



## Oregon School Activities Association

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### OSAA Golf Contingency Group Meeting

The OSAA Golf Contingency Group met on Thursday, October 8. Initially, all Season 4 contingency groups met together with OSAA Staff to initialize conversations and to understand their purpose and how we got to where we are in this process.

After initial conversations, each contingency group broke out into separate work sessions to discuss their activity individually.

#### Summation of Conversation:

- 1)** The Golf Contingency Group is concerned about access to golf courses during Season 4, primarily as the season concludes. Unlike Track and Field, Baseball or Softball, where school run facilities are primarily used, golf is 100% reliant upon relationships with golf courses and their ability to gain access. As the calendar was compressed and moved deeper into the summer months, a concern about golf course availability has arisen. The Contingency Group has asked the OSAA to reach out to the OGA to potentially gain feedback from golf course operators on if they would support high school golf in the current calendar, and if not, when would high school golf need to be concluded to be able to have their support.
- 2)** In the current plan, Golf's Culminating Week is scheduled for June 21-16, 2021. During that week, there are OGA/OJGA events in which high school golfers may be competing in at a state or national level. The group is concerned that players may opt out of the culminating event week to participate in OGA/OJGA events vs. completing the high school season. In addition, a concern was expressed that students may not be interested in coming out for golf knowing that they may not complete the season due to obligations after school ends (i.e. moving on to college, summer jobs etc.) The golf coaches on the call have already seen a reduction in numbers in their high school teams due to not having a season in 2020. The concern is that multiple years of lack of participation could have long term negative effects upon high school golf.
- 3)** Culminating Weeks will continue to be one of the largest discussion items for all contingency groups but with golf being so far away, the group is going to wait to provide any recommendations to the Executive Board until there is greater clarity on the social and educational landscape. The group is aware that the traditional structure of a state championship may not be possible. Modifications like moving to an 18-hole event, limited number of teams/qualifiers and regional type of play may be alterations that could be necessary depending on what schools are able to do starting in April.

The Golf Contingency Group will meet again in November and December, but no specific dates have been set for those meetings. If you would like to provide feedback to the group, please contact Kyle Stanfield at [kyles@osaa.org](mailto:kyles@osaa.org).