OADA STATE CONFERENCE 2024

**CONFERENCE/CLASSIFICATION QUESTIONS**

**Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA)**

**EJECTIONS**

The OSAA Executive Board is concerned about the uptick in ejections in team sports since the pandemic.  The number of ejections has risen every year since the pandemic and hit all-time highs in Boys Soccer and Football.  The Executive Board is considering modifying ejection policies to address the increases.

As an example, Boys Soccer went from 137 in 2022-23 to 198 in 2023-24 (a 44% increase). 182 of the 198 ejections were for bench misconduct, entering the field during a fight, language, serious foul play, taunting, violent conduct or second caution. 16 ejections were for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity.

1. Do you support additional penalties for ejections to address the increase (i.e., additional missed games, higher fine for ejections, students required to take Sportsmanship class)? **Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_**
2. Do you support varying penalties for ejections that are more severe (i.e. a second yellow in soccer sits one game vs. fighting or using discriminatory language sits multiple games)?  **Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_**
3. Should a coach have to sit contests based on accumulated ejections for their team? (i.e., five players from a team receive ejections so the coach also sits a contest) **Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_**
4. Should a suspension period be a percentage of a season vs. a single contest (i.e., Football: 1 of 9 contests is 11% of the season, 1 of 24 contests in Basketball is 4% of the season)? **Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_**
5. Should teams who meet certain number of varsity ejections in a season be unable to host and/or participate in the state playoffs that season (i.e., 3+ varsity ejections would prohibit hosting, 5+ varsity ejections would remove from playoffs)? **Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_**

**SPORTSMANSHIP**

Schools are currently required to send a representative to the OSAA office for the Sportsmanship Ejection Course in August when they’ve received five or more ejections in the previous school year.  The list of schools receiving 5+ ejections is growing along with the number of repeat schools.

1. Should the number of ejections threshold of 5+ requiring attendance at the course be decreased to 3+ unsportsmanlike ejections?  **Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_**
2. For a school who repeats having 5+ unsportsmanlike ejections in a year, should their penalty increase (i.e., increased monetary fine, loss of playoff spots, etc.)? **Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_**
3. Should the school principal or school district superintendent be required to attend the course for a school that repeats from one year to the next (currently the AD or a coach attends)?  **Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_**

**OPEN/CLOSED PERIOD (6A, 5A, 4A only)**

The Open/Closed Period has been in place for seven years, with the recent addition of 4A schools. Recently the OSAA staff met with ADs from these classifications to discuss the policy and any potential changes. Out of that meeting came these questions for feedback.

1. Do you support the current maximum of six (6) hours each week per program for fundamental skill development during the Open Period? **Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_**
2. Do you support the current language stating that general weight training and conditioning during the Open Period does not count toward the six (6) hour weekly limit? **Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_**
3. Would you support a change to the current policy to only allow an Open Period during the six-week period immediately preceding the official high school season (i.e., only Winter sports able to have an Open Period during the Fall, etc.)? **Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_**
4. What has been the impact of the Open/Closed Period policy on multi-sport athletes in your school?
5. Change in number of single-sport athletes? Incr\_\_\_Decr\_\_\_No Change\_\_\_\_
6. Change in number of 2-sport athletes? Incr\_\_\_Decr\_\_\_No Change\_\_\_\_
7. Change in number of 3-sport athletes? Incr\_\_\_Decr\_\_\_No Change\_\_\_\_

**Oregon Athletic Directors Association (OADA)**

**SUB-VARSITY CUTOFF FOR TEAM SPORTS**

Sub-varsity teams often lose out on game opportunities due to weather cancellations, especially in the Spring.  It’s a challenge for some sub-varsity baseball/softball teams to find games when other classifications have already reached their cutoff date. This rule change would allow sub-varsity teams across all classifications to play until the last cutoff date for any classification provided the teams don't exceed their participation limits.

1. Do you support establishing a sub-varsity cutoff date for all classifications in team sports (football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball, softball) that aligns with the latest cutoff date for that sport?

For example – the 6A, 3A, 2A/1A Softball cutoff date is May 16 but the 5A, 4A Softball cutoff date is May 18.  Under this proposal a sub-varsity cutoff date would be set for May 18 for all classifications in softball.

Volleyball – adds 3 days (Oct. 21-24)

Soccer – adds 4 days (Oct. 24-28)

Football – already have October 30 for sub-varsity cutoff (Oct 28 for varsity)

Basketball – adds 11 days (Feb. 17-28)

Baseball/Softball – adds 2 days (May 16-18)

**Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_**