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TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: OSAA Rankings Committee Update – June 18, 2018

The OSAA Rankings Committee met on June 18 at the OSAA Office for the third and final time this school year to continue its review of the rankings, and the Spring 2018 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 23 – 25, 2018.

The Committee began reviewing Spring 2018 brackets and rankings, and final 8 sites for each classification. Following this review, the Committee examined rankings scenarios and correlation studies of current and former systems, along with several other data for accuracy of the rankings and minor tweaks if needed. There was no public testimony.

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>	
17-18	Football	92.14%	<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 2017-18 Girls Basketball the current system was 89.29% “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>
17-18	Boys Soccer	84.46%	
17-18	Girls Soccer	88.94%	
17-18	Volleyball	90.26%	
17-18	Boys Basketball	85.73%	
17-18	Girls Basketball	89.29%	
17-18	Softball	88.63%	
17-18	Baseball	84.00%	

Changing the Colley Rank to Include Contests One Classification Away: After lots of discussion, Committee members believe that changing the Colley to include out of classification contests not more than one classification away may help with the perception of teams not wanting to hurt their ranking by scheduling other classifications. Overall, about 88% of contests are played within the same classification; by adding this one classification away, we would be collecting an additional 10% on average, so by including this, we would be using 98% of the contests to determine the rankings. The Committee believes that while it may make a minor change from what we are currently doing, the accuracy adjustments are so minute, that the benefits of schools lowering their travel costs to play a neighboring school outweighs not making this recommendation. ***The Committee is recommending the Colley Ranking to include contests one Classification away beginning with the 2018 – 19 season.***

Requiring a Minimum Number of Rankable Contests in Football

The Committee discussed this topic and settled on four as the minimum number of rankable contests in football in order for that team to be placed on the bracket at their ranked seed. The Committee hopes that with all of the work the Football Ad Hoc Committee did, that this would be a moot point, but believes we should have something in place just in case this happens. The staff will wordsmith what that looks like as far as placement on the bracket if a team earns a state playoff berth and they have not reached the minimum number of rankable contests. ***The Committee is recommending the minimum number of contests in football that are rankable is 4 contests beginning with the 2018-19 season.***

Ties in Soccer

The Committee discussed and looked at the simulations for making a change to the weighted points gained for ties in soccer and the accuracy over the past years numbers was the least accurate than what is currently being used. The accuracy for Boys' Soccer was 83.59% and 87.81% for Girls' Soccer. **The Committee is not recommending a change for soccer ties.**

League Playoffs / District Tournaments

There was no correspondence or interest in pursuing this topic. ***The Committee is not recommending a change for District Tournaments.***

Home/Away/Neutral Weighting of Contests

There was no correspondence or interest in pursuing this topic. ***The Committee is not recommending a change on this topic.***

Rankings vs. Seeding (Adjusted Playoff Ranking)

The Committee had discussion on this topic. The current practice for filling a state championship bracket has been to adjust schools so that common league opponents are not paired during the first round of the playoffs. Schools are moved and their seeds become their adjusted playoff ranking (APR). This APR is used throughout the State Playoffs. The recommendation will change the wording to reference APR and past practice.

Rankings Freeze and Play-in Dates Summary:

The Committee discussed the Rankings Freeze and Play-in Dates for the 2018 -19 school year, which are included in this update and will take these dates to the OSAA Executive Board for adoption.

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 is recommending new deadlines for each 2018-19 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.

Length of Term on Rankings Committee

The Committee discussed that due to the amount of data, numbers, and historical information involved with this Committee we were going to eliminate the expiration of each term. The members agreed with this, with the understanding that each Association has the right to exchange their representative on this Committee if they so choose. ***The Committee recommends that the length of term for this Committee be taken out of the policy.***

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 Kris Welch (krisw@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.

2018-19 Rankings Freeze and Play-in Dates Summary

FINAL DRAFT - 6/18/18

Topic	<u>6A</u>	<u>5A</u>	<u>4A</u>	<u>3A & 2A</u>	<u>1A</u>
Volleyball - All League Play/Playoffs Completed	<u>Sat, Oct. 20</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 23</u>	<u>Thurs, Oct. 18</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 23</u>	<u>Mon, Oct. 22</u>
Volleyball - Rankings Freeze Date (10 pm)	<u>Sat, Oct. 20</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 23</u>	<u>Thurs, Oct. 18</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 23</u>	<u>Mon, Oct. 22</u>
Volleyball - Play-In Contest Date / Start Time	n/a	n/a	Sat, Oct. 20 / 7pm	n/a	n/a
Volleyball - OSAA Cutoff Date	Mon, Oct. 22	Tues, Oct. 23	Tues, Oct. 23	Tues, Oct. 23	Mon, Oct. 22
Volleyball - OSAA Bracket Posted By	Tues, Oct. 23, 9am	Wed, Oct. 24, 9am	Wed, Oct. 24, 9am	Wed, Oct. 24, 9am	Tues, Oct. 23, 9am
Volleyball - OSAA 1st Round Date	Wed, Oct. 24	Sat, Oct. 27	Sat, Oct. 27	Sat, Oct. 27	Wed, Oct. 24
Soccer - All League Play/Playoffs Completed	<u>Tues, Oct. 23</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 27</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 23</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 27</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 27</u>
Soccer - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	<u>Tues, Oct. 23</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 27</u>	<u>Tues, Oct. 23</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 27</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 27</u>
Soccer - Play-In Contest Date / Start Time	n/a	n/a	Sat, Oct. 27 / Mutual Agreement	n/a	n/a
Soccer - OSAA Cutoff Date	Tues, Oct. 23	Sat, Oct. 27	Sat, Oct. 27	Sat, Oct. 27	Sat, Oct. 27
Soccer - OSAA Bracket Posted By	Wed, Oct. 24, 9am	Sun, Oct. 28, 9am	Sun, Oct. 28, 9am	Sun, Oct. 28, 9am	Sun, Oct. 28, 9am
Soccer - OSAA 1st Round Date	Sat, Oct. 27	Tues, Oct. 30 (B), Wed, Oct 31 (G)	Tues, Oct. 30 (B), Wed, Oct 31 (G)	Tues, Oct. 30 (B), Wed, Oct 31 (G)	Tues, Oct. 30 (B), Wed, Oct 31 (G)
Football - All League Play Completed	<u>Fri, Oct. 26</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 26</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 19</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 27</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 26</u>
Football - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	<u>Fri, Oct. 26</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 26</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 19</u>	<u>Sat, Oct. 27</u>	<u>Fri, Oct. 26</u>
Football - Play-In Contest Date / Start Time	n/a	n/a	Fri-Sat, Oct. 26-27 / 7pm	n/a	n/a
Football - OSAA Cutoff Date	Fri, Oct. 26	Fri, Oct. 26	Sat, Oct. 27	Sat, Oct. 27	Fri, Oct. 26
Football - OSAA Bracket Posted By	Sat, Oct. 27, 9am	Sat, Oct. 27, 9am	Sun, Oct. 28, 9am	Sun, Oct. 28, 9am	Sat, Oct. 27, 9am
Football - OSAA 1st Round Date	Fri-Sat, Nov. 2-3	Fri-Sat, Nov. 2-3	Fri-Sat, Nov. 2-3	Fri-Sat, Nov. 2-3	Fri-Sat, Nov. 2-3
Basketball - All League Play/Playoffs Completed	<u>Fri, Feb 22 (B) / Sat, Feb. 23(G)</u>	<u>Tues, Feb. 26 (B) / Wed. Feb 27 (G)</u>	<u>Tues, Feb. 19</u>	<u>Sat, Feb. 16</u>	<u>Sat, Feb. 16</u>
Basketball - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	<u>Fri, Feb 22 (B) / Sat, Feb. 23(G)</u>	<u>Tues, Feb. 26 (B) / Wed. Feb 27 (G)</u>	<u>Tues, Feb. 19</u>	<u>Sat, Feb. 16</u>	<u>Sat, Feb. 16</u>
Basketball - Play-In Contest Date / Start Time	n/a	n/a	Fri, Feb. 22 (B) / Sat, Feb. 23 (G) / 7pm	n/a	n/a
Basketball - OSAA Cutoff Date	Sat, Feb. 23	Wed, Feb. 27	Sat, Feb. 23	Sat, Feb. 16	Sat, Feb. 16
Basketball - OSAA Bracket Posted By	Sun, Feb. 24, 9am	Thurs, Feb. 28, 9am	Sun, Feb. 24, 9am	Sun, Feb. 17, 9am	Sun, Feb. 17, 9am
Basketball - OSAA 1st Round Date	Tues, Feb. 26 (B) / Wed, Feb. 27 (G)	Fri, Mar. 1 (B) / Sat, Mar. 2 (G)	Fri, Mar. 1 (B) / Sat, Mar. 2 (G)	Fri, Feb. 22 (B) / Sat, Feb. 23 (G)	Tues, Feb. 19 (B) / Wed, Feb. 20 (G)
Baseball/Softball - All League Play/Playoffs Completed	<u>Thurs, May 16</u>	<u>Sat, May 18</u>	<u>Mon, May 13</u>	<u>Sat, May 18</u>	<u>Sat, May 18</u>
Baseball/Softball - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	<u>Thurs, May 16</u>	<u>Sat, May 18</u>	<u>Mon, May 13</u>	<u>Sat, May 18</u>	<u>Sat, May 18</u>
Baseball/Softball - Play-In Contest Date / Start Time	n/a	n/a	Thurs, May 16 / 4:30pm	n/a	n/a
Baseball/Softball - OSAA Cutoff Date	Thurs, May 16	Sat, May 18	Sat, May 18	Sat, May 18	Sat, May 18
Baseball/Softball - OSAA Bracket Posted By	Fri, May 17, 9am	Sun, May 19, 9am	Sun, May 19, 9am	Sun, May 19, 9am	Sun, May 19, 9am
Baseball/Softball - OSAA 1st Round Date	Mon, May 20	Wed, May 22	Wed, May 22	Wed, May 22	Wed, May 22