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TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: OSAA Rankings Committee Update – June 14, 2016

The OSAA Rankings Committee met on June 9 at the OSAA Office for the third and final time this school year to continue its review of the rankings, and in particular the Spring 2016 season.

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 Spring 2016 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 no public testimony.

At the end of the meeting, the Committee recognized the following members whose terms are expiring:

- Pete Lukich, AD, Sunset HS
- Kelly Bokn, AD, Churchill HS
- Mike Somnis, AD, The Dalles HS
- Andy Gardner, Superintendent, North Santiam SD

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>	
15-16	Football	92.17%	<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 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”.</i>
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%	
15-16	Baseball	78.91%	
15-16	Softball	86.68%	

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. In discussing the Spring, committee members were pleased with how things went this first season and heard few issues. One concern expressed by a few member schools and committee members in this area was an increase in the # of scheduled non-league contests that weren’t played by schools that were “preserving” their ranking. This is a different way for schools to

manipulate their schedules. Discussion amongst the Committee centered on possibly requiring a minimum number of contests for each sport to cut down on this practice. Those discussions were very preliminary but the group plans to continue them next year to see if a recommendation is in order. ***The Committee is recommending new deadlines for each 2016-17 season to address schedule manipulation (see below).***

- 1) **Contests vs. Teams More Than One Classification Away.** In the RPI system, results from contests added to a team's schedule after a certain date each season (***Fall – Sept. 12; Winter – Dec. 19; Spring – Apr. 3***) vs. a team more than one classification away shall not be included in the rankings. NOTE: bracketed contests at tournaments are not affected by this policy.
- 2) **Contests Added After a Certain Date.** Results from contests added to a team's schedule after a certain date each season (***Fall – Sept. 26; Winter – Jan. 9; Spring – Apr. 10***) shall not be included in the rankings. NOTE: Contests not affected by this policy include bracketed contests at tournaments, league tiebreakers, and district/league tournaments. Schools may apply for an exception to OSAA Staff in extenuating circumstances.

Not Counting Any Contests More Than One Classification Away For RPI: The Committee spent very little time discussing this issue. ***The Committee is not recommending a change in this area at this time.***

Emphasizing the Colley Rank More Than the RPI Rank: 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. ***The Committee is not recommending a change in this area at this time.***

Not Counting Contests Involving Independent Teams More Than One Classification Away For Rankings: The Committee briefly discussed the impact that independent teams have on the rankings. ***The Committee is not recommending a change in this area at this time.***

Not Counting Early Season Games: The Committee spent very little time discussing this topic during this meeting. ***The Committee is not recommending a change in this area at this time.***

Proxy Team Concept: The Committee once again discussed the concept of creating proxy teams in order to more effectively factor games vs. out of classification opponents into the Colley rankings. Current proxy simulations are roughly 1.5% less accurate than the current rankings system. Overall there is interest from the Committee to continue exploring Dan Smith's approach to see if it can help improve the overall rankings system. Dan and Gibby Reynolds plan to dive down into the proxy approach further, especially as it relates to those schools that play a lot of contests out of their classification and/or vs. out-of-state opponents. ***The Committee is not recommending a change in this area at this time.***

Re-Seeding Teams for Final 8 in Volleyball, Basketball: The Executive Board asked the Committee to discuss a proposal by the 1A classification to re-seed their Final 8 teams in volleyball and basketball back to the final frozen rankings in order to address "unfortunate pairings" in the quarterfinal round and beyond. The group had a lot of discussion on this topic as they believe it's a bigger question than just 1A since similar formats in 5A, 4A, 3A, and 2A brackets seed the Round of 16 and advance teams to a Final 8. Questions raised include:

- Would same league matchups be avoided again in the Final 8?
- Is this a final site issue or a neutral site issue? Should re-seeding then be considered in Football in the semifinals?
- What, if any, impact would there be on the ability for schools to scout potential opponents?

The Committee asked OSAA Staff to relay their thoughts to the Executive Board in July. ***The Committee is not recommending a change in this area at this time.***

Rankings Freeze and Play-In Dates Summary: The Committee briefly discussed the Rankings Freeze and Play-In Dates for 2016-17, which are included in this update.

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

FINAL - 6/15/16

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