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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: Update on the Proceedings of the Cooperative Sponsorship Task Force

The Cooperative Sponsorship Task Force held its first meeting via Zoom on February 3, 2022. The Task Force will be utilizing a virtual format for all meetings that allows both Task Force members and those seeking to provide input the option of participating via webinar.

After Task Force introductions, the group received a review of the charges from the OSAA Executive Board, a review of the timeline and an explanation of the meeting and correspondence procedure. The reviews were conducted by OSAA Executive Director Peter Weber, and Assistant Executive Director Kelly Foster.

The Task Force began the meeting by reviewing the current OSAA Cooperative Sponsorship policy as well as reviewing the coops in place currently in our system. The group also looked at the new cutoffs that have been adopted for the 2022-2026 time block following the Classification and Districting process. Correspondence from member schools was shared with the group, as well as a review of the policies in neighboring states.

The Task Force believes that Cooperative Sponsorships are incredible valuable to the schools in Oregon. They are supportive of the current policy remaining in place for the schools who fit within the requirements outlined. However, the group is in support of exploring an option for schools interested in hosting a Cooperative Sponsorship but are unable to do so at their assigned classification. The following topics were discussed by the group with points of emphasis **underlined and bolded**. The Task Force felt it was important to disseminate information and thoughts as soon as possible due to the condensed timeframe and desire by athletic directors to begin planning for the 2022-23 year. They are looking for feedback on the following topics specifically.

The Task Force is currently looking at the following options for granting an exception:

- **Allowing an "enrollment zone" for the combined ADM of no more than 10% above the upper cutoff for the largest school in the coop application.**
- **Only counting the students coming from the non-host school(s) rather than the full ADM.**
- **Only counting the students from the gender participating in the sport rather than the full ADM.**
- **Annual review of the coop seeking an exception.**
 - Criteria to be considered in an annual review would include roster size, geographic location, number of classifications between participating schools, and the ability for the schools to host their own teams.
- **Cooperative Sponsorships involving 5A or 6A schools.**

Written suggestions and proposals on these issues, as well as other Cooperative Sponsorship related subjects should be emailed to the OSAA (kellyf@osaa.org) **Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all task force members for review and discussion.**

A full list of meeting dates, Task Force Roster, charge to the Task Force, and information are available at the OSAA website: <https://www.osaa.org/governance/task-forces#coop-sponsorship>.

The Task Force appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact Kelly Foster (kellyf@osaa.org) or Kyle Stanfield (kyles@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.