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TO:    Officials Associations, Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: OSAA Officials Fee Review Committee – June 4 Meeting update

The Officials Fee Review Committee conducted their second public meeting on June 4, 2018 at the OSAA Office in Wilsonville. The constitutionally mandated purpose of this Committee is to make recommendations to the OSAA Delegate Assembly for adoption in October 2018. These recommendations will consider only items involving fees paid to individual officials, commissioners, or Local Associations. This includes game fees, mileage, per diem, check writing fees, commissioner fees, or any other type of service fee provided.

The Committee receive one public testimony then adjourned to a work session to begin development of a recommendation.

The Committee discussed several topics and came to some consensus on several items: The following items were accepted, but still open for discussion:

- A 3-year fee schedule that maintains the current structure with an average 2.5% increase each year starting in 2019-20 and ending in 2021-22. This would be an increase to a 6A/5A/4A school on average of $721 a year and 3-year total $2,185. This would be an increase to a 3A/2A/1A school on average of $360 a year and 3-year of $1,100.

- The 3A/2A/1A Varsity rate would continue at 90% of the 6A/5A/4A Varsity rate for the 2019–2020 school year, increase; 95% of the 6A/5A/4A Varsity rate for the 2020–2021 school year; and 100% of the 6A/5A/4A Varsity rate for the 2021–2022 school year. All sub-varsity would be 75% of the Varsity rate each respective classification level. This will be an increase to a 3A/2A/1A school on average of $890 and 3-year increase of $2700.

- Maintaining the current pay rate differentials between various sports.

- Increase the per-official game fee amount for 3-person basketball crews from 85% of the 2-person rate to 100% of the 2-person rate effective in the 2019-2020 school year, the first year of the new fee schedule.

- Revising the game fee cancellation policy for sports other than baseball and softball to include situations currently not covered and adding several interpretive scenarios to clarify the policy. OSAA staff will develop the interpretive scenarios

- Adding a late payment fee to the schedule. Member schools would have 30 days from invoice date or from first contest date, whichever is later, to pay the invoice in full or a 10% late fee would be applied.

- There was some discussion on increasing the Commissioner’s fees for Baseball and Softball because of the massive amount of work involved in scheduling and rescheduling games due to weather. The Committee tabled this asking for more input from both the Commissioners of those sports and from the schools.

- The was lots of discussion on adding an “excessive” change fee to the schools, but the Committee needs more information on what would be considered “excessive” and what would be a fair fee to charge for this.
The following items are still currently under consideration and the Committee requests feedback from member schools and officials on any/all of the following topics:

- Exploring the concept of migrating all fees paid to officials to a digital platform that would help increase the efficiency of current procedures at the school and local association levels.

The OSAA staff will provide a Committee update, like this one, to all official’s associations, superintendents, principals, and athletic directors following each meeting. The Committee roster, charge, and any additional committee information is available at [http://www.osaa.org/governance/committees](http://www.osaa.org/governance/committees).

Written feedback should be mailed or emailed to the OSAA at (bradg@osaa.org) or (krisw@osaa.org). Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all committee and delegate assembly members for review and discussion.

The next public meeting of the Fee Review Committee will be at 9 a.m. on Monday, September 17th, 2018, at the OSAA office in Wilsonville. The general format for the meeting will be for the Committee to receive public testimony in the morning followed by a closed work session in the afternoon. The Committee appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact Brad Garrett (bradg@osaa.org) or Kris Welch (krisw@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.