

# Spor Repor

Dear Oregon School Activities Association,

On behalf of my Cascadia-based sports news organization, I would like to submit a public proposal to the Classification and Districting Committee regarding the 2018-2022 four-year time block.

After hours of extensive research and planning, we are set to propose a brand new 4-classification model. While the OSAA currently adopts a 6-classification model, we believe a 4-classification model is the best for the future of OSAA and provides many advantages not currently found in the current model.

The major reasoning behind our decision for a 4-classification model is the unique geographical situation the state of Oregon faces. This has become evident in the 6-classification model where rather small conferences exist at the higher levels. Due to this, numerous schools located in the eastern and southern parts of the state face extensive scheduling challenges. These schools are forced to play uneven schedules, compared to schools situated in the Willamette region, by means of filling schedule spots with much smaller schools or be forced into a lengthy travel situations at effects the level of play for the travelling team.

Our 4-classification model focuses heavily on regionalizing conferences at each level. Under a regionalized conference format, the costs incurred by each individual school would go down compared to present day with regards to gas which, in turn, allows schools to use those extra funds elsewhere.

An important thing that often gets lost with regards to conference realignment is the numerous rivalries and communities that end up being lost in the process. We believe, having covered Oregon high school sports in the recent past, that numerous existing rivalries and community bonds have been severed as the classification model has increased to 6 over the past few years. By focusing on regionalized conferences at each level, we believe that this model has the greatest potential to increase local community support for their schools. This occurs through the creation of localized rivalries that have been non-existent due to the 6-classification model.

By emphasizing regionalized conferences, it allows for certain conferences that choose to go down this route to explore the addition of a conference championship game for select sports, reminiscent of college conferences such as the Pac-12, to the OSAA postseason.

With regards to potential instances in the future of certain programs outperforming or underperforming their classification, our regionalized conference setup allows for those programs to transition as a whole, or on a case-by-case basis, between classifications.

For example, Washington's Archbishop Murphy football program has made national headlines this fall due to being overpowered for their classification. Part of the reason for this was being unable to properly transition to a higher level this past offseason. With our model, Archbishop Murphy would've been able to move to a higher level without drastically affecting the conference lineup and they wouldn't have been negatively affected travel-wise; the same experience some schools currently face in eastern Oregon for being too big to compete evenly with most nearby schools.

As you can see below, we've detailed each classification and conference alignment. With the exception of one conference that has six members, every conference in the 4A-2A classifications are between seven and ten members. At the 1A level, that range is from nine to eleven in order to facilitate the lack of certain athletic programs not offered at each individual school.

Below that, we've also included a map detailing our classification model. Using the official OSAA 2016-17 alignment map as a base, we've detailed what our model would look like geographically. We understand there might be one or two lone instances of schools having historic rivalries that we were made unaware of in our research. However, we believe this model provides enough flexibility to facilitate any minor alignment concerns and retain its integrity.

Ultimately, we do understand that a 4-classification model is a significant departure from the current 6-classification model. The fact that it's a 4-classification model probably means this proposal will be scoffed at and not given more than one look. As journalists who actively practice satire, we can read wall writing from a mile away and like to be honest about it. It's all right. We understand the implications of this model.

However, we have put in a good faith effort from start to finish and fully support this proposal. We believe this model will protect against rising costs incurred each year by schools and ignite a greater passion into the world of Oregon high school athletics and activities than what is currently present. Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing from you.

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**4A (72 Schools)**

**Eastern Oregon A (7):**

Bend  
Hermiston  
Hood River Valley  
Mountain View  
Pendleton  
Summit  
The Dalles

**Eugene Metro A (8):**

Churchill  
Sheldon  
South Albany  
South Eugene  
Springfield  
Thurston  
West Albany  
Willamette

**Portland Central A (10):**

Benson  
Central Catholic  
Cleveland  
Franklin  
Grant  
Jefferson  
Lincoln  
Madison  
Roosevelt  
St Mary's (Portland)

**Portland Northeast A (7):**

Barlow  
Centennial  
David Douglas  
Gresham  
Parkrose  
Reynolds  
Sandy

**Portland Northwest A (10):**

Aloha  
Beaverton  
Century  
Forest Grove  
Glencoe  
Hillsboro  
Jesuit  
Liberty  
Sunset  
Westview

**Portland Southeast A (8):**

Canby  
Clackamas  
Milwaukie  
La Salle  
Putnam  
Oregon City  
West Linn  
Wilsonville

**Portland Southwest A (9):**

Lake Oswego  
Lakeridge  
McMinnville  
Newberg  
Sherwood  
Southridge  
Tigard  
Tualatin  
Wilson

**Salem Metro A (9):**

McKay  
McNary  
North Salem  
Silverton  
South Salem  
Sprague  
West Salem  
Woodburn

**Southern Oregon A (7):**

Ashland  
Crater  
Eagle Point  
Grants Pass  
North Medford  
Roseburg  
South Medford

**3A (53 Schools)**

**Eastern Oregon B (10):**

Baker  
Crook County  
La Grande  
La Pine  
Madras  
McLoughlin  
Ontario  
Redmond  
Ridgeview  
Sisters

**Eugene Metro B (8):**

Cottage Grove  
Elmira  
Harrisburg  
Junction City  
Lebanon  
Marist  
North Eugene  
Sweet Home

**Northwest A (7):**

Astoria  
Banks  
Scappoose  
Seaside  
St. Helens  
Tillamook  
Valley Catholic

**Portland Metro B (7):**

Corbett  
Estacada  
Gladstone  
Molalla  
North Marion  
Riverdale  
Yamhill-Carlton

**Salem Metro B (8):**

Cascade  
Central  
Corvallis  
Crescent Valley  
Dallas  
Newport  
Philomath  
Stayton

**Southern Oregon B (7):**

Brookings  
Henley  
Hidden Valley  
Klamath Union  
North Valley  
Mazama  
Phoenix

**Southwest Oregon A (6):**

Douglas  
Marshfield  
North Bnd  
Siuslaw  
South Umpqua  
Sutherlin

**2A (78 Schools)**

**Eastern Oregon C (9):**

Burns  
Cove  
Elgin  
Enterprise  
Grant Union  
Imbler  
Nyssa  
Union  
Vale

**Eastern Oregon D (7):**

Heppner  
Irrigon  
Pilot Rock  
Riverside  
Stanfield  
Umatilla  
Weston-McEwen

**Eugene Metro C (10):**

Central Linn  
Creswell  
Crow  
East Linn Christian  
Monroe  
Oakridge  
Pleasant Hill  
Santiam Christian  
Toledo  
Waldport

**Northwest Oregon B (8):**

Clatskanie  
Faith Bible  
Gaston  
Knappa  
Neah-Kah-Nie  
Rainier  
Vernonia  
Warrenton

**Northwest Oregon C (9):**

Amity  
Dayton  
Delphian  
Nestucca  
Sheridan  
St Paul  
Taft  
Western Mennonite  
Willamina

**Portland Metro C (8):**

Catlin Gabel  
City Christian  
De La Salle  
Horizon Christian (Tualatin)  
Oregon Episcopal  
Portland Adventist  
Portland Christian  
Westside Christian

**Salem Metro C (10):**

Blanchet Catholic  
Chemawa  
Colton  
Gervais  
Jefferson  
Kennedy  
Regis  
Salem Academy  
Santiam  
Scio

**Southwest Oregon B (10):**

Bandon  
Canyonville Christian  
Coquille  
Glide  
Gold Beach  
Milo Adventist  
Myrtle Point  
Oakland  
Reedsport  
Riddle

**Southern Oregon C (7):**

Bonanza  
Cascade Christian  
Illinois Valley  
Lakeview  
Lost River  
Rogue River  
St Mary's (Medford)

**1A (83 Schools)**

**Eastern Oregon E (9):**

Arlington  
Dufur  
Echo  
Griswold  
Horizon Christian (H.R.)  
Ione  
Nixyaawii  
Sherman  
South Wasco County

**Eastern Oregon F (11):**

Central Christian  
Condon  
Culver  
Dayville  
Long Creek  
Mitchell  
Monument  
Spray  
Trinity Lutheran  
Ukiah  
Wheeler

**Eastern Oregon G (11):**

Adrian  
Burnt River  
Crane  
Harper  
Huntington  
Jordan Valley  
Joseph  
Pine Eagle  
Prairie City  
Powder Valley  
Wallowa

**Eugene Metro D (11):**

Alsea  
Eddyville Charter  
Kings Valley Charter  
Lifegate Christian  
Lowell  
Mapleton  
McKenzie  
Mohawk  
Oak Hill  
Siletz Valley  
Triangle Lake

**Portland Metro D (10):**

Columbia Christian  
Damascus Christian  
Jewell  
Life Christian  
North Clackamas Christian  
Open Door Christian  
Portland Waldorf  
Southwest Christian  
St. Stephens Academy  
Valor Christian International

**Salem Metro D (9):**

County Christian  
Crosshill Christian  
C.S. Lewis  
Falls City  
Livingstone Adventist  
Oregon F/T Deaf  
Perrydale  
Veritas  
Willamette Valley Christian

**Southwest Oregon C (10):**

Camas Valley  
Days Creek  
Elkton  
Glendale  
Melrose Christian  
North Douglas  
Pacific  
Powers  
Umpqua Valley Christian  
Yoncalla

**Southern Oregon D (10):**

Butte Falls  
Chiloquin  
Gilchrist  
Hosanna Christian  
New Hope Christian  
North Lake  
Paisley  
Prospect  
Rogue Valley Adventist  
Triad



# Spor Repor's Official OSAA Realignment Proposal

