

Siuslaw will likely appeal OSAA re-districting decision

Monday's decision by the Classification and Districting Committee denied Siuslaw's request to drop to the 3A division

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Following hours of testimony Monday that included an executive session, the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) Executive Board approved the latest 6-classification model proposed by the OSAA's Classification and Districting Committee.

The only variance was the

board's decision to allow Rogue River to move down from 3A to 2A.

The decision means, beginning in 2018, Siuslaw will join Marshfield, Junction City, Elmira, Cottage Grove and Marist, which is dropping down from the 5A and into the newly-formed 4A Sky-Em League.

Meanwhile, North Bend will move up to the 9-school, 5A

Midwestern League, with Brookings-Harbor, Douglas and South Umpqua dropping down into the new Class 3A Umpqua River Conference with Sutherlin and Medford's Cascade Christian and St. Mary's private schools — a division that Siuslaw had petitioned to join.

The decision to keep Siuslaw in the 4A classification is one that Athletic Director Chris

Johnson says the school plans to appeal.

"We're frustrated," Johnson said of the decision. "We met three of the four criteria to play down."

The fourth was the school's winning percentage, which included several wins against 2A and 3A teams — wins that made Siuslaw's overall winning percentage higher.

"If we run the numbers ver-

sus only 4A teams, we would meet all four categories," said Johnson.

While the move means the Vikings would compete much closer to home by eliminating trips to Brookings-Harbor, Douglas (Winston) and South Umpqua (Tri City), it pits them against a majority of larger schools, with Elmira (370) being the only school smaller than Siuslaw (376).

The committee's latest 33-school 4A-adjusted enrollment sits between 350 and 664 students, using an "adjusted daily membership" (ADM) to determine classification size.

Based on that formula, Banks (368), Sisters (371) and Elmira are the only schools smaller than Siuslaw in the entire Class 4A division.

LADY VIKS GO 2-1 AT MARSHFIELD INV.

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While Far West League regular season play is officially over, the Vikings were still holding out hope for a state play-in if they received a top-24 ranking last night (after press deadlines).

Also last night, Far West

League co-champions Marshfield and South Umpqua battled it out on neutral ground at Coquille High School to determine the league's No. 1 seed and a bye in the first round of state, with the loser being one of eight teams hosting a play-in game later this week.

Meanwhile, North Bend

(ranked 17th) and second place in the Far West is guaranteed a play-in game.

If No. 25 Klamath Union upset No. 3 Hidden Valley last night, it's likely that Siuslaw would fall out of the top 24.

If the Lady Viks, who finished the season in third place at 5-5, nab a play-in game, they would likely travel to

either No. 8 Cascade, No. 7 Astoria or No. 6 Sweet Home.

On Saturday, Siuslaw kept its bump-set-spike limber by competing in the Marshfield Invitational in Coos Bay, where the Lady Viks swept both Junction City and Phoenix 2-0 before losing to North Bend in consolation.

Lady Sailors finish 2017 volleyball season

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The Mapleton volleyball team wrapped up the season at home Saturday with losses to Siletz Valley and McKenzie.

The Lady Sailors opened against the Eagles, mounting rallies late in the first and third sets with aces from juniors Heather Wills, Erin Michael and Brittany Wilson, as well as from freshmen Trinity Peterson and Emily Stevens.

Michael also led offensively with seven kills against McKenzie.

But the Eagles were able to gain momentum in both sets



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Mapleton freshman Emily Stevens blocks a kill against McKenzie on Saturday.

(25-15 and 25-15), as well as dominate the net in game two (25-9) for a three-game sweep.

Against the Warriors, Mapleton fell quickly in the first two sets (25-9, 25-16), then battled back to avoid the sweep in game three with a 25-16 victory, only to fall in the fourth set, 25-9.

The Lady Sailors finish at 1-14 and in eighth place in the Mountain West League, with McKenzie (16-0) taking the league crown.

Oak Hill (0-13) was ninth.

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