

To: OSAA Classification and Districting Committee

From: Lance Haas, Athletic Director Mountain View High School

Re: Super Regional Proposal for the 2022–2026-time block

I would like to thank the committee for the time and effort in reviewing my attached super regional approach to reclassification for the 2022–2026-time block. In this document you will find information pertaining to the rationale for this proposal, and the advantages to this in regards to the criteria the committee has been charged to use for the 2022–2026-time block.

Rationale: In putting together this proposal, I have taken into consideration the fact that we do not operate in a traditional athletic world anymore in the state of Oregon. Schools face a variety of challenges to field comprehensive sports programs. Many school districts face shortages of bus drivers, officials, and travel budgets which affect how schools operate and schedule non-league and league events. With COVID-19 affecting schools with loss of in person instruction, upending athletic schedules, school operations, event operation, how we travel, etc., it's time to rethink how we classify, organize leagues/regions and state championships in all divisions. During the 2020-2021 OSAA sports seasons member schools adjusted from historically traditional schedules based on classifications to a more regional approach to make up for the problems that travel, lack of officials, and transportation presented. The proposal I am bringing forward will increase in person instruction time, solve transportation issues, help with regional environmental issues, and help with our lack of officials.

Proposal: In looking at the attached proposal, I have taken the five-class system from OSAA draft #4 combining 5A and 4A schools into regions while largely leaving the 3A, 2A, and 1A classifications untouched as most leagues are currently regionally based. I have created seven regions around the state with some regions combining 5A and 4A schools, while others are just 5A schools. All general guidelines for these regions would be the same regardless of region make-up. In each region local control of scheduling for athletics would be delegated to the schools within the region for scheduling purposes. This would allow each school to fill their schedules as needed by their own region. These large regions allow for multiple divisions, round robin games, and extreme flexibility on how each sport could be scheduled. The makeup of this is that each region knows what's best for their schools and regional areas thus, allowing local control for these purposes.

Benefits in regards to criteria: In looking at the proposal here is how it addresses all the criteria established by the committee.

1. Regular district history: ALL schools remain in regions with district history.
2. Competitive balance: regions are with “like” schools. Local control of scheduling allows schools to schedule competitive match-ups.
3. Creation of similar size leagues: Regional leagues are large in size to allow for flexibility in scheduling and match-ups.
4. Minimizing loss of student instructional time: Local regional play will result in less travel for schools keeping students and teachers in class for longer periods of the day.
5. Minimizing the expenditures of school: Regional play means less bus trips of longer length which are expensive. This could increase school gates due to local teams playing each other more often.
6. Moving as few as possible: All leagues have been put into regions. Thus, keeping most traditional leagues together in the same region.
7. Placing schools in the same district in the same leagues: Yes, regions put schools in the same regions.
8. Safety of students in regards to travel: Less long bus trips means less travel over the mountain and down south. This will also help with a nationwide bus driver shortage with shorter local trips.
9. Scheduling problems: large regions with local control allow for the most flexibility with the same “like” minded schools. This proposal allows schools to do what is best for their region.
10. Lack of officials: Although this is not one of the OSAA criteria, more local matchups will reduce the need for officials as regional teams will match up with each other more often, thus reducing the total number of contests in the region.

State Championships and All League: This proposal would have sixty-two 5A schools and thirty-nine 4A schools. In regards to post season play, we could continue to use the power ranking system to place schools into the postseason as there is no penalty for a 5A school playing a 4A school. All sixty-two 5A schools and thirty-nine 4A schools would split at state championship time and would play in respective 5A and 4A brackets seeded by the power ranking system. This would increase excitement with all schools making the state playoffs. This could also increase revenue for the association with added home playoff games. Postseason all region teams would be decided by each region. 5A and 4A regions could split and have all region teams for their respective classification. State championships for 3A, 2A, and 1A would stay as current for their respective state championships.

Conclusion: COVID-19 showed us that we could schedule more regionally and be fine. Now in the 2021-2022 seasons we are experiencing a lack of bus drivers, officials, smoke in certain areas of the state, students needing additional support and increased class (seat) time. We must be proactive and engage/embrace this challenge with a more non-traditional approach to how we see the regular seasons. This approach takes on the challenges of the next four years, and still allows state championships, all-region teams, and flexibility for our schools to adjust to the unique challenges of their situation. Thank you for your time and consideration of this proposal, please feel free to contact me with any further questions. I look forward to testifying in regards to this proposal at your October 11th meeting.

Region 1 (18)

Benson Techmen 691 5a
 Cleveland Warriors 1219 5a
 Franklin Lightning 1376 5a
 Grant Generals 1314 5a
 Ida B. Wells Guardians 1152 5a
 Jefferson Democrats 444 5a
 Lincoln Cardinals 1190 5a
 McDaniel Mountain Lions 718 5a
 Roosevelt roughriders 705 5a
 Gladstone Gladiators 440 4a
 Hillsboro Spartans 769 4a
 La Salle Prep Falcons 514 4a
 Milwaukie/Arts Academy 796 4a
 Parkrose Broncos 533 4a
 Putnam Kingsman 872 4a
 Scappoose Indians 5014a
 St. Helens Lions 598 4a
 Tillamook Cheesemakers 454 4a

Region 4 (11)

Bend Lava Bears 1274 5a
 Caldera Wolf Pack New 5a
 Mountain View Cougars 1051 5a
 Summit Storm 1239 5a
 Crook County Cowboys 603 4a
 LaGrande Tigers 432 4a
 Madras White Buffaloes 418 4a
 Pendleton Buckaroos 588 4a
 Redmond Panthers 804 4a
 Ridgeview Ravens 753 4a
 The Dalles Riverhawks 511 4a

REGION 7 (17)

McKay Scots 1304 5a
 McNary Celtics 1413 5a
 North Salem Vikings 1068 5a
 Silverton Foxes 910 5a
 South Albany RedHawks 998 5a
 South Salem Saxons 1451 5a
 Sprague Olympians 1287 5a
 West Albany Bulldogs 910 5a
 West Salem Titans 1238 5a
 Cascade Cougars 514 4a
 Central Panthers 660 4a
 Dallas Dragons 616 4a
 Crescent Valley Raiders 611 4a
 Molalla Indians 518 4a
 Stayton eagles 499 4a
 Corvallis Spartans 766 4a
 Woodburn Bulldogs 870 4a

Region 2 (16)

Aloha Warriors 1235 5a
 Beaverton Beavers 1038 5a
 Jesuit Crusaders 960 5a
 Mountainside Mavericks 1422 5a
 Southridge Skyhawks 1073 5a
 Sunset Apollos 1600 5a
 Westview Wildcats 1848 5a
 Century Jaguars 1077 5a
 Forest Grove Vikings 1086 5a
 Glencoe Crimson Tide 1026 5a
 Liberty Falcons 1054 5a
 McMinnville Grizzlies 1414 5a
 Newberg Tigers 1077 5a
 Sherwood bowmen 1209 5a
 Tigard Tigers 1316 5a
 Tualatin Timberwolves 1408 5a

Region 5 (12)

Sheldon Irish 1013 5a
 South Eugene Axe 1101 5a
 Springfield Millers 874 4a
 Thurston Colts 919 5a
 Willamette Wolverines 1035 5a
 Churchill Lancers 711 4a
 Sweet Home Huskies 443 4a
 Cottage Grove Lions 520 4a
 Lebanon Warriors 643 4a
 Marshfield Pirates 507 4a
 North Bend Bulldogs 530 4a
 North Eugene Highlanders 652 4a

Region 3 (17)

Barlow Bruins 1280 5a
 Centennial Eagles 1034 5a
 Central Catholic Rams 609 5a
 Clackamas Cavaliers 1930 5a
 David Douglas Scots 1587 5a
 Gresham Gophers 992 5a
 Hood River Valley Eagles 883 5a
 Nelson Hawks NEW 5a
 Reynolds Raiders 1612 5a
 Sandy Pioneers 974 5a
 Canby Cougars 957 5a
 Lake Oswego Lakers 927 5a
 Lakeridge Pacers 886 5a
 Oregon City Pioneers 1531 5a
 St. Mary's Academy Blues 1043 5a
 West Linn Lions 1406 5a
 Wilsonville Wildcats 906 5a

Region 6 (10)

Crater Comets 874 5a
 Grants Pass Cavemen 1105 5a
 North Medford Black 1242 5a
 Roseburg Indians 1161 5a
 South Medford Panthers 1274 5a
 Ashland Grizzlies 675 4a
 Eagle Point Eagles 704 4a
 Henley Hornets 502 4a
 Klamath Union Pelicans 470 4a
 Mazama Vikings 461 4a