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TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: OSAA State Championship Committee – September 15 Meeting Update

The State Championship Committee for the 2018-2022 four-year time block held its second public meeting at the OSAA office in Wilsonville on September 15, 2017. The constitutionally mandated purpose of this Committee is to make recommendations to the OSAA Executive Board for adoption in February 2018, regarding championship formats, participation policies, and issues relative to the administration of OSAA State Championships.

The OSAA Executive Board further requests that the Committee review the following topics:

- Financial impact of championships on member schools and the OSAA
- Playoff qualifying formats and allocations in team/individual sports
- Basketball and Volleyball final site formats and venues
- Neutral sites for soccer, baseball, and softball semifinals
- List of current OSAA-sanctioned activities to determine if the OSAA is meeting the membership's needs

The Committee and audience received a review of the State Championship Committee Timeline and Process from Executive Director Peter Weber. Committee Chair Michael Schaefer also addressed the audience and reviewed the charge to the committee. The Committee received testimony from three students and one coach addressing girls wrestling. The Committee then adjourned to a closed work session to review and discuss the testimony and written correspondence.

The Committee welcomes all written proposals regarding any State Championship related subjects. Those submitting proposals need to provide data that would illustrate support from various groups including but not limited to superintendents, principals, athletic directors and coaches. All public testimony should be concise and correspond to the information being presented.

The Committee specifically discussed and addressed the following:

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

- Cross Country
 1. The current team numbers indicate that 3A boys could support their own separate championship. 3A boys currently have 29 teams and 2A/1A boys have 40 teams, all with at least 7 runners. The girls numbers do not support this separation.
- Track and Field
 1. Format for qualifying in the new proposed class structure beginning the 2018-19 school year, including numbers and how qualifying takes place.
 2. State Championship Date – what date do schools prefer, the current weekend which is the weekend before Memorial Day or the weekend following Memorial Day?
- Wrestling
 1. What will the qualifiers look like under the new proposed class structure beginning the 2018-19 school year?
 2. What are the number of qualifiers for each championship bracket?
 3. Girls wrestling questions for coaches to address with committee, if girls wrestling were to become a sanctioned sport having its own state championship division:

- a. Number of weight classes?
- b. What would the qualifier look like?
- c. Size of bracket?
- d. Team point structure?
- e. Do participants have to choose between boys and girls brackets? If so, at what point?
- Swimming
 - Should the 6A have more swimmers in the championship heats? Example: Currently swim championship heats and consolation heats of six swimmers each. Should new structure have championship heats only, with 9 swimmers that can score and medal? This eliminates the consolation heats but allows more swimmers in the championship heats.
- Tennis
 1. 6A – should all first match losers advance to the consolation bracket or should the current structure remain in place?
 2. 5A – current structure consists of a three-day championship. Should the format mirror what currently happens at the 4A/3A/2A/1A level, with the same size bracket, which is a two-day championship?
- Golf
 1. Should a system be implemented where players qualify through a wild card format in order to enhance the opportunity to get the best players in the state to the championships?
 2. Should a system be implemented where fewer teams but more individuals qualify for state championships in order to improve quality of play?

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT FORMATS IN VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL

- 1A Brackets – should the wheel be eliminated?
- How can the championship tournament experience be improved for participants and communities – final four, eliminating consolations, etc.?

The committee discussed and is currently supportive of these items, with continued review:

- Playoff Reimbursement Formula – adding three additional levels of reimbursement which will be at the mileage levels of 801-900, 901-1000, 1000 and above.
- Playoff Reimbursement Formula – should the 151-300 mileage level be eliminated to help assist schools with the greater amount of travel, as addressed in the three additional levels being added at the top end? Is this a favorable way to help balance reimbursement to schools with using that revenue for state championship opportunities?
- 1A Volleyball and Basketball Brackets – not reseeding the final 8 teams at the final site.
- Retaining the current limitations and not increasing the current number of team sport players allowed to suit up, warm up or play in OSAA post-season competition.
- Continuation of the better ranked team hosting and not going to neutral sites in the semifinal rounds of soccer, baseball and softball.
- Looking more closely at the impact on the association and schools if non-local officials were used for baseball and softball beginning in the semifinals.
- Basketball Final Site Formats at all Classification Levels – committee unanimously supports schedule changes that will place same gender in the same session at all final sites, as is currently formatted at the 6A championship. Staff will submit draft schedules for committee review.

The Committee requests that the following topics be the focus of the next two meetings and encourages interested parties to participate in the process by submitting material and/or showing up for public testimony:

- **October 9 --- Individual Sports and Activities**
- **November 13 --- Team Sports**

Any communication from school representatives regarding Committee issues should be sent to the OSAA rather than to individual Committee members. All written communication received by the OSAA will be shared with every Committee member for review and discussion. Please send emails for the Committee to krisw@osaa.org.

The next public meeting of the State Championship Committee will take place on Monday, October 9, 2017, at the OSAA office in Wilsonville. The Committee meeting will begin with an opportunity for public testimony at 9 am. There will be an opportunity to watch this meeting and communicate via the webinar at GoToMeeting, with the link being published in the weekly broadcast.

The Committee appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact Cindy Simmons (cindys@osaa.org) or Kris Welch (krisw@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have questions.

Future State Championship Committee Meeting Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday, October 9, 2017 FOCUS – Individual Sports, Activities	9am	OSAA Office, Wilsonville
Monday, November 13, 2017 FOCUS – Team Sports	9am	OSAA Office, Wilsonville
Monday, December 11, 2017	9am	OSAA Office, Wilsonville
Monday, January 22, 2018	9am	OSAA Office, Wilsonville

The OSAA staff will provide a Committee update to all superintendents, principals, and athletic directors following each meeting. The Committee roster, Charge to the Committee, all updates, and any additional Committee information is available at <http://www.osaa.org/governance/committees/>.