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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 fifth and final public meeting at the Holiday Inn, Wilsonville on April 18, 2022, to receive testimony and review written correspondence received thus far.

After Committee introductions and an explanation of the meeting and testimony procedure, the Committee received testimony from six individuals online and 10 people 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 recommendation will be forwarded to the OSAA Executive Board for consideration at their May 2 meeting.

Cross Country State Championships: Location - Lane Community College (Eugene)

6A: 18 qualifying teams (Top 2 per league + 4 at-large qualifiers) plus top 14 individuals across the line.

5A: 13 qualifying teams (Top 2 per league + 5 at-large qualifiers) plus top 7 individuals across the line.

4A: 13 qualifying teams (Top 2 per league + 1 at-large qualifier) plus top 7 individuals across the line.

3A Boys: 12 qualifying teams (Top 2 per special district (4) + 4 at-large qualifiers) plus top 7 individuals across the line.

2A/1A Boys: 10 qualifying teams (Top 2 per special district (4) + 2 at-large qualifiers) plus top 7 individuals across the line.

3A/2A/1A Girls: 14 qualifying teams (Top 3 per special district (4) + 2 at-large qualifiers) plus top 7 individuals across the line.

Volleyball State Championships: Locations - 6A-5A (TBD), 4A-3A (TBD), 2A-1A Ridgeview (Redmond)

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

5A: 16 team bracket; 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 bracket; eight automatic qualifiers (league champion plus top two #2 teams via rankings), plus eight additional qualifiers via play-in.

3A: 20 team bracket; four automatic qualifiers for 3A-5, three automatic qualifiers for all other leagues (19), plus one at large via the rankings.

2A: 16 team bracket; 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: 32 team bracket; four automatic qualifiers per league (32).

Soccer State Championships Locations – Hillsboro Stadium (6A-5A), TBD (4A, 3A/2A/1A)

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/2A/1A: 20 team brackets. Allocations per league/rankings to be determined by the OSAA Executive Board in September.

Football State Championships: Locations - Continue with current practice of neutral sites for semifinals and finals.

6A: Two 16 team brackets. Teams ranked 1-16 in one bracket and 17-32 in a separate bracket.

5A: 16 team bracket; SD #1, #2 & #3 will receive four automatic qualifiers, SD #4 receives three (15) plus one at large via the rankings

4A: 16 team bracket; all leagues receive three automatic qualifiers (15) plus one at large via the rankings.

3A: 16 team bracket; SD #1, #2 & #3 receive three automatic qualifiers, SD #4 receives four and SD #5 receives two (15) plus one at large via the rankings.

2A: 16 team bracket; all leagues receive three automatic qualifiers (15) plus one at large via the rankings.

1A-8: 12 team bracket; each special district receive four automatic qualifiers (8) plus four at large via the rankings.

1A-6: 8 team bracket, SD-1 receives three automatic qualifier and SD-2 receives five.

Cheerleading State Championships: Location – Oregon City High School

The Committee supports the addition of the Gameday division to the State Championships. Extending the maximum number of participants to 30 on the floor at all divisions. Each division (6A, 5A, 4A, 3A/2A/1A, Gameday, 6A/5A COED, 4A/3A/2A/1A COED), must have a minimum of five teams participating to be held. Schools may only participate in one division at the state championships. In the attempt to increase participation, the Committee recommends, along with the increase to a maximum of 30 participants from 20, to separate programs of 16 participants or more (6A, 5A, 4A, 3A/2A/1A) into their own division.

Swimming State Championships: Location - Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation (THPRD)

6A: First place winner in each individual and relay event at each District Meet automatically qualifies. Any remaining open lanes will be filled by the next fastest times from District Meet finals, up to a total of 18 participants.

5A: First place winner in each individual and relay event at each District Meet automatically qualifies. Any remaining open lanes will be filled by the next fastest time from District Meet Finals, up to a total of 12 participants.

4A/3A/2A/1A: First place winner in each individual and relay event at each District Meet automatically qualifies. Any remaining open lanes will be filled by the next fastest time from District Meet Finals, up to a total of 12 participants.

Wrestling State Championships: Locations – Veterans Memorial Coliseum (6A,5A); TBD - (4A, 3A, 2A/1A)

6A: 24-person bracket; three qualifiers per weight class per league. 4th place finisher from each league will be "pooled" and a defined criterion applied to select three additional qualifiers.

5A: 16-person bracket; four automatic qualifiers per weight class per league.

4A: 16-person bracket; four automatic qualifiers per weight class per special district.

3A: 12-person bracket; number of special districts and number of qualifiers per special district to be determined.

2A/1A: 10-person bracket; number of special districts and number of qualifiers per special district to be determined.

Girls: Two 8-person brackets (6A/5A; 4A/3A/2A/1A) that would be held at the same time and location as their related classification.

Basketball State Championships (Boys & Girls): Locations - University of Portland (6A), Oregon State University (5A), Forest Grove HS (4A), Marshfield/North Bend HS (3A), Pendleton Convention Center and High School (2A) and Baker High School (1A)

Eight teams to final sites. Keep current structure of four-day tournaments at 6A, 5A, 1A and three-day tournaments at 4A, 3A, 2A

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: 20 team bracket; four automatic qualifiers for 3A-5, three automatic qualifiers for all other leagues (19), plus one 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: 32 team bracket; four automatic qualifiers per league (32).

Dance/Drill State Championships: Location - TBD

The Committee supports the move to a Category Style State Championship with six categories (Traditional, Show, Pom, Hip Hop, Kick, and Jazz). A minimum of five teams must participate in a category for it to be competed. Any further sub-division of a category will be by classification (6A, 5A, 4A/3A/2A/1A) with a minimum of five teams participating in a classification for it to be separated.

Every school gets the option to participate in one category and the ability to qualify into one other (maximum of two categories per school). The State Championship Committee requests the Executive Board to review allowing teams to qualify in a third category after a two-year cycle of the championship and logistics are determined.

Speech State Championships: Location - Western Oregon University (Monmouth)

Continue with current qualification and structure.

Solo Music State Championships: Location - TBD
Continue with current qualification and structure.

Band State Championships: Location - Oregon State University
Continue with current qualification and structure.

Orchestra State Championships: Location - Oregon State University
Continue with current qualification and structure.

Choir State Championships: Location - Oregon State University
Continue with current qualification and structure.

Golf State Championships: Locations – Rotation of Quail Valley, Trysting Tree, Emerald Valley, Eagle Crest
6A Boys and Girls – Each league will determine one team that directly qualifies for the state championship (7), seven additional teams through regional qualification. Each league will determine two individuals who automatically qualify for the state championship (14), seven additional individuals through regional qualification.

5A Boys & Girls – Each league will determine one team that directly qualifies for the state championship (4), four additional teams through regional qualification. Each league will determine two individuals who automatically qualify for state (8), ten additional individuals through regional qualification.

4A Boys – 10 qualifying teams overall via the four special districts. Top 5 individuals from each special district must be in the top 5 overall to qualify for the State Championship. Special District team allocations to be determined by the OSAA Executive Board.

4A/3A/2A/1A Girls - 8 qualifying teams overall via the four special districts. Top 5 individuals from each special district must be in the top 5 overall to qualify for the State Championship. Special District team allocations to be determined by the OSAA Executive Board.

3A/2A/1A Boys - 12 qualifying teams overall via the four special districts. Top 5 individuals from each special district must be in the top 5 overall to qualify for the State Championship. Special District team allocations to be determined by the OSAA Executive Board.

Due to the lack of participation data, the State Championship committee recommends allowing the Executive Board flexibility to modify the championships, qualifications, and structures after participation data is available from Spring 2022.

Tennis State Championships: Locations – Tualatin Hills Tennis Center, Portland Tennis Center, and Oregon State University

6A Boys & Girls – 28-person bracket. Each league receives four singles and doubles teams.

5A Boys & Girls – 16-person bracket. Each league receives four singles and doubles teams.

4A/3A/2A/1A Boys & Girls - 16-person bracket. Each special district receives four singles and doubles teams.

Due to the lack of participation data, the State Championship committee recommends allowing the Executive Board flexibility to modify the championships, qualifications, and structures after participation data is available from Spring 2022.

Track and Field State Championships: Location - University of Oregon

6A Boys & Girls – Top 2 per league + 2 wildcards + standards (16 minimum)

5A Boys & Girls – Top 2 per league + 5 wildcards + standards (15 minimum)

4A Boys & Girls – Top 2 per league + 1 wildcard + standards (13 minimum)

3A Boys & Girls – Top 2 per special district (5) + 3 wildcards + standards (13 minimum)

2A Boys & Girls – Top 2 per special district (5) + 2 wildcards + standards (12 minimum)

1A Boys & Girls – Top 2 per special district (4) + 3 wildcards + standards (11 minimum)

All allocations listed above are guaranteed (meeting an automatic qualifying standard does not replace wildcard allotments).

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Baseball State Championships: Locations - TBD. Committee recommends moving all championships to Saturday at two locations.

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

5A: 16 team bracket; 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 bracket; eight automatic qualifiers (league champion plus top two #2 teams via rankings), plus eight additional qualifiers via play-in.

3A: Minimum of 16 team brackets. Allocations per league to be determined by the OSAA Executive Board. The State Championship Committee requests that the Executive Board review team participation information and align qualifying percentages for 3A baseball with qualification percentages in 3A volleyball and 3A basketball. Executive Board to determine allocations in February once teams are known.

2A/1A: Executive Board to determine bracket size and allocations in February once teams are known.

Softball State Championships: Location - University of Oregon

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

5A: 16 team bracket; 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 bracket; eight automatic qualifiers (league champion plus top two #2 teams via rankings), plus eight additional qualifiers via play-in

3A: Minimum of 16 team brackets. Allocations per league to be determined by the OSAA Executive Board. The State Championship Committee requests that the Executive Board review team participation information and align qualifying percentages for 3A softball with qualification percentages in 3A volleyball and 3A basketball. Executive Board to determine allocations in February once teams are known.

2A/1A: Executive Board to determine bracket size and allocations in February once teams are known.

Additional Items of Support / Recommendations:

Reimbursement Formula: After feedback from the Delegate Assembly and the OADA, the Committee fully supports the removal of mileage from the reimbursement formula for round trips of 200 miles or less.

2022-23 State Championship Calendar: Some of the supported changes will have effects on the previously adopted 2022-23 calendar. The OSAA staff will present the updated calendar to the OSAA Executive Board at their May 2 meeting.

The OSAA State Championship Committee also solidified three recommendations to the OSAA Executive Board for their review in hopes of improving the process in the future.

- In the activities (Speech, Solo Music, Band, Orchestra, Choir, Dance/Drill and Cheerleading), review creation of a threshold for the minimum number of teams required to conduct a separate championship/division. The committee recognizes the uniqueness in each activity and everyone's goal to increase participation. However, the committee feels there are inequities between championships where one activity can have the entire classification participating while another activity could have very few. Assessing data points of participation over the upcoming time block will be important to solidify a threshold of holding a championship in the future.
- In conjunction with the Budget Committee, the State Championship Committee would like a thorough review of the OSAA reimbursement formula for potential updates. The State Championships Committee's focus is on the review of the number of students reimbursed while the Budget Committee is interested in the application of mileage formulas across all activities.
- The State Championship Committee understands that each activity is unique and has its own nuances but would like the Executive Board to assist future committees by potentially setting qualification percentage goals for team and individual championships. Example: In team activities, should the goal of the Association be to qualify 33%-50% of teams? Individual activities may have different percentages but using historical participation data and qualification figures should help the committee review proposals across the board and how they align with Associations goals.

The release of the Committee's Final Recommendation is not the final step in the public process. Member schools and the public will also have the opportunity to respond to the Committee's Final Recommendation to the Executive Board in writing prior to and/or in person at the public meeting at which the Board will act on the Final Recommendation on May 2, 2022, at the Holiday Inn, Wilsonville. The Board will meet at 9am to consider member school written input and public testimony prior to acting on the Committee's Final Recommendation.

The Committee appreciates your support and participation in the 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. Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all Executive Board members for review and discussion.