

Oregon School Activities Association

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To: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors

From: Peter Weber, Executive Director

Subject: Important Reminders for 2025-26 School Year

With spring championships wrapping up this week, our staff wishes you the best with graduation and other end-of-year activities. As we look ahead to 2025-26, 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 26 (Memorial Day). That means summer season activities were able to begin on Tuesday, May 27.

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.

<u>MANAGE STAFF REQUIREMENT</u>: 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 2025 IMPORTANT DATES

(Board Policy - Moratorium Week)

This year's Moratorium Week is set for July 27-August 2, 2025. Schools may request a shift in their Moratorium Week to another 7-day period this summer if they have conflicts. To request a shift, please email Kyle Stanfield at kyles@osaa.org.

The first practice date for Fall 2025 is Monday, August 18. The first contest date for cross country, soccer, and volleyball is Thursday, August 28. Football jamborees may begin Thursday, August 28 with football's first contest date set for Friday, August 29.

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 12-15, 2025. 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. All attendees must register at: www.osaa.org/administrators/workshop.

NEW for 2025: 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 12	8:30am – Noon	Camp Withycombe, Happy Valley
Wednesday, August 13	8:30am – Noon	Pendleton High School
	8:30am – Noon	Eagle Point High School
	12:30pm – 4pm	OSAA Office, Wilsonville / OSAA Webcast
Thursday, August 14	8:30am – Noon	Bend High School
	8:30am – Noon	North Eugene High School
Friday, August 15	8:30am – Noon	OSAA Office, Wilsonville / OSAA 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 course, night school, etc. to be eligible to participate in the Fall of 2025. This applies to all OSAA activities, including speech and music competitions.

7. RECIPROCAL/INTERDISTRICT TRANSFERS

(Eligible Student Transfer Certificate)

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.

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 are not eligible by OSAA rules until August 18 after they have attended a class or a practice this Fall.

9. FOOTBALL COACH / PLAYER SAFETY COACH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

(2025 PSC Clinic Memo)

The OSAA requires that 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. Note that NFHS Football Tackling has replaced the USA Football Shoulder Tackling, Blocking & Defeating Blocks. Football coaches must now complete the NFHS Football Tackling, Concussion in Sport, 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 Anabolic Steroids and Performance Enhancing Substances Training 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 2025 PSC clinics now open for registration. <u>Register online for any clinic here</u>. 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.

If you would like to know if your coach or school has a Player Safety Coach already certified, the rosters for the 2024 and 2025 are linked here: Player Safety Coach Roster 2024 | Player Safety Coach Roster 2025

2025 Player Safety Coach Clinic Schedule			
Date	Site	Time	
Friday, March 7	OACA/Nike Football Clinic		
Saturday, May 17	Lakeridge High School		
Saturday, June 7	Pendleton High School	8am – Noon	
Saturday, July 12	Roseburg High School	8am – Noon	
Saturday, August 16	Wilsonville High School	8am – Noon	

Please contact our office if you have any questions. OSAA Summer Hours begin Monday, June 9-Friday, August 1. During that time the office will be open from 7:00am-4:30pm, Monday-Thursday. Have a great summer!