



Oregon School Activities Association

25200 SW Parkway Avenue, Suite 1
Wilsonville, OR 97070

503.682.6722 fax: 503.682.0960 www.osaa.org



April 3, 2018

TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

FROM: Kyle Stanfield, Assistant Executive Director
Kris Welch, Assistant Executive Director

SUBJECT: OSAA Rankings Committee Update – April 3, 2018

The OSAA Rankings Committee met on April 3 at the OSAA Office for the second time this school year to continue its review of the rankings, and the Winter 2017-18 season.

The Committee has one more date set for a public meeting this year on Thursday, June 7 at 9:30am. The meeting will have public testimony where written correspondence will also be reviewed. Following this final meeting, the Committee will forward its final recommendations to the OSAA Executive Board for a vote at the Board’s Summer Workshop, July 23 – 25, 2018.

The Committee began reviewing Winter 2017-18 brackets and rankings, and final 8 sites for each classification. Following this review, the Committee examined rankings scenarios and correlation studies of current and former systems, along with several other data for accuracy of the rankings and minor tweaks if needed.

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>	
17-18	Football	92.14%	<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 2017-18 Girls’ Basketball the current system was 89.29% “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>
17-18	Boys Soccer	84.46%	
17-18	Girls Soccer	88.94%	
17-18	Volleyball	90.26%	
17-18	Boys Basketball	85.73%	
17-18	Girls Basketball	89.29%	

Changing the Colley Rank to Include Contests One Classification Away: Committee members believe that changing the Colley to include out of classification contests one classification away may help with the perception of teams not wanting to hurt their ranking by scheduling other classifications. 88% of the contests played this winter were played within the same classification or 1 classification away. Along with Dan Smith of OregonPrep Sports, the OSAA is running simulations using data from previous seasons to see what type of impact may result. There was lots of discussion on this topic with a possible change once OSAA can run a simulation to see the accuracy of the Colley. The Committee felt strongly that this could help with the perception of schools feeling like they had to travel all over the state to play games within their classification to help their rankings. With continued tightening of budgets, this

could be a good change for schools. The Committee will seriously consider recommending this change if the accuracy proves to be acceptable. The simulations will hopefully be run so this can be a topic of discussion at the State AD Conference in Sunriver. The group will review these simulations at their June meeting. ***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its June 7 meeting.***

League Playoffs / District Tournaments

The Committee discussed the real, and perceived, advantages for leagues that conduct league playoffs and having those contests included in the rankings. The group believed in the value and importance of counting these games in the rankings. The Committee did believe that Districts need to submit their district tournament formats to the OSAA prior to the start of the season, so that they can't be manipulated at all. ***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its June 7 meeting.***

Home/Away/Neutral Weighting of Contests

The Committee discussed the weighting of home/away/neutral sites and asked the OSAA staff to run simulations on different weighting to determine the potential impact. This was specifically brought up about baseball/softball games where that weighting is determined by who bats first, rather than by location. The group will review these simulations at their June meeting. ***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its June 7 meeting.***

Ties in Soccer

The Committee discussed and looked at the simulations for making a change to the weighted points gained for ties in soccer and the accuracy over the past years numbers was the least accurate than what is currently being used. The accuracy for Boys' Soccer was 83.59% and 87.81% for Girls' Soccer. After discussing this the Committee believed that the system currently in place for ties in soccer is the best option.

Requiring a Minimum Number of Rankable Contests in Football

An issue that came up this past Fall in Football was discussed concerning teams playing a limited number of rankable games and the significant impact that has on their ranking, and the ranking of those teams they've played. This becomes more pronounced when teams play mixed 11-man and 8-man schedules where not all games are rankable. The Committee briefly discussed this and were in hopes that the Football Ad Hoc Committee's work would address this problem. After looking at what the Ad Hoc Committee did, these could happen again, so this will be tabled for next meeting. In 6-man football, all 6-man football games will be unrankable as the Association is not sponsoring a State Championship. The OSAA staff will review data to bring back to the group at their June meeting looking at what makes logical sense as a minimum number. ***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its June 7 meeting.***

Rankings Freeze and Play-in Dates Summary:

The Committee briefly discussed the Rankings Freeze and Play-in Dates for the 2018 -19, which are included as a draft in this update. OSAA Staff will follow up with the 4A classification regarding play-in games and bring back a final draft to the Committee at their June 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. Contact Kris Welch (krisw@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.

2018-19 Rankings Freeze and Play-in Dates Summary

<u>Topic</u>	<u>6A</u>	<u>5A</u>	<u>4A</u>	<u>3A & 2A</u>	<u>1A</u>
Volleyball - All League Play/Playoffs Completed	<u>Mon, Oct. 22</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 23</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 16</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 23</u>	<u>Mon, Oct. 22</u>
Volleyball - Rankings Freeze Date (10 pm)	<u>Mon, Oct. 22</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 23</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 16</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 23</u>	<u>Mon, Oct. 22</u>
Volleyball - Play-In Contest Date / Start Time	n/a	n/a	Sat, Oct. 20 / 7pm	n/a	n/a
Volleyball - OSAA Cutoff Date	Mon, Oct. 22	Tues, Oct. 23	Tues, Oct. 23	Tues, Oct. 23	Mon, Oct. 22
Volleyball - OSAA Bracket Posted By	Tues, Oct. 23, 9am	Wed, Oct. 24, 9am	Wed, Oct. 24, 9am	Wed, Oct. 24, 9am	Tues, Oct. 23, 9am
Volleyball - OSAA 1st Round Date	Wed, Oct. 24	Sat, Oct. 27	Sat, Oct. 27	Sat, Oct. 27	Wed, Oct. 24
Soccer - All League Play/Playoffs Completed	<u>Tues, Oct. 23</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 27</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 23</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 27</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 27</u>
Soccer - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	<u>Tues, Oct. 23</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 27</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 23</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 27</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 27</u>
Soccer - Play-In Contest Date / Start Time	n/a	n/a	Sat, Oct. 27 / Mutual Agreement	n/a	n/a
Soccer - OSAA Cutoff Date	Tues, Oct. 23	Sat, Oct. 27	Sat, Oct. 27	Sat, Oct. 27	Sat, Oct. 27
Soccer - OSAA Bracket Posted By	Wed, Oct. 24, 9am	Sun, Oct. 28, 9am	Sun, Oct. 28, 9am	Sun, Oct. 28, 9am	Sun, Oct. 28, 9am
Soccer - OSAA 1st Round Date	Sat, Oct. 27	Tues, Oct. 30 (B), Wed, Oct 31 (G)	Tues, Oct. 30 (B), Wed, Oct 31 (G)	Tues, Oct. 30 (B), Wed, Oct 31 (G)	Tues, Oct. 30 (B), Wed, Oct 31 (G)
Football - All League Play Completed	<u>Fri, Oct. 26</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 26</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 19</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 27</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 26</u>
Football - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	<u>Fri, Oct. 26</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 26</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 19</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 27</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 26</u>
Football - Play-In Contest Date / Start Time	n/a	n/a	Fri-Sat, Oct. 26-27 / 7pm	n/a	n/a
Football - OSAA Cutoff Date	Fri, Oct. 26	Fri, Oct. 26	Sat, Oct. 27	Sat, Oct. 27	Fri, Oct. 26
Football - OSAA Bracket Posted By	Sat, Oct. 27, 9am	Sat, Oct. 27, 9am	Sun, Oct. 28, 9am	Sun, Oct. 28, 9am	Sat, Oct. 27, 9am
Football - OSAA 1st Round Date	Fri-Sat, Nov. 2-3	Fri-Sat, Nov. 2-3	Fri-Sat, Nov. 2-3	Fri-Sat, Nov. 2-3	Fri-Sat, Nov. 2-3
Basketball - All League Play/Playoffs Completed	<u>Fri, Feb 22 (B) / Sat, Feb. 23(G)</u>	<u>Tues, Feb. 26 (B) / Wed. Feb 27 (G)</u>	<u>Tues, Feb. 19</u>	<u>Sat, Feb. 16</u>	<u>Sat, Feb. 16</u>
Basketball - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	<u>Fri, Feb 22 (B) / Sat, Feb. 23(G)</u>	<u>Tues, Feb. 26 (B) / Wed. Feb 27 (G)</u>	<u>Tues, Feb. 19</u>	<u>Sat, Feb. 16</u>	<u>Sat, Feb. 16</u>
Basketball - Play-In Contest Date / Start Time	n/a	n/a	Fri, Feb. 22 (B) / Sat, Feb. 23 (G) / 7pr	n/a	n/a
Basketball - OSAA Cutoff Date	Sat, Feb. 23	Wed, Feb. 27	Sat, Feb. 23	Sat, Feb. 16	Sat, Feb. 16
Basketball - OSAA Bracket Posted By	Sun, Feb. 24, 9am	Thurs, Feb. 28, 9am	Sun, Feb. 24, 9am	Sun, Feb. 17, 9am	Sun, Feb. 17, 9am
Basketball - OSAA 1st Round Date	Tues, Feb. 26 (B) / Wed, Feb. 27 (G)	Fri, Mar. 1 (B) / Sat, Mar. 2 (G)	Fri, Mar. 1 (B) / Sat, Mar. 2 (G)	Fri, Feb. 22 (B) / Sat, Feb. 23 (G)	Tues, Feb. 19 (B) / Wed, Feb. 20 (G)
Baseball/Softball - All League Play/Playoffs Completed	<u>Thurs, May 16</u>	<u>Sat, May 18</u>	<u>Sat, May 11</u>	<u>Sat, May 18</u>	<u>Sat, May 18</u>
Baseball/Softball - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	<u>Thurs, May 16</u>	<u>Sat, May 18</u>	<u>Sat, May 11</u>	<u>Sat, May 18</u>	<u>Sat, May 18</u>
Baseball/Softball - Play-In Contest Date / Start Time	n/a	n/a	Thurs, May 16 / 4:30pm	n/a	n/a
Baseball/Softball - OSAA Cutoff Date	Thurs, May 16	Sat, May 18	Sat, May 18	Sat, May 18	Sat, May 18
Baseball/Softball - OSAA Bracket Posted By	Fri, May 17, 9am	Sun, May 19, 9am	Sun, May 19, 9am	Sun, May 19, 9am	Sun, May 19, 9am
Baseball/Softball - OSAA 1st Round Date	Mon, May 20	Wed, May 22	Wed, May 22	Wed, May 22	Wed, May 22