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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors

FROM: Peter Weber, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Summary of Delegate Assembly Action at the October 9, 2023, Meeting

At the meeting on October 9, 2023, the OSAA Delegate Assembly took the following actions:

- Approved the minutes of the April 3, 2023, Delegate Assembly meeting.
- Received a "State of the Association" report from Executive Director Peter Weber and OSAA Staff regarding the following subjects.
 - 2023-24 Association Priorities
 - Financial Update
 - Beyond the Scoreboard Coaching Course
 - Emergency Action Plan Campaign
 - Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Update
 - Girls Flag Football Update
 - Officials Registration Numbers
 - Girls Wrestling Update
 - New AD Workshops
 - Interrupting and Preventing Discriminatory Acts Education
 - Title IX Webinars
 - Basketball Shot Clock
 - Soccer Ejections
 - Student Leadership Conference
 - Women and Girls in Sports Day
 - Oregon Girls Sports Leadership Summit
 - Student Advisory Council
 - Playoff Reimbursement Formula
 - Petition to Play Down Task Force
 - OSAA Foundation
- Discussed the following questions in classification caucus groups and received written and oral reports back to the full Delegate Assembly.

Organization of All-State Recognition

Positive recognition of students is one of the top priorities of all people connected with high school activities. Over time, the OSAA has witnessed a decline and fragmentation of all-state recognitions, especially as it relates to team sports. Many sports rely upon a single coach or entity to spearhead while other sports or classifications have no recognition at all. In addition, the number of inquiries received by the OSAA has significantly increased as to how the teams are being selected and where to find the results. OSAA staff believes there is a desire by coaches, students, and fans to standardize this process and ensure that all sports (including individual sports) and classifications are recognized.

Does your school, league, classification support the OSAA forming a committee to explore the Association administering all-state teams in each classification? Should both team and individual sports all-state teams be a part of the discussion?

Petition to Play Up

Current OSAA policy states that the only time a school may petition to play up is during the Classification and Districting committee process at the start of a classification cycle. Additionally, current OSAA policy states that petitions to play up apply to all programs in a school. The OSAA has received inquiries from member schools asking about requesting to play up a classification in all activities during the four-year time block. The OSAA also received a request by a member school to play up a classification during the four-year time block, but only in one sport.

Does your school, league, classification support changing current policy to allow schools to petition to play up in all programs during the four-year time block? Should such a request only be allowed in the middle of the four-year time block? Should a school making this request be required to have support from the league/classification they are leaving and joining?

Does your school, league, classification support changing current policy to allow schools to petition to play up in only one sport during the four-year time block? Should such a request only be allowed in the middle of the four-year time block? Should a school making this request be required to have support from the league/classification they are leaving and joining?

Football – Participation Limitations

The OSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee supports a recommendation from the Football Ad Hoc Committee to push the first contest date earlier in the calendar which would allow football teams to play their nine games over a ten-week period. The first practice date would not change, but this change would allow teams to play a game during what is traditionally jamboree week (Week 0). Pros include increased flexibility in scheduling, in-season rest/recovery period (bye week), rescheduling potential for air quality/heat cancellations, reduced strain on officials' availability. Cons include a loss of jamborees for some schools and a tighter window for acclimatization at the start of season. The proposal, if applied to next Fall, would have practices starting on August 19 and allow contests or jamborees on August 30 (rather than September 5).

Does your school, league, classification support the concept of allowing football contests a week earlier so schools may schedule their nine games over a ten-week period?

Practice Limitation Rule

The Practice Limitation Rule pilot has been in place for seven years at the 6A classification and added the 5A and 4A classifications in recent years. The OSAA staff believes a thorough review is needed to determine whether the intent of the original pilot has changed, as well as clarify interpretations of different scenarios for member schools. Additionally, though OSAA staff has had a few inquiries from 3A, 2A, 1A schools about aligning with 6A, 5A, 4A schools, most smaller schools seem to believe the current policy best fits their classifications.

6A, 5A, 4A Schools – What concerns, clarifications, or adjustments would your school, league, classification like to see to the Practice Limitation Rule (6A, 5A, 4A)?

3A, 2A, 1A Schools – Does your school, league, classification want to keep the Practice Limitation Rule (3A, 2A, 1A) as currently written?

- Voted unanimously to adopt the 2023-24 OSAA Handbook.
- Voted unanimously to approve Boys Volleyball as an Emerging Activity, beginning with the Spring 2024 season.
- Voted to amend Article 9.6 – Activities Advisory Committee which adjusts the charge of the committee to update affiliated organizations, **effective August 1, 2024**. ***(Attached)***
- Voted to amend Rule 1.4 – Responsibility of the Member School and Principal which reflects an additional option for the Interscholastic Coaching Course requirement, **effective immediately**. ***(Attached)***
- Received a first reading by Water Polo to become an emerging activity.
- Received a reminder of upcoming meetings:
 - Executive Board – Monday, December 11, 2023 / 9am / OSAA Office, Wilsonville
 - Executive Board – Monday, February 5, 2024 / 11am / OSAA Office, Wilsonville
 - Delegate Assembly – Monday, April 8, 2024 / 9am / Holiday Inn, Wilsonville
 - Executive Board – Monday, May 6, 2024 / 11am / OSAA Office, Wilsonville
 - Executive Board Summer Workshop – Monday-Wednesday, July 22-24, 2024 / Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond

A summary of actions is posted on the OSAA website following each Board and Delegate Assembly Meeting. Official minutes of the October 9, 2023, Delegate Assembly meeting is available from the OSAA upon request. Delegate Assembly meetings are streamed via the OSAA's YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/@oregonschoolactivitiesasso4025/streams>.

Proposal to Amend Article 9.6 – Activities Advisory Committee

(Action Item)

QUESTION: Should the Delegate Assembly amend Article 9.6. – Activities Advisory Committee to modify its composition?

RATIONALE: In a review of OSAA policies, the composition of the Activities Advisory Committee is not reflective of who oversees the music groups (i.e., choir and band/orchestra). This change would better align the committee with the advisory groups that oversee these activities.

RULE CHANGE SPONSORED BY: OSAA Executive Board

NEXT STEP IF PASSED: Effective August 1 unless otherwise stated in the motion.

POSSIBLE RULE CHANGES:

<p>KEY: Add</p> <p>Delete</p>

Article 9 – Standing Committees

Activities Advisory Committee.

9.6.1. Charge. The Committee shall serve as a conduit for open communication among representatives of the activities and the school representatives and staff of the OSAA. The Committee shall not be a policy making body but shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Executive Board, Delegate Assembly and staff of the OSAA. The Executive Board will not consider any recommendations from the Dance Drill Coaches Association (DDCA), Oregon Cheerleading Coaches Association (OCCA), Oregon High School Speech League Coaches Association (OHSSLCA), **Oregon American Choral Directors Association (OR ACDA)**, **Oregon Band Directors Association (OBDA)**, and Oregon Music Educators Association (OMEA) without the support of the Committee.

9.6.2. Composition. The Committee shall be composed of two representatives of each of the OSAA sponsored activities – cheer, dance, music, and speech.

Committee members shall be current high school employees. The Activities Representative to the OSAA Executive Board shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee.

9.6.3. Term. The term of office for a member of the Committee shall be three years. A member shall not serve more than two consecutive terms. A member who is elected to fill a vacancy shall be eligible for up to two full three-year terms starting with the first meeting after election.

9.6.4. Meetings. The Committee shall adopt an annual schedule of meetings based upon the issues under consideration. The schedule shall include an appropriate number of meetings in which to conduct the business of the Committee.

Proposal to Amend Rule 1.4 – Responsibility of the Member School and Principal

(Action Item)

QUESTION: Should the Delegate Assembly revise Rule 1 which would include the new *Beyond the Scoreboard* course?

RATIONALE: The proposal would align the rule with the current Board Policy that includes the two courses that satisfy the Interscholastic Coaching Course requirement.

RULE CHANGE SPONSORED BY: OSAA Executive Board

NEXT STEP IF PASSED: Effectively immediately unless otherwise stated in the motion.

POSSIBLE RULE CHANGES:

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Rule 1 - Responsibility of the Member School and Principal

- 1.4 Athletic Director and Coach Certification.** The high school principal shall be held accountable for verifying that athletic directors and coaches of all sports sanctioned by OSAA, plus Cheerleading and Dance/Drill, have been certified in the following areas prior to assuming duties as an athletic director or coach. The Executive Board may adopt additional certification requirements for athletic directors and coaches. **EXCEPTION:** Any emergency exception must be authorized in writing by the OSAA. See Executive Board Policies, "Certification – Athletic Directors and Coaches" for additional certification requirements for football, cheerleading and dance/drill coaches.
- 1.4.1. Interscholastic Coaching Course.** The OSAA requires that athletic directors and coaches must ***either complete the OSAA Beyond the Scoreboard online course or*** achieve a passing score on the test included with the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course. This is a one-time requirement.
- 1.4.2. Concussion Recognition and Management Training.** <http://www.osaa.org/coaches/requirements> The OSAA and Oregon State Law ([ORS 336.485](#)) requires that athletic directors and coaches receive training to learn how to recognize the symptoms of a concussion and how to seek proper medical treatment for a person suspected of having a concussion. The NFHS's Concussion in Sports free course satisfies this requirement. This training is required annually.
- 1.4.3. NFHS Heat Illness Prevention.** <http://www.osaa.org/coaches/requirements> The OSAA requires that athletic directors and coaches must achieve a passing score on the test included with the NFHS's Heat Illness Prevention free course. This training is required once every four years.
- 1.4.4. Anabolic Steroids and Performance-Enhancing Substances Training.** <http://www.osaa.org/coaches/requirements> The OSAA and Oregon State Law ([ORS 342.726](#)) requires that athletic directors and coaches receive training on identifying the components of anabolic steroid abuse and use and prevention strategies for the use of performance-enhancing substances. This training is required once every four years.