

WHAT IS THE OSAA?

In 1918, administrators from 36 Oregon high schools met in Portland to discuss how best to address their shared recognition of the need for consistent eligibility rules for high school athletes. They concluded that an organization was needed to coordinate and regulate high school interscholastic competition and agreed to establish the Oregon State High School Athletic Association. The name was changed to the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) in 1947 to reflect the widening scope of activities available to high schools students outside of traditional athletics.

Today, the OSAA is a private, non-profit association comprised of 292 member high schools representing nearly 200 Oregon cities.



The Association is sanctioned by the Oregon State Board of Education every five years and is governed by a thirteen-member Executive Board and a 43-member Delegate Assembly.

Each year more than 120,000 high school students participate in OSAA-sanctioned activities throughout the state. In addition, the Association administers 116 high school state championships in 19 activities:

FALL

Cross Country*
Volleyball
Soccer*
Football

WINTER

Cheerleading
Swimming*
Wrestling
Basketball*
Dance/Drill

SPRING

Speech
Solo Music
Choir
Band/Orchestra
Golf*
Tennis*
Track & Field*
Baseball
Softball

* = separate championship for boys and girls

ENDOWMENT GAMES

Endowment Games allow schools, parents, fans and communities to be active participants in growing the OSAA Foundation. Teams are able to play an additional game in volleyball, cross country, soccer, football, swimming, wrestling, basketball, baseball, softball and track with fifty percent of the gross gate receipts from each Endowment Game put into the OSAA Foundation. Participating schools are able to use the other fifty percent of gross gate receipts to cover expenses associated with playing and/or hosting the contest, including travel, officials, personnel, and security.

Through 2006-07 more than 200 Endowment Games have occurred with over \$330,000 split between the Foundation and member schools.



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OSAA FOUNDATION

*Enhancing the Future of
Oregon High School Activities*



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THE VALUE OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Educational activities are an extension of the classroom and an integral part of the ongoing education of our young people. While participating in educational activities, students learn valuable lifelong lessons that can be as important as those taught in the classroom. Participation in educational activities:

- enriches the high school experience
- promotes citizenship/sportsmanship
- instills pride in communities
- teaches teamwork and self-discipline
- facilitates a student's development



Educational activities are different than club or recreational sports in that they exist to prepare young people for the next level in life, not for the college or professional ranks.

Compared to the general student population, students in educational activities have:

- better grades
- better attendance records
- lower dropout rates
- fewer discipline problems

Educational activities develop students to be their best as individuals, as teammates, and as members of their local communities.

High school activity programs are inherently educational.

GOALS AND PLANS FOR THE OSAA FOUNDATION

The goals of the OSAA Foundation are:

- to help ensure the future of educational high school activities in Oregon
- to maintain and enhance participation opportunities for the more than 120,000 Oregon high school students involved in OSAA-sanctioned activities annually
- to increase statewide awareness regarding the benefits of participation in educational high school activities

The OSAA Foundation exists through contributions from individuals, businesses, foundations, and Endowment Game revenue.



Our plan is to use the interest generated to maintain and enhance programs and fund special initiatives that are important to the OSAA and its member schools.

To that end the OSAA Foundation allocated its initial disbursement of funds in the Fall of 2007 to purchase an anti-hazing DVD for all 292 OSAA member schools. The DVD aims to educate administrators, staff, coaches, parents and students about the problem of hazing, the possible consequences and what can be done to combat this growing issue.

The long range goal of the OSAA Foundation is to grow through OSAA-driven programs and contributions from individuals, businesses and foundations in order to provide a more stable financial base for our schools and the students of tomorrow.

DONATION FORM

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Thank you for enhancing the future of Oregon High School Activities.