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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors
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SUBJECT: Update on the Proceedings of the Classification and Districting Committee

The Classification and Districting Committee for the 2010-2014 four-year time block met at the Shriner's Headquarters Auditorium in Wilsonville on September 28, 2009, to receive testimony and review written communication thus far received.

Following a welcome from OSAA Executive Director Tom Welter, the Committee members were introduced, and the audience received a review of the Classification and Districting Timeline and Process from Associate Executive Director Mike Wallmark and Assistant Executive Director Peter Weber.

The Committee received testimony for approximately three hours from forty-three school, league, classification and other representatives.

The Committee then adjourned to a closed work session in the OSAA Office.

The Committee began by reviewing and discussing the criteria for placement of schools in athletic districts required by the State Board of Education under OAR 581-021-0032 and included in OSAA regulations (Article 9.2.1 d). Those criteria are:

- (1) The Committee must first consider and address the following four criteria before considering supplemental criteria:
 - a) Safety of student participants and spectators, parents and other spectators, and school and other personnel;
 - b) Minimizing loss of student instructional time;
 - c) Minimizing the expenditure of school district and student and parent participant funds;
 - d) School enrollment data.
- (2) The Committee may also consider the following criteria, in addition to any others they deem relevant:
 - a) School preference, including "play up/play down" requests;
 - b) Creation of similar sized leagues;
 - c) Placement of schools within the same school district and classification in the same league;
 - d) Scheduling problems;
 - e) Athletic district history;
 - f) Move as few schools as possible.
- (3) All schools within a single school district that are in the same size classification (including those smaller schools that have elected to play up with schools in a larger classification) shall be assigned to the same district unless the school board of the affected school district agrees to a different assignment.



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What followed was a classification by classification discussion of all placements and cut-off points. Adjustments were made consistent with the required criteria and also based upon the written communication and public testimony received by the Committee during the course of the year-long Classification and Districting Committee process.

Here is a classification by classification breakdown of the changes from Proposal #9 to the Final Recommendation, and the reasoning of the Committee:

1A Classification

The Committee reviewed the testimony and correspondence received, and reached consensus to leave the 1A classification unchanged from the alignment included in Proposal #9.

2A Classification

The Committee reviewed the testimony and correspondence received, and reached consensus to make two adjustments in the proposed league alignments. The Delphian School was moved from 2A-3 to 2A-1 and Monroe High School was moved from 2A-3 to 2A-2. The changes were made in response to school requests in an attempt to reduce travel and better maintain historical matchups.

3A Classification

There was no testimony from 3A Classification schools at the public meeting. Correspondence was reviewed, and the Committee reached consensus to leave the 3A classification unchanged from the alignment included in Proposal #9.

4A Classification

The Committee reviewed the testimony and correspondence received, and reached consensus to raise the cut-off point for the top of the 4A Classification from 854 to 869, where a more natural break occurs in the array of school enrollment sizes. The only school affected by the change is Crook County High School which is moved from the 5A to the 4A Classification, and remains in the 6A-5A-4A Central Oregon Hybrid as requested.

5A Classification

The majority of the testimony at the public meeting and correspondence received by the Committee prior to the meeting related to the 5A Classification alignment. Following extensive discussion and review of available options, the Committee reached consensus to divide the Intermountain Hybrid from Proposal #9 into two separate leagues as indicated on the attached Final Recommendation.

By creating leagues that separate the five schools in central Oregon from the four schools in the I-84 corridor, the Committee proposal has significantly reduced travel for all nine of the schools. The proposed alignment directly responds to and satisfies the previously listed four criteria that OAR 581-021-0032 and OSAA Article 9 requires the Committee to "...first consider and address... before considering supplemental criteria."

Committee members are aware that the proposed alignment may create scheduling challenges for the two leagues, and "Scheduling problems" is a second level consideration in the mandated criteria. But the Committee reached consensus that the proposed league alignments were the best option to satisfy the first level criteria including the repeatedly expressed concerns of the affected schools regarding safety, minimizing loss of student instructional time and minimizing expenditures.

Committee members recognized that the Classification and Districting Committee for the previous time block (2006-2010) reached a similar conclusion when it recommended the creation of the four-team 4A-7 "Greater Oregon League" which is also retained in the attached (2010-2014) proposal.



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The Committee learned that the previously submitted “play up” request from Liberty High School has been withdrawn by the Hillsboro School District, and agreed that Liberty High School should be placed in 5A-1 based upon travel and previous athletic district history considerations.

6A Classification

The Committee reviewed the testimony and correspondence received, and reached consensus to move McMinnville High School from 6A-5 to 6A-4 as requested.

The next step in the Classification and Districting process

It should be understood that **the release of the Committee’s Final Recommendations is not the final step in the public process.**

Executive Board members have received reference copies of the full notebooks of all Updates released and Correspondence received by the Classification and Districting Committee during their deliberations. Member schools and the public will also have the opportunity to respond to the Recommendations to the Executive Board in writing prior to and/or in person at the public meeting at which the Board will take action on the Recommendations. The Board will consider member school written input and public testimony prior to acting on the Committee’s Final Recommendations, and the Delegate Assembly will subsequently meet to adopt the cut-off points and league quantities for the new time block.

Written suggestions and response to the Final Recommendation of the Classification and Districting Committee should be emailed to Peter Weber (peterw@osaa.org) at the OSAA. All written communication received will be shared with the Executive Board for review and discussion.

The Final Recommendation of the Classification and Districting Committee will be considered by the OSAA Executive Board and Delegate Assembly at the October 26, 2009, Special Classification and Districting Meeting at the Doubletree-Lloyd Center, Portland. The Board meeting will convene at 9:00 am, and the Delegate Assembly Meeting will follow at 1:00 pm.

A full list of meeting dates, Committee Roster, Charge to the Committee and previous Updates are available at www.osaa.org/governance/committees/.

ATTACHMENTS:

Final Recommendation of the 2010-2014 Classification and Districting Committee

**Classification and Districting Committee
2010-2014 Time Block**

FINAL RECOMMENDATION

6A	(44)
1480+	

6A-1 - Metro League	(6)
Aloha Warriors	1868
Beaverton Beavers	1798
*Jesuit Crusaders	1159
Southridge Skyhawks	1954
Sunset Apollos	1930
Westview Wildcats	2569

6A-2 - Mt. Hood Conference	(7)
Barlow Bruins	1856
Centennial Eagles	1762
*Central Catholic Rams	809
David Douglas Scots	2959
Gresham Gophers	1713
Reynolds Raiders	2612
*St. Mary's Academy Blues	1234

6A-3 - Three Rivers League	(6)
Canby Cougars	1572
Clackamas Cavaliers	2176
*Lake Oswego Lakers	1216
*Lakeridge Pacers	1035
Oregon City Pioneers	2152
West Linn Lions	1534

6A-4 - Pacific Conference	(8)
Century Jaguars	1508
Forest Grove Vikings	1879
Glencoe Crimson Tide	1486
Hillsboro Spartans	1493
McMinnville Grizzlies	1711
Newberg Tigers	1565
Tigard Tigers	1922
Tualatin Timberwolves	1794

6A-5 - Central Valley Conference	(6)
McKay Scots	1682
McNary Celtics	1961
North Salem Vikings	1792
South Salem Saxons	1807
Sprague Olympians	1598
West Salem Titans	1589

6A-5A-4A PIL Hybrid	(10)
Grant Generals (6A)	1518
*Lincoln Cardinals (6A)	1323
Benson Techmen (5A)	1085
Cleveland Warriors (5A)	1471
Franklin Quakers (5A)	963
*Jefferson Democrats (5A)	480
*Madison Senators (5A)	775
Wilson Trojans (5A)	1448
Marshall Minutemen (4A)	729
Roosevelt Roughriders (4A)	649

6A-5A Midwestern Hybrid	(9)
Sheldon Irish (6A)	1547
South Eugene Axemen (6A)	1522
Thurston Colts (6A)	1493
Churchill Lancers (5A)	1130
*Marist Spartans (5A)	488
Marshfield Pirates (5A)	1026
North Eugene Highlanders (5A)	938
Springfield Millers (5A)	1335
Willamette Wolverines (5A)	1430

5A	(37)
1479-870	

5A-1 - Greater Metro League	(8)
Liberty Falcons	1258
Milwaukie Mustangs	1143
Parkrose Broncos	1002
Putnam Kingsmen	1354
Sandy Pioneers	1258
Sherwood Bowmen	1173
St. Helens Lions	1003
Wilsonville Wildcats	958

5A-2 - Mid-Willamette Conference	(8)
Corvallis Spartans	1210
Crescent Valley Raiders	949
Dallas Dragons	988
Lebanon Warriors	1186
Silverton Foxes	1167
South Albany Rebels	1256
West Albany Bulldogs	1419
Woodburn Bulldogs	1363

5A-3 - Columbia River Conference	(4)
Hermiston Bulldogs	1347
Hood River Valley Eagles	1184
Pendleton Buckaroos	927
The Dalles Wahtonka EagleIndians	915

4A	(43)
869-400	

4A-1 - Cowapa League	(6)
Astoria Fishermen	609
Banks Braves	411
Scappoose Indians	677
Seaside Seagulls	480
Tillamook Cheesemakers	682
Yamhill-Carlton Tigers	444

4A-2 - Tri-Valley Conference	(6)
Estacada Rangers	739
Gladstone Gladiators	729
La Salle Falcons	625
Madras White Buffaloes	801
Molalla Indians	825
North Marion Huskies	576

4A-3 - Far West League	(6)
Brookings-Harbor Bruins	530
Douglas Trojans	431
North Bend Bulldogs	504
Siuslaw Vikings	451
South Umpqua Lancers	496
Sutherlin Bulldogs	444

4A-4 - Capital Coast League	(6)
Cascade Cougars	700
Central Panthers	852
Newport Cubs	616
Philomath Warriors	576
Stayton Eagles	730
Taft Tigers	489

4A-5 - Sky-Em League	(6)
Cottage Grove Lions	782
Elmira Falcons	427
Junction City Tigers	540
La Pine Hawks	530
Sisters Outlaws	521
Sweet Home Huskies	730

4A-6 - Skyline Conference	(6)
Henley Hornets	666
Hidden Valley Mustangs	805
Klamath Union Pelicans	790
Mazama Vikings	802
North Valley Knights	626
Phoenix Pirates	781

4A-7 - Greater Oregon League	(4)
Ontario Tigers	781
La Grande Tigers	684
Baker Bulldogs	631
McLoughlin Pioneers	503

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**Classification and Districting Committee
2010-2014 Time Block**

FINAL RECOMMENDATION

3A 399-226	(42)	2A 225-106	(41)	1A 105-1	(78)	1A (cont.) 105-1	(9)
3A-1 - Lewis & Clark League	(9)	2A-1 - Northwest League	(9)	1A-1 - The Valley 9 League	(9)	1A-5 - Mountain Valley League	(9)
Catlin Gabel Eagles	289	Delphian School Dragons	168	City Christian Lions	94	Butte Falls Loggers	64
Clatskanie Tigers	285	Faith Bible Falcons	142	Columbia Christian Knights	81	Gilchrist Grizzlies	94
Corbett Cardinals	240	Gaston Greyhounds	155	Damascus Christian Eagles	97	Hosanna Christian Lions	64
De La Salle North Catholic Knights	252	Knappa Loggers	179	Life Christian Lions	59	North Lake Cowboys	87
Oregon Episcopal Aardvarks	304	Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates	219	North Clackamas Christian Saints	59	Paisley Broncos	33
Portland Adventist Cougars	237	Nestucca Bobcats	211	Open Door Christian Huskies	69	Prospect Cougars	71
Rainier Columbians	375	Portland Christian Royals	216	Portland Lutheran Bluejays	78	Rogue Valley Adventist Red Tail Hawks	53
Valley Catholic Valiants	362	Riverdale Mavericks	152	Portland Waldorf School	95	Triad Timber Wolves	82
Warrenton Warriors	248	Vernonia Loggers	222	Southwest Christian Wildcats	82	Trinity Lutheran Saints	15
3A-2 - West Valley League	(8)	2A-2 - Mountain View Conference	(11)	1A-2 - Casco League	(11)	1A-6 - Big Sky League	(13)
Amity Warriors	253	Canyonville Christian Pilots	128	C.S. Lewis Watchmen	79	Arlington Honkers	42
Colton Vikings	229	Crow Cougars	117	Country Christian Cougars	80	Central Christian Tigers	46
Dayton Pirates	327	Days Creek Wolves	123	Falls City Mountaineers	68	Condon Blue Devils	39
Gervais Cougars	312	Glendale Pirates	132	Jewell Bluejays	52	Crook County Christian Warriors	30
*Horizon Christian Hawks (TUAL)	111	Milo Adventist Mustangs	115	Mid-Valley Christian Navigators	13	Dufur Rangers	104
Sheridan Spartans	263	Monroe Dragons	149	Oregon School f/t Deaf Panthers	54	Echo Cougars	85
Westside Christian Eagles	267	North Douglas Warriors	125	Perrydale Pirates	104	Griswold Grizzlies	54
Willamina Bulldogs	286	Oakland Oakers	188	St. Paul Buckaroos	82	Horizon Christian Hawks (HR)	60
3A-3 - PacWest Conference	(10)	Oakridge Warriors	184	Veritas School	65	Ione Cardinals	67
Blanchet Catholic Cavaliers	251	Riddle Irish	128	Willamette Christian	new	Nixyaawii Eagles	51
Chemawa Braves	311	Yoncalla Eagles	115	Willamette Valley Christian Warriors	44	Sherman Huskies	101
Creswell Bulldogs	350	2A-3 - Tri-River Conference	(8)	1A-3 - Mountain West League	(8)	South Wasco County Redsidings	82
Harrisburg Eagles	277	Central Linn Cobras	196	Alsea Wolverines	42	Wheeler Falcons	28
Jefferson Lions	294	Culver Bulldogs	215	Eddyville Charter Eagles	76	1A-7 - Old Oregon League	(6)
Pleasant Hill Billies	322	East Linn Christian Eagles	117	Lowell Devils	78	Cove Leopards	82
Salem Academy Crusaders	239	Kennedy Trojans	225	Mapleton Sailors	46	Imbler Panthers	88
Santiam Christian Eagles	300	Regis Rams	158	Mc Kenzie Eagles	79	Joseph Eagles	80
Toledo Boomers	253	Santiam Wolverines	203	Mohawk Indians	80	Pine Eagle Spartans	60
Waldport Irish	246	Scio Loggers	223	Siletz Valley Warriors	67	Powder Valley Badgers	65
3A-4 - Eastern Oregon League	(6)	Western Mennonite Pioneers	174	Triangle Lake Lakers	52	Wallowa Cougars	79
Burns Hillanders	290	2A-4 - Blue Mountain Conference	(8)	1A-4 - Skyline League	(8)	1A-8 - High Desert League	(14)
Grant Union Prospectors	247	Elgin Huskies	144	Camas Valley Hornets	43	Adrian Antelopes	96
Nyssa Bulldogs	304	Enterprise Outlaws	139	Elkton Elks	47	Burnt River Bulls	26
Riverside Pirates	243	Heppner Mustangs	162	Lifegate Christian Lions	30	Crane Mustangs	84
Vale Vikings	283	Irrigon Knights	197	New Hope Christian Warriors	70	Dayville Tigers	24
Umatilla Vikings	368	Pilot Rock Rockets	132	Oak Hill School Falcons	44	Harper Hornets	33
3A-2A - Sunset Hybrid	(6)	Stanfield Tigers	148	**Pacific Pirates	118	Huntington Locomotives	42
Bandon Tigers (3A)	280	Union Bobcats	143	Powers Cruisers	44	Jordan Valley Mustangs	28
Coquille Red Devils (3A)	260	Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots	176	Umpqua Valley Christian Monarchs	85	Long Creek Mountaineers	24
Myrtle Point Bobcats (3A)	243	3A-2A - Southern Hybrid	(8)			Mitchell Loggers	35
Glide Wildcats (3A)	235	Cascade Christian Challengers (3A)	345			Monument Tigers	23
Reedsport Braves (2A)	221	Illinois Valley Cougars (3A)	391			Mt. Bachelor Academy Bears	76
Gold Beach Panthers (2A)	215	Lakeview Honkers (3A)	244			Prairie City Panthers	47
		Rogue River Chieftains (3A)	349			Spray Eagles	28
		St Mary's Crusaders (3A)	285			Ukiah Cougars	36
		Bonanza Antlers (2A)	153				
		Chiloquin Panthers (2A)	128				
		Lost River Raiders (2A)	175				

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