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TO: Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors, and Football Coaches

FROM: Brad Garrett, Assistant Executive Director

SUBJECT: OSAA Football Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Update

The Football Ad Hoc Committee conducted its fourth public meeting on January 31, 2018 at the OSAA Office in Wilsonville. Committee recommendations will be forwarded to the OSAA Executive Board for review and potential adoption on February 12, 2018.

OSAA staff provided a summary of 33 pieces of correspondence received after the last meeting. The Committee received testimony from individuals representing 10 different schools. The group then convened into a work session to discuss strategies to address the observations/issues list outlined in their January 8 update.

At this point the group has reached consensus on the following recommendations:

- Using criteria to identify teams eligible to play down a classification for a 2-year period. Any team meeting one of the following criterion would become eligible to play down:
 - Any team with a four-year Colley winning percentage of 22% or lower or separate has played 12 or fewer in-classification games during the last four years.
 - Any team with a two-year Colley winning percentage of 22% or lower.A complete listing of teams meeting these criteria and their status for the 2018 season is included within this update.
- Creation of an enrollment zone between the 2A and 1A. Any school with adjusted enrollment between 90 and 120 would have the option to participate in 11-man or 8-man Football.
- Allowing variations in game formats (i.e. 1, 2, or 3 quarter games) at the sub-varsity level to provide needed flexibility for some programs when creating sub-varsity participation opportunities.
- Codifying modifications to NFHS Football playing rules at the sub-varsity level (i.e. no kicking game, no blitzing, etc.) and making sure that all schools are aware of potential options moving forward.
- Recommending that sub-varsity scheduling be separated from varsity scheduling in order to enable schools to better match teams competitively with an emphasis on local geographic play.
- Piloting 6-man Football for the 2018 and 2019 seasons. Any school with an adjusted enrollment of 89 or less would be allowed to participate in the pilot. During the pilot, no OSAA Championship will be awarded at the 6-man level.

The group tabled discussion regarding developing the criteria that would be used to determine how a school who has played down, be moved back up. There is agreement within the group that this criteria should include evaluation of the following over the two-year period:

- Colley winning percentage
- League finish
- Playoff appearances
- Participation numbers
- Enrollment figures

The Committee’s expectation is that administrators at member schools work together to accommodate the scheduling needs of all schools regardless of geographic location. Geographically isolated schools/leagues need to have primary consideration when filling non-league schedules. Member schools need to share the travel burden to these schools to minimize the number of out-of-state contests and eliminate as many open dates as possible for as many schools as possible in any given year.

The Committee is also in agreement that moving forward all classifications attempt to be as consistent as possible in determining scheduling dates for sub-varsity contests. Consistent dates allow schools more flexibility to pair like opponents. Currently some leagues have selected Thursday for sub-varsity games and others have selected Monday which leads to inevitable scheduling problems when schools from leagues with different philosophies are paired to play. The group requested that OSAA staff survey the schools to determine which option schools are currently planning on implementing.

The group encourages leagues to develop systems that allow teams to play at least 1 game outside of their assigned Special District/League. Closed systems (all games within a single special district) may not allow the opportunity to compare teams as well as systems in which teams from a variety of placements participate against one another. If member schools want the adopted rankings system to perform most effectively then playing a variety of opponents outside of your league is a positive step in that direction.

Member schools involved in cooperative sponsorships in football was discussed at length. Ultimately, the group reached consensus that schools involved in a cooperative sponsorship that participated together during the previous two-year or four-year period that also meet one of the established criteria are eligible for placement in a lower classification. Newly formed cooperative sponsorship shall be subject to Board Policy – Cooperative Sponsorships.

The Committee is currently supporting the following playoff qualification numbers and allocation methods for each classification. The proposed alignments included with the January 8 Meeting update have been revised based on decisions made by schools identified as having the option to play down and input from various classification representatives and correspondence. Reference the proposed alignments to match-up the various classification options listed below.

Classification	Qualifiers	Allocation Method
6A	24	2 teams per SD plus 10 via rankings
5A	16	SD1 – 6 teams, SD2 – 5 teams, SD3 – 5 teams
4A	16	2-teams in each SD plus 4 added via play-in model
3A	16	SD1 – 6 teams, SD2 – 6 teams, and SD3 – 3 teams plus 1 via rankings
2A	16	2 teams per SD plus 4 via rankings
1A	16	SD1 – 4 teams, SD2 – 4 teams, SD3 – 4/5 teams plus 3/4 via rankings. Note: Allocations to be determined yearly at the Sept. Executive Board Meeting.

When the Committee is reconvened, the following topics will be addressed:

- Strategies to address declining participation numbers
- Strategies to address declining number of game officials
- Role of the OSAA and member schools as related to youth football
- Defining allowable NFHS rule variations at the sub-varsity level
- Reviewing coaching certification requirements – USA Football

The OSAA staff will provide a Committee update, like this one, to all superintendents, principals, athletic directors, and football coaches following each meeting. The Committee roster, charge, and any additional committee information is available at <http://www.osaa.org/governance/committees>.

Written suggestions and proposals should be emailed to the OSAA at bradg@osaa.org. Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all committee members for review and discussion.

The next public meeting of the Ad Hoc Football Advisory Committee is TBD. The general format for the meeting will be for the Committee to receive public testimony followed by a closed work session. The Committee appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact Brad Garrett (bradg@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.

Play Down Summary

Group A and Group B teams listed will be placed in an appropriate Special District at the lower classification level unless they have indicated a preference to stay within their assigned classification. Schools choosing to remain in their assigned classification are marked with an asterisk in the groups below.

Group C teams have met one or both criteria but were already moved down based on 2018-2022 adopted alignments therefore will remain as assigned in that alignment.

Group A - [22% or less Colley winning % over last two years]

Crook County	Nestucca*
Culver*	Parkrose*
Forest Grove	Roosevelt*
Hood River Valley*	Siuslaw
Horizon Christian, Tualatin	Springfield*
Myrtle Point	Wilson

Group B - [22% or less Colley winning % or 12 or fewer Colley games over last 4 years]

Aloha*	McKay
Benson	McLoughlin / Griswold*
Bonanza	North Eugene*
Butte Falls / Crater Lake Char. Acad.	Pilot Rock
Cleveland	Ridgeview*
Corbett	Riverside
Creswell	South Eugene
David Douglas*	The Dalles
Enterprise	Waldport
Hidden Valley	Warrenton
Madras	

Group C - [22% or less Colley winning % or 12 or fewer Colley games over last 4 years]

Alsea	McKenzie
Brookings-Harbor	Prairie City
Burnt River	Riddle
Chemawa	Rogue River
Crow	South Wasco
Elgin	Sutherlin
Gervais	Woodburn
Huntington	Yamhill-Carlton
Illinois Valley	

6A Proposed Alignments

Special District - 1

Franklin Quakers
Grant Generals
Jefferson Democrats
Lincoln Cardinals
Madison Senators
Roosevelt Roughriders

Special District - 2

Aloha Warriors
Beaverton Beavers
Jesuit Crusaders
Mountainside Mavericks
Southridge Skyhawks
Sunset Apollos
Westview Wildcats

Special District - 3

Century Jaguars
Glencoe Crimson Tide
Liberty Falcons
McMinnville Grizzlies
Newberg Tigers
Sherwood Bowmen

Special District - 4

Barlow Bruins
Centennial Eagles
Central Catholic Rams
Clackamas Cavaliers
David Douglas Scots
Gresham Gophers
Reynolds Raiders
Sandy Pioneers

Special District - 5

Canby Cougars
Lake Oswego Lakers
Lakeridge Pacers
Oregon City Pioneers
Tigard Tigers
Tualatin Timberwolves
West Linn Lions

Special District - 6

Bend Lava Bears
McNary Celtics
Mountain View Cougars
South Salem Saxons
Sprague Olympians
Summit Storm
West Salem Titans

Special District - 7

Grants Pass Cavemen
North Medford Black Tornado
Roseburg Indians
Sheldon Irish
South Medford Panthers

5A Proposed Alignments

*** = Accepted Play Down Option

Special District - 1

Benson Techmen***
Cleveland Warriors***
Forest Grove Vikings***
Hillsboro Spartans
Hood River Valley Eagles
La Salle Prep Falcons
Milwaukie / Arts Academy Mustangs
Parkrose Broncos
Pendleton Buckaroos
Putnam Kingsmen
Scappoose Indians
St. Helens Lions
Wilson Trojans***
Wilsonville Wildcats

Special District - 2

Ashland Grizzlies
Churchill Lancers
Crater Comets
Eagle Point Eagles
North Bend Bulldogs
North Eugene Highlanders
Redmond Panthers
Ridgeview Ravens
South Eugene Axemen***
Springfield Millers
Thurston Colts
Willamette Wolverines

Special District - 3

Cascade Cougars
Central Panthers
Corvallis Spartans
Crescent Valley Raiders
Dallas Dragons
Lebanon Warriors
McKay Scots***
North Salem Vikings
Silverton Foxes
South Albany Rebels
West Albany Bulldogs

4A Proposed Alignments

*** = Accepted Play Down Option

Special District- 1

Astoria Fishermen
Banks Braves
Seaside Seagulls
Tillamook Cheesemakers
Valley Catholic Valiants

Special District - 2

Crook County Cowboys***
Estacada Rangers
Gladstone Gladiators
Molalla Indians
North Marion Huskies

Special District - 3

Newport Cubs
Philomath Warriors
Sisters Outlaws
Stayton Eagles
Sweet Home Huskies
Woodburn Bulldogs

Special District - 4

Cottage Grove Lions
Elmira Falcons
Junction City Tigers
Marist Catholic Spartans
Marshfield Pirates

Special District - 5

Henley Hornets
Klamath Union Pelicans
Mazama Vikings
North Valley Knights
Phoenix Pirates

Special District - 6

Baker Bulldogs
La Grande Tigers
McLoughlin Pioneers
Ontario Tigers
The Dalles Riverhawks***

3A Proposed Alignments

*** = Accepted Play Down Option

Special District - 1

Amity Warriors
Blanchet Catholic Cavaliers
Clatskanie Tigers
Corbett Cardinals***
Dayton Pirates
Madras White Buffaloes***
Rainier Columbians
Salem Academy Crusaders
Scio Loggers
Taft Tigers
Willamina Bulldogs
Yamhill-Carlton Tigers

Special District - 2

Harrisburg Eagles
Brookings-Harbor Bruins
Cascade Christian Challengers
Douglas Trojans
Hidden Valley Mustangs***
La Pine Hawks
Pleasant Hill Billies
Santiam Christian Eagles
Siuslaw Vikings***
South Umpqua Lancers
St. Mary's Crusaders
Sutherlin Bulldogs

Special District - 3

Burns Hilanders
Irrigon Knights
Nyssa Bulldogs
Umatilla Vikings
Vale Vikings

2A Proposed Alignments

*** = Accepted Play Down Option

Special District - 1

Gaston Greyhounds
Knappa Loggers
Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates
Nestucca Bobcats
Portland Christian Royals
Vernonia Loggers
Warrenton Warriors***

Special District - 2

Chemawa Braves
Colton Vikings
Culver Bulldogs
Gervais Cougars
Kennedy Trojans
Santiam Wolverines
Sheridan Spartans

Special District - 3

Central Linn Cobras
Creswell Bulldogs***
Jefferson Lions
Monroe Dragons
Oakland Oakers
Regis Rams

Special District - 4

Bandon Tigers
Coquille Red Devils
Gold Beach Panthers
Reedsport Brave
Toledo Boomers

Special District - 5

Glide Wildcats
Illinois Valley Cougars
Lakeview Honkers
Lost River Raiders
Rogue River Chieftains

Special District- 6

Grant Union Prospectors
Heppner Mustangs
Riverside Pirates***
Stanfield Tigers
Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots

1A Proposed Alignments (8-man)

*** = Accepted Play Down Option

Special District - 1

Crow Cougars
Elkton Elks
Falls City Mountaineers
Lowell Devils***
Mapleton Sailors
Mohawk Indians
North Douglas Warriors
Oakridge Warriors***
Perrydale Pirates
Siletz Valley Warriors
St. Paul Buckaroos
Waldport Irish***
Yoncalla Eagles

Special District - 2

Bonanza Antlers***
Butte Falls/Crater Lake Charter Loggers***
Camas Valley Hornets
Chiloquin Panthers
Days Creek Wolves
Glendale Pirates
Hosanna Christian Lions
Myrtle Point Bobcats***
North Lake Cowboys
Prospect Cougars
Riddle Irish
Triad Timber Wolves

Special District - 3

Arlington Honkers/Condon Blue Devils
Cove Leopards
Dufur Rangers
Ione Cardinals
Sherman Huskies
Adrian Antelopes
Crane Mustangs
Elgin Huskies
Enterprise Outlaws***
Imbler Panthers
Pilot Rock Rockets***
Pine Eagle Spartans
Powder Valley Badgers
Union Bobcats***
Wallowa Cougars

1A Proposed Alignments (6-man)

Special District - 1

Alsea Wolverines
Gilchrist Grizzlies
Jewell Blue Jays
McKenzie Eagles
Triangle Lake Lakers
Powers Cruisers

Special District - 2

Burnt River Bulls
Dayville Tigers
Echo Cougars
Harper Hornets
Huntington Locomotives
Joseph Eagles
Monument Tigers
Prairie City Panthers
South Wasco Redsides
Spray/Mitchell/Wheeler Rattlers