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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors
FROM: Peter Weber, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Summary of Delegate Assembly Action at the April 9, 2018, Meeting

At the meeting on April 9, 2018, the OSAA Delegate Assembly took the following actions:

- Approved the minutes of the October 16, 2017, Delegate Assembly meeting.
- Approved the minutes of the March 9, 2018, Delegate Assembly electronic ballot.
- Recognized Emma Dobesh, Centennial HS, with the NFHS Heart of the Arts Award.
- Recognized Kevin Flink, OSAA Public Address Announcer, with the NFHS State Award for Outstanding Service.
- Recognized Dave Sherden, Franklin HS, with the OSAA Distinguished Service Award.
- Received a "State of the Association" report from Executive Director Peter Weber and staff regarding the following subjects.
 - Opening Remarks
 - Appeals / Legislative Update
 - Financial Update
 - Assistant Executive Director Position
 - Sports Medicine Advisory Committee
 - Football Ad Hoc Committee
 - 2019 Championship Venue Update
 - Recruitment / Retention Committee
 - Hazing Prevention Campaign
 - State Championship Committee
 - Officials Fee Review Committee
 - New AD Workshop
 - Athletic Admin. Secretaries Workshop
 - OSAA Foundation
 - Corporate Sponsorships
 - Online Co-op Sponsorship Form
 - Sportsmanship Committee
 - Acknowledgements
- Discussed the following questions in classification caucus groups and received written and oral reports back to the full Delegate Assembly.

Collective vs. Cooperative Sponsorships of Individual Activities

Are you in favor of the OSAA moving toward Collective Sponsorships in individual activities, rather than Cooperative Sponsorships? What feedback/concerns do you have about a potential policy change in this area?

Computation of ADM Figures

Should the OSAA modify how it counts students when computing ADM figures? Should the OSAA put a committee together to examine the issue? What changes should a committee consider?

Reciprocal Transfers and Open Enrollment

Should the OSAA maintain its current policy regarding Open Enrollment transfers? What are the main reasons for maintaining, or changing, the current policy? How many schools in your league/classification utilize Open Enrollment for their high schools?

- Voted to amend Rule 8.7 – Undue Influence – clarifies the definitions and penalties for violations of the rule, effective August 1, 2018. (Attached)
- Elected Mike Scott, Superintendent, Hillsboro SD, as the new 6A representative to the Board.
- Elected Curt Shelley, incoming Assistant Superintendent, Tillamook SD, as the new 4A representative to the Board.
- Elected Steve Quick, Superintendent, Harney County SD, as the new 3A representative to the Board.
- Re-elected Jeff Clark, Principal, Oakland HS, as the 2A representative to the Board.
- Elected Jeff Clark, Principal, Oakland HS, as the Association President for 2018-19.
- Recognized the following members of the Delegate Assembly who have finished their terms and are not eligible for re-election:
 - Ken Bell, Principal, Sherwood HS, Represented 6A-4 Three Rivers League
 - Susie Orsborn, Principal, West Albany HS, Represented 6A-5 Greater Valley Conference
 - Russ Bolin, Administrator, Roseburg HS, Represented 6A-6 Southwest Conference
 - Mark Pinder, Principal, Milwaukie HS, Represented 5A-1 Northwest Oregon Conference
 - Mike McIntosh, Superintendent, Redmond SD, Represented 5A-4 Intermountain Conference
 - Rich Polkington, Principal, Hood River Valley HS, Represented 5A-5 Columbia River Conference
 - Jim Jones, Principal, Scappoose HS, Represented 4A-1 Cowapa League
 - Andy Grzeskowiak, Principal, Siuslaw HS, Represented 4A-3 Far West League
 - Heidi Hermansen, Assistant Principal, Cascade HS, Represented 4A-4 Oregon West Conference
 - Curtiss Scholl, Superintendent, Sisters HS, Represented 4A-5 Sky-Em League
 - Graden Blue, Principal, Rainier HS, Represented 3A-1 Lewis and Clark League
 - Cathy Emmert, Principal, Jefferson HS, Represented 3A-3 PacWest Conference
 - Tony Jones, Administrator, Coquille SD, Represented 3A-4 Mountain Valley Conference
 - Marie Shimer, Dir. of Educational Services, Morrow County SD, Represented 3A-5 Eastern Oregon League
 - Rusty Zysett, Vice Principal, Lakeview HS, Represented 3A-6 Southern Cascade League
 - David Plotts, Principal, Santiam HS, Represented 2A-2 Tri-River Conference
 - Matt Combe, Principal, Heppner HS, Represented 2A-5 Columbia Basin Conference
 - Curt Shelley, Superintendent, John Day SD, Represented 2A-6 Wapiti League
 - Adam Kronberger, Principal, Crosshill Christian School, Represented 1A-2 Casco League
 - Lance Dixon, Superintendent, North Powder SD, Represented 1A-7 Old Oregon League
- Received a reminder of upcoming meetings:
 - Executive Board – Monday May 7, 2018 / 9am / OSAA Office, Wilsonville
 - Executive Board Summer Workshop – Monday-Wednesday, July 23-25, 2018 / Eagle Crest Resort

A summary of actions is posted on the OSAA website following each Board and Delegate Assembly Meeting. Official minutes of the April 9, 2018, Delegate Assembly meeting are available from the OSAA upon request.

Proposal to Amend Rule 8.7 – Undue Influence

(Action Item)

QUESTION: Should the Delegate Assembly amend Rule 8.7. – Undue Influence to better clarify the policy and potential penalties?

RATIONALE: The Undue Influence rule has long been one of the least understood policies in the Handbook. Updating the rule to include clearer definitions and potential penalties will help to avoid confusion moving forward.

RULE CHANGE SPONSORED BY: OSAA Executive Board

NEXT STEP IF PASSED: Effective immediately unless otherwise stated in the motion; staff recommends an effective date of August 1, 2018.

POSSIBLE RULE CHANGES:

KEY: Add
Delete

Rule 8.7 – Undue Influence

Rule: Despite compliance with the other provisions of these Rules, any student who attends a member high school as a result of undue influence, as defined in these Rules, is thereafter ineligible **for a minimum of one year** and the high school is subject to the penalties set out in **Rule 5. Violation of the Undue Influence Rule can also result in penalties to the school, athletic program, and ineligibility for a coach set out in Rule 5. The penalty and any additional period of ineligibility will be determined by the Executive Director based on a consideration of the number of violations involved, the number of student-athletes involved, the nature of the violation(s), the individual(s) responsible for the violation(s), and the extent to which the violation may have been knowing, deliberate, or in reckless disregard of the provisions of this rule and the commentary that accompanies this rule.**

For purposes of this Rule, "undue influence" is the attempt by any person (including but not limited to coaches, boosters, teachers, administrators, **students**, parents, alumni) to induce a student (**via in-person contact, phone, text, social media platforms, email, or the like**) to attend a public or private member school or become eligible to represent a public or private school for purposes of athletic or activities participation.

Undue influence includes, without limitation **but is not limited to, the offer or acceptance of:**

1. Recruiting the student to a particular school for purposes of athletic or activities participation.
2. **Financial assistance (including free or reduced tuition) provided on the basis of a student's potential or participation in OSAA-sanctioned activities.**
3. Promising employment or any other pecuniary **financial** benefit to the student or any member of the student's family to induce the attendance of the student at a particular

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school, including payment for work that is not performed or that is in excess of the amount regularly paid for such service.

4. *Free or reduced rent for families, including residence with any school connected person.*
5. *Transportation by any school connected person.*
6. *Any privilege not afforded to non-athletes.*
7. *Help in securing or promising a college athletic scholarship.*

It shall not be considered undue influence for authorized representatives of a private high school to contact students attending private feeder schools to induce their attendance at the private high school or for authorized representatives of public high schools to so contact students within that public high school's attendance boundaries.

Rationale: The objective of the Undue Influence rule is to prevent member schools, and persons affiliated with a member school, from exerting an undue influence on students with a goal of securing or retaining a student for athletic or activities purposes. This rule serves the substantial interests of Association members of prioritizing academics over competition, protecting young students from exploitation, ensuring an even playing field among competing schools, providing for equitable competition in Association sports and activities, and protecting the physical welfare of students engaging in contact sports.