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TO: Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors, and Football Coaches

FROM: Brad Garrett, Assistant Executive Director

SUBJECT: OSAA Football Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Update

The Football Ad Hoc Committee conducted its second public meeting related to Football placements during the 2022 – 2026 time-block on January 5, 2022, at the Holiday Inn – Wilsonville with public testimony streamed live via the OSAA YouTube channel. When finalized, Committee recommendations will be forwarded to the OSAA Executive BBoard for review and adoption.

OSAA staff provided a summary of 27 pieces of correspondence received after the last meeting. The Committee received online testimony from three individuals and in-person testimony from one individual representing three different schools. The group then convened into a work session to begin discussion on developing a recommendation.

During the work session the Committee continued discussion on the type of structure/game type at the 2A and 1A classifications levels. After reviewing all testimony and correspondence the group continues to support dividing these schools into three separate divisions. After lengthy discussion the group reached consensus on making several adjustments to their original draft 9-player model proposed at the December 20 meeting. Cut-off points outlined below could be adjusted depending on the number of schools moving between the three groups.

- Recommends that the 2A schools (ADM 75-145) play the 11-player game
- Recommends that the 1A schools (ADM 74-61) play the 8-player game
- Recommends that the 6-player game type upper cut-off moves from 55 to 60.

This change does not prohibit schools from participating in the 9-player game type when necessary and appropriate. The Committee continues to support providing opportunities for students and encourages administrators to consider the benefits of changing game types at the lower levels, when possible, to promote more regional scheduling opportunities.

Additional topics that were discussed but have not been finalized:

- Continuing to use in-class winning percentage as a marker to help identify schools who would be given the option of playing down a classification. The previous criterion of 22% or less in class winning percentage over the previous two years will be the starting point.
- Adding a criterion that if a school plays down, they **WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE** for the OSAA post-season. Games against teams playing down would continue to be part of the ranking system and teams playing down would be rankable.
- Allowing teams playing down the option of scheduling an endowment game after the established cut-off date to provide some type of post season experience for coaches and athletes.
- Coaches and athletes participating at schools who make the decision to play down would be eligible for All-League, All-State, and other post season awards. Teams choosing to play Independent and remain at their assigned classification would not be eligible for these types of post season honors.

- Yearly review for teams playing down and the development of criteria that would require a team be placed back in their originating classification. Traditionally, the two-year scheduling process of home and away contests has been honored when building criterion, but this may change as discussions continue moving forward.

The group fully supports adoption of the 6-player game as an OSAA sanctioned activity and recommends that the OSAA State Championship Committee consider taking the same action as soon as possible. Schools involved in 6-player over the last four-year time-block have demonstrated the game type is a viable option for our smallest schools moving forward.

The Committee will address the following at upcoming meetings:

- League/Special District alignments and allocations
- Whether to continue use of enrollment zones between levels of play
- Written requests by the following schools to play down from assigned classification.
 - Ashland
 - Chemawa
 - Douglas
 - Forest Grove
 - Harrisburg
 - Neah-Kah-Nie
 - Milwaukie
 - Parkrose
 - Phoenix
 - Riverside
 - Sheridan
 - Southridge
 - South Eugene
 - Valley Catholic
 - Willamette
 - Woodburn

The OSAA staff will provide a committee update, like this one, to all superintendents, principals, athletic directors, and football coaches 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 should be emailed to the OSAA at bradg@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 Ad Hoc Football Advisory Committee is Wednesday, Jan 19, 2022, at 9 a.m. The meeting will be conducted at the **Holiday Inn-Wilsonville**. 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 Brad Garrett (bradg@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.

OSAA Football Ad Hoc Advisory

Proposed 11-8 player Model
(as of 1/7/22)

2A 32

145-75

2A-1 - Special District 1 6

Clatskanie Tigers	141
Gaston Greyhounds	127
Gervais Cougars	196
Knappa Loggers	92
Nestucca Bobcats	95
Vernonia Loggers	117

2A-2 - Special District 2 8

Blanchet Catholic Cavaliers	140
Chemawa Braves	143
Colton Vikings	129
Culver Bulldogs	120
Kennedy Trojans	106
Salem Academy Crusaders	114
Santiam Wolverines	124
Willamina Bulldogs	139

2A-3 - Special District 3 6

Central Linn Cobras	139
Lowell Devils	76
Monroe Dragons	79
Oakland Oakers	138
Oakridge Warriors	83
Regis Rams	75

2A-4 - Special District 4 6

Bandon Tigers	122
Gold Beach Panthers	92
Illinois Valley Cougars	155
Reedsport Brave	106
Toledo Boomers	116
Waldport Irish	105

2A-5 - Special District 5 6

Enterprise Outlaws	101
Grant Union Prospectors	107
Hepner Mustangs	76
Irrigon Knights	141
Stanfield Tigers	89
Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots	121

1A - 8 player

74-61

1A8 - Special District 1 6

Alsea Wolverines	64
Falls City Mountaineers / Kings Valley	72
Glendale Pirates	55
Mohawk Mustangs	68
Perrydale Pirates	66
St. Paul Buckaroos	66

1A8 - Special District 2 8

Bonanza Antlers	67
Camas Valley Hornets	39
Chiloquin Panthers	50
Crosspoint Christian Warriors	66
Days Creek Wolves	46
Lost River Raiders	74
Myrtle Point Bobcats	70
Prospect Cougars / Butte Falls Loggers	67

1A - 6 player

60 - 0

1A6 - Special District 1 8

Dayville Tigers / Monument Tigers	21
Echo Cougars	51
Huntington Locomotives	20
Joseph Eagles	49
Mitchell Loggers / Spray / Wheeler	38
Pine Eagle Spartans	39
Prairie City Panthers / Burnt River Bulls	53
South Wasco County Redsides	44

1A6 - Special District 2 7

Elkton Elks	55
Gilchrist Grizzlies	23
North Douglas Warriors	58
North Lake Cowboys	48
Powers Cruisers	11
Riddle Irish	59
Yoncalla Eagles	56

1A - 8 player 27

1A8 - Special District 3 8

Adrian Antelopes	59
Cove Leopards	64
Crane Mustangs	53
Elgin Huskies	65
Imbler Panthers	59
Powder Valley Badgers	50
Union Bobcats	71
Wallowa Cougars	39

1A8 - Special District 4 5

Dufur Rangers	59
Ione Cardinals / Arlington Honkers	75
Lyle Cougars / Wishram / Klickitat	63
Pilot Rock Rockets	61
Sherman Huskies / Condon Blue Devils	73

1A - 6 player 22

1A6 - Special District 3 7

Crow Cougars	53
Eddyville Charter Eagles	35
Jewell Bluejays	30
Mapleton Sailors	25
McKenzie Eagles	32
Siletz Valley Warriors	35
Triangle Lake Lakers	37