

Oregonsports Regional Hybrid Plan

Every student athlete should be given equal access to automatic qualification for state championship events, but equality among regions for additional playoff berths cannot be insured. Also, expense in both time and money, can best be addressed through efficiency in district alignment and the logic behind the state playoff system. This regional system also creates the opportunity for better statewide connection between individuals.

GENERAL CONCEPTS

EFFICIENT PLAYOFFS

Every classification begins with the objective of 16 teams - a decrease from the current system - reaching the state playoffs from the ideal of eight districts aligned into four regions. This plan also decreases the length of the playoffs as well as the expense for teams, schools and parents in both time and money.

SMALLER DISTRICTS

Creating smaller districts allows for better usage of time and money in geographically challenged districts by increasing the number of league events, which involves less travel, and allows for better symmetry within the regional system. Smaller districts also allow for more individual and team champions statewide - at the district level. If a classification has six districts, that's six district champions. If it has eight, that's eight district champions, all-league teams, etc., expanding the wealth of champions.

HYBRID REGIONS

Every league is guaranteed one or two automatic playoff qualifiers, depending on its size. Hybrid regions will be created to increase the number of playoff teams to 16, giving leagues a chance for a 'wild card' qualifier, much like what happens in professional leagues such as the NFL. The wild card qualifiers are based on strength of leagues within a region, rewarding the strongest team/individual that didn't automatically qualify for the playoffs. Regional games/matches become the first round of the playoffs by making every game a playoff game, while ensuring at least one 'open' game/match for teams.

REGIONAL WILD CARDS

Developing a regional 'wild card' will create an additional level of drama into the state playoff system. The wild card berths are earned by the top non-qualifier from the stronger league within a region based on regional contests. Every team plays league games, and then regional games with a season. For individual-based sports, such as wrestling or track and field, a playoff match or time comparison may be involved, which makes regional meets necessary.

SCHEDULING

Every team plays in a league that plays in a region. Teams play as many league games as fits within the context of a season, then play a uniform number of regional games, while still allowing for 'open' games against any opponent.

STATE PLAYOFFS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Every sport qualifies 16 teams/individuals per season. The final site qualifiers for events such as tournaments, should be reduced as far as possible - Final Four - to increase fan involvement.

VOLLEYBALL/BASKETBALL

Tournaments are replaced by a Final Four at a predetermined site. For basketball each classification will play boys and girls semifinals and finals in the same week, which currently happens at Class 4A-1A. To address equality, the boys and girls finals times will be rotated each year to have the boys final end the tournament one year, and the girls final end the tournament the following year.

LEAGUE GAMES BY LEAGUE SIZE

	4	5	6	7	8
Football • 9	6	8	5	6	7
Volleyball	12	12	10	12	14
Soccer • 15	9	8	10	12	7
BB/Base/Soft • 21	12	12	15	12	14
• regular season games					

REGIONAL MEETS

Cross Country
Swimming, Wrestling
Golf, Tennis, Track and Field

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	Current	New
6A	1521+	1526+
5A	851-1520	859-1525
4A	401-850	404-858
3A	236-400	
2A	116-235	
1A	1-115	

CLASSIFICATION ALIGNMENT

6A (1526+)

42 schools • 7 districts

A WC

ROSE CITY LEAGUE (6/5)

Central Catholic	864•	2
Cleveland	1490•	
Grant	1592	1
Lincoln	1379•	
St. Mary's	1230•	
Wilson	1489•	

METRO LEAGUE (6)

Aloha	1966	2
Beaverton	1932	
Jesuit	1152•	1
Southridge	1975	
Sunset	1980	
Westview	2680	

WILLAMETTE VALLEY (6)

Forest Grove	1870	2
Hillsboro	1497•	
McMinnville	1681	1
Newberg	1575	
Tigard	1897	
Tualatin	1773	

MT. HOOD CONFERENCE (6)

Barlow	1800	2
Centennial	1762	
David Douglas	2939	1
Gresham	1677	
Redmond	1831	
Reynolds	2657	

THREE RIVERS (6)

Canby	1595	2
Clackamas	2196	
Lake Oswego	1237•	1
Lakeridge	1079•	
Oregon City	2127	
West Linn	1541	

CENTRAL VALLEY (8)

McKay	1767	2
McNary	1899	
North Salem	1857	1
Sheldon	1617	
South Eugene	1586	
South Salem	1778	
Sprague	1639	
West Salem	1538	

SOUTHERN OREGON (4)

Grants Pass	1729	1
North Medford	1751	
Roseburg	1991	1
South Medford	1827	

• playing up in classification

5A (859-1525)

41 schools • 8 districts

A WC

PORTLAND INT. LEAGUE (7)

Benson	1159	2
Franklin	1064	
Jefferson	505•	1
Madison	809•	
Marshall	727•	
Parkrose	1023	
Roosevelt	684•	

NORTHWEST LEAGUE (2)

Century	1471	2
Glencoe	1438	
Liberty	1288	1
Milwaukie	1081	
Putnam	1349	
St. Helens	980	

SOUTH WILLAMETTE (4)

Sherwood	1086	1
Silverton	1178	
Wilsonville	1009	1
Woodburn	1351	

MID-WILLAMETTE (6)

Crescent Valley	1003	2
Corvallis	1259	
Dallas	977	1
Lebanon	1228	
South Albany	1267	
West Albany	1393	

MIDWESTERN (6)

Churchill	1152	2
Marist	507•	
North Eugene	988	1
Springfield	1389	
Thurston	1421	
Willamette	1472	

SOUTHWEST LEAGUE (4)

Ashland	1019	1
Crater	1486	
Eagle Point	1162	1
Marshfield	1045	

INTERMOUNTAIN (4)

Bend	1525	1
Mountain View	1477	
Sandy	1333	1
Summit	1199	

COLUMBIA RIVER (4)

Hermiston	1347	1
Hood River	1186	
Pendleton	897	1
The Dalles-Wahtonka	901	

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COWAPA (5)

Astoria	655	2
Banks	404	
Scappoose	655	1
Seaside	462	
Tillamook	699	

EAST WILLAMETTE (5)

Estacada	721	2
Gladstone	741	
La Salle	618	1
Molalla	858	
North Marion	576	

CAPITAL (7)

Cascade	738	2
Central	825	
Newport	645	1
Philomath	611	
Taft	468	
Stayton	731	
Yamhill-Carlton	429	

SKY-EM (4)

Cottage Grove	827	1
Elmira	458	
Junction City	570	1
Sweet Home	762	

BIG COUNTRY LEAGUE (4)

Crook County	842	1
La Pine	524	
Madras	839	1
Sisters	542	

GREATER OREGON (4)

Baker	639	1
La Grande	696	
McLoughlin	531	1
Ontario	793	

FAR WEST (6)

Brookings-Harbor	583	2
Douglas	446	
North Bend	566	1
Siuslaw	495	
South Umpqua	513	
Sutherlin	440	

SKYLINE (6)

Henley	673	2
Hidden Valley	826	
Klamath Union	794	1
Mazama	850	
North Valley	641	
Phoenix	754	

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LEAGUE SCHEDULING

The objective within each league will be to reduce travel time and expense by focusing on league and then regional play, while allowing for 'open' games against any opponent. To keep uniformity within classes a system would be devised as follows:

FOUR TEAMS

Football - 9 games overall

LEAGUE: 6 - home-home

REGION: 2 - home-home

OPEN: 1

Volleyball

LEAGUE: 12 - home-home twice

REGION: 2 - home-home

OPEN: Tournaments

Soccer - 15 games

LEAGUE: 9 - home-home-home/away

REGION: 2 - home-home

OPEN: 4

Basketball/Baseball/Softball - 21 games

LEAGUE: 12 - home-home twice

REGION: 4

OPEN: 5

FIVE TEAMS

Football - 9 games

LEAGUE: 8 - home-home

REGION: 1

OPEN: 0

Volleyball

LEAGUE: 12 - home-home-home/away

REGION: 2 - home-home

OPEN: Tournaments

Soccer - 15 games

LEAGUE: 8 - home-home

REGION: 2 - home-home

OPEN: 6

Basketball/Baseball/Softball - 21 games

LEAGUE: 12 - home-home-home/away

REGION: 4

OPEN: 5

SIX TEAMS

Football - 9 games

LEAGUE: 5 - one time through (5)

REGION: 2 - home-home

OPEN: 2

Volleyball

LEAGUE: 10 - home-home

REGION: 2 - home-home

OPEN: Tournaments

Soccer - 15 games

LEAGUE: 10 - home-home

REGION: 2 - home-home

OPEN: 3

Basketball/Baseball/Softball - 21 games

LEAGUE: 15 - home-home-home/away

REGION: 4

OPEN: 2

SAMPLE REGIONAL WILD CARD • FOOTBALL

CENTRAL VALLEY	W	L	W	L
McKay	7	0	8	1
McNary	6	1	7	2
North Salem*	5	2	6	3
Sheldon	3	4	4	5
South Eugene	3	4	4	5
South Salem	2	5	3	6
Sprague	1	6	3	6
West Salem	1	6	2	7

SOC

Grants Pass	5	1	7	2
North Medford*	4	2	7	2
Roseburg	2	4	4	5
South Medford	1	5	2	7

REGIONAL STANDINGS

Central Valley wins 5-3 (North Salem gets wild card)

* North Medford has a better overall record and won both of its regional games, but North Salem, which went 1-1 in regional games, played in a tougher league, so it gets the wild card berth - unless the teams played. Then, the winner of that game would get the wild card berth.

SEVEN TEAMS

Football - 9 games

LEAGUE: 6 - one time through

REGION: 2 - home-home

OPEN: 1

Volleyball

LEAGUE: 12 - home-home

REGION: 2 - home-home (or at tournament)

OPEN: Tournaments

Soccer - 15 games

LEAGUE: 12 - home-home

REGION: 2 - home-home

OPEN: 1

Basketball/Baseball/Softball - 21 games

LEAGUE: 12 - home-home

REGION: 2 - home-home

OPEN: 7

EIGHT TEAMS

Football - 9 games

LEAGUE: 7 - one time through

REGION: 1

OPEN: 1

Volleyball

LEAGUE: 14 - home-home

REGION: 2 - home-home (or at tournament)

OPEN: Tournaments

Soccer - 15 games

LEAGUE: 7 - one time through

REGION: 2 - home-home

OPEN: 6

Basketball/Baseball/Softball - 21 games

LEAGUE: 14 - home-home

REGION: 2 - home-home

OPEN: 5