

OHA, OSAA release face covering requirements

The Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) received clarification May 19 from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Oregon Department of Education (ODE) regarding face covering requirements guidance as it pertains to outdoor/indoor school sports.

Outdoor Sports: Students, staff, volunteers, and spectators are not required to wear face coverings at outdoor sports events. Until additional updates are provided, all previous physical distancing and capacity restrictions still apply.

Indoor Sports: Fully vaccinated students, staff, volunteers, and spectators are not required to wear face cover-

ings at indoor sports events only when vaccination status is checked by the school in a manner described by OHA in guidance. Until additional updates are provided, all previous physical distancing and capacity restrictions still apply.

These provisions are optional for the venue operators. School districts, charter schools, and private schools may still choose to require face coverings at these events.

Guidance from OHA on entertainment establishment capacity and physical distancing is currently under review and may be updated.

Per the OHA, "fully vaccinated" means an individ-

ual has received both doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine or one dose of a single-dose vaccine and at least 14 days have passed since the individual's final dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

Per the OHA, "proof of vaccination status" means documentation provided by a tribal, federal, state or local government, or a health care provider, that includes an individual's name, date of birth, type of COVID-19 vaccination given, date or dates given, depending on whether it is a one-dose or two-dose vaccine, and the name/location of the health care provider or site where the vaccine was administered.

Documentation may include, but is not limited to, COVID-19 vaccination record card, or a copy or digital picture of the vaccination record card.

The OSAA Executive Board also met last week in a work session to finalize decisions on Season 4 Culminating Week events.

The board spent significant time discussing Season 4 options for schools and culminating events.

As in Seasons 2 and 3, member schools continue to face challenges, but many have found success in local/regional competition models that seek to maximize participation opportunities for all students within a pro-

gram. The board continues to believe that providing local discretion for Culminating Week events allows individual schools to focus on participation and the best decisions for their school and community. Thus, they took action to return the sixth and final week of Season 4 to member schools.

Participation limitations were increased by the board

to allow for additional contests throughout Season 4.

Basketball receives four additional games; wrestling receives one additional date, two additional weigh-ins and five additional mat appearances; and swimming receives two additional dates.

The board is looking forward to the fall of 2021 and the return of OSAA State Championship events.

Boys from B1

were overmatched by a talented Millers squad. The game was never in doubt, and Springfield went on to win going away, 91-36. But

in a short, frenetic six-week season, even such a lopsided loss can bring improvement.

"It's about overcoming adversity," said Hutchison. "We're going to be put in

uncomfortable positions; it's about how you respond to it."

This week, the Lions begin the heart of their Sky-Em League schedule. They were scheduled to travel

to Marshfield to take on the Pirates on Tuesday, then host Elmira at home Thursday before traveling to Junction City for a Saturday afternoon matchup with the Tigers.

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