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TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: OSAA State Championship Committee – October 9 Meeting Update

The State Championship Committee for the 2018-2022 four-year time block held its third public meeting at the OSAA office in Wilsonville on October 9, 2017. The constitutionally mandated purpose of this Committee is to make recommendations to the OSAA Executive Board for adoption in February 2018, regarding championship formats, participation policies and issues relative to the administration of OSAA State Championships.

The OSAA Executive Board further requests that the Committee review the following topics:

- Financial impact of championships on member schools and the OSAA
- Playoff qualifying formats and allocations in team/individual sports
- Basketball and Volleyball final site formats and venues
- Neutral sites for soccer, baseball, and softball semifinals
- List of current OSAA-sanctioned activities to determine if the OSAA is meeting the membership's needs

The Committee and audience received a review of the State Championship Committee Timeline and Process from Executive Director Peter Weber. Committee Chair Michael Schaefer also addressed the audience and reviewed the charge to the committee. The Committee received testimony from numerous individuals addressing Cheerleading, Dance/Drill, Wrestling, Golf, Tennis, Track & Field and Cross Country. The Committee then adjourned to a closed work session to review and discuss the testimony and written correspondence.

The Committee welcomes all written proposals regarding any State Championship related subjects. Those submitting proposals need to provide data that would illustrate support from various groups including but not limited to superintendents, principals, athletic directors and coaches. All public testimony should be concise and correspond to the information being presented.

***NOTE: All items are subject to change following October 16 Executive Board and Delegate Assembly action on the recommendations of the OSAA Classification and Districting Committee.***

The committee discussed and is currently supportive of the following items.

### **INDIVIDUAL SPORTS**

- Cross Country
  1. Qualifiers – see committee recommendations on pages 3 & 4.
  2. The current team numbers indicate that 3A boys have reached the required threshold to form their own separate championship. 3A boys have had 29 complete teams each of the last two years. The 3A girls numbers do not support this separation.
- Track and Field
  1. Qualifiers – see committee recommendations on page 5.
  2. State Championship Date – what date do schools prefer, the current weekend which is the weekend before Memorial Day or the weekend following Memorial Day? This is also a caucus item at the October 16 Delegate Assembly meeting.

- Wrestling
  1. Qualifiers – see committee recommendations on pages 4 & 5.
  2. Girls Wrestling – committee supports the following:
    - a. Having a championship division beginning 2018-19 State Championships
    - b. 10 Weight Classes - 100-105-110-117-125-135-145-160-180-220
    - c. Females shall declare, prior to their district tournament, if they will compete in the boys or the girls championship.
- Swimming
  1. Qualifiers – see committee recommendations on page 4.
  2. 6A – committee supports having 9 swimmers in each championship heat. This eliminates the consolation heats but allows more swimmers in the championship heats. This also matches what is done at the 5A and 4A/3A/2A/1A levels, where half of the field qualifies for finals, scores team points and medals.
  3. No format change is recommended at the 5A and 4A/3A/2A/1A levels.
- Tennis
  1. Qualifiers – see committee recommendations on page 4.
  2. 6A – committee supports the change for all first match losers to advance to the consolation bracket.
  3. 5A – committee supports change to a two-day championship. This will mirror what currently happens at the 4A/3A/2A/1A level which has the same size bracket.
- Golf
  1. The committee has postponed discussion of the Golf State Championships until the next meeting.
  2. Should a system be implemented where players qualify through a wild card format in order to enhance the opportunity to get the best players in the state to the championships?
  3. Should a system be implemented where fewer teams but more individuals qualify for state championships in order to improve quality of play?

## ACTIVITIES

- Cheerleading
 

The committee has requested OSAA staff look into the financial impact on member schools and the association if a second day is added for prelims, as requested by the OCCA. The OCCA also requested venue review, with thoughts of saving funds to offset the cost of the additional day.
- Dance/Drill
 

The Committee supports continuing with the current championship format. It does not support returning to a structure where classifications are split because of team size. After review of the number of schools currently offering Dance, it was shown that there were not enough teams to meet the current threshold (50% in the largest combined classification) to continue to offer a separate championship at the 4A/3A/2A/1A level. The Committee supports combining the 5A and 4A/3A/2A/1A classifications to meet the threshold requirements set forth in OSAA board policy.

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT FORMATS IN VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL

- 1A Brackets – should the wheel be eliminated?
- How can the championship tournament experience be improved for participants and communities – final four, eliminating consolations, etc.?

The committee discussed and is currently supportive of these items, with continued review:

- Playoff Reimbursement Formula – adding three additional levels of reimbursement which will be at the mileage levels of 801-900, 901-1000, 1000 and above.
- Playoff Reimbursement Formula – should the 151-300 mileage level be eliminated to help assist schools with the greater amount of travel, as addressed in the three additional levels being added at the top end? Is this a favorable way to help balance reimbursement to schools by using that revenue for additional state championship opportunities?
- 1A Volleyball and Basketball Brackets – not reseeding the final 8 teams at the final site.

- Retaining the current limitations and not increasing the current number of team sport players allowed to suit up, warm-up or play in OSAA post-season competition.
- Continuation of the better ranked team hosting and not going to neutral sites in the semifinal rounds of soccer, baseball and softball.
- Looking more closely at the impact on the association and schools if non-local officials were used for baseball and softball beginning in the semifinals.
- Basketball Final Site Formats at all Classification Levels – committee unanimously supports schedule changes that will place same gender in the same session at all final sites, as is currently formatted at the 6A championship.

**The Committee requests that the following topics be the focus of the next meeting and encourages interested parties to participate in the process by submitting material and/or showing up for public testimony:**

- **November 13 --- Team Sports**

Any communication from school representatives regarding Committee issues should be sent to the OSAA rather than to individual Committee members. All written communication received by the OSAA will be shared with every Committee member for review and discussion. Please send emails for the Committee to [krisw@osaa.org](mailto:krisw@osaa.org).

The next public meeting of the State Championship Committee will take place on Monday, November 13, 2017, at the OSAA office in Wilsonville. The Committee meeting will begin with an opportunity for public testimony at 9 am. There will be an opportunity to watch this meeting and communicate via the webinar at GoToMeeting, with the link being published in the weekly broadcast.

The Committee appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact Cindy Simmons ([cindys@osaa.org](mailto:cindys@osaa.org)) or Kris Welch ([krisw@osaa.org](mailto:krisw@osaa.org)) at the OSAA if you have questions.

**Future State Championship Committee Meeting Dates**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday, November 13, 2017 <b>FOCUS – Team Sports</b>	9am	OSAA Office, Wilsonville
Monday, December 11, 2017	9am	OSAA Office, Wilsonville
Monday, January 22, 2018	9am	OSAA Office, Wilsonville

The OSAA staff will provide a Committee update to all superintendents, principals, and athletic directors following each meeting. The Committee roster, Charge to the Committee, all updates, and any additional Committee information is available at <http://www.osaa.org/governance/committees/>.

**Proposed Individual Sport Allocations as of October 9, 2017**

<b>GIRLS Cross Country</b>	
6A	Top 2 teams in each league meet plus + 6 highest placing individuals not members of qualifying teams. <b>OR</b> 3 Regionals – 6 teams from each region advance + any individual in the Top 5 not a member of qualifying team from each region.

5A	5A-1 (Top 3 teams), 5A-2 (Top 4 teams), 5A-3 (Top 4 teams), 5A-4 (Top 2 teams) in each league meet + any individual in the Top 5 not a member of qualifying team from each region. <b>OR</b> 2 Regionals – 6 teams from each region advance + any individual in the Top 5 not a member of qualifying team from each region.
4A	Top 2 teams in each league meet plus any individual in the Top 5 not a member of qualifying team from each region.
3A/2A/1A	Top 2 teams in each special district meet plus any individual in the Top 5 not a member of qualifying team from each region. Number of special districts TBD.

### **BOYS Cross Country**

6A	Top 2 teams in each league meet plus + 6 highest placing individuals not members of qualifying teams. <b>OR</b> 3 Regionals – 6 teams from each region advance + any individual in the Top 5 not a member of qualifying team from each region.
5A	5A-1 (Top 3 teams), 5A-2 (Top 4 teams), 5A-3 (Top 4 teams), 5A-4 (Top 2 teams) in each league meet + any individual in the Top 5 not a member of qualifying team from each region. <b>OR</b> 2 Regionals – 6 teams from each region advance + any individual in the Top 5 not a member of qualifying team from each region.
4A	Top 2 teams in each league meet plus any individual in the Top 5 not a member of qualifying team from each region.
3A	Top 2 teams in each special district plus any individual in the Top 5 not a member of a qualifying team from each region. Number of special districts TBD.
2A/1A	Top 2 teams in each special district plus any individual in the Top 5 not a member of a qualifying team from each region. Number of special districts TBD.

### **Swimming**

6A	District meet league champion in each event plus individuals/relays meeting established qualifying standard. Lanes will be filled to 18 participants. Championship heats of 9; no consolation heats.
5A	District meet league champion in each event plus lanes will be filled to 12 participants. Championship heats of 6.
4A/3A/2A/1A	District meet league champion in each event plus lanes will be filled to 12 participants. Championship heats of 6.

### **Tennis**

6A	Top 4 Doubles teams plus Top 4 Singles in each district meet; 28 qualifiers.
5A	Top 4 Doubles teams plus Top 4 Singles in each district meet; 16 qualifiers.
4A/3A/2A/1A	Top 4 Doubles teams plus Top 4 Singles in each district meet; 16 qualifiers.

<b>Wrestling</b>	
6A	Top 3 in each weight class from each league meet – three 4 <sup>th</sup> place qualifiers will be rotated annually between 6A-1, 6A-2, 6A-3, 6A-4, 6A-5, 6A-6, 6A-7. 24-person bracket
5A	Top 4 in each weight class from each league meet. 16-person bracket
4A	Top 3 in each weight class from each special district meet. Schools will be placed in 4 special districts. 12-person bracket
3A	Top 2 in each weight class from each special district meet. Schools placed in 4 special districts. 8-person bracket <b>OR</b> Combined 3A/2A/1A with Top 4 in each weight class from each special district meet. Schools place in 4 special districts. 16-person bracket
2A/1A	Top 2 in each weight class from each special district meet. Schools placed in 4 special districts. 8-person bracket <b>OR</b> Combined 3A/2A/1A with Top 4 in each weight class from each special district meet. Schools place in 4 special districts. 16-person bracket
GIRLS	Top 2 in each weight class from each special district meet. Schools placed in 2 special districts. 4-person bracket

<b>Track and Field</b>	
6A	Top 2 + Standards + 2 Wildcards Minimum 16 entries per event. Standard is 5-year average of 5 <sup>th</sup> place for all events except relays. Relays are 5-year average of 3 <sup>rd</sup> place.
5A	Top 2 + Standards + 4 Wildcards Minimum 12 entries per event. Standard is 5-year average of 5 <sup>th</sup> place for all events except relays. Relays are 5-year average of 3 <sup>rd</sup> place.
4A	Top 2 + Standards Minimum 12 entries per event. Standard is 5-year average of 5 <sup>th</sup> place for all events except relays. Relays are 5-year average of 3 <sup>rd</sup> place.
3A	4 Special Districts Top 2 + 2 Wildcards Minimum 10 entries per event Standard is 3-year average of 3 <sup>rd</sup> place for all events.
2A	Top 2 + Standards Minimum 12 entries per event. Standard is 3-year average of 3 <sup>rd</sup> place for all events.
1A	4 Special Districts Top 2 + 2 Wildcards Minimum 10 entries per event Standard is 3-year average of 3 <sup>rd</sup> place for all events.

<b>Golf / To Be Determined</b>
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