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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: Update on the Proceedings of the State Championship Committee

The State Championship Committee for the 2022-26 four-year time block held its first public meeting at the Holiday Inn Express, Wilsonville on January 10, 2022, to receive testimony and review written correspondence received thus far. The Committee will be utilizing a hybrid format for all meetings that allows both committee members and those seeking to provide input the option of participating in-person or via webinar. The public portion of all meetings will be streamed live to the OSAA YouTube channel.

After Committee introductions, the group received a review of the charges from the OSAA Executive Board, a review of the timeline and an explanation of the meeting and testimony procedure. The reviews were conducted by OSAA Executive Director Peter Weber, Assistant Directors Kelly Foster and Kyle Stanfield, and Committee Chair Ryan Noss.

The State Championship Committee has reviewed the 2022-26 Classification and Districts that were adopted by the OSAA Executive Board and Delegate Assembly on December 13. With the lack of major changes to the classification structure and the current ecosystem in which schools are operating, the Committee feels that there should be an emphasis on limiting the number of changes to what is currently in practice. The Committee feels that tweaks, not significant changes, is what the membership desires as we come out of the pandemic and return to a sense of normalcy over the next four years.

The Committee received testimony from three individuals online and one in person with other individuals able to watch the meeting live stream via the OSAA's YouTube channel. The Committee then adjourned to a closed work session to review and discuss the testimony, written correspondence, and documents prepared by the OSAA staff prior to the meeting.

The following were items of discussion by the group with points of emphasis **underlined and bolded**. The Committee felt it was important to disseminate information and thoughts as soon as possible due to the condensed timeframe and desire by athletic directors to begin planning for the 2022-23 year.

Team Sports Bracketed Event Structures

The Committee has created a template for bracketed team events (excluding special districts and football). The following are the Committee's initial thoughts on proposed allocations for volleyball, soccer (B&G), basketball (B&G), baseball, and softball.

6A: 32 team brackets; three automatic qualifiers per league (21), plus 11 at large via the rankings

5A: 16 team brackets; 5A-1 & 5A-3 receive four automatic qualifiers, 5A-2 & 5A-4 receive three automatic qualifiers (14), plus two at large via the rankings

4A: 16 team brackets; eight automatic qualifiers (league champion plus top two #2 teams via rankings), plus eight additional qualifiers via play-in

3A: 16 team brackets; three automatic qualifiers for 3A-5, two automatic qualifiers for all other leagues (13), plus three at large via the rankings.

2A: 16 team brackets; 2A-1 receive three automatic qualifiers, 2A-4 receives two automatics qualifiers, 2A-2 and 2A-3 receive four automatic qualifiers (13), plus three at large via rankings

1A: 24 team brackets; three automatic qualifiers per league.

Football is not included at this time as the State Championship Committee will be working jointly with the Football Ad Hoc Committee on the structure of the Football State Championships. Bracketed team events for special districts are not included as the OSAA Staff is collecting information from this past Fall and upcoming Spring on the number of teams participating in 3A/2A/1A Boys and Girls Soccer, 2A/1A Baseball and 2A/1A Softball.

Dance/Drill Category State Championship

The State Championship Committee received a proposal from the DDCA to move the OSAA State Championships to a category championship structure. The State Championship Committee has requested that OSAA staff follow up with the DDCA on specific questions regarding the proposal but *overall is generally supportive of the concept for 2023*. The Committee understands that any change as substantial as this is difficult to get complete support from coaches, but the survey conducted by the DDCA reflected most coaches are in favor of moving this direction. The Committee plans to revisit this proposal once it has more information.

Reimbursement Formula

The Committee asked the OSAA staff to run simulations if the reimbursement formula was adjusted at the 0-200 and 201-300 levels for both mileage and per diem. Each school receives and uses OSAA reimbursement in different ways but the thought from the Committee is to try to include more students within the state championships if feasible. With that understanding, some reimbursement may need to be reduced to allow for those experiences.

The next public meeting of the State Championship Committee will be at 9am on Monday, January 24, 2022 at the Holiday Inn Express, Wilsonville. The general format for the meeting will be for the committee to receive public testimony followed by a closed work session. At their next meeting the committee hopes to review the 2022-23 calendar and formats for individual sports.

Written suggestions and proposals on these issues, as well as other classification related subjects should be emailed to the OSAA (kellyf@osaa.org) **Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all committee members for review and discussion. Public testimony in person or online will be welcome at the next Committee meeting.**

Specific proposals submitted to the Committee may be posted to the State Championship Committee page on the OSAA website at <https://www.osaa.org/governance/committees#state-championship-committee>.

A full list of meeting dates, Committee Roster, charge to the Committee and information are available at the OSAA website: <https://www.osaa.org/governance/committees#state-championship-committee>.

The Committee appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact Kyle Stanfield (kyles@osaa.org) or Kelly Foster (kellyf@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.

Future State Championship Committee Meeting Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday, January 24, 2022	9am	Holiday Inn Express, Wilsonville
Monday, February 14, 2022	9am	Holiday Inn Express, Wilsonville
Monday, March 14, 2022	9am	Holiday Inn Express, Wilsonville
		Additional Meetings TBD