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MEDIA RELEASE

OSAA ADOPTS NEW 2020-21 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Association shifts Fall season, condenses all seasons, and waives out-of-season coaching policies

August 5, 2020 – (Wilsonville, OR)

The Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) shifted its traditional Fall sports season contests to begin in March under a new 2020-21 school activities calendar approved by the association’s Executive Board on Wednesday. The Board also voted to waive current out-of-season coaching policies to allow for student participation during the Fall (Season 1). Participation will be at the discretion of the local school district in those activities allowed per directives from the Governor’s Office, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Oregon Department of Education (ODE).

“Today’s decisions by the Executive Board provide a framework to maximize the potential opportunity for students in Oregon to participate in three seasons during the 2020-21 school year,” said Peter Weber, OSAA Executive Director. “The Board recognized that a one size fits all approach isn’t what’s best for students across the state. By waiving policy to allow regional participation this Fall, local school districts will have the discretion for participation in those areas that are able to do so safely per state directives.”

The Executive Board took this action following last week’s release of school reopening health metrics by the Governor’s Office and OHA. These metrics will result in nearly all OSAA member high schools starting in a Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) format this Fall which presents challenges for the resumption of school activities. Shifting the season calendar later in the school year provides additional time for more schools to return to a hybrid or on-site learning format while providing flexibility for local school districts to make decisions this Fall that are best for their school communities as health metrics and state guidance in this area continues to develop.

The OSAA’s new calendar provides for three distinct seasons from late December to late June with limited overlap between seasons. Traditional Winter activities will take place in January and February (Season 2), followed by Fall activities in March and April (Season 3), with Spring activities occurring in May and June (Season 4). Each season will feature an equitable 7-week regular season, with adjusted contest limitations, followed by an OSAA Culminating Week. Specific plans for culminating week events will be developed in conjunction with member schools in the coming months in alignment with large group gathering guidelines issued by the state.

The OSAA Association Year will officially begin on August 31 in Season 1 where policies restricting out-of-season coaching have been removed. This allows member school students and coaches, at the discretion of the local school district, to participate in any OSAA-sanctioned activity permitted by directives from the Governor’s Office, OHA and ODE. This participation may include conditioning, practices and interscholastic competitions in those permitted activities provided schools adhere to OSAA policies.

The OSAA will continue to work with the Governor’s Office, OHA, and ODE, along with our Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) to provide information to member schools. Guidance from these entities continues to evolve, along with the pandemic itself, and will impact future OSAA decisions regarding the 2020-21 school year.

Visit <http://www.osaa.org/coronavirus> for the latest OSAA information regarding the Coronavirus pandemic.

[Click here for the adopted 2020-21 OSAA School Activities Calendar.](#)



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2020-21 OSAA Season Calendar

Season 1 – August 31 to December 27

Sports/Activities permitted will not be designated by the OSAA but rather will be at the discretion of the local school district, provided they are allowed by the Governor's Office, OHA, ODE, and the school adheres to the directives from those entities.

OSAA policies regarding out-of-season coaching limitations have been waived during Season 1 with the caveat that student participation in these sports cannot be required. All other OSAA rules and policies remain in effect at this time.

Season 2 – December 28 to March 6

- 2 Practice Weeks (must have 9 days of practice prior to first competition with another school)
- 7 Competition Weeks
- Teams/individuals that do not qualify for an OSAA Culminating Week event may continue to compete/practice through the conclusion of that sport/activity's culminating week.

Sport	First Practice Date	First Contest Date	Participation Limitation	Qualifying Date	OSAA Culminating Week
Swimming	12/28/2020	1/11/2021	8 Meets	2/28/2021	3/1-6/2021
Wrestling	12/28/2020	1/11/2021	9 Events, 11, 30	2/28/2021	3/1-6/2021
Basketball	12/28/2020	1/11/2021	14 Games	2/28/2021	3/1-6/2021

Season 3 – February 22 to May 1, 8

- 2 Practice Weeks (must have 9 days of practice prior to first competition with another school – requirement waived with participation in Season 2) ***See below for Football Practice and Protective Equipment Policies**
- 7 Competition Weeks
- Teams/individuals that do not qualify for an OSAA Culminating Week event may continue to compete/practice through the conclusion of that sport/activity's culminating week.

Sport	First Practice Date	First Contest Date	Participation Limitation	Qualifying Date	OSAA Culminating Week
Cross Country	2/22/2021	3/8/2021	9 Meets	4/25/2021	4/26-5/1/2021
Volleyball	2/22/2021	3/8/2021	14 Playing Dates	4/25/2021	4/26-5/1/2021
Soccer	2/22/2021	3/8/2021	10 Matches	4/25/2021	4/26-5/1/2021
Football	2/22/2021	3/16/2021	7 Games	5/2/2021	5/3-5/8/2021

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Season 4 – April 19 to June 26					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Practice Weeks (must have 9 days of practice prior to first competition with another school – requirement waived with participation in Season 3) • 7 Competition Weeks • Teams/individuals that do not qualify for an OSAA Culminating Week event may continue to compete/practice through the conclusion of that sport/activity’s culminating week. 					
Sport	First Practice Date	First Contest Date	Participation Limitation	Qualifying Date	OSAA Culminating Week
Golf	4/19/2021	5/3/2021	14 Nine-Hole Rounds	6/20/2021	6/21-26/2021
Tennis	4/19/2021	5/3/2021	12 Playing Dates	6/20/2021	6/21-26/2021
Track and Field	4/19/2021	5/3/2021	9 Meets	6/20/2021	6/21-26/2021
Baseball	4/19/2021	5/3/2021	18 Games	6/20/2021	6/21-26/2021
Softball	4/19/2021	5/3/2021	18 Games	6/20/2021	6/21-26/2021

Activity Seasons			
OSAA Activities, including cheerleading, dance/drill, speech and music, are not traditionally defined by a single season. This is due to their direct tie to school curriculum (speech and music) or their dual role as both a support and competitive activity (cheerleading and dance/drill). Therefore, these activities have culminating events that fall within certain seasons but are not assigned to one designated season.			
Activity	First Practice Date	Qualifying Date	OSAA Culminating Week
Cheerleading	8/31/2020	3/7/2021	3/8-13/2021
Dance and Drill	8/31/2020	4/11/2021	4/12-18/2021
Speech	8/31/2020	4/18/2021	4/19-25/2021
Solo Music	8/31/2020	4/25/2021	4/26-5/2/2021
Choir	8/31/2020	5/2/2021	5/3-9/2021
Band	8/31/2020	5/9/2021	5/10-16/2021
Orchestra	8/31/2020	5/9/2021	5/10-16/2021

General Guidance for 2020-2021 School Year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Member Schools must follow all directives from the Governor’s Office, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Department of Education, and the OSAA related to COVID-19. • When scheduling contests local/regional competition should be the priority, including consideration of cross-classification play when appropriate. • Event hosts must follow OHA guidance for large group gatherings, including number of teams, participants, and spectators. This will impact planning for jamborees, tournaments, invitationals, and multi-school events.

***Football Practice Policy:** Must have nine days of on-field football practice prior to the start of contests and follow the practice progression outlined in the [Practice Model](#). Use of football protective equipment is prohibited outside of Season 3.



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Statewide Reopening Guidance – K-12 School Sports, Limited Return to Play

Season 1: August 31-December 27

The majority of information in this document comes directly from the Governor’s [“Statewide Reopening Guidance – K-12 School Sports, Limited Return to Play”](#) released on August 11.

The Governor’s guidance is effective on your school’s ODE-approved reopening date for the 2020-21 school year. Until that point, sports and activities must adhere to county phase requirements and OSAA policies once the Association Year begins (August 31).

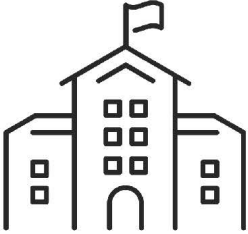


NOTE: This information is subject to change as additional guidance is released from the Governor’s Office, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Oregon Department of Education (ODE).

OSAA SEASON 1 GENERAL REMINDERS

- For this K-12 School Sports Guidance, county phases are no longer applicable (provided your county is not in the baseline phase).
- Recreational sports are separate from the K-12 School Sports Guidance and are still tied to county phases per the [OHA’s Phase 2 Recreational Sports Guidance](#) and [FAQs](#).
- Masks are required to be worn indoors. Masks are also mandatory for all outdoor activities, including competitions, where six (6) feet of distance cannot be maintained.
- Gathering limits are in effect for each K-12 school sporting event: a maximum of 100 people indoors and 250 people outdoors; or the number of people based on a determination of capacity, whichever is less.
- Per the Governor’s guidance, OSAA sports defined as full-contact, minimal/medium-contact, or non-contact are:
 - Full-contact: Football, Wrestling, Cheer, Basketball, Dance
 - Minimal/Medium-Contact: Softball, Baseball, Soccer, Volleyball
 - Non-Contact: Tennis, Swimming, Golf, Cross Country, Track & Field, sideline/no-contact Cheer/Dance.
- Prior to assuming coaching duties beginning August 31, coaches must meet all OSAA certification requirements.
- Prior to participating in practices, students must be “cleared” to participate (Pre-Participation Physical Exam completed and on file, residency/enrollment eligibility requirements met, etc.).
- Prior to participation in competitions, students must be cleared to participate (Pre-Participation Physical Exam completed and on file, residency/enrollment eligibility requirements met, academically eligible, participated in at least nine (9) days of practice beginning August 31, etc.).
- [OSAA’s Practice Model](#) policies are in effect, including a minimum of nine (9) days of practice prior to a contest with another school and a prohibition on multiple practice sessions per day for the 2020-21 school year. Students are limited to a maximum of three (3) hours of practice per day which may be split between different sports (i.e. 90 minutes softball, 90 minutes volleyball). Students are limited to a maximum of one hour of weight training either before or after practice but not both. A student may not practice or participate in a contest for more than six consecutive days without a rest day.
- Guidance for OSAA-sanctioned activities not referenced by the Governor’s guidance can be found here:
 - [Speech and Debate Update](#)
 - [Music Considerations from ODE \(including Solo, Choir, Band, Orchestra\)](#)

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- In order to determine which activities are allowed per the Governor’s K-12 School Sports Guidance:
 - Determine your school’s instructional method (on-site, hybrid, comprehensive distance learning).
 - Identify whether the activity is taking place indoors or outdoors.
 - Participation will be at the discretion of the local school district in those activities allowed per directives.

ON-SITE	HYBRID	COMPREHENSIVE DISTANCE LEARNING
 <p data-bbox="164 730 488 793">Students Safely Learn In School</p> <p data-bbox="126 831 526 898">All students have access to in-person instruction in accordance with public health requirements.</p>	 <p data-bbox="591 730 1013 793">Students Safely Learn In School and Away from School</p> <p data-bbox="597 821 1006 982">Student groups have access to in-person instruction using staggered schedules and/or prioritizing certain grades, courses, and/or programs, in accordance with public health requirements. On-Site instruction is supplemented by Comprehensive Distance Learning.</p>	 <p data-bbox="1110 730 1484 793">Students Safely Learn Away from School</p> <p data-bbox="1084 831 1507 926">All students are engaged in learning through Comprehensive Distance Learning. Instruction occurs remotely with very limited exceptions for in-person supports.</p>

ON-SITE or HYBRID LEARNING	INDOOR ACTIVITY	COMPREHENSIVE DISTANCE LEARNING
Full Participation Allowed	Volleyball	Training and Conditioning Only
Full Participation Allowed	Dance (Non-Contact)	Training and Conditioning Only
Full Participation Allowed	Cheer (Non-Contact)	Training and Conditioning Only
Training and Conditioning Only	Basketball	Training and Conditioning Only
Training and Conditioning Only	Wrestling	Training and Conditioning Only
Full Participation Allowed	Swimming*	Training and Conditioning Only

(Training and Conditioning Only cannot include full contact of any kind.)

ON-SITE or HYBRID LEARNING	OUTDOOR ACTIVITY	COMPREHENSIVE DISTANCE LEARNING
Full Participation Allowed	Volleyball	Full Participation Allowed
Full Participation Allowed	Soccer	Full Participation Allowed
Training and Conditioning Only	Football	Training and Conditioning Only
Full Participation Allowed	Dance (Non-Contact)	Full Participation Allowed
Full Participation Allowed	Cheer (Non-Contact)	Full Participation Allowed
Full Participation Allowed	Cross Country / Track & Field	Full Participation Allowed
Full Participation Allowed	Swimming*	Full Participation Allowed
Full Participation Allowed	Tennis	Full Participation Allowed
Full Participation Allowed	Golf	Full Participation Allowed
Full Participation Allowed	Softball/Baseball	Full Participation Allowed

*Must follow [Phase One and Phase Two Reopening Guidance for Licensed Swimming Pools, Licensed Spa Pools and Sports Courts.](#)



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Music Return to In-Person Instruction Considerations

When providing performing arts opportunities for students in both On-Site / Hybrid models and Comprehensive Distance Learning models the following documents should be reviewed:

- [ODE's Guidance for Visual and Performing Arts](#)
- [NFHS/NAFME Fall 2020 Guidance for Music Education](#)
- [NFHS Guidance for a Return to High School Marching Band](#)

NOTE: This information is subject to change as additional guidance is released from the Governor's Office, Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

Per conversations with the OSAA Music Contingency Group and member schools, the OSAA is currently reviewing the School Music Class Participation Requirement to accommodate modified class structure/availability for the 2020-21 school year.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR REHEARSALS

- When utilizing the ODE guidance for Visual and Performing Arts as well as the Limited In-Person Instruction information, county phases are no longer applicable (provided your county is beyond the baseline phase).
- Masks are required to be worn indoors at all times. Masks are also mandatory for all outdoor activities, where six (6) feet of distance cannot be maintained. Instrument bell covers should be used.
- 6 x 6 feet of physical distance between participants. Trombones need to have at least 9 x 6 feet of physical distance.
- 30-minute rehearsal times maximum indoors, with 60-minutes in between rehearsals.
- **Schools in Comprehensive Distance Learning models** may seek ways to bring back students in limited cohorts for music instruction in person by following the guidelines in ODE's Guidance for [Limited In-Person Instruction](#).
- Students should report dressed and ready to rehearse as well as with their instrument if applicable. Students should keep their individual items at least 6 feet apart from other students' personal items.
- Students cannot congregate before or after a rehearsal and carpooling is not recommended. ([NFHS Guidance for a Return to High School Marching Band](#) Pg. 4)

KEEPING ARTS ED SAFE AT SCHOOL

MASK Everything!

DISTANCE 6 FEET with Mask

TIMING

OUTDOOR

- Playing Instruments, Singing, Acting, or Dancing (Masks strongly recommended)
- 30 minute blocks with 6ft spacing
- 5 minute pause between blocks

INDOORS

- Playing Instruments, Singing, Acting, or Dancing (Masks required)
- 30 minutes with 6 ft spacing
- Minimum one air change between class

MATERIALS MATTER

- 2 LAYERS or more of DENSE FABRIC for instruments
- WELL-FITTING MASKS for students

HYGIENE

- Proper Hygiene
- Instruments
- Spaces
- People

AIRFLOW / FILTRATION

- Good ventilation and air change rate for the space.

Source: International Coalition of Performing Arts Aerosol Study & 2020 <https://bit.ly/33r19mk> • <https://www.artbedj.org/covid19>

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COMPREHENSIVE DISTANCE LEARNING OPTIONS FOR LIMITED INSTRUCTION:

- When utilizing the ODE guidance for Visual and Performing Arts as well as the Limited In-Person Instruction information, county phases are no longer applicable (provided your county is beyond the baseline phase).
- Masks are required to be worn indoors. Masks are also mandatory for all outdoor activities, where six (6) feet of distance cannot be maintained. Instrument bell covers should be used.
- **Limited by Group Size with Stable Cohorts:** Cohort groups are limited to no more than 10 students at a given time in a cohort. Students cannot be part of more than two cohorts (including transportation) in any given week. Any one staff member cannot interact with more than three cohorts in a given day and five in a week. (Guidance for [Limited In-Person Instruction](#) Pg.1)
- **Limited by time in the building per student:** The time a single student or student cohort of any size can spend in a school building on a given day is limited to two consecutive hours and cannot be intermittent. (Guidance for [Limited In-Person Instruction](#) Pg. 2)
- **Limited by Absolute Size:** The absolute number of students who can come to a school building within a given week is limited to 250 students and is further guided by the facility occupation limits described below when child care is also being offered. (Guidance for [Limited In-Person Instruction](#) Pg. 2)

PERFORMANCE CONSIDERATIONS

Consider modifying some productions to podcast or video broadcast events (see example) to minimize concerns of physical distancing at a live performance.

Consider scheduling additional performances over a longer period to accommodate community member attendance.

Consider outdoor performances, where maintaining physical distancing would be easier.

Educate audience members on health rules and expectations through:

- school or program website
- social media channels
- online ticket purchasing
- mails and push notifications
- signage leading to and at the event site
- announcements at the beginning of each performance
- announcements in the printed program.

Require volunteers—parents, ushers, box office staff, etc.—to follow the same safety guidelines as all other school personnel.

Identify, mark and enforce a one-way path of travel for entrance in and exit out of the theatre.

Provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer in the lobby and restrooms.

Disinfect all public areas prior to and after a performance—seats, rails, restrooms, back of house, and other high touch surfaces, using EPA-approved disinfectants.

Advise audience members to limit clustering in groups before the production begins, during intermission, and afterwards. Consider opening the house doors early to accommodate a physically-distanced seating process.

([ODE Guidance for Visual and Performing Arts](#) Pgs. 8-9)



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2020 OSAA Fall Sport/Activity Contingency Groups

Cross Country

Brad Garrett, OSAA Staff
Karl Kemper, AD, Ashland HS
Dave Williams, AD, Bend HS
Chris Johnson, AD/Coach, Siuslaw HS
Dan Neeway, Coach, Sunset HS
Julie Hilsenteger, Coach, Centennial HS
David Barkley, Coach, Wilsonville HS
Suzy Cole, Coach, Baker HS
Scott Ball, Coach, Westside Christian
Steve Ritchie, Coach, Kennedy HS
Steve Hills, Coach, Southwest Christian
Mike Olsen, OSAA State Rules Interpreter

Football

Brad Garrett, OSAA Staff
Clay Rounsaville, AD, Grants Pass HS
Jeff Peeler, Asst. District AD, PIL
Ben Buchanan, AD, Banks HS
Brad Dunten, AD, Powder Valley HS
Greg Lawrence, Coach, Sherwood HS
Seth Womack, Coach, Redmond HS
Ian O'Brien, AD/Coach, Warrenton HS
Bill Crowson, Coach, Monroe HS
Tony Smith, AD/Coach, St. Paul HS
Rob Younger, Executive Director, OACA
Kevin Hatfield, OSAA State Rules Interpreter

Volleyball

K.T. Emerson, OSAA Staff
Anna Maria Lopez, AD, St. Mary's Academy
Heather Stein, AD, Sheldon HS
Tim Sam, AD, North Valley HS
Dan Dugan, AD, Perrydale HS
Shawn White, AD/Coach, Weston-McEwen HS
Randi Viggiano, Coach, Ridgeview HS
Becky Kemper, Coach, Valley Catholic
Kelli Fitzpatrick, Coach, Santiam Christian
Jennifer Teeter, Coach, Imbler
Debi Hanson, OSAA State Rules Interpreter/Commissioner

Soccer

Kris Welch, OSAA Staff
Mike Blok, AD, Beaverton HS
Dave Hancock, AD, South Eugene HS
Darren Goodman, AD, La Grande HS
Missy Smith, Assoc. AD, Oregon Episcopal
Jamie Brock, Coach, Summit HS
Monty Hawkins, Coach, Sherwood HS
Jaime Rivera, Coach, Hood River Valley HS
Stephanie Vandebusch, Coach, Phoenix HS
Patrick Duffy, OSAA State Rules Interpreter

Cheerleading

Kelly Foster, OSAA Staff
Andy Jones, AD, Oregon City HS
Justin Starck, AD, Thurston HS
Brandon Lidgard, AD, Delphian
Amber Cowgill, Coach, David Douglas HS
Christine Langley, Coach, Lakeridge HS
Kelsey Sugg, Coach, The Dalles HS
Aubrey Westfall, Coach, Henley HS
Megan Sim, Coach, Central Linn HS
Sarah Devereaux, President, OCCA
Haley Ward, OSAA State Rules Interpreter

Dance/Drill

K.T. Emerson, OSAA Staff
Ben Winegar, AD, Canby HS
Kraig Hoene, AD, Lebanon HS
Chad Waples, AD, Woodburn HS
Jenn Wilson, Coach, Gresham, HS
Angie Huff, Coach, North Eugene HS
Debbi Kishpaugh, Coach, Pendleton HS
Lori Haslam, Coach, Philomath HS
Danielle Schneider, Coach, Parkrose HS
David McCall, President, DDCA
Christine Andersen, OSAA State Rules Interpreter

Speech

Brad Garrett, OSAA Staff
Katie Wilson, Coach, Lakeridge HS
Michael Curry, Coach, Sprague HS
Kristen Sullivan, Coach, Crater HS
Ameena Amdahl Mason, Coach, Clackamas HS
Robyn Rose, Coach, Lake Oswego HS
Kayla Crook, Coach, Marshfield HS
Jane Berry-Eddings, State Director, OHSSL



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2020 OSAA Winter & Spring Sport/Activity Contingency Groups

Basketball

Kris Welch, OSAA Staff
Kelly Bokn, AD/Coach, Churchill HS
Josh Grotting, AD/Coach, Sutherlin HS
Craig Rothenberger, AD/Coach, Junction City HS
Gary Hull, AD/Coach, Western Christian HS
Allison Gardner, Girls Coach, Bend HS
Travis Brown, Boys Coach, South Salem HS
Robert Key, Boys Coach, Grant HS
Chris Roche, Boys Coach, Wilsonville HS
Mardy Benedict, Girls Coach, Lebanon HS
Joy Lease, Girls Coach, Mazama HS
Heather Roberts, Boys Coach, Yamhill-Carlton HS
Lance Homan, Boys Coach, Joseph HS
Cam Rust, OSAA State Rules Interpreter

Baseball

Kris Welch, OSAA Staff
Russ Bolin, AD, Roseburg HS
Howard Rub, AD, Astoria HS
Kevin Moffatt, AD/Coach, Kennedy HS
TJ Presley, AD, Pilot Rock HS
Matt Kabza, Coach, Grant HS
John Arntson, Coach, Clackamas HS
Scot McDonald, Coach, Crescent Valley HS
Mark Vidlak, Coach, Hidden Valley HS
Parker McKinley, Coach, La Grande HS
Bo DeForest, Coach, La Pine HS
Dave York, Coach, Umpqua Valley Christian
Tad Cockerill, OSAA State Rules Interpreter/Commissioner

Swimming

KT Emerson, OSAA Staff
Vicki Nelms, AD, Clackamas HS
Lindsey Devries, AD, Newport HS
Jason Hafner, Coach, McMinnville HS
Rex Watkins, Coach, Crescent Valley HS
Gina Dhom, Coach, Willamette HS
Mikayla Howell, Coach, Madras HS
Bryn Singleton, Coach, Sisters HS
Jacki Allender, OSAA State Rules Interpreter

Softball

Kelly Foster, OSAA Staff
Lowell Norby, AD, Bend HS
Kristen Rott, AD, Molalla HS
Jesse Hamilton, AD, Henley HS
JJ Mast, AD, North Douglas HS
Rhonda McKenzie, Coach, Westview HS
Chris Arnold, Coach, Crater HS
Ralph Cortez, Coach, Silverton HS
Woody Wright, Coach, La Grande HS
Staci Miethi, Coach, Warrenton HS
John Christensen, OSAA State Rules Interpreter

Wrestling

Brad Garrett, OSAA Staff
Eric Stauffer, AD, David Douglas HS
Nathan Stanley, AD, Lakeridge HS
Trent Kroll, AD, Hood River HS
Kacey McNulty, AD, Eagle Point HS
Erin Toelle, AD, Burns HS
Montraille Brazile, Coach, Jefferson HS
Neil Russo, Coach, Newberg HS
Ron Holyoak, Coach, Aloha HS
Mike Simons, Coach, Thurston HS
Steve Thorpe, Coach, Sweet Home HS
Jason Lovell, Coach, Cascade HS
Rob Henry, Coach, Dayton HS
JD Alley, Coach, Culver HS
David Doman, Coach, Crane HS
Danny Anson, OSAA State Rules Interpreter

Golf

Kyle Stanfield, OSAA Staff
Salvador Munoz, AD, Corvallis HS
Greg Mulkey, AD, Marshfield HS
Missy Smith, AD/Coach, Oregon Episcopal
Greg Grant, AD/Coach, Heppner HS
Brad Harvey, Coach, Beaverton HS
Melynda Maurer, Coach, Century HS
Chad Smith, Coach, Roseburg HS
Ron Buerger, Coach, Ridgeview HS
Amy Wilson, Coach, The Dalles HS
Kathleen Birrell, Coach, Valley Catholic
Jim Poetsch, Coach, Seaside HS

Tennis

KT Emerson, OSAA Staff
Sanjay Bedi, AD, Roosevelt HS
Joel Sobotka, AD, Valley Catholic
Kurt Lindner, Coach, Aloha HS
Todd Neville, Coach, Grants Pass HS
Jennifer Schmelling, Coach, Sprague HS
Donna Keim, Coach, Corvallis HS
Sergio Lopez, Coach, The Dalles HS
Pat O'Dell, Coach, North Marion HS

Track & Field

Brad Garrett, OSAA Staff
Laura Jaeger, AD, Central Catholic HS
Chris Johnson, AD/Coach, Siuslaw HS
John Elder, AD/Coach, Nestucca HS
Aimee Esplin, AD, Adrian HS
Jay Miles, Coach, Benson HS
Tom Rothenberger, Coach, Jesuit HS
Erin Regali, Coach, Sheldon HS
Dave Turnbull, Coach, Summit HS
Bill Masei, Coach, Dallas HS
Brad Smith, Coach, Henley HS
Dale French, Coach, Valley Catholic
Steve Hills, Coach, Southwest Christian
Dennis Olafson, OSAA State Rules Interpreter

Music

KT Emerson, OSAA Staff
Kyle Stanfield, OSAA Staff
Kelly Foster, OSAA Staff
Mario Uribe Saldana, Principal, McLoughlin HS
Stephen Lytle, Coor. Music and Drama, Salem-Keizer SD
Dennis Burke, AD, Wilsonville HS
Mike Forrester, AD, North Bend HS
Cole Haole-Valenzuela, Silverton HS
Jeremy Zander, Mountainside HS
Kimberly McConnell, West Salem HS
Will Fox, Westside Christian HS
Krista Debolt, Grants Pass HS
Jennifer Muller, David Douglas HS



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To: Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors
From: Peter Weber, Executive Director
Subject: OSAA COVID-19 Updates

The OSAA's two governing bodies each met this week to discuss a variety of topics related to the pandemic and the Association's continuing guidance for member schools. The Delegate Assembly held its annual Fall meeting Monday and representatives from each league/conference provided input via caucus discussions by classification. The delegates weighed in on scheduling and transportation issues facing member schools, along with culminating week priorities. The Executive Board met Wednesday in a closed work session, as it has been doing every couple of weeks during the pandemic. The Executive Board reviewed the Delegate Assembly feedback and updates from staff members regarding the Contingency Groups, plus recent communication with the Governor's Office, Oregon Health Authority (OHA), and Oregon Department of Education (ODE).

Based on input, conversations and action at those meetings, please see the following updates and clarifications:

Local/Regional Scheduling and Leagues/Special Districts

The OSAA Executive Board is directing schools to prioritize local/regional play when scheduling contests for the 2020-21 school year. Toward that end, and based on input from the Delegate Assembly, the Executive Board has determined that schools will not be required to participate in their assigned leagues/special districts for the 2020-21 school year. While current league/special district alignments may continue to work for some, many schools are forecasting significant travel and transportation issues that will impact current structures. Availability of buses and bus drivers, increased costs due to passenger limits and transportation guidelines, and concerns for lengthy trips in an enclosed bus environment were among the issues raised by the delegates. Schools will continue to determine their own schedules which will likely include more cross-classification contests. Both governing bodies were resolute in their belief that all schools in the state, regardless of classification, will need to work collaboratively to ensure that schools are able to fill their schedules. Schools are encouraged to begin scheduling sooner rather than later while awaiting final decisions on culminating week structures.

Use of Rankings System

The OSAA Executive Board has determined that the OSAA ranking system will not be used for the 2020-21 school year. In alignment with the previous directions regarding local/regional scheduling combined with the impact a reduced number of in-classification contests could have on the validity of the rankings, the Executive Board felt strongly that a corresponding move to remove the rankings as a scheduling consideration was imperative. This will allow schools to focus on scheduling contests based on proximity to an opponent rather than on the contest's potential impact, positive or negative, on a team's ranking. [OSAA Contingency Groups](#) have already discussed the potential formation of committees involving ADs and coaches to help determine culminating week matchups when necessary.

Prohibited Sports

Per the OHA's [Statewide Reopening Guidance – K-12 School Sports, Limited Return to Play](#), full-contact sports continue to be prohibited at this time. Full-contact sports include wrestling, basketball, football, dance/drill (contact) and cheerleading (contact). Remember that training and conditioning may take place in these sports but no competitions or contact between participants of any kind is permitted by the OHA's directive. These restrictions cannot be waived by the OSAA Executive Board or staff. OSAA staff is in regular communication with the Governor's Office and OHA

regarding the timeline for possible reconsideration of these policies but thus far has received no indication of any pending reconsideration.

Comprehensive Distance Learning and Indoor Competitions

Many schools have contacted the OSAA regarding what is allowed for competitions while the school is in a Comprehensive Distance Learning format (CDL). Per the OHA's [Statewide Reopening Guidance – K-12 School Sports, Limited Return to Play](#), indoor competitions are not allowed when a school is in CDL. Therefore, schools must be in a hybrid or on-site instructional method in order to hold indoor competitions. These restrictions cannot be waived by the OSAA Executive Board or staff. OSAA staff is in regular communication with the Governor's Office and OHA regarding the timeline for possible reconsideration of this policy but thus far has received no indication of any pending reconsideration.

Music Guidance

While sports guidance comes from the Governor's Office and OHA, guidance related to music activities comes from ODE. OSAA staff has been working directly with ODE regarding clarifications for what is allowed in afterschool settings regarding practices and rehearsals. Please see the most recent music information released [here](#). Current ODE guidance states that schools are to follow the guidance for limited in-person instruction for these afterschool events and limit groups to 10 or less. The OSAA is seeking further clarification on topics such as but not limited to: the number of cohorts a director/instructor meet with daily/weekly, the total number of students (absolute number) for an after school model for those in limited in person instruction, time limitations for students on campus, and the maximum number of cohorts if practice is conducted outdoors. As we await further guidance from ODE, music groups should follow the restrictions stated in the Limited in Person Instruction which can be found [here](#).

Culminating Week Events

While no definitive decisions were made this week regarding culminating week event formats and structures, there was tremendous feedback from the governing bodies at this week's meetings. Feedback was centered on maximizing participation opportunities and providing a meaningful event for students when possible. This will hopefully include state championship-like events but depending on gathering restrictions, travel constraints and financial considerations for schools and the association, a traditional state championship event may not be possible in many activities. A concept that schools may be able to opt in for culminating week events was also discussed. A regional approach has been suggested as an option and OSAA staff will continue to work with the [Contingency Groups](#) on that approach, plus multiple other options for consideration. Considering the directive to prioritize local/regional regular season play it will be imperative that [Contingency Groups](#) in all sports/activities concentrate efforts on developing flexible qualifying models that can accommodate events that could potentially include multiple classifications.

Deadline for Season 2 Decisions

As the state looks to re-examine school opening metrics and school districts make decisions regarding timelines for returning to in-person instruction, the Executive Board will continue to meet regularly to discuss upcoming decisions. Executive Board members plan to make decisions regarding Season 2 activities and culminating week events on or before their December 7 meeting if possible. Decisions about Season 3 and 4 culminating week events will be made once those seasons are closer to commencing. The Board remains committed to providing opportunities for students provided it can be done safely in accordance with guidance from our state educational and medical partners.

End of the Association Year

In light of the changes to the 2020-21 OSAA Calendar, the Executive Board has taken action to change the end of the Association Year. The 2020-21 Association Year will end on Sunday, June 13 with summer activities able to begin on Monday, June 14. The Executive Board wanted the date to be late enough into Season 4 to promote participation in Season 4 activities but didn't want to wait until the end of June.

For the latest OSAA information regarding the Coronavirus pandemic, please visit: <http://www.osaa.org/coronavirus>.

Thank you for all your efforts on behalf of the students and families in our state. Stay safe and be well.