OSAA establishes events for athletes with disabilities

High school swimmers and track and field athletes with disabilities soon will have more opportunity to compete at the Oregon School Activities Association state championships.

The **OSAA** Inclusion formed with Committee. administrators of member schools and disability and special education consultants, concluded that exhibition events officially should be offered for para-ambulatory and wheelchair athletes in swimming and track and field.

Beginning with next month's OSAA swimming state championships and OSAA track and

field championships in May, there will be two predetermined events. The 50- and 100-meter freestyle events are scheduled for swimming and 100- and 400-meter dashes at track and

"The OSAA strongly believes that some of the best life-long lessons we can teach our kids are learned outside the classroom and through participation in high school activities," said Tom Welter, OSAA executive director. "All students should have the opportunity to participate in educationbased programs offered by our member schools.

"We are extremely pleased

that para-athletes will now have the opportunity to be included in their high school programs and in our state championships in swimming and track."

In both sports, competitors will advance to state by meeting qualifying standards. Male and female athletes will compete in separate flights and one heat will be offered per event.

If more athletes apply than lanes available in a single heat, Adaptive Sports USA standards will be applied to the field.

The Inclusion Committee was formed by direction of the OSAA Executive Board. It was chaired by Ian Jaquiss, disability trainer and community outreach specialist at Oregon Health and Science University.

"From a policy standpoint, the OSAA's decision is historic, but for the schools, the teams and the athletes this is bigger and more important: recognition, inclusion, participation, involvement," Jaquiss said. "It hits on all levels. I am happy for the OSAA and thrilled for the athletes."

Sherwood High School principal Ken Bell also served on the committee.

"It is our hope that highlighting these opportunities at our state championships will increase awareness with our member schools and the public," Bell said.

The OSAA, in conjunction with World Wheelchair Sports Adaptive Sports Northwest, will distribute information to member schools in an effort to educate coaches and athletes about inclusion and their programs.

"We can't be more pleased that OSAA has taken this step and that Oregon's para-athletes are going to get the opportunity to represent their school at the highest level of competitions in the same manner as their classmates and peers," said Trisha Suhr, executive director of Adaptive Sports Northwest. "We look forward to working

with OSAA in helping to make this the most positive experience for all student athletes."

The 2016 state swimming championships are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19 and 20, at Mt. Hood Aquatic Center in Gresham.

State track and field championships are Thursday through Saturday, May 19-21, at of Oregon's University Hayward Field in Eugene.

For the 2016-17 school year and beyond, the committee recommends exploring adding swimming and track and field events and district and state championship opportunities in other OSAA sports.

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SCORES & STANDINGS

Bowling				
LEAGUE	1/13/09			
NW HAZMAT LEAGUE				
TEAMS	WON	LOST		
STRAY CATS	8	0		
BIG DOG DONUTS	7.0	1.0		
A&W	7.0	1.0		
SMOKIES	5.0	3.0		
TEAM STILL SUX	4.0	4.0		
BOWL MOVEMENTS	1.0	7.0		
NW HAZMAT	0.0	8.0		
SEAGALS	0	8.0		
SCRATCH GAME IND.				
CAL KRAMER	259.0			
CASSY VOS	267			
SCRATCH SERIES IND				
CAL KRAMER	675			
CASSY VOS	700			
HIGH HDCP GAME IND	0.00			
CAL KRAMER	268			
CASSY VOS	276			
HIGH HDCP SERIES IND	704			
JEREMY RAMSEY	704			
CASSY VOS	727			
LEAGUE Merchant League	1/12/09			

TEAMS	
THE SAW SHOP	
TEAM 9	
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PETERSEN AUTO DETAIL	
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ALAN MEDEIROS	
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TRENT PETERSEN	
HIGH SERIES SCRATCH	
ALAN MEDEIROS	
HIGH SERIES HDCP	
CHUCK KRAMER	
LEAGUE	
TIMBER LEAGUE	
TEAMS	
SEARS	
STUPID 10 PIN	
CAR WASH AND SHINE	
HUFF LOGGING	
CASUAL DRINKERS	
A&W	
FRESH HARVEST CAFE	
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22	16	HIGH GAME HDCP		
22	16	DOUG EDGMON	272	
20.5	17.5	HIGH SERIES HDCP		
15	23	GARY DIETZ	747	
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		THE BIG DOGS	33	19
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		THE BALLERS	30	22
718		FLEET A FOOT	28	24
		HILL TOPPERS	24	28
784		HOULIGANS	15	37
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20	12	HIGH SERIES HDCP		
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Guide outlines new fishing regulations

SALEM — Anglers this year may have noticed that

Over the past year ODFW worked on streamlining and simplifying the angling regula-

Anglers should notice plainer language and clearer descriptions of regulations.

Content was also rearranged so that license information and fish ID photos are in the back

Updated full-color zone

Here are a few changes that anglers will see in the 2016 fishing regulations:

• Expanded year round opportunities across the state for trout. In most areas where there were April openers, these rivers were expanded to be open year round.

• Reduction in the number of special regulations or exceptions. One thing to be aware of is that some of the waters that you fish may no longer be listed under the exceptions. This means that they are now covered under the zone regulations.

• Changes in fees. In 2016 there are fee increases on many angling licenses. This is the first time the fees have increased in six years. A new youth license was created.

For \$10, youth ages 12-17 will get a hunting, fishing, shellfish license and Columbia River Basin endorsement.

ODFW contracted with J.F. Griffin Media to publish this year's regulations. J.F. Griffin currently contracts with more than 20 other states to help create a consistent look and feel for fishing and hunting regula-

They also provide an online version at www. eregulations. com/oregon/fishing of the regulations that can be accessed from mobile devices, tablets and desktop computers.

This version includes the latest corrections and clarification to a few regulations that were causing confusion.

"Please read the zone regulations carefully as there have been some zone wide changes as well as some changes to the zone regulations exceptions," said Mike Gauvin, manager of ODFW's recreational fishing program. "As always, emergency or temporary rules may be adopted so please check the in season regulation updates by zone before you head out fish-

Oregon's fishing regulations for 2016 are in a new magazine format publication, which is not only more colorful but simpler and easier to read.

tions. ODFW has also expanded opportunities for trout and warmwater fishing and provided more consistent seasons and bag limits.

of the regulations.

maps can be found at the end of each section.

Fee stations to be consolidated to reduce theft

REEDSPORT — Repeated theft and vandalism of fee stations in isolated locations along the Oregon Coast is causing Siuslaw National Forest officials to reconsider how it collects user fees that support local recreational activities.

The frequently targeted fee stations will be removed, and visitors will be directed to nearby fee stations in more secure locations or to local businesses that serve as recreation pass vendors.

The selected fee stations are expected to be removed by

April 2016. Affected sites will have directions posted to the next closest fee station or pass

ing."

A list of recreation pass vendors throughout Oregon and Washington is continually updated at www.fs.usda.gov /siuslaw.







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