

2014 OSAA Volleyball Plan



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SEASON DATES

August 18	Practice Starts
August 28	First Contest
October 27	6A, 1A Cutoff
October 28	
October 29	6A, 1A First Round
November 1	6A, 1A Second Round
November 1	5A, 4A, 3A, 2A First Round
November 7-8	6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A State Championships

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS 2014 VOLLEYBALL RULES

Order a 2014-15 NFHS Volleyball Rules Book on the OSAA Rules Book Order Form or contact the OSAA (503.682.6722) for more information.

For more information about NFHS Volleyball Rules visit http://nfhs.org/activities-sports/volleyball/.

2014-15 NFHS RULES REVISIONS:

4-2-2 Clarifies placement and size of mascot reference and/or player's name that may be placed on
 NOTE e solid-colored jersey sleeve(s) by allowing a single mascot reference and/or school name of 4 by 4
 New inches or 3 by 5 inches.

Rationale: Clarifies placement and size of mascot reference and/or the school name being placed on the sleeve(s) of a solid-color uniform top. A school should be permitted to include its mascot on the uniform for team spirit, yet not disrupt the integrity and purpose of the solid-colored uniform top.

5-5-3b(1) The second referee has the responsibility to signal for a ball out-of-bounds for an antenna fault on his/her side of the net.

Rationale: The second referee is in a good position on his/her side of the net to initiate a call for a ball out of bounds for antenna fault. Increases the fairness in this type of fault in this area of the court.

5-5-3b(12) The second referee shall whistle to end a time-out if both teams are ready to play prior to 60 seconds and the audio signal has not sounded.

Rationale: Addresses proper mechanics for ending a time-out and use of whistle by the second referee.

5-9-2a, The first referee may direct the line judge on the serving team's side to move in line with the extension of the end line until the ball is contacted to gain a better view when a server serves from the left third of the service area.

Rationale: Moving back and in line with the left sideline does not always give the line judge a clear view of the end line, especially during jump serves or when players move back a considerable distance from the end line. This positioning allows the line judge a clear view of any line violations for which he/she is responsible and he/she can efficiently move back into position following the contact of the ball for serve.

2014-15 MAJOR EDITORIAL CHANGES

5-2-1b The second referee should whistle to end a time-out if both teams are ready to play prior to 60 seconds and the audio signal has not sounded.

2014-15 Editorial Changes: 1-2-3, New 9-2-3c, 9-4-6b, 10-2-5a, Informal Signals

2014-15 POINTS OF EMPHASIS:

- 1. Marking of Court Boundary Lines: Rule 2-1-2 recommends that all boundary lines be of one clearly visible color contrasting to the color of the floor and other lines on the floor. Except as provided for by rule for the center line, schools are expected to meet this standard for volleyball court boundary line markings. For fair competition for both teams, it is extremely important that the lines be one clearly visible color. The only time the color should differ is if going across a painted area such as the lane in basketball and the original color would not be in contrast. With players generally looking up to play the ball, it is important that the lines are clearly visible to quickly observe where the player is on the court and where the ball may be going, in bounds or out of bounds. Schools that try to circumvent this standard are negatively impacting the game.
- 2. Hand Signals for Player Numbers: It is important for the referees to discuss the ways in which they will communicate with each other through informal, non-verbal signals. One very important area to discuss is the signaling of players' numbers. There is a suggested standard for signaling players' numbers as provided in detail in the NFHS Case Book and Officials Manual. When a player is in the net, the referees will communicate the number of the player in violation. This signaling also provides assistance in communicating to the coaches, players and fans as to the offender. Many times in high school volleyball the officials may have never or infrequently worked with one another, so consistency in the use of the hand signals for communication is very important. Thus, the standard signals and procedure should be reviewed each year and followed by referees.

Informal Signals from Second Referee to First Referee for Situations Out of View of First Referee: There may be occasions when, due to the location of the play and angle of the players, there is play that is under the responsibility of the first referee but is clearly out of the view of the first referee. In such a situation, the second referee shall assist the first referee by ruling upon such a situation and this is done through a visual, informal signal. During the referees' prematch conference with each other, how such signals will be conveyed should be discussed. It is important that the first referee make good eye contact with the second referee and know how they will communicate in advance. It is also important for the first referee to anticipate when he/she may have been blocked out of properly observing a play. The second referee should hold the informal signal long enough for the first referee to observe. Should the first referee not accept that call, he/she was not blocked from viewing and disagrees with the second referee's call, the first referee's call will stand. Both referees must be alert and pay attention to one another when these unusual situations may arise where the assistance of the second referee is important to get the call right.

OSAA VOLLEYBALL SPECIFIC POLICIES

OSAA ADOPTED RULES AND INTERPRETATIONS

The NFHS 2014-2015 Volleyball Rules Book will be used with the following clarifications.

Rule 1-2 NOTE – Dual Match Format

- VARSITY: A match shall consist of the best three-out-of-five sets. Sets 1-4 shall be 25 points (no cap) and a team must win by two points. Set 5 shall be 15 points (no cap) and a team must win by two points.
- SUB-VARSITY: A match shall consist of the best two-out-of-three sets. Sets 1 & 2 shall be 25 points (no cap) and a team must win by two points. Set 3 shall be 15 points (no cap) and a team must win by two points.

Excerpt from 2014-15 OSAA Handbook, Participation Limitations

PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

(Revised Fall 2011)

- A. <u>Team</u>. A school team shall not compete on more than 18 playing dates at each level of competition, exclusive of the varsity district playoffs and state championships.
- B. <u>Individual</u>. A student shall not compete on more than 18 playing dates, exclusive of varsity district playoffs and state championships. Additionally, a student shall not compete in more than one set in addition to one match per day. Once a player participates in the second set of a match that constitutes their match for that day. If a student exceeds the limit, the match in which the limit is exceeded shall be forfeited. A student may participate in only one jamboree.

An extra set may be played at the freshman level (or at the junior varsity level if there is no freshman team), providing both schools agree and the officials agree. The extra set is intended to provide an opportunity for those students whose play was limited in the regular contest. In no case shall a student exceed the one match plus one set limit.

EXCEPTION. The individual limit of one set in addition to one match per day does not apply to double duals or tournament play. In tournament play, a student may participate in only one level of competition during that day. Double duals involve two or three teams competing on one day. In double dual play, a student may participate in multiple levels of play and may play in a maximum of 10 sets during that day.

- C. <u>Jamboree</u>. A school may participate in only one jamboree at each level of competition. A jamboree shall include at least three teams, and shall not be counted as a contest. Jamborees may be held only on the first playing date and for 30 days thereafter. A jamboree is limited to not more than four sets per team and limited to not more than one set appearance against any school (three or more teams). Sets played in jamborees shall use rally scoring to 25 points.
- D. <u>Playing Dates</u>.
 - 1) A maximum of nine playing dates may be multiple matches in the form of double duals and/or tournaments.
 - 2) A school team may participate in a maximum of five tournaments, exclusive of varsity district playoffs and state championships.
 - 3) A one day tournament shall count as one playing date and one tournament. A two day tournament shall count as two playing dates and two tournaments.
 - 4) The remaining playing dates, up to a maximum of 18, shall be a single match between two schools.
- E. Double Duals.
 - 1) All matches shall count in the OSAA rankings and shall be recorded in OSAA ScoreCenter.
 - 2) Schools shall play a maximum of two matches.
 - 3) Matches shall be best 3/5 sets and shall be to 25 points with the decisive set to 15 points, no cap.

- F. Tournaments.
 - 1) Tournament play may not commence prior to 8am and no scheduled round may begin after 7pm. Host schools may apply to the OSAA office for time changes in extenuating circumstances.
 - 2) All sets shall begin with a score of 0-0.
 - 3) Tournaments shall be limited to 16 sets per team, including pool play. Examples of formats within 16 sets limit include:
 - a) Bracketed Tournament
 - (1) Pool Play four team pools (6 sets)
 - (2) Bracket Play two rounds of best 3/5 (10 sets) or three rounds of best 2/3 (9 sets)
 - b) Round Robin four teams playing best 3/5 (15 sets) or six teams playing best 2/3 (15 sets)
 - 4) Pool Play
 - a) Pool play shall not count in the OSAA rankings and is not to be recorded in OSAA ScoreCenter. This includes pool play in out of state tournaments, even if a match is played.
 - b) All pool play matches shall be a maximum of two sets.

EMERGENCY EXCEPTION: If the host school has a team(s) withdraw and a replacement cannot be found, creating a pool(s) with one less team, that pool(s) is allowed to play three sets per opponent so the number of sets played in pool play are even among all participating schools. This competition shall not count in the OSAA rankings and is not to be recorded in OSAA ScoreCenter.

c) All pool play sets shall be played to a maximum of 25 points, cap or no cap.

Excerpt from 2014-15 OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies

PRACTICE MODEL

(Revised May 2014)

Schools and students are required to adhere to the following practice model.

- B. <u>Cross Country, Soccer, Volleyball</u>
 - 1) All practices shall allow for water breaks and general acclimatization to hot and/or humid weather. Ample amounts of water should always be available and a student's access to water should not be restricted. In addition, all practices shall follow the fundamentals set forth in the NFHS's Heat Acclimatization and Heat Illness Prevention Position Statement. While the risk of heat illness is greatly dependent upon weather conditions, the fundamentals in the NFHS's Heat Acclimatization and Heat Illness Prevention Position Statement promote safety and minimize injury risk in any setting.
 - 2) Students may participate in multiple practice sessions per day, but not on consecutive days.
 - a) Single Practice Session. No single practice session shall be longer than three hours, including warm-up and cool down. On days with a single practice session, students are limited to a maximum of one hour of weight training either before or after practice but not both.
 - b) Multiple Practice Sessions. On days with multiple practice sessions, students shall not engage in more than five hours of total practice, including warm-up and cool down. No single practice session shall be longer than three hours, including warm-up and cool down. There must be at least three hours of recovery time between the end of one practice session and the beginning of the next practice session on a day with multiple practice sessions. During this recovery time, students may not engage in other physical activities (e.g. weight training, etc.).
 - 3) The second practice session of the first two multiple practice days shall be a teaching session only. Conditioning drills (gassers, timed runs or sprints) shall not be conducted.

- 4) A student may practice for no more than six consecutive days without a rest day. A rest day must be complete rest no organized team activity is allowed.
- **1.** Q. Can the one hour weight training session allowed on single practice days be conducted both prior to practice and after practice if players only participate in one of the weight training sessions?
 - A. Yes, multiple one hour weight training sessions may be held but individual players are limited to participation in a single session.
- 2. Q. Is the one hour weight training session allowed on single practice days required to be "immediately" prior to and after the practice?
 - A. No, the training session does not have to immediately precede or follow the scheduled practice.
- Q. Is the one hour weight training session allowed on single practice days also allowed on multiple practice days?
 A. No, weight training conducted on multiple practice days counts toward the daily five hour practice limit.
- Q. On single practice days may coaches conduct classroom training sessions that would involve no physical activity?
 A. Yes, classroom instruction that requires no physical activity is allowed and does not count towards the daily five hour practice limit.
- 5. Q. Is classroom instruction with no physical activity allowed during the required three hour recovery period between multiple practices?
 - A. Yes, classroom instruction that requires no physical activity is allowed during the recovery period.
- 6. Q. A team plans to conduct multiple practices on a single day but wants to reduce the length of each practice to 90 minutes. Can the team reduce the required recovery time of three hours between practice sessions because they have used less than the maximum practice time allowed?
 - A. No, the three hour recovery period between practices is required regardless of practice length.
- Q. Are multiple practices on a single day required for all Fall teams?
 A. No, teams are not required to have multiple practices on a single day. If multiple practices are conducted, the second practice of the first two multiple practices days is a teaching session only.
- 8. Q. What is the definition of a "teaching session"?

A. During a teaching session the intensity, duration, and pace of all practice components shall be modified from a normal practice session. The focus of a teaching session should be directed at developing skills fundamental to the sport at a significantly reduced pace. In Football, light contact with bags is allowed but full contact situations are prohibited. Practice components in all activities intended to develop skills while conditioning the athlete at the same time are not allowed. Coaches are encouraged to use this teaching only session to address offensive and defensive strategies, skill development drills and other types of team building activities that do not involve conditioning.

9. Q. How do you calculate practice time for multiple sport athletes participating in more than one Fall sport?

A. Practice hours are cumulative. On a single practice day, the three hour practice limit may be split between the two sports but the total practice time, including any breaks, must fit within the three hour limit. On a multiple practice day, the daily five hour practice limit may be split between the two sports but all required recovery periods must be implemented. Any participation for a fraction of a half hour counts as a half hour towards the daily practice limit.

Q. If Fall multiple sport athletes practice one hour with the Football team and two hours with the Soccer team are they required to have a recovery period between the two practices?
 No this is considered to be one three hour practice and no recovery period is required. If the combined is required to be one three hour practice and no recovery period.

A. No, this is considered to be one three-hour practice and no recovery period is required. If the combined practice time, including any breaks, exceeds three hours then a three-hour recovery is required.

11. Q. If a team practices for 1 hour 15 minutes, takes a 30 min break, and resumes for 1 hour and 15 minutes, does this constitute a multiple practice day or one three-hour practice?

A. This would constitute one three-hour practice. Teams are allowed to have periodic breaks but may not exceed the maximum practice time of three hours, including all breaks within the schedule.

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STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – TEAM SIZE

The following limitations shall apply to replacement players and maximum team sizes for team sport State Championship events, first round through championship final. NOTE: Only players in uniform are allowed to participate in pre-game warm-ups.

<u>Penalties for excessive team size</u>: Suiting up, warming up, or playing too many players shall be considered a gross act of unsportsmanlike conduct and may be punishable by fines, forfeiture and/or other penalties as determined by the OSAA Executive Board.

F. <u>Volleyball</u>. Team: Replacement of players applies to each match. A player replaced on the roster may be reinstated to the roster in subsequent matches. Maximum in uniform: 6A – 14; All other classifications – 12.

OFFICIAL BALL ADOPTION

The Wilson iCOR H7700 is the officially adopted volleyball of the OSAA. Schools are encouraged to use this ball during regular season play. Volleyballs may be all white or multi-colored provided they have an NFHS stamp. Multi-colored Wilson volleyballs (white/blue/silver) will be provided at state championship final sites by the OSAA.

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OFFICIALS – CERTIFIED REQUIREMENT

(Revised Fall 2013)

A. <u>General requirement</u>. Member schools shall secure certified officials from officials' associations that have been recognized and certified by the OSAA for all interscholastic activities requiring those officials. EXCEPTION: Any request for an exception to this policy must receive the approval of the Executive Director. Exceptions shall be considered only when adherence to this policy presents a financial hardship to the school or when the local officials' association is unable to service the member school. Any out-of-state official used under this exception in a contest in Oregon shall represent an association whose commissioner was an attendee at the OSAA Rules Interpreters' Clinic for that year.

OSAA certified officials are required for all sanctioned activities at the varsity and junior varsity levels including jamborees. EXCEPTION: OSAA certified officials are required in baseball and softball at the varsity level only. **OSAA certified officials are required in football at all sub-varsity levels.**

Schools, leagues and tournaments are limited to using a maximum of the quantity of officials assigned to State Championship contests unless written permission to exceed that quantity is received from the OSAA Executive Director prior to the event(s).

Schools have the responsibility to request permission from their local associations to use non-certified officials at sub-varsity contests where certified officials are not required.

- B. <u>Quantity requirements</u>. See Officials Fee Schedule for additional information.
 - 6) <u>Volleyball</u>. Two officials are required at the varsity and junior varsity levels. One referee may be used in an emergency situation *only*. JV2 and Freshman: Two officials should be assigned, but one official may be assigned at the rate of 1-1/3rd the "per official fee."

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INTERRUPTED CONTESTS

(Revised February 2013)

Following is the policy concerning interrupted athletic contests. NOTE: For state championship final games, the OSAA staff shall take jurisdiction and make any decisions rather than the schools involved.

K. <u>Volleyball</u>. Any match interrupted because of power failure or unforeseen circumstances shall be resumed from the point of interruption unless athletic district rules apply otherwise. If resumed, the score and lineup shall be the same as they were at the time of interruption.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION

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- a. Athletic Directors, Coaches and Spectators: Detailed information regarding the 2014 Volleyball State Championships will be posted on the OSAA website (*www.osaa.org*) on Wednesday, October 8. It is essential that participating teams and individuals access this information prior to the state championships. Included will be information regarding ticket prices, parking, maps, coaches meetings, how to submit souvenir program information, souvenir merchandise, etc.
- b. Event Management Information (EMI): Beginning Wednesday, October 8, schools that host state championship games must download Event Management Information from the OSAA website (<u>www.osaa.org</u>). Included will be information regarding expenses, admission policies, game management & ticket report, ticket booth signs, PA script, etc.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS LOCATIONS AND TIMES

- a. 6A, 1A First and Second Rounds: 7pm, Refer to bracket for locations and home team designation.
- b. **5A, 4A 3A, 2A First Round**: 7pm, Refer to bracket for locations and home team designation.

NOTE: Matches are to be played on the dates and times indicated on the brackets. Schools have the option, by mutual agreement, to change Saturday matches to Friday. If schools cannot mutually agree, the match will remain as scheduled.

c. **Final Sites**: OSAA will determine times for all final site matches.

6A, 5A	4A, 3A
November 7-8	November 7-
Liberty High School	Lane Commu
21945 N W Wagon Way, Hillsboro, 97124	4000 E 30 th A

November 7-8 Lane Community College 4000 E 30th Ave, Eugene 97045

2A, 1A November 7-8 Ridgeview High School SW Elkhorn St, Redmond 97756

QUALIFICATION FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a. 6A 32-team OSAA bracket
 - 1) <u>Automatic Qualifiers</u> 24 teams automatically qualify for the OSAA's 32-team bracket based on regular season and/or district tournament play. Each league determines how they will select their allotted playoff spots.
 - a) PIL 4; Metro 4; Mt. Hood 4; Three Rivers 4; Greater Valley 4; Southern Oregon 4
 - 2) <u>Rankings Freeze Date</u> The rankings will freeze at 10pm on Thursday, October 23.
 - 3) <u>At-Large Qualifiers</u> Four additional teams qualify for the OSAA's 32-team bracket based on the OSAA rankings.
 - a) Once the rankings are frozen, the four highest ranked teams not already an automatic league qualifier will qualify as At-Large teams.
 - 4) <u>Play-In Model</u> Eight teams will qualify as Play-In teams based on the frozen OSAA rankings.

- a) Once the 24 automatic league qualifiers and the 4 At-Large teams are determined, the next eight highest ranked teams will compete in four Play-In contests on Saturday, October 25 or before Monday, October 27.
- b) The eight teams will be ranked 1-8 with the highest ranked team hosting the lowest ranked team. Same league matchups will be avoided using the same procedures used by the OSAA. Winners advance to the OSAA 32-team bracket.
- 5) <u>Rankings</u> Once the 32 qualifying teams are determined, they will be placed on the OSAA bracket according to OSAA Board Policy "State Championships Rankings".
- b. 5A 16-team OSAA bracket
 - <u>Automatic Qualifiers</u> Eight teams automatically qualify for the OSAA's 16-team bracket based on regular season and/or district tournament play. Each league determines how they will select their allotted playoff spots.
 - a) Northwest Oregon 2; Mid-Willamette 2; Midwestern 2; Intermountain 1; Columbia River 1
 - 2) <u>Rankings Freeze Date</u> The rankings will freeze at 10pm on Saturday, October 25.
 - <u>Play-In Model</u> 16 teams will qualify as Play-In teams based on regular season and/or district tournament play. Play-In contests will take place on or before Tuesday, October 28. Winners advance to the OSAA 16-team bracket. The 5A Play-In matchups are as follows:
 - a) <u>North</u> Columbia River #3 @ Northwest Oregon #3, Northwest Oregon #5 @ Columbia River #2, Intermountain #3 @ Northwest Oregon #4, Northwest Oregon #6 @ Intermountain #2
 - b) <u>South</u> Midwestern #6 @ Mid-Willamette #3, Mid-Willamette #5 @ Midwestern #4, Midwestern #5 @ Mid-Willamette #4, Mid-Willamette #6 @ Midwestern #3
 - 4) <u>Rankings</u> Once the 16 qualifying teams are determined, they will be placed on the OSAA bracket according to OSAA Board Policy "State Championships Rankings".
- c. <u>4A</u> 16-team OSAA bracket
 - <u>Automatic Qualifiers</u> Eight teams, including the #1 team from the Cowapa, Tri-Valley, Oregon West, Sky-Em, Far West, Skyline and Greater Oregon leagues, along with the next highest ranked team between the #2's from the aforementioned leagues, will automatically qualify for the first round of the OSAA 16-team bracket (Group A) based on regular season and/or district tournament play. Each league determines how they will select their allotted playoff spots.
 - 2) <u>Rankings Freeze Date</u> The rankings will freeze at 10pm on Tuesday, October 21.
 - 3) <u>Play-In Model</u> The #2 teams from the Cowapa, Tri-Valley, Oregon West, Sky-Em, Far West, Skyline and Greater Oregon, along with the #3 from the league that has two representatives in Group A (guaranteeing all leagues host a play-in game) and the highest remaining ranked #3 team, will be the eight home teams in the Play-In round (Group B). This group will be placed into matchups based on their rankings (B1, B2, B3, etc.). The #3 teams from the Cowapa, Tri-Valley, Oregon West, Sky-Em, Far West, and Skyline, along with the highest ranked non-automatic qualifiers, will travel in the Play-In round (Group C). This group will be placed into the matchups based on their rankings (C1, C2, C3, etc.). The matchups will take place on or before Saturday, November 1, and will be as follows: C8 @ B1, C7 @ B2, C6 @ B3, C5 @ B4, C4 @ B5, C3 @ B6, C2 @ B7, C1 @ B8. Winners advance to the OSAA 16-team bracket.
 - Q: If the Cowapa League #2 qualifies into Group A, who fills their spot in Group B?
 - A: The Cowapa #3 would then be moved to Group B to ensure that each league hosts a play-in game.
 - Q: Who are the non-automatic qualifiers?
 - A: #4, #5, and #6 from the Cowapa, Tri-Valley, Oregon West, Sky-Em, Far West, Skyline, and the #3 and #4 from the Greater Oregon.

- 4) <u>Rankings</u> Once the 16 qualifying teams are determined, they will be placed on the OSAA bracket according to OSAA Board Policy "State Championships Rankings".
- d. <u>3A</u>-16-team OSAA bracket
 - <u>Automatic Qualifiers</u> 16 teams automatically qualify for the OSAA's 16-team bracket based on regular season and/or district tournament play on or before Tuesday, October 28. Each league determines how they will select their allotted playoff spots.
 - a) Lewis & Clark 3; West Valley 3; PacWest 3; Mountain Valley 2; Eastern Oregon 2; Southern Cascade 2
 - 2) <u>Rankings Freeze Date</u> The rankings will freeze at 10pm on Tuesday, October 28.
 - 3) <u>At-Large Qualifier</u> One additional team will qualify for the OSAA's 16-team bracket based on the OSAA rankings.
 - a) Once the rankings are frozen, the highest ranked team not already an automatic league qualifier will qualify as the At-Large team.
 - 4) <u>Rankings</u> Once the 16 qualifying teams are determined, they will be placed on the OSAA bracket according to OSAA Board Policy "State Championships Rankings".
- e. <u>2A</u>-16-team OSAA bracket
 - <u>Automatic Qualifiers</u> 16 teams automatically qualify for the OSAA's 16-team bracket based on regular season and/or district tournament play on or before Tuesday, October 28. Each league determines how they will select their allotted playoff spots.
 - a) Northwest 3; Tri-River 3; Mountain View 3; Sunset 2; Columbia Basin 2; Wapiti 3
 - 2) <u>Rankings Freeze Date</u> The rankings will freeze at 10pm on Tuesday, October 28.
 - 3) <u>Rankings</u> Once the 16 qualifying teams are determined, they will be placed on the OSAA bracket according to OSAA Board Policy "State Championships Rankings".
- f. <u>**1A**</u>-24-team OSAA bracket
 - <u>Automatic Qualifiers</u> 24 teams automatically qualify for the OSAA's 24-team bracket based on regular season and/or district tournament play on or before Monday, October 27. Each league determines how they will select their allotted playoff spots.
 - a) Valley 10 3; Casco 3; Mountain West 3; Skyline 3; Mountain Valley 3; Big Sky 3; Old Oregon 3; High Desert 3
 - 2) <u>Rankings Freeze Date</u> The rankings will freeze at 10pm on Monday, October 27.
 - 3) <u>Bracket Pairings Round of 24</u> #3 teams from each league will travel to an adjacent league's #2 team based on a regional pairing rotation. Winners of these games will advance to the round of 16.

Valley 10 #3 @ Big Sky #2 Big Sky #3 @ Old Oregon #2 Old Oregon #3 @ High Desert #2 High Desert #3 @ Mountain Valley #2 Mountain Valley #3 @ Skyline #2 Skyline #3 @ Mountain West #2 Mountain West #3 @ Casco #2 Casco #3 @ Valley 10 #2

4) <u>Rankings</u> – Once the final 16 teams are determined, they will be placed on the OSAA bracket according to OSAA Board Policy "State Championships – Rankings".

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – ADOPTED BALL

(Fall 2010)

The OSAA shall require that the officially adopted ball for that sport be used in all state championship contests, first round through final sites.

- A. <u>State Championship Contests at Home Sites</u>.
 - 1) Team sports (other than football).
 - a) <u>Procedure</u>. Officials shall confirm that the game balls provided by the home team are the officially adopted balls. If the home team does not have the officially adopted ball, officials shall inquire if the visiting team has the officially adopted ball, and use them if they are available. If neither team has the officially adopted ball, the contest shall be played, and officials shall report the violation by the host school to the OSAA.
 - b) <u>Penalty</u>. If no officially adopted balls are available for use at an OSAA state championship contest, the host school shall be subject to fines, forfeiture and/or other penalties as determined by the OSAA Executive Board.
 - 2) <u>Football</u>.
 - a) <u>Procedure</u>. Officials shall confirm that both teams use the officially adopted ball. If either team uses balls that are not the officially adopted balls, the contest shall be played, and officials shall report the school or schools in violation to the OSAA.
 - b) <u>Penalty</u>. A school, which is found to have used a non-adopted ball in an OSAA state championship contest, shall be subject to fines, forfeiture and/or other penalties as determined by the OSAA Executive Board.
- B. <u>State Championship Contests Administered by OSAA Staff</u>. Officially adopted balls shall be provided by OSAA staff administering the contests if needed.

OSAA GENERAL POLICIES

Excerpt from 2014-15 OSAA Handbook, Rules

CONTESTS - SPORTSMANSHIP - CROWD CONTROL

- **3.1.** The arrangement of all festivals, meets, contests, or championships is the responsibility of the superintendent, assistant superintendent, or high school principal, subject to the Regulations of the Association.
- **3.2.** When a festival, meet, contest, or championship is in progress, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) rules governing such activities shall apply, except for specific deviations as approved by the Executive Board.
- **3.3. Sportsmanship Responsibility**. The high school principal, coach and other responsible officials of each member school shall take all reasonable measures to insure that the school's *coaches, players*, students and supporters maintain a sportsmanlike attitude toward all events so that events may be conducted without unreasonable danger or disorder. All cheers, comments and actions shall be in direct support of one's team. No cheers, comments or actions shall be directed at one's opponent or at contest officials. Derogatory and/or unsportsmanlike language is not allowed. No player may be singled out by number, name or position with negative comments of any kind.

When a petition is filed alleging violation of this rule, the Executive Director may, at his/her discretion and with concurrence of any two Executive Board members, postpone any pending event which the Executive Director has reason to believe cannot be conducted without an unreasonable danger of disorder. All such protests shall be referred to the Executive Board, which shall proceed as provided in Rule 4. In addition to any other action the Executive Board may take regarding a protest alleging a violation of this rule, the Executive Board shall have the power to cancel or re-schedule the event involved, or to impose conditions on conducting it.

- **3.4.** Sportsmanship Violations/Penalties. When the *coaches, players,* students, staff, or supporters of any member school engage in unsportsmanlike conduct, disorder or infliction of damage to persons or property in connection with any festival, meet, contest or championship sponsored by this Association, the Executive Board may treat such acts as a violation by the school of the Rules of the Association. Any school whose *coaches, players,* students, supporters, rooters or partisans take part in riots, fights, pilfering, painting or any other unsportsmanlike conduct shall be subject to penalty.
- **3.5.** A member school shall not participate in any festival, meet, contest or championship with a school that has been suspended or expelled from the Association.
- **3.6.** The Association shall conduct state championships as directed by the Delegate Assembly.
- **3.7.** A school shall not be allowed to participate in more than one state championship in a given sport.
- 1. Q. Is the host school exclusively responsible for crowd control?
 - A. No. While the host school for any activity must assume a primary responsibility for the physical management of the activity, including providing for crowd control, this is a mutual responsibility. The visiting school also must take such measures as are necessary to insure proper behavior on the part of its own students and fans.
- 2. Q. May home team schools display signs and/or banners at their home venues?
 - A. Yes, home team schools may display "permanent" signs and/or banners that are positive / supportive at their home venues. Examples are welcome signs, in-season rosters, league banners, league / state championship banners and sportsmanship banners.
- **3. Q.** May visiting schools bring signs and/or banners to hang at the host school's venue?
 - **A.** No.
- 4. Q. Are "run through" signs allowed?
 - **A.** Yes, so long as the message is positive/supportive.
- 5. Q. May a school use an artificial noisemaker at specific times during athletic events?
 - **A.** In limited cases, yes. An example of an allowable use of artificial noisemakers by a school would be the firing of a cannon or the ringing of a bell after a touchdown is scored.
- 6. Q. May spectators use small, handheld megaphones?
 - A. Yes, but only cheerleaders are allowed to use large megaphones. Neither cheerleaders nor spectators may use megaphones for banging on the floor or bleachers.
- 7. Q. What are some examples of cheers that do not encourage a positive atmosphere?
 - A. Any yell that is intended to antagonize an opponent detracts from a positive atmosphere. "Air Ball! Air Ball!", booing, "You! You! You! You!", or "You Got Swatted!" are examples of yells that will not encourage a positive atmosphere. Conversely, a positive atmosphere is created when fans focus on positive yells in support of their team, rather than on negative yells attacking their team's opponents.
- 8. Q. May students stand on the bottom row of the bleachers?A. Yes, but when they sit down, they must be seated on the second row.
- 9. Q. May students cheer during serves in volleyball and free throws in basketball?
 - **A.** Yes, so long as they are just "making noise" and not specifically addressing a contest official or an individual player from the opposing team.
- 10. Q. May a school use balloons at an athletic event?
 - **A.** Yes, a host school may use balloons for decoration. However, fans may not have balloons, and balloons may not be placed by the school in any manner that would block spectator viewing.
- **11. Q.** May a school use balloons at a state championship final site?**A.** No.
- 12. Q. May spectators have oversized foam fingers at athletic events?
 - **A.** Yes, they are allowed so long as they are not blocking spectator viewing.

SPECTATOR CONDUCT AT OSAA SANCTIONED EVENTS

In addition to the general expectations included in the OSAA Constitution, Rule 3, that school officials"...shall take all reasonable measures to ensure that the school's students and supporters maintain a sportsmanlike attitude toward all events..." the following specific expectations regarding spectator conduct at all OSAA sanctioned events, including regular and post season competition, are provided:

- A. All cheers, comments and actions shall be in direct support of one's team. No cheers, comments or actions shall be directed at one's opponent or at contest officials. Some examples of inappropriate conduct or actions that are not permitted are: turning backs, holding up newspapers or jeering at cheerleaders during opposing team introductions; disrespecting players by name, number or position; negative cheers or chants; throwing objects on the floor.
- B. Spectators are not permitted to have signs or banners (larger than 8 ½ by 11 inches), confetti, balloons or glass containers. Spectators are required to wear shirts.
- C. Spectators are not permitted to have artificial noisemakers. Some examples of artificial noisemakers are Thunder Stix, cowbells, clappers and air horns.
- D. Spectators shall not be permitted to use vulgar/offensive or racially/culturally insensitive language. Spectators shall not be permitted to engage in any racially / culturally insensitive action.
- E. Spectators who fail to comply with Association or site management spectator conduct expectations may be expelled from the contest.

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ATTACHED AND UNATTACHED COMPETITION / EXHIBITION

Following is the policy regarding attached and unattached competition:

- a. A high school team shall not compete against an unattached team (e.g., club team).
- b. Students representing a high school shall not compete against unattached individuals.
- c. Students shall not represent a high school and participate in a competition or exhibition as unattached on the same day at the same venue/facility.

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CHARITABLE CAUSES

The OSAA is supportive of charitable initiatives and has developed guidelines in regards to an athletic competition being held in the name of a charitable cause. Schools may host a contest in recognition of a charitable cause under the following conditions:

- A. Uniform color must be legal under NFHS rules. Example: Breast cancer awareness pink uniforms would not be legal in sports that require "white and dark" uniforms because pale pink is neither. Pale pink would be a legal color uniform in sports that require "LIGHT and dark" uniforms.
- B. A permanently attached commemorative patch may be worn but must adhere to NFHS rules in each specific sport.
- C. Colored game balls may not be used during competition unless they are legal under NFHS rules. They may be used during any warm-up period prior to the contest, except in softball and baseball.
- D. Basketball Only: Pink headbands or wristbands, not legal under NFHS basketball rules unless pink is a school color, are allowed. Note that all team members must be uniform in color of headbands or wristbands.
- E. Officials may use a colored whistle.

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CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

(Fall 2014)

- A. Member Public School's Responsibilities (Max's Law, ORS 336.485 and OAR 581-022-0421)
 - 1) <u>Suspected or Diagnosed Concussion</u>: Any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion following an observed or suspected blow to the head or body, or who has been diagnosed with a concussion, shall not be permitted to return to that **athletic** contest **or practice**, or any other athletic contest or practice on that same day. In **public** school districts which have the services of an athletic trainer registered by the Oregon Board of Athletic Trainers, that athletic trainer may determine that an athlete has not exhibited signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion, and has not suffered a concussion, and return the athlete to play. **Public school** athletic trainers may also work in consultation with **an appropriate** Health Care Professional **(see below)** in determining when an athlete is able to return to play following a concussion.
 - 2) <u>Return to Participation</u>: Until an athlete who has suffered a concussion is no longer experiencing signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion, and a medical release form signed by an appropriate Health Care Professional (Physician (MD), Physician's Assistant (PA), Doctor of Osteopathic (DO) licensed by the Oregon State Board of Medicine, nurse practitioner licensed by the Oregon State Board of Nursing, or Psychologist licensed by the Oregon Board of Psychologist Examiners) is obtained, the athlete shall not be permitted to return to athletic activity.
- B. Member Private School's Responsibilities (Jenna's Law, ORS 417.875) (Concussion-Private School Informed Consent)
 - 1) <u>Concussion Private School Informed Consent Form</u>: On an annual basis prior to participation, private schools shall require each student and at least one parent or legal guardian of the student to sign the Concussion Private School Informed Consent form acknowledging the receipt of information regarding symptoms and warning signs of concussions. Private schools shall maintain a copy of each student's signed form on file for review at any time by OSAA staff.
 - 2) <u>Suspected or Diagnosed Concussion</u>: Any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion following an observed or suspected blow to the head or body, or who has been diagnosed with a concussion, shall not be permitted to return to that **athletic** contest **or practice**, or any other athletic contest or practice on that same day.
 - 3) <u>Return to Participation</u>: Until an athlete who has exhibited signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion following an observed or suspected blow to the head or body or who suffered a concussion is no longer experiencing signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion, and a medical release form signed by an appropriate Health Care Professional (Physician (MD), Physician's Assistant (PA), Doctor of Osteopathic (DO) licensed by the Oregon State Board of Medicine, nurse practitioner licensed by the Oregon State Board of Psychologist Examiners) is obtained, the athlete shall not be permitted to return to athletic activity.

C. Official's Responsibilities

1) <u>Public School vs. Public School Contests</u>: An official shall remove a player from a contest when that player exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion due to an observed or suspected blow to the head or body. The official shall document and notify the head coach or his/her designee making sure that the head coach or designee understands that the player is being removed for exhibiting signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion as opposed to behavior, a non-concussive injury or other reasons. The official is not responsible for evaluation or management of the player after he/she is removed from play. The official does not need written permission for a player to return nor does the official need to verify the credentials of the appropriate health care professional who has cleared the player to return. The responsibility of further evaluating and managing the symptomatic player falls upon the school and appropriate health care professionals.

- 2) <u>Private School vs. Private School Contests</u>: An official shall remove a player from a contest when that player exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion due to an observed or suspected blow to the head or body. The official shall document and notify the head coach or his/her designee making sure that the head coach or designee understands that the player is being removed for exhibiting signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion as opposed to behavior, a non-concussive injury or other reasons. The official may not allow a player to participate in a contest during which the player exhibited signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion following an observed or suspected blow to the head or body.
- 3) <u>Public School vs. Private School Contests</u>: An official shall remove a player from a contest when that player exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion due to an observed or suspected blow to the head or body. The official shall document and notify the head coach or his/her designee making sure that the head coach or designee understands that the player is being removed for exhibiting signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion as opposed to behavior, a non-concussive injury or other reasons. For Public School students, the official shall follow the guidelines listed above for Public School vs. Public School vs. Private School students, the official shall follow the guidelines listed above for School vs. Private School vs. Private School contests.

EJECTION POLICIES – EJECTED PLAYER OR COACH

(Fall 2014)

- A. If a player or coach is ejected by an official, both the athletic director of the school of the ejected player/coach and the commissioner of officials shall notify the OSAA *in writing* of the ejection by the next workday. Ejected coaches must leave the contest immediately and shall remain out of "sight and sound" of the team for the duration of that contest *and any other school contests that day*. It shall be the responsibility of the school to disallow the ejected player or coach from participating during the period of suspension specified in the Regulations, regardless of whether written notification has been received by the school from the commissioner of officials. Should an ejected player participate or an ejected coach remain within "sight and sound" of the team during the period of suspension specified in the Regulations, and no appeal is pending, that action shall be considered use of an ineligible participant and shall result in forfeiture of that contest and other penalties as determined by the Executive Board.
- B. <u>Additional requirements regarding an ejected coach</u>: In addition to the requirements previously listed in this policy, an ejected coach shall be required to complete the online NFHS course, "Teaching and Modeling Behavior", within seven calendar days of the school being provided a license to take the course by the OSAA. Should a coach fail to complete the course requirement within the time limit stipulated in this policy, the ejection suspension shall be reinstated and the coach shall be ineligible to coach until the requirement has been fulfilled. Should an ejected coach remain within "sight and sound" of the team during the reinstated period of suspension specified in the Regulations, and no appeal is pending, that action shall be considered use of an ineligible participant and shall result in forfeiture of that contest and other penalties as determined by the Executive Board.
- C. <u>Appeal Process</u>: If the principal or the Athletic Director of the ejected coach/player and the commissioner of officials agree that the suspension should be set aside, the principal may appeal to the Executive Director within 48 hours of the ejection to set aside the next game suspension portion of the penalty. Unless the commissioner agrees that the suspension should be set aside, the appeal must be denied by the Executive Director. If the Executive Director denies an appeal, that denial may be appealed to the Executive Board, which shall hear the appeal at its earliest convenience and issue a final ruling. Implementation of the next game suspension may be postponed during the time that an appeal is pending.
 - 1. Q. When a player is ejected, may the player remain on the bench?
 - **A.** Yes. The player is required to sit out the remainder of the contest, but may remain on the bench.
 - 2. Q. When a coach is ejected, must the coach leave the playing area?

- A. Yes. The coach must leave the playing area and shall be allowed no further direct or indirect contact with the team until the contest is completed. In order to avoid direct or indirect contact, the coach must be "out of sight and sound" of the team.
- 3. Q. May a player sit on the bench during a period of suspension?A. Yes, but the player must not be in uniform.
- **4. Q.** May a coach have any contact with a team at a contest following an ejection or at the contest at which the suspension is served?
 - **A.** No. The coach is allowed no direct or indirect contact with the team during the contest following ejection. In order to avoid direct or indirect contact, the coach must be "out of sight and sound" of the team. Further, the coach is allowed no direct or indirect contact with the team at the contest at which the suspension is served nor is the coach permitted to attend the contest at which the suspension is served.
- 5. Q. May a coach or participant who has been suspended at one level of competition (e.g. varsity) participate in a contest at another level during the period of suspension?
 - **A.** No.
- 6. Q. May a coach or participant who has been suspended at one level of competition (e.g. varsity) serve the suspension in a contest at another level?

A. No.

- 7. Q. When a coach or player is ejected, when and over what period of time are the ejection period and suspension period?
 - A. Note: If the ejection occurs in the last contest at a particular level, the suspension carries over to the next contest at any level in that sport in that season.

<u>Sport</u>	Ejection Period	Suspension Period
Baseball	Remainder of that day.	Sit out through next contest at that level.
Basketball	Remainder of that day.	Sit out through next contest at that level.
Football	Remainder of that day.	Sit out through next contest at that level.
Soccer	Remainder of that day.	Sit out through next contest at that level.
Softball	Remainder of that day.	Sit out through next contest at that level.
Volleyball	Remainder of that day.	Sit out through next playing date at that level.
Wrestling	Follow NFHS Rules Book.	Sit out through next contest at that level.

- **8. Q.** When does the period of suspension begin?
 - **A.** The suspension is served after the ejection has been served. The ejection and suspension may not be served simultaneously.
- 9. Q. May a coach or participant ejected from a contest serve the one-game suspension at a jamboree?
 - **A.** No, the coach or participant may not count a jamboree as a "contest" for the purpose of serving the period of suspension. The coach or participant must sit out the jamboree and the next contest at that level of competition.
- **10. Q.** May a suspended coach have contact with team members/other coaches of the team during the period of suspension on a game day that is a school day?
 - **A.** A suspended coach may have contact with team members/other coaches of the team during regular school hours. However, once the regular school day is over, the coach must be "out of sight and sound" of the team members/other coaches of the team, and have no contact with them until the game is over.
- **11. Q.** May a suspended coach have contact with team members/other coaches of the team during the period of suspension on a game day that is NOT a school day?
 - A. The suspended coach may have no contact with team members/other coaches of the team until the game is over.
- **12.** Q. May a suspended coach have any contact with other coaches of the team (for example, via mobile phone or wireless radio) during a game in which a suspension is being served?
 - **A.** No. The suspended coach must be "out of sight <u>and sound</u>" of the contest during which a suspension is served.
- **13. Q.** If a player or coach is ejected during the last contest of the season, does the unserved suspension carry forward to a subsequent season?

A. No.

14. Q. In basketball, does the ejection of a player or coach as a result of receiving two technical fouls result in the player or coach being suspended through the next contest at that level?

- **A.** Yes, a player or coach who is ejected as a result of receiving two technical fouls is ejected for the remainder of the day and must sit out through the next contest at that level.
- **15. Q.** Does the contest from which a participant is suspended due to an ejection count against the individual contest limitation for the participant?
 - A. Yes.
- **16. Q.** When a player or coach is ejected while acting as a spectator at a contest in the same sport in which the coach or player participates, but at which he or she is not serving as a player or a coach, does a period of suspension still apply?
 - **A.** Yes. The ejected player or coach is suspended from all participation for the same period of time as if he or she had been a participant in the contest at which the ejection occurred.
- **17. Q.** When a player or coach is ejected in one sport, may the player or coach participate or coach in another sport during the period of suspension?
 - A. No.
- 18. Q. When a player or coach is ejected from an out-of-state contest, does the OSAA ejection policy apply?
 A. Yes. It is the responsibility of the school to notify the OSAA of the ejection.
- **19. Q.** When a player or coach is ejected from an out-of–state contest, what appeals process is followed?
 - **A.** If the school of the ejected player or coach wishes to appeal to set aside the next game suspension portion of the penalty for the ejection, it is the responsibility of the school to contact the commissioner of the out-of-state officials association to obtain written information to submit to the OSAA in support of the appeal.

HEAT INDEX

(Fall 2014)

Schools shall monitor the Heat Index for their geographic area prior to practices. Outlined below are the steps that each member school shall take in order to implement this policy. NOTE: Indoor activities where air conditioning is available are not bound by this policy.

- A. Subscribe. Athletic directors and coaches shall subscribe to OSAA Heat Index Notifications at <u>http://www.osaa.org/heatindex/</u>. An OSAA Heat Index Alert is generated for areas where the forecasted high temperature and relative humidity indicate a forecasted heat index that may require practice modifications. Only those areas that have a forecasted heat index of 95 or higher receive alerts. Notifications are sent daily via e-mail and/or SMS to subscribers.
- B. Designate. Schools shall designate someone who will take the necessary steps to determine and record the heat index for your geographic area within one hour of the start of each team's practice. <u>This is only</u> <u>necessary on days when the school receives an OSAA Heat Index Alert.</u> Depending on practice schedules, it is possible that the designated person will have to record the heat index multiple times on the same day.
- C. Calculate. Within one hour of the start of each team's practice on days when the school receives an OSAA Heat Index Alert, the designated person shall utilize the OSAA Heat Index Calculator to determine the actual heat index.
- D. Record. If the actual heat index is 95 or higher, the designated person shall record it using the OSAA Heat Index Record or by printing out a copy to be kept at the school for inspection at the request of the OSAA. A separate record shall be kept for each fall sport at each level. Practice modifications, as necessary, shall also be recorded. If the actual heat index is less than 95, no action is needed.
- E. Act. If the actual heat index is 95 or higher, activity should be altered and/or eliminated using the following guidelines:
 - 1) **95°** to **99°** Heat Index OSAA Recommendation: Consider postponing practice to later in the day.
 - a) Maximum of 5 hours of practice.
 - b) Practice length a maximum of 3 hours.
 - c) Mandatory 3 hour recovery period between practices.

- d) Contact sports and activities with additional equipment helmets and other possible equipment removed if not involved in contact or necessary for safety.
- e) **Provide ample amounts of water.**
- f) Water shall always be available and athletes should be able to take in as much water as they desire.
- g) Watch/monitor athletes for necessary action.
- 2) 100° to 104° Heat Index OSAA Recommendation: Postpone practice to later in the day.
 - a) *Maximum of 5 hours of practice.*
 - b) Practice length a maximum of 3 hours.
 - c) Mandatory 3 hour recovery period between practices.
 - d) Alter uniform by removing items if possible allow for changes to dry t-shirts and shorts.
 - e) Contact sports and activities with additional equipment helmets and other possible equipment removed if not involved in contact or necessary for safety.
 - f) Reduce time of planned outside activity as well as indoor activity if air conditioning is unavailable.
 - g) Provide ample amounts of water.
 - h) Water shall always be available and athletes should be able to take in as much water as they desire.
 - i) Watch/monitor athletes for necessary action.
- 3) Above 104° Heat Index OSAA Recommendation: Stop all outside activity in practice and/or play, and stop all inside activity if air conditioning is unavailable.

LIGHTNING SAFETY GUIDELINES (From "NFHS Sports Rules Books")

(Revised Fall 2009)

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a default policy to those responsible for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of contests based on the presence of lightning.

Proactive Planning:

- 1) Assign a staff member to monitor local weather conditions before and during events.
- 2) Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.
- 3) Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a) <u>Recognition</u>. When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. <u>Suspend play and take shelter immediately</u>.
 - b) <u>Thirty-minute Rule</u>. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30-minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
 - c) Any subsequent lightning or thunder after the beginning of the 30-minute count should <u>reset the clock</u> <u>and another 30-minute count should begin.</u>
- 4) Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.

For more detailed information, refer to the "Guidelines for Lightning Safety" contained in the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook.

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OFFICIALS – HOST SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

A game manager shall be designated by the host school for all contests in sports that use certified officials. A member of the coaching staff of the home team is not eligible to serve as game manager during a varsity contest at which he or she is coaching. A coach of a sub-varsity team may act as the game manager at a sub-varsity contest at which he or she is coaching. The game manager shall wear easily recognizable identification, shall be physically present and / or readily accessible by phone, and shall be responsible for:

- 1) Designating reserved parking for officials as close as possible to the contest site *where available if requested by the commissioner of the Local Association providing the officials*;
- 2) Designating dressing facilities for officials where available if requested by the commissioner of the Local Association providing the officials;
- 3) Monitoring and responding to inappropriate crowd conduct during and after the contest; and
- 4) Providing an escort to the designated dressing facilities or vehicle for officials following each contest unless that offer is declined.

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REPORTING SCHEDULES AND SCORES

(Fall 2010)

- A. <u>Schedules</u>. It shall be the responsibility of each member school to submit varsity team schedules to the OSAA through <u>http://www.osaa.org/</u> prior to the first contest date of that sport's season. Varsity schedules are required for the following OSAA-sanctioned sports: football, boys' soccer, girls' soccer, volleyball, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, baseball, softball. Subsequent changes to each varsity team's schedule shall be submitted as they occur throughout the season.
- B. <u>Results</u>. The host school is required to report the result of each varsity contest through <u>http://www.osaa.org/</u> by 10pm on the day the contest is played. In neutral site contests, the designated home team shall report the result. In the case where an OSAA member school is competing outside of Oregon, it is the responsibility of the member school to report the result. Reports of varsity scores are required for the following OSAA-sanctioned sports: football, boys' soccer, girls' soccer, volleyball, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, baseball, softball.
- C. <u>Consequences of Failure to Report Complete Schedules</u>. Failure to report a complete schedule shall be punishable by fines, forfeiture and/or other penalties as determined by the OSAA Executive Board.
- D. <u>Consequences of Failure to Report Results</u>. Failure to report results shall cause the following progressive sanction(s) process per sport for each individual incident and in the time stated.

1st Level – Reminder Email (day after scheduled contest)

- 2nd Level Warning Email (2nd day after scheduled contest)
- 3rd Level Probation Email (3rd day after scheduled contest)

Failure to report results by the 3rd Level shall be punishable by fines, forfeiture and/or other penalties as determined by the OSAA Executive Board.

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WITHDRAWAL DURING A COMPETITION

- A. Removal of a team from competition prior to completion of that competition shall be considered a gross act of unsportsmanlike conduct.
- B. In such a case the school shall forfeit the contest and an administrator and the coach responsible for the action shall appear before the Executive Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.
 See Executive Board Policies, "Withdrawal from State Championships" for additional information.