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To: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors
 From: Tom Welter, Executive Director
 Subject: **Important Reminders for 2014-15**

It has been another exciting year here at the OSAA and our spring championships are quickly coming to a conclusion. I wish all of you the best with your graduation ceremonies and other important end-of-year events and activities. As we look toward next year, I would ask you to please note the following information and pass it along to the appropriate people in your school / district:

1. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY (OSAA Rule 8.1.1)

Please remind all of your student-athletes who did not pass the required number of classes during the spring semester / trimester that they must make up those classes via summer school, correspondence course, online course, night school, etc. in order to be eligible to participate in the fall of 2014. This applies to all OSAA activities, including speech and music competitions. Students should work hard to regain their eligibility over the summer through credit recovery instead of waiting until August and then seeking a grade waiver hardship.

2. SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD GRADUATION (OSAA Rule 8.1.2)

In addition to the specific credit requirement identified above, to be scholastically eligible, a student must **also** be making satisfactory progress towards the school's graduation requirements **by earning a minimum of the quantity of credits indicated on the chart below for the specified year.**

Minimum Satisfactory Progress Requirements

<i>Credits to Graduate</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>Credits Per Year</i>	6	6	6.5	6.5	7	7	7.5
<i>Prior to Year 2</i>	4	4	4.5	4.5	4.5	5	5
<i>Prior to Year 3</i>	9.5	10	10	10.5	11	11.5	12
<i>Prior to Year 4</i>	16	16.5	17.5	18	18.5	19.5	20

All returning students who do not meet the minimum credit requirements established above need to enroll in and complete a credit recovery program this summer in order to regain (or attempt to regain) their eligibility. Students who are not "on track to graduate" are not eligible to participate unless an Eligibility Request Form has been submitted to the OSAA office and approved by the Executive Director.

3. PARTICIPATION ON AFFILIATED TEAMS / COACHES (OSAA Rule 8.6.5)

It is important to remind your coaches, athletes and parents that if a student plays on a team where a majority of players attend another school or the coach is from another school and the student then transfers to that school, the student is INELIGIBLE for one calendar year. This also includes students who have received athletic instruction within the past calendar year from any coach affiliated with the school to which the student transfers. Students who intend to transfer should complete the "Student Intent to Transfer Certificate" indicating that they intended to transfer prior to receiving athletic instruction from a coach at the new school.

4. DISTRICT ATHLETIC COMMITTEES

Please remember that under OSAA policy, no hardship requests involving future eligibility may be considered until the student is actually in an ineligible status. Consequently, schools may not file a hardship request with their District Athletic Committee for transfer students who are not eligible by OSAA rules until after they attend a class or a practice next fall.

5. MORATORIUM WEEK (OSAA Board Policy #48)

All schools are reminded that this policy adopted by the Association last year is in affect this summer from July 27 – August 2, 2014. During this week “there shall be no high school facility usage by administrators / coaches / directors / advisors and students, and no contact between administrator / coaches / directors / advisors and students”

6. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND COACH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT (OSAA Rule 1.2; OSAA Board Policy #8)

a. NFHS FUNDAMENTALS OF COACHING

Please remember that all athletic directors and all coaches (both paid and volunteer) approved by the school district are required to successfully complete this requirement prior to assuming their duties. The NFHS fundamentals of coaching course may be completed online at <http://www.osaa.org/coaches/education> for \$50.00.

b. HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION AND HEAT ILLNESS PREVENTION

Exertional Heat Stroke is the leading cause of preventable death in high school athletics. Exertional Heat Stroke also results in thousands of emergency room visits and hospitalizations throughout the nation each year. This free course is designed to give you the critical information you need to minimize the risk of Exertional Heat Stroke among your athletes. This is a requirement for all coaches to be completed once every two years.

c. CONCUSSION EDUCATION

The state statute mandates that ALL coaches have ANNUAL training in concussion education and management. The OSAA website has a link on our homepage (www.osaa.org) that provides a 30 minute online concussion awareness programs at no cost to the coach or the school. Upon completion of the program the coach can print out a certificate that verifies meeting this requirement.

d. STEROID EDUCATION

Reminder that all high school coaches are required by state law to have training in steroid education and prevention every four years. There is a link on the OSAA homepage (www.osaa.org) that provides a free online steroid education / awareness program to meet this requirement.

7. FALL ADMINISTRATOR WORKSHOPS

Here is a schedule of the Administrator Workshops for Fall 2014. A reminder that every member school is required to have an administrative representative attend one of these workshops. All workshops begin at 9am. New AD pre-meeting begins at 8am.

Tuesday, August 12 – OSAA Office

Wednesday, August 13 – Pendleton Convention Center, Grants Pass High School

Thursday, August 14 – OSAA Office, North Eugene High School, Mountain View High School

Wednesday, August 20 – OSAA Office

Tuesday, August 26 – OSAA Office

Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a great summer!

