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To: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors
From: Peter Weber, Executive Director
Subject: Important Reminders for 2026-27 School Year

With spring championships wrapping up this week and next, our staff wishes you the best with graduation and other end-of-year activities. As we look ahead to 2026-27, please note the following and pass it along to the appropriate people in your school/district.

- 1. END OF THE ASSOCIATION YEAR** [\(OSAA Rule 6.7\)](#)
The OSAA Association Year concluded on Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day). That means summer season activities were able to begin on Tuesday, May 26.
- 2. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR and COACH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS** [\(AD/Coach Certification Links\)](#)
Athletic Directors and all coaches (paid and volunteer) must complete all these requirements prior to assuming their duties.

MANAGE STAFF REQUIREMENT: Remember schools must maintain updated certification records through the OSAA website's Manage Staff feature for athletic directors and coaches prior to the start of each season. This includes each school's athletic director and all coaches, paid or volunteer, for the requirements listed. Schools failing to maintain this information are subject to fines, forfeitures, and/or other penalties as determined by the Executive Board.

- 3. MORATORIUM WEEK AND FALL 2026 FIRST PRACTICE/CONTEST DATES** [\(Board Policy – Moratorium Week\)](#)
This year's Moratorium Week is set for July 26-August 1, 2026. Schools may request a shift in their Moratorium Week to another 7-day period this summer if they have conflicts. To request a shift, email Lauren Brownrigg, laurenb@osaa.org.

The first practice date for Fall 2026 is Monday, August 17. The first contest date for cross country, soccer, and volleyball is Thursday, August 27. Football jamborees may begin Thursday, August 27 with football's first contest date set for Friday, August 28.

- 4. FALL ADMINISTRATOR WORKSHOPS**
[\(OSAA Board Policy – Administrator Workshop Attendance Requirement\)](#) [\(Administrator Workshop Memo\)](#)
The OSAA's Fall Administrator Workshops have been set for August 11-14, 2026. Remember that schools are required to have at least one representative participate in a workshop each Fall to review services, policies, procedures, rules, and interpretations of the Association. Attendees must register at: www.osaa.org/administrators/workshop starting in June.

NOTE: Each member school who has an Athletic Director in their first year of service in that role in Oregon shall ensure that their Athletic Director participates in one of the annual New AD Workshops presented by OSAA staff.

Tuesday, August 11	8:30am – Noon	OSAA Office, Wilsonville
Wednesday, August 12	8:30am – Noon	Pendleton High School
	8:30am – Noon	Crater High School
Thursday, August 13	8:30am – Noon	Ridgeview High School
	8:30am – Noon	Thurston High School
	1pm – 4pm	OSAA Office, Wilsonville
Friday, August 14	8:30am – Noon	OSAA Office, Wilsonville / Webcast

5. **PARTICIPATION ON AFFILIATED TEAMS / COACHES** ([OSAA Rule 8.6.5](#)) ([Student Intent to Transfer Certificate](#))

It is important to remind your coaches, students, and parents that if a student plays on a team where a majority of players attend another school or the coach is from another school and the student transfers to that school, the student is **INELIGIBLE** for one calendar year. This also includes students who have received athletic instruction within the past calendar year from any coach affiliated with the school to which the student transfers, including if a coach with whom the student has been affiliated in the past calendar year is subsequently hired by the receiving school. Students who intend to transfer should complete a Student Intent to Transfer Certificate indicating that they intend to transfer prior to receiving athletic instruction or participating on a team where the majority of players attend the new school.

NOTE: students are limited to having one Student Intent to Transfer Certificate at any one time.

6. **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY and SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD GRADUATION**

([OSAA Rule 8.1.1](#))

([OSAA Rule 8.1.2](#))

([Satisfactory Progress Toward Graduation Chart](#))

Please remind your students who did not pass the required number of classes/credits during the spring grading period that they need to make up those classes via summer school, online courses, night school, etc. to be eligible to participate in the Fall of 2026. This applies to all OSAA activities, including speech and music competitions.

7. **RECIPROCAL/INTERDISTRICT TRANSFERS**

([Eligible Student Transfer Certificate – Online Only](#))

Schools are reminded that transfers between school districts may occur through reciprocal/interdistrict agreements. Students may be eligible if the transfer occurs over the summer between school years and if the student maintains a Joint Residence with the student’s parents. Use the link above to complete the required transfer certificate.

8. **DISTRICT COMMITTEES**

Please remember that under OSAA policy, no hardship requests involving future eligibility may be considered until the student is actually in an ineligible status. Consequently, schools may not file a hardship request with their District Committee for transfer students who aren’t eligible by OSAA rules until August 17 after they have attended a class/practice.

9. **FOOTBALL COACH / PLAYER SAFETY COACH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

([2026 PSC Clinic Memo](#))

The OSAA requires any football coach (paid or volunteer) complete OSAA Football Certification prior to assuming coaching duties and to recertify annually prior to the beginning of each Association year. Football coaches must now complete the [NFHS Football Tackling](#), [Concussion Recognition and Management](#), [NFHS Heat Illness Prevention](#), and [NFHS Sudden Cardiac Arrest](#) **annually**. Football coaches must also complete the [OSAA Beyond the Scoreboard Course](#) or [NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching](#) one time and an [Appearance and Performance Enhancing Drugs and Substances](#) every four years.

Additionally, each member school sponsoring football is required to identify a Player Safety Coach (PSC). Each PSC is required to attend an in-person clinic biennially prior to the start of the Association year that is conducted by an OSAA Master Trainer in preparation for implementing and overseeing the player safety program at their school.

Below is a list of 2026 PSC clinics now open for registration. [Register online for any clinic here.](#) Registrants will receive a confirmation email that will verify the date and location and will receive a reminder from the OSAA Master Trainer a few days prior to the selected date. By attending the PSC Clinic, the NFHS Football Tackling requirement will be fulfilled, and the Athletic Director will need to enter that certification on the Manage Staff page.

If you would like to know if your coach or school has a Player Safety Coach already certified, the rosters for 2025 and 2026 are linked here: [Player Safety Coach Roster 2025](#) | [Player Safety Coach Roster 2026](#)

2026 Player Safety Coach Clinic Schedule		
Date	Site	Time
Friday, March 6	OACA/Nike Football Clinic	
Friday, August 7	West Salem High School	5pm-9pm
Saturday, August 8	Mountainside High School	8am – Noon
Sunday, August 9	Sutherlin High School	8am – Noon
Monday, August 10	Mountain View High School	8am – Noon
Tuesday, August 11	Pendleton High School	8am – Noon

Please contact our office if you have any questions. OSAA Summer Hours begin Monday, June 8-Friday, July 31. During that time the office will be open from 7:00am-4:30pm, Monday-Thursday. Have a great summer!

