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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 second public meeting at the Holiday Inn, Wilsonville on January 24, 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 and an explanation of the meeting and testimony procedure, the Committee received testimony from seven individuals online and six 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 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 following topics were discussed 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.

Cross Country State Championships: The Committee wants to commend the cross country coaches for their proposal. The proposal was well thought out, articulated clearly and concisely, and presented very well. The Committee has asked the staff to review the cross country proposal as it relates the classification / league changes and how it could cross over to other activities. The Committee received testimony from the coaches requesting a consideration of splitting out the 3A/2A/1A girls race into two separate races. The staff is reviewing the full number of teams in each classification to see if the threshold for a stand-alone championship can be met in 3A and 2A/1A.

Individual Sports: The Committee had the goal to tackle Individual Sport allocations during the meeting but after reviewing the Cross County proposal, wrestling feedback, upcoming district events, and future special district adoptions – the Committee decided to address individual sports at their next meeting.

Band/Orchestra/Choir/Solo Music/Speech: Due to limited feedback over the last four years to the staff, the Committee is proposing status quo for qualifications into the Band, Orchestra, Choir, Solo Music, and Speech State Championships. These qualifications have seemed to work well for the groups and the structures set within.

The Committee wanted to address the following testimony heard during their January 24 meeting.

1A Wheel / Splitting A & B in Volleyball, Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball: The Committee asked the OSAA staff to follow up with 1A schools about their desires going forward. The Committee received two separate proposals that eventually would conflict with each other. If the 1A classification wishes to change the wheel for the Round of 24 games or to split into a large/small model for the post season in the three aforementioned activities, the Committee wants to hear from administrators on those changes as it affects multiple activities, school and association finances, and loss of weekday instructional time.

The Committee heard a presentation from the *OACA Baseball coaches regarding a double elimination event* starting in the round of 8 for the 6A, 5A, and 4A. The same format would begin in the semifinals for the 3A and 2A/1A. The Committee is hesitant to support this change because of the lack of feedback from administrators on the idea. There are significant questions regarding the number of potential neutral sites needed (also would apply to softball), event management at those sites, availability etc. The Committee requests the OACA Baseball Coaches get a sense of support from administrators in the near future understanding that the overall sentiment from schools is not to create significant changes overall.

Reimbursement Formula

The Committee is in favor of modifying the OSAA reimbursement formula to allow more experiences for students at state championships where structure would be similar. To enable those experiences, the Committee is exploring the elimination of mileage from the two lowest tiers of the reimbursement formula (0-200, 201-300 round trip mileage) and potentially the elimination of per diem from 201-300 round trip mileage. ***The Committee would like feedback on how this modification would affect schools.***

The Committee continues to support the **Dance/Drill State Championship** moving to a category structure and **team sport bracket structures** as previously published in the update from the January 10 meeting (see below):

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 automatic 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.

The next public meeting of the State Championship Committee will be at 9am on Monday, February 14, 2022, at the Holiday Inn, Wilsonville. The general format for the meeting will be for the committee to receive public testimony followed by a closed work session. The Committee added a meeting on Monday, April 18 which allows additional feedback from the Delegate Assembly and from Athletic Directors at their annual conference.

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.



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Future State Championship Committee Meeting Dates

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Monday, February 14, 2022 | 9am | Holiday Inn, Wilsonville |
| Monday, March 14, 2022 | 9am | Holiday Inn, Wilsonville |
| Monday, April 18, 2022 | 9am | Holiday Inn, Wilsonville |