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TO: Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors, and Football Coaches

FROM: Kris Welch, Assistant Executive Director

SUBJECT: OSAA Football Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Update – January 9 Meeting

The Football Ad Hoc Advisory conducted its third public meeting of this school year in a hybrid model with most committee members in-person at the OSAA Office and three attending via Zoom. The goal of this group is to review football data for schools, along with any proposals, and make recommendations to the Executive Board for their February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

OSAA staff provided a summary of 18 pieces of correspondence received prior to the meeting. During the meeting the Committee received testimony from 28 individuals, either in-person or online, representing 21 different schools. At the completion of the testimony, the Committee convened into a work session to discuss a variety of topics, review testimony, and develop this update. Topics discussed include:

### **2026 Special Districts 2<sup>nd</sup> DRAFT**

The Committee discussed all the testimony and correspondence submitted and has created its second draft of Football Special Districts for 2026 (see attached). This draft incorporates changes from all the correspondence and testimony heard. Please note this is a DRAFT proposal and not the final recommendation.

***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback from schools regarding these placements prior to its January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.***

- This draft began with minor “tweaks” to the Special Districts so that the Football Special Districts more closely aligned with the Regular Districts for the upcoming 4-year time block. At the 3A Classification, that meant moving Amity, Dayton, and Santiam Christian into Special District 1; and Harrisburg to Special District 2. At the 2A Classification that meant moving Corbett to Special District 1 where the other two schools playing down are all from the same Regular District.
- The three schools who met the criteria to enter the pool for discussion to play down and were denied at the previous ad hoc meeting presented new information to the Committee for consideration. Of those three schools, the Committee is now recommending that La Pine High School be moved from 3A to 2A.
- The two schools who had been playing down met the criteria to enter the pool for discussion and were moved back up to their original classification at the previous ad hoc meeting presented new information to the Committee for consideration. Of those two schools, the Committee is now recommending that Gresham High School be moved back to 5A.
- The Committee also heard testimony from four of the schools who were moved up a classification in the final adopted Regular Classification and Districting placements. After discussion, the Committee is recommending two of the schools (Elmira and Illinois Valley) be moved back down to the Classification they played at last year; Elmira to 3A and Illinois Valley to 2A.
- The Committee also made changes at the 4A and 5A classification. The Committee has heard from these schools of the desire to try and have more even number of teams in each special district where possible, and to have smaller league sizes to allow for more non-league evenly matched contests. 4A has SD1 with 7 schools, SD2 with 8 schools, SD3 with 7 schools, SD4 with 7 schools and SD5 with 5 schools. 5A, in trying to keep schools in their

regular districts and smaller leagues, created a new Special District. 5A now has SD1 with 5 schools, SD2 with 5 schools, SD3 with 7 schools, SD4 with 7 schools, SD5 with 8 schools, and the IMC with 7 schools.

- The Committee also made tweaks at the 6A classification, creating another Special District and separating the Salem schools from the southern Oregon schools. This leaves 6A with four leagues of five schools which will allow them to align for non-league scheduling in order to complete schedules.

#### **Enrollment Zone for 1A 8-Player and 1A 6-Player**

The Committee once again discussed the cutoff for an enrollment zone for both the 8-player and 6-player divisions. The Committee remains dedicated to keeping both 6-player and 8-player football viable in the state of Oregon. After listening to testimony and reviewing correspondence, the Committee is currently supporting moving the 6-player football enrollment zone from 49 to 51, which moves two schools (Elkton and Triangle Lake) from 1A-8 to 1A-6. The Committee is also recommending moving the 8-player football enrollment zone from 77 to 76, which moves Bonanza from 1A-8 to 2A. In the current draft that led to four special districts for 30 teams for 8-player football and three special districts of 24 teams for 6-player football.

***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback from schools regarding these enrollment zone numbers.***

#### **Roster Cap for 1A 6-player football**

There was more discussion on the concept of a roster cap for 6-player football. The Committee believes that 6-player teams with large rosters should be playing 8-player football. Currently the Committee is supporting an increase from 15 to 18 rostered players over a 3-year average.

***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback from schools regarding creation of a roster cap for 6-player football.***

#### **Potential Timeline for Schools Playing Down a Classification for Multiple Years**

The Committee spent most of their time with the second draft, so this concept was tabled until the next meeting. The Committee is still interested in discussing those schools who have been playing down a classification for multiple years (i.e., four or more, etc.) and the pathway for them to get back to their original classification.

***The Committee is interested in receiving feedback from schools regarding putting a timeline on how long a school is allowed to play down a classification.***

#### **Two-Year Review for Schools Petitioning to Play Down**

After hearing from the OADA about the challenges created by moving so many schools down every year, the Committee spent time discussing a two-year review timeline for schools that meet the criteria to enter the pool for consideration for discussion to play down. The Committee plans to review annually only those schools that qualify to enter the pool for consideration to be moved back up to their original classification.

#### **Playoff Allocations and Bracket Size Recommendations**

The Committee thought it would be better to table this discussion to the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting as the State Championship Committee is meeting publicly for the first time on Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, and may have initial thoughts on approximate bracket sizes for all team sports based on the percentage of schools at each classification.

***The Committee is interested in receiving recommendations from schools regarding playoff allocations and bracket sizes.***

**Final Meeting:** The final ad hoc meeting will be hybrid format with both in-person and via Zoom. This will include public testimony sessions for schools.

**Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00am (OSAA Office and Zoom)**

The OSAA staff will provide a committee update, like this one, to all superintendents, principals, athletic directors, and football coaches following each meeting. The Committee roster, charge, and any additional committee information is available at <http://www.osaa.org/governance/committees>.

Written suggestions and proposals should be emailed to the OSAA at [krisw@osaa.org](mailto:krisw@osaa.org). Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all committee members for review and discussion. Please contact Kris Welch ([krisw@osaa.org](mailto:krisw@osaa.org)) at the OSAA if you have any questions.

**Football Ad Hoc Committee Proposal  
Second DRAFT - January 9, 2026**

6A	41
1026+	
<b>6A-1 - Portland Interscholastic League</b>	<b>9</b>
Benson Astros*	575
Cleveland Warriors	1057
Franklin Lightning	1278
Grant Generals	1588
Ida B. Wells Guardians	1176
Jefferson Democrats	303
Lincoln Cardinals	1157
McDaniel Mountain Lions*	1001
Roosevelt Roughriders*	843
<b>6A-2 - Metro League</b>	<b>6</b>
Beaverton Beavers	955
Jesuit Crusaders*	966
Mountainside Mavericks	1445
Southridge Skyhawks	1079
Sunset Apollos	1468
Westview Wildcats	1931
<b>6A-3 - Pacific Conference</b>	<b>5</b>
Century Jaguars	1069
Glencoe Crimson Tide	1047
McMinnville Grizzlies	1348
Newberg Tigers	945
Sherwood Bowmen	1218
<b>6A-4 - Mt. Hood Conference</b>	<b>5</b>
Barlow Bruins	1324
Central Catholic Rams*	655
Clackamas Cavaliers*	968
Nelson Hawks	1131
Reynolds Raiders	1291
<b>6A-5 - Three Rivers League</b>	<b>6</b>
Lake Oswego Lakers*	947
Lakeridge Pacers*	914
Oregon City Pioneers	1519
Tigard Tigers	1302
Tualatin Timberwolves	1271
West Linn Lions	1347
<b>6A-SD-1 Special District 1</b>	<b>5</b>
McNary Celtics	1256
North Salem Vikings	1130
South Salem Saxons	1456
Sprague Olympians	1237
West Salem Titans	1173
<b>6A-SD-1 Special District 2</b>	<b>5</b>
Grants Pass Cavemen	1160
North Medford Black Tornado	1065
Sheldon Irish	1039
South Medford Panthers	1168
Willamette Wolverines*	935

5A	39
1025-581	
<b>5A-SD1 - Special District 1</b>	<b>5</b>
Centennial Eagles	954
David Douglas Scots^^	1434
Gresham Gophers^^	1120
Hood River Valley Eagles	764
Sandy Pioneers	977
<b>5A-SD2 - Special District 2</b>	<b>5</b>
Milwaukie / Arts Academy Mustangs	771
Parkrose Broncos*	544
Putnam Kingsmen	792
St. Helens Lions	620
McKav Scots^^	1245
<b>5A-SD3 - Special District 3</b>	<b>7</b>
Aloha Warriors**	1112
Canby Cougars	877
Forest Grove Vikings^^	1180
Hillsboro Spartans	834
La Salle Prep Falcons*	507
Liberty Falcons	981
Wilsonville Wildcats	878
<b>5A-SD3 - Special District 4</b>	<b>7</b>
Corvallis Spartans	836
Crescent Valley Raiders	610
Dallas Dragons	628
Lebanon Warriors	685
Silverton Foxes	848
South Albany Red Hawks	877
West Albany Bulldogs	889
<b>5A-SD4 - Special District 5</b>	<b>8</b>
Churchill Lancers	696
Crater Comets	852
Eagle Point Eagles	682
North Eugene Highlanders	641
Roseburg Indians^^	1072
Springfield Millers	808
Thurston Colts	935
South Eugene Axe^^	1047
<b>5A-4 - Intermountain Conference</b>	<b>7</b>
Bend Lava Bears	865
Caldera Wolfpack	902
Crook County Cowboys	658
Mountain View Cougars	841
Redmond Panthers	759
Ridgeview Ravens	670
Summit Storm	979

4A	34
580-281	
<b>4A-SD1 - Special District 1</b>	<b>7</b>
Astoria Fishermen	414
Banks Braves	281
Scappoose Indians	526
Seaside Seagulls	299
Tillamook Cheesemakers	462
Valley Catholic Valiants	297
Woodburn Bulldogs^^	989
<b>4A-SD3 - Special District 2</b>	<b>8</b>
Cascade Cougars	577
Central Panthers/Kings Valley Charter Eagle	550
Estacada Rangers	401
Gladstone Gladiators/Riverdale Mavericks	524
Molalla Indians	533
Philomath Warriors	363
Stayton Eagles	488
Taft Tigers	291
<b>4A-SD4 - Special District 3</b>	<b>7</b>
Cottage Grove Lions	525
Junction City Tigers	340
Marist Catholic Spartans	319
Marshfield Pirates	550
North Bend Bulldogs	460
South Umpqua Lancers	290
Sweet Home Huskies*	401
<b>4A-SD5 - Special District 4</b>	<b>7</b>
Ashland Grizzlies^^	586
Cascade Christian Challengers*	178
Henley Hornets	564
Hidden Valley Mustangs	322
Mazama Vikings	459
North Valley Knights	297
Phoenix Pirates	387
<b>4A-SD5 - Special District 5</b>	<b>5</b>
Baker Bulldogs	377
La Grande Tigers	410
Ontario Tigers	318
Pendleton Buckaroos / Nixyaawil Eagles	554
The Dalles Riverhawks	527

\* Confirmed Play Up Requests

\*\* Approved Petition to Play Down (C&D Cmte.)

^^ Approved Petition to Play Down (FB Ad Hoc)

3A	30
280-141	
<b>3A-SD1 - Special District 1</b>	<b>7</b>
Amity Warriors	185
Dayton Pirates	164
Horizon Christian Hawks	150
North Marion Huskies^^	349
Santiam Christian Eagles	187
Warrenton Warriors	200
Yamhill-Carlton Tigers	192
<b>3A-SD2 - Special District 2</b>	<b>7</b>
Blanchet Catholic Cavaliers	165
Gervais Cougars	177
Harrisburg Eagles	146
Kennedy Trojans*	132
Newport Cubs^^	420
Salem Academy Crusaders	168
Scio Loggers	156
<b>3A-SD3 - Special District 3</b>	<b>6</b>
Creswell Bulldogs	243
Elmira Falcons^^	299
Klamath Union Pelicans^^	461
Pleasant Hill Billies	216
Sisters Outlaws	280
Madras White Buffaloes^^	404
<b>3A-SD4 - Special District 4</b>	<b>5</b>
Brookings-Harbor Bruins	270
Coquille Red Devils	198
Douglas Trojans	267
Siuslaw Vikings	229
Sutherlin Bulldogs	264
<b>3A-SD6 - Special District 5</b>	<b>5</b>
Burns Hilanders	158
McLoughlin Pioneers	279
Nyssa Bulldogs	161
Umatilla Vikings	241
Vale Vikings	169

2A	40
140-77	
<b>2A-SD1 - Special District 1</b>	<b>7</b>
Clatskanie Tigers	118
Corbett Cardinals^^	238
Gaston Greyhounds	114
Knappa Loggers	90
Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates^^	151
Nestucca Bobcats	92
Rainier Columbians^^	156
<b>2A-SD2 - Special District 2</b>	<b>7</b>
Colton Vikings	130
Jefferson Lions^^	141
Regis Rams	85
Santiam Wolverines	98
Sheridan Spartans	137
St. Paul Buckaroos	71
Willamina Bulldogs	153
<b>2A-SD3 - Special District 3</b>	<b>6</b>
Central Linn Cobras	118
Lowell Devils	88
Monroe Dragons	77
Oakridge Warriors	73
Toledo Boomers	116
Walport Irish	116
<b>2A-SD4 - Special District 4</b>	<b>6</b>
Bandon Tigers	122
Glide Wildcats	145
Gold Beach Panthers	72
Illinois Valley Cougars^^	179
Myrtle Point Bobcats / Pacific Pirates	125
Oakland Oakers	129
<b>2A-SD5 - Special District 5</b>	<b>7</b>
Bonanza Antlers	77
Culver Bulldogs	131
Lakeview Honkers	136
La Pine Hawks ^^	245
Lost River Raiders	92
Rogue River Chieftains**	191
St. Mary's Crusaders ^^	235
<b>2A-SD6 - Special District 6</b>	<b>7</b>
Enterprise Outlaws	98
Grant Union Prospectors	93
Heppner Mustangs	83
Irrigon Knights	139
Riverside Pirates^^	200
Stanfield Tigers	94
Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots	122

1A (8-Player)	30
76-52	
<b>1A(8)-SD1 - Special District 1</b>	<b>6</b>
Camas Valley Hornets	36
Chiloquin Panthers	64
Crosspoint Christian Warriors	49
Glendale Pirates	53
Prospect Cougars / Butte Falls Loggers	62
Riddle Irish	61
<b>1A(8)-SD2 - Special District 2</b>	<b>7</b>
Chemawa Braves**	74
C. S. Lewis Watchmen	53
Mohawk Mustangs	61
North Douglas Warriors	70
Perrydale Pirates	65
Reedsport Brave^^	111
Vernonia Loggers^^	122
<b>1A(8)-SD3 - Special District 3</b>	<b>9</b>
Dufur Rangers	57
Echo Cougars	63
Elgin Huskies	67
Imbler Panthers	76
Ione Cardinals/Arlington Honkers	59
Joseph Eagles	62
Lyle Cougars/Wishram/Klickitat/Glenwood	78
Pilot Rock Rockets / Ukiah Cougars	69
Sherman Huskies	53
<b>1A(8)-SD4 - Special District 4</b>	<b>8</b>
Adrian Antelopes	50
Cove Leopards	74
Crane Mustangs	67
Harper Hornets	67
Pine Eagle Spartans	37
Powder Valley Badgers	54
Prairie City Panthers/Burnt River Bulls	57
Union Bobcats	72
<b>1A (6-Player)</b>	<b>24</b>
51-	
<b>1A(6)-SD1 - Special District 1</b>	<b>8</b>
Condon Blue Devils	32
Dayville Tigers/Monument/Long Creek	29
Griswold Grizzlies	39
Huntington Locomotives	19
Jordan Valley Mustangs	11
South Wasco County Redsides	42
Spray Eagles/Mitchell Loggers/Wheeler Falcons	49
Wallowa Cougars	41
<b>1A(6)-SD2 - Special District 2</b>	<b>8</b>
Alsea Wolverines	29
Country Christian Cougars^^	68
Eddyville Charter Eagles	32
Falls City Mountaineers	27
Jewell Blue Jays	14
Mapleton Sailors	22
Siletz Valley Warriors	38
Triangle Lake Lakers	51
<b>1A(6)-SD3 - Special District 3</b>	<b>8</b>
Crow Cougars	47
Days Creek Wolves	39
Elkton Elks	51
Gilchrist Grizzlies	46
McKenzie Eagles	26
North Lake Cowboys	43
Powers Cruisers	20
Yoncalla Eagles	45