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TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: OSAA Rankings Committee Update – April 5, 2016

The OSAA Rankings Committee met on April 5 at the OSAA Office for the second time this school year to continue its review of the rankings, and in particular the Winter 2015-16 season.

The Committee has one more date set for a public meeting this year on Thursday, June 9. 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 25-27, 2016.

The Committee began by reviewing Winter 2015-16 brackets and rankings, along with written correspondence received since their last meeting. Following this review, the Committee examined rankings scenarios and correlation studies of current and former systems, along with several different percentage breakdowns, 2-column vs. 3-column approaches, a proxy system example, etc.

There was one person in attendance for public testimony. Dr. Ray Crawford, a former OSAA Executive Board member, came to express his concerns with the overall number of contests that aren’t included in the Colley portion of the rankings. He focused especially on teams that are near the Oregon borders and have difficulty scheduling contests vs. their own classification outside of their league due to travel.

Correlation Studies: The Committee asked OSAA staff to include in this update figures from the correlation studies that committee members review during each meeting. These 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>	
15-16	Football	92.17%	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 2015-16 Girls Basketball, the current system was 89.46% “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”.
15-16	Boys Soccer	86.47%	
15-16	Girls Soccer	90.58%	
15-16	Volleyball	89.55%	
15-16	Boys Basketball	85.74%	
15-16	Girls Basketball	89.46%	

Schedule Manipulation Policies

The Committee believes that adding dates to each season after which contests won’t be counted in the rankings has helped to alleviate, but not eliminate, the issue of schedule manipulation. The Committee reiterated the need for OSAA Staff to continually emphasize the education of coaches and ADs regarding these dates. Staff has included the

information in seasonal memos to schools and will explore ways to continue to get the word out about these policies. ***At this time, the Committee doesn't plan on recommending any changes in this area for next school year.***

Not Counting Any Contests More Than One Classification Away For RPI: The Committee spent very little time discussing this issue. There was little feedback from the membership after the last meeting and certainly no mandate for changing the policy. Committee members believe that the small number of games that fit this category (less than 2%) are more heavily influenced by the geographic location of schools, rather than their classification. ***At this time, the Committee doesn't plan on recommending any changes in this area for next school year.***

Emphasizing the Colley Rank More Than the RPI Rank: The Committee has looked at this concept for much of the past year and spent more time discussing during this meeting. There was little feedback from the membership after the last meeting and certainly no mandate for changing the policy. Committee members believe that adding the Colley to the rankings system has been a positive but also believe that the current balance between the two systems works well. ***At this time, the Committee doesn't plan on recommending any changes in this area for next school year.***

Not Counting Contests Involving Independent Teams More Than One Classification Away For Rankings: The Committee once again discussed the impact that independent teams have on the rankings vs. the difficulty those teams might have scheduling games if the games weren't included in the rankings. Overall, members of the Committee believe the benefits for independent teams outweigh the minimal impact these games may have on the rankings. ***At this time, the Committee doesn't plan on recommending any changes in this area for next school year.***

Not Counting Early Season Games: The Committee has looked at this concept for much of the past year and spent more time discussing during this meeting. There was little feedback from the membership after the last meeting and certainly no mandate for changing the policy. That being said there is interest on the part of the Committee to continue looking at this concept. They have instructed OSAA Staff to run some rankings scenarios that would evaluate the impact this type of policy would potentially have on the rankings. Discussion centered on not counting either the first couple of playing dates of the season or potentially the first 2-3 games played toward the rankings (e.g. "friendly games"). The thought among Committee members was that this would apply to soccer, basketball, baseball and softball only, as football is limited by weeks and volleyball has pool play at tournaments that isn't counted currently. ***The Committee doesn't have any recommendations at this time but will review scenarios created by OSAA Staff at their June meeting.***

Proxy Team Concept: The Committee discussed the concept of creating proxy teams in order to more effectively factor games vs. out of classification opponents into the Colley rankings. Dan Smith of OregonPrepSports.net and Gibby Reynolds of the OSAA each briefed members of the Committee on separate approaches to incorporate these types of contests. There was plenty of discussion by the Committee, along with lots of questions. Overall there is interest from the Committee to continue exploring this approach to see if it can help improve the overall rankings system. This will be a topic at the next meeting in June. ***The Committee doesn't have any recommendations at this time but will review scenarios created by OSAA Staff at their June meeting.***

Rankings Freeze and Play-In Dates Summary: The Committee briefly discussed the Rankings Freeze and Play-In Dates for 2016-17, which are included as a draft in this update. OSAA Staff will follow up with the main contacts of classifications with 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 Peter Weber (peterw@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.

2016-17 Rankings Freeze and Play-In Dates Summary

2nd DRAFT - 4/5/16

Topic	6A	5A	4A	3A & 2A	1A
Volleyball - All League Play/Playoffs Completed	<u>Thurs, Oct. 20</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 22</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 18</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 25</u>	<u>Mon, Oct. 24</u>
Volleyball - Rankings Freeze Date (10 pm)	<u>Thurs, Oct. 20</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 22</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 18</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 25</u>	<u>Mon, Oct. 24</u>
Volleyball - Play-In Contest Date / Start Time	Sat, Oct. 22 / 7pm	Tues, Oct. 25 / 7pm	Sat, Oct. 22 / 7pm	n/a	n/a
Volleyball - OSAA Cutoff Date	Mon, Oct. 24	Tues, Oct. 25 / 7pm	Tues, Oct. 25	Tues, Oct. 25	Mon, Oct. 24
Volleyball - OSAA Bracket Posted By	Tues, Oct. 25, 9am	Wed, Oct. 27, 9am	Wed, Oct. 26, 9am	Wed, Oct. 26, 9am	Tues, Oct. 25, 9am
Volleyball - OSAA 1st Round Date	Wed, Oct. 26	Sat, Oct. 29	Sat, Oct. 29	Sat, Oct. 29	Wed, Oct. 26
Soccer - All League Play/Playoffs Completed	<u>Sat, Oct. 22</u>	<u>Wed, Oct. 26</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 25</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 29</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 29</u>
Soccer - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	<u>Sat, Oct. 22</u>	<u>Wed, Oct. 26</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 25</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 29</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 29</u>
Soccer - Play-In Contest Date / Start Time	Tues, Oct. 25 / 7pm	Sat, Oct. 29 / 7pm	Sat, Oct. 29 / Mutual Agreement	n/a	n/a
Soccer - OSAA Cutoff Date	Tues, Oct. 25	Sat, Oct. 29	Sat, Oct. 29	Sat, Oct. 29	Sat, Oct. 29
Soccer - OSAA Bracket Posted By	Wed, Oct. 26, 9am	Sun, Oct. 30, 9am	Sun, Oct. 30, 9am	Sun, Oct. 30, 9am	Sun, Oct. 30, 9am
Soccer - OSAA 1st Round Date	Sat, Oct. 29	Tues, Nov. 1 (G), Wed, Nov. 2 (B)	Tues, Nov. 1 (G), Wed, Nov. 2 (B)	Tues, Nov. 1 (G), Wed, Nov. 2 (B)	Tues, Nov. 1 (G), Wed, Nov. 2 (B)
Football - All League Play Completed	<u>Fri, Oct. 28</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 28</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 21</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 29</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 28</u>
Football - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	<u>Fri, Oct. 28</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 28</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 21</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 29</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 28</u>
Football - Play-In Contest Date / Start Time	n/a	n/a	Fri-Sat, Oct. 28-29 / 7pm	n/a	n/a
Football - OSAA Cutoff Date	Fri, Oct. 28	Fri, Oct. 28	Sat, Oct. 29	Sat, Oct. 29	Fri, Oct. 28
Football - OSAA Bracket Posted By	Sat, Oct. 29, 9am	Sat, Oct. 29, 9am	Sun, Oct. 30, 9am	Sun, Oct. 30, 9am	Sat, Oct. 29, 9am
Football - OSAA 1st Round Date	Fri-Sat, Nov. 4-5	Fri-Sat, Nov. 4-5	Fri-Sat, Nov. 4-5	Fri-Sat, Nov. 4-5	Fri-Sat, Nov. 4-5
Basketball - All League Play/Playoffs Completed	<u>Wed, Feb. 22 (B) / Thurs, Feb. 23 (G)</u>	<u>Fri, Feb. 24 (B) / Sat, Feb. 25 (G)</u>	<u>Tues, Feb. 21</u>	<u>Sat, Feb. 18</u>	<u>Sat, Feb. 18</u>
Basketball - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	<u>Wed, Feb. 22 (B) / Thurs, Feb. 23 (G)</u>	<u>Fri, Feb. 24 (B) / Sat, Feb. 25 (G)</u>	<u>Tues, Feb. 21</u>	<u>Sat, Feb. 18</u>	<u>Sat, Feb. 18</u>
Basketball - Play-In Contest Date / Start Time	Fri, Feb. 24 (B) / Sat, Feb. 25 (G) / 7pm	Tues, Feb. 28 (B) / Wed, Mar. 1 (G) / 7pm	Fri, Feb. 24 (B) / Sat, Feb. 25 (G) / 7pm	n/a	n/a
Basketball - OSAA Cutoff Date	Sat, Feb. 25	Wed, Mar. 1	Sat, Feb. 25	Sat, Feb. 18	Sat, Feb. 18
Basketball - OSAA Bracket Posted By	Sun, Feb. 26, 9am	Thurs, Mar. 2, 9am	Sun, Feb. 26, 9am	Sun, Feb. 19, 9am	Sun, Feb. 19, 9am
Basketball - OSAA 1st Round Date	Tues, Feb. 28 (B) / Wed, Mar. 1 (G)	Fri, Mar. 3 (B) / Sat, Mar. 4 (G)	Fri, Mar. 3 (B) / Sat, Mar. 4 (G)	Fri, Feb. 24 (B) / Sat, Feb. 25 (G)	Tues, Feb. 21 (B) / Wed, Feb. 22 (G)
Baseball/Softball - All League Play/Playoffs Completed	<u>Sat, May 13</u>	<u>Mon, May 15</u>	<u>Sat, May 13</u>	<u>Sat, May 20</u>	<u>Sat, May 20</u>
Baseball/Softball - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	<u>Sat, May 13</u>	<u>Mon, May 15</u>	<u>Sat, May 13</u>	<u>Sat, May 20</u>	<u>Sat, May 20</u>
Baseball/Softball - Play-In Contest Date / Start Time	Tues, May 16 / 5pm	Fri, May 19 / 5pm	Thurs, May 18 / 4:30pm	n/a	n/a
Baseball/Softball - OSAA Cutoff Date	Thurs, May 18	Sat, May 20	Sat, May 20	Sat, May 20	Sat, May 20
Baseball/Softball - OSAA Bracket Posted By	Fri, May 19, 9am	Sun, May 21, 9am	Sun, May 21, 9am	Sun, May 21, 9am	Sun, May 21, 9am
Baseball/Softball - OSAA 1st Round Date	Mon, May 22	Wed, May 24	Wed, May 24	Wed, May 24	Wed, May 24