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TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors

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SUBJECT: Update on the Proceedings of the Transfer-Eligibility Task Force

The Transfer-Eligibility Task Force met on September 24, 2026, at the OSAA Offices in Wilsonville and via Zoom. The Task Force continues to provide opportunities for members and interested parties to participate and offer input.

The Task Force reviewed implementation of the OSAA Transfer Form (previously the Eligible Student Transfer Certificate). The new process has increased the information available to OSAA and member schools. Members discussed that general positive feedback has been communicated but some small schools believe the process can be cumbersome. In addition, the Task Force received and discussed preliminary data from both the OSAA Transfer Form as well as Hardship Waivers to date.

The Task Force also heard directly from 6A/5A Basketball Coaches and Athletic Directors who are members of the group, OSAA Reclaiming Community in Athletics (ORCA). They presented a proposal which seeks to address competitive equity while preserving student eligibility for 6A/5A Basketball. Under the proposal, teams exceeding a specified transfer threshold would compete in a separate postseason tournament (the Willamette Cup). The proposal was presented as a two-year pilot for 6A/5A basketball.

Members discussed the proposed thresholds' potential effects on state championship competition, and implications for schools with transient populations and students transferring for legitimate reasons. They also wondered whether the proposal would resolve concerns about recruiting and the formation of teams with concentrated transfer participation. Members considered the challenges of documenting and enforcing recruiting violations, the influence of club sports, and alternatives such as a sub-varsity-only eligibility or a sit-out period for transfer students. Members emphasized the need to distinguish student mobility from improper recruiting and to consider unintended consequences for students and schools.

Next steps include further analysis of the transfer data and developing questions for the Delegate Assembly to gather membership feedback on the specific issues that members are facing related to transfers and the ORCA proposal. The Task Force's next meeting date will be scheduled after the Delegate Assembly in October.

Written suggestions and proposals on these issues should be emailed to Lauren Brownrigg (Laurenb@osaa.org) **Any communication received by the OSAA will be shared with all task force members for review and discussion.** The Task Force will keep the OSAA Executive Board up to date on their work during the process.

A future 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>.

The Task Force appreciates your support and encourages your participation in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact Peter Weber (Peterw@osaa.org) or Lauren Brownrigg (LaurenB@osaa.org) at the OSAA if you have any questions.