

MAJOR OSAA RULE CHANGES FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

All of the changes listed below were either implemented after the start of the 2008-2009 school year, or are new additions to the OSAA Handbook for the 2009-2010 school year.

CONSTITUTION (Articles and Rules)

- **BOARD/DELEGATE ASSEMBLY QUALIFICATIONS** Expands pool of potential Board and Delegate Assembly members to include any person holding “a current Oregon Administrative license... in a position that has at least some responsibility for secondary education and is at least equal in rank to the position of high school assistant principal” within a member school district. (*Article 4.2 & Article 5.2*)
- **CHANGES IN CLASSIFICATION DURING A FOUR-YEAR TIME BLOCK** Specifies that a school placed in a classification as a result of a “play up” request shall not be reviewed for placement in a lower classification during the four-year time block “unless there is a significant drop in enrollment due to factors beyond the control of the school as determined by the Board”. (*Article 6.2*)
- **CRITERIA FOR CLASSIFICATION AND LEAGUE PLACEMENT** Rewords the OSAA regulations to be identical to the wording in OAR 581-021-0032, which stipulates the requirements that the OSAA must follow during the reclassification process.. (*Article 9.2*)
- **REMOVAL OF SEASONAL ELIGIBILITY REPORT REQUIREMENT** Deletes the previous requirement that member schools submit a Seasonal Eligibility Report to the OSAA. (*Rule 1.2*)
- **EXPANSION OF COACH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT** Expands the previous OSAA coach certification requirement to apply to ALL coaches including volunteer coaches. (*Rule 1.2*)
- **INCREASE IN MAXIMUM FINE** Increases the maximum fine the Board may assess as a penalty for violation of OSAA Rules and Regulations from \$1,000 to \$2,500. (*Rule 5.2.3*)
- **SHIFT OF AUTHORITY TO ADD OR DELETE A SPORT/ACTIVITY FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD TO THE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY** Also increases the threshold level for adding a sport/activity from 50% to 75% in all classifications except 1A. (*Rule 6*)
- **CHANGE IN FALL FIRST CONTEST DATE** Moves Fall first contest date to Thursday preceding Labor Day. As a result, it is no longer necessary for schools to submit Early Game Requests. (*Rule 6.8.2*)
- **STRENGTHENED ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY RULE** Defines “Minimum Satisfactory Progress Requirements” and requires that schools verify compliance prior to grades 10, 11 & 12. (*Rule 8.1.2*)
- **ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL RULES - SCHOOL REPRESENTATION** Clarifies that a student attending an alternative school has the same school representation options as a student attending a member private school. (*Rule 8.5*)

BOARD POLICIES

- MODIFICATIONS OF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS TO ADDRESS CONFLICTS WITH RELIGIOUS BELIEFS Specifies the procedure and timeline the Board will follow in responding to requests for modifications of championships to address conflicts with religious beliefs. Includes seasonal deadlines for requesting modifications. (BP 71)
- YEARLY REVIEW OF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS BY EXECUTIVE BOARD Specifies that the February Executive Board meeting will be the yearly meeting at which the Board will review any State Championship revision proposals received during those years when the State Championship Committee is not meeting. (BP 79)

PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

- COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING Adds Competitive Cheerleading participation limitations. (# 4)

FORMS MODIFICATIONS

- UPDATES Existing forms have been modified to make them consistent with the changes specified above.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES HANDBOOKS

- UPDATES Activity specific changes have been made to the Cheerleading, Dance, Music and Speech Handbooks.

OTHER

- QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Additional Questions and Answers, particularly covering changes listed above, have been added to the Handbook.