

# OSAA committee supports change



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Stayton's Alexa Bender (20) brings down a rebound over Marshfield defenders on March 4. Oregon high schools might switch to a five-classification system.

## It recommends Oregon high schools convert to five-classification system

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The Classification and Districting Committee of the Oregon School Activities Association is supporting a change in Oregon's high schools that would eliminate a classification and drop to five classes from six.

The committee held a meeting March 20 in Wilsonville to discuss whether the committee support the current six classification system or go to a five classification model.

There were 26 representatives from high schools in Oregon who testified about the subject at the meeting, and the majority of those were in favor of six classes.

"I think by my calculations they had 26 people testify and 22 of the 26 in some way shape or form were in support of

staying at the 6A classification," said Stayton athletic director Darren Shryock who testified at the meeting.

"If they've already made up their mind, why have that meeting? I hope it's not set in stone. I hope it's something that can still be addressed. I've been fielding calls from coaches and other AD's all morning."

The committee listed in its update from the meeting as reasons for changing to a five class model as it would reduce overall travel, it better addresses travel in outlying areas, it gives greater depth in each classification and it would provide greater stability within and between classifications.

What would suffer, however, would be competitive balance.

The schools that would be most hurt

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Silverton High School's Brock Rogers has won the Mid-Willamette championship in the 110-meter hurdles the past two seasons.

# ON THE RIGHT TRACK

## Silverton's Rogers is learning quickly in class and sport

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**SILVERTON** – Brock Rogers is a quick study.

Best known as a hurdler on Silverton High School's track and field team, last year he picked up the open 100-meter dash about two weeks before the district meet.

In that short amount of time he went from novice to the Mid-Willamette District champion and a state placer in the event.

Just as he was a quick study in the hurdle races on the track a few years ago, Rogers will complete his high school graduation requirements and his associate degree in June.

"He's very studious. He's very smart," Silverton sprint coach Mary Hayden said. "He's already got a lot of college credit and whatnot. Not only is he athletic, but he's a hard worker."

Rogers was home schooled until enrolling at Renaissance Public Academy in Molalla in the eighth grade.

In his junior year of high school, he enrolled at Clackamas Community College and has since commuted over 40 minutes each way between Silverton and the Oregon City campus two to four days each week.

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Silverton High School senior hurdler Brock Rogers got his start in the hurdles as a freshman.