

Football Contingency Notes – 10/22

The group reviewed the most recent policy positions as to how each of these may or may not impact discussion of how to proceed with developing recommendation on culminating week activities.

Discussion centered around the following topics:

- The OSAA Executive Board is directing schools to prioritize local/regional play when scheduling contests for the 2020-21 school year. Toward that end, and based on input from the Delegate Assembly, the Executive Board has determined that schools will not be required to participate in their assigned leagues/special districts for the 2020-21 school year.
- The OSAA Executive Board has determined that the OSAA ranking system will not be used for the 2020-21 school year.
- Feedback was centered on maximizing participation opportunities and providing a meaningful event for students when possible.

The resulting questions were addressed:

Q1: What impacts can we anticipate given the Board's directives regarding prioritizing local/regional play and ability to opt out of league play without penalty?

There is consensus that trying to use some type of bracketed structure will meet obstacles including but not limited to separated/incomplete leagues due to geography, COVID cancellations, travel restrictions, Opt out, etc. Out of all available options bracketing is the most inflexible – adapting this type of model to our current situation would be problematic at best.

Q2: Does not having the ability to use rankings have any negative impacts?

Without rankings any model used to pair teams during the culminating week will have to utilize some form of human element. Perhaps "selection committees" comprised of AD's and coaches could use available information to form the best possible match-ups.

On the positive side it this will allow for more cross classification play when appropriate because teams will not be chasing a ranking.

Q3: What is the best model possible to maximize participation?

Regardless of model our best chance to maximize participation will most likely be week to week if our situation does not change in the coming months. There is consensus amongst the group that playing as many contests as possible is the course we should chart moving forward – the notion of crowning a Champion is somewhat irrelevant.