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TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: OSAA Rankings Committee Update – April 2, 2019

The OSAA Rankings Committee met on April 2 at the OSAA Office for the second time this school year to begin its review of the rankings from the Fall and Winter 2018-19 seasons.

The Committee’s final meeting of the year for public testimony will be on Monday, June 17, 2019 at the OSAA Offices in Wilsonville starting at 9am. Following the meeting, the Committee will forward its final recommendations to the OSAA Executive Board for consideration at the Board’s Summer Workshop, July 22-24, 2019.

The Committee began by reviewing the three pieces of correspondence received since it’s previous meeting. The Committee then reviewed the Final 8 for each classification, Winter 2018-19 brackets and 2018-19 rankings. Following this review, the Committee examined rankings scenarios, correlation studies of former and current systems and rankable contest 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 Girls Basketball, the current system was 87.85% “accurate” going back through the regular season. NOTE: Compered to last year, it is a “little” different, but the benefit outweighs the change in order to allow for geographically challenged school to stay closer for competition.</i>
18-19	Boys Soccer	85.81%	
18-19	Girls Soccer	87.65%	
18-19	Volleyball	89.25%	
18-19	Girls Basketball	87.85%	
18-19	Boys Basketball	85.92%	

6A League Championships hosting 1st Round Playoff

The Committee discussed the correspondence that addressed league champions who were outside the top 16 and did not host in the 1st round of the playoffs. Over the previous five years there had only been three league champions outside of the top 16, but the 2018-19 school year, so far there has 7, with two sports seasons still to come. This brought up good discussion as to why that is the case this year and if this is an anomaly.

The Committee believes this is not an anomaly because of the addition of a 7th league at the 6A classification. That led to similar discussions about the 1A, which has 8 leagues, and there being issues with their rankings and moving league champions to the top 8 for home playoff contests. The Committee is requesting the Classification Representatives, Russ Bolin (6A) and Steve Wallo (1A) talk at the upcoming state Athletic Director Conference to see if there is a concern that needs to be addressed and get possible solutions from these groups. **The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its June 17 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. There were some ideas, that schools should be required to place their fall and winter schedules on the OSAA website by June. Once those games are on the schedule, it would be considered contracted and those games would need to be played at all costs. If the contest is not played, then it would be considered a forfeit unless mutually agreed on by both schools. ***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its June 17 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 June 17 meeting***

Benefiting schools who play schools of a higher classification

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. There was much discussion about this concept. The OSAA will run simulations with different weights for playing up for the RPI. This concept would not be applicable to the Colley ranking. The Committee will look at these simulations and see what "true" effect it could have on rankings. ***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its June 17 meeting***

Topics that were discussed and the Committee feels there is no reason to continue discussing these concepts:

Home vs. Neutral when school decides to move their contest

Baseball not counting the first 2 contests in the Rankings

Switching the tie-breaker back to the RPI

Bring back the Opponents-Opponents column

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

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