



## DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

Monday, April 8, 2024, 9am  
Holiday Inn, Wilsonville

\* = Action Item

### AGENDA

#### 1. PRELIMINARIES

- a. Call to Order – David Nieslanik, President
- b. Pledge of Allegiance – Misty Wharton, Vice President
- c. Roll Call of Members – Peter Weber, Executive Director
- d. Preview of Agenda – Peter Weber, Executive Director
- e. \* **Approval of October 9 Delegate Assembly Minutes**
- f. Parliamentary Procedure

#### 2. RECOGNITION

- a. NFHS Outstanding Music Educator Award – Karen Bohart, Wilsonville HS (Section 8)
- b. NFHS Outstanding Speech/Debate Educator Award – Kristen Sullivan, Crater HS (Section 8)
- c. NFHS National Coach of the Year Awards
  1. Klel Carson, La Grande HS (Wrestling)
  2. Donna Roisom, Grant HS (Tennis)
- d. NFHS State Award for Outstanding Service – Jacki Allender, Swimming

#### 3. STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION

- a. Association Update – Peter Weber and OSAA Staff

#### 4. DISCUSSION BY CAUCUS GROUPS

##### a. Ejection Policies

The OSAA Executive Board is concerned about the uptick in ejections in team sports since the pandemic. The number of ejections has risen every year since the pandemic and hit all-time highs in Boys Soccer and Football. The Executive Board is considering modifying ejection policies to address the increases.

As an example, Boys Soccer went from 137 in 2022-23 to 198 in 2023-24 (a 44% increase). 182 of the 198 ejections were for bench misconduct, entering the field during a fight, language, serious foul play, taunting, violent conduct or second caution. 16 ejections were for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity.

**Do you support additional penalties for ejections to address the increase (i.e., additional missed games, higher fine for ejections, students required to take Sportsmanship class)? Do you support varying penalties for ejections that are more severe (i.e. a second yellow in soccer sits one game vs. fighting or using discriminatory language sits multiple games)? Should a coach have to sit contests based on accumulated ejections for their team? (i.e., five players from a team receive ejections so the coach also sits a contest) Should a suspension period be a percentage of a season vs. a single contest (i.e., Football: 1 of 9 contests is 11% of the season, 1 of 24 contests in Basketball is 4% of the season)? Should teams who meet certain number of varsity ejections in a season be unable to host and/or participate in the state playoffs that season (i.e., 3+ varsity ejections would prohibit hosting, 5+ varsity ejections would remove from playoffs)?**

b. **Sportsmanship**

Schools are currently required to send a representative to the OSAA office for the Sportsmanship Ejection Course in August when they've received five or more ejections in the previous school year. The list of schools receiving 5+ ejections is growing along with the number of repeat schools.

**Should the number of ejections threshold of 5+ requiring attendance at the course be decreased to 3+ unsportsmanlike ejections? For a school who repeats having 5+ unsportsmanlike ejections in a year, should their penalty increase (i.e., increased monetary fine, loss of playoff spots, etc.)? Should the school principal or school district superintendent be required to attend the course for a school that repeats from one year to the next (currently the AD or a coach attends)?**

c. **Sub-Varsity Cutoff for Team Sports**

Sub-varsity teams often lose out on game opportunities due to weather cancellations, especially in the Spring. It's a challenge for some sub-varsity baseball/softball teams to find games when other classifications have already reached their cutoff date. This rule change would allow sub-varsity teams across all classifications to play until the last cutoff date for any classification provided the teams don't exceed their participation limits. For example – the 6A, 3A, 2A/1A Softball cutoff date is May 16 but the 5A, 4A Softball cutoff date is May 18. Under this proposal a sub-varsity cutoff date would be set for May 18 for all classifications in softball.

Volleyball – adds 3 days (Oct. 21-24)

Soccer – adds 4 days (Oct. 24-28)

Football – already have October 30 for sub-varsity cutoff (Oct 28 for varsity)

Basketball – adds 11 days (Feb. 17-28)

Baseball/Softball – adds 2 days (May 16-18)

**Do you support establishing a sub-varsity cutoff date for all classifications in team sports (football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball, softball) that aligns with the latest cutoff date for that sport?**

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **\* Proposal to Amend Rule 6.7 – Association Year – Starting, Cutoff and Ending Dates (attachment)**

*Moves football first contest date a week earlier to allow nine games over a ten-week period.*

b. **\* Proposal to Amend Article 4 – Delegate Assembly - Composition (attachment)**

*Required changes from leagues added in December 2023 Executive Board meeting.*

c. **\* Proposal to Amend Article 7.1 – Representative Districts – Regular Districts (attachment)**

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d. **\* Proposal to Amend Rule 8.5.1(c) – School Representation (attachment)**

*Allows participation by full member magnet school students at their resident public school if their school does not offer an activity.*

e. Emerging Activities Information – Girls Flag Football

*First reading regarding adding Girls Flag Football as an emerging activity*

f. Update from Water Polo (Boys and Girls) as an Emerging Activity

*Update on Water Polo (Boys and Girls) as a potential emerging activity starting in 2024-25.*

6. **ELECTIONS**

a. **\* Executive Board Elections**

1. 2A Representative

a. Matt Combe, Superintendent, Morrow County SD

b. Delegate Assembly Vacancies for 2024-25

c. Acknowledgment of Outgoing Delegate Assembly Members

d. **\* Election of Association President for 2024-25**

7. **FUTURE MEETINGS AND INFORMATION**

Executive Board – Monday, May 6, 2024 / 9am / OSAA Office, Wilsonville

Executive Board Summer Workshop – Monday-Wednesday, July 22-24, 2024 / Riverhouse on the Deschutes, Bend