



## Oregon School Activities Association

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### **OSAA Season 4 Contingency Group Meeting**

The OSAA Season 4 Contingency Groups met on Thursday, March 18. All Season 4 contingency groups met together to hear status and updates that have happened since their last meeting.

Peter Weber welcomed the group to the meeting and thanked them for their participation and patience as we go through the process.

Kelly Foster provided an update on Season 2 sports currently being played and upcoming decisions for Season 3 that will be forthcoming by the Executive Board at their March 31 meeting. In Season 2, all sports in all activities can be competed in except for volleyball in extreme risk level counties. With schools reopening by April 19 in a hybrid or in-person model, Season 2 concluding April 10 and Season 3 beginning April 5, there is a lot going on during those two weeks for athletic directors and schools to juggle.

Kris Welch then discussed the feedback from schools to this point. With condensed seasons and the desire to get as many students the opportunity to play, the effort by Athletic Directors has been immense. In addition, with officials' shortages in all team sports, schools have had to be flexible in scheduling so they can get officials for their contests.

Kyle Stanfield then reviewed where Season 4 is right now. Basketball and Wrestling are still prohibited but the staff believes that with the changes in Washington, California, vaccine distribution ramping up and caseloads going down, there may opportunities for these prohibitions to be lifted by season start. In addition, KT Emerson described the challenges with swimming facilities as some may not be available until mid-summer.

Brad Garrett described the reality that basketball, wrestling, and swimming are taking place across the state even though two of those activities are prohibited. Brad reminded the group that its important to educate those running these events and games because they are currently prohibited, and any outbreak or issue linked to those events could have a negative impact on Season 4.

KT Emerson then finished up the conversation with the advocacy that the OSAA is doing with the Oregon Health Authority and the Governor's Office. The OSAA is in constant contact with those governing bodies and continues to push for prohibitions to be lifted and revised guidance to allow more events to go on indoors.

It was clarified with the group that full contact indoor activities could be participated outdoors if the opt in process was completed through the Oregon Department of Education, as they did with football in the fall. Wrestling, Basketball could be participated in for practice outdoors but not in competitions.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact the director in charge.

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