

5/28 Football Contingency Meeting Summary by Topic:

Thoughts on Phase 1 release:

Consensus was that the guidance was well received by schools even though many in Phase 1 are currently not engaging kids because of district policies related to COVID-19. Schools are starting to develop plans to address the health and safety components (temp check, charting, etc) in anticipation of being able to begin. Potential for OSAA to bulk purchase thermometers was discussed.

Face covering, Physical Distancing, and Group Size:

Consensus that moving through the next couple of months will not look a lot different if current guidelines do not change. Larger groups would be helpful but not being able to share a ball and having to physical distance (no contact) will only allow a discrete number of options. Allowing use of a ball will open any number of additional opportunities for athletes.

Worst Case Competition Scenarios:

The discussion was framed as though current guidelines regarding face covering and physical distancing were in effect throughout the season. If we can't play 11 on 11 contact football is something like 7 on 7 feasible? What other options do you support considering?

- Split conversation on modifying the game in any way. Concerns that contact is always part of the game, even in 7 on 7 situations and it would not include the entire team – you would have to develop options for the lineman to compete.
- Delay the season as long as possible. Shorter season is acceptable
- Move sports around, including moving football to the spring if needed
- Eliminate or drastically shorten playoffs
- Give kids the opportunity to play. 2 games are better than nothing
- Play locally before any other changes. Eliminate playoffs.

Other Topics -

Group discussed the potential to survey coaches about potential ideas. Will continue the discussion at the next meeting. Brad encourage the group to reach out to peers and get feedback on ideas for addressing how to move forward.

Clarification requested on the June 30 date in the Governors Executive Order that closed public facilities and the OSAA current interpretation that facilities can open after last day of school – apparently some disagreement between OSBA and ODE on this answer. Peter is following up.

Brad is working on developing a season timeline w/options to review at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

Thursday June 11th