

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, August 7, 2013

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Fred Smith, Buchanan
Kris Isom, Adrian

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.

Summary of 2012-13 Waivers – During the 2012-13 program year, there were 522 (versus 506 in 2011-12, 462 in 2010-11, 500 in 2009-10, 540 in 2008-09, 524 in 2007-08, 448 in 2006-07, 518 in 2005-06, 436 in 2004-05, 355 in 2003-04 and 408 in 2002-03) requests by member schools to waive regulations, of which 416 (versus 386 in 2011-12, 337 in 2010-11, 366 in 2009-10, 419 in 2008-09, 396 in 2007-08, 326 in 2006-07, 387 in 2005-06, 297 in 2004-05, 24 in 2003-04 and 215 in 2002-03) were approved by the Executive Committee. Of the total, 338 (versus 352 in 2011-12, 320 in 2010-11, 320 in 2009-10, 354 in 2008-09, 372 in 2007-08, 282 in 2006-07, 276 in 2005-06, 295 in 2004-05, 232 in 2003-04 and 291 in 2002-03) requests involved the transfer regulation, of which 259 were approved (265 in 2011-12, 219 in 2010-11, 217 in 2009-10, 263 in 2008-09, 275 in 2007-08, 198 in 2006-07, 204 in 2005-06, 196 in 2004-05, 144 in 2003-04 and 130 in 2002-03).

Rationale for Transfer Regulation – The following rationale for the transfer regulation, first established by the Executive Committee on Aug. 6, 1985 and last reviewed Aug. 8, 2012, was reaffirmed:

- a. The rule tends to insure equality of competition in that each school plays students who have been in that school and established their eligibility in that school.
- b. The rule tends to prevent students from "jumping" from one school to another.
- c. The rule prevents the "bumping" of students who have previously gained eligibility in a school system by persons coming from outside the school system.
- d. The rule tends to prevent interscholastic athletic recruiting.
- e. The rule tends to prevent or discourage dominance of one sport at one school with a successful program, i.e., the concentration of excellent baseball players at one school to the detriment of surrounding schools through transfers and to the detriment of the natural school population and ability mix.
- f. The rule tends to create and maintain stability in that age group, i.e., it promotes team stability and team work expectation fulfillment.
- g. The rule is designed to discourage parents from "school shopping" for athletic purposes.
- h. The rule is consistent with educational philosophy of going to school for academics first and athletics second.
- i. It eliminates family financial status from becoming a factor on eligibility, thus making a uniform rule for all students across the state of Michigan (i.e., tuition and millage considerations).
- j. It tends to encourage competition between nonpublic and public schools, rather than discourage that competition.
- k. It tends to reduce friction or threat of students changing schools because of problems they may have created or because of their misconduct, etc.

Covert and Benton Harbor-DREAM Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee tabled a partially completed application for a cooperative program in several sports and for the following tournaments: football (2014), volleyball (2014-Class C), boys and girls basketball (Class C), girls competitive cheer (Div. 4), boys and girls track & field (Div. 3), baseball (Div. 3), and softball (Div. 3). The combined enrollment is 395 students. Covert sponsored all sports but competitive cheer and softball previously and would be the primary school for all sports. Support from the league or future opponents has not been received. The deadline is past for fall sports 2013; if approved, the programs in football and volleyball would be effective with fall sports 2014-15.

Covert and Lawrence High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 328 students will place one team in the Division 4 tournament. Both schools sponsored wrestling previously; Covert will be the primary school. Support from the Southwest Athletic Conference was received.

Gaylord and Gaylord-St. Mary 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 993 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 3 tournament. Gaylord sponsored ice hockey previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Big North Conference was received.

Otisville-Lakeville, Dryden, North Branch and Goodrich High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Goodrich to a cooperative program in ice hockey which has existed between the other three schools since 2007 and whose combined enrollment of 2,264 students will place a new team in the Division 1 tournament. All schools sponsored ice hockey previously; Lakeville will continue as the primary school. Support from the Tri-Valley and Genesee Area Conferences were received.

Petoskey, Boyne City and Harbor Springs 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 1,652 students will place a new team in the Division 2 tournament. Petoskey sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Big North Conference and Northern Michigan Hockey League was submitted.

Ortonville-Brandon High School (Regulation I, Section 2) – A request to interpret the age regulation and specifically Interpretation 15 (precedence in records of dates of birth) was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who was adopted under chaotic circumstances from the Ukraine in October 2007. The original certificate and translation indicate a birthdate of March 8, 1994. A legally binding updated translation from Ukrainian to English was submitted showing the date of birth to be March 8, 1995.

The Executive Committee accepted the birth date of March 8, 1995.

Delton Kellogg 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 was ill and passed away in February 2013. The student has grades and credits for seven semesters at Kalamazoo Central High School beginning with the 2009-10 school year. The student was moved to Detroit for a time and received no credits from the Comstock-Compass High School for the first semester of the 2012-13 school year. He returned to Kalamazoo Central for the second semester of 2012-13, his eighth semester overall. The student has been placed in foster care with a family in Delton and is currently enrolled and passing two summer school courses.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Laingsburg 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 has been in special education classes since the 1st grade and began the 9th grade in the 2009-10 school year. Because the student received insufficient credit, he will need a fifth year of high school to graduate (2013-14). The first semester of the 2013-14 school year would be the student's fifth first semester and ninth overall since enrolling in 9th grade.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Union High School (Regulation I, Section 8) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student and a 12th-grade student to waive the current academic credit regulation and specifically Interpretation 47 (base-original school for non-traditional school students). These students attended City High School (a non-traditional school of the district) and lived in the Creston High School attendance area. The Grand Rapids Public Schools closed and redrew the boundaries of Creston High School between Ottawa Hills and Union High Schools. The new residential boundary for these two students is in the Ottawa Hills attendance area but a large percentage of their former Creston teammates are Union residents. The request is to allow immediate eligibility for these two former Creston participants at Union by considering their base-original school to be Grand Rapids-Union, and not their school of residence, Ottawa Hills. The 10th-grade student played baseball with 11 teammates assigned to Union; the 12th-grade student participated in girls basketball with 14 former teammates participating at Union.

The Executive Committee tabled the request for waiver and asked MHSAA staff to request more information from the school district which it must receive prior to further consideration of this request.

Addison High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who has moved from an abusive situation in West Virginia to the residence of an aunt in Addison. The student moved from West Virginia during the summer and will enroll at Addison High School to begin the 2013-14 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Athens 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-approved program whose host family resides in Colon but the mother and children are Athens graduates. This host family is active within the Athens community and school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bloomfield Hills-Marian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose father's job has been transferred back to the Detroit area from Las Vegas. The mother and student have already relocated to Birmingham but the father will not return until Aug. 30, 2013, when his work is complete. The family lived in Birmingham before the father's job was transferred to Nevada three years ago. The student attended a Catholic high school in Las Vegas; Marian is the closest Catholic high school to the family's new residence. Marian's first day of school is Aug. 23, 2013.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bridgeport High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Saginaw-Arthur Hill High School and will be enrolling at Bridgeport to begin the 2013-14 school year due to dissatisfaction with the education received at the former school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Coldwater High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who moved with her stepsister into the home of their grandmother in Coldwater in December 2011. The stepsisters continued to attend Bronson Schools. The next year, in December 2012, the mother moved in with her daughters and the grandmother in Coldwater. This student will enroll at Coldwater to begin the 2013-14 school year as will her stepsister, who is an incoming 9th-grader.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Coloma High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who enrolled at Berrien Springs High School for the second semester of the 2012-13 school year due to encounters which took place away from school in January 2013 with an unidentified student who has since left Coloma. The student intends to reenroll at Coloma to begin the 2013-14 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Gaylord-St. Mary High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose parents are in the military and who has been transferred away from Gaylord on two occasions. The student attended St. Mary Schools from grades 2-7 before the family was sent to Washington, DC. For the second semester of the 8th grade and two weeks into the 9th grade, the student returned to St. Mary before the family was stationed in Latvia for military service. The student will be living with family friends to begin the 2013-14 school year while the parents will be completing their military service and returning to their original home in January 2014. The school requested immediate eligibility for the 2013-14 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grandville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Zeeland West High School and moved to the residence of an aunt and uncle in Grandville in February 2013 due to events in the Zeeland residence which involved Child Protective Services. The student completed the 2012-13 school year attending Zeeland West and will be enrolling at Grandville for the 2013-14 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hastings High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of 10th- and 12th-grade brothers who will be returning to their former home in Hastings to reside part-time with their mother and grandparents while the father remains in Florida due to his obligations as a pastor and lack of availability of a new church in Michigan. The student's mother and three home-schooled grade school age daughters will live both in Hastings and in Florida at the residence of the other grandparents.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Leslie High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended a boarding school since the 9th grade and has returned to the family he lived with previously, which does not include his parents. The student's mother was troubled and the student was raised by his grandmother who placed the student in a boarding school against his will. For the past three and one-half years the student has lived on and off with a family in Leslie and returned there on weekends from boarding school. The request was for eligibility under Exception 2 in that the Leslie family is more the parent than the grandmother or birth mother.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Livonia-Franklin 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 student who attended a residential treatment facility in Iowa since April 2012 and has returned to his parents' residence in the Livonia-Stevenson High School attendance area (his former high school). The student's parents and counselors have requested that the student not return to his former school to provide a fresh start after a troubling experience in high school so far. The Livonia Public Schools have granted the request to attend a school not of the student's attendance area.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Madison Heights-Bishop Foley 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 Detroit-U of D Jesuit and experienced difficulties with classmates. The student changed schools to enroll and begin the 2013-14 school year at Bishop Foley High School where three sisters previously graduated.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Madison Heights-Bishop Foley 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 11th-and 12th-grade sisters who previously attended Rochester-Adams High School while living in an apartment with their mother while attempting to sell their home in Eastpointe. When the home would not sell, the family returned to Eastpointe and the students intend to enroll at Bishop Foley to begin the 2013-14 school year. Grosse Pointe Woods-University Liggett is the closest nonpublic school, but the family is Catholic and previously attended St. Joan of Arc Catholic Grade School. The closest Catholic high school is an all-girls high school (Regina); Bishop Foley is the closest coed Catholic high school to their home.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver provided it is correct that the only school the students have attended since each first enrolled in 9th grade is Rochester-Adams High School. If this is incorrect, this request must be returned to the Executive Committee for further consideration.

Marine City High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose parents are in the process of both a divorce and bankruptcy. The student was unhappy at her former school (Marysville). The student and mother have changed residences to Marine City while the father and a brother remain in Marysville. The divorce is not final and is delayed by the bankruptcy. The student enrolled at Marine City on March 7, 2013.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for immediate eligibility, but approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Marine City High School beginning March 7, 2013.

McBain High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who lived in an abusive home in Cadillac, where Child Protective Services has been called. Recently, the student moved to the residence of her aunt in Marion who is a school teacher at McBain. The student's birth mother has not been part of the student's life. The student has been raised by her father and a stepmother in Cadillac.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Morley Stanwood 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 Big Rapids High School, participated in athletics and is intending to enroll at Morley Stanwood to begin the 2013-14 school year because it offers on-campus instructor-led college courses which Big Rapids does not.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who enrolled at Detroit Catholic Central on March 4, 2013. The student previously attended a Basilian Fathers run school in Texas before moving to Michigan with his mother. The father remains in Texas.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Detroit Catholic Central High School beginning March 4, 2013.

Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory 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 made a full and complete residential change from Clarkston to Linden and previously attended Orchard Lake-St. Mary's. Notre Dame Prep is not the closest Catholic school to the new residence. The student attended Marist Academy (the feeder grade school to Notre Dame Prep) and had two sisters graduate from the school. The father is an alumnus of Notre Dame High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory 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-DeLaSalle Collegiate and is enrolling at Notre Dame for cultural, academic and social reasons.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory 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 moved from Dearborn to Waterford in June 2011 and continued to attend Dearborn-Divine Child until her older sister graduated. To begin the 2013-14 school year, the student will be enrolling at Notre Dame Prep for an academic program it provides. Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes is one-half mile closer to the residence than is Notre Dame.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Portage Northern High School (Regulation, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central and was subjected to negative peer interactions for the past 1½ years, causing the student to change schools to Portage Northern to begin the 2013-14 school year. The student lives in the Portage Central attendance area but is expected to have more positive relationships from middle school by attending Portage Northern.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Rochester-Adams 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 Brother Rice High School, participated in athletics and is enrolling at his school of residence for social, academic and financial reasons. The student had no participation beyond freshman football and baseball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

St. Clair 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 whose father has relocated the family from Battle Creek and taken a position within this school district which has two schools in two cities. The father will be residing in one school attendance area (Marine City) while the student attends the other school of the district (St. Clair). St. Clair is also more similar in size to the student's previous school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

St. Johns High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Walled Lake Western High School while living with his mother and stepfather. Over the summer, a conflict arose between the parents, and the stepfather has left the home. The student has moved to the residence of an aunt in St. Johns while the mother continues to reside in Wixom.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Spring Lake 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 Grand Haven High School, participated in junior varsity soccer and was the subject of mistreatment by students of the former school. The student will enroll at Spring Lake to begin the 2013-14 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Sterling Heights-Stevenson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who experienced domestic issues with his parents which led the family counselor to recommend that the student move in with an aunt and uncle in November 2012. The student continued to attend Utica Ford II High School for the remainder of his 9th grade, participated in athletics and will enroll at Stevenson to begin the 2013-14 school year. The student attended Stevenson feeder middle schools. Stevenson and Utica Ford II are schools of the same district. The parents, aunt and uncle all reside in the Stevenson attendance area. The aunt and uncle have an 11th-grade son who also attends Stevenson.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Zeeland East High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who began the 2012-13 school year in the 9th grade at Zeeland East High School, attended Hopkins High School from March 28 to June 4, 2013, and will reenroll at Zeeland East at the start of the 2013-14 school year. The changes result from her parents' divorce, the remarriage of both to new step-parents for the student and working through the dynamics of two blended families. The student did not participate in sports at Hopkins High School

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
Byron Center-Zion Christian	10	Grand Rapids-South Christian	Sept. 3, 2013	Jan. 20, 2014
Detroit-U of D Jesuit	10	Madison Heights-Bishop Foley	August 2013	Jan. 20, 2014
Detroit-U of D Jesuit	10	Macomb International Academy	August 2013	Jan. 20, 2014
Hudsonville-Freedom Christian	10	Hudsonville-Unity Christian	Sept. 3, 2013	Jan. 20, 2014
Midland-Bullock Creek	10	Gladwin	Sept. 3, 2013	Jan. 20, 2014
Okemos	10	Montana	Sept. 3, 2013	Jan. 20, 2014

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 participate in the Kentucky Spike-Out Volleyball tournament on Sept. 6 and 7, 2013 in Danville, Kentucky. Six deaf schools, including Michigan, are invited to attend: Ohio, Mississippi, Cincinnati-St. Rita, South Carolina and Kentucky. The round-trip mileage is 846 miles.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. However, this approval is voided if there is any addition to the schools scheduled to participate in this event.

Allegan High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 237, a request to waive the three-/four-player rule for the 2013-14 school year was made on behalf of the head boys and girls swimming & diving coach and a volunteer assistant who are both employed by the Allegan Aquatic Center which is open to the general public. The head coach is the pool director and the assistant is a swim instructor. The Allegan youth swim program includes 60-70 participants ages 5-18 and includes students from four different school districts including Allegan (Gobles, Hastings and Otsego). Eight to ten Allegan middle school students are involved in the program. The Allegan Aquatic Center is the only pool in the community. The school has had difficulty securing coaches in years past.

The Executive Committee approved the request for both coaches for 2013-14 in swimming & diving only.

Grand Rapids-Catholic Central High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 237, a request to waive the three-/four-player rule for the 2013-14 school year was made on behalf of the head girls and boys swimming coach who is also employed full-time by the Grand Rapids Novi Sad Aquatics Club and is aquatics director for the Godwin Heights High School pool. The program is open to the general public and includes 110 participants ages 5-24. The program involves students from nine school districts including Grand Rapids Catholic Schools (Byron Center, Caledonia, Grand Rapids, Grandville, Northview, Plainwell, Rockford and Wayland). It is anticipated that 12 Catholic Central students in grades 7-12 will be among those involved in the program.

The Executive Committee approved the request on behalf of this coach for 2013-14 in swimming & diving only.

Midland-Dow High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 237, a request to waive the three-/four-player rule for the 2013-14 school year was made on behalf the boys and girls swimming & diving coach who is employed full-time by the Kronos Aquatics Club. The Kronos Aquatics Club is open to the general public and includes approximately 20 participants ages 15-21. The program involves participants from nine school districts including Midland (Bay City, Caro, East Lansing, Freeland, Hemlock, Midland-Bullock Creek, Petoskey and Saginaw). Eight students from Dow High School are involved in the program. A similar request was granted for this coach and program in 2012-13.

The Executive Committee approved the request on behalf of this coach for 2013-14 in swimming & diving only.

Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott High Schools (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 237, a request to waive the three-/four-player rule for the 2013-14 school year was made on behalf of the head girls and assistant boys swimming coach of this cooperative program who is also employed full-time by the Waterford Kingfish Aquatic Club. The program is open to the general public and includes 140 participants ages 6-17. The program involves students from seven school districts including Waterford (Berkley, Clarkston, Hartland, Huron Valley, Lake Orion and Livonia). It is anticipated that ten Waterford students in grades 7-12 will be among the 82 students older than 7th grade that are involved in the program. Approval has been granted to this program previously.

The Executive Committee approved the request on behalf of this coach for 2013-14 in swimming & diving only.

White Lake-Lakeland High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 237, a request to waive the three-/four-player rule for the 2013-14 school year was made on behalf of the head girls swimming coach, who is also employed full-time by the Huron Valley Penguins Swim Club. The program is open to the general public and includes 112 participants ages 5-18. The program involves students from six school districts including Huron Valley (Brighton, Fenton, Holly, Walled Lake, and Waterford). It is anticipated that ten girls swim team members will be among the 34 students in grades 7-12 in the program. Seventy-eight students are in the 6th grade or below. Approval has been granted to this program and coach previously when she served as an assistant coach at Lakeland.

The Executive Committee approved the request on behalf of this coach for 2013-14 in swimming & diving only.

Regulation III, Section 1(C) – Pursuant to 2013-14 *Handbook* Interpretation 262, 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 2013-14 school year only (unless otherwise indicated below).

Junior High/ Middle School	Sport(s)	High School Enrollment	Middle School Enrollment
Albion	7 th grade boys & girls basketball	N/A	40 7 th -graders
Akron-Fairgrove	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field, girls volleyball	99	21 7 th -graders 25 8 th -graders
Brimley	boys & girls cross country	149	37 7 th -graders 33 8 th -graders
Climax-Scotts	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field, girls volleyball	185	42 7 th -graders 36 8 th -graders
Escanaba-Holy Name	boys & girls basketball, girls volleyball	N/A	46 7 th - & 8 th -graders
McBain-Northern Mich Christian	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls soccer, boys & girls track & field, girls volleyball	73	12 7 th -graders 18 8 th -graders
Muskegon Catholic Central	boys & girls basketball, girls soccer, baseball, girls softball, girls volleyball	167	27 7 th -graders 26 8 th -graders
Powers-North Central	boys & girls cross country, boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field	129	31 7 th -graders 32 8 th -graders
Rock-Mid Peninsula	boys & girls cross country, boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field	91	28 7 th - & 8 th -graders
Watersmeet	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field	60	26 7 th - & 8 th -graders

Stephenson Area Schools (Regulation III, Section 1) – The school requested waiver of the enrollment regulation to allow 6th-graders to participate with and against 7th- and 8th-graders in boys and girls cross country and boys and girls track & field. There are 206 students enrolled in the high school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

New Member School – After completing all processes for first-time membership, **Fraser-Arts Academy in the Woods** was approved for membership on Sept. 6, 2007 for MHSAA tournament eligibility in 2008-09. The school did not submit a Membership Resolution for 2011-12 or 2012-13 but has done so for 2013-14. This grade 9-12 school sponsors no sports for either gender. In previous years, some students from this school with a specialized curriculum have participated at their former school, as allowed under Interpretations 51 and 52. Administrators have attended past Athletic Director Orientation programs. Its record is free of MHSAA violations. Executive Committee approval is required for the school's return to membership.

Committees – The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the appointment of members and meeting dates for committees which meet prior to Jan. 1, 2014. Committees which meet after Jan. 1 will be approved at the Nov. 6, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting.

Executive Director Performance Agreement – The Executive Committee approved the Executive Director's employment contract and 2013-14 Standards of Performance.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 27, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Oct. 2, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m. in East Lansing.