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To: Principals, Athletic Directors and Head Wrestling Coaches
From: Brad Garrett, Assistant Executive Director
Subject: Special District Wrestling Tournament Dates for 2014-15

In response to a State Championship Committee recommendation, the OSAA Executive Board reviewed and approved a plan that will require Special District Wrestling Tournaments within the same classification be conducted on the same day(s) starting in 2014-15.

The following dates will be used for the 2014-15 season and alternated each year after that point. Special Districts will be required to schedule their tournaments as follows:

- **5A and 4A Special District Tournaments will be conducted on Friday and/or Saturday, Feb. 13 and Feb. 14, 2015 (Week 32)**
- **6A, 3A, and 2A/1A Special District Tournaments will be conducted on Friday and/or Saturday, Feb. 20 and Feb. 21, 2015. (Week 33)**

The State Championship Committee recommendation requested that the Board consider “standardizing” more components of qualifying events in individual sports and activities to help alleviate concerns regarding equitable qualifying opportunities for participants. This is a first step in addressing the recommendation and further changes are likely, but not as time sensitive as the scheduling of special district tournament dates for next year.

The OSAA Executive Board will be reviewing other components of qualifying tournament to ensure that participants from around the state have equitable qualifying opportunities at their annual Summer Workshop in late July. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Should specific bracket construction, cross bracketing procedures, and conflict resolution be required at each classification level?
- Should the Association require entries into Special District tournaments be completed prior to a specific date?
- Should all Special District tournaments have the same substitution procedures?
- Should bracket seeding criteria be the same in all Special Districts?

OSAA staff will keep member schools updated on any potential changes that may impact the 2014-15 school year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at bradg@osaa.org or 503-682-6722 ext 229.