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TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: OSAA Rankings Committee Update – June 14, 2022

The OSAA Rankings Committee met on June 14 on a ZOOM meeting for the third time this school year to begin its review of the rankings from the Spring 2022 season.

Following the meeting, the Committee will forward its final recommendations to the OSAA Executive Board for consideration at the Board’s Summer Workshop, July 18-20, 2022.

There was no testimony nor correspondence. The Committee went into Closed Session and reviewed the Final 8 for each classification, Spring 2022 brackets and 2022 rankings. Following this review, the Committee examined rankings scenarios, correlation studies of former and current systems and rankable contest counts.

Correlation Studies: Correlation studies are produced by OSAA staff and serve as one way to gauge the “accuracy” of the system. What counts as “accurate” regarding a rankings system is certainly open to interpretation, but Committee members believe there is value associated with this information, especially when looking at making possible changes.

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Regular Season</u>	
21-22	Football	93.46%	<i>Using the final frozen rankings, correlation studies analyze the % of contests where the better ranked team in a classification won, going backwards through the regular season. A contest where that happens is considered “accurate”. In 2021-22 Softball, the current system was 87.01% “accurate” going back through the regular season.</i>
21-22	Boys Soccer	89.64%	
21-22	Girls Soccer	87.78%	
21-22	Volleyball	89.28 %	
21-22	Girls Basketball	87.89%	
21-22	Boys Basketball	88.77%	
21-22	Softball	87.01%	
21-22	Baseball	84.52%	

Tie Breaker OSAA Overall Rankings

Current OSAA policy states: In the event of a tie in the final overall OSAA Rankings, the teams’ Colley Rank will be used to break the tie. The group discussed the concept of using head-to-head results rather than Colley to break these ties. ***After discussion, the Committee does not support this change at this time.***

Extending the contest results to classifications that are still in Regular Season once another Classification has frozen rankings

After discussion, the OSAA staff will go back into the rankings system and run simulations to see if allowing classifications whose rankings have frozen, has an impact on those classifications who are still playing regular season and whose rankings have not frozen. The OSAA staff will bring the information back to the Committee in their January meeting. ***After discussion, the Committee does not support a change at this time.***

League Champions hosting 1st Round Playoffs

Given that the 6A and the 1A brackets will each have 32 teams, the Rankings Committee supports each classification's request to change the policy on home playoff games for league champions. Therefore, regardless of the league champion's ranking, all 6A and 1A league champions ranked outside the Top 16 will be adjusted so they host a first-round playoff contest. ***The Committee will recommend this policy change for the 6A and 1A Classifications to the Executive Board.***

Forfeits and double counting results

There has been a concern brought forth by the Football Ad Hoc Committee as to whether a school involved in a forfeit should be allowed to schedule another contest during the same week and have the result of that contest count in the Rankings. This is a football only concern because of the small amount of data information (9 games) available. Discussion centered on the perception of teams gaining an advantage by counting two football games in the same week. ***The Committee supports allowing a school's football team to only count the result of the forfeit for that week and will recommend this clarification to the Executive Board. The results of second football contests played in a week win will not count in the rankings.***

Football Rankings what should count (11 – player, 9-player, 8-player, 6-player)

The Committee discussed counting 11-player vs. 9-player; 9-player vs. 8-player; and 6-player vs. 6-player. The Committee supports not counting 11-player vs. 8-player (current policy) 11-player vs. 6-player, and 8-player vs. 6-player. ***The Committee supports these clarifications and will recommend them to the Executive Board.***

Freeze Dates and Deadlines

The Committee supports the following proposed deadlines and freeze dates and will recommend them to the Executive Board:

- 1) **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. 14; Winter – Dec. 21; Spring – Apr. 5***) 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.
- 2) **Contests Added After a Certain Date.** Results from contests added to a team's schedule after a certain date each season (***Fall – Sept. 28; Winter – Jan. 11; Spring – Apr. 12***) 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.

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</u>	<u>2A</u>	<u>1A</u>
Volleyball - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	Sat, Oct 22	Tues, Oct 25	Thurs, Oct 20	Sat, Oct 22	Tues, Oct 25	Sat, Oct 22
Soccer - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	Tues, Oct 25	Sat, Oct 29	Tues, Oct 25	Tues, Oct 25	Sat, Oct 30	Tues, Oct 25
Football - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	Sat, Oct 30	Sat, Oct 30	Sat, Oct 30	Sat, Oct 30	Sat, Oct 30	Sat, Oct 30
Basketball (Boys) - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	Sat, Feb 25	Wed., Mar 1	Tues, Feb 21	Sat, Feb 18	Sat, Feb 18	Sat, Feb 18
Basketball (Girls) - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	Fri, Feb 24	Tues, Feb 28	Tues, Feb 21	Sat, Feb 18	Sat, Feb 18	Sat, Feb 18
Baseball/Softball - Rankings Freeze Date (10pm)	Thurs, May 18	Sat, May 20	Mon, May 15	Sat, May 20	Thurs, May 18	Thurs, May 18

Essential Rankings Webinar

The OSAA staff will create a webinar to go over the elements of the rankings during the summer and present this to Committee members in the Fall prior to making this public for everyone.

All written communication received will be forwarded to all members of the Rankings Committee for their review. Please send emails to kyles@osaa.org or Kris Welch (krisw@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.