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TO: Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors, and Football Coaches

FROM: Brad Garrett, Assistant Executive Director

SUBJECT: OSAA Football Ad Hoc Committee Update

The Football Ad Hoc Committee conducted its fifth public meeting related to Football placements during the 2022 – 2026 time-block on February 16, 2022, at the Holiday Inn Wilsonville with public testimony streamed live via the OSAA YouTube channel. When finalized, Committee recommendations will be forwarded to the OSAA Executive Board for review and adoption.

OSAA staff provided a summary of 11 pieces of correspondence received after the last meeting. The Committee received online testimony from two individuals and two individuals in-person in total representing eight different schools. The group then convened into a work session to continue developing recommendations.

Final League/Special District Configurations by Classification

The Committee reached consensus on a final recommendation of all school placements and alignments for the 2022-2026 time block. Any requests by member schools to change classification or placement will need to be directed to the OSAA Executive Board for consideration.

The following final adjustments were made to Draft #2:

- McKay HS was moved from Midwestern League to Mid-Willamette Conference
- Cottage Grove HS was moved from Big Sky Conference to the Oregon West Conference
- Regis HS was moved from Central Valley Conference to the Tri-River Conference
- Newport was moved from Coastal Range League to PacWest Conference
- North Marion was moved from Pac West Conference to Coastal Range League

Recommended Bracket Structure/Allocations

The table below summarizes the current Committee recommendations at all levels.

Classification	Bracket Type	Allocations
*6A (see detail below)	8-team + 24-team	PIL (4), Metro (3), Pacific (3), Mt. Hood (4) Three Rivers (3), Central/Southwest (5) + 10 via rankings
5A	16-team	NW Oregon (4), Midwestern (4), Mid-Willamette (4), Intermountain (3) + 1 via rankings
4A	16-team	Cowapa (3), Tri-Valley (3), Oregon West (3), Big Sky (3), Greater Oregon (3) + 1 via rankings
3A	16-team	Coastal Range (3), PacWest (3), Mountain Valley (3), Far West (4), Eastern Oregon (2) + 1 via rankings
2A	16-team	Northwest (3), Tri-River (3), Central Valley (3), Southern (3), Blue Mountain (3) + 1 via rankings
1A-8	12-team	SD-1 (4) and SD-2 (4) and (4) at-large via rankings
1A-6	8-team	SD-1 (3) and SD-2 (5)

* At the 6A classification the 32 qualifying teams would be separated into two Divisions. Division 1 would include 8 teams and Division 2 would include 24 teams.

6A Classification Bracket Structure/Allocations

The Committee spent considerable time discussing the results from previous surveys and league feedback related to the bracket type options presented in the February 2 update. It is clear that a majority of 6A schools want some type of structural change to the current 32-team format. Given the request for a change the Committee is currently supporting creating two playoff Divisions within 6A football as described below:

8-team Division 1

- Division 1 would include any League Champion whose final ranking is 12 or higher.
- Unfilled spots within the 8-team bracket would be filled by the highest ranked teams not League Champions.
- Bracket would be seeded per OSAA policy - once any adjustments are completed (same league matchup, etc.), teams shall be assigned an adjusted playoff ranking (APR) and placed on the bracket accordingly.
- All Division 1 teams would receive a bye in Round 1.
- Division 1 Championship would be played on Thanksgiving weekend.
- 6A Division 1 Championship trophy will be awarded.

24-team Division 2

- Division 2 would include any League Champion not ranked in the Top 12, all automatic qualifiers not League Champions, and the 10 highest ranked available teams.
- Teams occupying the #9-16 seeds will receive a bye in Round 1. Teams #17-32 would play a game in Round 1.
- Division 2 Championship would be played on current weekend (First week in December).
- 6A Division 2 Championship trophy will be awarded.

2A, 1A Structure/Game Type

- Recommends that 2A schools (ADM 75 - 145) play the 9-player game.
- Recommends that 1A schools (ADM 74 - 61) play the 8-player game.
- Recommends that 1A schools (ADM 0 - 60) play the 6-player game.

6-Player State Championship

The group fully supports adoption of the 6-player game and is encouraging the OSAA State Championship Committee to recommend conducting an OSAA State Championship for 6-player teams.

Placement Criteria:

- Schools requesting a lower classification for the first time must have had a 2-year in-class winning percentage below 22%.
- Schools previously playing at a lower classification requesting to remain there must have had a 2-year in-class winning percentage of less than 67% and have not won an OSAA playoff game.
- Any school approved to remain down or has opted to play down that has an in-class winning percentage of 67% or higher and/or advances beyond Round 1 of any OSAA Football State Championship will automatically be moved back up for the following season.

The committee ended the meeting with group discussion regarding forfeitures during the regular season and coach certification.

- The frustrations associated with forfeitures occurring during the regular season and what some perceive as a growing trend to resolve mismatched teams was the focus of the conversation. The group feels that allowing a team to forfeit a league contest and subsequently schedule another game during the same week should not be allowed. The team receiving the forfeit victory would be permitted the option to schedule another opponent for the same week but only the Forfeit win will be rankable.

- The group supports continuing the requirement that all schools have a Player Safety Coach (PSC) but support removing the in-person requirement and requiring certification every other year. The PSC would be required to complete the same courses as all other coaches during the off year.
- USA Football has transitioned out of the Heads Up program and their content has gone with them. As a result, the required course for all coaches, paid or volunteer, will transition to the NFHS Football Tackling course now available on NFHS Learning Center at <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/football-tackling>.

The OSAA staff will provide a committee update, like this one, to all superintendents, principals, athletic directors, and football coaches following each meeting. The Committee roster, charge, and any additional committee information is available at <http://www.osaa.org/governance/committees>.

Written suggestions and proposals should be 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 Ad Hoc Football Committee is TBD. The meeting will be conducted at the **Holiday Inn Wilsonville**. The general format for the meeting will be for the Committee to receive public testimony followed by a closed work session. The Committee appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please contact Brad Garrett (bradg@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.

OSAA Football Ad Hoc Advisory

Proposed 2022-2026 Alignments

Final Recommendation

6A	44	5A	31	4A	32
1005+		1004-608		607-311	
6A-1 - Portland Interscholastic	8	5A-1 - Northwest Oregon Conference	8	4A-1 - Cowapa League	6
Cleveland Warriors	1219	Canby Cougars	957	Astoria Fishermen	398
Franklin Lightning	1376	Centennial Eagles	1034	Milwaukie / Arts Academy Mustangs(5A)	796
Grant Generals	1314	Forest Grove Vikings (6A)	1086	Scappoose Indians	501
Jefferson Democrats	444	Hillsboro Spartans	769	Seaside Seagulls	313
Lincoln Cardinals	1190	Hood River Valley Eagles	883	St. Helens Lions	598
McDaniel Mountain Lions	718	Putnam Kingsmen	872	Tillamook Cheesemakers	454
Roosevelt Roughriders	705	Southridge Skyhawks (6A)	1073		
Wells Guardians	1152	Wilsonville Wildcats	906	4A-2 - Tri-Valley Conference	6
6A-2 - Metro League	6	5A-2 - Midwestern League	8	Estacada Rangers	362
Aloha Warriors	1235	Churchill Lancers	711	Gladstone Gladiators	440
Beaverton Beavers	1038	Crater Comets	874	La Salle Prep Falcons (5A)	514
Jesuit Crusaders	960	Eagle Point Eagles	704	Molalla Indians	518
Mountainside Mavericks	1422	North Eugene Highlanders	652	Parkrose Broncos (5A)	533
Sunset Apollos	1600	Springfield Millers	874	Woodburn Bulldogs (5A)	870
Westview Wildcats	1848	South Eugene Axe (6A)	1101	4A-3 - Oregon West Conference	7
6A-3 - Pacific Conference	6	Thurston Colts	919	Cascade Cougars	514
Century Jaguars	1077	Willamette Wolverines (6A)	1035	Cottage Grove Lions	520
Glencoe Crimson Tide	1026	5A-3 - Mid-Willamette Conference	9	Junction City Tigers	378
Liberty Falcons	1054	Central Panthers	660	Marist Catholic Spartans	323
McMinnville Grizzlies	1414	Corvallis Spartans	766	Philomath Warriors	335
Newberg Tigers	1077	Crescent Valley Raiders	619	Stayton Eagles	499
Sherwood Bowmen	1209	Dallas Dragons	616	Sweet Home Huskies	443
6A-4 - Mt. Hood Conference	8	Lebanon Warriors	643	4A-5 - Big Sky Conference	7
Barlow Bruins	1280	McKay Scots	1304	Ashland Grizzlies (5A)	675
Central Catholic Rams	609	Silverton Foxes	910	Henley Hornets	502
Clackamas Cavaliers	1930	South Albany Red Hawks	998	Hidden Valley Mustangs	374
David Douglas Scots	1587	West Albany Bulldogs	910	Klamath Union Pelicans	470
Gresham Gophers	992	5A-4 - Intermountain Conference	6	Marshfield Pirates	507
Nelson Hawks	NEW	Bend Lava Bears	814	Mazama Vikings	461
Reynolds Raiders	1612	Caldera Wolfpack	900	North Bend Bulldogs	530
Sandy Pioneers	974	Mountain View Cougars	890	4A-6 - Greater Oregon League	6
6A-5 - Three Rivers League	6	Redmond Panthers	804	Baker Bulldogs	359
Lake Oswego Lakers	927	Ridgeview Ravens	753	Crook County Cowboys	603
Lakeridge Pacers	886	Summit Storm	934	La Grande Tigers	433
Oregon City Pioneers	1531			Madras White Buffaloes	418
Tigard Tigers	1316			Pendleton Buckaroos	615
Tualatin Timberwolves	1408			The Dalles Riverhawks	511
West Linn Lions	1406				
6A-6 - Central/Southwest Valley Conference	10				
Grants Pass Cavemen	1105				
McNary Celtics	1413				
North Medford Black Tornado	1242				
North Salem Vikings	1068				
Roseburg Indians	1161				
Sheldon Irish	1013				
South Medford Panthers	1274				
South Salem Saxons	1451				
Sprague Olympians	1287				
West Salem Titans	1238				

3A	37	2A - 9 player	37	1A - 8 player	27
310-146		145-75		74-61	
3A-1 - Coastal Range League	7	2A9-1 - Northwest League	7	1A8 - Special District 1	13
Banks Braves	269	Clatskanie Tigers	141	Alea Wolverines	64
Corbett Cardinals	258	Gaston Greyhounds	127	Bonanza Antlers	67
North Marion Huskies (4A)	393	Knappa Loggers	92	Camas Valley Hornets	39
Rainier Columbians	177	Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates (3A)	158	Chiloquin Panthers	50
Warrenton Warriors	177	Nestucca Bobcats	95	Crosspoint Christian Warriors	66
Valley Catholic Valiants	275	Sheridan Spartans (3A)	148	Falls City Mountaineers / Kings Valley	72
Yamhill-Carlton Tigers	184	Vernonia Loggers	117	Glendale Pirates	55
				Lost River Raiders	74
3A-2 - PacWest Conference	8	2A9-2 - Tri-River Conference	8	Mohawk Mustangs	68
Amity Warriors	169	Blanchet Catholic Cavaliers	140	Myrtle Point Bobcats	70
Dayton Pirates	187	Chemawa Braves	143	Perrydale Pirates	66
Jefferson Lions	151	Colton Vikings	129	Prospect Cougars / Butte Falls Loggers	67
Kennedy Trojans (2A)	106	Culver Bulldogs	120	St. Paul Buckaroos	66
Newport Cubs (4A)	354	Gervais Cougars	196		
Salem Academy Crusaders (2A)	114	Regis Rams	75	1A8 - Special District 2	14
Santiam Christian Eagles	167	Santiam Wolverines	124	Adrian Antelopes	59
Scio Loggers	165	Willamina Bulldogs	139	Cove Leopards	64
				Crane Mustangs	53
3A-3 - Mountain Valley Conference	7	2A9-2 - Cental Valley Conference	7	Dufur Rangers	59
Creswell Bulldogs	240	Central Linn Cobras	139	Elgin Huskies	65
Elmira Falcons	307	Lowell Devils	76	Enterprise Outlaws (2A)	101
Harrisburg Eagles	160	Monroe Dragons	79	Imbler Panthers	59
La Pine Hawks	266	Oakridge Warriors	83	Ione Cardinals / Arlington Honkers	75
Pleasant Hill Billies	236	Taft Tigers (3A)	266	Lyle Cougars / Wishram / Klickitat	63
Sisters Outlaws	302	Toledo Boomers	116	Pilot Rock Rockets	61
Siuslaw Vikings	234	Waldport Irish	105	Powder Valley Badgers	50
				Sherman Huskies / Condon Blue Devils	73
3A-4 - Far West League	10	2A9-2 - Southern Conference	8	Union Bobcats	71
Brookings-Harbor Bruins	309	Bandon Tigers	122	Wallowa Cougars	39
Cascade Christian Challengers	153	Glide Wildcats (3A)	148		
Coquille Red Devils	188	Gold Beach Panthers	92	1A - 6 player	21
Douglas Trojans	259	Illinois Valley Cougars	155	60 - 0	
Lakeview Honkers	146	North Douglas Warriors/Yoncalla Eagles	114	1A6 - Special District 1	8
North Valley Knights	290	Oakland Oakers	138	Dayville Tigers / Monument Tigers	21
Phoenix Pirates (4A)	400	Reedsport Brave	106	Echo Cougars	51
South Umpqua Lancers	244	Rogue River Chieftains (3A)	173	Huntington Locomotives	20
St. Mary's Crusaders	238			Joseph Eagles	49
Sutherlin Bulldogs	269	2A9-5 - Blue Mountain Conference	7	Mitchell Loggers / Spray / Wheeler	38
		Grant Union Prospectors	107	Pine Eagle Spartans	39
3A-5 - Eastern Oregon League	5	Heppner Mustangs	76	Prairie City Panthers / Burnt River Bulls	53
Burns Hilanders	164	Irrigon Knights	141	South Wasco County Redsides	44
McLoughlin Pioneers	290	Riverside Pirates (3A)	158		
Nyssa Bulldogs / Harper Charter	184	Stanfield Tigers	89	1A6 - Special District 2	13
Ontario Tigers (4A)	364	Umatilla Vikings (3A)	211	Crow Cougars	53
Vale Vikings	169	Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots	121	Days Creek Wolves	46
				Eddyville Charter Eagles	35
				Elkton Elks	55
				Gilchrist Grizzlies	23
				Jewell Bluejays	30
				Mapleton Sailors	25
				McKenzie Eagles	32
				North Lake Cowboys	48
				Powers Cruisers	11
				Riddle Irish	59
				Siletz Valley Warriors	35
				Triangle Lake Lakers	37