

**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

East Lansing, August 26, 2014

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee  
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven  
Vic Michaels, Detroit  
Fred Smith, Buchanan  
Maureen Klocke, Yale

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 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.

Ann Arbor-Gabriel Richard, Ann Arbor-Greenhills and Ann Arbor-Rudolf Steiner 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 990 students will place a new team in the Division 3 tournament. None of the schools sponsored ice hockey previously. Gabriel Richard will be the primary school. Support from the Catholic High School League was submitted.

Ann Arbor-Gabriel Richard, Ann Arbor-Greenhills and Whitmore Lake High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Greenhills to a cooperative program in boys swimming & diving between Gabriel Richard and Whitmore Lake which existed previously. The combined enrollment of 1,205 students will place a new team in the Division 2 tournament. Gabriel Richard will continue as the primary school. Support from the Catholic High School League was submitted.

Auburn Hills-Avondale and Oxford 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 2,920 students will place a new team in the Division 1 tournament. Avondale sponsored ice hockey previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Oakland Activities Association was submitted.

AuGres-Sims and Twining-Arenac Eastern High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of girls basketball to a cooperative agreement which exists in several sports between these two schools whose combined enrollment is 221 students. AuGres-Sims will be the primary school. Support from the North Star League was submitted.

Clarkston-Everest Collegiate and Auburn Hills-Oakland Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls bowling between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 338 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 3 tournament. Oakland Christian sponsored bowling previously. Everest Collegiate will be the primary school. Support from the Catholic High School League was submitted.

Gladstone and Escanaba High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys and girls swimming & diving to a cooperative program in ice hockey between these two schools which has existed since 1992. The combined enrollment is 1,178 students. Gladstone sponsored swimming previously and will be the primary school. Support from two future opponents was submitted.

Hudsonville and Hudsonville-Unity Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys swimming & diving between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 2,452 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 1 tournament. Unity Christian was previously in an agreement with Calvin Christian which has dissolved. Hudsonville sponsored swimming previously and will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Jackson and Jackson-Lumen Christi High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys swimming & diving to a cooperative program that exists between these schools in girls swimming & diving. The combined enrollment of 1,779 students will place a new team in the Division 2 tournament. Jackson sponsored swimming previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was submitted.

Jackson-Lumen Christi and Jackson High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls gymnastics between these two schools whose combined enrollment is 1,779 students. Both schools sponsored girls gymnastics previously; Lumen Christi will be the primary school. Support from the South Central Gymnastics League was submitted.

Martin and Climax-Scotts High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 354 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 4 tournament. Climax-Scotts was previously in a cooperative program with Athens High School which has dissolved. Martin sponsored wrestling previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Southwest Athletic Conference was submitted.

Onekama, Bear Lake, Brethren, Manistee Catholic Central and Manistee High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Manistee High School to a cooperative program in boys and girls alpine skiing which exists among the other four schools. The combined enrollment will be 953 students and result in one team in the Division 2 tournament. Manistee sponsored skiing previously. Onekama will continue as the primary school. Support from the Lake Michigan Ski Conference was submitted.

Traverse City-St. Francis, Central Lake, Elk Rapids and Traverse City-Grand Traverse Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Central Lake and Grand Traverse Academy to a cooperative agreement in boys and girls alpine skiing which exists between St. Francis and Elk Rapids. The combined enrollment of 1,036 students will continue placement of one team in the Division 2 tournament. St. Francis will continue as the primary school. Support from the Lake Michigan Ski Conference was submitted.

Grand Rapids-Ellington Academy High School (Regulation 1, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to waive the 99-student enrollment cap to allow 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students to participate with high school students. The school's February 2014 enrollment was 108 students; the current projection is for 101 students. Ellington Academy is in its second year of MHSAA membership, adding a grade each year, with its highest grade being 10<sup>th</sup> grade in 2014-15. The request for 8<sup>th</sup>-grade participation was in girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball and boys and girls track & field. A request for 6<sup>th</sup>-grade participation with 7<sup>th</sup>- and 8<sup>th</sup>-graders is elsewhere in these minutes.

The Executive Committee noted that the 99-student enrollment limit for allowing 8<sup>th</sup>-graders to participate with 9-12 graders was recently reviewed and reaffirmed by the Representative Council, and that Executive Committee action should be consistent with the Council's action. The request for waiver was not approved.

Almont High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who has struggled with several mental illnesses throughout high school including Excessive Compulsive Disorder which resulted in the student not turning in work while on homebound status in the third trimester of 2013-14 unless it was perfect in his eyes.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver, but stipulated that this is the one and only waiver of this Section that will be approved for this student and that Sections 4 and 5 will apply to this student without exception or waiver.

Adrian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment. The student moved from Texas with one parent, but not both, and enrolled at Adrian High School on March 24, 2014.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Adrian-Lenawee Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 78 (practicing with another school in August) to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student practiced volleyball for three days with Adrian High School (Aug. 13-15) but did not participate in a scrimmage or contest. The student has two younger siblings who have been enrolled at Lenawee Christian for several years.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for girls volleyball. The student is immediately eligible for other sports at whatever level she is capable.

Ann Arbor-Huron High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Detroit-Western International High School and participated in golf. The student has transferred to Huron because his father is employed by the district. The student has not played football previously and would like to play football at Huron.

Noting the specific requirement of Section 9(B) that there has not been previous high school athletic participation, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose father's job changed to Michigan in March and who was unable to sell their home in California, limiting their housing options in Michigan to a rental property. The family could not find a rental home in the Pioneer attendance area and rented a home in Whitmore Lake.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Ypsilanti High School and had a difficult 9<sup>th</sup>-grade year. The student participated in athletics. Two siblings have also recently been enrolled at Pioneer.

Noting the specific requirement of Section 9(B) that there has not been previous high school athletic participation, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bangor High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose mother died in March 2014 and who was not supported by her father. The student has moved from Texas into the residence of her cousin in Bloomingdale and enrolled at Bangor to begin the 2014-15 school year. Her cousin is employed by the Bangor Public Schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Battle Creek-Pennfield High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student from an Approved International Student Program whose host family resides in Bellevue but two of their own children have attended Pennfield Schools for two years.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Big Rapids High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of two 10<sup>th</sup>-grade brothers to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The students previously attended Morley Stanwood and participated in athletics during the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and are transferring to Big Rapids for academic preferences.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Big Rapids High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who fathered a child during his junior year in high school and whose own father's behavior caused the student and his new son to leave the father's home and live with a family in Big Rapids. Because his father was incarcerated and mother deceased, the student lived with his grandparents and began the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Morley Stanwood. When the father was released from prison, the student moved in with his father in Big Rapids and enrolled at Crossroads Charter Academy for the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades. Seeking a fresh start for 12<sup>th</sup> grade, the student will be enrolling at Big Rapids High School to begin the 2014-15 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Blanchard-Montabella High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 74 (practicing with another school in August) to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student practiced football for six days with Lakeview High School (Aug. 11-15) but did not participate in a scrimmage or contest. The student's family is pursuing a residential change and has bought a home in the Montabella School District but has yet to sell their home in Lakeview.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for football. The student is immediately eligible for other sports at whatever level he is capable.

Britton Deerfield High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who is returning to live with his divorced mother in Tecumseh and reenrolling at Britton Deerfield to begin the 2014-15 school year. The student attended Britton Deerfield to begin the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2013-14 and moved to his father's home in Kentucky in December 2013. An Educational Transfer Form was submitted for the student to return to his former school but not to his school of residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Cadillac High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose family resides in the Cadillac School District on the dividing line with the McBain School District. The student and siblings have attended McBain Schools for several years and are enrolling in the Cadillac Schools to begin the 2014-15 school year for academic and financial reasons.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Cadillac High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who has lived in Cadillac his entire life and previously attended Cadillac-Heritage Christian School. The student is enrolling at Cadillac High School for academic preferences.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Canton-Plymouth High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who withdrew from Plymouth and attended Michigan Virtual School during the second semester of 2013-14 because of an illness which caused excessive absence from school. The student did not participate in athletics and has reenrolled at Plymouth High School to begin the 2014-15 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Edwardsburg High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose parents have remained married but have not lived together in 14 years. The student previously attended Concord High School in Indiana for grades 9-11 and lived with his mother until February 2014 when he moved in with his father in Edwardsburg. The student completed the 11<sup>th</sup> grade at Concord and will be enrolling at Edwardsburg to begin the 2014-15 school year.

Pending receipt of an otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form, the Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Haven High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 74 (practicing with another school in August) to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student practiced soccer with Holland-West Ottawa High School for one day (Aug. 13) but did not participate in a scrimmage or contest. The student is a Holland resident who registered to enroll at Grand Haven on Aug. 20, 2014.

The Executive Committee approved 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 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who has previously attended Lansing-New Covenant Christian and is enrolling at Grand Ledge for academic preferences. The student has lived in Grand Ledge throughout high school but began the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at New Covenant for family reasons.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose family has moved from Allegan to Ada. Catholic Central is not the closest nonpublic school to the new residence, but the family is Catholic. Other siblings are enrolled at a Catholic elementary and university. Catholic Central is the closest Catholic high school to the new residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose family returned to Grand Rapids from Chicago. The new home is closer to NorthPointe Christian but the student's older siblings are graduates of Grand Rapids Christian.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who was removed from his home in Middleville by Child Protective Services and sent to the care of his grandmother to whom the courts have awarded full guardianship. The student previously attended Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg and participated in athletics. Grand Rapids Christian is the closest nonpublic school to the grandmother's residence. The student will enroll to begin the 2014-15 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and Interpretation 62 was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose family has moved from Fenton and owns a home in the Forest Hills Central attendance area. The family cannot occupy their new home until Oct. 18, 2014, because it is a Parade of Homes tour home. The family has an apartment in the Forest Hills Northern attendance area – the only area nearby where apartments are available. An older daughter attended Forest Hills Central previous to her graduation from Fenton, and younger siblings have enrolled in the Forest Hills Central Schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of 10<sup>th</sup>- and 12<sup>th</sup>-grade sisters whose adopted single mother died on May 13, 2014, and whose father is not involved in the students' lives. The students are living with guardians in the Forest Hills Central attendance area who were stipulated in the late mother's will.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Greenville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive or interpret the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose family had completed a full residential change in the summer prior to school beginning due to the mother's change in employment. In the midst of the relocation, marital issues were discovered and the father does not occupy the family home in Greenville. The former residence is vacant and listed for sale; no family members, including the father, are residing there.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hale High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who began the 9<sup>th</sup> grade living with his mother and attending Hale High School. In November 2013, he moved to his father's home in Whittemore-Prescott where the former school completed an Educational Transfer Form. The student played in three JV basketball games. The request was for subvarsity eligibility to begin the 2014-15 school year as the student could have become eligible in December 2013 with a subvarsity waiver and preserving the use of the Educational Transfer Form for this occurrence when the student has returned to his divorced mother.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Harrison Township-L'Anse Creuse High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who has struggled with his father's sudden death several years ago, and then moved from Howell into the home of an aunt and uncle in the L'Anse Creuse School District. The student participated in athletics for Howell High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hillsdale High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose mother is deceased and whose father had neglected the student and threw him out of his home. The student previously attended Jonesville and is residing with a cousin in Reading whose own child attends Hillsdale High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Holly High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who began the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Holly High School and participated in athletics. The parents' financial difficulties caused the family to move from Holly to a mobile home park in Milford. When the parents' transportation failed, the student could not be transported to Holly. The student then enrolled at Milford High School on April 16, 2014, where he finished the school year. The parents are now employed and they intend to move back to Holly soon. The student will begin the 2014-15 school year at Holly High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Jackson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who began the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Jackson High School and is reenrolling there to begin the 2014-15 school year. Because the mother is deceased and the father was incarcerated, the student lived with his grandmother and enrolled at Jackson-Lumen Christi High School in March 2014. The student lived with his grandfather when he began the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2013 because the father was incarcerated. The father has been released from prison and the student is now residing again with his father in Jackson. The grandmother and father both reside in the Jackson High School District.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Jonesville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Homer Schools while living with his divorced mother and is moving to the residence of his father in Concord and enrolling at Jonesville to begin the 2014-15 school year. The student attended Jonesville through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and has an older brother who graduated from Jonesville. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Kalamazoo-Comstock High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who was the subject of harassment and threats from a former boyfriend and other students at Galesburg-Augusta. The student has enrolled at Comstock to begin the 2014-15 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Kingsford High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility in alpine skiing was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who participated in the girls skiing cooperative program between Kingsford and Norway and is transferring from Norway to Kingsford to begin the 2014-15 school year. Norway has submitted support for eligibility.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for alpine skiing only until Jan. 19, 2015. Thereafter, the student is eligible for any sports for which she is capable.

Madison Heights-Bishop Foley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who was asked not to return to Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory High School for academic reasons.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Marquette High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose father is in the military and was ordered to return to Michigan from Italy. The family previously owned property in Negaunee and are now building a home in the Negaunee School District on the township line between Marquette and Negaunee.



The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Marquette High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose family purchased a home in the Gwinn School District which was incorrectly listed as being located in the Marquette School District. The family has moved from Manistique to be closer to the Marquette Airport as the mother's job requires frequent air travel. The father works in Munising which is midway between the former and current addresses. The new residence is closer to Marquette High School than to Gwinn.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Muskegon-Mona Shores High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who moved from Fort Wayne, Indiana with his father who has accepted a position as the manager of a 600-unit apartment complex in the Muskegon Public School District.

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 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade international student from an Approved International Student Program whose host family resides in the Ishpeming School District and their children have attended Negaunee Schools for the past four years.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ortonville-Brandon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who was the subject of threats and harassment while enrolled at Oxford.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Petoskey High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose father has accepted a position with the Petoskey Public Schools, moved to a home in Petoskey and whose mother and two siblings (ages 8 and 11) remain in Berkley. The mother is completing a medical research project and will be commuting to Petoskey most weekends, eventually relocating the entire family to Petoskey. The home in Berkley is a month-to-month rental and most belongings have been moved to Petoskey.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Portage Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose family moved to Kalamazoo and who enrolled at Portage Northern because of emotional and health concerns. The student suffers from migraines which in stressful situations make the student ill; and parents are of the opinion that the demographics of Portage Northern were less likely to trigger the health reaction.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Portage Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Mattawan High School, participated in athletics and is enrolling at Portage Northern for academic and social/emotional reasons to begin the 2014-15 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Quincy High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student from an Approved International Student Program whose host family teaches in Quincy and whose 11<sup>th</sup>-grade daughter has attended Quincy Schools for several years.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Riverview-Gabriel Richard High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who, because of his father's ill health, is returning to live with his parents in Monroe after attendance at a boarding school in West Virginia (Exception 2). The student lives closer to Monroe-Catholic Central and attended the 9<sup>th</sup> grade there. Gabriel Richard is five minutes from the father's workplace.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Riverview-Gabriel Richard High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 74 (practicing with another school in August) to permit eligibility at the varsity level because the school does not sponsor JV football. The student practiced football with Flat Rock High School for three days (Aug. 11-14) but did not participate in a scrimmage or contest.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver to permit immediate eligibility at the varsity level. The student is immediately eligible for other sports at whatever level he is capable.

St. Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 85 to allow an incoming international 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student with an F-1 visa immediate eligibility at the subvarsity level. The student attended school in Mexico and is living with an aunt and uncle.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver. Beginning Jan. 19, 2015, the student may participate at the subvarsity level only if the school desires.

St. Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended St. Joseph High School and did not participate in athletics. The student will be enrolling at Lake Michigan Catholic to begin the 2014-15 school year. Lake Michigan Catholic does not sponsor subvarsity soccer.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver to permit immediate eligibility at the varsity level, but did approve eligibility at the subvarsity level until Jan. 19, 2015.

St. Joseph High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who is moving from Tekonsha, where he lived with his divorced mother, to Benton Harbor with his father. When the mother moved to Florida, the student enrolled at St. Joseph on May 1, 2014 because four of the father's children have attended St. Joseph Schools for several years. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

St. Joseph High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose mother's job changed in February 2013 and her purchase of a permanent home in St. Joseph fell through this summer due to flooding and a failed home inspection. The mother commuted between a condo in St. Joseph and Mason where the student completed the 10<sup>th</sup> grade this June. Over the summer, the student and parents lived in the condo in St. Joseph and the student participated in summer activities with St. Joseph staff and students. Because the family had lost their purchase in St. Joseph and sold their condo, they quickly found a home in the Stevensville-Lakeshore School District, closing on Aug. 15, 2014. The superintendent of Lakeshore released the student to St. Joseph who did not know about the eligibility regulations.

The Executive Committee interpreted the facts and the rule to permit the student eligibility at St. Joseph High School.

Sparta High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who was the subject of bullying, harassment and physical threats from a classmate at Coopersville which caused the family to file charges with the police and prosecutor's office. The former school has written to support the change of schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Sterling Heights-Utica Stevenson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 74 (practicing with another school in August) to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student practiced football for six days at Utica Eisenhower (Aug. 11-15) but did not participate in a scrimmage or contest. The student's family was planning a residential change into the Utica Eisenhower School District which fell through, so they reenrolled the student in Utica Stevenson.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for football. The student is immediately eligible for other sports at whatever level he is capable.

Sturgis High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student from an Approved International Student Program whose host family resides in Bronson but whose mother works as a foreign exchange student coordinator in the Sturgis area (International Experience Foreign Exchange Program).

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Suttons Bay High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility in football was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who participated in the football cooperative program between Suttons Bay and Lake Leelanau-St. Mary and is transferring from St. Mary to Suttons Bay to begin the 2014-15 school year. St. Mary has submitted support for eligibility. The student is moving between divorced parents who both live in the Suttons Bay School District.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for football only. Beginning Jan. 19, 2015, the student is eligible for any sport for which he is capable.

Suttons Bay High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On Aug. 6, 2014, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who resides with his grandparents in Suttons Bay after departing an unstable situation in Chicago on April 3, 2014. The student enrolled in summer school and will begin the 2014-15 school year at Suttons Bay. The school requested reconsideration based on information that the mother has been unemployed since May 2014 and is now homeless in Chicago. The student's original move to Chicago was based on the student being rescued from an abusive situation in another state.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Three Oaks-River Valley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade international student from an Approved International Student Program whose host family resides in the Bridgman School District and whose child has attended River Valley Schools for several years.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Traverse City Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Traverse City Schools his entire career except for 12 school days (May 8-22, 2014) when the student lived with his father and attended Mancelona High School. The father was abusive, neglectful, struggled with substance abuse and kicked the student out of the home after a short time. The mother is not in the student's life. The student was taken in by a family who has known the student for several years and lives in the Traverse City Central attendance area. The student reenrolled on May 27, 2014. The student did not participate in athletics for Mancelona and has achieved a satisfactory previous academic credit record.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Traverse City West High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose parents and family have been serving as missionaries in Mexico since June 2011 and will be returning and enrolling the student at Traverse City West to begin the 2014-15 school year. The parents will remain in Mexico until the process of adopting four Mexican children is complete, at which time the whole family will return to Traverse City. A 10<sup>th</sup>-grade sibling is also returning, has achieved the highest grade available at her former school in Mexico, and is eligible under Exception 11. The students attended Traverse City West and are residing with their grandparents in the Traverse City West attendance area until the parents return.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Waterford Mott High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On April 23, 2014, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a then 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student (12<sup>th</sup> grade to begin 2014-15) who previously attended Waterford Kettering, a school of the same district, and enrolled at Waterford Mott on April 1, 2014, due to significant stress as a result of his relationship with the basketball coach at Waterford Kettering. The student has consulted medical professionals.

On June 11, 2014, the school submitted specifics on the coach's conduct, support from a former assistant coach, and a letter of concern from a teammate's parent. The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment at Waterford Mott High School starting April 1, 2014. Based on the Waterford school calendar, the 91<sup>st</sup> school day is Nov. 3, 2014.

The school superintendent requested that the Executive Committee consider immediate eligibility be granted in light of Exception 9 and Interpretation 80(a) (to protect students from threatening situations that are not their fault). In addition, the school pointed to the timing of the basketball coach's resignation which preceded any actions by the school district, which may have shown the seriousness of the coach's conduct and impacted the decisions made by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ypsilanti-Arbor Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 74 (practicing with another school in August) to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student practiced volleyball with Ann Arbor-Skyline High School for three days (Aug. 13-15) but did not participate in a scrimmage or contest. The student's mother was recently hired as an administrator at Arbor Preparatory.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only for girls volleyball. The student is immediately eligible for other sports at whatever level she is capable.

Subvarsity Waiver Requests Meeting All Conditions of Section 9(B) – The Executive Committee approved immediate eligibility at the subvarsity level for the following transferring 9<sup>th</sup>- or 10<sup>th</sup>-grade students (after entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade, before completing 10<sup>th</sup> 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
Brownstown-Woodhaven	10	Taylor Prep Academy	Sept. 2, 2014	Jan. 19, 2015
Brownstown-Woodhaven	10	Home School	Sept. 2, 2014	Jan. 19, 2015
Edwardsburg	10	Niles Online Academy	Sept. 2, 2014	Jan. 19, 2015
Elk Rapids	10	Northville	Sept. 2, 2014	Jan. 19, 2015
Flint—Carman-Ainsworth	10	Swartz Creek	Sept. 2, 2014	Jan. 19, 2015
Flint-Powers Catholic	10	Linden-Lake Fenton	Sept. 2, 2014	Jan. 19, 2015
Grosse Pointe North	10	Grosse Pointe South	Sept. 2, 2014	Jan. 19, 2015
Iron Mountain	10	Kingsford	Sept. 2, 2014	Jan. 19, 2015
Litchfield	10	Jonesville	Sept. 2, 2014	Jan. 19, 2015
Madison Heights-Bishop Foley	10	Troy-Athens	Sept. 2, 2014	Jan. 19, 2015
North Branch	10	Michigan Virtual Academy	March 17, 2014	91 <sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment
Portage Northern	10	Kalamazoo-Heritage Christian	Sept. 2, 2014	Jan. 19, 2015
Riverview-Gabriel Richard	10	Trenton	August 2014	Jan. 19, 2015

Approved International Student Programs (AISP) – At its June 11 and Aug. 6 meetings, the Executive Committee took action to designate most AISP programs for 2014-15. The committee reviewed the application from one additional organizational program which places 40 to 50 students each year in Michigan high schools but it was **not** approved because, among many reasons, it had an opportunity to be considered by CSJET for both 2013-14 and 2014-15 but failed to access that opportunity. The Executive Committee approved the following school-based program for 2014-15 and 2015-16:

- **Birmingham-Brother Rice**, which will enroll four international students in 2014-15 (two returning, two new).

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 Classic on Sept. 12-13, 2014 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 has approved travel to this event in past years.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Kensington Lakes Activities Association (Regulation II, Section 7[C]) – The KLAA met with MHSAA staff and requested a delay in the implementation of one of the Standards for Registered Assigners that prohibits an assigner or officials association from paying officials (schools must make payment directly to officials). Staff recommended permitting this league or others similarly situated which make a similar request to be allowed to continue through the end of fall sports 2014-15. The policy shall be followed for winter sports officials in 2014-15.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Linden High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 241, a request to waive the three-/four-player rule for the 2014-15 school year was made on behalf of the newly hired girls gymnastics coach of a recently approved cooperative program with Fenton and Lake Fenton High Schools (none of the schools sponsored gymnastics previously). The coach is a full-time employee of the Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation Department, is one of two gymnastics instructors, anticipates serving 20-25 participants from several school districts ages 5-18, and the program is open to the general public. It is anticipated that 5-6 students from the schools involved in the cooperative program, grades 7-12, will be participating.

The Executive Committee approved the request for this coach during the fall of 2014. The schools involved are requested to provide the Executive Committee a report of this experience, after which the Executive Committee will consider extending this waiver to the spring of 2015.

Oscoda High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 241, a request to waive the three-/four-player rule for the 2014-15 school year was made on behalf the boys and girls swimming & diving coach who is a teacher in the district and also the administrator of the Otter Community Swim Program. It is anticipated that the Otter Swim Program will have approximately 125 participants ages 5-18, including students from four neighboring school districts (Hale, Lincoln-Alcona, Tawas and Whittemore-Prescott). It is estimated that 70 percent of the students are below high school age. Oscoda typically has 10-15 students in its swim program. Oscoda is the only school of the neighboring four with a pool. Because of the limited resources of this community, the Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach in 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13.

The Executive Committee approved the request for this coach for the 2014-15 school year.

Regulation III, Section 1(C) – Pursuant to *Handbook* Interpretation 265, the Executive Committee approved waiver of the enrollment regulation for the following junior high/middle schools to permit 6<sup>th</sup>-grade students to participate with and against 7<sup>th</sup>- and/or 8<sup>th</sup>-graders for the sports listed in the 2014-15 school year only).

Junior High/ Middle School	Sport(s)	High School Enrollment	Middle School Enrollment
Grand Rapids- Ellington Acad.	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field, girls volleyball	108	39 7 <sup>th</sup> -graders 35 8 <sup>th</sup> -graders
Litchfield	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls cross country, boys & girls track & field, girls volleyball	138	40 7 <sup>th</sup> - & 8 <sup>th</sup> -graders
Northport	boys & girls basketball, girls volleyball	40	27 7 <sup>th</sup> - & 8 <sup>th</sup> -graders
Ontonagon	7 <sup>th</sup> -grade boys & girls basketball	138	33 7 <sup>th</sup> -graders 25 8 <sup>th</sup> -graders
Pewamo- St. Joseph	girls competitive cheer	N/A	23 7 <sup>th</sup> - & 8 <sup>th</sup> -graders

Northport Middle School (Regulation III, Section 1[C]) – A request for waiver of the enrollment regulation was made to allow 6<sup>th</sup>-grade students to participate with and against 7<sup>th</sup>- and 8<sup>th</sup>-graders in a boys soccer cooperative program with Suttons Bay Middle School. The high school enrollment for Northport is 40 students; the middle school includes 27 7<sup>th</sup>- and 8<sup>th</sup>-graders. The high school enrollment for Suttons Bay is 195 students, with 70 7<sup>th</sup>- and 8<sup>th</sup>-graders in the middle school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Suttons Bay and Northport Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in middle school boys soccer between these two member middle schools. Both schools sponsored the sport previously; Suttons Bay will be the primary school.

Suttons Bay, Lake Leelanau-St. Mary and Northport Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Northport to a cooperative program in middle school football which previously existed between St. Mary and Suttons Bay. Suttons Bay will continue as the primary school.

New Member School – Holt-Martin Luther High School: The former Holt Lutheran High School has ceased to operate due to a governance restructuring and has changed its name to Martin Luther High School. A 2014-15 MHSAA Membership Resolution was submitted by Martin Luther High School. The new school occupies the same location, many staff and students as the former Holt Lutheran School. Because Holt Lutheran has ceased to operate, students who were enrolled there at the end of the 2013-14 school year and transfer may be eligible immediately at another school (Exception 6). The new Martin Luther High School requested that it be allowed to continue in MHSAA tournaments for 2014-15 and forgo the year of probation for a new member school. If permitted to continue in MHSAA tournaments in 2014-15, Martin Luther would not apply transfer rule Exception 15 (new students enrolled on the first day at a new school have immediate eligibility).

The Executive Committee approved the conditions of this membership and 2014-15 MHSAA tournament participation.

MHSAA Membership – Manistee-Trinity Lutheran School has been an MHSAA member school at the grade 7 and 8 level but its enrollment has dropped below the 15-student minimum required by the MHSAA Constitution. An amendment to the MHSAA Constitution that would provide flexibility to this minimum requirement has been approved by the Representative Council for submission to the MHSAA membership for vote this fall and, if adopted, for full effect Aug. 1, 2015. The Representative Council authorized the Executive Committee to take actions consistent with the amendment during 2014-15. By sponsoring a stand-alone cross country program for both boys and girls, Trinity Lutheran is meeting the conditions for membership that would be permitted by the proposed amendment.

The Executive Committee approved the MHSAA membership of this school for the 2014-15 school year, subject to the condition stated.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014, at 1 p.m. in East Lansing.