

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, August 28, 2012

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Fred Smith, Buchanan
William Chilman, Beal City

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.

Bellaire, Central Lake and Mancelona High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls skiing between these three schools whose combined enrollment of 577 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 2 tournament. Bellaire sponsored skiing previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Lake Michigan Ski Conference was provided.

Dearborn Heights-Crestwood, Dearborn Heights-Annapolis and Garden City High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Garden City to a cooperative agreement in ice hockey between Crestwood and Annapolis which has existed since 2010. The combined enrollment of 3,391 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 1 tournament, and Crestwood will continue as the primary school. Support from the Southeast Hockey League was submitted.

Detroit-Cesar Chavez Academy and Melvindale Academy for Business and Technology (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 955 students will place a new team in the Division 2 tournament. Cesar Chavez sponsored wrestling previously and will be the primary school. Support from four future opponents was received.

DeWitt, Alma, Ovid-Elsie and St. Johns High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – On June 13, 2012, the Executive Committee approved a request to waive the 3,500-student enrollment limitation to allow two 11th-grade students and one 12th-grade student (2012-13) from St. Johns High School to be grandfathered into a newly forming ice hockey cooperative program which at that time was intended to include Holt High School for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school years. Since 2000-01, DeWitt and St. Johns High Schools have operated an ice hockey cooperative program and Holt a stand-alone team. It was anticipated that in 2012-13 there would be insufficient numbers to sustain these two teams in their current configuration. Holt High School has since determined that it does not want to enter into this agreement but is seeking another agreement. Alma and Ovid-Elsie will join with DeWitt and St. Johns if approved.

The Executive Committee approved this cooperative program between these four schools for a combined enrollment of 3,159 students. A new team will participate in the Division 1 tournament and the previous action to grandfather St. Johns students will be unnecessary. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was submitted.

Fenton and Linden High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey and boys and girls alpine skiing between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 2,131 students will place a new team in the Division 1 Ice Hockey Tournament and continue placement of a team in Division 1 alpine skiing. Linden was previously in a cooperative program in ice hockey with Lake Fenton and Durand, who will attempt to continue as a two-school cooperative program. Fenton sponsored both sports previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Flint Metro League was submitted.

Grand Ledge, Fowlerville and Lansing-Waverly High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – On May 6, 2012, the Executive Committee approved a request to waive the 3,500-student enrollment limitation to allow one 12th-grade student from Waverly High School to be grandfathered into a newly forming ice hockey cooperative program between these three schools for the 2012-13 school year. Since 1995-96, Waverly and Grand Ledge High Schools have operated an ice hockey cooperative program. It is anticipated that only 12 students will be involved in this program without the addition of Fowlerville, which has nine students interested in participating.

The Executive Committee approved this cooperative program between these three schools for a combined enrollment of 3,695 students. The team will participate in the Division 1 tournament (in excess of the 3,500-student cap). At the conclusion of the 2012-13 school year, Waverly will no longer participate in the program. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was submitted.

Grand Rapids-West Catholic and Grand Rapids-Catholic Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls alpine skiing between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 1,177 students will place one team in the Division 1 tournament. Both schools sponsored the sport previously; West Catholic will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was received.

Grandville, Byron Center and Grandville-Calvin Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Calvin Christian to a cooperative program in ice hockey which has existed between Grandville and Byron Center since 1993. The combined enrollment of 3,249 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 1 tournament. Grandville will continue as the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Jackson-Lumen Christi and Jackson Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 602 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 3 tournament. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was submitted.

Manistee, Hart, Ludington, Manistee Catholic Central, Scottville-Mason County Central and Shelby High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Manistee Catholic Central to a cooperative program in ice hockey which has existed among the other five schools since 2006. The combined enrollment of 2,435 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 1 tournament. Manistee will remain the primary school. Support from the Northern Michigan Hockey League was submitted.

Manistee, Manistee Catholic Central and Onekama High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Onekama to a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving between Manistee and Manistee Catholic Central. Agreements exist in several sports between these two schools. The girls swimming agreement will not take effect until the 2013-14 school year; boys swimming begins with the winter season of 2012-13. Manistee will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 692 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 3 Boys Swimming & Diving Tournament. Support from the Coastal Swim Conference was submitted.

Manistee and Onekama High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the reinstatement of a cooperative program in wrestling which has existed since 2000 between these schools and was dissolved in the spring of 2012. Manistee will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 624 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 3 tournament. Support from the Mid Michigan Wrestling Conference was submitted.

Mayville and Owendale-Gagetown High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its Sept. 11 meeting a partially completed application for a cooperative program in wrestling between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 318 students would continue placement of one team in the Division 4 tournament. Both schools sponsored wrestling previously; Mayville would be the primary school. Support from four future opponents has been requested and is in process.

Monroe and Monroe-Jefferson High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 2,853 students will continue placement of one team in the Division 1 tournament. Both schools sponsored the sport previously; Monroe will be the primary school. Support from the South Eastern Conference was submitted.

Newberry and Engadine High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 349 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 4 tournament. Newberry sponsored wrestling previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Straits Area Conference was submitted.

Royal Oak-Shrine, Clarkston-Everest Collegiate and Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey between these three schools whose combined enrollment of 547 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 3 tournament. Shrine sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Catholic High School League was received.

Rudyard and Cedarville High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 307 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 4 tournament. Rudyard sponsored wrestling previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Straits Area Conference was submitted.

Rudyard, Cedarville and Pickford High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its Sept. 11 meeting a partially completed application for a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving between these three schools whose combined enrollment is 467 students. Rudyard was previously in a cooperative program with St. Ignace-LaSalle High School which has been dissolved. Rudyard would be the primary school. Support from four future opponents has been requested. Signatures from Cedarville and approval from all three boards for the late addition of Cedarville are in process.

Traverse City-St. Francis, Buckley, Elk Rapids, Kalkaska, Kingsley, Leland, Mancelona, Maple City-Glen Lake and Suttons Bay High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Buckley, Kingsley, Leland and Maple City-Glen Lake to a cooperative program in ice hockey among the five other schools which has existed since 2000. A seven-team agreement begun in 2004 with Benzonia-Benzie Central as the primary school has been unable to sustain sufficient participation and has been dissolved. St. Francis will continue as the primary school of this nine-team program whose combined enrollment of 2,682 students will place a new team in the Division 1 tournament (previously Division 2). Support from the Northern Michigan Hockey League was submitted.

Traverse City-St. Francis and Elk Rapids High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls alpine skiing between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 732 students will place one team in the Division 2 tournament. Both Schools sponsored skiing previously, St. Francis in a cooperative agreement with Manistee and Manistee Catholic Central which has dissolved. St. Francis will be the primary school. Support from the Lake Michigan Conference was received.

Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – A request to waive the maximum enrollment and competition portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who had multiple health problems in the 10th grade. In the student's fourth first semester (2011-12), due to his illnesses, the student discontinued attending Darien Public School in Connecticut on Sept. 26, 2011 (prior to the fourth Friday after Labor Day). He had not participated in athletics during this term. The student did not attend any school until January 2012 when he enrolled in a reduced course load at Faith Christian in Virginia, a school designed for students with his needs. The student is near achieving a satisfactory previous academic credit record and would be eligible under the transfer rule with the completion of an Educational Transfer Form as he is 18 years old and moving without his parents to the home of an aunt and uncle blocks from Brother Rice High School where his father and uncles are alumni.

The Executive Committee determined that by rule, the student has eligibility for the first semester of the 2012-13 school year but may participate only after achieving a satisfactory previous term academic record and has a completed Educational Transfer Form.

New Buffalo High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – A request to waive the maximum enrollment and competition portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose mother died of a drug overdose and whose father forced the student out of the home due to his own health issues. The student did poorly academically for three trimesters but attended school continuously for 12 trimesters, earning credits in 11.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Farmington Hills-North Farmington High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who was diagnosed with Leukemia on April 9, 2012. The illness requires chemotherapy and in-hospital treatments which caused the student to take a reduced course load of three classes for the third trimester of 2011-12. The student has credit for two courses and one incomplete which he anticipates completing soon. The student will take a full course load for the fall trimester of 2012-13.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. The term in question does count against the maximum allowed.

Monroe-Jefferson High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose church has found a home for the family in the Jefferson School District. The student has attended four schools in two years and most recently was enrolled at Monroe High School before enrolling at Jefferson on April 2, 2012. The student has only two credits from the second trimester of 2011-12 at Monroe High School and no academic credit from the Monroe-Jefferson alternative school where he completed the school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Lincoln-Alcona High School (Regulation I, Section 8) – A request to waive or interpret the current academic credit record regulation (Interpretation 49) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Lincoln-Alcona. Against his wishes, his parents home schooled the student for most of the 10th grade from Dec. 5 - July 26, 2012. The student had an abusive and unstable home life, mental health episodes, was dismissed from his home and has been taken in by his aunt and uncle in the Lincoln-Alcona School District, resulting in improved academics through an online correspondence school (American School). To begin the 2012-13 school year, the student is registered for six classes at Alcona and one or more home school courses with the American School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Greenhills 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 who is moving between her divorced father in Chicago to her mother in Ann Arbor. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted except that Clonlara School is a closer nonpublic school with a home school based curriculum. The student's brother is a 2009 Greenhills graduate.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Athens High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (public school of residence) on behalf of an 11th-grade foreign exchange student from a CSJET-listed program whose host family lives in the Colon School District. The host family's mother has taught in Athens and has three children in attendance at Athens Schools. Previous waivers have been requested and approved for this host family and this school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bridgman High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who participated in the swimming & diving cooperative program between Bridgman, Buchanan, St. Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic, Stevensville-Lakeshore and Niles High Schools. The student changed schools due to ongoing bullying and harassment at Niles and a preference for the marching band at Bridgman. Niles High School declined to submit support for the change of schools as called for under Section 9(C) when a student transfers between schools involved in a cooperative program.

Citing the specific condition of Section 9(C) that requires the previous school's approval, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Brooklyn-Columbia Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Addison High School before enrolling in the Columbia Central Alternative School (Options High School) on March 4, 2012. The student will begin the 2012-13 school year at Columbia Central High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment in the Columbia Central School District beginning March 4, 2012.

Cassopolis-Ross Beatty High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose parents are in the process of divorcing. The student and mother, who lived as the family unit in South Carolina from April–June, 2012, moved into the home of the student's aunt over the summer amidst marital turmoil that was impacting the student. After a time it was learned that a six-month residency requirement exists in Michigan for filing for divorce. The mother has returned to South Carolina to complete the divorce and intends to relocate to Cassopolis. The student will remain in Cassopolis rather than transfer from South Carolina in midyear.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Chelsea High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who, as a ward of the court (Exception 3), was placed with foster parents who reside in the Chelsea School District on Jan. 29, 2012. The student continued to attend Ann Arbor-Huron High School for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year. The student will be enrolling at Chelsea to begin the 2012-13 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Clarkston-Everest Collegiate High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who was attending a religious boarding school in Rhode Island operated by the same religious order as Everest Collegiate and which closed at the end of the 2011-12 school year. The student will be residing with an affiliated religious order of women in a residence in Oxford near Everest Collegiate and enrolling to begin the 2012-13 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Custer-Mason County Eastern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 77 (home school student for less than 270 days) was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has struggled academically and exercised the option given by the school to be home schooled from December 2011 until present. The student passed all home school courses for which the school has given credit and is returning to the same school with a satisfactory previous academic credit record.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Dexter High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose parents have been separated for many years but have not filed for divorce until recently. The student previously attended Ann Arbor-Skyline while living with his mother, moved to the father's residence in Dexter in March and enrolled at Dexter High School on March 14, 2012. It is hoped the divorce will be final on Oct. 11, 2012.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver upon completion of an Educational Transfer Form.

Flint-Luke M. Powers Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (closest school of the same denomination) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Marine City-Cardinal Mooney Catholic and has changed residences to Grand Blanc. Burton-St. Thomas More is a smaller sized Catholic high school closer to the student's new home than Powers. Powers is a comprehensive school more similar to the former school. St. Thomas More is 9.1 miles to the new home, Powers is 18.9 miles.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Ledge High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who is one of three adopted children in her family. One year ago the student's father lost his job and the family's financial status caused the student to leave her parents in Kentucky and take up residence with an aunt in Grand Ledge who will become her guardian.

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 school of the same denomination) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Lansing Christian and moved with his family to Caledonia. The student was unaware that Grand Rapids-South Christian existed and was four miles closer to their home than is Grand Rapids Christian High School. South Christian was supportive of the request for waiver.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grass Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 73 (practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only in cross country. The student practiced cross country with Michigan Center for five days (Aug. 13-15, 2012) prior to deciding to enroll at Grass Lake. The student did not participate in a scrimmage or contest.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for cross country. The student is eligible immediately at any level in all other sports.

Harper Woods High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a transient 11th-grade student who attended Harper Woods Schools since the 1st grade and lives with friends. He attempted to live with his mother in Belleville and enrolled at Belleville High School on Jan. 27, 2012. The student returned to Harper Woods and reenrolled on May 7, 2012.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Haslett High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who is a ward of the court placed in foster care with a family in Haslett in January 2012 but continued to attend Bath High School and participated in athletics. Recently the Ingham County Circuit Court requested that the foster family enroll the student at Haslett High School because of conflicts with other students in the foster home.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Holland-Calvary Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 73 (practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced soccer for ten days with Holland-Black River from Aug. 8-23 and did not participate in a scrimmage or contest. The student was fourth on the waiting list, encouraged to practice with the team but was eventually not accepted for enrollment as no openings occurred.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Holt 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 student who is returning from a year-long substance abuse residential treatment academy in Wyoming to live with his divorced mother in the Lansing-Sexton attendance area (Exception 2). The family and academy prefer that the student not return to the same school and neighborhood students he was involved with previous to his treatment. The student will enroll at Holt to begin the 2012-13 school year for a new environment.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jackson Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 73 (practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only in girls volleyball. The student practiced volleyball with Chelsea for three days (Aug. 8-10) prior to deciding to enroll at Jackson Christian. The student did not participate in a scrimmage or contest.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only in girls volleyball. The student is immediately eligible at any level in all other sports.

Jackson-Vandercook Lake 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 an 18 year old 12th-grade student who is moving unaccompanied by either parent (Exception 12) to live with her brother and his family in the Michigan Center School District. The student attended Vandercook Lake for the 9th grade before moving to Georgia with her parents for the 10th and 11th grades. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted. The student desires to graduate from Vandercook Lake and is returning to her former school, but not the school of residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jonesville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has moved from his divorced father's home in Aurora, Colorado to his divorced mother's home in Reading and enrolled at Jonesville to begin the 2012-13 school year. The student has a family history at Jonesville and a cousin currently in the 11th grade. His grandfather also works at Jonesville High School. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Kalamazoo-Hackett 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 previously attended Schoolcraft High School and is enrolling at Hackett due to curricular, religious, athletic and social issues with his former school. The student has not participated previously in athletics, but Hackett does not sponsor junior varsity tennis.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Lansing-Everett High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who is returning from a court placement in Glenn Mills School in Pennsylvania to the home of his grandmother with whom he lived from the 2nd – 8th grades. The father is a truck driver and not at home to care for his son, the mother in a nursing home. The student attended Gardner Middle School, which is a feeder to Everett, prior to his enrollment at Glenn Mills School for the 9th and 10th grades. Both the father and grandmother reside in the Everett attendance area.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Lapeer West High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 73 (practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only in football. The student practiced football with Dryden for three days (Aug. 6-8) prior to deciding to enroll at Lapeer West. The student did not participate in a scrimmage or contest.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only in football. The student is immediately eligible at any level in all other sports.

Livonia-Franklin High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who left Livonia-Churchill High School due to bullying after the 10th grade, attended Westland-John Glenn where his mother is a teacher for the 11th grade, and wishes to return to the Livonia Public Schools for the 12th grade. The school district has agreed to the parents' request to enroll the student at Livonia-Franklin rather than return to Churchill where the bullying occurred.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Maple City-Glen Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose father is reestablishing employment in the area and whose mother and younger siblings remain in Illinois due to her employment. The family has maintained a residence in the Glen Lake School District since the student was in elementary school there in 2001.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Marlette High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose mother sent the student to Saginaw to live with his 23 year old brother who attends Saginaw Valley State University and who was not capable of caring for his brother. The student now resides with a Marlette school employee who met the student through the older brother. The student previously attended Wyoming-Godwin Heights High School before the mother sent the student live with his brother.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Mt. Pleasant-Beal City 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 two 10th-grade foreign exchange students from a CSIET-approved program whose host family resides on the border of the Remus-Chippewa Hills School District but much closer to Beal City and whose father is an alumnus of Beal City.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of two 10th-grade students who previously attended Norton Shores-Calvary Christian High School which became independent of its church sponsor over the summer. There is litigation between the church and school and disagreement over the status of the current school as to its closure. These two students withdrew from Calvary Christian. One is the pastor's daughter, the other a member of the Calvary Board who resigned over the separation.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

New Haven-Merritt Academy (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Macomb-L'Anse Creuse North before enrolling at Merritt Academy on March 12, 2012.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Merritt Academy beginning March 12, 2012.

Newaygo High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 73 (practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only in girls volleyball. The student practiced volleyball with Grant for three days (Aug 8-10) prior to deciding to enroll at Newaygo. The student did not participate in a scrimmage or contest.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only in girls volleyball. The student is immediately eligible at any level in all other sports.

Northville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose father's job was relocated to Northville and whose mother is remaining in Holland due to work there but is seeking new employment in the Northville area so the entire family may live there. The student attended Northville Schools through the 9th grade before the family moved to Holland in the summer of 2010 where the student enrolled at Zeeland West High School. The father and student have established a residence in Northville.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Pannonia Christian Educational Exchange (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of Grand Rapids-South Christian High School to permit a 12th-grade student placed into South Christian by Pannonia Christian Educational Exchange to participate in athletics as a foreign exchange student. This organization is not listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) because it places so few students that CSIET costs are prohibitive. Three students are placed this year. The Executive Committee has approved this request several times since the 1999-2000 school year, most recently September 2006. Assistant Director Gina Mazzolini recommended continuing to grant this request. Because of the size of the program, there are fewer staff, but staff is involved in all facets of the program which meets most of the CSIET standards. The program has operated without problems for host families, schools and students. The differences appear to be related to background checks to all host family members, and insurance for emergency return. For the most part, students are sponsored by a church that supports any unplanned needs. The request for waiver is for this student only and for the first and second semesters of the 2012-13 school year only.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this student at this school through this program for this school year only.

Pittsford High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 73 (practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only in football. The student practiced football with Hudson for seven days (Aug. 6-10, 13 and 14, 2012) prior to deciding to enroll at Pittsford. The student did not participate in a scrimmage or contest at Hudson.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only in football. This student is immediately eligible at any level in all other sports.

Ravenna High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who is leaving Grant High School to avoid possible retaliation by a student whom he testified against in a sexual exploitation case who has been reinstated at Grant High School. The student who committed the crime was convicted of acts which involved a minor who was an autistic student and made a video recording which this student was shown and eventually testified about.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Shepherd 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 placed by Isabella County Social Services with a family in Shepherd. The student's mother lives in a homeless shelter in Tennessee and the student moved to live with his father in Grand Rapids. The student was recently removed from his father's home due to drug use by the father and stepmother. The courts would not designate him a ward of the court because he turns 18 in a few weeks. The student previously attended Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Sterling Heights-Parkway Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Warren-Fitzgerald and was the victim of an assault at school on Feb. 28, 2012. Court proceedings are scheduled for Sept. 25, 2012. The student enrolled at Parkway Christian on March 6, 2012, and has not participated previously in athletics.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Tekonsha High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility in football only is made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who participated in football in the cooperative program between these two schools. The student previously attended Marshall Academy and will be enrolling at Tekonsha to begin the 2012-13 school year. Support from Marshall Academy was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for football only.

Three Rivers High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose mother has a drug problem, was unable to care for the student and is presently incarcerated. The father has been in and out of prison and not in the student's life. Without a home, the student contacted his grandmother, has moved into her residence and intends to enroll at Three Rivers to begin the 2012-13 school year. The student previously attended Bangor High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Traverse City Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose 21 year old brother who died recently. Due to the grief from the brother's death, the student transferred from Frankfort to Traverse City Christian.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Vicksburg 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 an 11th-grade foreign exchange student from a CSIET-listed agency whose host family lives in the Schoolcraft district. The host family's mother teaches at Vicksburg and a daughter has attended Vicksburg Schools her entire career.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Wyoming-Kelloggsville 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 student who is moving between divorced mother in Belding to the father's residence in the Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills attendance area. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted. The student's stepmother has three other children (grades 6, 7 and 9) in the same home attending Kelloggsville Schools for the past several years.

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
Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day	10	Walled Lake Central	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Clio	10	Flint-Kearsley	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Clio	10	Flint Kearsley	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Comstock Park	10	Rockford	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Dearborn-Divine Child	10	Canton	Aug. 22, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Grosse Pointe South	10	Livonia-Franklin	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Grosse Pointe Woods-University Liggett	10	Grosse Pointe South	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Jackson Christian	10	Chelsea	Aug. 27, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Lansing-Everett	10	Holt	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Lowell	10	Rockford	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Manistee-Catholic Central	10	Manistee	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Muskegon	10	Muskegon-Way Point Academy	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Temperance-Bedford	10	Toledo-St. Francis	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Ypsilanti-Arbor Preparatory	10	Canton	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013

Regulation III, Section 1(C) – Pursuant to 2012-13 *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 2012-13 school year only (unless otherwise indicated below).

Junior High/ Middle School	Sport(s)	High School Enrollment	Middle School Enrollment
Alba	boys & girls basketball	56	44 7 th & 8 th graders
Burr Oak	boys & girls basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball	79	21 7 th graders 17 8 th graders
Kimball-New Life Christian	boys basketball	52	13 7 th graders 9 8 th graders
Watersmeet	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field	58	26 7 th & 8 th graders

AuGres-Sims and Twining-Arenac Eastern Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these two member middle schools. Recent cooperative programs have been formed at the high school level between these schools. Both schools sponsored football previously; AuGres-Sims will be the primary school.

Grand Haven-Lakeshore and Grand Haven Christian Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two middle schools in football, wrestling, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls swimming & diving and boys and girls tennis. Lakeshore sponsored the sports previously and will be the primary school.

Manistee and Onekama Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling between these two schools. Manistee sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school.

Manistee, Manistee Catholic Central and Onekama Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving between these three schools. Manistee sponsored these sports previously and will be the primary school.

Midland-Central, Midland-Jefferson and Midland-Northeast Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls cross country between these three member schools of the same district. None of the schools sponsored the sport previously. Central Middle School will be the primary school.

Northport and Lake Leelanau-St. Mary Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls volleyball between these two schools. Northport sponsored girls volleyball previously and will be the primary school.

On Aug. 8, 2012, the Executive Committee approved participation by 6th graders from Northport with and against 7th and 8th graders in girls volleyball, boys soccer and boys and girls basketball. The high school enrollments are 52 for St. Mary and 39 for Northport. St. Mary has 29 7th and 8th graders, 12 girls; Northport has 16 7th and 8th graders, eight girls. Combined, the two schools have 20 girls in the 7th and 8th grades. Northport requested permission to allow 6th graders to continue participation in the girls volleyball cooperative program.

The Executive Committee approved 6th graders' participation from both schools in the girls volleyball program during the 2012-13 school year.

Romulus-Summit Academy North and Flat Rock-Summit Academy Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these member middle schools in football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, girls competitive cheer, baseball and girls softball. Summit Academy North sponsored most sports previously and will be the primary school.

Boys Basketball Finals Schedule – The Executive Committee discussed the pros and cons of changing the Boys Basketball Final game format at MSU to mirror girls basketball, from three sessions to two double-headers, and adjusting ticket prices, beginning this winter, 2013.

2012-13 Broadcast Regulations – The Executive Committee approved changes in regulations and fees for 2012-13 for all forms of electronic media broadcasts, including the following:

- Rights Fees Policies: G – Page 5 – & Video Specific Policies – A – Page 10 - Note clarifies that a video outlet which is operated separately from the school district which carries school district and non-school district based programming is not eligible for the rights fee and live broadcast waiver available to school outlets.

- Video Specific Policies: A – Page 10 -The updated language of 2012-13 *Handbook* Regulation II, Section 14(B) appears.
- MHSAA Tournament Video Schedule of Fees: Page 16 – Fee for regional sports networks/regional cable channels and national cable channels have been increased to be proportionally more than local broadcasts as well as fees received from MHSAA television partners like PlayOn! Sports and FOX Sports Detroit.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing.