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TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: OSAA Rankings Committee Update – January 16, 2020

The OSAA Rankings Committee met on a teleconference on January 16 at the OSAA Office for the first time this school year to begin its review of the rankings, and in particular the Fall 2019 season.

The Committee has set dates for two upcoming public meetings. Both meetings will have public testimony where written correspondence will also be reviewed. Following the final meeting, the Committee will forward its final recommendations to the OSAA Executive Board for a vote at the Board’s Summer Workshop, July 20-22, 2020.

OSAA Rankings Committee Future Meeting Schedule

- Tuesday, March 31, 2020 @ OSAA Office, Wilsonville, Time TBD (Teleconference)
- Monday, June 15, 2020 @ OSAA Office, Wilsonville, 10am

The Committee began by reviewing the three pieces of correspondence, then delved into the Fall 2019 brackets and rankings. Following this review, the Committee examined rankings scenarios and correlation studies of former and current systems, contest rankable counts.

Correlation Studies: Correlation studies are produced by OSAA staff and serve as one way to gauge the “accuracy” of the system. What counts as “accurate” regarding a rankings system is certainly open to interpretation, but Committee members believe there is value associated with this information, especially when looking at making possible changes.

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Regular Season</u>	
19-20	Football	91.26%	<i>Using the final frozen rankings, correlation studies analyze the % of contests where the better ranked team in a classification won, going backwards through the regular season. A contest where that happens is considered “accurate”. In 2019-20 Girls Soccer, the current system was 90.74% “accurate” going back through the regular season. NOTE: For Soccer, ties between teams that have an RPI within 10% of each other are considered “accurate”.</i>
19-20	Boys Soccer	87.54%	
19-20	Girls Soccer	90.74%	
19-20	Volleyball	88.61%	

Football Rankings / Adjusted Playoff Rankings

The Committee discussed the concern with the football rankings. There is such a small sample size with only 8 or 9 contests played each year, that maybe there needs to be a “human element” added to the Adjusted Playoff Rankings. The Committee agrees that football is a challenge with the small sample size, but are struggling with solutions: ideas were to use the OSAA Coaches polls, but not all coaches participate and the trust factor with them having impacts while they are so closely connected; gathering a group of Athletic Directors together to help select the APR; the Committee has asked the staff to reach out to neighboring states to see what they do and ask about their rankings and possibly adding back the “third column” opponents-opponent if that information is gatherable.

The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its March 31 meeting.

Should there be 2 or 3 “friendly” contests during preseason that would not count in the Rankings: The Committee discussed this and had some real concerns about the process, what contests would that be, would both schools need to mutually agree, what happens in the Spring with rainouts? ***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its March 31 meeting***

Concerns about the ties in soccer: This topic had been talked about last year, but with the concern being brought up at an OACA Executive Board Meeting, it is being brought up again. Last year when this topic was brought up it had been determined that the tie element in the rankings did not have that big of an effect as people had thought compared to wins and losses. The Committee discussed the rationale as to why soccer is allowed to end in ties, why not standardize the overtime; either eliminate the two ten-minutes periods and go straight to penalty kicks. ***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback on this concept prior to its April 2 meeting***

The Committee discussed the efficiency of this teleconference and decided that the March 31 meeting should also be a teleconference and with a start time yet to be determined.

All written communication received will be forwarded to all members of the Rankings Committee for their review. Please send emails to kyles@osaa.org or Kris Welch (krisw@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.