



# Oregon School Activities Association

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TO: Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors, and Football Coaches  
FROM: Brad Garrett, Assistant Executive Director  
SUBJECT: OSAA Football Ad Hoc Committee Update

The Football Ad Hoc Committee conducted its fourth public meeting related to Football placements during the 2022 – 2026 time-block on February 2, 2022, at the Holiday Inn Wilsonville with public testimony streamed live via the OSAA YouTube channel. When finalized, Committee recommendations will be forwarded to the OSAA Executive Board for review and adoption.

OSAA staff provided a summary of 26 pieces of correspondence received after the last meeting. The Committee received online testimony from seven individuals in total representing six different schools. The group then convened into a work session to continue developing recommendations.

### **Draft League/Special District Configurations by Classification**

The Committee reviewed and reached consensus on a second draft of all school placements and alignments for the 2022-2026 time block. A considerable portion of the work session was dedicated to reviewing notifications from schools who have met criteria and indicated they would like to exercise the option either to stay in their current classification or play down. Adjustments to alignments were required within several classifications based on school movements.

Kennedy High School and Salem Academy have notified the group that they would like to play-up to the 3A classification level. The Committee is supportive of allowing teams to play-up in Football when requested. Any school considering playing up a classification has until Monday, February 14 to notify the Committee of their intent. After that date the group has determined any further requests for a different placement should be directed to the OSAA Executive Board for review and consideration.

A complete summary of the notifications received, and the draft school placements are included with this update.

### **Bracket Structure/Allocations**

The Committee started the process of addressing bracket size and allocations in each classification. The table below summarizes their current positions at all levels.

Classification	Bracket Type	Allocations
6A	TBD	TBD
5A	16-team	NW Oregon (4), Midwestern (4), Mid-Willamette (4), Intermountain (3) and (1) at-large via rankings
4A	16-team	Cowapa (3), Tri-Valley (3), Oregon West (3), Big Sky (4), Greater Oregon (3)
3A	16-team	Coastal Range (3), PacWest (3), Mountain Valley (3), Far West (4), Eastern Oregon (2), and (1) at-large via rankings
2A	16-team	Northwest (3), Tri-River (3), Central Valley (3), Southern (3), Blue Mountain (3), and (1) at-large via rankings
1A-8	12-team	SD-1 (4) and SD-2 (4) and (4) at-large via rankings
1A-6	8-team	SD-1 (3) and SD-2 (5)

The committee discussed the 6A classification bracket options but have not reached consensus on how to move forward. Results from a survey conducted by the OACA/OADA does indicate that 6A schools who responded favor modifying the current 32-team bracket in some format.

The following models were discussed.

### **32 Team Bracket Options:**

- Example A: No Change – current 32-Team Bracket
- Example B: Eight-team Open Division Bracket using the top eight 6A teams in the rankings. The 6A schools ranked #9-32 would play in the 24-Team 6A Bracket with teams ranked #9-16 receiving a first-round bye.
- Example C: 6A schools ranked #1-24 would play in the 24-Team Bracket with teams ranked #1-8 receiving a first-round bye. Teams ranked #25-32 would play in an 8-Team Bracket.
- Example D: Two 16-Team Brackets with #1-16 in Bracket A and #17-#32 in Bracket B.

### **24 Team Bracket Options:**

- Example A: 24-Team Bracket with teams ranked #1-8 receiving a first round bye

In 32-Team Bracket Examples B, C, and D when two brackets are formed the awarding of a State Championship to the winner of each bracket continues to be under discussion. The Committee requests that 6A schools provide additional feedback on which option they prefer and why, plus thoughts on whether multiple Championships are merited within the 6A ranks. The goal is to finalize the bracket type and allocations at the group's next meeting.

### **Changes to Season Length:**

The Committee received testimony in support of extending the season length by one week to allow for playing nine games in 10 weeks. With the extension, the testimony indicates that it could potentially address issues such as allowing additional flexibility with scheduling considering the impact of odd numbered leagues, easing the burden on officials by spreading the same number of games over a longer period of time, helping with transportation issues, and allowing for medical or environmental cancellations to be rescheduled.

Based on feedback from a survey to Athletic Directors and coaches, the Committee sees the only viable way to achieve that extension is by adding another week to the end of the season. At this time the Committee is not in support of that change but will discuss it further at their next meeting.

### **Recommendation Summary as of this point:**

#### **2A, 1A Structure/Game Type**

- Recommends that 2A schools (ADM 75 - 145) play the 9-player game.
- Recommends that 1A schools (ADM 74 - 61) play the 8-player game.
- Recommends that 1A schools (ADM 0 - 60) play the 6-player game.

#### **6-Player State Championship**

The group fully supports adoption of the 6-player game and is encouraging the OSAA State Championship Committee to recommend conducting an OSAA State Championship for 6-player teams.

#### **Placement Criteria:**

- Schools requesting a lower classification for the first time must have had a 2-year in-class winning percentage below 22%.
- Schools previously playing at a lower classification requesting to remain there must have had a 2-year in-class winning percentage of less than 67% and have not won an OSAA playoff game.
- Any school approved to remain down or has opted to play down that has an in-class winning percentage of 67% or higher and/or advances beyond Round 1 of any OSAA Football State Championship will automatically be moved back up for the following season.

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 [bradg@osaa.org](mailto:bradg@osaa.org). Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all committee members for review and discussion.

**The next public meeting of the Ad Hoc Football Committee is Wednesday, Feb 16, 2022, at 9 a.m.** The meeting will be conducted at the **Holiday Inn Wilsonville**. The general format for the meeting will be for the Committee to receive public testimony followed by a closed work session. The Committee appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please contact Brad Garrett ([bradg@osaa.org](mailto:bradg@osaa.org)) at the OSAA if you have any questions.

## 2022- 2026 Time Block Criteria Summary

**Schools requesting a lower classification for the first time must have had a 2-year in-class winning percentage below 22%.**

Ashland	Moved to 4A
Harrisburg	Rescinded – Will play 3A
Parkrose	Moved to 4A
Phoenix	Moved to 3A
Southridge	Moved to 5A

**Schools previously playing at a lower classification requesting to remain there must have had a 2-year in-class winning percentage of less than 67% and have not won an OSAA playoff game.**

Forest Grove	Will remain in 5A
Glide	Will remain in 2A
Milwaukie	Will remain in 4A
Neah-Kah-Nie	Will remain in 2A
Riverside	Will remain in 2A
Rogue River	Will remain in 2A
Sheridan	Will remain in 2A
South Eugene	Will remain in 5A
Umatilla	Will remain in 2A
Willamette	Will remain in 5A
Woodburn	Will remain in 4A

**Schools eligible to request a lower classification because they have had a 2-year in-class winning percentage below 22% (January 31 deadline).**

Central Linn	Will remain at 2A
Cleveland	Will remain at 6A
Cottage Grove	Will remain at 4A
Crescent Valley	Will remain at 5A
Culver	Will remain at 2A
Douglas	Will remain at 3A
Grants Pass	Will remain at 6A
Gresham	Will remain at 6A
La Salle Prep	Requests 4A placement
Molalla	Will remain at 4A
Newport	Requests 3A placement
North Marion	Requests 3A placement
Oakridge	Will remain 2A
Ontario	Requests 3A placement
Oregon City	Will remain 6A
Pleasant Hill	Will remain at 3A
Reedsport	Will remain 3A
Taft	Requests 2A placement
Vernonia	Will remain at 2A

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Schools previously playing at a lower classification eligible to request to remain there because they have had a 2-year in-class winning percentage of less than 67% and have not won an OSAA playoff game.

Creswell	Will remain at 3A
Enterprise	Requests 1A placement
Gold Beach	Will remain 2A
Junction City	Will remain 4A
North Eugene	Will remain at 5A

**OSAA Football Ad Hoc Advisory**

**Proposed 2022-2026 Alignments**

**Draft #2**

6A	44	5A	31	4A	32
<b>1005+</b>		<b>1004-608</b>		<b>607-311</b>	
<b>6A-1 - Portland Interscholastic</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5A-1 - Northwest Oregon Conference</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4A-1 - Cowapa League</b>	<b>6</b>
Cleveland Warriors	1219	Canby Cougars	957	Astoria Fishermen	398
Franklin Lightning	1376	Centennial Eagles	1034	Milwaukie / Arts Academy Mustangs(5A)	796
Grant Generals	1314	Forest Grove Vikings (6A)	1086	Scappoose Indians	501
Jefferson Democrats	444	Hillsboro Spartans	769	Seaside Seagulls	313
Lincoln Cardinals	1190	Hood River Valley Eagles	883	St. Helens Lions	598
McDaniel Mountain Lions	718	Putnam Kingsmen	872	Tillamook Cheesemakers	454
Roosevelt Roughriders	705	Southridge Skyhawks (6A)	1073		
Wells Guardians	1152	Wilsonville Wildcats	906	<b>4A-2 - Tri-Valley Conference</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>6A-2 - Metro League</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5A-2 - Midwestern League</b>	<b>9</b>	Estacada Rangers	362
Aloha Warriors	1235	Churchill Lancers	711	Gladstone Gladiators	440
Beaverton Beavers	1038	Crater Comets	874	La Salle Prep Falcons (5A)	514
Jesuit Crusaders	960	Eagle Point Eagles	704	Molalla Indians	518
Mountainside Mavericks	1422	McKay Scots	1304	Parkrose Broncos (5A)	533
Sunset Apollos	1600	North Eugene Highlanders	652	Woodburn Bulldogs (5A)	870
Westview Wildcats	1848	Springfield Millers	874	<b>4A-3 - Oregon West Conference</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>6A-3 - Pacific Conference</b>	<b>6</b>	South Eugene Axe (6A)	1101	Cascade Cougars	514
Century Jaguars	1077	Thurston Colts	919	Junction City Tigers	378
Glencoe Crimson Tide	1026	Willamette Wolverines (6A)	1035	Marist Catholic Spartans	323
Liberty Falcons	1054	<b>5A-3 - Mid-Willamette Conference</b>	<b>8</b>	Philomath Warriors	335
McMinnville Grizzlies	1414	Central Panthers	660	Stayton Eagles	499
Newberg Tigers	1077	Corvallis Spartans	766	Sweet Home Huskies	443
Sherwood Bowmen	1209	Crescent Valley Raiders	619	<b>4A-5 - Big Sky Conference</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>6A-4 - Mt. Hood Conference</b>	<b>8</b>	Dallas Dragons	616	Ashland Grizzlies (5A)	675
Barlow Bruins	1280	Lebanon Warriors	643	Cottage Grove Lions	520
Central Catholic Rams	609	Silverton Foxes	910	Henley Hornets	502
Clackamas Cavaliers	1930	South Albany Red Hawks	998	Hidden Valley Mustangs	374
David Douglas Scots	1587	West Albany Bulldogs	910	Klamath Union Pelicans	470
Gresham Gophers	992	<b>5A-4 - Intermountain Conference</b>	<b>6</b>	Marshfield Pirates	507
Nelson Hawks	NEW	Bend Lava Bears	814	Mazama Vikings	461
Reynolds Raiders	1612	Caldera Wolfpack	900	North Bend Bulldogs	530
Sandy Pioneers	974	Mountain View Cougars	890	<b>4A-6 - Greater Oregon League</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>6A-5 - Three Rivers League</b>	<b>6</b>	Redmond Panthers	804	Baker Bulldogs	359
Lake Oswego Lakers	927	Ridgeview Ravens	753	Crook County Cowboys	603
Lakeridge Pacers	886	Summit Storm	934	La Grande Tigers	433
Oregon City Pioneers	1531			Madras White Buffaloes	418
Tigard Tigers	1316			Pendleton Buckaroos	615
Tualatin Timberwolves	1408			The Dalles Riverhawks	511
West Linn Lions	1406				
<b>6A-6 - Central/Southwest Valley Conference</b>	<b>10</b>				
Grants Pass Cavemen	1105				
McNary Celtics	1413				
North Medford Black Tornado	1242				
North Salem Vikings	1068				
Roseburg Indians	1161				
Sheldon Irish	1013				
South Medford Panthers	1274				
South Salem Saxons	1451				
Sprague Olympians	1287				
West Salem Titans	1238				

3A	37	2A - 9 player	37	1A - 8 player	27
<b>310-146</b>		<b>145-75</b>		<b>74-61</b>	
<b>3A-1 - Coastal Range League</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2A9-1 - Northwest League</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1A8 - Special District 1</b>	<b>13</b>
Banks Braves	269	Clatskanie Tigers	141	Alea Wolverines	64
Corbett Cardinals	258	Gaston Greyhounds	127	Bonanza Antlers	67
Newport Cubs (4A)	354	Knappa Loggers	92	Camas Valley Hornets	39
Rainier Columbians	177	Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates (3A)	158	Chiloquin Panthers	50
Warrenton Warriors	177	Nestucca Bobcats	95	Crosspoint Christian Warriors	66
Valley Catholic Valiants	275	Sheridan Spartans (3A)	148	Falls City Mountaineers / Kings Valley	72
Yamhill-Carlton Tigers	184	Vernonia Loggers	117	Glendale Pirates	55
				Lost River Raiders	74
<b>3A-2 - PacWest Conference</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2A9-2 - Tri-River Conference</b>	<b>7</b>	Mohawk Mustangs	68
Amity Warriors	169	Blanchet Catholic Cavaliers	140	Myrtle Point Bobcats	70
Dayton Pirates	187	Chemawa Braves	143	Perrydale Pirates	66
Jefferson Lions	151	Colton Vikings	129	Prospect Cougars / Butte Falls Loggers	67
Kennedy Trojans (2A)	106	Culver Bulldogs	120	St. Paul Buckaroos	66
North Marion Huskies (4A)	393	Gervais Cougars	196		
Salem Academy Crusaders (2A)	114	Santiam Wolverines	124	<b>1A8 - Special District 2</b>	<b>14</b>
Santiam Christian Eagles	167	Willamina Bulldogs	139	Adrian Antelopes	59
Scio Loggers	165			Cove Leopards	64
		<b>2A9-2 - Cental Valley Conference</b>	<b>8</b>	Crane Mustangs	53
<b>3A-3 - Mountain Valley Conference</b>	<b>7</b>	Central Linn Cobras	139	Dufur Rangers	59
Creswell Bulldogs	240	Lowell Devils	76	Elgin Huskies	65
Elmira Falcons	307	Monroe Dragons	79	Enterprise Outlaws (2A)	101
Harrisburg Eagles	160	Oakridge Warriors	83	Imbler Panthers	59
La Pine Hawks	266	Regis Rams	75	Ione Cardinals / Arlington Honkers	75
Pleasant Hill Billies	236	Taft Tigers (3A)	266	Lyle Cougars / Wishram / Klickitat	63
Sisters Outlaws	302	Toledo Boomers	116	Pilot Rock Rockets	61
Siuslaw Vikings	234	Waldport Irish	105	Powder Valley Badgers	50
				Sherman Huskies / Condon Blue Devils	73
<b>3A-4 - Far West League</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2A9-2 - Southern Conference</b>	<b>8</b>	Union Bobcats	71
Brookings-Harbor Bruins	309	Bandon Tigers	122	Wallowa Cougars	39
Cascade Christian Challengers	153	Glide Wildcats (3A)	148		
Coquille Red Devils	188	Gold Beach Panthers	92	<b>1A - 6 player</b>	<b>21</b>
Douglas Trojans	259	Illinois Valley Cougars	155	<b>60 - 0</b>	
Lakeview Honkers	146	North Douglas Warriors/Yoncalla Eagles	114	<b>1A6 - Special District 1</b>	<b>8</b>
North Valley Knights	290	Oakland Oakers	138	Dayville Tigers / Monument Tigers	21
Phoenix Pirates (4A)	400	Reedsport Brave	106	Echo Cougars	51
South Umpqua Lancers	244	Rogue River Chieftains (3A)	173	Huntington Locomotives	20
St. Mary's Crusaders	238			Joseph Eagles	49
Sutherlin Bulldogs	269	<b>2A9-5 - Blue Mountain Conference</b>	<b>7</b>	Mitchell Loggers / Spray / Wheeler	38
		Grant Union Prospectors	107	Pine Eagle Spartans	39
<b>3A-5 - Eastern Oregon League</b>	<b>5</b>	Hepner Mustangs	76	Prairie City Panthers / Burnt River Bulls	53
Burns Hilanders	164	Irrigon Knights	141	South Wasco County Redsides	44
McLoughlin Pioneers	290	Riverside Pirates (3A)	158		
Nyssa Bulldogs / Harper Charter	184	Stanfield Tigers	89	<b>1A6 - Special District 2</b>	<b>13</b>
Ontario Tigers (4A)	364	Umatilla Vikings (3A)	211	Crow Cougars	53
Vale Vikings	169	Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots	121	Days Creek Wolves	46
				Eddyville Charter Eagles	35
				Elkton Elks	55
				Gilchrist Grizzlies	23
				Jewell Bluejays	30
				Mapleton Sailors	25
				McKenzie Eagles	32
				North Lake Cowboys	48
				Powers Cruisers	11
				Riddle Irish	59
				Siletz Valley Warriors	35
				Triangle Lake Lakers	37