



MAJOR OSAA RULE CHANGES FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

These changes either were implemented during the 2018-19 school year or are new for the 2019-20 school year.

CONSTITUTION (Articles and Rules)

- **AMENDED FULL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS.** Requires full members to annually self-certify they are in compliance with federal and state laws and regulations with regard to non-discrimination. *(Article 3 – Membership and Dues)*
- **AMENDED EXECUTIVE BOARD QUALIFICATIONS.** Changes qualifications to prohibit two individuals from the same school district from serving concurrently on the Executive Board. *(Article 5.2.1. – Executive Board – Qualifications)*
- **AMENDED EXECUTIVE BOARD AUTHORITY.** Modifies language to allow the Executive Board to act on the rulings of a Hearings Officer. *(Article 5.3.1. – Executive Board – Authority)*
- **AMENDED CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS – CHANGES IN A CLASSIFICATION DURING A FOUR-YEAR TIME BLOCK.** Updates criteria weighed by the Executive Board when considering changes in a classification during a four-year time block. *(Article 6.2. – Classification of Schools – Changes in a Classification during a four-year time block)*
- **DELETED ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS.** Removes assignment of schools as it's already covered elsewhere in the Handbook. *(Article 7.2. – Assignment of Schools)*
- **AMENDED SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE – COMPOSITION.** Revises the makeup of the committee to reflect its current structure. *(Article 9.4. – Sportsmanship Committee – Composition)*
- **AMENDED RANKINGS COMMITTEE – COMPOSITION.** Revises the term limits for members of the Rankings Committee. *(Article 9.8.3 – Rankings Committee – Term)*
- **AMENDED CONTESTS – SPORTSMANSHIP – CROWD CONTROL.** Combines policies related to sportsmanship and crowd control, including school responsibility, spectator conduct, complaint process, and penalties for violations, into a single rule in alignment with recently passed legislation. *(Rule 3 – Contests – Sportsmanship – Crowd Control)*
- **AMENDED VIOLATIONS OF REGULATIONS – PROTESTS AND SELF-REPORTED VIOLATIONS.** Clarifies procedure when a school files a protest vs. another school. Also requires Executive Board members to recuse themselves from participation if an interested party in a protest. *(Rule 4 – Violations of Regulations – Protests and Self-Reported Violations)*
- **AMENDED CUTOFF AND ENDING DATES.** Clarifies when each season ends in a given activity. *(Rule 6.6.5. – Association Year Practice, Contests – Starting, Cutoff and Ending Dates)*
- **AMENDED HEARINGS OFFICER PROCEDURE AND FEES.** Changes procedure for Classification and Districting appeals to a Hearings Officer and distinguishes fees for various types of appeals. *(Rule 9 – Hearings Officer)*
- **AMENDED MUSIC RULE INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY.** Allows students to enroll in a band class when a strings class is not available. *(Music Rule 8 – Individual Eligibility)*

BOARD POLICIES

- **CERTIFICATION – ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AND COACHES.** Revises requirement for frequency of Player Safety Coach (PSC) in-person training to biennially and adjusts online training required for PSCs the year they attend the in-person training. *(BP – Certification – Athletic Directors and Coaches)*
- **GENDER IDENTITY PARTICIPATION.** Updates policy to comply with state law and guidelines from the Oregon Department of Education for transgender and non-binary student participation. *(BP – Gender Identity Participation)*
- **NON-DISCRIMINATION.** Clarifies where complaints of discrimination should be brought in alignment with recently passed legislation. *(BP – Non-Discrimination)*
- **PRACTICE LIMITATION RULE (6A AND 5A PILOT).** Extends this pilot to the 5A classification and outlines when coaching ends for each season. *(BP – Practice Limitation Rule (6A and 5A Pilot))*

- **SPECTATOR CONDUCT AT OSAA SANCTIONED EVENTS.** Deletes policy as the language was included in the amendments to Rule 3. *(BP – Spectator Conduct at OSAA Sanctioned Events)*
- **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – BROADCASTING/STREAMING.** Updates the process and procedure for those wanting to broadcast/stream state championship events. *(BP – State Championships – Broadcasting/Streaming)*
- **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – RANKINGS.** Adjusts dates each season after which games added to a team’s schedule won’t be counted in the rankings. *(BP – State Championships - Rankings)*
- **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – VIDEOTAPING.** Clarifies that an official school video recorder will be allowed in a designated area established by the OSAA. *(BP – State Championships - Videotaping)*

PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

- **FOOTBALL.** Amends minimum hours between contests for six quarter eligibility from 60 to 48. *(Participation Limitations – Football)*
- **TENNIS.** Changes matches to playing dates, clarifies varsity players competing vs. JV players and double duals/tournament play. *(Participation Limitations – Tennis)*

OFFICIALS FEE SCHEDULE

- **OFFICIALS FEE SCHEDULE.** Sets four-year fee schedule for 2019-20 through 2022-23 school years. *(Officials Fee Schedule)*

FORMS MODIFICATIONS

- **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 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.