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To: Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors
From: Peter Weber, Executive Director
Subject: OSAA State Championships

Thank you for your ongoing work to provide participation opportunities for your students in the face of constant challenges (COVID, air quality, quarantines, etc.). We continue to hear about outstanding interscholastic events taking place throughout the state. It is a testament to the power of our member schools working together with one another to actively enforce and model the OHA-mandated requirements. Your efforts in this area help to set everyone up for success as the Fall season continues and we look ahead to the OSAA/OnPoint Community Credit Union State Championships.

The Executive Board is committed to providing state championship events during the 2021-22 school year and recognizes its responsibility to do so safely for all involved.

At its work session and public meetings earlier this week, the Executive Board discussed the potential need for modifications to state championship schedules and formats in all Fall sports. Any potential modifications would be aimed at mitigating COVID-19 exposure for participants, coaches, officials, event staff, and spectators. Potential modifications to be considered include, but are not limited to, adjusting the number of playoff rounds held at school sites, creating larger time gaps at sites where multiple teams are competing, and expanding the number of days of an event.

In recent weeks, several OSAA State Championships venues including the Veterans Memorial Coliseum, University of Oregon, Oregon State University, and the University of Portland have mandated that individuals 12 years of age and older attending and/or participating in events at their venue(s) must provide proof of vaccination or have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of the event. The Executive Board is aware of these developments and has been advised that other state championship facilities may implement similar policies depending on the extent of COVID-19 infections in their region.

Schools should prepare now for the potential that spectators and qualifying participants at OSAA State Championships in some activities may have to comply with additional COVID-19 mitigation efforts that could include providing proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test.

The Executive Board has instructed staff to continue working with state championship venues to explore various schedule/format modifications options and potential site options for all Fall sports for their consideration. They plan to meet virtually in a work session on October 1 to review these potential modifications. We will communicate any modifications to schools following the Executive Board's review.

Please let us know if you have questions.