

OSAA board adjusts calendar to February start date

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The Oregon School Activities Association executive board on Monday, Dec. 7, voted to revise the 2020-21 OSAA calendar by moving the start dates of Season 2 to February, with Seasons 3 and 4 to follow in the spring.

The seasons now will be shorter than they were under the previous plan, which was slated to see the season start Dec. 28.

Under the new plan, each of the three seasons would be six weeks in length, and the sixth will be a culminating week to conclude the season, akin to what was adopted by the OSAA in August.

One change is that Season 2, which could tentatively start Feb. 22, would consist of the traditional fall sports of football, volleyball, soccer and cross-country, it was discussed in the meeting. Spring sports would take place in Season 3, and winter sports in Season 4.



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Prairie City's Brandon Horrell (12) stuffs a shot by lone/Arlington's Jacob Shandy late in the game for the 1A boys state basketball tournament in Baker City last season. The Panthers lost 57-53 to the Cardinals for sixth place in state.

The start dates for each season will be finalized by OSAA staff later Monday.

The changes were made due to an increase in COVID-19 cases in Oregon that led to further restrictions being put in place by Gov. Kate Brown. Under the current regulations, 25 of Oregon's 36 counties are classified as "extreme-risk"

and have the highest level of restrictions.

Peter Weber, OSAA executive director, explained that because of that, only about 42 of the entity's member schools are in a location lower than extreme-risk.

"The OSAA and member schools are bound to follow the guidance for the state.

They are not suggestions. they are requirements," Weber said.

He noted that full-contact sports currently are not allowed by the Oregon Health Authority, and that includes two of the sports in the season that was to start Dec. 28 — basketball and wrestling.

"Basketball and wrestling currently are still prohibited by the state," he said in opening the discussion at the virtual meeting. "We need to make some changes."

The board considered two proposals — one for two nine-week seasons that each had a culminating week, and the adopted proposal of three six-week seasons.

Almost immediately, it was clear during the meeting that the three-season model was favored, as several board members expressed concern of the sports being split in such a way that athletes would have to choose between two events they would have otherwise taken part in. Under the two-sea-

son model, golf and swimming would have been included with the traditional fall sports and basketball and wrestling would have been lumped in with the spring sports.

"I am concerned statewide with the overlapping of sports," said Curt Shelley, board vice president and superintendent at Tillamook. "That could be a 6A-1A issue.

"I like the three-season sports season for that. I think it gets the prime time of the seasons and the best weather for that."

"I, too, support the three-season model as well," said Jack Henderson, Dufur athletic director and football coach and 1A representative. "The stacking is really, really difficult."

Jeff Clark, 2A representative and principal at Oakland High School, said the two-season model was not an option.

"A three-season model is our best option because it allows us to offer everything at this point," he said. "If we

adopt the two-season model, we are already canceling sports in some fashion."

Representatives for the Oregon Athletic Directors Association and the Oregon Athletic Officials Association also expressed concern with the overlap.

Jack Folliard, the OAOA rep on the executive board, said, for example, there are 1,000 basketball referees in the state, and 250 of them also ump baseball or softball. Overlapping those two sports would leave an already-shorthanded officiating group statewide hamstrung.

"I cannot, in good conscience, guarantee we could cover sports in a two-season (model)," Folliard said.

Weber explained OSAA staff's reasoning for late February, saying that date allows for time for new COVID-19 cases to hopefully decrease and works around winter weather.

"By pushing that date further, we believe that sets us up for success," he said.

COPS AND COURTS

Arrests and citations in the Blue Mountain Eagle are taken from the logs of law enforcement agencies. Every effort is made to report the court disposition of arrest cases.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Dec. 2:

Concealed handgun licenses: 2

Average inmates: 11
Bookings: 3
Releases: 5
Arrests: 2
Citations: 0
Fingerprints: 1
Civil papers: 21
Warrants processed: 1
Assistance/Welfare check: 0
Search and Rescue: 0

Grant County Justice Court

Violation of basic rule: Joshua C. Halvorson, 31, Hillsboro, Nov. 4, 74/55 zone, fined

\$165; Corbett D. Ryder, 54, Crooked River RNC, March 12, 82/55 zone, fined \$265; Jackson Christiansen, 21, Pasco, Washington, Nov. 4, 82/55 zone, fined \$265; Merle R. Brown, 77, Bend, Oct. 29, 73/55 zone, fined \$165; Lee E. Koehn, 72, Mesa, Washington, Nov. 4, 72/55 zone, fined \$165; Colton A. Lee, 18, Salem, Oct. 30, 90/55 zone, fined \$440; Melissa F. Hertel, 51, Baker City, 82/55 zone, fined \$265; Cameron K. Foster, 32, Bend, Oct. 29, 71/55 zone, fined \$165; Austin A. Brown, 30, Dayville, Nov. 5, 69/55 zone, fined \$165; Marc J. Lallaman, 57, Portland, Nov. 2, 75/55 zone, fined \$165; Taylor A. Lovell, 19, Milton Freewater, Sept. 28, 86/55 zone, fined \$440.

Driving while suspended: Jessica A. Resch, 29, Baker City, Aug. 14, fined \$440.

Driving uninsured: Tyler W. King, 23, John Day, Nov. 18, fined \$265; Karlie M. Koch, 38, John Day, Sept. 25, fined \$265;

Jessica A. Resch, 29, Baker City, Aug. 14, fined \$265.

No operator's license: Brian P. Martin, 43, Prairie City, Nov. 22, fined \$265; Tyler W. King, 23, John Day, Nov. 18, fined \$265.

Failure to obey traffic control device: Tyler W. King, 23, John Day, Nov. 18, fined \$265.

Failure to install ignition interlock device: Brian P. Martin, 43, Prairie City, Nov. 22, fined \$440.

Carrying loaded firearm on ATV: Brook N. Buckner, 26, Umatilla, Oct. 30, fined \$265; Nicholas G. Nova, 29, Tualatin, Oct. 30, fined \$265.

Unlawful possession of antlerless deer: Terry L. Brokaw, 64, Molalla, Sept. 8, fined \$440.

Operating ATV without permit: Tanner J. Walker, 26, Umatilla, Oct. 30, fined \$165.

Improper display of registration: Karlie M. Koch, 38, John Day, Sept. 25, fined \$115.

Oregon State Police

Nov. 28: A trooper cited Wesley Burke, 26, of John Day in lieu of custody for failure to appear on a warrant for a traffic offense

Dec. 1: A trooper contacted Glenn W. Joseph Wadley, 55, of Mt. Vernon at the gas station in Mt. Vernon. Wadley had a felony warrant for his arrest. Due to COVID-19 issues at the Grant County Jail, OSP issued Wadley a citation in lieu of custody and released him from the scene.

Dec. 2: A trooper stopped a pickup near milepost 161 on Highway 26, knowing the driver, Heather A. Reilly, 32, had a felony warrant for her arrest for possession and distribution of methamphetamine. OSP contacted Reilly and took her into custody without incident. Reilly's truck was secured and left at the scene. OSP transported Reilly to the Grant County Jail where she was lodged.

Dec. 5: A trooper assisted the

Grant County Sheriff's Office with an assault investigation. Grant County Sheriff's Office arrested Joshua Haskins, 36, of Prairie City for second-degree theft, unlawful use of a weapon, pointing a firearm at another and fourth-degree assault.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 100 calls during the week of Dec. 1-6, including:

John Day Police Department

Dec. 2: Received a report of theft at a business on Northwest Canton Street.

Dec. 5: Responded to remove a roadkill deer on Highway 26 near milepost 160.

Dec. 6: Advised of a theft in John Day.

Dec. 6: Received a report of criminal mischief and requested extra patrol at a business on West Main Street.

Dec. 6: Advised of cattle on the roadway on Highway 26

near milepost 166.

Grant County Sheriff's Office

Dec. 1: Received a report of a theft on West Ninth Street.

Dec. 2: Received a report of an harassment on Lower Yard Road.

Dec. 5: Received a report of an assault on North McHaley Street.

John Day ambulance

Dec. 1: Responded to a 71-year-old man vomiting on McKern Lane.

Dec. 3: Responded for a patient with breathing issues and severe pain on South Washington Street.

Dec. 4: Responded for a patient with severe stomach pain on North Humbolt Street.

John Day fire

Dec. 3: Received a report of a flue fire on Hillcrest Drive.

Canyon City fire

Dec. 3: Responded to a possible chimney fire and smoke in a residence in Canyon City.



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