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TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: OSAA Rankings Committee Update – April 3, 2014

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 in particular the Winter 2013-14 season.

The Committee has set the date for its final public meeting of this school year. 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 28-30, 2014.

OSAA Rankings Committee Future Meeting Schedule

- Monday, June 16, 2014 @ OSAA Office, Wilsonville, 9am

After a brief review of written correspondence received to this point, the Committee assembled to receive public testimony. Dan Smith, from OregonPrepSports.net, was in attendance as were two athletic directors, Jeff Peeler from Lincoln HS and Craig Swanson from Sprague HS. Dan stated, once again, that in his opinion the system works pretty well overall but still believes that a second system should be utilized in order to validate the results. He is a strong proponent of the Colley Rating system and brought detailed information to the group regarding a combination of the OSAA and Colley systems and the potential increase in accuracy that could be achieved when using both systems. Jeff and Craig discussed the impact that the rankings have on scheduling at the higher classifications given their non-league scheduling process and how the change to a 40-60 approach this year has led to an even greater impact. They believe that an additional system, such as Colley, can mitigate that impact. Additionally, Jeff and Craig are proponents of adding back in the third OOWP column to increase the value of playing a stronger schedule.

The Committee spent more than three hours discussing the current system, feedback they are hearing from peers around the state, and ways to make the system better. Here's where the group is at on the following issues:

Percentage Breakdown: The Committee reviewed the 2013-14 Winter season, including a simulation of those results under the old 25-50-25 breakdown. There was discussion that the change to a 40/60 breakdown had achieved its goal of treating all schools equitably while placing a greater emphasis on a team's WWP. Committee members have concerns that though the change to 40-60 accomplished its goal of placing a greater emphasis on a team's WWP, it may have gone too far resulting in not enough emphasis being placed on strength of schedule. ***The Committee supports changing the percentages to place a little more emphasis back on strength of schedule and will be reviewing different percentage breakdowns to determine the best way to do that (e.g. keeping two columns or adding an OOWP column).***

Contests vs. Teams More Than One Classification Away / Schedule Manipulation: The Committee believes that the changes put into effect for this year have cut down on schedule manipulation, while recognizing that some schedule



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manipulation still takes place earlier in the season. ***The Committee supports having these types of dates in the future and is looking for feedback regarding whether these are right dates (Oct. 1; Jan. 15; Apr. 15).***

Additional System to Balance the RPI: The Committee is interested in adding another system to complement the current RPI and believes that the Colley is the best choice. Committee members believe that the Colley helps to balance the RPI and can help address gaps in the current system. Additionally, the Colley makes it more difficult to manipulate the system. A second system will also be helpful in validating the overall accuracy of the rankings. The Committee will be reviewing data that “marries” the two systems providing equal consideration for both to create a team’s ranking. ***The Committee supports adding the Colley system as a complement to the current system and is looking for feedback in this area.***

Cross-Classification Weighting: The Committee spent quite a bit of time discussing this concept, especially as it relates to the addition of the Colley. There is still consensus from Committee members that a .500 team at the 4A classification is different than a .500 team at the 6A classification, yet the current system treats them equally. Past committees have struggled with this issue due to the use of hybrid leagues in some areas of the state. With the elimination of hybrid leagues beginning next year, the Committee would like to address, in some way, the differences between teams from different classifications. Using the Colley would remove all games vs. opponents outside of your classification from that half of the rankings. This appealed to Committee members because it begins to address cross-classification without removing it entirely from the overall ranking system (cross-classification games would still be factored in to the OSAA RPI half of the system). Many members pointed out that the goal of the system is rank teams vs. other teams in their classification and factoring in cross-classification in some fashion helps to do that more effectively. ***The Committee supports use of the Colley In-Class system to help address cross-classification contests and is looking for feedback on this issue.***

6A, 5A, 4A Rankings Freeze Dates: The Committee has instructed OSAA staff to distribute the attached draft of Rankings Freeze Dates for 2014-15 at the OADA Conference in Sunriver early next week for review, and possible changes, prior to their final meeting in June.

Home/Away/Neutral Weighting of Contests: The Committee briefly discussed the current weighting of contests and feedback that several members heard about potentially weighting contests differently based on mileage traveled. There was little support for the concept at this time.

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 Peter Weber (peterw@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.

2014-15 Rankings Freeze and Play-In Dates Summary

3rd DRAFT - 4/2/14

Topic	DRAFT		DRAFT		DRAFT	
	6A	5A	4A	3A & 2A	1A	
Volleyball - All League Play/Playoffs Completed	<u>Thurs, Oct. 23</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 24</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 21</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 28</u>	<u>Mon, Oct. 27</u>	
Volleyball - Rankings Freeze Date (10 pm)	<u>Thurs, Oct. 23</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 24</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 21</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 28</u>	<u>Mon, Oct. 27</u>	
Volleyball - Play-In Contest Date / Start Time	Sat, Oct. 25 / 7pm	Tues, Oct. 28 / 7pm	Sat, Oct. 25 / 7pm	n/a	n/a	
Volleyball - OSAA Cutoff Date	Mon, Oct. 27	Tues, Oct. 28 / 7pm	Tues, Oct. 28	Tues, Oct. 28	Mon, Oct. 27	
Volleyball - OSAA Bracket Posted By	Tues, Oct. 28, 9am	Wed, Oct. 29, 9am	Wed, Oct. 29, 9am	Wed, Oct. 29, 9am	Tues, Oct. 28, 9am	
Volleyball - OSAA 1st Round Date	Wed, Oct. 29	Sat, Nov. 1	Sat, Nov. 1	Sat, Nov. 1	Wed, Oct. 29	
Soccer - All League Play/Playoffs Completed	<u>Sat, Oct. 25</u>	<u>Wed, Oct. 29, 9am</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 28</u>	<u>Sat, Nov. 1</u>	<u>Sat, Nov. 1</u>	
Soccer - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	<u>Sat, Oct. 25</u>	<u>Wed, Oct. 29, 9am</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 28</u>	<u>Sat, Nov. 1</u>	<u>Sat, Nov. 1</u>	
Soccer - Play-In Contest Date / Start Time	Tues, Oct. 28 / 7pm	Sat, Nov. 1 / 7pm	Sat, Nov. 1 / Mutual Agreement	n/a	n/a	
Soccer - OSAA Cutoff Date	Tues, Oct. 28	Sat, Nov. 1	Sat, Nov. 1	Sat, Nov. 1	Sat, Nov. 1	
Soccer - OSAA Bracket Posted By	Wed, Oct. 29, 9am	Sun, Nov. 2, 9am	Sun, Nov. 2, 9am	Sun, Nov. 2, 9am	Sun, Nov. 2, 9am	
Soccer - OSAA 1st Round Date	Sat, Nov. 1	Tues, Nov. 4	Tues, Nov. 4	Tues, Nov. 4	Tues, Nov. 4	
Football - All League Play Completed	<u>Sat, Nov. 1</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 31?</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 24</u>	<u>Sat, Nov. 1</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 31</u>	
Football - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	<u>Sat, Nov. 1</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 31?</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 24</u>	<u>Sat, Nov. 1</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 31</u>	
Football - Play-In Contest Date / Start Time	n/a	n/a?	Fri-Sat, Oct. 31-Nov. 1 / 7pm	n/a	n/a	
Football - OSAA Cutoff Date	Sat, Nov. 1	Sat, Nov. 1	Sat, Nov. 1	Sat, Nov. 1	Fri, Oct. 31	
Football - OSAA Bracket Posted By	Sun, Nov. 2, 9am	Sun, Nov. 2, 9am	Sun, Nov. 2, 9am	Sun, Nov. 2, 9am	Sat, Nov. 1, 9am	
Football - OSAA 1st Round Date	Fri-Sat, Nov. 7-8	Fri-Sat, Nov. 7-8	Fri-Sat, Nov. 7-8	Fri-Sat, Nov. 7-8	Fri-Sat, Nov. 7-8	
Basketball - All League Play/Playoffs Completed	<u>Wed, Feb. 25 (B) / Thurs, Feb. 26 (G)</u>	<u>Fri, Feb. 27 (B) / Sat, Feb. 28 (G)</u>	<u>Tues, Feb. 24</u>	<u>Sat, Feb. 21</u>	<u>Sat, Feb. 21</u>	
Basketball - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	<u>Wed, Feb. 25 (B) / Thurs, Feb. 26 (G)</u>	<u>Fri, Feb. 27 (B) / Sat, Feb. 28 (G)</u>	<u>Tues, Feb. 24</u>	<u>Sat, Feb. 21</u>	<u>Sat, Feb. 21</u>	
Basketball - Play-In Contest Date / Start Time	Fri, Feb. 27 (B) / Sat, Feb. 28 (G) / 7pm	Tues, Mar. 3 (B) / Wed, Mar. 4 (G) / 7pm	Fri, Feb. 27 (B) / Sat, Feb. 28 (G) / 7pm	n/a	n/a	
Basketball - OSAA Cutoff Date	Sat, Feb. 28	Wed, Mar. 4	Sat, Feb. 28	Sat, Feb. 21	Sat, Feb. 21	
Basketball - OSAA Bracket Posted By	Sun, Mar. 1, 9am	Thurs, Mar. 5, 9am	Sun, Mar. 1, 9am	Sun, Feb. 22, 9am	Sun, Feb. 22, 9am	
Basketball - OSAA 1st Round Date	Tues, Mar. 3 (B) / Wed, Mar. 4 (G)	Fri, Mar. 6 (B) / Sat, Mar. 7 (G)	Fri, Mar. 6 (B) / Sat, Mar. 7 (G)	Fri, Feb. 27 (B) / Sat, Feb. 28 (G)	Tues, Feb. 24 (B) / Wed, Feb. 25 (G)	
Baseball/Softball - All League Play/Playoffs Completed	<u>Sat, May 16</u>	<u>Mon, May 18</u>	<u>Sat, May 16</u>	<u>Sat, May 23</u>	<u>Sat, May 23</u>	
Baseball/Softball - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	<u>Sat, May 16</u>	<u>Mon, May 18</u>	<u>Sat, May 16</u>	<u>Sat, May 23</u>	<u>Sat, May 23</u>	
Baseball/Softball - Play-In Contest Date / Start Time	Tues, May 19 / 5pm	Fri, May 22 / 5pm	Thurs, May 21 / 4:30pm	n/a	n/a	
Baseball/Softball - OSAA Cutoff Date	Thurs, May 21	Sat, May 23	Sat, May 23	Sat, May 23	Sat, May 23	
Baseball/Softball - OSAA Bracket Posted By	Fri, May 22, 9am	Sun, May 24, 9am	Sun, May 24, 9am	Sun, May 24, 9am	Sun, May 24, 9am	
Baseball/Softball - OSAA 1st Round Date	Mon, May 25	Wed, May 27	Wed, May 27	Wed, May 27	Wed, May 27	