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To: Superintendent, Principals, Athletic Directors
From: Peter Weber, OSAA Executive Director
Subject: Fall 2021 Update and State Championships Modifications

The OSAA Executive Board met in a work session on Friday, October 1 to discuss 2021 Fall State Championships and other aspects related to OSAA playoffs.

The Board recognizes and appreciates the hard work by member schools and officials to provide students the ability to participate; the effort is commended. Everyone has worked very hard to return students to the classroom, fields, and courts. We remain thankful for the opportunity for students to participate and grow closer to a sense of normalcy.

After lengthy discussion, the OSAA Executive Board made several decisions that will impact OSAA State Championships. The Board felt the following changes were prudent to safely conduct state championships this fall, especially those conducted indoors. The Board is committed to having championships in every activity offered in alignment with recent ODE and OHA recommendations for extracurricular activities.

2021 Fall Playoffs and State Championships

- Quarterfinal matches in the *Volleyball State Championships* will be hosted at the school sites of the higher seeded team in the matchup. The semifinals and finals will be at neutral sites in a single court setup. 6A, 5A will remain at Liberty HS; 4A, 3A will be hosted by Corvallis HS and 2A, 1A will return to Ridgeview HS.
- Game times in the *Soccer and Football State Championships* events run by the OSAA will be separated further to reduce overlap at venues between communities, schools, and teams.
- Due to the nature of the *Cross Country State Championships*, this event's structure was not modified.

Calendar Changes

- 6A, 5A, 1A Football Cutoff moved from Friday, October 29 to Saturday, October 30.
- There will be increased flexibility for play dates in playoff early rounds to address potential officials' shortages. The updated activity calendar can be found at <https://www.osaa.org/docs/calendar/21-22ActivityCalendar.pdf>.

Bracketed Games - Forfeitures

Once an OSAA State Championship bracket is published, no modifications will be made if a team is unable to play due to quarantines or other COVID related issues. The contest will be marked as a forfeit.

Rescheduling Contests (Cancellations, Forfeits, and Rankings)

Schools must have their league schedule finalized with any cancelled league contests posted to their schedule by October 13. Please contact the OSAA office for assistance in marking league contests not played as forfeits.

Additionally, the Board Policy – State Championships - Rankings was modified to push the deadline for adding contests in the same classification (or one away) onto a team's schedule back to October 13 (previously September 29).

2022-26 State Championship Committee

The Executive Board approved the 2022-26 State Championship Committee roster and charge (<https://www.osaa.org/governance/committees#state-championship-committee>). The Committee will begin their work in early December.

The OSAA Executive Board remains committed to providing state championships in every activity offered by the Association and will continue to work with schools and venues throughout the year.