



Oregon School Activities Association

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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 – December 4 Meeting

The Football Ad Hoc Advisory conducted its first 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 2nd meeting.

OSAA staff provided a summary of 17 pieces of correspondence received prior to the meeting. During the meeting the Committee received testimony from eight individuals, either in-person or online, representing five 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

The Committee looked at the 28 schools who had qualified for consideration to play down but because we didn't have complete information from each of these schools, and the Classification and Districting Committee will have their final proposal voted on by the Executive Board at the December 15 meeting, the Committee decided to delay its first draft of the 2026 Special Districts. The same was true for the four schools who qualified for consideration to be moved back up to their original classification. The staff will follow up with each school eligible for consideration, up or down, to gather the requested data prior to the December 18th meeting. The Committee is committed to publishing a draft of potential 2026 Special Districts following the December 18 meeting.

Required Information. A member school that meets the criteria of winning percentage shall provide the Football Ad Hoc Committee with the following information:

- 1) Participation numbers by grade level (9-12).
- 2) Win/loss records, including point differentials, for each level in the program.
- 3) Listing of any forfeits for each level in the program.
- 4) Coaching staff continuity for each level in the program.
- 5) School Administration continuity.
- 6) Description of off-season programs (team camp, youth camp, 7 on7/lineman challenge, summer weights).
- 7) Youth program participation numbers by grade level and coaching staff continuity for the past four years.
- 8) Description of school/community support and action steps taken, or planned, by the school to return the program to its original classification.

Enrollment Zone for 1A 8-player and 1A 6-player

The Committee received correspondence requesting a possible change in the enrollment zone for both the 8-player and 6-player divisions. After considerable conversation, the Committee remains dedicated to keeping both 6-player and 8-player football viable in the state of Oregon. The Committee has suggested moving the 6-player football enrollment zone to 0-49 and 50-77 for the 8-player football.

The Football Ad Hoc Committee is interested in receiving feedback from schools regarding those enrollment zone numbers.

Roster Cap for 1A 6-player football

There was discussion on potentially having a roster cap for 6-player football. The Committee is considering having a roster cap, and while they have not finalized the details, there were discussions on possible options of having a 3-year roster average of less than 15 players.

The Football Ad Hoc Committee is interested in receiving feedback from schools to gauge support to create a roster cap for 6-player football.

Future Meetings: These meetings will be hybrid format with both in-person and via Zoom. All will include public testimony sessions for schools.

Thursday, December 18th, 10:00am (OSAA Office and Zoom)

Friday, January 9th, 10:00am (OSAA Office and Zoom)

Wednesday, January 22nd, 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. Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all committee members for review and discussion.

Please contact Kris Welch (krisw@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.