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TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: OSAA State Championship Committee – December 11 Meeting Update

The State Championship Committee for the 2018-2022 four-year time block held its fifth public meeting at the OSAA office in Wilsonville on December 11, 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 Committee received testimony from 17 individuals addressing specific areas of state championship structures in the activities of baseball, cheerleading, cross country, track and field, and wrestling. While they considered each proposal, and had extensive discussion in relations to them, some were not supported for various reasons (format, cost to association, cost to schools, feasibility, etc.).

The Committee discussed and is currently supportive of these items:

- **Playoff Reimbursement Formula**
 1. **Adding three additional levels of reimbursement which will be at the mileage levels of 801-900, 901-1000, 1000 and above.**
 2. **Eliminating per diem reimbursement for roundtrip mileage of 151-200.**
- **The Committee will continue to examine the impact of the OACA proposal, requesting 2 additional players be allowed in soccer and volleyball.**
- **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 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.

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.

The next public meeting of the State Championship Committee will take place on Monday, January 8, 2018, 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 AnyMeeting, 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) or Kris Welch (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> |
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| Monday, January 8, 2018 | 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/>.

ACTIVITIES

| MUSIC | |
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| | The Committee supports the following number of qualifiers for music state championships. These recommendations bring the percentage of qualifiers of competitive groups in line with percentages in other OSAA state championship events and better reflect current participation levels at each classification. |

| Band | |
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| 6A | A maximum of 18 qualifiers |
| 5A | A maximum of 10 qualifiers |
| 4A | A maximum of 10 qualifiers |
| 3A | A maximum of 6 qualifiers |
| 2A/1A | A maximum of 8 qualifiers |

| Choir | |
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| 6A | A maximum of 20 qualifiers |
| 5A | A maximum of 10 qualifiers |
| 4A | A maximum of 10 qualifiers |
| 3A | A maximum of 6 qualifiers |
| 2A/1A | A maximum of 8 qualifiers |

| Orchestra | |
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| String | A maximum of 12 qualifiers |
| Full | A maximum of 5 qualifiers |

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| Speech | |
| | The Committee supports no changes at this time. They have reviewed 3 proposals from OHSSLCA and are waiting for more information on the financial impact of additional participants. |

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| Cheerleading | |
| | The Committee has requested OSAA staff look into the financial impact of moving to a prelims and finals format in divisions with high participation, as long as the championship remains a one-day event. The OCCA requested a venue review, with thoughts of saving funds to offset the cost of the additional time needed if prelims are added. |

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| Dance / Drill | |
| | The Committee supports the change presented by the Dance/Drill Coaches Association Board of Directors to move the state championship to a category state championship starting in 2019. The Category State Championship would consist of four categories (Jazz, Contemporary/Modern, Precision, Prop/Show). This proposed change would modify the event from a three-day to a two-day event. |

TEAM SPORTS

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| Football | |
| | All football matters are being discussed by the OSAA Football Ad Hoc Committee. |

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| Volleyball, Basketball | |
| 6A | 32 qualifiers – 3 per league (21), 11 remaining spots determined by rankings Retain current bracketing structure; No play-in contests |
| 5A | 16 qualifiers – 3 per league (12), 4 remaining spots determined by rankings Retain current bracketing structure; No play-in contests |
| 4A | 16 qualifiers – 2 per league (12), 4 remaining spots determined through play-in contests Retain current bracketing structure |
| 3A | 16 qualifiers – 2 per league (12), 4 remaining spots determined by rankings Retain current bracketing structure |
| 2A | 16 qualifiers – 2 per league (12), 4 remaining spots determined by rankings Retain current bracketing structure |
| 1A | The Committee supports continued use of the wheel, due to mid-week travel, and no reseeding of the final 8 teams. 24 qualifiers / 3 per league Retain current qualifying and bracketing structure |

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| Soccer | |
| 6A | 32 qualifiers – 3 per league (21), 11 remaining spots determined by rankings Retain current bracketing structure; No play-in contests |
| 5A | 16 qualifiers – 3 per league (12), 4 remaining spots determined by rankings |

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| | Retain current bracketing structure; No play-in contests |
| 4A | 16 qualifiers – 2 per league (12), 4 remaining spots determined through play-in contests Retain current bracketing structure |
| 3A/2A/1A - GIRLS | Additional 4 qualifiers for a total of 16 qualifiers Retain current bracketing structure |
| 3A/2A/1A - BOYS | 16 qualifiers; Retain current bracketing structure |

Baseball, Softball

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| | BASEBALL - The Committee received testimony from school representatives requesting that the group consider implementation of a double elimination bracket. After review, the Committee does not support the proposal because of the challenges it brings in relations to neutral site locations and the number of facilities needed, no home crowd or event management when neutral sites are used, travel involved for all teams to neutral sites, weather, as well as various other factors. Additionally, the use of a double elimination bracket is not used in any other OSAA team sport championship. The Committee understands the concern with pitching limitations and will continue to review the post-season schedule to see if this can be addressed in other ways. |
| 6A | 32 qualifiers – 3 per league (21), 11 remaining spots determined by rankings Retain current bracketing structure; No play-in contests |
| 5A | 16 qualifiers – 3 per league (12), 4 remaining spots determined by rankings Retain current bracketing structure; No play-in contests |
| 4A | 16 qualifiers – 2 per league (12), 4 remaining spots determined through play-in contests Retain current bracketing structure |
| 3A | 16 qualifiers; Retain current bracketing structure |
| 2A/1A | 16 qualifiers; Retain current bracketing structure |

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

GIRLS Cross Country

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| | <p>The Committee received testimony from school representatives requesting that the group consider implementing a process that forms a group that would select “at-large” teams that would be added to qualifying fields. Classifications appear to prefer designated allocations for each league/special district and if those allocations do not meet the desired number of qualifying teams the group would then select the remaining qualifying teams using a defined criterion.</p> <p>The Committee has requested that those schools supporting the idea of using criteria to identify qualifying teams provide more specific information on who would serve on this type of selection group, what criteria would be used, and the timelines involved prior to making any final decision on whether to support this concept.</p> |
| 6A | <p>Top 2 teams in each league meet plus + 6 highest placing individuals not members of qualifying teams. The Committee is exploring potential “at-large” process that would qualify additional teams.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Regional qualifying concept (maximum 3 regions) with qualifiers determined on a sliding scale based on the number of teams in each regional + any individual in Top 15 within each regional advance Maximum of 18 teams and 140 total participants</p> |
| 5A | <p>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 league. Maximum of 13 teams and 100 total participants</p> |

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| 4A | Top 2 teams in each league meet plus any individual in the Top 5 not a member of qualifying team from each region. The Committee is exploring potential “at-large” process that would qualify additional teams. Maximum of 12 teams and 95 total participants |
| 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. The Committee is considering a modified scoring system that would score 4 runners instead of 5 but continuing to allow 7 entries per team. Maximum of 12 teams and 100 total participants |

BOYS Cross Country

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| | The Committee received testimony from school representatives requesting that the group consider implementing a process that forms a group that would select “at-large” teams that would be added to qualifying fields. Classifications appear to prefer designated allocations for each league/special district and if those allocations do not meet the desired number of qualifying teams the group would then select the remaining qualifying teams using a defined criterion. The Committee has requested that those schools supporting the idea of using criteria to identify qualifying teams provide more specific information on who would serve on this type of selection group, what criteria would be used, and the timelines involved prior to making any final decision on whether to support this concept. |
| 6A | Top 2 teams in each league meet plus + 6 highest placing individuals not members of qualifying teams. Committee is exploring potential “at-large” process that would qualify additional teams. OR Regional qualifying concept with qualifying teams determined on a sliding scale based on the number of teams in each regional + any individual in the Top 15. Maximum 18 teams and 140 total participants |
| 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. Maximum of 13 teams and 100 total participants |
| 4A | Top 2 teams in each league meet plus any individual in the Top 5 not a member of qualifying team from each region. The Committee is exploring potential “at-large” process that would qualify additional teams. Maximum of 12 teams and 95 total participants |
| 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. The Committee is exploring potential “at-large” process that would qualify additional teams. Maximum of 10 teams and 90 total participants |
| 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. The Committee is exploring potential “at-large” process that would qualify additional teams. The Committee is considering a modified scoring system that would score 4 runners instead of 5 but continuing to allow 7 entries per team. Maximum of 10 teams and 90 total participants |

Swimming

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| 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 | |
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| 6A | All first match losers to advance to the consolation bracket. Top 4 Doubles teams plus Top 4 Singles in each district meet; 28 qualifiers. |
| 5A | The Committee supports modifying the schedule from a three-day to a two-day event. 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. |

| Wrestling | |
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| | The Committee received testimony from school representatives requesting that the group consider implementing a process that forms a group that would select “at-large” individuals that would be added to qualifying fields. Testimony indicated that classifications do not support rotating qualifying spots and would rather use a process that “pools” potential qualifiers and after applying a defined criterion would identify those additional wrestlers needed to fill the allocated qualifying spots. The Committee has also requested OSAA staff provide some additional data on participation at Special District meets over the last four years. There is concern that adjustments in school classifications may have impacted overall anticipated participation numbers at the various classification levels and as such will have a potential negative impact on qualifying percentages. The goal of the Committee is to equate as much as possible the opportunity to qualify at each level and applying past data to the new classification time block will help the Committee better understand the impact of schools moving up and down. |
| 6A | Top 3 in each weight class from each league meet – three 4 th place qualifiers will be rotated amongst all leagues annually OR 4 th place finishers will be “pooled” and a defined criterion applied to select the three qualifiers. Maximum of 24-person bracket |
| 5A | Top 4 in each weight class from each league/conference meet. Maximum of 16-person bracket |
| 4A | Top 3 in each weight class from each special district meet. Schools will be placed in 4 special districts. The Committee will review participation data to verify qualifying percentages are appropriate. Maximum of 12-person bracket |
| 3A | Top 2 in each weight class from each special district meet. Schools placed in 4 special districts. The Committee will review qualifying tournament data to verify qualifying percentages are appropriate. Maximum of 8-person bracket |
| 2A/1A | Top 2 in each weight class from each special district meet. Schools placed in 4 special districts. The Committee will review qualifying tournament data to verify qualifying percentages are appropriate. Maximum of 8-person bracket |
| GIRLS | Championship division beginning 2019 State Championships 10 Weight Classes – to be determined Girls shall declare, prior to their special district tournament, if they will compete in the boys or the girls championship. Top 2 in each weight class from each special district tournament. Schools placed in 2 special districts. Maximum of 4-person bracket |

| Track and Field (State Championship date TBD, awaiting results of survey sent to schools) | |
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| | The Committee requested that the staff provide additional data on modifying the current automatic qualifying standards for each classification level. The group is interested in the potential financial impact of changing the current calculation method to determine automatic qualifying standards in all events. |
| 6A | Top 2 + Standards + 2 Wildcards Minimum 16 entries per event. Standard is 5-year average of 5 th place for all events except relays. Relays are 5-year average of 3 rd place. The Committee is exploring adjusting the qualifying standard in all events. |
| 5A | Top 2 + Standards + 4 Wildcards Minimum 12 entries per event. Standard is 5-year average of 5 th place for all events except relays. Relays are 5-year average of 3 rd place. The Committee is exploring adjusting the qualifying standard in all events. |
| 4A | Top 2 + Standards Minimum 12 entries per event. Standard is 5-year average of 5 th place for all events except relays. Relays are 5-year average of 3 rd place. The Committee is exploring adjusting the qualifying standard in all events. |
| 3A | 4 Special Districts Top 2 + 2 Wildcards Minimum 10 entries per event Standard is 3-year average of 3 rd place for all events. The Committee is exploring adjusting the qualifying standard in all events. |
| 2A | Top 2 + Standards Minimum 12 entries per event. Standard is 3-year average of 3 rd place for all events. The Committee is exploring adjusting the qualifying standard in all events. |
| 1A | 4 Special Districts Top 2 + 2 Wildcards Minimum 10 entries per event Standard is 3-year average of 3 rd place for all events. The Committee is exploring adjusting the qualifying standard in all events. |

| Golf | |
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| 6A | District tournament team champion and Top 2 district tournament individuals automatically qualify for State Championships. 2 nd - 4 th district tournament teams and 3 rd – 7 th district tournament individuals advance to sub-district event Top 2 sub-district teams and Top 5 sub-district individuals not on a qualifying team advance to State Championships Number of Participants: 13 Teams, 22 individuals, 87 participants OR Top 2 teams from each league and top 2 individuals not on qualifying teams from each league. Number of participants: 14 teams, 14 individuals, 84 participants |
| 5A | Boys: District tournament team champion and Top 2 district tournament individuals automatically qualify for the State Championship. 2 nd - 4 th district tournament teams and 3 rd – 7 th district tournament individuals advance to sub-district event (two districts (NW Oregon/Intermountain, Midwestern/Mid-Willamette) Top 2 sub-district teams and Top 5 sub-district individuals not on a qualifying team advance to State |

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| | <p>Championships. Team Qualification: 4 District Champs, 4 Special District Qualifiers (8 full teams, 40 players) Individual Qualification: 4 District Champs, 10 Special District Qualifiers (14 total Individuals)</p> <p>Girls: Three Districts (Midwestern, Mid-Willamette, NW Oregon/Intermountain) Team Qualifications: Two full teams from each district automatically qualify (6 teams, 30 students) Individual Qualifications: Top 4 individuals from each district not on qualifying teams (12 total individuals)</p> |
| 4A Boys | <p>Set up in four special districts Team Qualifications: Special District 1 - 3; Special District 2 - 3; Special District 3 - 2; Special District 4 - 2 Individual Qualifications: Must be in the top 5 overall to advance. Estimated Number of Participants: 10 teams (50 players), 5 individuals, 55 total players</p> |
| 3A/2A/1A Boys | <p>Set up in four special districts Team Qualifications: Special District 1 - 3; Special District 2 - 3; Special District 3 - 3; Special District 4 - 3 Individual Qualifications: Must be in the top 5 overall to advance. Average Number of Participants: 12 teams, 6 individuals, 66 participants</p> |
| 4A/3A/2A/1A Girls | <p>Set up in four special districts Team Qualifications: Special District 1 - 2; Special District 2 - 2; Special District 3 - 2; Special District 4 - 2 Individual Qualifications: Must be in the top 5 overall to advance. Average Number of Participants: 8 teams, 7 individuals, 47 participants</p> |