

LVI. INTERRUPTION OF EVENTS DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS OR OTHER EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES

A. On occasion, a state or local government authority or a local Board of Education/School Governing Board may, due to a specific public health concern or other emergency circumstances, cause a member school to be closed for a full school day or longer, which prohibits a member school team from participating in a scheduled regular season contest. School closing shall mean that the local health authority or Board of Education/Governing Board has cancelled all secondary school classes and school sponsored extracurricular activities for a minimum of one full school day due to a specific public health concern. In that event:

- i) If the results of the contest *would not* impact placement in a play-off bracket (volleyball, cross country, fall baseball, Class A or B fast-pitch softball, basketball, wrestling, swimming, slow-pitch softball, track and field, tennis, golf, Class A or B spring baseball, Academic Bowl, or Speech and Debate) the two schools should make all reasonable efforts to reschedule the contest at a different date and time within the regular season, but if the schools are unable to reschedule, the two schools may choose to cancel the contest;
- ii) If the results of the contest *would* impact placement in a play-off bracket (classes 2A-6A fast-pitch softball, football, dual wrestling, soccer, classes 2A-6A spring baseball) the two schools are required to make an effort to mutually agree upon a date and time to reschedule the contest prior to the beginning of the play-offs in that activity. The agreement to reschedule should occur within 48 hours of the original contest. If the two teams are unable to agree on a rescheduled date and time:
 - (a) Placement in the play-off bracket shall be determined by won/loss percentage for all teams in the district, and marginal points shall not be considered in breaking ties between teams;
 - (b) If two or more teams are tied in won-loss percentage, the highest position in the district will be given to the team that won over the tied team(s); if the highest position cannot be determined according to the outcomes in head-to-head contests between the tied teams, the highest position in the district will be determined by lot.

If two or more tied teams are remaining after the highest position is determined, the next highest position in the district will be given to the team that won in head-to-head contests over the other remaining tied teams; if the next highest position cannot be determined according to the outcomes in head-to-head contests between the remaining tied teams, the next highest position in the district will be determined by lot. This same procedure will be repeated until all play-off positions for the district teams have been determined.

The OSSAA will set the procedure for determining placement by lot.

B. If a decision by a state or local government authority, or by the State or local Board of Education/School Governing Board, concerning a specific public health concern or other emergency circumstances, interrupts the conduct, scheduling, or locations of play-off contests, the Executive Director is authorized to develop and execute a plan in the best interest of the membership to continue, reschedule, or relocate post-season play. The Executive Director's plan and determinations shall be considered valid and effective.