

## Volleyball Contingency Group Notes- Meeting #5: July 27, 2020

The meeting began with summarizing what we know at this time:

- OSAA July 22 Memo was reviewed including the August 17 Association Year start date and the push of competitions to September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- OSAA Executive Board meeting review
  - o Reviewed the requirement for 9 days of practice prior to competing in order to properly acclimate athletes
- Facemask requirement: We reviewed the new facemask requirement in place by the Oregon Governor and that facemasks are required even while exercising indoors, which would include indoor volleyball practices.
  - o Coaches shared concerns for facemask coverings including proper ventilation and the facemask coming dislodged and covering an athlete's eyes while playing.
  - o Coaches are going to assess facemask usage on athletes during open gyms in coming weeks so we can share some possible "best practices" for usage.
  - o Exceptions for facemasks were a discussion topic- The link to the FAQs from OHA regarding the requirement including possible exceptions was shared.
- OSAA also reviewed media coverage including possibility of additional information being released about schools' reopening plans as well as athletics and activities.

September 23<sup>rd</sup> competition start date:

- We discussed the shortening of the season which would include 12 playing dates.
- Coaches and Athletic Directors emphasized that with the shortened season, if there is a post season structure, all teams should get to play beyond the current cut off date. They would like to see teams, including subvarsity teams, get as much time to play as possible.
- The question was asked if we could look at moving the cutoff dates, and/or state championship dates down one week as well to add time.
- Still to be discussed:
  - o Tournament play
  - o Double dual play
  - o State championship format or post season culminating, regional or otherwise, format.

Other models:

- As discussed in the beginning of the meeting, there may be more restrictions coming to schools and the OSAA wants to prepare the Board for further discussions. The Volleyball Contingency group reviewed other states' models:
  - o California's model
    - Two season- more sports put in each season for longer season but causes significant overlap
  - o Washington's model
    - 4 seasons, each season shortened with less overlap
  - o Nevada's Model
    - 3 seasons- Very little overlap and equitable competition seasons for all activities.

- The volleyball contingency committee agreed that equitable seasons are important, and for volleyball overlapping is doable, but difficult with postseason play.
- Next meeting will be determined based on more information presented in coming weeks.  
Planning on most likely August 10, if not before.