



Oregon School Activities Association

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Track Contingency Group Meeting Thursday, Jan 7 Zoom Meeting - 6:00– 7:30p

Meeting Notes:

The group received an update on the new county metrics model now in place. Each two week cycle (Warning week then Movement week) counties are placed at the corresponding metric level (Low, Moderate, High, Extreme) each with unique restrictions.

Staff also reviewed the revised OSAA calendar and worked through the philosophy behind any remaining options if some type of change is required moving forward.

Statewide Mask, Face Covering Guidance was discussed – coaches do have concerns about athletes being mandated to wear face covering during a race but will felt coaches and athletes will comply.

Focus Questions:

1. Track and Field will now conclude the weekend of 5/21-22. The change has created a 5-week gap between these final events and the opportunity to utilize the time frames previously discussed during the 2021 Olympic Trials. How do we want to proceed?

There is consensus that keeping the time slots available at the Olympic Trials is important with or without OSAA involvement. More discussion will be required to determine how to proceed once we get closer to the start of the season – current gathering size restrictions will need to change, or the idea is somewhat mute.

2. The OSAA Executive Board will be discussing whether they should continue to waive the Practice Limitation Rule (Rule of 2) for the remainder of the year. This would allow off-season team sports coaches to form teams and compete during the defined Season 3... how do you feel about that?

In general, the group supports allowing coaches to work with kids when possible – decisions on how best to provide opportunities to kids needs to remain at the local level.

Future Discussion Items:

1. Schools are going to need some solid examples of how track and field could be contested within specific gathering size limitations. Brad will create some and distribute to the group for review.
2. Culminating events and what they might look like. Championship or not?
3. Potential for Football and/or Volleyball to be moved to Season 2
4. Potential for Season 2 to be extended if Season 3 does not happen

Next Meeting: TBD