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

FROM: Brad Garrett, Assistant Executive Director

SUBJECT: OSAA Football Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Update

The Football Ad Hoc Committee conducted its tenth public meeting on June 3, 2019 at the OSAA Office in Wilsonville. All Committee recommendations will be forwarded to the OSAA Executive Board for review and potential adoption at a future date.

OSAA staff provided a summary of the OADA conference survey questions and Delegate Assembly caucus items that directly relate the committee charge. The Committee received no public testimony. The group then convened into a work session.

The following items were discussed during the work session:

- The group supports recognizing the youth football organizations that have restructured their programs to match the consensus position statement distributed earlier in the year to all organizations. It is important moving forward that member schools and the OSAA find ways to support these organizations during their transition. Recognition ideas that were generated and will be explored include:
 - Continued promotion of the position statement with our print/audio media contacts.
 - Building recognition program – “OSAA Blue Ribbon Youth Football Program”
 - Increasing levels of social media promotion about position statement
 - Coach and player recognition at local and OSAA playoff events
 - Free admission to local and OSAA playoff events
 - Free fundamentals clinics for Blue Ribbon Programs lead by high school and college programs
- After reviewing the OADA and OSAA questions related to criteria the group has modified their prior recommendations. Feedback from member schools on these proposed benchmarks is encouraged.

Question:

What criteria will be used to determine how long a school can play down at a lower classification level?

Answer:

Schools will have a maximum of four years at the lower classification level unless they meet the established two-year criteria or appeal and are granted an exception. The appeal process will be discussed and defined at a future meeting.

Question:

What criteria will be used to determine whether a school that has played down for a two-year time block will be moved back to their original classification?

Answer:

For the two years that they play at a lower classification level, if a team wins 66.7% or more of their games within the classification.

-OR-

For either of the two years that they play at a lower classification level, if a team wins any OSAA Championship playoff game.

Question:

What if a school that has played down for two years fails to meet the criteria to be moved back to their original classification?

Answer:

For the two years that they play at a lower classification level, if a team fails to win more than 66.7% of their games within that classification they will have the option to remain at the lower classification level for another two-year cycle.

- The committee discussed the current 11–8–6 player structure and the implications of adding the 9-player game in the future. Survey results indicate a high level of interest from both the 3A and 2A classifications in reviewing how this might look for the membership.

There is consensus that the viability of creating two different championships (8 and 9-player) is questionable given the pool of available schools that would have to be sorted and placed within these divisions. Given this concern the group focused the discussion on the 9 and 6-player game.

After reviewing school enrollment and participation data from the 2018 season there is consensus that as an initial starting point in the 11-9-6 player structure the enrollment cut-offs points would be:

6-player – 89 and below

9-player – 175

11-player – above 175

An enrollment zone was discussed at both the 6 and 9-player cutoff points above but no consensus was reached. This item will be forwarded to a future agenda.

The group directed staff to survey the 3A, 2A, and 1A classifications regarding their thoughts on a proposed 11-9-6 player structure that could begin in 2022. Results of the survey will help determine the level of interest and next steps in the structure evaluation process.

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 Committee appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact Brad Garrett (bradg@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.

The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is Monday, November 18, 2019 – OSAA Office