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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors

FROM: Peter Weber, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Summary of Delegate Assembly Action at the October 11, 2021 Meeting

At the meeting on October 11, 2021, the OSAA Delegate Assembly took the following actions:

- Approved the minutes of the April 5, 2021, Delegate Assembly meeting.
- Recognized Hood River Valley HS for the NIAAA Quality Program Award
- Received a "State of the Association" report from Executive Director Peter Weber and OSAA Staff regarding the following subjects.
 - Fall Update
 - OSAA Foundation
 - Committee Updates
 - Acknowledgements
- Discussed the following questions in classification caucus groups and received written and oral reports back to the full Delegate Assembly.

Classification and Districting Committee

The OSAA Classification and Districting Committee has had two public meetings and another one will take place after the Delegate Assembly today. The Committee is looking for feedback from the membership on the current 6-Classification and 5-Classification proposals from their September 13 meeting.

What feedback does your school/league/classification have on the two proposals released on September 16? Does your school/league/classification favor one of the proposals? If so, why?

State Championship Committee

The OSAA State Championship Committee will begin their work later this Fall. The Committee will be looking for initial feedback from the membership on all aspects of current state championships, including what has worked well and what could be improved moving into the next time block.

What input does your classification have for the State Championship Committee to consider for the 2022-26 time block? This could include qualifying procedures, event formats/structures, championship venues/locations, reimbursement and any other items related to championship events.

Seniors – Less than Full Time Enrolled

During the pandemic, the OSAA has adjusted processes related to academic eligibility to continue to keep students engaged in interscholastic activities. This included leniency for participation when it came to seniors who were on track to graduate and enrolled in the necessary classes to graduate but were enrolled less than full time per OSAA rules.

Would your classification support a rule change that would amend the full-time enrollment requirements for seniors who are on track to graduate by allowing them to participate even if they are not enrolled full time per OSAA rules?

School Representation

There's been an increase in the number of schools unable to field programs in some activities due to participation numbers during the pandemic. This has led to more requests for opportunities for students to represent schools other than the one they attend, even at some of our larger 5A and 6A schools. However, current OSAA rules limit school representation for full member school students and prohibit co-ops for 6A schools.

Would your classification support a rule change allowing co-ops involving 6A schools? Would your classification support a rule change allowing students attending a school that drops a program to represent another school? Would your classification support a rule change allowing students attending a full member public charter school that doesn't offer an activity the

opportunity to represent their resident public school? Would your classification support a rule change allowing students attending a full member public school that doesn't offer an activity the opportunity to represent another school?

District Committee Structure

Currently each league has a District Committee that reviews hardship transfer requests within their league. With 37 districts around the state, there has been inconsistency with eligibility decisions even when situations are similar. OSAA legal counsel has concerns that the inconsistency can leave the Association exposed and at risk. The OSAA Executive Board wants your feedback on two different potential options to address this issue.

Would your classification support creating regional hardship committees that would include representatives of different classifications to rule on transfer hardship requests? Would your classification support having all transfer hardship requests submitted to the OSAA office for rulings? Are there other ideas that your classification has to address this concern?

- Voted unanimously to adopt the 2021-22 OSAA Handbook.
- Voted to amend Article 9.7.2. – Fee Review Committee Composition which adds an additional official's representative on the committee, **effective immediately.** (Attached)
- Voted to add Article 9.11. – Student Advisory Council which adds a student group to the Association's standing committees, **effective immediately.** (Attached)
- Received a first reading to add Clay Target as an Emerging Activity
- Received a first reading to add Ski Racing as an Emerging Activity
- Received a reminder of upcoming meetings:
 - Executive Board/Delegate Assembly – Monday, December 13, 2021 / 9am / Holiday Inn, Wilsonville
 - Executive Board – Monday, February 7, 2022 / 9am / Holiday Inn, Wilsonville
 - Delegate Assembly – Monday, April 4, 2022 / 9am / Holiday Inn, Wilsonville
 - Executive Board – Monday, May 2, 2022 / 9am / TBD
 - Executive Board Summer Workshop – Monday-Wednesday, July 18-20, 2022 / Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond

A summary of actions is posted on the OSAA website following each Board and Delegate Assembly Meeting. Official minutes of the October 11, 2021, Delegate Assembly meeting are available from the OSAA upon request.

Proposal to Amend Article 9.7. – Fee Review Committee – Composition

(Action Item)

QUESTION: *Should the Delegate Assembly change the makeup of the Fee Review Committee for officials?*

RATIONALE: The Fee Review Committee is currently composed of three representatives of the OADA, three representatives of the OAOA, and one OSAA Executive Board representative. The OAOA would like to see one more officials' representative added to balance out the number of officials and number of school personnel on the committee.

RULE CHANGE SPONSORED BY: OAOA / OSAA Executive Board

NEXT STEP IF PASSED: Effective August 1, 2022, unless otherwise stated in the motion.

POSSIBLE RULE CHANGES:

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9.7. Fee Review Committee.

9.7.1. Charge. The Fee Review Committee (FRC) shall consider only items involving fees paid to individual officials, commissioners or Local Associations. This includes game fees, per diem, check writing fees, commissioner fees, or any other type of service fee provided collectively called Fees, and the Association Mileage Reimbursement Rate(s).

The Committee shall forward recommendations regarding regular season Fees to the Delegate Assembly and shall forward recommendations regarding State Championship Fees and the Association Mileage Reimbursement Rate(s) to the Executive Board.

9.7.2. Composition. The FRC shall be a standing committee consisting of three representatives of the Oregon Athletic Directors Association (OADA) Executive Board, ~~three~~ **four** representatives of the Oregon Athletic Officials Association (OAOA) Executive Board, one representative of the OSAA Executive Board, and the OSAA Executive Director as a non-voting member.

9.7.3. Term. The OADA and OAOA will each be responsible to define the process by which their representatives will be selected and the term lengths they will serve.

9.7.4. Meetings. The FRC shall meet as requested by the OSAA Executive Board. The FRC shall determine a schedule of no fewer than three meetings, which shall allow the opportunity for public input.

Proposal to Add Article 9.11. – Student Advisory Council

(Action Item)

QUESTION: *Should the Delegate Assembly approve adding a Student Advisory Council to the OSAA standing committees?*

RATIONALE: The purpose is to enhance the total student-participant experience by promoting leadership opportunities, protecting student-participant well-being, and offering input on the rules, regulations, and policies that affect students in member schools. This council will also give the opportunity for a student-participant voice within the OSAA structure, allow students to actively participate in the administrative process, and provide a positive student-participant image.

RULE CHANGE SPONSORED BY: OSAA Executive Board

NEXT STEP IF PASSED: Effective August 1, 2022 unless otherwise stated in the motion.

POSSIBLE RULE CHANGES:

KEY: **Add**

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9.11. Student Advisory Council.

- 9.11.1. Charge.** *The Council shall serve in an advisory capacity focusing on ways to engage and meet the needs of students while also applying an equity lens in all aspects of the Association's work. The purpose is to enhance the total student-participant experience by promoting opportunity, protecting student-participant well-being, and offering input on the rules, regulations, and policies that affect students in member schools. The SAC shall also seek input from all grade levels, classifications, geographic regions, and underrepresented populations of students across Oregon.*
- 9.11.2. Composition.** *The Council shall have 10 members and shall consist of one representative from each classification, one 6A/5A/4A at-large representative, one 3A/2A/1A at-large representative, a representative of the Oregon Association of Student Councils, and one adult member. Other criteria to be considered when selecting members may include, but not limited to, geographic, gender, and ethnic representation. The adult member shall be from a member school who serves in a student advisory role in their district.*
- 9.11.3. Term.** *Members shall serve a two-year non-renewable term.*
- 9.11.4. Meetings.** *The Council shall adopt an annual schedule of meetings based upon the issues under consideration. The schedule shall include an appropriate number of meetings in which to conduct the business of the Council.*