

FOOTBALL

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limited rosters to have to play down or throw out unprepared freshmen in order to meet the standards of six-man or nine-man football.

Dixon said that roughly one-third of Powder Valley's 90 students are listed on the football team's roster, which would eliminate any need for the school to play six-man football.

The original proposal from Dec. 20 slated the Badgers to be moved down from eight-man to six-man competition.

"I would hate to think that a school with 90 students in their student body and 25 players on their roster would be forced to play some of these schools that have 25 or 30 kids in the high school and 12 kids on the roster that still want to play eight-man football," Dixon said at the meeting.

Adrian High School, Powder Valley's 1A state championship counterpart this past season, also voiced displeasure over doing away with eight-man football.

"Eight-man is the greatest form of football in my opinion, and it is one of the fastest growing forms of football," Adrian head coach Billy Wortman said at the meeting.

According to the update from the OSAA, schools will have an option to play nine-man "when necessary and appropriate."

Six-man football will continue to be offered by the OSAA for smaller 1A schools, and the OSAA is considering sanctioning the sport, meaning schools at that level would have the ability to play for an official state championship.

Six-man has been a pilot program the last four years, and participating teams had played for a de-facto title.

The current proposal would align Union County 1A schools in a similar district to the existing leagues, continuing to play eight-man football. Powder Valley, Cove, Elgin, Imbler and Union would compete in the 1A Special District 3, alongside Adrian, Crane and Wallowa.

Enterprise, under the current proposal, is listed as part of the 2A ranks, and would be one of six teams in Special District 5, alongside Grant Union, Heppner, Irrigon, Stanfield and Weston-McEwen. The Outlaws had played down to eight-man the previous four years.

The OSAA plans to keep play-down options in place for schools that have struggled at their slotted classifications, but is considering adding criteria that schools who play down would be ineligible for the postseason.

Joseph would remain at the six-man ranks as part of Special District 1. The rest of the district includes Dayville/Monument, Echo, Huntington, Wheeler County, Pine Eagle, Prairie City/Burnt River, and South Wasco County.

On Dec. 20, the ad hoc committee made a recommendation of a new 2A and 1A hybrid classification, combining Oregon's 2A and 1A schools into three groups: a nine-man football Division 1 classification mostly made of 2A teams, a nine-man football Division 2 classification made of smaller 2A teams and bigger 1A teams, and a six-man football classification for the smaller 1A programs.

The next meeting of the football ad hoc committee will be on Jan. 19.

— Oregonian reporter Nik Streng contributed to this report.

ON THE SLATE

Thursday, Jan. 13

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL
Powder Valley at Umatilla, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 14

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL
EOU at Northwest, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
EOU at Northwest, 5:30 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S WRESTLING
EOU at Grays Harbor College, TBA

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL
Joseph at Griswold, 7:30 p.m.
La Grande at Ontario, 6:30 p.m.
Elgin at Powder Valley, 7:30 p.m.

Nixyaawii at Cove, 7:30 p.m.
Imbler at Pine Eagle, 7:30 p.m.
Enterprise at Weston-McEwen, 7:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL
La Grande at Ontario, 5 p.m.
Elgin at Powder Valley, 6 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Cove, 6 p.m.
Imbler at Pine Eagle, 6 p.m.
Joseph at Griswold, 6 p.m.
Enterprise at Weston-McEwen, 6 p.m.

PREP BOYS WRESTLING
La Grande at 2022 Padilla Invitational, Parma, Idaho, TBA
La Grande at Oregon Classic, Redmond, all day

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL
La Grande at Ontario, 5 p.m.
Elgin at Powder Valley, 6 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Cove, 6 p.m.
Imbler at Pine Eagle, 6 p.m.
Joseph at Griswold, 6 p.m.
Enterprise at Weston-McEwen, 6 p.m.

PREP BOYS WRESTLING
La Grande at 2022 Padilla Invitational, Parma, Idaho, TBA
La Grande at Oregon Classic, Redmond, all day

Saturday, Jan. 15
COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL
EOU at Evergreen State, 5 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
EOU at Evergreen State, 3 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S

WRESTLING

EOU at Oregon Wrestling Classic, Redmond, Oregon, TBA

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Powder Valley at Griswold, 4 p.m.
Union at Enterprise, 5:30 p.m.
Cove at Pine Eagle, 5:30 p.m.
Joseph at Imbler, 5:30 p.m.
Wallowa at Nixyaawii, 5:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL
Union at Enterprise, 4 p.m.
Powder Valley at Griswold, 4 p.m.
Pine Eagle at Cove, 4 p.m.
Joseph at Imbler, 4 p.m.
Wallowa at Nixyaawii, 4 p.m.

PREP BOYS WRESTLING
La Grande at 2022 Padilla Invitational, Parma, Idaho, TBA
La Grande at Oregon Classic, Redmond, all day

PREP GIRLS WRESTLING
La Grande at Jay Bird Classic, Nampa, Idaho, 11 a.m.

PREP SWIMMING
La Grande, Cove at La Grande Invitational, Veterans Memorial Pool, 10 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 17
PREP BOYS BASKETBALL
La Grande at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 18
PREP BOYS BASKETBALL
Pilot Rock at Enterprise, 6:30 p.m.
Powder Valley at La Grande, 7:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL
Pilot Rock at Enterprise, 5 p.m.
Joseph at Pine Eagle, 5:30 p.m.
Powder Valley at La Grande, 6 p.m.

STANDINGS

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Team	League	Overall
Oregon Tech	9-0	12-5
College of Idaho	8-1	14-3
LC State	6-3	13-4
Southern Oregon	6-3	9-8
Warner Pacific	5-4	9-8
Eastern Oregon	4-5	10-7
Corban	4-5	9-8
Multnomah	4-5	8-9
Northwest	3-6	6-8
Bushnell	2-7	4-12
Evergreen	2-7	2-11
Walla Walla	1-8	2-14

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team	League	Overall
Southern Oregon	8-1	15-2
Bushnell	7-2	10-7
Eastern Oregon	7-2	10-7
LC State	6-3	12-3
Oregon Tech	5-4	12-4
Northwest	5-4	11-5
College of Idaho	5-4	11-6
Warner Pacific	5-4	7-7
Multnomah	3-6	3-13
Evergreen	2-7	3-9
Corban	1-8	2-14
Walla Walla	0-9	1-15

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Team	League	Overall
McLoughlin	1-0	2-5
Baker	0-0	9-3
La Grande	0-0	8-1
Ontario	0-1	0-8

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Team	League	Overall
Stanfield	3-0	8-6
Heppner	2-0	10-2
Union	1-1	7-6

Grant Union	1-1	2-9
Weston-McEwen	0-1	6-5
Pilot Rock	0-2	3-10
Enterprise	0-2	2-10

1A Old Oregon League

Team	League	Overall
Powder Valley	3-0	12-1
Joseph	2-0	4-6
Cove	2-1	4-6
Imbler	1-1	3-10
Wallowa	1-2	3-10
Nixyaawii	0-0	8-2
Griswold	0-1	1-10
Pine Eagle	0-2	3-7
Elgin	0-2	0-7

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Team	League	Overall
McLoughlin	1-0	6-3
Baker	0-0	9-4
La Grande	0-0	6-5
Ontario	0-1	0-6

2A Blue Mountain Conference

Team	League	Overall
Stanfield	3-0	12-2
Union	3-0	12-2
Enterprise	1-1	6-7
Grant Union	1-1	4-7
Weston-McEwen	0-2	7-7
Heppner	0-2	5-6
Pilot Rock	0-2	4-10

1A Old Oregon League

Team	League	Overall
Imbler	2-0	4-9
Wallowa	2-1	8-5
Joseph	1-0	4-5
Powder Valley	1-1	4-8
Cove	1-1	2-7
Nixyaawii	0-0	8-2
Griswold	0-1	4-7
Pine Eagle	0-1	1-7
Elgin	0-2	3-9

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