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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors

FROM: Peter Weber, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Summary of Executive Board Action at the Summer Workshop Meeting

At the OSAA Executive Board Summer Workshop in Redmond, the OSAA Executive Board took the following actions:

- Adopted the Athletic Officials Handbook (AOH) for the 2018-19 school year. For more information, click <http://www.osaa.org/docs/officials/AOH.pdf>.
- Adopted changes to Board Policy – Lightning Safety Guidelines aligning with recent changes made by the NFHS to all NFHS rules books. **(Attached)**
- Adopted changes to Board Policy – Reporting Schedules and Results requiring varsity team sport rosters be inputted on the OSAA website. **(Attached)**
- Adopted changes to Board Policy – State Championships – Home Team Designation clarifying past practice that the team with the better Adjusted Playoff Ranking (APR) shall be the designated home team for all rounds. **(Attached)**
- Adopted changes to Board Policy – State Championships – Rankings including updating seasonal dates after which contests won't be counted, counting contests vs. schools one classification away in the Colley rankings, requiring at least four rankable contests in football, and detailing how division champions in large football special districts will be treated for home games/avoiding same league matchups in 1st round contests. **(Attached)**
- Adopted Special District placements for Cascade HS for Swimming, Wrestling, Boys and Girls Tennis, and Boys Golf for the 2018-19 school year. Additionally, voted to switch Wrestling Special District placements for Newport HS and Woodburn HS.
- Adopted the 2018-19 Eligibility Appeals Board roster and calendar of hearing dates. **(Attached)**
- Approved requests from the following schools for Full Membership beginning with the 2018-19 school year:
 - Kings Valley Charter – 1A-3 Mountain West League (plans to co-op with Falls City in football and Philomath in other activities)
- Approved sites for the 2019 Track & Field Championships: 6A, 5A @ Mt. Hood Community College, 4A, 3A @ Mt. Hood Community College, and 2A, 1A @ Western Oregon University.
- Adopted a change to the weigh-in procedures for Wrestling requiring contestants to wear a legal competition uniform (singlet) beginning with the 2018-19 season.
- Adopted 14 weight classes for Girls Wrestling for the 2018-19 season: 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 155, 170, 190, and 235.

A summary of Executive Board actions is posted on the OSAA website following each Executive Board Meeting. Detailed official minutes of the Executive Board Summer Meeting are available from the OSAA upon request.

Proposal to Amend Executive Board Policy – Lightning Safety Guidelines

(Action Item)

QUESTION: Should the Executive Board amend Board Policy – Lightning Safety Guidelines to align with changes made by the NFHS?

RATIONALE: The NFHS recently updated its Lightning Safety Guidelines for all NFHS rules books. These changes would align OSAA policy with NFHS policy.

RULE CHANGE SPONSORED BY: OSAA Executive Board

NEXT STEP IF PASSED: Effective immediately.

POSSIBLE RULE CHANGES:

KEY: Add
Delete

Executive Board Policy – Lightning Safety Guidelines

1. **LIGHTNING SAFETY GUIDELINES** ~~(From “NFHS Sports Rules Books”)~~ [NFHS Position Statements & Guidelines](#) (Revised Fall 2015)

- A. These guidelines provide a default policy to those responsible or sharing duties for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of practices and contests based on the presence of lightning or thunder. ***The preferred sources from which to request such a policy for your facility would include your state high school activities association and the nearest office of the National Weather Service.***
- B. **Proactive Planning:**
- 1) Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during practices and contests.
 - 2) Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby safe areas ***and determine the amount of time needed to get everyone to a designated safe area.***
 - a) ***A designated safer place is a substantial building with plumbing and wiring where people live or work, such as a school, gymnasium or library. An alternate safer place for the threat of lightning is a fully enclosed (not convertible or soft top) metal car or school bus.***
 - 3) Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a) When thunder is heard or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen*, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for ***at least*** 30 minutes and ~~take shelter immediately~~ ***vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately.***
 - b) **Thirty-minute Rule.** Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed* prior to resuming play.
 - c) Any subsequent thunder or lightning* after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
 - d) ***When lightning detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles of the event location. However, you should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or seeing lightning* should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning detection device.***

****At night under certain atmospheric conditions, lightning flashes may be seen from distant storms. In these cases, it may be safe to continue an event. If no thunder can be heard and the flashes are low on the horizon, the storm may not pose a threat. Independently verified lightning detection information would help eliminate any uncertainty.***

- 4) Review annually with all administrators, coaches and game personnel ***and train all personnel.***
- 5) Inform student athletes of the lightning policy at start of season.

~~C. For more detailed information, refer to the "Lightning and Thunder Safety" section contained in the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook.~~

Proposal to Amend Board Policy - Reporting Schedules and Results

(Action Item)

QUESTION: Should the Executive Board amend Board Policy – Reporting Schedules and Results to include varsity team sport rosters?

RATIONALE: From the feedback received by the OSAA from a technology survey as well as via the OADA Conference, an overwhelming number of respondents would like varsity team sport rosters to be mandated and posted on www.osaa.org throughout the year. (OADA voted 200-30 in favor).

RULE CHANGE SPONSORED BY: OSAA Executive Board

NEXT STEP IF PASSED: Effective immediately unless otherwise stated in the motion.

POSSIBLE RULE CHANGES:

<p>KEY: Add</p> <p>Delete</p>

Board Policy – Reporting Schedules, Rosters, and Results

1. REPORTING SCHEDULES, ROSTERS, and RESULTS

(Revised Fall 2018)

A. Schedules.

- 1) **Team Sports.** It shall be the responsibility of each member school to submit varsity team schedules to the OSAA through <http://www.osaa.org/> prior to the first contest date of that sport's season. Varsity schedules are required for the following OSAA-sanctioned sports: football, boys' soccer, girls' soccer, volleyball, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, baseball, softball. Subsequent changes to each varsity team's schedule shall be submitted as they occur throughout the season.
- 2) **Wrestling.** It shall be the responsibility of each member school to input varsity team schedules into the assigned TrackWrestling team profile prior to the first contest date. Subsequent changes to the schedule shall be submitted as they occur throughout the season.

B. Rosters.

- 1) **Team Sports.** *It shall be the responsibility of each member school to submit varsity team sport rosters to the OSAA through <http://www.osaa.org/> prior to the first contest date of that sport's season. Varsity rosters are required for the following OSAA-sanctioned sports: football, boys' soccer, girls' soccer, volleyball, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, baseball, softball. Subsequent changes to each varsity team's roster shall be updated as they occur throughout the season.*

C. Results.

- 1) **Team Sports.** The host school is required to report the result of each varsity contest through <http://www.osaa.org/> by 10pm on the day the contest is played. In neutral site contests, the designated home team shall report the result. In the case where an OSAA member school is competing outside of Oregon, it is the responsibility of the member school to report the result. Reports of varsity scores are required for the following OSAA-sanctioned sports: football, boys' soccer, girls' soccer, volleyball, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, baseball, softball.

4.C.

- 2) **Wrestling.** Member schools shall verify after all Varsity dual meets and Varsity tournaments (individual and dual meet formats) that complete results are entered into the school's assigned TrackWrestling team profile and have been accepted. It is highly recommended, but not required, that all events be scored live using TrackWrestling. If the host school does not score the event live using TrackWrestling, then the host school has the responsibility for inputting results for all participating teams within 24 hours after the conclusion of the event. In the case where an OSAA member school is competing outside of Oregon, it is the responsibility of the member school to input the results.
- D. **Consequences of Failure to Report Complete Schedules or Rosters.** Failure to report a complete schedule *or a varsity team sport roster* shall be punishable by fines, forfeiture and/or other penalties as determined by the OSAA Executive Board.
- E. **Consequences of Failure to Report Results.** Failure to report results shall cause the following progressive sanction(s) process for each individual incident and in the time stated. Failure to report results by the 3rd Level shall be punishable by fines, forfeiture and/or other penalties as determined by the OSAA Executive Board.
 - 1) **Team Sports:**
 - a) 1st Level – Reminder Email (1st day after scheduled contest)
 - b) 2nd Level – Warning Email (2nd day after scheduled contest)
 - c) 3rd Level – Probation Email (3rd day after scheduled contest)
 - 2) **Wrestling:**
 - a) 1st Level – Reminder Email (5th day after scheduled contest)
 - b) 2nd Level – Warning Email (6th day after scheduled contest)
 - c) 3rd Level – Probation Email (7th day after scheduled contest)

Proposal to Board Policy - State Championships – Home Team Designation

(Action Item)

QUESTION: *Should the Executive Board amend Board Policy - State Championships - Home Team Designation to provide further clarification on how the OSAA brackets teams?*

RATIONALE: From questions received from the membership this Spring, the OSAA staff felt it was important to clarify how teams will be positioned, and in what method, in the bracketed activities. The OSAA Rankings Committee reviewed the correspondence and is supportive of the following change.

RULE CHANGE SPONSORED BY: OSAA Rankings Committee

NEXT STEP IF PASSED: Effective immediately unless otherwise stated in the motion.

POSSIBLE RULE CHANGES:

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Board Policy – State Championships – Home Team Designation

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - HOME TEAM DESIGNATION

(Revised Fall 2018)

During all rounds of each OSAA State Championship bracket, the ***team with the better Adjusted Playoff Ranking (APR)*** shall be the designated home team.

Proposal to Amend Executive Board Policy – State Championships - Rankings

(Action Item)

QUESTION: *Should the Executive Board amend Board Policy – State Championships – Rankings by accepting the recommendations of the Rankings Committee?*

RATIONALE: The Colley Rankings have a perception that leads schools to believe they must play schools within their classification resulting in teams traveling long distances, past local schools, to ensure their contests count in the rankings. This change will help schools reduce travel and increase the number of contests included in the Colley Rankings. A minimum of four rankable contests in football in order to host a first round playoff game adds validity to the data set created within the system. The freeze and cut-off dates are equivalent to this past year, except for the classifications who no longer use play-in contests to determine post season qualifications.

RULE CHANGE SPONSORED BY: OSAA Executive Board

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Executive Board Policy – State Championships Rankings

The OSAA shall use a ranking system to place qualifying teams on to OSAA State Championship brackets in the following team sports: football, boys' soccer, girls' soccer, volleyball, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, baseball and softball. Specifics regarding the ranking system and its implementation are listed below.

- A. **Overall OSAA Ranking.** The overall OSAA ranking system shall be a combination of a Rating Percentage Index (RPI) system and the Colley Rating system. Each team will have an RPI Rank and a Colley Rank that will be averaged to create their overall OSAA Ranking. The Colley Rank will be used to break ties between teams with the same OSAA Ranking.
- B. **Rating Percentage Index (RPI).** Factors included are wins, losses, ties and location of the contest (home, neutral, away). Score differential and rewards/penalties for playing teams outside one's classification are not a part of the RPI system.
 - 1) **Weighting of Contests.** The weight of a particular contest in the RPI system is determined by its location.

Home Win – .8 of .8	Road Win – 1.2 of 1.2	Neutral Site Win – 1.0 of 1.0
Home Tie – .4 of .8	Road Tie – .6 of 1.2	Neutral Site Tie - .5 of 1.0
Home Loss – 0 of 1.2	Road Loss – 0 of .8	Neutral Site Loss – 0 of 1.0
 - 2) **Percentage Breakdown.** The RPI system factors a team's weighted winning percentage (35%) and a team's opponents' winning percentage (65%) to create a team's RPI ranking.
- C. **Colley Rating.** This system is based on winning percentage, which is adjusted for a team's strength of schedule. ~~Only games against opponents within the same classification are included in the formula.~~ **Only games against opponents within the same classification or one classification away are included in the formula.** When this system is expanded to include all teams in a classification **or one classification away**, a linear system is created with the same number of variables as there are equations. The result of the calculations is a rating for each team ~~in the classification~~ that measures the team's winning percentage against the strength of its opponents and the interactions of their opponents with all teams within the classification **or one classification away**.

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- D. **Results.** Wins and losses shall be included in the rankings for all team sports. Ties shall only be included for boys' and girls' soccer.
- 1) **Endowment Games.** Results from contests designated as Endowment Games shall be included.
 - 2) **Independent Status Teams.** Results from contests that have been granted Independent Status by the OSAA shall be included.
 - 3) **Forfeits.** Forfeits shall be included and counted as a loss for the forfeiting team and a win for the team receiving the forfeit victory. However, in the RPI system, computation of opponents' winning percentage (OWP) shall not include the results of any forfeits where the result of the contest changes due to the forfeit. Contests that have been legally played (using eligible players, etc.) shall not be counted as forfeits in the rankings, regardless of a league/district's standard operating procedures.
 - 4) **Out of State Teams.** In the RPI system, results from contests against out of state teams shall be included in a team's weighted winning percentage and a team's opponents' winning percentage only. Schools are strongly encouraged to utilize the OSAA Website for the Out-of-State Opponent Records Help in order to have direct, regular contact with these teams.
 - 5) **Out of Country Teams.** In the RPI system, results from contests against out of country teams shall not be included, except for contests against teams who are members of NFHS Affiliate Associations (e.g. Canadian provinces, U.S. territories, etc.) which shall be treated like contests against out of state teams.
 - 6) **Contests vs. Teams Whose Classification's Rankings Are Frozen.** Results from contests involving any team whose classification's rankings are already frozen shall not be included in the rankings.
 - 7) **Contests vs. Teams More Than One Classification Away.** In the RPI system, results from contests added to a team's schedule after a certain date each season (**Fall – Sept. 12; Winter – Dec. 19; Spring – Apr. 3**) vs. a team more than one classification away shall not be included in the rankings. **NOTE:** bracketed contests at tournaments are not affected by this policy.
 - 8) **Contests Added After a Certain Date.** Results from contests added to a team's schedule after a certain date each season (**Fall – Sept. 26; Winter – Jan. 9; Spring – Apr. 10**) shall not be included in the rankings. **NOTE:** Contests not affected by this policy include bracketed contests at tournaments, league tiebreakers, and district/league tournaments. Schools may apply for an exception to OSAA Staff in extenuating circumstances.
 - 9) **Volleyball Pool Play.** Results from pool play in volleyball tournaments shall not be included.
 - 10) **1A Football.** Results from contests between ~~1A~~ football teams **of differing on field participants (11-man, 8-man, 6-man) and other classifications** shall not be included.
 - 11) **JV Teams.** Results from contests against JV teams shall not be included.
 - 12) **Alumni Teams.** Results from contests against alumni teams shall not be included.
 - 13) **Jamborees.** Results from jamborees shall not be included.
 - 14) **Cancellations.** Results from contests that are cancelled shall not be included.
- E. **Home/Away Designation.** Since the RPI system factors in where a contest is played, it is important that schools correctly designate this information when reporting schedules and results, especially for tournaments. Tournament play shall be considered a neutral site, except for contests played by the tournament host at its home venue. Baseball and softball contests, even those played as part of a tournament, shall not be listed as neutral due to the fundamental difference associated with being the home team in those sports (advantage of batting last).
- F. **Ranking Timelines.** The rankings for each team sport shall be available to the public through the OSAA website beginning with the first contest date of each sports season. Rankings shall be frozen on the following dates for each classification in each team sport:

<u>Sport (includes all games played on that day)</u>	<u>6A</u>	<u>5A</u>	<u>4A</u>	<u>3A & 2A</u>	<u>1A</u>
Volleyball - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	Sat, Oct. 20	Tues, Oct. 23	Thurs, Oct. 18	Tues, Oct. 23	Mon, Oct. 22
Soccer - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	Tues, Oct. 23	Sat, Oct. 27	Tues, Oct. 23	Sat, Oct. 27	Sat, Oct. 27
Football - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	Fri, Oct. 26	Fri, Oct. 26	Fri, Oct. 19	Sat, Oct. 27	Fri, Oct. 26
Basketball (Boys) - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	Fri, Feb. 22	Tues, Feb. 26	Tues, Feb. 19	Sat, Feb. 16	Sat, Feb. 16
Basketball (Girls) - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	Sat, Feb. 23	Wed, Feb. 27	Tues, Feb. 19	Sat, Feb. 16	Sat, Feb. 16
Baseball/Softball - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	Thurs, May 16	Sat, May 18	Mon, May 13	Sat, May 18	Sat, May 18

- G. **Breaking Ties in the Overall Rankings.** In the event of a tie in the final overall OSAA Rankings, the teams' Colley Rank will be used to break the tie. Although the Colley Ratings are displayed to the thousandths, the Colley Ratings shall be extended to as many digits as possible in order to break the tie. If a tie still exists then head-to-head competition shall decide the higher overall OSAA ranking. If a tie still exists, the RPI ranking shall be extended to as many digits as possible in order to break the tie. If that does not resolve the tie, the RPI ranking shall be extended to as many digits as possible for each of the following components in this order: winning percentage, weighted winning percentage, opponents' winning percentage. If a tie still exists, a coin flip by the OSAA staff shall decide the higher overall OSAA ranking.
- H. **Home Games for League Champions.** League champions at the 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A classifications shall be guaranteed a home game in their first state playoff contest, provided that the league champion finished in the top 16 of the final frozen rankings. Only one team per league will be considered the league champion under this policy; ties must be broken by the league. League champions meeting this criterion shall be moved up in the rankings the least number of places in order to ensure a home game (e.g. a league champion ranked #13 in the final frozen rankings shall be moved up to #8 and affected teams will shift down accordingly). League champions not meeting this criterion shall not be moved.
NOTE: Division champions of football special districts with at least 11 teams that have split into two divisions shall be treated as a league champion for the purpose of this policy.
- I. **Avoiding Same League Matchups in 1st Round.** The OSAA Staff shall make adjustments to the bracket to avoid teams from the same league matching up in the 1st Round. At the 1A level in volleyball and basketball, adjustments to the bracket shall be made beginning in the Round of 16 to avoid same league matchups. ***NOTE: Divisions in football special districts with at least 11 teams that split into two divisions shall be considered different leagues for the purpose of this policy.*** The following process shall be used:
- 1) Always move the lower ranked team when a conflict occurs.
 - 2) Never take a home game away from a team when trying to resolve a conflict.
 - 3) Make a total of three moves for a team to try and fix the conflict.
 - 4) The three moves must move downward, if possible (e.g. #23 shifting with #24, #25, #26).
 - 5) If there is not room to move downward (e.g. #32 is the conflict in a 32-team bracket), then move upward.
 - 6) If the conflict is not resolved after a total of three moves, no change shall be made to fix the conflict.
- J. **Placing Teams on the OSAA Bracket.** Once any adjustments are completed per sections H and I above, teams shall be assigned an adjusted playoff ranking (APR) and placed on the bracket accordingly (e.g. 1-32, 1-16, etc.).
In football only, if a non-league champion state qualifying team does not have four rankable contests, they will be placed in the last possible APR seed.



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2018-19 OSAA Eligibility Appeals Board HEARING DATES CALENDAR

(all dates are Thursdays)

August 23, 2018

September 20, 2018

October 18, 2018

November 15, 2018

December 13, 2018

January 17, 2019

February 21, 2019

March 14, 2019

April 11, 2019

May 9, 2019