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TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: OSAA State Championship Committee – November 2, 2009

The State Championship Committee for the 2010-2014 four-year time block held its initial public meeting at the OSAA office in Wilsonville on November 2, 2009. The constitutionally mandated purpose of this Committee is to make recommendations to the OSAA Executive Board for adoption in May 2010, regarding championship formats, participation policies, and issues relative to the administration of OSAA State Championships.

After receiving a review of the Charge and Procedures for the Committee from Assistant Executive Director Cindy Simmons, the committee received testimony from four school, league and other representatives. The Committee then adjourned to a closed work session to review and discuss the testimony and written correspondence.

The Committee reviewed a proposal to add a 1A Boys Soccer State Championship. After discussion about the potential impact of splitting State Championships that are currently combined, the Committee does not support creating an exception to current OSAA Rule 6.4. This rule requires at least 50% of the 1A schools sponsor an activity before it can be considered for State Championship status. This type of exception would not be limited to Boys Soccer.

The Committee discussed models by which schools involved in “hybrid leagues” could qualify for State Championship competition in team and individual sports. In general, the Committee felt that the models listed below all have components that could be supported but request additional input on these and any other methods that merit consideration prior to making a recommendation.

- Combining teams/individuals involved in hybrids with teams/individuals of the same classification for qualifying purposes: (i.e. 5A Southern Hybrid with the 5A Midwestern Hybrid or 3A Sunset Hybrid with the 3A Southern Hybrid).
- A predetermined number of teams from each district (i.e. Champion, Top 2) would automatically advance into the bracket and the remaining teams would be selected by power rating.
- Create a filtering event (i.e. regional or sectional) that would be placed between District/League qualifying events in team/individual sports and the State Championships to determine who advances into a predetermined bracket or final site.

If an option is supported that requires that schools be placed in “combined regular/hybrid” districts, then the Committee currently supports the following alignments and number of qualifiers listed for all team sports. The alignments and number of qualifiers would require revisions if a State Championship was conducted using qualifiers from special districts (i.e. 1A Football is contested in 6 special districts instead of 8 regular districts).

The Committee wants to be clear that these proposed alignments and number of qualifiers could look different if power ratings and/or regional/sectional qualifying methods are supported by the membership. No decision on which method to use has been determined at this point. This information is intended as a starting point for discussion/input only.

1A (24)		2A (16)		3A (16)	
The Valley 10	3	Northwest	3	Lewis & Clark	3
Casco	3	Mountain View	4	West Valley	3
Mountain West	3	Tri-River	3	PacWest	4
Skyline	3	Blue Mountain	4	Eastern Oregon	3
Mountain Valley	3	2A Sunset/2A Southern	2	3A Sunset/3A Southern	3
Big Sky	3				
Old Oregon	3				
High Desert	3				

4A (22)		5A (19)		6A (28)	
Cowapa	3	NW Oregon	4	Metro	4*
Tri-Valley/4A PIL	4	Mid-Willamette	4	Mt. Hood/6A PIL	5
Far West	3	Columbia River/5A Intermountain	4	Three Rivers	4*
Capital Coast	3	5A PIL	3	Pacific	5
Sky-Em	3	5A Midwestern/5A Southern Oregon	4	Central Valley/Redmond	4*
Skyline	3			6A Southern/6A Midwestern	5
GOL /Crook County	3			*Rotate 2-qualifiers between districts with 4 qualifiers	

The OSAA staff will provide a Committee update, similar to this one, to all superintendents, principals, and athletic directors following each meeting. The Committee Roster, Charge to the Committee, all updates, and any additional committee information is available at <http://osaa.org/governance/committees/>.

Written suggestions and proposals, as well as other State Championships related subjects should be mailed or emailed to the OSAA (at bradg@osaa.org). Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all committee members for review and discussion.

The next public meeting of the Classification and Districting Committee will be at 9 a.m. on Monday, November 23, 2009, at the OSAA office in Wilsonville. The general format for the meeting will be for the committee to receive public testimony in the morning followed by a closed work session in the afternoon.

The Committee appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact Cindy Simmons (cindys@osaa.org) or Brad Garrett (bradg@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.