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TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: OSAA Rankings Committee Update – April 4, 2023

The OSAA Rankings Committee met on April 4 via Zoom meeting for the first time this school year to begin its review of the rankings from the Fall and Winter 2022-23 season.

The Committee’s final meeting of the year for public testimony will be on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, via ZOOM meeting starting at 11am. Following the meeting, the Committee will forward its final recommendations to the OSAA Executive Board for consideration at the Board’s Summer Workshop, July 17-19, 2023.

The Committee reviewed the Final 8 for each classification, Fall and Winter 2022-23 brackets and 2022-23 rankings. Following this review, the Committee examined rankings scenarios, correlation studies of former and current systems, and rankable contest counts.

Correlation Studies: Correlation studies are produced by OSAA staff and serve as one way to gauge the “accuracy” of the system. What counts as “accurate” regarding a rankings system is certainly open to interpretation, but Committee members believe there is value associated with this information, especially when looking at making possible changes.

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Regular Season</u>	
22-23	Football	91.85%	<i>Using the final frozen rankings, correlation studies analyze the % of contests where the better ranked team in a classification won, going backwards through the regular season. A contest where that happens is considered “accurate”. In 2022-23 Girls Basketball, the current system was 87.36% “accurate” going back through the regular season.</i>
22-23	Boys Soccer	86.94%	
22-23	Girls Soccer	89.86%	
22-23	Volleyball	91.22 %	
22-23	Girls Basketball	90.04%	
22-23	Boys Basketball	87.36%	

Ideas discussed with the Committee after the simulations were:

- *League champions in expanded 20-team brackets, past practice and is it working?
- *Should there be a threshold on the number of contests a school plays in order for their records to be considered in their opponents’ OAR? And should there be a threshold on the number of contests a team competes in to qualify for the playoffs?
- *With the overlap between sports seasons, should there be a certain number of contests that do not count in the Rankings at the beginning of the season so that a school is not penalized for not having their entire team together at the beginning of the season?

League Champions hosting Playoff game

Current OSAA policy states that in all classifications, league champions shall be guaranteed a home game in their first state playoff contest, provided that the league champion finished in the top 16 of the frozen rankings. With the expansion of the team brackets in some classifications to a 20-team or 20+ team bracket, should this policy be adjusted to allow a league champion to advance automatically to the second round to host a contest. Currently a league champion could be a #12 - #16 and host a playoff contest, in the first round. Should a league champion who falls between the #12 – 16 in the rankings leapfrog to #8 and host a second-round contest? ***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its June 13 meeting.***

Should there be a threshold in the number of contests played to qualify for the playoffs?

There has been a concern brought to the OSAA concerning schools who for some reason have not competed in very many contests. In some cases, a school has only been able to compete in three or four soccer games or six or seven basketball games. While this is a rare occurrence, should there be a threshold on the minimum number of contests played in order for a team to qualify for the playoffs? The committee talked about a 50% threshold of the maximum number of contests in a specific sport (i.e. seven soccer games of the 14 maximum games or 12 basketball games of the maximum 24 games). ***Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its June 13 meeting.***

Should there be a threshold in the minimum number of contests played in order for their contests to be counted in their opponents' OAR?

There has been a concern brought to the OSAA concerning schools who for some reason have not competed in very many contests. These have some unforeseen consequences in skewing their opponents: Opponents Adjusted Record (OAR). An example would be a school that only participated in six basketball games and their record being 1 win and 5 losses or 5 wins and 1 loss. This would skew their opponents' OAR and so the Committee discussed having a threshold of 50% of the maximum number of contests played in a particular sport in order for their records to be considered on the OAR. Should the Committee consider adding this a threshold, and if so what percentage would be fair? ***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its June 13 meeting.***

All written communication received will be forwarded to all members of the Rankings Committee for their review. Please send emails to kyles@osaa.org or Kris Welch (krisw@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.