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

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SUBJECT: OSAA Football Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Update

The Football Ad Hoc Committee conducted its twelfth public meeting on December 16, 2019 at the OSAA Office in Wilsonville. Committee recommendations will be forwarded to the OSAA Executive Board for review and potential adoption on February 10, 2020. **The next public meeting of the Ad Hoc Football Advisory Committee is Wednesday, January 22, 2019**

OSAA staff provided a summary of 25 pieces of correspondence received after the last meeting. The Committee received testimony or comments from 9 individuals representing 8 schools. The group then convened into a work session to discuss those items outlined on the posted agenda.

At this point the group is currently supporting the following recommendations:

- Using criteria to identify teams eligible to play down a classification for a two-year period. A complete list of qualifying schools and their status is included within this update.
 - Any team with a two-year in-classification winning percentage of 22% or lower will have the option to move down a classification level.
- Using criteria to identify teams that would be required to move back to their originating classification level after playing down for a two-year period.
 - Any team with a two-year in-classification winning percentage of 66.67% or higher is automatically moved to originating classification after the two-year period.
 - Any team that wins an OSAA Football Championship game, regardless of round, is automatically moved to originating classification after the two-year period.
 - The Committee is also discussing adding an additional criterion that would allow review of any team under the 66.67% percentage outlined above but has demonstrated through a combination of winning percentage, league finish, participation numbers, or state championship qualification that it may need to be moved back up.
- Eliminating the following original criteria moving forward as the two-year in-classification winning percentage of 22% or lower captures 99% of the teams.
 - Any team with a four-year in-classification winning percentage of 22% or lower
 - Has played 12 or fewer in-classification games during the last four years.
- Continue piloting 6-player Football for the 2020 and 2021 seasons
 - There is consensus to keep the current recommendation to allow any team with enrollment of 89 or less to participate in the 6-player game.
 - There is no support from the OSAA Executive Board to extend the season beyond the cutoff date for the pilot program.

- During the pilot, no OSAA State Championship will be awarded at the 6-player level.
- Modify the current structure to require 9-player Football at the 2A Classification level with implementation date to be delayed until the beginning of the next 4-year time block beginning with the 2022 season.
 - Any 2A school choosing to continue to play 11-player will have the option to participate at the 3A level in Football and would not be required to move other sports/activities up to the 3A.
 - 8-player teams in the enrollment zone of 89-120 would play 9-player thus eliminating the enrollment zone for 8-player football. 1A teams choosing to play up to 9-player would have the option to participate in football only and would not be required to move in other sports.
 - All 2A schools currently playing down to the 1A level would be returned to the 2A classification to participate in the 9-player game.

Additional Discussion Information:

Criteria/Benchmarks

The group spent considerable time discussing the current criteria with focus on the teams with a 2-year winning percentage that just missed the 22% mark and the potential implications of moving that line to accommodate several play down requests that were submitted. Ultimately, the group decided that the current benchmark is correctly identifying the vast majority of teams that need relief and moving the line will just create a similar issue with a different group of schools.

There is support to continue to evaluate the “move back” criteria and perhaps add some additional markers outside of winning percentage or wins within the bracket that could be used to determine if a team needs to go back to their originating classification. Specifically looking at expanding this criterion to include any Colley win before calculating final 2-year winning percentage.

9-player Football

The Committee has received mixed communication from the 2A Classification regarding moving to 9-player starting in 2020. Several leagues are in support of the immediate transition while others have requested an opportunity to introduce the game at the JV level for the next two years prior to requiring it at the Varsity level.

Perceived barriers are the inability to schedule games with other classifications, out of state teams, and ranking system implications. OSAA staff will ask the Ranking Committee to consider these concerns at one of their upcoming meetings.

OSAA staff will be surveying all 2A schools regarding the 9-player game with results to be shared with the Ad Hoc Committee at their next meeting.

8-player Football

No changes recommended at this time to the 8-player game. There are concerns that sponsoring 11, 9, 8, and 6-player games is not feasible moving forward. The delay in the implementation of 9-player will

give the Committee an opportunity to better understand the structural implications of attempting to support all four game types prior to the next time block.

6-player Football

There is support to consider establishing a framework to evaluate the 6-player game moving forward. During the 2019 season 15 teams started the year but only 12 completed the season.

There is consensus that the number of 6-player schools that complete the season will need to increase to a minimum of 25 schools before a Championship can be supported. Three additional schools will opt to the 6-player game for the 2020 season bringing the total to 18 teams to begin the season.

4A Classification Structure

A plan to create a mixed classification configuration was presented to the Committee that would combine 4A and 3A schools from Eastern Oregon into a single Special District. The district would have the autonomy to determine the process to qualify 4A and 3A teams into the OSAA Championships.

The group supports this new league configuration as it addresses the league size issue immediately and provides an opportunity to demonstrate that mixed classifications within a single district can be viable.

Allocations/Brackets (see attached classification proposal)

The Committee is recommending changes at several classification levels and proposed qualifiers and allocations are listed below. The group is seeking feedback on these recommendations prior to the January 22 meeting.

Classification	Qualifiers	Allocation Method
6A	32	3 teams per SD plus 11 via rankings
5A	16	4 teams per SD
4A	16	2 teams per SD plus 4 via rankings
3A	16	SD1 – 6 teams, SD2 – 6 teams, and SD-3 – 2 teams plus 2 via rankings
2A	16	3 teams per SD plus 1 via rankings
1A	16	4 teams per SD plus 4 via rankings Note: Allocations to be determined yearly at the Sept. Executive Board Meeting.

2020-2021 Criteria Summary

Summary of teams who have played down during the last two-year period – any school with a two-year in-classification winning % greater than or equal to 66.67% or has won an OSAA Football Championship game, regardless of round, is automatically moved back to their originating classification level.

School	Class	2-year In Class Win %	Notes
Adrian / Jordan Valley	1A	83.33%	MOVE TO 2A
Bonanza	1A	47.37%	Play Down Confirmed
Butte Falls / Crater Lake Char. Acad.	1A	56.25%	Play Down Confirmed
Cleveland	5A	26.67%	MOVE BACK TO 6A
Corbett	3A	28.57%	Play Down Confirmed
Creswell	2A	27.78%	Play Down Confirmed
Crook County	4A	33.33%	Play Down Confirmed
Enterprise	1A	42.86%	Play Down Confirmed
Forest Grove	5A	52.63%	Play Down Confirmed
Hidden Valley	3A	76.47%	MOVE BACK TO 4A
Lowell	1A	72.50%	MOVE BACK TO 2A
Madras	3A	58.82%	MOVE BACK TO 4A
McKay	5A	16.67%	Play Down Confirmed
Myrtle Point	1A	12.50%	Play Down Confirmed
Oakridge	1A	30.43%	MOVE BACK TO 2A
Pilot Rock / Nixyaawii	1A	68.75%	MOVE TO 2A
Riverside	2A	0.00%	Play Down Confirmed
Siuslaw	3A	30.00%	Play Down Confirmed
South Eugene	5A	55.56%	Play Down Confirmed
The Dalles	4A	46.67%	MOVE BACK TO 5A
Waldport	1A	18.75%	Play Down Confirmed
Warrenton	2A	73.33%	MOVE BACK TO 3A
Wilson	5A	17.65%	MOVE BACK TO 6A

2020-2021 Criteria Summary

Summary of teams that have qualified to play down a classification level based on an in-classification winning percentage of 22% or less during the 2018 and 2019 seasons.

School	Class	2-year In Class Win %	
Blanchet Catholic	3A	6.67%	STAY
Canby	6A	11.11%	Play Down Confirmed
Cove	1A	15.38%	Play Down Confirmed
Crow	1A	20.00%	Play Down Confirmed
Douglas	3A	5.56%	STAY
Franklin	6A	7.14%	MOVE BACK TO 6A
Gold Beach	2A	7.69%	Play Down Confirmed
Irrigon	3A	12.50%	Play Down Confirmed
Jewell	1A	15.38%	Play Down Confirmed
Junction City	4A	6.67%	Play Down Confirmed
Madison	6A	5.88%	MOVE BACK TO 6A
McLoughlin / Griswold	4A	9.09%	Play Down Confirmed
Milwaukie / Milwaukie Acad. of the Arts	5A	13.33%	Play Down Confirmed
Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler	1A	21.43%	Play Down Confirmed
Molalla	4A	20.00%	STAY
North Eugene	5A	16.67%	Play Down Confirmed
North Lake	1A	13.33%	Move to 6-player
Philomath	4A	14.29%	Play Down Confirmed
Phoenix	4A	14.29%	STAY
Pine Eagle	1A	8.33%	Move to 6-player
Prospect Charter	1A	6.25%	Move to 6-player
Salem Academy	3A	11.76%	Play Down Confirmed
Sisters	4A	21.43%	Play Down Confirmed
South Umpqua	3A	18.75%	STAY
Taft	3A	18.75%	STAY
Umatilla	3A	18.18%	Play Down Confirmed
Vernonia	2A	13.33%	STAY

Summary of teams already allowed to play down in all activities per action taken by the OSAA Executive Board for this current four-year time block. These teams are not eligible to move down another classification level based on previous action.

Schools			
School	Class	2 year %	4 year %
Brookings-Harbor	3A	36.36%	16.00%
Chemawa	2A	0.00%	0.00%
Gervais	2A	17.65%	20.59%
Illinois Valley	2A	16.67%	13.33%

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, January 22, 2019. 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.

6A-SD1 Special District 1

- Cleveland
- Franklin
- Grant
- Jefferson
- Lincoln
- Madison
- Roosevelt
- Wilson

6A-SD2 Special District 2

- Aloha
- Beaverton
- Jesuit
- Mountainside
- Southridge
- Sunset
- Westview

6A-SD3 Special District 3

- Century
- Glencoe
- Liberty
- McMinnville
- Newberg
- Sherwood

6A-SD4 Special District 4

- Barlow
- Centennial
- Central Catholic
- Clackamas
- David Douglas
- Gresham
- Reynolds
- Sandy

6A-SD5 Special District 5

- Lake Oswego
- Lakeridge
- Oregon City
- Tigard
- Tualatin
- West Linn

6A-SD6 Special District 6

- Bend
- McNary
- Mountain View
- South Salem
- Sprague
- Summit
- West Salem

6A-SD7 Special District 7

- Grants Pass
- North Medford
- Roseburg
- Sheldon
- South Medford

5A - Special District 1

- Forest Grove (6A)
- Hillsboro
- Hood River Valley
- Parkrose
- Pendleton
- Scappoose
- St. Helens
- The Dalles

5A - Special District 2

- Canby (6A)
- La Salle Prep
- McKay (6A)
- North Salem
- Putnam
- Redmond
- Ridgeview
- Wilsonville

5A - Special District 3

- Central
- Corvallis
- Crescent Valley
- Dallas
- Lebanon
- Silverton
- South Albany
- West Albany

5A - Special District 4

- Ashland
- Churchill
- Crater
- Eagle Point
- North Bend / Powers
- South Eugene (6A)
- Springfield
- Thurston
- Willamette

4A - Special District 1

- Astoria
- Banks
- Milwaukie/Milwaukie AOA (5A)
- Seaside
- Tillamook
- Valley Catholic

4A - Special District 2

- Crook County (5A)
- Estacada
- Gladstone
- Madras
- Molalla
- North Marion

4A - Special District 3

- Cascade
- Newport
- Stayton
- Sweet Home
- Woodburn

4A - Special District 4

- Cottage Grove
- Elmira
- Marist Catholic
- Marshfield
- North Eugene (5A)

4A - Special District 5

- Henley
- Hidden Valley
- Klamath Union
- Mazama
- North Valley
- Phoenix

4A/3A - Special District 6

- Baker
- Burns*
- La Grande
- McLouglin/Griswold*(4A to 3A)
- Nyssa*
- Ontario
- Vale*

COLOR KEY



Required/Elected to Move Up
Play Down Confirmed

3A - Special District 1

Amity
 Blanchet Catholic
 Clatskanie
 Corbett (4A)
 Dayton
 Philomath (4A)
 Rainier
 Scio
 Taft
 Warrenton
 Willamina
 Yamhill-Carlton

3A - Special District 2

Brookings-Harbor
 Cascade Christian
 Douglas
 Harrisburg
 Junction City (4A)
 La Pine
 Pleasant Hill
 Santiam Christian
 Sisters (4A)
 Siuslaw (4A)
 South Umpqua
 St. Mary's, Medford
 Sutherlin

4A/3A - Special District 3

Baker
 Burns*
 La Grande
 McLouglin/Griswold*(4A to 3A)
 Nyssa*
 Ontario
 Vale*

2A-SD1 Special District 1

Gaston
 Knappa
 Neah-Kah-Nie
 Nestucca
 Portland Christian
 Vernonia

2A-SD2 Special District 2

Chemawa
 Colton
 Culver
 Gervais
 Kennedy
 Salem Academy
 Santiam
 Sheridan

2A-SD3 Special District 3

Central Linn
 Creswell (3A)
 Jefferson
 Lowell
 Monroe
 Oakland
 Oakridge
 Regis
 Toledo

2A-SD4 Special District 4

Bandon
 Coquille
 Glide
 Illinois Valley
 Lakeview
 Lost River
 Reedsport
 Rogue River

2A-SD5 Special District 5

Adrian / Jordan Valley
 Grant Union
 Heppner
 Irrigon (3A)
 Pilot Rock / Nixyaawii
 Riverside (3A)
 Stanfield
 Umatilla (3A)
 Weston-McEwen

1A-SD1 Special District 1

Elkton
 Falls City / Kings Valley Char.
 Mapleton
 Mohawk
 North Douglas
 Perrydale
 Siletz Valley
 St. Paul
 Waldport (2A)
 Yoncalla

1A-SD2 Special District 2

Bonanza (2A)
 Butte Falls / Crater Lake Char. Acad. (2A)
 Camas Valley
 Chiloquin
 Days Creek
 Glendale

Gold Beach (2A)

Hosanna Christian
 Myrtle Point (2A)
 Riddle
 Triad

1A-SD3 Special District 3

Cove
 Crane
 Dufur
 Elgin
 Enterprise (2A)
 Imbler
 Ione / Arlington
 Powder Valley
 Union (2A)
 Wallowa

1A-SD4 [6] Special District 4 [6-player]

Alsea
 Crow
 Eddyville Charter
 Gilchrist
 Jewell
 McKenzie
 North Lake
 Prospect Charter
 Triangle Lake

1A-SD5 [6] Special District 5 [6-player]

Dayville / Monument
 Echo
 Huntington
 Joseph
 Mitchell / Spray / Wheeler
 Pine Eagle
 Prairie City / Burnt River
 Sherman / Condon
 South Wasco County
 Harper