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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors  
FROM: Peter Weber, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Summary of Delegate Assembly Action at the October 10, 2016, Meeting

At the meeting on October 10, 2016, the OSAA Delegate Assembly took the following actions:

- Approved the minutes of the April 11, 2016, Delegate Assembly meeting.
- Received a “State of the Association” report from Executive Director Peter Weber and staff regarding the following subjects.
  - Opening Remarks
  - NFHS #MyReasonWhy Campaign
  - Classification and Districting Committee
  - Financial Update
  - Appeals Report / Ejections Summary
  - Associate Member Schools
  - Gender Identity Participation
  - Association Goals for 2016-17
  - Heads Up Football
  - Summer Policy – Football
  - Oregon Youth Football Summit
  - State Championships Calendar
  - OSAA Website
  - Basketball – 3-Person Crews
  - State Championship Committee
  - Title IX
  - Inclusion Committee
  - OSAA Foundation
  - Corporate Sponsorships
  - Unified Sports Basketball
  - Sportsmanship Committee
  - Acknowledgements
- Discussed the following questions in classification caucus groups and received written and oral reports back to the full Delegate Assembly.

**Classification and Districting Committee**

What are the main issues/concerns that your school/league/classification have regarding classification and districting?

**Associate Member School Student Participation**

Should the OSAA change its current policy on Associate Member School student participation per the received request? If yes, do you recommend that the Association’s language mirror the home school language? If no, please provide specific reasons why this policy should differ from the state law for home school student participation?

**Eligibility Appeals Board**

Should the OSAA consider making changes to the eligibility appeals process and specifically the Eligibility Appeals Board? If so, what specific changes would you recommend and what are your thoughts on having a subset of the Executive Board, rather than the EAB, hear these appeals?

### **Sportsmanship Committee**

Do you believe that current OSAA sportsmanship policies are effective? If so, how can the OSAA do a better job of educating schools and the general public on these expectations? If not, what ideas/suggestions does your school/league/classification have for improving these policies? Do you have other issues for the Sportsmanship Committee to address?

- Adopted the 2016-17 OSAA Handbook.
- Heard a first reading of a proposal to add Article 9.3.5 – Sports Medicine Advisory Committee - Chief Medical Advisor. Formalizes that the SMAC shall nominate a Chief Medical Advisor for the Association.
- Voted to add Article 9.9 – Officials Recruitment and Retention Committee as a standing committee of the Association, effective immediately **(Attached)**
- Voted to amend Rule 1.4.c – Athletic Director and Coach Certification – Heat Illness Prevention Course to a once every four year requirement for all coaches except football coaches, effective immediately. **(Attached)**
- Heard a first reading to amend Rule 8.2 – Duration of Eligibility/Graduation – Southern Hemisphere Exception. Revises exception to be based on when a country's school year starts, rather than location.
- Received a reminder of upcoming meetings:
  - Executive Board – Monday, December 5, 2016 / 9am / OSAA Office, Wilsonville
  - Executive Board – Monday, February 13, 2017 / 9am / OSAA Office, Wilsonville
  - Delegate Assembly – Monday, April 10, 2017 / 9am / Holiday Inn, Wilsonville
  - Executive Board – Monday, May 8, 2017 / 9am / OSAA Office, Wilsonville
  - Executive Board Summer Workshop – Monday-Wednesday, July 24-26, 2017 / Eagle Crest Resort

A summary of actions is posted on the OSAA website following each Board and Delegate Assembly Meeting. Official minutes of the October 10, 2016, Delegate Assembly meeting are available from the OSAA upon request.

Proposal to Add Article 9.9. – Officials Recruitment and Retention Committee

**Adopted October 10, 2016 effective immediately**

(Action Item)

**QUESTION:** *Should the Delegate Assembly add Article 9.9. – Officials Recruitment and Retention Committee to have the group be a standing committee of the Association?*

**RATIONALE:** Last year the Executive Board appointed the Officials Recruitment and Retention Committee as an ad-hoc group to meet and report back on issues related to the declining number of officials and strategies to reverse the trend. Just as the issue of a lack of officials didn't occur overnight, the solutions won't happen that quickly either. Making this a standing committee also signifies the stark reality of the situation and the need for all affiliated groups to work together moving forward. Recommendation is to approve effective immediately.

**RULE CHANGE SPONSORED BY:** OSA Executive Board

**NEXT STEP IF PASSED:** Effective August 1, 2017 unless otherwise stated in the motion.

**POSSIBLE RULE CHANGES:**

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***Article 9.9 – Officials Recruitment and Retention Committee***

- 9.8.1. Charge.** *The Committee shall make recommendations to the Executive Board regarding recruitment and retention of game officials. Included shall be strategies, programs, and/or initiatives that will increase the number of unique officials' registrations in each sport as well as increase overall retention rates within local associations and the group as a whole.*
- 9.8.2. Composition.** *The Committee shall consist of three representatives of the Oregon Athletic Directors Association (OADA), three representatives of the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association (OACA) and three representatives of the Oregon Athletic Officials Association (OAOA). The Executive Director of each of the aforementioned associations shall serve as an ex-officio member of the committee.*
- 9.8.3. Term.** *Members of the Committee shall serve a three-year term. A member shall not serve consecutive terms. Attention will be paid to the term limit rotation to insure balance between experienced members and new members.*
- 9.8.4. Meetings.** *The Committee shall adopt an annual schedule of meetings based upon the issues under consideration. The schedule shall include an appropriate number of meetings in which to conduct the business of the Committee.*

Proposal to Amend Rule 1.4.c – Athletic Director and Coach Certification – Heat Illness Prevention Course

**Adopted October 10, 2016 effective immediately**

(Action Item)

**QUESTION:** Should the Delegate Assembly amend Rule 1.4.c – Athletic Director and Coach Certification – Heat Illness Prevention Course to adjust the recertification requirement for the NFHS Heat Illness Prevention Course from every other year to every four years?

**RATIONALE:** Current OSAA and state-mandated certifications have requirement intervals of one, two, and four years depending on the component. Moving the recertification deadline for the Heat Illness course will place it in line with the required Performance Enhancing substances course and should make it easier for administrators to track compliance. Sports Medicine supports this change since the Heat Illness component is an annual requirement for all Football coaches through the Heads Up program requirement. Recommendation is to approve effective immediately.

**RULE CHANGE SPONSORED BY:** OSAA Executive Board

**NEXT STEP IF PASSED:** Effective immediately unless otherwise stated in the motion.

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**Rule 1.4. – Athletic Director and Coach Certification**

**(a) NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching.** <http://nfhslearn.com/>

The OSAA requires that athletic directors and coaches must achieve a passing score on the test included with the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course. This is a one-time requirement.

**(b) Concussion Recognition and Management Training.** <http://nfhslearn.com/>

The OSAA and Oregon State Law ([ORS 336.485](#)) requires that athletic directors and coaches receive training to learn how to recognize the symptoms of a concussion and how to seek proper medical treatment for a person suspected of having a concussion. The NFHS's Concussion in Sports free course satisfies this requirement. This training is required annually.

**(c) NFHS Heat Illness Prevention.** <http://nfhslearn.com/>

The OSAA requires that athletic directors and coaches must achieve a passing score on the test included with the NFHS's Heat Illness Prevention free course. ***This training is required once every four years.***

**(d) Anabolic Steroids and Performance-Enhancing Substances Training.**  
<http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?=2571>

The OSAA and Oregon State Law ([ORS 342.726](#)) requires that athletic directors and coaches receive training on identifying the components of anabolic steroid abuse and use and prevention strategies for the use of performance-enhancing substances. This training is required once every four years.