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TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

FROM: Cindy Simmons, Assistant Executive Director
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SUBJECT: OSAA State Championship Committee – November 23, 2009

The State Championship Committee for the 2010-2014 four-year time block held their second public meeting at the OSAA office in Wilsonville on November 23, 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 various 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 focused on qualifying models and the methods that could potentially be used to determine how teams from each classification level would advance into a predetermined bracket. There is no consensus at this time to increase the number of qualifying teams due to the financial situation facing member schools combined with the additional costs that would be encumbered by schools through expansion of qualifying teams.

The committee currently does not support any modifications to the current number of qualifiers allocated to each classification.

6A – 28 teams in all team sports
5A – 20 teams in all team sports
4A – 20 teams in all team sports
3A – 16 teams in all team sports
2A – 16 teams in all team sports
1A – 24 teams (Volleyball and Basketball) and 16 teams (Football)

The committee supports the implementation of a qualifying method which combines “Automatic” and “At Large” teams at the 6A through 2A classification levels. The committee recommends that the 1A classification level will use the current system with no modifications suggested at this time.

The committee also supports the introduction of a power rating model to determine the automatic qualifiers from each hybrid district and to determine all “At Large” teams in each classification. The committee has instructed the OSAA staff to examine and recommend a power rating model(s) that can address specific parameters which include but are not limited to the following:

- Ability to effectively weight cross-classification contests
- Ability to effectively weight schools who play different numbers of contests
- Ability to effectively weight contests involving out of state opponents
- Ability to effectively weight score differential
- Flexibility to add parameters if necessary

The extent, to which the adopted power rating could be used, beyond identifying automatic qualifiers from the hybrid districts and determining the “At Large” teams in each classification, is currently under discussion. No decisions have been made on how the qualifiers would be placed into the predetermined bracket.

The following tables summarize how the “Automatic” and “At Large” team qualifiers are distributed at each classification level.

Table notes:

* = Automatic qualifiers in Hybrid Districts would be determined by highest power rating

**= At Large qualifiers in each classification would be determined by highest power rating

6A – 28 Qualifiers	Automatic Qualifiers	At Large Qualifiers
Metro	2	14**
Mt. Hood	2	
Three Rivers	2	
Pacific	2	
Central Valley	2	
6A Southern Oregon	2	
6A Hybrid District (Grant, Lincoln, Redmond, Thurston, Sheldon, South Eugene)	2*	
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5A – 20 Qualifiers	Automatic Qualifiers	At Large Qualifiers
Northwest	2	9**
Mid-Willamette	2	
Columbia River	1	
5A PIL	2	
5A Midwestern	2	
5A Hybrid District (Bend, Summit, Mountain View, Ashland, Eagle Point)	2*	
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4A – 20 Qualifiers	Automatic Qualifiers	At Large Qualifiers
Cowapa	2	6**
Tri-Valley	2	
Far West	2	
Capital Coast	2	
Sky-Em	2	
Skyline	2	
Greater Oregon	1	
4A Hybrid District (Crook County, Roosevelt, Marshall)	1*	
	14	

3A – 16 Qualifiers	Automatic Qualifiers	At Large Qualifiers
Lewis and Clark	2	5**
West Valley	2	
PacWest	2	
Eastern Oregon	2	
3A Hybrid District A (Bandon, Coquille, Myrtle Point, Glide)	1*	
3A Hybrid District B (Cascade Christian, St. Mary’s, Illinois Valley, Rogue River, Lakeview)	2*	
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2A – 16 Qualifiers	Automatic Qualifiers	At Large Qualifiers
Northwest	2	6** - Football 7** – All others
Mountain View	2	
Tri-River	2	
Blue Mountain	2	
2A Hybrid District (Reedsport, Gold Beach, Chiloquin, Lost River, Bonanza)	2*-Football 1* – All others	
	10/9	6/7
Note: Allocation is varied due to the differences in number of Football and Basketball teams within the 2A classification		

1A – 24 Qualifiers (Volleyball and Basketball)	Automatic Qualifiers	At Large Qualifiers
The Valley 10	3	None
Casco	3	
Mountain West	3	
Skyline	3	
Mountain Valley	3	
Big Sky	3	
Old Oregon	3	
High Desert	3	
	24	0
Note: All team sports, excluding Volleyball and Basketball, are placed in Special Districts with different allocations depending on activity.		

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, January 11, 2010, 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.