



MAJOR OSAA RULE CHANGES FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

These changes either were implemented during the 2017-18 school year or are new additions for the 2018-19 school year.

CONSTITUTION (Articles and Rules)

- **AMENDED FULL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS.** Allows high schools in bordering states to apply for full membership in the OSAA. (*Article 3.1. – Membership and Dues, Full Membership*)
- **AMENDED DELEGATE ASSEMBLY COMPOSITION.** Changes composition of the Delegate Assembly based on changes to the number of regular districts for the 2018-22 timeblock. (*Article 4.1. – Delegate Assembly - Composition*)
- **AMENDED CLASSIFICATION THRESHOLDS.** Adjusts classification cutoff points for the 2018-22 timeblock. (*Article 6.2.4. – Classification Thresholds*)
- **ADDED CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS – PLACEMENT IN A LOWER CLASSIFICATION – FOOTBALL ONLY.** Creates policy allowing schools to be placed in a lower classification for football only based on recommendations from the Football Ad Hoc Committee. (*Article 6.2.4. (c) – Classification of Schools, Placement in a Lower Classification – Football Only*)
- **AMENDED COMPETING OUTSIDE THE ASSIGNED CLASSIFICATION.** Allows schools to compete outside their assigned classification in football only based on recommendations from the Football Ad Hoc Committee. (*Article 6.4. Competing Outside the Assigned Classification*)
- **AMENDED REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS.** Changes the number of regular districts in the 6A, 5A, and 4A classifications for the 2018-22 timeblock. (*Article 7.1. – Regular and Special Athletic Districts*)
- **AMENDED UNDUE INFLUENCE RULE.** Updates the rule to include clearer definitions/examples and potential penalties if violated. (*Rule 8.7. – Undue Influence*)
- **AMENDED MUSIC RULE INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY Q&As.** Allows more opportunities for music directors to evaluate their students in their academic classes without the requirement of being OSAA eligible. (*Music Rule 8 – Individual Eligibility Q&As*)
- **AMENDED SCHOOL MUSIC CLASS PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT.** Adds options for students to satisfy the requirement to be enrolled in the appropriate performing class. (*Music Rule 8.1. – School Music Class Participation Requirement*)
- **AMENDED CHOIR ACCOMPANIST ELIGIBILITY.** Clarifies student and adult accompanist policy for Choir State Championships. (*Choir Rule 1.3. – Accompanist Eligibility*)

BOARD POLICIES

- **AIR QUALITY GUIDELINES.** Details policy for schools when making decisions concerning the cancellation, suspension and/or restarting of practices and contests based on poor air quality. (*BP – Air Quality Guidelines*)
- **ANTI-HAZING POLICY.** Codifies the Association’s position on anti-hazing. (*BP – Anti-Hazing Policy*)
- **ELIGIBILITY APPEALS BOARD.** Changes the structure and process for eligibility appeal hearings. (*BP – Eligibility Appeals Board*)
- **FOOTBALL – PLACEMENT IN A LOWER CLASSIFICATION.** Creates criteria allowing schools to be eligible for placement in a lower classification, in football only, based on recommendations from the Football Ad Hoc Committee. (*BP – Football – Placement in a Lower Classification*)
- **LIGHTNING SAFETY GUIDELINES.** Updates guidelines for schools when making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of practices and contests based on the presence of lightning. (*BP – Lightning Safety Guidelines*)
- **OUT-OF-STATE SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP.** Outlines the factors to be considered by the Executive Board when an out-of-state school applies for full membership. (*BP – Out-of-State School Membership*)

- PRACTICE LIMITATION RULE (6A PILOT). Extends this pilot for a 2nd year and adjusts the maximum hours per week during the Open Period from nine to six. (*BP – Practice Limitation Rule (6A Pilot)*)
- REPORTING SCHEDULES, ROSTERS, AND RESULTS. Amends policy to include requirement for schools to enter varsity team rosters on the OSAA website prior to the start of each season. (*BP – Reporting Schedules, Rosters, and Results*)
- STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – HOME TEAM DESIGNATION. Clarifies policy regarding designated home teams for state championship brackets. (*BP – State Championships – Home Team Designation*)
- STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – RANKINGS. Adjusts dates each season after which games added to a team’s schedule won’t be counted in the rankings. Changes contests utilized in Colley rankings to include one classification away. Details how division champions in large football special districts will be treated for playoff home games/avoiding same league matchups in 1st round contests. (*BP – State Championships - Rankings*)

PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

- BASEBALL. Redefines the deadline for submitting pitch counts and specifies potential consequences for not adhering to the requirement. (*Participation Limitations – Baseball*)
- WRESTLING. Allows girls to participate in a maximum of seven female-only events that are not counted against a team’s 14-event limitation. (*Participation Limitations – Wrestling*)

FORMS MODIFICATIONS

- UPDATES. Existing forms have been modified to make them consistent with the changes specified above. The actual forms are no longer housed in the Handbook but have been replaced with direct links to the Forms page of the website.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES HANDBOOKS

- UPDATES. Activity specific changes have been made to the Band/Orchestra, Cheerleading, Choir, Dance/Drill, Solo Music and Speech Handbooks.

OTHER

- QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Additional Questions and Answers, particularly covering changes listed above, have been added to the Handbook.