

Dance Contingency Group Notes

Meeting #5- July 28, 2020

The meeting began with summarizing what we know at this time:

- OSAA July 22 Memo was reviewed including the August 17 Association Year start date and the push of competitions to September 23rd.
- OSAA Executive Board meeting review
 - o Reviewed the requirement for 9 days of practice prior to competing in order to properly acclimate athletes
- Facemask requirement: We reviewed the new facemask requirement in place by the Oregon Governor and that facemasks are required even while exercising indoors, which would include indoor dance practices.
 - o Coaches shared concerns for facemask coverings including proper ventilation and the facemask coming dislodged and covering an athlete's eyes while rehearsing.
 - o Exceptions for facemasks were a discussion topic- The link to the FAQs from OHA regarding the requirement including possible exceptions was shared.
- OSAA also reviewed recent media coverage including possibility of additional information being released about schools' reopening plans as well as athletics and activities.

Other models:

- As discussed in the beginning of the meeting, there may be more restrictions coming to schools and the OSAA wants to prepare the Board for further discussions. The dance Contingency group reviewed other states' models:
 - o California's model
 - Two season- more sports put in each season for longer season but causes significant overlap
 - o Washington's model
 - 4 seasons, each seasoned shortened with less overlap
 - o Nevada's Model
 - 3 seasons- Very little overlap and equitable competition seasons for all activities.
 - o The dance contingency group shared a need for a culminating event for dance is very important since they missed state last year. Also keeping dance as close to the current state championship scheduled date would be appreciated- Like in the Nevada model, if Winter Sports and Activities go "first" then maybe dance can compete at the end of the allotted "Fall Season". Something to consider would be the performance season if football is during the state championship season or after that. Things to think about with condensed and reordered seasons.
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- Next meeting will be determined based on more information presented in coming weeks. Planning on most likely August 11.