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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: Update from the Transfer Task Force – June 2, 2020

The Transfer Task Force had their fifth meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 to continue its review of current OSAA transfer policies.

The Task Force was appointed by the OSAA Executive Board following a request from the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association (OACA) and a survey of statewide athletic directors at the Oregon Athletic Directors Association (OADA) State Conference last April.

The Task Force was welcomed by OSAA Assistant Executive Director Kyle Stanfield along with other OSAA Executive Staff members. The charge of the Committee was presented before they began their discussion.

After the feedback from the Delegate Assembly and the OADA, the Task Force wanted direct feedback from coaches on transfers and if/how the current rules should be modified. The Task Force sent out a survey where more than 1,200 coaches/directors responded. Overall, the feedback reflected a split mentality of coaches as to whether transfers are a large issue in their activity and ways to curb transfers from happening. The Task Force asked the staff to break down the information by classification and activity to see trends in the responses.

The Task Force continues to support that a modification to the current rules is necessary as the Association moves forward. The Task Force is going to forward the current two question of possible modification to the Executive Board for discussion at the July Board Summer Workshop. In the meantime, the Task Force will review survey information. The questions presented to the Board will be:

- 1) Do you support changing current OSAA rules to allow transfer students to participate only at the sub-varsity level until eligibility is established?
- 2) Do you support changing current OSAA rules to prohibit a student who has participated for one school (tryouts, practices, contests) from being eligible to participate for another school in the same sport in the same season even if the student legally transfers during the season?

Transfer Data Collection

The Task Force is recommending that the OSAA begin exploring the collection of all transfer paperwork through the OSAA website. Currently, the OSAA only collects data on ineligible students going through the District Athletic Committee process. This group, along with other committees/task forces of the OSAA, may have interest in the type of transfers, who's transferring, the demographics of transfers, etc. that are happening across the state. This information could prove useful to future policy discussions.

The Task Force will meet after the July Board Summer Workshop. The group welcomes feedback from member schools on areas the Task Force should address during its work.

Written suggestions and proposals on any transfer related subjects should be emailed to the OSAA (kyles@osaa.org). Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all task force members for review and discussion.