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

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SUBJECT: OSAA Football Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Update
Revised with Executive Board Adoptions from February 12 meeting

The Football Ad Hoc Committee conducted its fourth public meeting on January 31, 2018 at the OSAA Office in Wilsonville. Committee recommendations will be forwarded to the OSAA Executive Board for review and potential adoption on February 12, 2018.

OSAA staff provided a summary of 33 pieces of correspondence received after the last 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 January 8 update.

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

- Using criteria to identify teams eligible to play down a classification for a 2-year period. Any team meeting one of the following criterion would become eligible to play down:
 - Any team with a four-year Colley winning percentage of 22% or lower or separate has played 12 or fewer in-classification games during the last four years.
 - Any team with a two-year Colley winning percentage of 22% or lower.A complete listing of teams meeting these criteria and their status for the 2018 season is included within this update.
- Creation of an enrollment zone between the 2A and 1A. Any school with adjusted enrollment between 90 and 120 would have the option to participate in 11-man or 8-man Football.
- 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 in order to enable schools to better match teams competitively with an emphasis on local geographic play.
- Piloting 6-man Football for the 2018 and 2019 seasons. Any school with an adjusted enrollment of 89 or less would be allowed to participate in the pilot. During the pilot, no OSAA Championship will be awarded at the 6-man level.

The group tabled discussion regarding developing the criteria that would be used to determine how a school who has played down, be moved back up. There is agreement within the group that this criteria should include evaluation of the following over the two-year period:

- Colley winning percentage
- League finish
- Playoff appearances
- Participation numbers
- Enrollment figures

The Committee’s expectation is that administrators at member schools work together to accommodate the scheduling needs of all schools regardless of geographic location. Geographically isolated schools/leagues need to have primary consideration when filling non-league schedules. Member schools need to share the travel burden to these schools to minimize the number of out-of-state contests and eliminate as many open dates as possible for as many schools as possible in any given year.

The Committee is also in agreement that moving forward all classifications attempt to be as consistent as possible in determining scheduling dates for sub-varsity contests. Consistent dates allow schools more flexibility to pair like opponents. Currently some leagues have selected Thursday for sub-varsity games and others have selected Monday which leads to inevitable scheduling problems when schools from leagues with different philosophies are paired to play. The group requested that OSAA staff survey the schools to determine which option schools are currently planning on implementing.

The group encourages leagues to develop systems that allow teams to play at least 1 game outside of their assigned Special District/League. Closed systems (all games within a single special district) may not allow the opportunity to compare teams as well as systems in which teams from a variety of placements participate against one another. If member schools want the adopted rankings system to perform most effectively then playing a variety of opponents outside of your league is a positive step in that direction.

Member schools involved in cooperative sponsorships in football was discussed at length. Ultimately, the group reached consensus that schools involved in a cooperative sponsorship that participated together during the previous two-year or four-year period that also meet one of the established criteria are eligible for placement in a lower classification. Newly formed cooperative sponsorship shall be subject to Board Policy – Cooperative Sponsorships.

The Committee is currently supporting the following playoff qualification numbers and allocation methods for each classification. The proposed alignments included with the January 8 Meeting update have been revised based on decisions made by schools identified as having the option to play down and input from various classification representatives and correspondence. Reference the proposed alignments to match-up the various classification options listed below.

Classification	Qualifiers	Allocation Method
6A	32	3 teams per SD plus 11 via rankings
5A	16	SD1 – 6 teams, SD2 – 5 teams, SD3 – 5 teams
4A	16	2-teams in each SD plus 4 added via play-in model
3A	16	SD1 – 6 teams, SD2 – 6 teams, and SD3 – 3 teams plus 1 via rankings
2A	16	2 teams per SD plus 4 via rankings
1A	16	SD1 – 4 teams, SD2 – 4 teams, SD3 – 4/5 teams plus 3/4 via rankings. Note: Allocations to be determined yearly at the Sept. Executive Board Meeting.

When the Committee is reconvened, the following topics will be addressed:

- Strategies to address declining participation numbers
- Strategies to address declining number of game officials
- Role of the OSAA and member schools as related to youth football
- Defining allowable NFHS rule variations at the sub-varsity level
- Reviewing coaching certification requirements – USA Football

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 TBD. 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.

Play Down Summary

Group A and Group B teams listed will be placed in an appropriate Special District at the lower classification level unless they have indicated a preference to stay within their assigned classification. Schools choosing to remain in their assigned classification are marked with an asterisk in the groups below.

Group C teams have met one or both criteria but were already moved down based on 2018-2022 adopted alignments therefore will remain as assigned in that alignment.

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

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

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
Cleveland	Ridgeview*
Corbett	Riverside
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
Chemawa	Rogue River
Crow	South Wasco
Elgin	Sutherlin
Gervais	Woodburn
Huntington	Yamhill-Carlton
Illinois Valley	

2018-19 Fall 6A Football

46 teams in 7 special districts

6A-SD1 Special District 1 (6)

Franklin

Grant

Jefferson, Portland

Lincoln

Madison

Roosevelt

6A-SD2 Special District 2 (7)

Aloha

Beaverton

Jesuit

Mountainside

Southridge

Sunset

Westview

6A-SD3 Special District 3 (6)

Century

Glencoe

Liberty

McMinnville

Newberg

Sherwood

6A-SD4 Special District 4 (8)

Barlow

Centennial

Central Catholic

Clackamas

David Douglas

Gresham

Reynolds

Sandy

6A-SD5 Special District 5 (7)

Canby

Lake Oswego

Lakeridge

Oregon City

Tigard

Tualatin

West Linn

6A-SD6 Special District 6 (7)

Bend

McNary

Mountain View

South Salem

Sprague

Summit

West Salem

6A-SD7 Special District 7 (5)

Grants Pass

North Medford

Roseburg

Sheldon

South Medford

2018-19 Fall 5A Football

37 teams in 3 special districts

5A-SD1 Special District 1 (14)

Benson

Cleveland

Forest Grove

Hillsboro

Hood River Valley

La Salle Prep

Milwaukie

Parkrose

Pendleton

Putnam

Scappoose

St. Helens

Wilson

Wilsonville

5A-SD2 Special District 2 (12)

Ashland

Churchill

Crater

Eagle Point

North Bend

North Eugene

Redmond

Ridgeview

South Eugene

Springfield

Thurston

Willamette

5A-SD3 Special District 3 (11)

Cascade

Central

Corvallis

Crescent Valley

Dallas

Lebanon

McKay

North Salem

Silverton

South Albany

West Albany

2018-19 Fall 4A Football

32 teams in 6 special districts

4A-SD1 Special District 1 (5)

Astoria
Banks
Seaside
Tillamook
Valley Catholic

4A-SD2 Special District 2 (6)

Crook County
Estacada
Gladstone
Molalla
North Marion
The Dalles

4A-SD3 Special District 3 (6)

Newport
Philomath
Sisters
Stayton
Sweet Home
Woodburn

4A-SD4 Special District 4 (5)

Cottage Grove
Elmira
Junction City
Marist Catholic
Marshfield

4A-SD5 Special District 5 (5)

Henley
Klamath Union
Mazama
North Valley
Phoenix

4A-SD6 Special District 6 (5)

Baker
Griswold
La Grande
McLoughlin
Ontario

2018-19 Fall 3A Football

29 teams in 3 special districts

3A-SD1 Special District 1 (12)

Amity

Blanchet Catholic

Clatskanie

Corbett

Dayton

Madras

Rainier

Salem Academy

Scio

Taft

Willamina

Yamhill-Carlton

3A-SD2 Special District 2 (12)

Brookings-Harbor

Cascade Christian

Douglas

Harrisburg

Hidden Valley

La Pine

Pleasant Hill

Santiam Christian

Siuslaw

South Umpqua

St. Mary's, Medford

Sutherlin

3A-SD3 Special District 3 (5)

Burns

Irrigon

Nyssa

Umatilla

Vale

2018-19 Fall 2A Football

36 teams in 6 special districts

2A-SD1 Special District 1 (8)

Columbia Christian

Gaston

Knappa

Neah-Kah-Nie

Nestucca

Portland Christian

Vernonia

Warrenton

2A-SD2 Special District 2 (7)

Chemawa

Colton

Culver

Gervais

Kennedy

Santiam

Sheridan

2A-SD3 Special District 3 (6)

Central Linn

Creswell

Jefferson

Monroe

Oakland

Regis

2A-SD4 Special District 4 (5)

Bandon

Coquille

Gold Beach

Reedsport

Toledo

2A-SD5 Special District 5 (5)

Glide

Illinois Valley

Lakeview

Lost River

Rogue River

2A-SD6 Special District 6 (5)

Grant Union

Heppner

Riverside

Stanfield

Weston-McEwen

2018-19 Fall 1A Football

63 teams in 5 special districts

1A-SD1 Special District 1 (13)

Crow

Elkton

Falls City

Lowell

Mapleton

Mohawk

North Douglas

Oakridge

Perrydale

Siletz Valley

St. Paul

Waldport

Yoncalla

1A-SD2 Special District 2 (14)

Bonanza

Butte Falls

Camas Valley

Chiloquin

Crater Lake Char. Acad.

Days Creek

Glendale

Hosanna Christian

Myrtle Point

North Lake

Pacific

Prospect Charter

Riddle

Triad

1A-SD3 Special District 3 (18)

Adrian

Arlington

Condon

Cove

Crane

Dufur

Elgin

Enterprise

Imbler

Ione

Jordan Valley

Nixyaawii

Pilot Rock

Pine Eagle

Powder Valley

Sherman

Union

Wallowa

1A-SD4 [6] Special District 4 [6-Man] (6)

Alsea

Gilchrist

Jewell

McKenzie

Powers

Triangle Lake

1A-SD5 [6] Special District 5 [6-Man] (12)

Burnt River

Dayville

Echo

Harper Charter

Huntington

Joseph

Mitchell

Monument

Prairie City

South Wasco County

Spray

Wheeler