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TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: OSAA Rankings Committee Update – January 16, 2019

The OSAA Rankings Committee met on January 16 at the OSAA Office for the first time this school year to begin its review of the rankings, and in particular the Fall 2018 season.

The Committee has set dates for two upcoming public meetings. Both meetings will have public testimony where written correspondence will also be reviewed. Following the final meeting, the Committee will forward its final recommendations to the OSAA Executive Board for a vote at the Board’s Summer Workshop, July 22-24, 2019.

OSAA Rankings Committee Future Meeting Schedule

- Tuesday, April 2, 2019 @ OSAA Office, Wilsonville, 10am
- Monday, June 17, 2019 @ OSAA Office, Wilsonville, 10am

New members of the Committee were introduced and welcomed:

- Bart Rothenberger, Toledo HS Athletic Director (2A)
- Jennifer Teeter, Imbler HS Volleyball Coach (1A)
- Chris Roche, Wilsonville HS Boys Basketball Coach (5A)

The Committee began by reviewing Fall 2018 brackets and rankings. Following this review, the Committee examined rankings scenarios and correlation studies of former and current systems, contest rankable 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 possible changes.

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Regular Season</u>	
18-19	Football	90.31%	<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 2018-19 Volleyball, the current system was 89.25% “accurate” going back through the regular season. NOTE: For Soccer, ties between teams that have an RPI within 10% of each other are considered “accurate”.</i>
18-19	Boys Soccer	85.81%	
18-19	Girls Soccer	87.65%	
18-19	Volleyball	89.25%	

6A League Championships hosting 1st Round Playoff

The Committee listened to the situation where a 6A league champion didn't host a game in the first round because their ranking was outside the top 16. To that school it was seen as no advantage in winning their league if they didn't get the home first round game. Current policy states that you must be in the top 16 to host a first-round game as a league champion regardless of bracket size. Because the 6A bracket is a 32-team bracket, and not 16 like a majority of the rest of the brackets, should a team higher than 16 be allowed to host a first-round game? Should they be within the top 18, 20, 24? The OSAA staff, along with Pete Lukich, will look to see how many times over the years that has happened at the 6A level, then he will bring up the topic with 6A Athletic Directors at a forum or at the State Conference. ***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its April 2 meeting.***

Should a preseason cancellation be counted as a forfeiture: Committee members discussed this issue as there has been situations where schools have decided to not travel (due to safety), but the perception is it is because of the rankings system. Once a school makes a commitment to play a school, should it be required that the contest is played? The Committee spent a lot of time on this topic and feel that the schools should make every effort to make-up that contest during the season but did not feel that punishing a school for something that may be out of their control. The Athletic Directors will have conversations about the professional obligation to fulfill their schedules. ***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its April 2 meeting***

Replacing rankable contests that are forfeited even after the deadline: Committee members discussed this issue as there has been situations where teams have lost a rankable game due to no fault of their own where their opponent forfeited the game late in the season. Should the Committee consider allowing the team who was forfeited too, the opportunity to find a game and allow it to be rankable even after the deadline? ***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its April 2 meeting***

Home vs. Neutral when a school decides to move their contest

The Committee discussed the idea if a school decides to move their home contest should it be considered a neutral site or a home site. There were schools who changed the location of their contest and was perceived to be for the weight of the rankings. After long discussion, the Committee did not support this idea of making the contest a home site. ***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its April 2 meeting***

Baseball not counting the first 2 contests in the Rankings

The Committee discussed this topic and does not support games to be played and not count in the rankings.

Benefiting schools who play a Classification higher

The Committee discussed the idea of possibly weighing the games heavier for those schools who play a higher classification, without penalizing the higher classification team for playing a lower classification. ***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its April 2 meeting***

Switching the tie-breaker back to the RPI

The Committee discussed the idea of possibly switching the tie-breaker back to the RPI, instead of the Colley because of the change to the Colley when it added +/- Classification. ***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its April 2 meeting***

Bring back the Opponents-Opponents column

The Committee discussed the idea of possibly adding back the third column in the rankings system. After lots of discussion, Gibby explained the exponential positive effect that occurred when we changed the Colley to +/- 1. This would be more positive than adding back the third column. Gibby is working on a FAQ statement to be added helping to explain the concept. ***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its April 2 meeting***

RPI vs. Colley 50-50, 60-40, 40-60

The Committee discussed the idea of possibly changing the overall weight of either the RPI or the Colley and compare the data for accuracy. Gibby will run a report to see how the accuracy would be with these different manipulations of each percentage. ***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its April 2 meeting***

All written communication received will be forwarded to all members of the Rankings Committee for their review. Please send emails to kyles@osaa.org or Kris Welch (krisw@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.