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MAJOR OSAA RULE CHANGES FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

All of these changes either were implemented during the 2016-17 school year or are new additions for the 2017-18 school year.

CONSTITUTION (Articles and Rules)

- **CHANGED THE PER ACTIVITY FEE.** Increases the per activity fee from \$75 to \$85 effective with the 2017-18 school year. *(Article 3.1.1.a. – Membership and Dues, Dues)*
- **AMENDED QUALIFICATIONS FOR DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP.** Deletes the requirement that Delegate Assembly members hold a current Oregon administrative license. Members must still hold a position at least equal in rank to a high school assistant principal. *(Article 4.2. – Delegate Assembly, Qualifications)*
- **AMENDED QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERSHIP.** Deletes the requirement that Executive Board members hold a current Oregon administrative license. Members must still hold a position at least equal in rank to a high school assistant principal. *(Article 5.2.1. – Executive Board, Qualifications)*
- **ADDED A CHIEF MEDICAL ADVISOR FOR THE ASSOCIATION.** Adds language requiring the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to nominate a Chief Medical Advisor to the Executive Director. *(Article 9.3.5. – Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, Chief Medical Advisor)*
- **ADDED OFFICIALS RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION COMMITTEE TO STANDING COMMITTEES.** Adds the Officials Recruitment and Retention Committee to the list of standing committees of the Association. *(Article 9.9. – Officials Recruitment and Retention Committee)*
- **AMENDED RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR NFHS HEAT ILLNESS PREVENTION.** Adjusts the recertification requirement for the NFHS Heat Illness Prevention course from every two years to every four years for all coaches, except football coaches. *(Rule 1.4.c. – Athletic Director and Coach Certification, Heat Illness Prevention Course)*
- **AMENDED THE DURATION OF ELIGIBILITY/GRADUATION FOREIGN COUNTRY EXCEPTION.** Revises the exception to include all foreign countries where the normal school calendar year begins prior to the start of the Oregon school year. *(Rule 8.2. – Duration of Eligibility/Graduation)*
- **AMENDED THE SCHOOL REPRESENTATION POLICY FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBER PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.** Removes the requirement that both high school principals agree for associate member public charter school student participation in accordance with recently passed legislation. *(Rule 8.5. – School Representation)*

BOARD POLICIES

- **ADDING A NEW SPORT/ACTIVITY.** Moves the adoptions of special districts by the Executive Board up by one meeting to more closely align with when schools are scheduling contests. *(BP – Adding a New Sport/Activity)*
- **ADMINISTRATOR WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT.** Outlines the penalty for non-compliance with the requirement for each school to have a representative at the annual workshop. *(BP – Administrator Workshop Attendance Requirement)*
- **CERTIFICATION – ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AND COACHES.** Adjusts the recertification requirement for the NFHS Heat Illness Prevention course from every two years to every four years for all coaches, except football coaches. Updates the Spirit Safety training requirement to an online clinic. *(BP – Certification – Athletic Directors and Coaches)*
- **ELIGIBILITY – HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS.** Updates the list of tests approved by the Oregon Department of Education for home school students. *(BP – Eligibility – Home School Students)*
- **FOOTBALL – 45-POINT RULE.** Cleans up outdated language regarding the alternative plan and running clock. *(BP – Football, 45-Point Rule)*

- INDEPENDENT STATUS IN A SPORT. Moves the deadline for petitioning for Independent Status up by one Executive Board meeting to more closely align with when schools are scheduling contests. *(BP – Independent Status in a Sport)*
- PRACTICE LIMITATION RULE (6A PILOT). Details a one-year pilot of a revised Practice Limitation Rule for 6A schools only. Includes Open and Closed Periods and new Q&As clarifying the policy. Codifies longstanding prohibition on the use of football protective equipment from the conclusion of a school's season through the end of the Association Year. *(BP – Practice Limitation Rule (6A Pilot))*
- PRACTICE LIMITATION RULE. Codifies longstanding prohibition on the use of football protective equipment from the conclusion of a school's season through the end of the Association Year. *(BP – Practice Limitation Rule)*
- PRACTICE MODEL. Clarifies minimum practice requirement for schools prior to a jamboree or interscholastic contest. *(BP – Practice Model)*
- STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - ADDING/DELETING A CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT. Adds Board Policies to replace the deleted Rules in this area. Provides different percentages of schools participating for team sports, individual sports and activities before the Delegate Assembly considers adding/deleting a championship event. *(BP – State Championships - Adding/Deleting a Championship Event)*
- STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – RANKINGS. Adjusts dates each season after which games added to a team's schedule won't be counted in the rankings. Addresses how forfeits are calculated when the result of the contest isn't changed by the forfeit. *(BP – State Championships - Rankings)*
- STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – SUPPORT GROUP POLICIES. Combines several policies into one support group policy, including admission, halftime performances and pep band expectations. *(BP – State Championships – Support Group Policies)*
- SUMMER POLICY. Clarifies that incoming freshmen must use the same 10 consecutive day period as other levels within a school's football program. *(BP – Summer Policy)*

PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

- VOLLEYBALL. Deletes the language allowing an extra set based on the move to allow a best of 3 out of 5 format at the sub-varsity level. *(Participation Limitations – Volleyball)*
- WRESTLING. Places time restrictions on when matches may begin during a day. *(Participation Limitations – Wrestling)*

FORMS MODIFICATIONS

- CONCUSSION – RETURN TO LEARN MEDICAL RELEASE. New form created in conjunction with the Center on Brain Injury Research and Training (CBIRT) that provides resources for schools when helping students return to the classroom following a concussion.
- CSIET ADVISORY LIST. Replaces static list with links to the CSIET website where approved programs are more frequently updated.
- PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EXAM. Revised form created by the OSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee that was approved for use by the State Board of Education beginning May 1, 2017.
- SCHOOL REPRESENTATION ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE. Adjusted questions on back in accordance with recently passed legislation regarding associate member public charter school student participation.
- STUDENT INTENT TO TRANSFER CERTIFICATE. Revised form to clarify that signing this form simply acknowledges an awareness of the student's intent to transfer and doesn't confirm the student's eligibility at the receiving school.
- UPDATES. Existing forms have been modified to make them consistent with the changes specified above. The actual forms are no longer housed in the Handbook but have been replaced with direct links to the Forms page of the website.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES HANDBOOKS

- UPDATES. Activity specific changes have been made to the Band/Orchestra, Cheerleading, Choir, Dance/Drill, Solo Music and Speech Handbooks.

OTHER

- QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Additional Questions and Answers, particularly covering changes listed above, have been added to the Handbook.