

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

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

East Lansing, August 24, 2016

Members Present:

Scott Grimes, Grand Haven  
Fred Smith, Benton Harbor  
Vic Michaels, Detroit  
Kris Isom, Adrian  
Pat Watson, West Bloomfield

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid  
Jack Roberts (Recorder)  
Dan Hutcheson

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 postseason 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.

Central Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to waive the regulation that a school with an enrollment of 100 or fewer students may include 8<sup>th</sup>-graders on its high school teams. Central Lake submitted an enrollment of 103 students on its Enrollment Declaration Form in February 2016. It now anticipates 95 students enrolled in grades 9-12.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Jackson Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to waive the regulation that a school with an enrollment of 100 or more students may include 8<sup>th</sup>-graders on its high school teams. Jackson Christian submitted an enrollment of 111 students on its Enrollment Declaration Form in February 2016. It now anticipates 92 students enrolled in grades 9-12.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Leland and Traverse City West High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – A request to waive the 1,000-student enrollment limit was made to permit a cooperative program between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 1,687 students would continue placement of a team in the Division 1 Wrestling tournament.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

St. Clair Shores-South Lake and Warren-Lincoln 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 1,303 students will continue placement of one team in the Division 2 tournament. Both schools sponsored swimming previously. South Lake will be the primary school. Support from the Macomb Area Conference was submitted.

Swartz Creek-The Valley School and Burton-Faith High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls basketball between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 56 students will continue placement of a team in the Class D tournament. The Valley School sponsored girls basketball previously and will be the primary school. Support from four future opponents was submitted.

Traverse City-Grand Traverse Academy and Traverse City Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved extension of the cooperative program deadline and, pending receipt of a completed application with league endorsement, approved a cooperative program in girls basketball between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 373 students will continue placement of a team in the Class C tournament. Grand Traverse Academy will be the primary school.

Troy-Athens, Auburn Hills-Avondale and Berkley High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls alpine skiing between these three schools which have not sponsored the sport previously and whose combined enrollment of 4,517 students will place a new team in the Division 1 tournament. Under the new sport start-up provision of the regulation, the agreement will be allowed to operate in excess of the 3,500-student enrollment limit for three seasons and must dissolve or form under 3,500 students prior to the 2019-20 season. Support from the Oakland Activities Association was submitted.

Negaunee High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A confidential request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who has experienced severe health issues for several years. The student took courses through Great Lakes Virtual Academy during 2014-15, passing one of seven courses the first semester and four of six courses the second semester. The student began the 2016-17 school year at Negaunee High School but withdrew from school because of health issues in November of 2015, and he again attempted course work through the Great Lakes Virtual Academy. The student was unable to continue and obtained more professional help. The student is in therapy, on medication and enrolling in a full course load for 2016-17 which will be the student's fourth first semester since enrolling in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2013-14.

The Executive Committee approved the request to waive the previous semester section of the eligibility regulation to permit immediate eligibility and determined all previous semesters of enrollment at Negaunee and/or Great Lakes Virtual Academy count against the maximum of eight semesters permitted under Regulation I, Sections 4 and 5. The current semester is the student's fourth first semester of enrollment.

Wyoming 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 experienced severe health issues. The student passed two of seven courses in the second semester of 2015-16 and is under treatment and on medication.

The Executive Committee approved the request to waive the previous semester section of the eligibility regulation and determined that this is the student's fifth semester of enrollment under Regulation I, Sections 4 and 5.

Adrian-Lenawee 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 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose parents are Christian missionaries and who completed a full residential change from Turkey to Adrian and enrolled to begin the 2016-17 school year. The closest nonpublic school is Berean Baptist Academy, a non-MHSAA member school which has a 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment of eight students and is 1.1 miles closer to the new home in drivable miles, but two minutes further in actual driving time from Lenawee Christian. The student attended Lenawee Christian for grades 3-6 and Adrian-Madison Schools for grades 7-8 before the family's overseas mission trips.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Adrian-Lenawee 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 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose family completed a full residential change to Britton as the father accepted an employment/business opportunity in Adrian. The closest nonpublic school is Berean Baptist Academy, a non-MHSAA member school which has a 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment of eight students and is less than two miles closer to the new home in drivable miles from Lenawee Christian. The student attended Ann Arbor-Fr. Gabriel Richard previously.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Fr. 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 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose family has moved from Indiana where the student attended Muncie Community Schools and who now resides in Saline. Gabriel Richard is not the closest nonpublic school but is the closest Catholic school to the new home. The family is Catholic and members of Ann Arbor-St. Francis which is a feeder parish/school to Gabriel Richard.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Pioneer 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 lived with his mother and her partner in the Ann Arbor-Pioneer attendance area and was enrolled at Ann Arbor-Huron. The student experienced bullying at Huron that created a hostile environment at home disputing how to address the matter, which caused the mother and student to move away from the partner to another residence but also within the Pioneer attendance area. The student has participated previously in athletics.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ashley 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 works out of state in construction and only returns to Michigan once every three months. The student previously attended Swartz Creek High School while living with his single father whose job moved to Maryland in June 2016. The student has moved in with an aunt and uncle in Ashley and has never participated in athletics.

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 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 lives in the Colon School District but whose children have attended Athens Schools their entire careers.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Auburn Hills Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student to permit participation in the football cooperative program between Auburn Hills Christian and Oakland Christian. The student participated in the program in 2015-16, and support for eligibility was submitted from Oakland Christian.

The Executive Committee approved the request for football only during the first semester of the 2016-17 school year. The student is eligible for all sports on Jan. 16, 2017.

Belleville 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 his divorced father in Kentucky to his mother in the Ypsilanti-Lincoln School District (Exception 8). The student attended Belleville Schools for grades K-4 and has an older brother who graduated from Belleville in June 2016 while living with the mother. An Educational Transfer Form is in process.

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

Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day 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 Walled Lake Western and has enrolled at Country Day for increased academic opportunities. The student participated in 9<sup>th</sup>-grade girls volleyball.

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 an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Big Rapids-Crossroads Charter Academy before enrolling at Big Rapids due to dissatisfaction with the former school. The parents have attempted to resolve their concerns by serving on internal school committees but have enrolled all three of their children in the Big Rapids Public Schools.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bronson 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 whose mother lives in Arkansas and has sent the student for the second time to live with a different family in Bronson. The student began the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Bronson in the 2015-16 school year, living with a family friend. In December 2015, the student went to live with his mother in Arkansas and did not participate in athletics. In July 2016, the student returned to Bronson and the home of another family. The student has participated previously in athletics.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver and determined that no additional requests to waive the transfer regulation will be considered for this student.

Corunna 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 lives in the Owosso School District but has 7<sup>th</sup>- and 9<sup>th</sup>-grade siblings who have been in attendance at Corunna since Kindergarten.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Dearborn High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student who tried out, made the team and played in one girls volleyball game for Dearborn-Fordson on Aug. 19, 2016. The student believed her school of choice application would be accepted as an older sister attends Fordson. The request to attend Fordson was not approved by the district, causing the student to attend Dearborn High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Detroit-Old Redford Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Oak Park and was the subject of physical threats sent through social media over an incident that occurred in school, causing the student to transfer. Those threatening the student came to the school seeking to do violence to the student. The school administration and police were alerted to the situation.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Detroit-U of D Jesuit 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 who attended U of D Jesuit Academy for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade before the father's job forced relocation of the family to Milan, Italy. In July 2016, the family moved back to Birmingham and the student reenrolled at U of D Jesuit.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Dexter High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who, along with his two brothers, was adopted from El Salvador in 2006. Due to early life trauma, the student struggled academically and socially while attending Ann Arbor-Skyline High School for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Due to an injury, the student only played in the last few JV soccer games at Skyline last fall. The student's family resides in Dexter.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Flint—Carman-Ainsworth 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 is a Flushing resident with no history of athletic participation. The student attended Genesee Academy for grades 9-11 before enrolling at Carman-Ainsworth to begin the 2016-17 school year because he desires the academic Pre-Med program not offered by Genesee Academy or Flushing but offered at Carman-Ainsworth.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Flint-Powers Catholic 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 10<sup>th</sup>- and 11<sup>th</sup>-grade siblings whose father's employment changed from Iowa to the Flint area in the spring of 2016. The students finished the school year in Iowa and in July 2016, the family moved in with grandparents in Swartz Creek while searching for a home. The home in Iowa is up for sale and General Motors, the father's employer, will buy the home if a buyer is not found. The Valley School is closer to the current residence but the family is Catholic and the students attended Grand Blanc-Holy Family School, a primary feeder of Powers Catholic, before moving to Iowa six years ago. The father is also a graduate of Powers Catholic.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Frankenmuth High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 74 (practicing with another team in August) was made on behalf of two 9<sup>th</sup>-grade students who practiced volleyball for three days (Aug. 10-12, 2016) with Vassar High School before they were accepted to attend Frankenmuth on Aug. 12. The request was for eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The students submitted applications to attend Frankenmuth in February 2016. The students did not participate in a scrimmage or contest at either school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for these two students to participate at the subvarsity level only for girls volleyball and at any level of play for all other sports.

Fruitport 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 in his fifth semester of high school but who will be assigned to the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. The student lived with his father in Mexico and is coming to live with his mother in Fruitport. A younger sibling has attended Fruitport Schools K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The parents never married and have been unable to complete an Educational Transfer Form because the schools are on strike in Mexico and they cannot obtain accurate birth records.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at any level the student is capable of playing.

Grand Rapids Catholic Central 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 attended a Catholic Seminary boarding high school in Wisconsin and has moved in with his father in Grand Rapids (Exception 2 – a student not living with a parent). The student's mother and sisters remained in Chicago to continue their education when the father moved to Michigan after being hired by the Grand Rapids Catholic Diocese two years ago. The father commutes to Chicago regularly. The student participated in athletics in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Catholic Central is the closest Catholic school to the father's residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 74 (practicing with another team in August) was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student who observed football practice two days in the mornings with Grand Rapids-Northview and participated in practices those same afternoons with NorthPointe Christian (Aug. 8-9, 2016). NorthPointe met with the student's family on Aug. 11, 2016, to clarify that the intention was that the student enroll at NorthPointe. The family had enrolled at both schools to hold a spot at Northview for an older brother and then decided to attend North Pointe where they have had interest for several years. The student did not participate in a scrimmage or contest at either school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Harbor Beach 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 is the subject of a family-based dispute between married sisters whose children attend Ubly and play basketball. The dispute has been ongoing since the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and the student's cousin has created difficulties for this student at Ubly. The student has chosen to remove herself from the former school and will be enrolling at Harbor Beach to begin the 2016-17 school year. Support from family members and emails among the family were submitted.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Holland 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 remained in Holland with two siblings after summer vacation from Texas. While staying with a 22-year-old sister in Holland, it was disclosed that the student and siblings were experiencing abuse by the boyfriend of an aunt who was living with the family in Texas. The student and siblings lived in their grandfather's home in Texas with their mother, three cousins, an aunt and the boyfriend. The student's father died in September 2015 and the mother is unable to care for her children. Child Protective Services and the Child Advocacy Centers of Michigan and Texas are involved in investigating.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 74 (practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student who practiced soccer for three days (Aug. 10-12, 2016) with Portage Northern as the parents considered enrollment there due to his educational needs. The student attended Catholic schools through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The student has been registered to enroll at Hackett since last spring. The student has not participated in a scrimmage or contest.

The Executive Committee approved the request to participate at the subvarsity level only for soccer and at any level of play for all other sports.

Lake City 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 attended McBain and experienced social difficulties, causing him to enroll at Lake City. The student did not participate in athletics during the 2015-16 school year.

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 a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose younger sister was killed in a tragic accident in the Gwinn gymnasium just before the 2015-16 school year. The student has experienced some difficulties and estrangement at Gwinn as a result of the public nature of this matter and will be enrolling at Marquette to begin the 2016-17 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Marysville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 74 (practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student who practiced girls volleyball for three days (Aug. 10-12, 2016) with Kimball-Landmark Academy prior to her notification that she would be accepted at Marysville.

The Executive Committee approved the request to participate at the subvarsity level only for girls volleyball and at any level of play for all other sports.

Mason High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 74 (practicing with another team in August) was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student who practiced cross country for two days (Aug. 10-11, 2016) with Dansville. The family lives in Dansville and has been considering Mason for two years. The student registered to enroll at Mason on Aug. 15, 2016. The request was for eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student did not participate in a scrimmage or contest at Dansville.

The Executive Committee approved the request to participate at the subvarsity level only for cross country and at any level of play for all other sports.

Milan High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 74 (practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student who practiced swimming for three days (Aug. 10-12, 2016) with Ypsilanti-Lincoln while the parents submitted an application to attend Milan. The student and her 5<sup>th</sup>-grade sibling registered at Milan to begin the 2016-17 school year. Milan does not have a subvarsity girls swimming team. The student did not want to fall behind in swimming during the Milan enrollment process.

The Executive Committee approved the request to participate at the subvarsity level only for swimming & diving and at any level of play for all other sports.

Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit participation in football was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who participated in the football cooperative program between Western Michigan Christian and North Muskegon in the 2015-16 school year. The student will be enrolling at Western Michigan Christian to begin the 2016-17 school year. Support from North Muskegon was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for football only during the first semester of the 2016-17 school year. The student would be eligible for all sports on Jan. 16, 2017, except that there is the possibility of a link that would require ineligibility in basketball for 180 school days, pursuant to Regulation I, Section 9(F).

Newaygo 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 parents are divorced and no longer involved with the student, who is now residing with his grandparents in Newaygo. The student attended East Kentwood previously, ran track in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and has no other athletic participation.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Niles 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 kicked the student out of their home in Las Vegas and who has been taken in by an aunt in Niles. The mother and father were no longer willing to support the student. The relationship with the father has become violent and disruptive. The student played subvarsity football previously.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Petoskey High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 74 (practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student who practiced girls volleyball for two days (Aug. 10-11, 2016) with Boyne City. The student registered to enroll at Petoskey on Aug. 12. The father is now working in Petoskey and can drive the student to school.

The Executive Committee approved the request to participate at the subvarsity level only for girls volleyball and at any level of play for all other sports.



Reed City 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 been raised by her grandmother since she was a toddler and whose parents were unable to care for the student. The grandmother is on disability and has a medical condition that makes it very difficult for her to care for an adolescent. The student's aunt and uncle live in Reed City, have assisted the grandmother in caring for the student the last several years, and are allowing the student to move in with them. The student previously attended Baldwin and participated in three sports.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Richland-Gull Lake 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 whose father was recently appointed youth pastor of a church very near Gull Lake High School and whose congregation is primarily Gull Lake residents. In the quick relocation, the family has rented a home in Mattawan and is planning on purchasing a home in Gull Lake. The student previously attended New Haven-Merritt Academy and participated on their 8-man football team. The Mattawan School District has released the student to attend Gull Lake.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Saginaw-Valley Lutheran 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 who is moving from his divorced mother's home in Hemlock to his father's home in Freeland and will be reenrolling at Valley Lutheran, which he attended in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2014-15. The student attended Hemlock in the 2015-16 school year. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

St. Johns 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 lives in the Ovid-Elsie School District. The mother has lived in Ovid-Elsie for 24 years, hosted five International students previously, and became the special education director for St. Johns two years ago.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Utica High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically a portion of Interpretation 66 (residential change catch-up provision applying after a student starts the 9<sup>th</sup> grade) was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose family made a full and complete residential change into the Utica School District in August of 2015. At that same time, the student was entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Fraser High School. The student's older 12<sup>th</sup>-grade sister continued to attend Fraser in order to graduate there and drove her brother to school from Utica through the 2015-16 school year. The student participated in 9<sup>th</sup>-grade football at Fraser and would like to play JV football at Utica.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Vestaburg High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 74 (practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student who practiced football for one day (Aug. 10, 2016) with Blanchard-Montabella. The student's parents were unaware of him attending practice as the student arranged for his grandfather to drive him to practice while the parents were at work. Vestaburg does not offer wrestling and the student was interested in wrestling. The student attended Vestaburg Middle School, has a brother on the JV football team and lives in the Vestaburg School District.

The Executive Committee approved the request to participate at the subvarsity level only for football and at any level of play for all other sports.

Warren-Cousino 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 is living with his aunt and uncle in the Cousino attendance area while the remainder of his family continues to occupy the home in Garden City, pursuant to legal advice to remain in the home while litigation is pending over foreclosure proceedings involving Garden City’s “Neighborhood Stabilization Program.” The student has lived with his parents and sisters in Garden City and attended Garden City High School before enrolling at Cousino on April 15, 2016.

The Executive Committee did not approve 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 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
Bay City-Central	10	Auburn-Bay City Western	Sept. 6, 2017	Jan. 16, 2017
Canton-Plymouth	10	Canton	Sept. 6, 2016	Jan. 16, 2017
Clarkston-Everest Academy	10	Clarkston	Aug. 2016	Jan. 16, 2017
Corunna	10	Owosso	Aug. 25, 2016	Jan. 16, 2017
Grand Rapids Christian	10	Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern	Sept. 6, 2016	Jan. 16, 2017
Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Chr.	10	Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills	Sept. 6, 2016	Jan. 16, 2017
Haslett	10	Lansing Catholic	Sept. 6, 2016	Jan. 16, 2017
Madison Heights-Bishop Foley	10	Novi-Detroit Catholic Central	Aug. 24, 2016	Jan. 16, 2017
Marine City-Cardinal Mooney Cath.	10	Fair Haven-Anchor Bay	Aug. 30, 2016	Jan. 16, 2017
Pontiac-Notre Dame Prep	10	Warren-DeLaSalle Collegiate	Aug. 22, 2016	Jan. 16, 2017
Pontiac-Notre Dame Prep	10	Clarkston Jr. High	Aug. 22, 2016	Jan. 16, 2017
Rockford	10	Grand Rapids-West Catholic	Aug. 29, 2016	Jan. 16, 2017
Sparta	10	Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills	Aug. 25, 2016	Jan. 16, 2017
Tekonsha	10	Homer	Sept. 6, 2016	Jan. 16, 2017
Temperance-Bedford	10	Toledo, OH-St. Francis	Sept. 6, 2016	Jan. 16, 2017
Warren-Regina	10	Macomb-Dakota	Sept. 6, 2016	Jan. 16, 2017

Approved International Student Program (AISP) – Exception 4 of Regulation I, Section 9(A) allows immediate eligibility for one academic year for an otherwise eligible international student on either a J-1 or F-1 visa who is placed in a public school district or service area through an MHSAA Approved International Student Program. Pursuant to Interpretation 83, the Executive Committee was asked to approve a request from Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian High School to be added to the list of approved programs for 2016-17. The school's 2016-17 enrollment for MHSAA purposes is 270 students which would limit the school to a total of five students on J-1 and F-1 visas being allowed to participate at the varsity level during 2016-17. The school is in the process of making an application to the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) for 2017-18.

The Executive Committee approved the program of Western Michigan Christian High School. A maximum of five international students are allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the 2016-17 academic year.

Farmington and Farmington Hills-Harrison High Schools (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 241, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2016-17 school year was made on behalf of the head boys swimming & diving and girls assistant coach of this cooperative program. This coach is also the head of "dROP Aquatics" which is a community swim program and business run by the coach and his wife which is his sole income. The program has 147 participants age 5-55. Seventy-five of the participants are in grades 7-12 from 18 high schools and seven middle schools in the region. Fifty-three of the 75 participants are from five Farmington Public Schools, 21 are students attending Farmington and Harrison High Schools. This request was approved previously for this coach and this program in 2015-16.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach for the 2016-17 school year.

Midland-Dow High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 241, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2016-17 school year was made on behalf the boys and girls swimming & diving coach who is employed full-time by the Kronos Aquatics Club. This club is open to the general public and for 2016-17 is anticipated to include approximately 18-22 participants ages 15-21. The program involves college age students, four students from Bay City Western High School and nine participants from the Midland Public Schools. A similar request has been granted for this coach and program each year since 2014-15.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach for the 2016-17 school year.

Harbor Springs Junior High and Harbor Springs-Harbor Light Christian Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these two member middle schools. Harbor Springs sponsored football previously and will be the primary school.

Ortonville-Brandon and Ortonville-Brandon Academy of Arts & Sciences Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two member middle schools of the same district in all sports sponsored: boys and girls cross country, football, girls volleyball, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, boys and girls swimming & diving, boys and girls track & field and wrestling. Brandon Middle School sponsored all sports previously and will be the primary school.

Pinconning and Pinconning-St. Michael's Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls volleyball between these two member middle schools. St. Michael's is a new member school this year. Pinconning Middle School will be the primary school.

Traverse City-Grand Traverse Academy and Traverse City Christian Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these two member middle schools whose high schools currently have cooperative programs in baseball and softball. Grand Traverse Academy will be the primary school.

Sixth-Grade Participation – The Executive Committee determined that it is not necessary to form cooperative programs so that the 6<sup>th</sup>-graders of one MHSAA member school may participate on teams with 7<sup>th</sup>- and/or 8<sup>th</sup>-graders of another MHSAA member school in those cases where both schools are of the same school district with the same governing board. Even if they have separate building administrators, 6<sup>th</sup>-graders housed in one building may participate on teams with 7<sup>th</sup>- and/or 8<sup>th</sup>-graders of another building if both buildings are in the same school district. Both schools must be included on the MHSAA Membership Resolution of that school district.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016, at 8:30 am in East Lansing; Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016, at 8:30 am in East Lansing; Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016, at 8:30 am in East Lansing; and Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016, at 1 pm in East Lansing (Rep Council next day).