

Swimming Contingency Group Meeting #1 Notes

September 9, 2020 @6:30pm

The beginning of the meeting included all of the Season 2 Contingency Group members reviewing the purpose of the contingency groups, expectations of the group as well as what we know now. After the whole Season 2 review, we broke into sport specific groups for further discussion.

In our swimming specific group we reviewed our roster, the information available on the OSAA website for review and then we discuss three specific areas.

- 1) Plan for your school/schools in your area- currently and any knowns for upcoming.
 - Coaches and athletic directors shared limitations including facility closures, transportation concerns and logistics for bringing students together (ie lockerrooms, entrances, etc)
 - Some schools are doing set weeks (Season2 first, then Season 3, the Season 4) for training in order to allow kids to access all of the sports/activities that they engage in. Some schools are choosing to assign days of the week to various seasons.

- 2) What specific modifications are you considering for practices/training in order to comply with state directives? For example: Maintain 6 feet of physical distance during practice and masks required on deck and on coaches.
 - Coaches expressed the modifications that have been used for practices in various facilities that align with the USA Swimming guidelines for maintaining 6 feet of physical distancing. It was expressed that some pools are only letting one swimmer per lane and some are letting up to 5 swimmers per lane.
 - Coaches expressed the time factor in swimming- meaning that in order to get more students in swimming, there may need to be rotations put in place to remain compliant with OHA regulations. 45 minute rotations for kids, coaches are spending more time coaching in order to allow more kids to come in and participate.

- 3) What does the swimming culminating week look like – What are your priorities when thinking about what the OSAA Culminating Week could look like? Thoughts on virtual meets?
 - Priority expressed amongst coaches was in person competitions, whether that be a state meet, district or regional, in person is preferred over a virtual meet.
 - Have prelims and finals on the same day. Maybe even have girls all go on one day then boys on another day. Separate locations to spread kids out, or use other facilities at locations to spread kids out.
 - With indoor competitions only being allowed for schools who are in-person learning, what if there are schools who cannot compete during Season 2? At what point is it a viable state championship, or district meet?

- With any swim competition, if the indoor max is 100 people, that would include all competitors, coaches, staff, etc.

Future Meetings:

- September 23 6:30-8pm
- October 7 6:30-8pm