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TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: OSAA State Championship Committee – June 12 Meeting Update

The State Championship Committee for the 2018-2022 four-year time block held its first public meeting at the OSAA office in Wilsonville on June 12, 2017. The constitutionally mandated purpose of this Committee is to make recommendations to the OSAA Executive Board for adoption in February 2018, regarding championship formats, participation policies, and issues relative to the administration of OSAA State Championships.

The OSAA Executive Board further requests that the Committee review the following topics:

- Financial impact of championships on member schools and the OSAA
- Playoff qualifying formats and allocations in team/individual sports
- Basketball and Volleyball final site formats and venues
- Neutral sites for soccer, baseball, and softball semifinals
- List of current OSAA-sanctioned activities to determine if the OSAA is meeting the membership's needs

The Committee and audience received a review of the State Championship Committee Timeline and Process from Executive Director Peter Weber. Committee Chair Michael Schaefer also addressed the audience and reviewed the charge to the committee. The Committee received testimony from 6 individuals addressing girls wrestling, 3A/2A/1A girls soccer, softball sites and umpires, the 1A wheel, speech and various other items. The Committee then adjourned to a closed work session to review and discuss the testimony and written correspondence.

The Committee welcomes all written proposals regarding any State Championship related subjects. Those submitting proposals need to provide data that would illustrate support from various groups including but not limited to superintendents, principals, athletic directors and coaches. All public testimony should be concise and correspond to the information being presented.

The Committee took action on the following:

- Basketball Final Site Formats at all Classification Levels – committee unanimously supports schedule changes that will place same gender in the same session at all final sites, as is currently formatted at the 6A championship. Staff will submit draft schedules for committee review.

The Committee requests that the following topics be the focus of the next meeting:

- What is the impact on the association if the playoff reimbursement was increased by two for all classifications of soccer below the 6A level? What about all other team sports?
- Should there be an additional level added to the Playoff Reimbursement Formula that would include roundtrip travel of more than 700 miles?
- 1A Volleyball and Basketball Brackets – how would they look without use of the wheel, reseeding the final eight, avoiding and not avoiding same league matchups? What is the potential impact on schools and the association in relation to travel?
- Basketball and Volleyball – what is the impact of eliminating consolation rounds, potentially including third place games?
- Basketball and Volleyball – what would a Final Four look like and what are its potential implications?

- Neutral Sites for Soccer, Baseball, and Softball Semifinals – what would be the impact on schools and the association?
- Track & Field, Swimming – if the lanes were to be filled at state championships, what would be the impact on schools and the association?
- Cross Country – what is the impact if 3A were to become its own championship, in relation to the current structure of 3A/2A/1A?
- Speech – what is the potential impact with the increased student participation outlined in the proposals submitted by the speech coaches?
- Title IX and Championship Schedules – are there other state championship schedules that need to be reviewed, other than basketball?
- Girls Wrestling – the committee will continue to review this activity.

Any communication from school representatives regarding Committee issues should be sent to the OSAA rather than to individual Committee members. All written communication received by the OSAA will be shared with every Committee member for review and discussion. Please send emails for the Committee to krisw@osaa.org.

The next public meeting of the State Championship Committee will take place on Friday, September 15, 2017, at the OSAA office in Wilsonville. The Committee meeting will begin with an opportunity for public testimony at 9 am. There will be an opportunity to watch this meeting and communicate via the webinar at GoToMeeting, with the link being published in the weekly broadcast.

The Committee appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact Cindy Simmons (cindys@osaa.org) or Kris Welch (krisw@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have questions.

Future State Championship Committee Meeting Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Friday, September 15, 2017	9am	OSAA Office, Wilsonville
Monday, October 9, 2017	9am	OSAA Office, Wilsonville
Monday, November 13, 2017	9am	OSAA Office, Wilsonville
Monday, December 11, 2017	9am	OSAA Office, Wilsonville
Monday, January 22, 2018	9am	OSAA Office, Wilsonville

The OSAA staff will provide a Committee update to all superintendents, principals, and athletic directors following each meeting. The Committee roster, Charge to the Committee, all updates, and any additional Committee information is available at <http://www.osaa.org/governance/committees/>.