



# Oregon School Activities Association

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TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: OSAA Rankings Committee Update – June 9, 2026

The OSAA Rankings Committee met on June 12 via Zoom meeting for the second time this school year to finalize its review of the rankings from the 2025-26 Spring season and determine any recommendations for 2026-27. The Committee will forward its final recommendations to the Executive Board for consideration at the Board’s Summer Workshop, July 20-22, 2026.

The Committee spent time on a brief overview of the rankings system. Next, the floor was opened for public testimony. One piece of correspondence was discussed but as there was no one looking to testify, the Committee went into a closed work session.

The Committee reviewed the Final 8 for each classification along with Spring 2025-26 brackets and rankings. Following this review, the Committee examined various rankings scenarios, correlation studies of current systems, and rankable contest 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 changes.

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Regular Season</u>	
25-26	Football	92.24%	<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 2025-26 Girls Soccer, the current system was 90.85% “accurate” going back through the regular season.</i>
25-26	Boys Soccer	90.80%	
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25-26	Volleyball	89.92%	
25-26	Girls Basketball	90.80%	
25-26	Boys Basketball	85.75%	
25-26	Softball	88.46%	
25-26	Baseball	82.19%	
25-26	Boys Volleyball	86.85%	

During its closed work session, the Committee discussed the following concepts:

### **Using a Multiplier for Contests vs. Higher Classification Opponents**

Currently the rankings use a standard 1.2 value for away wins and 0.8 for home wins, and 1.0 for ties (soccer only) regardless of the opponent. The Committee spent time discussing the differences between each classification in each sport. After looking over the simulations using a multiplier, the Committee felt that using a multiplier had little impact and didn’t improve the rankings accuracy, thus ***the Committee is not supportive of using a multiplier for contests versus a higher classification opponents at this time.***

### **Including a Human Element in the Rankings**

The Committee spent considerable time on this topic. The rankings are currently based on data with no human element. Discussion took place about adding a human element to the placement of teams on championship brackets. The conversation centered around having league representatives (one from each league) meet to discuss special circumstances, for instance “strength of schedule” or possibly head-to-head, as there are a few examples where a team who beat another team multiple times during the season is ranked below them. The thinking is that members of a committee could review those circumstances to determine if there should be any adjustments prior to placing teams on the bracket. Though there is little support for this approach at this time, the Committee is open to looking at this type of system in the future if there is interest from member schools. ***The Committee is not supportive of including a human element in the rankings at this time.***

### **Avoiding Same League Matchups in 1<sup>st</sup> Round**

The Committee discussed potential language adjustments when placing teams on brackets, especially for brackets with limited 1<sup>st</sup> round contests before the round of 16. The current language states the bracket shall be adjusted to avoid teams from the same league matching up in the 1<sup>st</sup> round. The group discussed whether there should be new language for those brackets where there are only a few 1<sup>st</sup> round contests played and extend the avoidance of same league matchups to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. There was no support from the Committee to change the language, so the current process will continue to be used. ***The Committee is not supportive of changing how same league matchups are avoided in the 1<sup>st</sup> Round at this time.***

### **League Champions guaranteed host contests**

The Committee discussed league champions and their guarantee of hosting a home game in their first state playoff contest. After discussions, the Committee agreed to keep the current procedures in place. League champions at the 5A, 4A, 3A, and 2A classifications shall be guaranteed a home game in their first state playoff contest, provided that the league champion finished in the top 16 of the final frozen rankings. Note that for the 3A and 2A, given their bracket sizes, this guaranteed home game could be in the 1<sup>st</sup> round or 2<sup>nd</sup> round depending on a team’s final ranking. League champions at the 6A and 1A classifications shall be guaranteed a home game in their first state playoff contest regardless of final frozen rankings. In 1A-8 player football, 1A-6 player football, and 2A/1A Boys soccer, league champions must be in the top 12 of the final frozen rankings to receive a home game in their first state playoff contest. In 6A football, league champions must be in the top 16 of the final frozen rankings to receive a home game in their first state playoff contest.

### **Freeze Dates and Deadlines**

The Committee supports the following proposed deadlines and freeze dates and will recommend them to the Executive Board:

- 1) **Contests vs. Teams More Than One Classification Away.** In the RPI system, results from contests added to a team’s schedule after a certain date each season (***Fall – Sept. 16; Winter – Dec. 16; Spring – Apr. 7***) vs. a team more than one classification away shall not be included in the rankings. **NOTE:** bracketed contests at tournaments are not affected by this policy.
- 2) **Contests Added After a Certain Date.** Results from contests added to a team’s schedule after a certain date each season (***Fall – Sept. 30; Winter – Jan. 13; Spring – Apr. 14***) shall not be included in the rankings. **NOTE:** Contests not affected by this policy include bracketed contests at tournaments, league tiebreakers, and district/league tournaments. Schools may apply for an exception to OSAA Staff in extenuating circumstances.

**Ranking Timelines.** The rankings for each team sport shall be available to the public through the OSAA website beginning with the first contest date of each sports season. Rankings shall be frozen on the following dates for each classification in each team sport:

<b>Sport (includes all games played on that day)</b>	<b><u>6A</u></b>	<b><u>5A</u></b>	<b><u>4A</u></b>	<b><u>3A</u></b>	<b><u>2A</u></b>	<b><u>1A</u></b>
<b>Volleyball - Rankings Freeze Date</b>	<b><i>Wed, Oct 21</i></b>	Tues, Oct 27	Tues, Oct 27	Sat, Oct 24	<b><i>Sat, Oct 24</i></b>	Sat, Oct 24
<b>Soccer (Boys) - Rankings Freeze Date</b>	<b><i>Thurs, Oct 22</i></b>	Sat, Oct 31	Sat, Oct 31	<b><i>Sat. Oct. 31</i></b>	<b><i>Sat. Oct. 31</i></b>	<b><i>Sat. Oct. 31</i></b>
<b>Soccer (Girls) - Rankings Freeze Date</b>	<b><i>Thurs, Oct 22</i></b>	Sat, Oct 31	Sat, Oct 31	Wed, Oct 28	Wed, Oct 28	Wed, Oct 28
<b>Football - Rankings Freeze Date</b>	Fri, Oct 30	Fri, Oct 30	Sat, Oct 31	Sat, Oct 31	Sat, Oct 31	Fri, Oct 30/Sat, Oct. 31
<b>Basketball (Boys) - Rankings Freeze Date</b>	<b><i>Tues., Feb 23</i></b>	<b><i>Wed, March 3</i></b>	<b><i>Wed, March 3</i></b>	Sat, Feb 20	Sat, Feb 20	Sat, Feb 20
<b>Basketball (Girls) - Rankings Freeze Date</b>	<b><i>Tues., Feb 23</i></b>	<b><i>Tues, March 2</i></b>	<b><i>Tues, March 2</i></b>	Sat, Feb 20	Sat, Feb 20	Sat, Feb 20
<b>Baseball/Softball - Rankings Freeze Date</b>	Sat, May 15	Sat, May 22	Sat, May 22	Thurs, May 20	Thurs, May 20	Thurs, May 20
<b>Boys Volleyball – Rankings Freeze Date</b>	<b><i>Sat. May 15</i></b>	<b><i>Sat. May 15</i></b>	<b><i>Sat. May 15</i></b>	<b><i>Sat. May 15</i></b>	<b><i>Sat. May 15</i></b>	<b><i>Sat. May 15</i></b>

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

The Committee supported meetings twice a year and having them be through Zoom, but with the State Championship Committee meeting next year this group may need to add additional meetings.

Next year’s Ranking’s Committee Dates

Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:00pm

Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm

Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am

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