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

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SUBJECT: OSAA Football Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Update

The Football Ad Hoc Committee conducted its eleventh public meeting on November 18, 2019 at the OSAA Office in Wilsonville. Committee recommendations will be forwarded to the OSAA Executive Board for review and potential adoption on February 10, 2020.

OSAA staff provided a summary of 11 pieces of correspondence received after the last meeting. The Committee received testimony or comments from 22 individuals. The group then convened into a work session to discuss those items outlined on the posted agenda.

At this point the group is currently supporting the following recommendations:

- Using criteria to identify teams eligible to play down a classification for a two-year period. A complete list of qualifying schools to play down for the 2020 and 2021 seasons is included within this update and those schools will have until December 2, 2019 to notify the Committee of their intent.
  - Any team with a two-year in-classification winning percentage of 22% or lower will have the option to move down a classification level.
- Using criteria to identify teams that would be required to move back to their originating classification level after playing down for a two-year period.
  - Any team with a two-year in-classification winning percentage of 66.67% or higher is automatically moved to originating classification after the two-year period.
  - Any team that wins an OSAA Football Championship game, regardless of round, is automatically moved to originating classification after the two-year period.
  - The Committee is also discussing adding an additional criterion that would allow review of any team under the 66.67% percentage outlined above but has demonstrated through a combination of winning percentage, league finish, participation numbers, or state championship qualification that it may need to be moved back up.
- Eliminating the following original criteria moving forward as the two-year in-classification winning percentage of 22% or lower captures 99% of the teams.
  - Any team with a four-year in-classification winning percentage of 22% or lower
  - Has played 12 or fewer in-classification games during the last four years.
- Continue piloting 6-player Football for the 2020 and 2021 seasons with the following modifications:
  - Adjusting the enrollment limit to better represent 6-player school populations. This is still under discussion and will be finalized at the next meeting of the Committee.
  - Extending the 6-player cutoff date two weeks to allow for an unofficial semifinal and championship game.

- During the pilot, no OSAA State Championship will be awarded at the 6-player level.
- Modify the current structure to include 9-player Football at the 2A Classification level starting with the 2020 season.
  - 2A schools choosing to continue to play 11-player will have the option to participate at the 3A level in Football and would not be required to move other sports/activities up to the 3A.
  - Under this recommendation, 8 player teams in the enrollment zone of 89-120 would play 9 man thus eliminating the enrollment zone for 8 player football. 1A teams choosing to play up to 9 man would have the option to participate in football only and would not be required to move in other sports.
  - It is recommended that 2A schools currently playing down to the 1A level would be returned to the 2A classification to participate in the 9-player game.
- Reorganize schools participating at the 4A Classification level into either 4 or 5 Special Districts. Several proposed alignments are included within this update.

Summary of teams who have played down during the last two-year period – any school with a two-year in-classification winning % greater than or equal to 66.67% or has won an OSAA Football Championship game, regardless of round, is automatically moved back to their originating classification level.

School	Class	2-year In Class Win %	Notes
Bonanza	1A	47.37%	
Butte Falls / Crater Lake Char. Acad.	1A	56.25%	
Cleveland	5A	26.67%	
Corbett	3A	28.57%	
Creswell	2A	27.78%	
Crook County	4A	33.33%	
Enterprise	1A	42.86%	
Forest Grove	5A	52.63%	
<b>Hidden Valley</b>	3A	76.47%	MOVE BACK TO 4A
<b>Lowell</b>	1A	72.50%	MOVE BACK TO 2A
Madras	3A	58.82%	
McKay	5A	16.67%	
Myrtle Point	1A	12.50%	
Oakridge	1A	30.43%	
<b>Pilot Rock / Nixyaawii</b>	1A	68.75%	MOVE BACK TO 2A
Riverside	2A	0.00%	
Siuslaw	3A	30.00%	
South Eugene	5A	55.56%	
<b>The Dalles</b>	4A	46.67%	MOVE BACK TO 5A
Waldport	1A	18.75%	
<b>Warrenton</b>	2A	73.33%	MOVE BACK TO 3A
Wilson	5A	17.65%	

Summary of teams that have qualified to play down a classification level based on an in-classification winning percentage of 22% or less during the 2018 and 2019 seasons. 1A schools listed would become eligible to participate in the 6-player game.

Schools wishing to exercise the option to play down for the 2020 and 2021 seasons must notify the OSAA office by December 2, 2019 of their intent.

<b>Qualified to play down for 2020 and 2021</b>		
<b>School</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>2 year in-class win %</b>
Blanchet Catholic	3A	6.67%
Canby	6A	11.11%
Cove	1A	15.38%
Crow	1A	20.00%
Douglas	3A	5.56%
Franklin	6A	7.14%
Gold Beach	2A	7.69%
Irrigon	3A	12.50%
Jewell	1A	15.38%
Junction City	4A	6.67%
Madison	6A	5.88%
McLoughlin / Griswold	4A	9.09%
Milwaukie / Milwaukie Acad. of the Arts	5A	13.33%
Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler	1A	21.43%
Molalla	4A	20.00%
North Eugene	5A	16.67%
North Lake	1A	13.33%
Philomath	4A	14.29%
Phoenix	4A	14.29%
Pine Eagle	1A	8.33%
Prospect Charter	1A	6.25%
Salem Academy	3A	11.76%
Sisters	4A	21.43%
South Umpqua	3A	18.75%
Taft	3A	18.75%
Umatilla	3A	18.18%
Vernonia	2A	13.33%

Summary of teams already allowed to play down in all activities per action taken by the OSAA Executive Board for this current four-year time block.

<b>Schools</b>			
<b>School</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>2 year %</b>	<b>4 year %</b>
Brookings-Harbor	3A	36.36%	16.00%
Chemawa	2A	0.00%	0.00%
Gervais	2A	17.65%	20.59%
Illinois Valley	2A	16.67%	13.33%

Proposed 4A alignments for the 2020 and 2021 – with the following assumptions:

Crook County will continue to play down at 4A  
 Junction City, Phoenix, and Molalla will opt to stay at the 4A  
 Philomath, McLoughlin and Sisters will opt to play down to 3A

<b>Option A for 2020 and 2021</b>				
<b>SD 1</b>	<b>SD 2</b>	<b>SD 3</b>	<b>SD 4</b>	
Astoria	Cascade	Henley	Baker	
Banks	Elmira	Cottage Grove	Crook County (5A)	
Estacada	Junction City	Hidden Valley	La Grande	
Gladstone	Marist Catholic	Klamath Union	Madras	
Milwaukie / MAA (5A)	Newport	Marshfield	Ontario	
Molalla	North Marion	Mazama		
Seaside	Stayton	North Valley		
Tillamook	Sweet Home	Phoenix		
Valley Catholic	Woodburn			
<b>Option B for 2020 and 2021</b>				
<b>SD1</b>	<b>SD2</b>	<b>SD3</b>	<b>SD4</b>	<b>SD5</b>
Astoria	Cascade	Cottage Grove	Henley	Baker
Banks	Estacada	Elmira	Hidden Valley	Crook County (5A)
Molalla	Gladstone	Junction City	Klamath Union	La Grande
Seaside	Milwaukie/MAA (5A)	Marist Catholic	Mazama	Madras
Tillamook	North Marion	Marshfield	North Valley	Ontario
Valley Catholic	Stayton	Newport	Phoenix	
	Woodburn	Sweet Home		

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](mailto: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 Advisory Committee is Monday, December 16, 2019.** 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 do not hesitate to contact Brad Garrett ([bradg@osaa.org](mailto:bradg@osaa.org)) at the OSAA if you have any questions.