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TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: OSAA Rankings Committee Update – June 12, 2025

The OSAA Rankings Committee met on June 12 via Zoom meeting for the second time this school year to finalize its review of the rankings from the 2024-25 Spring season.

The Committee will forward its final recommendations to the Executive Board for consideration at the Board's Summer Workshop, July 21-23, 2025.

The Committee spent time on a brief overview of the rankings system. Next, the floor was opened for public testimony. One piece of correspondence was discussed but as there was no one looking to testify, the Committee went into closed session.

The Committee reviewed the Final 8 for each classification along with Spring 2024-25 brackets and rankings. Following this review, the Committee examined various rankings scenarios, correlation studies of 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 changes.

| <u>School Year</u> | <u>Activity</u> | <u>Regular Season</u> | |
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| 24-25 | Football | 93.69% | <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 2024-25 Softball, the current system was 85.22% "accurate" going back through the regular season.</i> |
| 24-25 | Boys Soccer | 87.75% | |
| 24-25 | Girls Soccer | 91.83% | |
| 24-25 | Volleyball | 89.62% | |
| 24-25 | Girls Basketball | 88.61% | |
| 24-25 | Boys Basketball | 85.53% | |
| 24-25 | Softball | 85.22% | |
| 24-25 | Baseball | 83.01% | |

During its closed session, the Committee discussed the following concepts:

Using a Multiplier for Contests vs. Higher Classification Opponents

Currently the rankings use a standard 1.2 value for away wins and 0.8 for home wins, and 1.0 for ties (soccer only) regardless of the opponent. The Committee spent time discussing the differences between each classification in each sport but could not agree on the use of a multiplier for those contests. There will be further discussion next year on this concept, but **after discussion, the Committee does not support a change at this time.**

Including a Human Element in the Rankings

The Committee spent considerable time on this topic. The rankings are currently based on data with no human element. After discussion the Committee is interested in the concept, but believes the Rankings overall are working.

They were intrigued by the WIAA model, but this may be too much of an overhaul of the current system, with the leagues' desire for league champions to host a playoff game and avoiding same league matchups in the first round. The Committee will continue exploring the concept of including a human element when placing teams on brackets and get feedback from the membership throughout next year. ***At this time, the Committee does not support using a human element in the rankings.***

"True" Colley Pilot Program

The Committee discussed this topic but believes the current system with two types of rankings (RPI and Colley) is working the way it was intended by providing balance to the overall rankings. ***After discussion, the Committee does not support a change at this time.***

Not Counting All Contests in the Rankings

This is a topic that has come up in previous years and the committee discussed it again. The concept is that with the overlap of the previous season, the first couple of contests in each season would not be counted in the rankings. ***After discussion, the Committee does not support a change at this time.***

Freeze Dates and Deadlines

The Committee supports the following proposed deadlines and freeze dates and will recommend them to the Executive Board:

- 1) **Contests vs. Teams More Than One Classification Away.** In the RPI system, results from contests added to a team's schedule after a certain date each season (***Fall – Sept. 17; Winter – Dec. 17; Spring – Apr. 8***) vs. a team more than one classification away shall not be included in the rankings. **NOTE:** bracketed contests at tournaments are not affected by this policy.
- 2) **Contests Added After a Certain Date.** Results from contests added to a team's schedule after a certain date each season (***Fall – Oct. 1; Winter – Jan. 7; Spring – Apr. 15***) shall not be included in the rankings. **NOTE:** Contests not affected by this policy include bracketed contests at tournaments, league tiebreakers, and district/league tournaments. Schools may apply for an exception to OSAA Staff in extenuating circumstances.

Ranking Timelines. The rankings for each team sport shall be available to the public through the OSAA website beginning with the first contest date of each sports season. Rankings shall be frozen on the following dates for each classification in each team sport:

| <u>Sport (includes all games played on that day)</u> | <u>6A</u> | <u>5A</u> | <u>4A</u> | <u>3A</u> | <u>2A</u> | <u>1A</u> |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Volleyball - Rankings Freeze Date | Sat, Oct 25 | Tues, Oct 28 | <i>Tues, Oct 28</i> | Sat, Oct 25 | Tues, Oct 28 | Sat, Oct 25 |
| Soccer - Rankings Freeze Date | Tues, Oct 28 | Sat, Nov 1 | <i>Sat, Nov 1</i> | Tues, Oct 28 | Tues, Oct 28 | Tues, Oct 28 |
| Football - Rankings Freeze Date | Fri, Oct 31 | Fri, Oct 31 | Sat, Nov 1 | Sat, Nov 1 | Sat, Nov 1 | Fri, Oct 31/Sat, Nov 1 |
| Basketball (Boys) - Rankings Freeze Date | <i>Fri., Feb 27</i> | <i>Tues., March 3</i> | <i>Tues., March 3</i> | Sat, Feb 21 | Sat, Feb 21 | Sat, Feb 21 |
| Basketball (Girls) - Rankings Freeze Date | <i>Sat, Feb 28</i> | <i>Wed, March 4</i> | <i>Wed, March 4</i> | Sat, Feb 21 | Sat, Feb 21 | Sat, Feb 21 |
| Baseball/Softball - Rankings Freeze Date | Thurs, May 21 | Sat, May 23 | <i>Sat, May 23</i> | Thurs, May 21 | Thurs, May 21 | Thurs, May 21 |

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The Committee supported meetings twice a year and having them be through Zoom, but with the State Championship Committee meeting next year this group may need to add additional meetings.

Next year's Ranking's Committee Dates

Thursday, October 2nd, 1:00pm

Thursday, April 16th, 1:00pm

Tuesday, June 9th, 11:00am

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