

# Oregon High School Equestrian Teams Inc.

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## Goals:

1. To provide manageable size districts.
2. To protect the integrity of competition between schools and districts, as in other more traditional high school athletics.

## Currently:

1. Eight districts exist:
  - a. Central
  - b. North East
  - c. North Valley
  - d. North West
  - e. Southern
  - f. South Valley
  - g. Tri-River Valley
  - h. Willamette
2. Districts were last re-assigned in 2008.

## Process:

1. If a need for re-districting is evidenced, the State Board will assign a committee to investigate the options, determine needs, and review current maps and district lines.
2. This committee will be made up by the State or Vice Chair and a representative from each district that will potentially be affected by any possible change.
3. The Committee must first consider and address the following four criteria before considering supplemental criteria:
  - a. Safety of student participants and spectators, parents and other spectators, and school and other personnel
  - b. Minimizing loss of student instructional time
  - c. Minimizing the expenditure of school district and student and parent participant funds
  - d. School enrollment data
4. All schools within a single school district that are in the same size classification shall be assigned to the same competition district unless the school board of the affected school district agrees to a different assignment
5. The Committee may also consider the following supplemental criteria, in addition to any others they deem relevant:
  - a. District Budgets
  - b. Facility Size and Availability
  - c. Athlete Travel
  - d. Number of Athletes per District
  - e. Human resources and available leadership
6. The committee will meet as deemed necessary by the State Chair/Vice Chair and prepare a proposal, including a transition time-line, to be presented to the State Board.
7. After the proposal is presented to the State Board at a regular meeting, board members, re-districting committee members, or district chairs, will take the proposal back to their districts for review AND specifically meet with teams who will be expected to move.
8. The State Board will consider feedback, alter the proposal as deemed appropriate, and vote on the final proposal at the next scheduled meeting. The vote will be determined as with any other state board vote.

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## **Appeals:**

1. Since the process is public and all affected districts are participatory, appeals should not be necessary.
2. However, if a school feels they have grounds for appeal, they may apply in writing, addressing their request to the state chair.
3. In order to be considered, the appeal request must include:
  - a. The reason(s) for appeal. "Not wanting to change" is not a reason for appeal.
  - b. The contact person for the school – who is submitting the request
  - c. Must be signed by a school administrator, the coach and advisor of the team
  - d. Must be submitted within 45-days of the official notice (State Board Vote).
4. Appeals will be dealt with on a case by case basis, by the State Board. Those who appeal should expect to be present at the next State Board meeting following their submission in order to answer questions.
5. Granting an appeal will be by vote of the State Board, as with any other vote. Their decision will be final.

## **Maps:**

Current maps outlining district boundaries are available upon request.