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TO: Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors, and Football Coaches
FROM: Kris Welch, Assistant Executive Director
SUBJECT: OSAA Football Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Update – January 24 Meeting

The Football Ad Hoc Advisory conducted its second and final public meeting at the OSAA office to finalize its recommendations for the OSAA Executive Board's February 5th meeting.

OSAA staff provided a summary of 17 pieces of correspondence received following the group's January 10 meeting. During the meeting the Committee received testimony from 12 individuals either in-person or online representing nine different schools. At the completion of the testimony, the Committee convened into a work session to discuss a variety of topics, review testimony, and develop its final recommendations for the Executive Board.

Final League/Special District Configuration by Classification

The Committee reviewed testimony (both written and during the meeting) and reached consensus on a final recommendation of all school placements and league/district alignments for the 2024-25 football season (see attached). The OSAA Executive Board will vote on these recommendations at their February 5, 2024, meeting.

Play Down Criteria

The Committee spent considerable time discussing potential changes to the play down criteria and how that should be utilized in conjunction with the additional criteria outlined in the policy moving forward. The group supports schools that meet the 22% or less winning percentage qualifying them for consideration to play down but not automatically moving them down. These schools would be required to submit a request with the additional criteria outlined in the policy either in person or via Zoom and the Football Ad Hoc Committee would determine whether to grant the request on a case-by-case basis. Committee members supported including a school's ADM as a factor for consideration as well. The goal of these adjustments is to reaffirm that playing down is a significant step and must be thoroughly reviewed by members of the Committee, not solely based on a percentage.

The Committee plans to explore potential additional policy/criteria for schools that don't meet the 22% or less winning percentage but demonstrate considerable difficulty maintaining the viability of their program at their current classification.

Number of Committee Meetings

The Committee supports adding an additional meeting next year to provide more opportunity for input and feedback from schools in this process. The group plans to meet during the Fall 2024 season for an initial work session and then hold four public meetings (two prior to winter break and two after winter break) before making its final recommendations to the Executive Board in February 2025.

1A 8-Player and 1A 6-Player Football

The Committee continues to support having the cutoff for 1A-8 player at 60-74. They believe the proposed leagues allow for a viable regular season and state championship playoffs for each level. The group again heard testimony during the meeting to pause the process and allow 1A schools the time to get together to further explore this issue. The group is aware that 1A Delegate Assembly members are meeting this week toward that effort. The Committee

continues to believe it has a responsibility to provide its football special districts for the Executive Board on February 5 and understands that any decision to pause to provide more time would be at the Board’s discretion.

Playoff Bracket Structure/Allocations

The Committee discussed playoff bracket structure and supports maintaining the current bracket structure for 1A-6, 1A-8, 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5A classifications (see chart below for allocations). The group reviewed survey results from 6A schools and spent considerable time discussing the 6A playoffs. The survey results showed support for maintaining the Columbia Cup and support for making changes to the format. Committee members believe that more input and discussion is needed by 6A schools before making any decisions on the playoff format. A sub-committee of the Football Ad Hoc Committee will work on potential options and get feedback from 6A athletic directors and coaches at the non-league scheduling meeting in March and OADA State Conference in April to bring a proposal to the Executive Board’s May 6 meeting.

Classification	Bracket Type	Allocations
1A – 6	12-team	SD-1 (4), SD-2 (3), SD-3(2), then three (3) at-large via Rankings
1A – 8	12-team	SD-1 (3), SD-2 (3), SD-3(3), then three (3) at-large via Rankings
2A	16-team	Each Special District receives 2 automatic berths, then four (4) at-large via Rankings
3A	16-team	Each Special District receives 2 automatic berths, then four (4) at-large via Rankings
4A	16-team	Each Special District receives 3 automatic berths, then the one (1) at-large spot is determined between the highest ranked team amongst the 4 th place teams of SD-1, SD-3, and SD-4
5A	16-team	SD-1 (2), SD-2 (2), SD-3 (2), SD-4 (3), SD-5 (2) then five (5) at-large via Rankings
6A	TBD	Sub-committee to get 6A feedback for recommendation at May 6 Executive Board meeting

Aligning Classification and Districting Petition to Play Down criteria with Football Ad Hoc Committee criteria

The Committee recommends that the Executive Board align the Classification and Districting Committee’s Petition to Play Down criteria for moving a team back up with the Football Ad Hoc Committee criteria for consistency in football only. Currently, a school that met the requirements for a school-wide Petition to Play Down for all sports is subject to that policy’s Dominant Team Sport Activity based on postseason success when determining if one of their teams should be moved back up to its original classification. The Football Ad Hoc Committee wants the Placement in a Different Classification – Football Only policy for moving schools back up that includes an in-class winning percentage of 67% or higher and/or advancing beyond Round 1 of any state championship to apply across the board.

Any communication received by the OSAA at this point in the process will be shared with the Executive Board for review and discussion. Please contact Kris Welch (krisw@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.

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Final Recommendation (1/24/24)

6A		5A		4A	
1005+		1004-608		607-311	
6A-1 - Portland Interscholastic League	8	5A-1 - Special District 1	8	4A-1 - Special District 1	6
Cleveland Warriors	1161	Aloha Warriors	1202	Astoria Fishermen	427
Franklin Lightning	1387	Centennial Eagles	1009	Milwaukie / Arts Academy Mustangs	786
Grant Generals	1567	Forest Grove Vikings	1181	Scappoose Indians	477
Ida B. Wells Guardians	1150	Glencoe Crimson Tide	1047	Seaside Seagulls	319
Jefferson Democrats	387	Hillsboro Spartans	826	St. Helens Lions	602
Lincoln Cardinals	1095	Hood River Valley Eagles	851	Tillamook Cheesemakers	473
McDaniel Mountain Lions	831	La Salle Prep Falcons	478		
Roosevelt Roughriders	841	Putnam Kingsmen	828	4A-2 - Special District 2	5
				Estacada Rangers	378
6A-2 - Metro League	6	5A-2 - Special District 2	6	Gladstone / Riverdale	564
Beaverton Beavers	1022	Canby Cougars	888	Molalla Indians	526
Jesuit Crusaders	966	Central Panthers	667	Parkrose Broncos	552
Mountainside Mavericks	1439	McKay Scots	1275	The Dalles Riverhawks	535
Southridge Skyhawks	1155	Silverton Foxes	878		
Sunset Apollos	1587	Wilsonville Wildcats	923	4A-3 - Special District 3	6
Westview Wildcats	1911	Woodburn Bulldogs	951	Cascade Cougars	553
				Junction City Tigers	368
6A-3 - Pacific Conference	5	5A-3 - Special District 3	6	Marist Catholic Spartans	282
Century Jaguars	1076	Corvallis Spartans	800	Philomath Warriors	340
Liberty Falcons	1018	Crescent Valley Raiders	626	Stayton Eagles	514
McMinnville Grizzlies	1496	Dallas Dragons	617	Sweet Home Huskies	417
Newberg Tigers	972	Lebanon Warriors	819		
Sherwood Bowmen	1230	South Albany Red Hawks	975	4A-4 - Special District 4	6
		West Albany Bulldogs	924	Ashland Grizzlies	631
6A-4 - Mt. Hood Conference	8	5A-4 - Special District 4	9	Henley Hornets	514
Barlow Bruins	1393	Churchill Lancers	736	Hidden Valley Mustangs	379
Central Catholic Rams	640	Crater Comets	947	Marshfield Pirates	541
Clackamas Cavaliers	1244	Eagle Point Eagles	717	Mazama Vikings	473
David Douglas Scots	1523	North Eugene Highlanders	670	North Bend Bulldogs	513
Gresham Gophers	1197	Roseburg Indians	1179		
Nelson Hawks	1027	South Eugene Axe	1077	4A-5 - Special District 5	5
Reynolds Raiders	1553	Springfield Millers	881	Baker Bulldogs	386
Sandy Pioneers	1002	Thurston Colts	963	Crook County Cowboys	622
		Willamette Wolverines	1083	La Grande Tigers	408
6A-5 - Three Rivers League	6	5A-5 - Intermountain Conference	6	Ontario Tigers	346
Lake Oswego Lakers	928	Bend Lava Bears	914	Pendleton Buckaroos	601
Lakeridge Pacers	906	Caldera Wolfpack	902		
Oregon City Pioneers	1561	Mountain View Cougars	760		
Tigard Tigers	1359	Redmond Panthers	765		
Tualatin Timberwolves	1321	Ridgeview Ravens	720		
West Linn Lions	1407	Summit Storm	1059		
6A-6 - Special District 1	9				
McNary Celtics	1386				
North Salem Vikings	1216				
South Salem Saxons	1586				
Sprague Olympians	1318				
West Salem Titans	1248				
Grants Pass Cavemen	1110				
North Medford Black Tornado	1191				
Sheldon Irish	1079				
South Medford Panthers	1205				

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3A 310-146	40	2A 145-75	40	1A - 8 74-60	22	1A - 6 59-	26
3A-1 - Special District 1	7	2A-1 - Special District 1	7	1A-[8] - Special District 1	8	1A-[6] - Special District 1	11
Banks Braves	240	Clatskanie Tigers	117	Camas Valley Hornets	41	Dayville / Monument / Long Creek	30
Kennedy Trojans	126	Corbett Cardinals	235	Chiloquin Panthers	59	Echo Cougars	59
North Marion Huskies	377	Gaston Greyhounds	115	Crosspoint Christian Warriors	53	Harper Hornets	44
Rainier Columbians	162	Knappa Loggers	101	Glendale Pirates	57	Huntington Locomotives	20
Valley Catholic Valiants	273	Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates	177	Mohawk Mustangs	70	Jordan Valley Mustangs	10
Warrenton Warriors	191	Nestucca Bobcats	90	North Douglas Warriors	77	Joseph Eagles	57
Yamhill-Carlton Tigers	194	Vernonia / Jewell	140	Prospect / Butte Falls	62	Pine Eagle Spartans	33
				Riddle Irish	61	Prairie City / Burnt River	49
3A-2 - Special District 2	8	2A-2 - Special District 2	7	1A-[8] - Special District 2	7	South Wasco County Redsides	39
Amity Warriors	177	Chemawa Braves JV	89	Adrian Antelopes	52	Spray / Mitchell / Wheeler	40
Blanchet Catholic Cavaliers	153	Colton Vikings	118	Cove Leopards	73	Wallowa Cougars	50
Dayton Pirates	202	Gervais Cougars	177	Crane Mustangs	60		
Newport Cubs	378	Sheridan Spartans	133	Elgin Huskies	65	1A-[6] - Special District 2 - North	9
Santiam Christian Eagles	170	Regis Rams	79	Imbler Panthers	67	Alea Wolverines	46
Scio Loggers	166	Salem Academy Crusaders	124	Powder Valley Badgers	53	C.S. Lewis Watchmen	33
Taft Tigers	305	Santiam Wolverines	120	Union Bobcats	74	Crow / City First Christian	61
Willamina Bulldogs	159					Falls City Mountaineers	27
		2A-3 - Special District 3	6	1A-[8] - Special District 3	7	Eddyville Charter Eagles	36
3A-3 - Special District 3	8	Central Linn Cobras	132	Arlington / Ione	69	Mapleton Sailors	19
Cottage Grove Lions	542	Jefferson Lions	159	Dufur Rangers	55	McKenzie Eagles	25
Creswell Bulldogs	252	Monroe Dragons	83	Lyle / Wishram / Klickitat / Glenwood	77	Siletz Valley Warriors	31
Elmira Falcons	310	St. Paul Buckaroos	73	Perrydale Pirates	64	Triangle Lake Lakers	53
Harrisburg Eagles	151	Toledo Boomers	121	Pilot Rock / Ukiah	66		
La Pine Hawks	260	Waldport Irish	116	Sherman / Condon	77	1A-[6] - Special District 2 - South	6
Madras White Buffaloes	451			Country Christian Cougars	51	Days Creek Wolves	49
Pleasant Hill Billies	233	2A-4 - Special District 4	6			Elkton Elks	59
Sisters Outlaws	281	Bandon Tigers	131			Gilchrist Grizzlies	32
		Gold Beach Panthers	89			North Lake Cowboys	43
3A-4 - Special District 4	6	Illinois Valley Cougars	167			Powers Cruisers	19
Brookings-Harbor Bruins	308	Myrtle Point Bobcats	76			Yoncalla Eagles	51
Coquille Red Devils	185	Oakland Oakers	138				
Douglas Trojans	270	Reedsport Brave	91				
Siuslaw Vikings	249						
South Umpqua Lancers	265	2A-5 - Special District 5	7				
Sutherlin Bulldogs	264	Bonanza Antlers	82				
		Culver Bulldogs	123				
3A-5 - Special District 5	6	Glide Wildcats	145				
Cascade Christian Challengers	157	Lost River Raiders	84				
Klamath Union Pelicans	471	Lowell Devils	87				
Lakeview Honkers	162	Oakridge Warriors	79				
North Valley Knights	315	Rogue River Chieftains	156				
Phoenix Pirates	407						
St. Mary's Crusaders	238	2A-6 - Special District 6	7				
		Enterprise Outlaws	97				
3A-6 - Special District 6	5	Grant Union Prospectors	98				
Burns Hillanders	164	Heppner Mustangs	68				
McLoughlin Pioneers	276	Irrigon Knights	145				
Nyssa Bulldogs	163	Riverside Pirates	180				
Umatilla Vikings	228	Stanfield Tigers	108				
Vale Vikings	154	Weston-McEwen / Griswold	160				