

5/14 Football Contingency Meeting Summary by Topic:

Discussion at the beginning of the meeting regarding helmet recertification issues because of COVID-19. NFHS has issued a memo outlining potential delays around the country – indications are some schools in Oregon may receive equipment later than planned but goal is to get everything back before the season starts based on a conversation with Riddell.

Acclimation Period - Minimum time needed:

The acclimation period needed will depend upon to what degree coaches have access to athletes during the summer months. If some contact is allowed a majority of the group feels the required 9 days would be sufficient. Several members thought that 14 days would be appropriate because of the restrictions that will be in place during the summer months.

What if a team must stop and re-start during season?

- A majority supports a sliding scale depending on length of break

Thoughts on <5 people groups, <10:

Group discussed different strategies that could be used if limited to smaller “pod” sizes. Still a number of questions related to having multiple groups on the same field and ability for coaches to work with multiple groups.

Physical Distancing Strategies:

While not ideal the group agreed that the priority is finding ways to get coaches and kids together. Coaches will be creative and adjust conditioning, drills, weight training, etc to comply with guidelines.

Comfort with school camps during the summer months?:

Two different schools of thought amongst the group:

- OSAA should consider not allowing because:
 - o Unfair advantage when teams can come together in camps
 - o Worried about other states having camps and kids travelling
 - o Could teams go to another state?
- OSAA should allow because:
 - o Regional areas in the same Phase should be allowed
 - o Like smoke issues – some played - some didn't

Closing discussion included consensus that finding ways to engage athletes was the priority. Having a clear plan that outlines the expectations for everyone is essential.