

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, August 30, 2011

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Fred Smith, Buchanan
Karen Leinaar, Bear Lake

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

Executive Committee Authority and Responsibility – The Executive Committee reviewed its authority under Article VII of the MHSAA Constitution and specifically its responsibility to consider each application for waiver of an eligibility requirement on its individual merits, determining if the regulation serves the purpose for which it was intended in each case or if the regulation works an undue hardship on any student who is the subject of a request for waiver. (These underlying criteria may not be restated for every subject of these minutes.)

The Executive Committee was reminded that it was the responsibility of each member school involved to provide sufficient factual information about the specific request for the Executive Committee to reach a decision without further investigation. If information is incomplete, contradictory or otherwise unclear or has been received too late to be studied completely, the Executive Committee may deny the request for waiver or delay action. Such requests may be resubmitted to the Executive Committee with additional information at a subsequent meeting or appealed to the full Representative Council.

It is possible that some of the information presented as facts to the Executive Committee by school personnel and others may be inaccurate. However, to avoid constant repetition in this report of phrases such as “it was alleged” or “it was reported,” no attempt is made in the introduction of each waiver request to distinguish between truth, allegation, hearsay, opinion, summary or conclusion. If any information provided to the Executive Committee is inaccurate, any decision of the Executive Committee to grant waiver of a regulation shall be null and void.

The Executive Committee is not authorized to approve waiver based on alleged or actual differences between schools based on “environment,” demographics, curriculum or extracurricular offerings. A determination of undue hardship is a matter addressed to the discretion of the Executive Committee within the educational philosophy and secondary role of voluntary extracurricular competitive athletics in the academic environment. The Executive Committee will avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority. The contract the MHSAA has with member schools obligates the MHSAA to not change rules during the school year.

Students for whom waiver of a particular regulation is approved must be eligible in all other respects under all sections and interpretations of the regulations prior to their participation.

Adoption of these regulations, as well as policies, procedures and schedules of MHSAA tournaments, is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the post-season tournaments it sponsors to those schools which choose to apply rules and penalties as promulgated by the MHSAA and adopted by each member school’s board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students.

Allegan and Hopkins High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its next meeting a partially completed application for a cooperative program in boys swimming & diving between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 1,342 students would place a new team in the Division 1 tournament. Allegan sponsored swimming previously and would be the primary school. Board approval, superintendents' signatures and support from the Southwest & Central Michigan Swim League is in process.

Belleville, Ypsilanti-Lincoln and Ypsilanti-Willow Run High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – On June 15, 2011, the Executive Committee approved a request to waive the 3,500-student enrollment limitation to allow one 12th-grade student from Willow Run High School to be grandfathered into a newly forming ice hockey cooperative program between these three schools for the 2011-12 school year. The Executive Committee approved the cooperative program with Lincoln (1,530 students), Belleville (1,697 students) and Willow Run (426 students). Lincoln and Belleville's combined enrollment is 3,227 students; the addition of Willow Run totals 3,663 students and will be for one year in order to allow one student to continue. The team will compete in the Division 1 tournament. Belleville will continue as the primary school. Support from the Southeastern Conference was submitted.

Benzonia-Benzie Central, Buckley, Kingsley, Leland, Maple City-Glen Lake, Traverse City Christian, Traverse City-Grand Traverse Academy and Traverse City-College Prep Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its next meeting a partially completed application for the addition of one school and deletion of another school to an existing cooperative program in ice hockey between eight schools. The combined enrollment of 1,856 students would continue placement of a team in the Division 2 tournament. Benzie Central High School would continue as the primary school of this program which began with seven teams in June 2008 and increased to eight teams in September 2010 when Frankfort and Grand Traverse Academy were removed and Buckley, Leland and Onekama were added. The present request is to remove Onekama and return Traverse City-Grand Traverse Academy to the program. Because the team is not in a league, support from eight future opponents has been submitted. Only Benzie Central's signatures were included. No board resolutions have been received.

Bridgman and New Buffalo High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 532 students will place a new team in the Division 3 tournament. Bridgman sponsored wrestling previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Lakeland Conference and Red Arrow Conference was received.

Flint-Kearsley, Holly and Ortonville-Brandon High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Ortonville-Brandon to a cooperative program in ice hockey which has existed between Kearsley and Holly since 2010. The combined enrollment of 3,443 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 1 tournament. Kearsley will continue as the primary school. Support from the Flint Metro League was submitted.

Gladwin, Beaverton, Harrison, Houghton Lake and West Branch-Ogemaw Heights High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its next meeting a partially completed application for the addition of Ogemaw Heights to a cooperative program in ice hockey which has existed between the other four schools since 2001. The combined enrollment of 2,734 students would continue placement of a team in the Division 1 tournament. Gladwin would continue as the primary school. Support from the Northern Michigan Hockey League, signatures and Board approval from all schools is scheduled for upcoming board meetings.

Jackson, Jackson-Northwest and Parma-Western High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its next meeting a partially completed application for a cooperative program in ice hockey between these three schools whose combined enrollment of 3,171 students would continue placement of a team in the Division 1 tournament. Jackson and Parma-Western were previously in a cooperative program with Vandercook Lake and Springport which recently dissolved. Jackson would continue as the primary school. Support from the CAAC is pending.

Kalamazoo-Heritage Christian and Kalamazoo-Reformed Heritage Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its next meeting a cooperative program between Heritage Christian and Reformed Heritage Christian High School which is a school in the process of becoming an MHSAA member for the first time. The agreement is in boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, boys and girls cross country, girls volleyball and baseball. Fall sports would not activate until 2012-13. The combined enrollment would be 122 students; Heritage Christian would be the primary school. Support from the Alliance League has not been submitted. The MHSAA membership of Reformed Heritage Christian is in process.

Lapeer West and Lapeer East High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey between these two schools of the same district whose combined enrollment of 2,130 students will place a new team in the Division 1 tournament. Both schools sponsored ice hockey previously; Lapeer West will be the primary school. Support from the Flint Metro League was submitted.

Muskegon—Reeths-Puffer, Montague, Muskegon-Catholic Central and North Muskegon High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey between these four schools whose combined enrollment of 2,095 students will move a team from the Division 3 to the Division 1 tournament. Reeths-Puffer sponsored ice hockey previously and will be the primary school. Support from the OK and River Valley Conferences were received.

Pinckney and Chelsea High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its next meeting a cooperative program in boys alpine skiing between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 2,339 students would continue placement of a team in the Division 1 tournament. Pinckney sponsored skiing previously and would be the primary school. Signatures from both schools, Board resolutions and support from a league or future opponents have not been submitted.

Rockford and Sparta High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls gymnastics between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 2,437 students will place a new team in the Division 1 tournament. Rockford sponsored girls gymnastics previously and will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was received.

Saginaw-Swan Valley, Hemlock, Midland-Bullock Creek and Sanford-Meridian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Bullock Creek and Meridian High Schools to a cooperative program in ice hockey which has existed between Swan Valley and Hemlock since 2006. The combined enrollment of 2,130 students will move the team from the Division 3 to the Division 1 tournament. Swan Valley will continue as the primary school. Support from eight future opponents was received.

Adrian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically the language of Exception 2 (parents' marital status) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose parents never married and who is now living with his mother in the Adrian School District after living with an older brother in Detroit and relatives in Texas during 2010-11. The student's father has not been part of the student's life. Exception 2 states that a student who was not living with his parents would be eligible immediately when moving to reside with his "parents, the single parent if divorced, or only living parent who already resides in that district."

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Huron High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who ran away from his family in Georgia after a domestic violence situation on April 10, 2011. The student has moved to the residence of an aunt in the Ann Arbor-Huron attendance area and enrolled on April 18, 2011. The mother intends to join the student, following court proceedings in Georgia. The student's biological father is deceased.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Armada High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who changed schools for a more stable environment. The student previously attended Richmond High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bay City-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 73 (9th grader practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student practiced volleyball for eight days from Aug. 10-22, 2011 with Unionville-Sebewaing High School and four days with Bay City-Central on Aug. 11, 12, 15 and 16, 2011 before enrolling at Bay City-Central. Because of a possible residence change, the student practiced with both schools on four days, not realizing it was a violation. The student did not participate in a contest or scrimmage for either school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for subvarsity volleyball until Jan. 16, 2012. The student is eligible immediately at any level in other sports.

Berrien Springs High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose father was killed in the line of U.S. Government duty in March 2009 and whose stepmother recently contacted an uncle indicating she would no longer raise the student. The student previously attended Grosse Pointe North High School, participated in athletics, and moved to the home of an uncle in Benton Harbor in July 2011. An older sister had preceded the student to the uncle's home in 2010 and graduated from Berrien Springs in 2011. The student's birth mother is not in the student's life.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Beverly Hills-Groves High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose father was diagnosed with an illness in January 2011 and whose medical disability and inability to drive makes it difficult for him to attend his son's activities at his former school, U of D Jesuit. The family lives less than two miles from Groves. U of D Jesuit is 11 miles from their residence.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 73 (9th grader practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student practiced football for 7-8 days from Aug. 8-16, 2011 with Waterford Kettering High School before enrolling at Brother Rice. The student did not participate in a contest or scrimmage and had registered to enroll in April 2011 and taken summer school classes at Brother Rice before practicing with Waterford Kettering.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for subvarsity football until Jan. 16, 2012. The student is eligible immediately at any level in other sports.

Canton-Plymouth High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was enrolled at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central for two days on Aug. 16-17, 2011, practiced but did not participate in a contest or scrimmage at Catholic Central. The student was a 9th grader at Plymouth High School and has reenrolled to begin the 2011-12 school year prior to the start of classes at Plymouth.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Canton-Salem High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who was the subject of inappropriate physical contact by an employee of another school which the student previously attended in May 2011.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Concord High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 73 (9th grader practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student practiced football for one day on Aug. 17, 2011 with Parma-Western High School before enrolling at Concord. The student did not participate in a contest or scrimmage.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for subvarsity football until Jan. 16, 2012. The student is eligible immediately at any level in other sports.

Concord High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Concord from the 2nd-9th grades before a dispute arose between the school and student's sister which resulted in both students enrolling in the Jonesville Alternative Phoenix Secondary School for part of the 9th and 10th grades (2009-2011). The student has not participated previously in athletics.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Dearborn High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 73 (9th grader practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student practiced volleyball for 8-9 days on Aug. 10-19, 2011 with Divine Child High School before enrolling at Dearborn. The student did not participate in a contest or scrimmage. The family had moved earlier in the summer from Lincoln Park to Dearborn.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for subvarsity volleyball until Jan. 16, 2012. The student is eligible immediately at any level in other sports.

Detroit-Loyola High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose mother was called to active military duty in North Carolina on Dec. 20, 2011, while the student was living in the Detroit-Henry Ford attendance area and was enrolled at Detroit-U of D Jesuit. It was planned that the student move in temporarily with his grandmother who lived reasonably close to U of D, complete the 2010-11 school year at U of D Jesuit, and then reside with an older sister in the Cody High School attendance area. The student has enrolled at Loyola, which is the closest all-boys Catholic high school to the sister's residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Dexter High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose mother uses narcotics and whose home in Brighton was sold this summer, leaving the student without a place to live. The student attended Brighton High School for the 9th and 10th grades and participated in athletics. He resides with family friends in the Dexter School District.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Elk Rapids High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who is under medical care and in counseling which recommended the student change schools for a more intimate, customized learning environment. The student previously attended Canton-Plymouth High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Fenton High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 73 (9th grader practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student practiced volleyball for five days from Aug. 10-16 with Lake Fenton High School before enrolling at Fenton. The student did not participate in a contest or scrimmage. On Aug. 1, 2011, the parents had made application for all five of their children to attend Fenton Schools but were not notified of their acceptance until Aug. 18, 2011.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for subvarsity volleyball until Jan. 16, 2012. The student is eligible immediately at any level in other sports.

Ferndale High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose mother lost her income and is unable to afford tuition or transport her son to Orchard Lake-St. Mary's where he attended for the 9th grade and participated in athletics.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose family has made a full and complete residential change from South Korea to Grand Rapids but whose new home is slightly closer to South Christian High School (0.23 miles). The family's business is closer to Grand Rapids Christian, they attend an affiliated church and have a niece who recently graduated from there.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Houghton Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was the victim of an assault this summer which is part of an ongoing investigation. The student has moved without her mother to the residence of her grandmother in the Houghton Lake School District. The assaulter continues to live in the town of the student's previous residence. The parent and police recommended the student move to Houghton Lake, and the previous school confirmed this. The father has not been part of the student's life.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Indian River-Inland Lakes High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Inland Lakes his entire life before enrolling at Onaway-Presque Isle Academy in February 2011 due to an illness. The student has received treatment for his illness and has been released by his physician to return to Inland Lakes to begin the 2011-12 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ishpeming-Westwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 12th-grade foreign exchange student from a CSJET-listed program whose host family resides in Marquette. A 12th-grade daughter has attended Westwood for all of high school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Lake Leelanau-St. Mary High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the boys tennis cooperative program between Maple City-Glen Lake, Glen Arbor-The Leelanau School, Leland and St. Mary which was a school recently added to this agreement in May 2011. The student attended Leland last year. Support from Leland High School was presented. The student participated in the cooperative program in 2010-11. The 2011-12 school year will be St. Mary's first year of participating in the agreement.

The Executive Committee approved the request for tennis only until Jan. 16, 2012.

Marquette High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 73 (9th grader practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student practiced football for three days from Aug. 8-10, 2011 with Ishpeming High School before enrolling at Marquette. The student did not participate in a contest or scrimmage.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for subvarsity football until Jan. 16, 2012. The student is eligible immediately at any level in other sports.

Monroe-St. Mary Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who changed schools because Toledo-Catholic Central dropped its ice hockey program in which he participated. The student attended a Catholic grade school in Monroe.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Muskegon High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student has lived in the Muskegon School District his entire life and previously attended Orchard View High School before enrolling at Muskegon High School on March 16, 2011.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Muskegon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who moved from his divorced father in Muskegon-Orchard View to divorced mother in the Muskegon School District. Orchard View High School declined to sign the Educational Transfer Form. The student will begin the 2011-12 school year at Muskegon High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Muskegon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose parents never married and who moved from his mother in Muskegon-Orchard View to father in the Muskegon School District. Orchard View High School declined to sign the Educational Transfer Form. The student enrolled on March 16, 2011.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Negaunee High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade foreign exchange student from a CSJET-listed program whose host family resides in Ishpeming. The host family has children who attended Negaunee Schools for the past seven years.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

New Boston-Huron High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 73 (9th grader practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student practiced volleyball for two days on Aug. 10 and 11, 2011 with Monroe-St. Mary Catholic Central High School before enrolling at New Boston-Huron. The student did not participate in a contest or scrimmage.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for subvarsity volleyball until Jan. 16, 2012. The student is eligible immediately at any level in other sports.

Norton Shores-Mona Shores High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On Aug. 10, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose mother died when he was 10 and whose father has not been in his life. The student lived with an aunt and attended Mona Shores Schools through the 10th grade (2009-10). To begin the 11th grade in the 2010-11 school year, the student moved with his aunt and her family to Indiana and did not participate in athletics. The student has returned to the Mona Shores School District to the home of another aunt and is reenrolling to begin the 2011-12 school year. Subsequently, additional significant information was discovered that the student returned to Muskegon (to a different aunt) because the aunt in Indiana is unable to care for the student as she is hospitalized and gravely ill.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Petoskey High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 73 (9th grader practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student practiced volleyball for one day on Aug. 10, 2011 with Indian River-Inland Lakes High School before enrolling at Petoskey. The student did not participate in a contest or scrimmage.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for subvarsity volleyball until Jan. 16, 2012. The student is eligible immediately at any level in other sports.

St. Clair Shores-Lakeview High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 73 (9th grader practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student practiced soccer for five days from Aug. 10-16, 2011 with both St. Clair Shores-South Lake and Lakeview High Schools before enrolling at Lakeview. The student did not participate in a contest or scrimmage. The student is a resident of the Lakeview School District and was intending to enroll at Lake Shore pending an appeal to Lakeview that he not be required to repeat the 8th grade. When it was determined that the student would not have to repeat the 8th grade, the student enrolled at Lakeview.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for subvarsity soccer until Jan. 16, 2012. The student is eligible immediately at any level in other sports.

Union City High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has been a lifelong resident of Union City, previously attended Coldwater-Pansophia Academy and was enrolled in college level courses at the age of 15 as a 10th-grade student. To eliminate driving costs, the student will be enrolling at Union City High School and be dually enrolled at Kellogg Community College and/or the 21st Century Health, Calhoun Career Center.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Warren-Lincoln High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who moved with his older brother from Detroit where they resided with the father into the Warren-Lincoln School District in October 2010. The 67 year old father has failing health and did not move with the student and brother. The student finished the 2010-11 school year at Detroit-Kettering High School before enrolling at Lincoln, the school district where his brother's new residence is located. The student's mother is incarcerated.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Whitehall High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose mother is having health problems. The student has moved from Sturgis and is residing with a family in the Whitehall School District.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ypsilanti-Lincoln High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose father has worked for three years partly in Michigan and partly in North Carolina. The father and son have moved from North Carolina to the residence of the grandmother in the Lincoln School District. The mother has remained in North Carolina. The father is anticipating a job promotion that would allow the entire family to relocate.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Subvarsity Waiver Requests Meeting All Conditions of Section 9(B) – The Executive Committee approved immediate eligibility at the subvarsity level for the following transferring 9th- or 10th-grade students (after entering 9th grade, before completing 10th grade) **who have not previously participated in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest in any MHSAA sport at the high school level** (whether MHSAA member schools or not) and who do not qualify for one of the 15 stated exceptions to the transfer regulation and have transferred for reasons having nothing to do with athletics, discipline or family finances and would not require Executive Committee evaluation or comparison of school demographics or curriculum:

Requesting High School	Grade	Former High School	Date of Enrollment	Length of Subvarsity Eligibility Status
Benzonia-Benzie Central	10	Traverse City Christian	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Big Rapids	10	West Chicago Community	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	10	Dearborn	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
East Lansing	10	Grand Ledge	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Elsie—Ovid-Elsie	10	Pontiac	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Ewart	10	Daystar Christian	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern	10	Grand Rapids-West MI Aviation Academy	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Gr Rapids-North-Pointe Christian	10	Grand Rapids-Well-spring Preparatory	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Holland-West Ottawa	10	Clarkston	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Lansing-Everett	10	Lansing-Waverly	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Oxford	10	Matamoros, Mexico	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Perry	10	Carson City-Crystal	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Pittsford	10	Hillsdale	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Pontiac-Notre Dame Prep	10	Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice	Sept. 2001	Jan. 16, 2012
Sault Ste Marie-Sault Area	10	Brimley	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Vestaburg	10	West Highland Christian	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012

Flint-Michigan School for the Deaf (Regulation II, Section 6) – A request to waive the travel limitation was made to allow Michigan School for the Deaf to compete in a four-team tournament on Jan. 5 and 8, 2012, hosted by the Kentucky School for the Deaf which also includes the deaf schools from Georgia, Ohio and Indiana. The round-trip mileage is 846 miles. In June 2010, the Executive Committee approved travel to this event in January 2011.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ionia High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 236, a request to waive the three- (or four-) player rule for the 2011-12 school year was made on behalf of an assistant girls and boys swim coach whose income to date is from serving as an assistant coach for 6th graders and below at the Rapids Area YMCA Swim Club (RAYS) and 15 hours per week at the Ionia Community Library. The RAYS program is open to the general public and averages 200 participants from ages 5-18 from nine school districts, including Ionia. The program operates out of three pools (Grand Rapids Southeast YMCA, Forest Hills Aquatic Center and the Ionia High School pool which is also the Ionia County YMCA Pool). The current RAYS coach at the Ionia County YMCA has recently resigned and this coach has been asked to fill that position, which will place her in contact with 15-20 participants who are students in grades 7-12 of the Ionia Public Schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach for 2011-12.

Regulation III, Section 1(C) – Pursuant to 2011-12 *Handbook* Interpretation 261, the Executive Committee approved waiver of the enrollment regulation for the following junior high/middle schools to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th and/or 8th graders for the sports listed in the 2011-12 school year only.

Junior High/ Middle School	Sport(s)	High School Enrollment	Middle School Enrollment
Burton-St. Thomas More	boys & girls basketball, girls volleyball	39	15 7 th & 8 th graders
Kinross-Maple- wood Baptist	girls volleyball	28	15 7 th & 8 th graders
Lake Leelanau- St. Mary	boys & girls basketball	62	33 7 th & 8 th graders
Traverse City Christian	girls volleyball	95	33 7 th & 8 th graders

Marion Middle School (Regulation III, Section 1(C)) – A request to waive the enrollment regulation was made so that 6th-grade students may participate with and against 7th- and 8th-grade students in boys and girls basketball, boys and girls cross country and boys and girls track & field. The high school enrollment is 179 students; there are 40 7th graders and 39 8th graders in the middle school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request

Hart High School (Regulation III, Section 2(C)) – A request to waive the participation provision of the Eligibility Advancement Application was made on behalf of an 8th-grade 15 year old adopted student who attends Hart-Oceana Christian School and would like to participate in soccer at Hart High School. The provision of the regulation states that students with a completed application “may participate in a 9-12 grade program of that school district, even if it is in a separate building.” Oceana Christian does not have a high school, is located in Hart (the only high school in Hart) and recently formed cooperative programs with several Hart Middle School teams. The student intends to attend Hart High School to begin the 9th-grade in 2012-13. A completed Eligibility Advancement Application was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver, noting that this participation will fulfill the one-time use of Exception 10 (incoming 9th grader) of the transfer regulation.

Eight-Player Football Playoffs – The Executive Committee approved a recommendation that all rounds of the 2011 eight-player playoffs, up to and including the semifinals, be hosted by the higher seeded team.

New Member Schools – Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution adopted by member schools and according to procedures for MHSAA membership adopted by the Representative Council on March 27, 1997, membership is approved for the following schools:

Grand Rapids-Wellspring Preparatory High School is a charter high school chartered through Prep Net and a sister school to Grand River Preparatory, a current MHSAA member school. It is a National Heritage Academies school. The school is in its second year of existence and anticipates 112 incoming 9th-grade students and 68 10th-grade students for an approximate total enrollment of 180 students. The majority of the school's enrollment comes from three middle school charter schools. In 2010-11, the school sponsored junior varsity teams in volleyball, cross country and soccer and anticipates another year of this status as its enrollment is only to the 10th grade. It has also indicated a desire to sponsor boys and girls basketball and boys track & field. The signed 2011-12 MHSAA Membership Resolution was received June 15, 2011. The Athletic Department Code of Conduct and Preliminary Enrollment Declaration have been received. If a 2012-13 Membership Resolution is received prior to Sept. 28, 2012 and provided all other rules are complied with, the school would be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2012-13 school year.

Muskegon-Way Point Academy is a charter high school in its tenth year of operation and was formerly known, in its first two years, as Muskegon Technical Academy. The school was originally chartered by Grand Valley State University and operated by Beacon Ed. As of Aug. 1, the school is managed by One Plus Management from Texas. The school has a 9-12 grade enrollment of 135 students and a middle school with 50 students. The school has previously sponsored a boys basketball team and attempted to offer girls cross country and girls volleyball. The school does not have any facilities but rents a gym from Wesley. The signed 2011-12 MHSAA Membership Resolution was received July 12, 2011. The Athletic Department Code of Conduct and Preliminary Enrollment Declaration have been received. If a 2012-13 Membership Resolution is received prior to Sept. 28, 2012 and provided all other rules are complied with, the school would be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2012-13 school year. The middle school is also seeking to become a member and sponsors a boys basketball team.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Monday, Oct. 3, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in East Lansing.