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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 on December 18, 2017 at the OSAA Office in Wilsonville. Committee recommendations will be forwarded to the OSAA Executive Board for review and potential adoption.

OSAA staff provided a summary of 27 pieces of correspondence received after the last meeting and the results of a 1A Football survey to committee members prior to the start of the meeting. The Committee received testimony from individuals representing 10 different schools. The group then convened into a work session to discuss strategies to address the observations/issues list outlined in their November 27 update.

At this point the group has reached consensus on the following recommendations:

- Creating a criterion based system that identifies schools eligible to “play down” in Football only for a defined period.
- Allowing variations in game formats (i.e. 1, 2, or 3 quarter games) at the sub-varsity level to provide needed flexibility for some programs when creating sub-varsity participation opportunities.
- Codifying modifications to NFHS Football playing rules at the sub-varsity level (i.e. no kicking game, no blitzing, etc.) and making sure that all schools are aware of potential options moving forward.
- Recommending that sub-varsity scheduling be separated from varsity scheduling enabling schools to better match teams competitively with an emphasis on local geographic play.

The Committee continues to discuss the following items:

- Strategies to address the structure of youth football.
- A process to consider transitioning schools that are playing down in football back to their adopted classification after a defined period.

After review of additional data the Committee also reached consensus to recommend that any school with a two-year Colley winning percentage of 22% or lower be added to group of schools recommended to move down. Schools meeting this new benchmark are listed in Group A below.

The group continues to support any school who meets the four-year Colley winning percentage of 22% or lower threshold or played 12 or fewer in-classification games during the last four years be moved. Group A and Group B schools listed will moved to an appropriate Special District.

Group C schools have met one or both criteria but were moved down based on 2018-2022 adopted alignments therefore will remain in their assigned Special District.

Group A

[22% or less Colley winning % over last two years]

Crook County	Parkrose
Culver	Roosevelt
Forest Grove	Siuslaw
Hood River Valley	Springfield
Horizon Christian, Tualatin	Wilson
Myrtle Point	

Group B

[22% or less Colley winning % or 12 or fewer Colley games over last 4 years]

Aloha	McKay
Benson	McLoughlin / Griswold
Bonanza	North Eugene
Butte Falls / Crater Lake Char. Acad.	Pilot Rock / Nixyaawii
Cleveland	Ridgeview
Corbett	Riverside / Ione
Creswell	South Eugene
David Douglas	The Dalles
Enterprise	Waldport
Hidden Valley	Warrenton
Madras	

Group C

[22% or less Colley winning % or 12 or fewer Colley games over last 4 years]

Alsea	McKenzie
Brookings-Harbor	Prairie City
Burnt River	Riddle
Crow	Rogue River
Elgin	South Wasco
Gervais	Sutherlin
Huntington	Woodburn
Illinois Valley	Yamhill-Carlton

Attached are potential alignments based on application of the criteria addressed below. Based on correspondence and public testimony the group is currently supporting forming larger leagues at all classifications levels for the following reasons.

- When possible limits the volatility experienced by smaller school groupings
- Reduces the dependence on teams outside of their assigned Special District to fill schedules
- Allows Athletic Directors greater flexibility when matching like teams within Special Districts
- Increases the flexibility for pairing sub-varsity programs
- Creates opportunity for equitable distribution of play off qualifiers in each Special District
- Allows cross Special District pairings to determine play off qualifiers

OSAA staff has been instructed to contact all schools currently designated to play down to confirm their intentions for the 2018-20 school years. Schools will have until Friday, January 5, 2018 to make a final decision on Special District placement.

The Committee is currently supporting a two-year pilot that would allow any school with an adjusted enrollment of 89 or less to participate in 6-man football. The pilot would help determine the viability of sponsoring the activity in future years as teams work out the logistics surrounding implementation of the game. Teams agreeing to be a part of the pilot would do so with the understanding that no OSAA State Championships would be awarded during the pilot and that schools would be limited to a total of 9 games.

The following list includes schools currently playing 8-man that have indicated they prefer the 6-man option and those schools who have expressed interest in sponsoring football if the 6-man game becomes an option. Schools will have until Friday, January 5, 2018 to make a final decision on whether to participate in the 6-man pilot or they will be placed in the appropriate 8-man Special District.

Alsea	McKenzie
Burnt River	Mitchell
C.S. Lewis	Monument
Cove	Nixyaawii
Dayville	Powers
Echo	Prairie City
Eddyville Charter	South Wasco County
Gilchrist	Spray
Grand View Christian	Triangle Lake
Harper	Veritas School
Jewell	Wheeler

The group also discussed and is supporting creation of an “enrollment zone” between the 2A and 1A classifications that would allow any school with adjusted enrollment between 89 and 120 to participate in 8-man football. A list of schools within the enrollment zone is listed below. Schools will have until Friday, January 5, 2018 to make a final decision on Special District placement.

Open School East
Heppner
Lowell
Union

Lost River
Monroe
Columbia Christian

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 will be at 9am on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, at the OSAA office in 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.

Future Meetings: Wednesday, January 31, 2017

OSAA Football Ad Hoc Advisory Committee

Proposed Special Districts

6A - 43 Teams	5A - 36 Teams	4A - 34 Teams
Special District - 1 12	Special District - 1 14	Special District - 1 10
Barlow Bruins Centennial Eagles Central Catholic Rams Clackamas Cavaliers Franklin Quakers Grant Generals Gresham Gophers Jefferson Democrats Lincoln Cardinals Madison Senators Reynolds Raiders Sandy Pioneers	Aloha Warriors Benson Techmen Cleveland Warriors David Douglas Scots Forest Grove Vikings Hillsboro Spartans La Salle Prep Falcons Milwaukie / Arts Academy Mustangs Pendleton Buckaroos Putnam Kingsmen Roosevelt Roughriders Scappoose Indians St. Helens Lions Wilson Trojans	Astoria Fishermen Banks Braves Estacada Rangers Gladstone Gladiators Molalla Indians North Marion Huskies Parkrose Broncos Seaside Seagulls Tillamook Cheesemakers Valley Catholic Valiants
Special District - 2 9	Special District - 2 8	Special District - 2 10
Beaverton Beavers Century Jaguars Glencoe Crimson Tide Jesuit Crusaders Liberty Falcons Mountainside Mavericks Southridge Skyhawks Sunset Apollos Westview Wildcats	Ashland Grizzlies Churchill Lancers Crater Comets Eagle Point Eagles North Bend Bulldogs South Eugene Axemen Thurston Colts Willamette Wolverines	Elmira Falcons Junction City Tigers Marist Catholic Spartans Newport Cubs North Eugene Highlanders Philomath Warriors Springfield Millers Stayton Eagles Sweet Home Huskies Woodburn Bulldogs
Special District - 3 10	Special District - 3 14	Special District - 3 7
Canby Cougars Lake Oswego Lakers Lakeridge Pacers McMinnville Grizzlies Newberg Tigers Oregon City Pioneers Sherwood Bowmen Tigard Tigers Tualatin Timberwolves West Linn Lions	Cascade Cougars Central Panthers Corvallis Spartans Crescent Valley Raiders Dallas Dragons Lebanon Warriors McKay Scots North Salem Vikings Redmond Panthers Ridgeview Ravens*** Silverton Foxes	Cottage Grove Lions Henley Hornets Klamath Union Pelicans Marshfield Pirates Mazama Vikings North Valley Knights Phoenix Pirates
Special District - 4 12		Special District - 4 7
Bend Lava Bears Grants Pass Cavemen McNary Celtics Mountain View Cougars North Medford Black Tornado Roseburg Indians Sheldon Irish South Medford Panthers South Salem Saxons Sprague Olympians Summit Storm West Salem Titans	South Albany Rebels West Albany Bulldogs Wilsonville Wildcats	Baker Bulldogs Crook County Cowboys Hood River Valley Eagles La Grande Tigers Ontario Tigers Sisters Outlaws The Dalles Riverhawks
*** = has indicated will not play down		

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Proposed Special Districts

3A - 30 Teams	2A - 38 Teams	1A - 39 Teams (8-man)
Special District - 1 12	Special District - 1 14	Special District - 1 9
Amity Warriors Blanchet Catholic Cavaliers Clatskanie Tigers Corbett Cardinals Dayton Pirates Madras White Buffaloes Rainier Columbians Salem Academy Crusaders Scio Loggers Taft Tigers Willamina Bulldogs Yamhill-Carlton Tigers	Gaston Greyhounds Horizon Christian Hawks (TUAL) Knappa Loggers Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates Portland Christian Royals Vernonia Loggers Warrenton Warriors Chemawa Braves Colton Vikings Culver Bulldogs*** Gervais Cougars Kennedy Trojans Santiam Wolverines Sheridan Spartans	Crow Cougars Elkton Elks Mapleton Sailors Mohawk Indians Myrtle Point Bobcats North Douglas Warriors Siletz Valley Warriors Waldport Irish Yoncalla Eagles
Special District - 2 12	Special District - 2 13	Special District - 2 11
Harrisburg Eagles Brookings—Harbor Bruins Cascade Christian Challengers Douglas Trojans Hidden Valley Mustangs La Pine Hawks Pleasant Hill Billies Santiam Christian Eagles Siuslaw Vikings South Umpqua Lancers St. Mary's Crusaders Sutherlin Bulldogs	Central Linn Cobras Creswell Bulldogs Jefferson Lions Lowell Devils Monroe Dragons Glide Wildcats Illinois Valley Cougars Lakeview Honkers Lost River Raiders Rogue River Chieftains Oakland Oakers Oakridge Warriors Regis Rams	Bonanza Butte Falls/Crater Lakes Charter Camas Valley Hornets Chiloquin Panthers Days Creek Wolves Glendale Pirates Hosanna Christian Lions North Lake Cowboys Prospect Cougars Riddle Irish Triad Timber Wolves
Special District - 3 6	Special District - 3 5	Special District - 3 8
Burns Hilanders Irrigon Knights McLoughlin Pioneers Nyssa Bulldogs Umatilla Vikings Vale Vikings	Bandon Tigers Coquille Red Devils Gold Beach Panthers Reedsport Brave Toledo Boomers	St. Paul Buckaroos Arlington Honkers/Condon Blue Devils Dufur Rangers Falls City Mountaineers Ione Cardinals Nestucca Bobcats Perrydale Pirates Sherman Huskies
	Special District - 4 6	Special District - 4 11
	Grant Union Prospectors Heppner Mustangs Riverside Pirates Stanfield Tigers Union Bobcats Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots	Adrian Antelopes Crane Mustangs Elgin Huskies Enterprise Huntington Locomotives Imbler Panthers Joseph Eagles Pilot Rock Pine Eagle Spartans Powder Valley Badgers Wallowa Cougars