, 2024. The constitutionally mandated purpose of this Committee is to make recommendations to the OSAA Delegate Assembly for adoption in October 2024. These recommendations will consider items involving fees paid to individual officials, commissioners, or Local Associations. This includes game fees, mileage, per diem, check writing fees, commissioner fees, or any other type of service fee provided.

The Committee received public testimony from nine people, including officials' association representatives for wrestling, football, volleyball, basketball and baseball. The Committee also reviewed three pieces of correspondence and then adjourned to a work session to continue development of a recommendation.

The Committee discussed several topics, all of which are still open for discussion:

- **Length of Fee Schedule.** The Committee supports a 3-year fee schedule.
- **Head Official's Fee for Wrestling Tournaments.** The Wrestling State Officials Committee will have a proposal for the next meeting regarding tournament fees. They also presented the concept of an extended hours charge as there are several wrestling tournaments that start at 8:00am and finish well after 10pm.
- **Emerging Sports (Boys Volleyball).** The Committee recognizes the need for there to be set official fees for emerging sports, even though those sports are not yet officially sanctioned by the OSAA. The Committee plans to recommend to the Executive Board that for Boys Volleyball, the current Girls Volleyball requirement of two officials should be required and the fees and mileage should be set at the current sub-varsity rates. Any future emerging sports, such as Girls Flag Football, should have officials fees established during the emerging sports approval process.
- **Mileage Chart.** The Committee discussed the possibility of encouraging carpooling whenever possible, knowing that mileage is a complex concept and there are several approaches currently being used in by local associations. For clarity, the Committee supports modifying the mileage chart to separate by number of officials in a crew vs. by activity.
 - 2-person crews (one car) at the IRS rate or a minimum of \$20, whichever is more
 - 3-person crews (one car) at the IRS rate or a minimum of \$30, whichever is more
 - 4-person crews (one car) at the IRS rate or a minimum of \$40, whichever is more
 - 5-person crews (two cars) at the IRS rate or a minimum of \$50, whichever is moreLocal Associations can continue to work with their schools on a school-by-school basis. The Committee is looking for feedback on this concept.
- **Fee Review Committee Meetings.** To receive more feedback from member schools earlier in the process, it was suggested to have this group hold their first public session in April around the time of the State Athletic Director's Conference in Sunriver.
- **Game Cancellation Policy.** This topic was discussed, and the consensus is that the current policy, as written, is fair. Schools and commissioners are encouraged to have better communication in this area.

- **Per Diem.** The Committee discussed this topic and agreed that an increase in the reimbursement for meals should occur. They have instructed OSAA staff to bring back potential options as changes to the per diem have an impact beyond officials' fees.
- **Game Rate Fees.** The Committee currently supports the following game fees and is looking for feedback.

	2024-25						
	<u>Football</u>	<u>Soccer</u>	<u>Volleyball</u>	<u>Basketball</u>	<u>Wrestling</u>	<u>Baseball</u>	<u>Softball</u>
Varsity	\$100.00	\$88.75	\$84.25	\$88.75	\$84.25	\$84.25	\$84.25
Sub-Varsity	\$80.00	\$71.00	\$67.50	\$71.00	\$67.50	\$67.50	\$67.50
Sub-Varsity Extended Contest	\$20.50			\$17.75			

	2025-26						
	<u>Football</u>	<u>Soccer</u>	<u>Volleyball</u>	<u>Basketball</u>	<u>Wrestling</u>	<u>Baseball</u>	<u>Softball</u>
Varsity	\$104.00	\$93.50	\$88.50	\$93.50	\$88.50	\$93.50	\$93.50
Sub-Varsity	\$83.25	\$74.75	\$70.75	\$74.75	\$70.75	\$74.75	\$74.75
Sub-Varsity Extended Contest	\$21.25			\$19.00			

	2026-27						
	<u>Football</u>	<u>Soccer</u>	<u>Volleyball</u>	<u>Basketball</u>	<u>Wrestling</u>	<u>Baseball</u>	<u>Softball</u>
Varsity	\$108.00	\$97.25	\$91.75	\$97.25	\$91.75	\$97.25	\$97.25
Sub-Varsity	\$86.50	\$77.75	\$73.50	\$77.75	\$73.50	\$77.75	\$77.75
Sub-Varsity Extended Contest	\$22.00			\$19.75			

	2027-28						
	<u>Football</u>	<u>Soccer</u>	<u>Volleyball</u>	<u>Basketball</u>	<u>Wrestling</u>	<u>Baseball</u>	<u>Softball</u>
Varsity	\$112.00	\$100.75	\$95.25	\$100.75	\$95.25	\$100.75	\$100.75
Sub-Varsity	\$89.50	\$80.50	\$76.25	\$80.50	\$76.25	\$80.50	\$80.50
Sub-Varsity Extended Contest	\$22.75			\$20.50			

Projected game fee increases per school:

- 6A/5A/4A school on average of **\$1,920** a year and 3-year total of **\$5,763**.
- 3A/2A/1A school on average of **\$1,282** a year and 3-year total of **\$3,848**.

The Committee is also looking for feedback regarding Cheerleading officials' rates.

The OSAA staff will provide a Committee update, similar to this one, to all officials associations, superintendents, principals, and athletic directors 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, as well as other officials' fees related subjects should be emailed to the OSAA, Kris Welch (krisw@osaa.org). Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all committee members for review and discussion.

The next public meeting of the Fee Review Committee will be at **9 a.m. on Thursday, September 12th, 2024 via Zoom**. The general format for the meeting will be for the Committee to receive public testimony followed by a closed work session.

The Committee appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact Kris Welch (krisw@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.

If you wish to participate in the public testimony, please email your request to Kris Welch (krisw@osaa.org) and he can send you the details of the zoom meeting links.