

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

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

East Lansing, September 9, 2010

Members Present:

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

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid  
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Benzonia-Benzie Central, Buckley, Kingsley, Leland, Maple City-Glen Lake, Onkama, Traverse City Christian and Traverse City College Prep Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative agreement in ice hockey between these eight schools. The combined enrollment of 1,848 students will place a team in the Division 2 tournament. Benzie Central, Kingsley, Glen Lake, Traverse City College Prep and Traverse City Christian sponsored ice hockey previously in a cooperative program which has dissolved. Benzie Central will be the primary school. Support from the six future opponents was received.

The Executive Committee also discussed the possibility of a future limit on the number of schools in a single cooperative agreement. This issue will be a topic for the Classification Committee in January 2011.

Berkley and Ferndale High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative agreement in ice hockey between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 2,207 students will place a team in the Division 1 tournament. Berkley sponsored hockey previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Oakland Activities Association was received.

Brighton and East Lansing High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – In the absence of support from school athletic directors, the Executive Committee tabled until not later than Oct. 4 a cooperative program in boys and girls alpine skiing between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 3,200 students would continue placement of one team in the Division 1 tournament. Brighton sponsored skiing previously and would be the primary school. Eight of ten coaches polled from the Mt. Brighton Interscholastic Ski Association supported the agreement.

Clarkston-Everest Collegiate and Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than Oct. 4 a partially completed application for the addition of girls golf to a cooperative agreement that exists between these two schools in several sports. The combined enrollment of 243 students would place a team in the 2011-12 Division 4 tournament. Neither school sponsored girls golf previously. Everest Collegiate would be the primary school. Support from the Catholic High School League has been submitted. A necessary signature from Our Lady of the Lakes is pending.

Dearborn Heights-Crestwood and Dearborn Heights-Annapolis 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 2,139 students will place a team in the Division 1 tournament. Crestwood sponsored hockey previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Southeast Hockey League was submitted.

Durand, Linden-Lake Fenton and Linden High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Linden High School to a cooperative agreement in ice hockey which previously existed between Durand and Lake Fenton High Schools. The combined enrollment of 1,994 students will place a team in the Division 2 tournament. Durand will continue as the primary school. Support from five future opponents was submitted.

Grand Rapids-West Catholic and Cedar Springs 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 1,550 students will place a team in the Division 2 tournament. West Catholic sponsored ice hockey previously and will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Harbor Springs-Harbor Light Christian and Burt Lake-Northern Michigan Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of girls basketball to a cooperative agreement which already exists between these two schools in track & field. The combined enrollment of 99 students will continue one team in the Class D tournament. Both schools sponsored girls basketball previously; Harbor Light Christian will be the primary school. Support from the Northern Lakes Conference was submitted.

Haslett, Bath, East Lansing, Laingsburg and Williamston High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Laingsburg to a cooperative agreement in ice hockey between these four other schools whose combined enrollment of 3,453 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 1 tournament. Haslett will continue as the primary school. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was submitted.

Iron Mountain and Kingsford High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls bowling between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 1,063 students will place a team in the Division 2 tournament. Both schools sponsored boys bowling previously; Iron Mountain will be the primary school. Support from five future opponents was submitted.

Kingsford, Iron Mountain and Norway High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys and girls alpine skiing to a cooperative program that already exists between these schools in other sports. The combined enrollment of 1,307 students will place one team in the Division 2 tournament. Kingsford and Iron Mountain sponsored skiing previously; Kingsford will be the primary school. Support from four future opponents was submitted.

L'Anse, Baraga and Iron River-West Iron County High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of West Iron County High School to a cooperative agreement in ice hockey which exists between L'Anse and Baraga High Schools. The combined enrollment of 691 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 3 tournament. L'Anse will be the primary school. Support from five future opponents was submitted.

Macomb-Lutheran North and Rochester Hills-Lutheran Northwest 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 855 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 3 tournament. Lutheran North has sponsored hockey previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Catholic High School League was submitted.

Manistee, Manistee Catholic Central and Traverse City-St. Francis High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of St. Francis to a cooperative agreement in boys and girls alpine skiing which has existed between Manistee and Manistee Catholic Central and whose combined enrollment of 866 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 2 tournament. Manistee High School will continue as the primary school. Support from the Lake Michigan Conference was received. A cooperative program in these sports between Traverse City-St. Francis and Traverse City Christian has been dissolved.

Muskegon, Muskegon-Mona Shores and Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than Oct. 4 the addition of Western Michigan Christian to a boys swimming & diving cooperative agreement between Muskegon and Mona Shores High Schools. Since the breakup of agreements in excess of 3,500 students in 2006, one-half of Muskegon High School's enrollment is placed with Mona Shores, the other with Reeths-Puffer High School. The combined enrollment for classification purposes of 2,225 students would continue placement of a team in the Division 1 tournament. Support from the OK Conference was received; Muskegon Board of Education action is pending.

Alma High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of an 18-year-old 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who has been under the care of a psychologist since the fall of 2009 for an illness which resulted in his inability to attend school regularly. The student did not receive a satisfactory credit record for the third trimester of 2009-10 at St. Johns High School and was unable to attend summer school. The student has moved from his mother's home in St. Johns and is living on his own under family supervision in Alma; an Educational Transfer Form is in process.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver, noting that the trimester with academic deficiency counts toward the maximum trimesters allowed for interscholastic athletic eligibility.

Parchment High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who was diagnosed late in his illness with Lyme disease. The student's illness prevented him from attending many days of school which resulted in insufficient credit being awarded for the second and third trimesters of 2009-10. Prior to the illness, the student had performed well and is on track to graduate in spite of the illness.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver, noting that the trimesters with academic deficiencies count toward the maximum trimesters allowed for interscholastic athletic eligibility.

Wyoming Park High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who was hospitalized and under medication during the 2009-10 school year, resulting in the student's inability to attend school and achieve academically. The student attended school intermittently but received insufficient credit for the first semester of 2009-10. He was not enrolled in school in the second semester of 2009-10 due to his illness.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver, noting that the semester during which the student was enrolled but had academic deficiencies counts toward the maximum semesters allowed for interscholastic athletic eligibility.

Ann Arbor-Greenhills High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade foreign exchange student from a CSJET-approved program who is enrolling at Greenhills to begin the 2010-11 school year. The closest nonpublic school is Ann Arbor-Clonlara High School but the host family has a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade son who has attended Greenhills Schools since middle school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Greenhills High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student previously attended Tecumseh High School after applying to Greenhills for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade when he was placed on a waiting list. The student has a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade brother enrolled at Greenhills and a 6<sup>th</sup>-grade sister who enrolled this year.

Citing a specific condition of this Section – that it applies only to 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders – the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Athens High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a foreign exchange student whose grade is to be determined (10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>), who is from International Experience-USA, a CSJET-approved program, and whose host family lives in the Colon School District. The host family is very active in the Athens community and schools and has three children in grades 2, 5 and 7 who have always attended Athens Schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

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The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Atlanta 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 Milford High School while residing with her parents. The student was evicted from her parents' home on July 18, 2010, and has been residing with a cousin in the Atlanta School District since July 18, 2010.

Because the school's 2010-11 MHSAA Membership Resolution had not been submitted and the request lacked necessary documentation, this matter was tabled.

Auburn Hills-Oakland Christian 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 Grosse Pointe South High School where he had difficulties with football teammates both on school grounds and off school property. The student moved to the residence of an aunt and uncle, enrolling at Oakland Christian on Sept. 7, 2010.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Battle Creek-St. Philip 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 St. Philip for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade before attending school in Louisiana for 15 days from Aug. 13-Sept. 3, 2010. The student and his mother traveled to Louisiana over the summer to take care of affairs due to the grandfather's death in April 2010. The student enrolled because his relatives were beginning school. He did not participate in athletics while in Louisiana and has returned with his mother to Battle Creek and was enrolled on the first day of school at St. Philip.

The Executive Committee approved 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 attended Wyoming-Rogers for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and, due to a harsh environment, enrolled at East Kentwood for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade where he was ineligible under the transfer regulation. The student found more of the same trouble at East Kentwood and has moved to the residence of his uncle in Big Rapids, enrolling at Big Rapids High School to begin the 2010-11 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Warren-De La Salle Collegiate before moving to Royal Oak and enrolling at Brother Rice for the 2010-11 school year. Brother Rice is the closest all-boys Catholic high school but not the closest Catholic school. Two coed schools, Shrine and Bishop Foley, are closer to the student's new residence but the student previously attended an all-boys Catholic school (De La Salle).

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Byron Center 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 Hudsonville High School and intends to enroll at Byron Center to begin the 2010-11 school year. The student's social/emotional condition and stressful relationship with her prior coach at Hudsonville caused the change of schools.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Byron Center 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 Grand Rapids-South Christian High School and enrolled at Byron Center to begin the 2010-11 school year. The student was a victim in a pending legal criminal matter involving a teacher/coach at her former school.

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 who previously attended Manton High School, suffered harassment and enrolled at Cadillac High School to begin the 2010-11 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Canton-Plymouth Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Whitmore Lake High School before completing a residential treatment program in Wyoming from May 23-Aug. 31, 2010. The student has returned from this facility to his parents' home in Whitmore Lake (Exception 2). It was the recommendation of his counselors that he not reenroll at Whitmore Lake to avoid connecting with his old environment. The student has enrolled to begin the 2010-11 school year at Plymouth Christian which is the closest Christian high school to his home. Ann Arbor-Gabriel Richard Catholic High School is the closest nonpublic school. The student is not Catholic but a member of a local Christian church which is a feeder to Plymouth Christian High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Comstock Park 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 Grand Rapids-West Catholic and was the victim of a hazing issue at West Catholic in the summer and fall of 2009. The student attempted to finish the school year at West Catholic but it became more difficult to overcome. West Catholic High School would not allow students who participated previously to participate in boys cross country in 2009-10. The student began counseling in February 2010 which continues. The student enrolled at Comstock Park to begin the 2010-11 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Comstock Park 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 Comstock Park his entire career except for portions of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade in 2009-10; enrolling at Rockford High School from Sept. 23, 2009 – March 22, 2010, due to an incident with a Comstock Park coach on Aug. 25, 2009. On Oct. 6, 2009, the Executive Committee did not approve a request from Rockford High School to waive the transfer regulation for this student. The student did not participate in athletics at Rockford or at Comstock Park in the spring of 2010.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Delton Kellogg 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 Battle Creek-Lakeview and lived with her birth mother. Her biological father is not listed on the birth certificate and has not been in the student's life. The student considers a resident of Delton to be her non-biological father in that he resided with the student and her mother from five months of age (April 1996) until June of 2003. This man voluntarily paid child support for the student and remained in regular contact with the student after splitting up with the mother. He is also the biological father to the student's sister. He is married now and lives in Delton with two step-children and this student's half sister. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Farmington Hills-Mercy High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 73 (9<sup>th</sup> grader practicing in August with another school) was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student who practiced for several days with the volleyball team at West Bloomfield High School. The student did not participate in a scrimmage or contest or attend one class at West Bloomfield before enrolling at Mercy to begin the 2010-11 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver pending further verification that the student did not participate in an interscholastic scrimmage for West Bloomfield.

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 was not allowed to return to Swartz Creek High School due to behavioral issues. The student has been a resident of the Carman-Ainsworth School District since 1999 and attended Swartz Creek Schools since the elementary grades.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern 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 who previously attended Ada-Forest Hills Eastern High School and participated for two years as a member of the girls swimming & diving cooperative agreement between these two schools of the same district. The student will enroll at Forest Hills Northern to begin the 2010-11 school year. Support from Forest Hills Eastern High School was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for girls swimming & diving only until Jan. 17, 2011.

Grandville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 15-year-old 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian High School for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades before enrolling at Grandville High School to begin the 2010-11 school year because the student is in need of a broader and more advanced curriculum.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grosse Pointe North 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 school in Atlanta, Georgia and lived with his parents in an unsafe and unhealthy environment. In July 2010, the student moved to the residence of an adult friend who resides in the Grosse Pointe School District and who has become the student's legal guardian.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Harper Woods-Chandler Park Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) –A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (closest charter school) was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Detroit-Allen Academy while living in the Detroit-Mumford attendance area with her uncle and has returned to reside with her mother in Harper Woods (Exception 2). The closest charter school, Heart Academy, does not accept 12<sup>th</sup>-grade transfer students. Chandler Park Academy is the closest charter school to the student's new address. Because the student's parents never married and the father has not been part of the student's life, waiver of the exact language of Exception 2 (that the student reside with the single parent, if divorced) was also requested.

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 an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose older brother is under clinical care for an illness that has caused the mother to relocate the student to the home of the grandmother in Holly. The student enrolled to begin the 2010-11 school year at Holly High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Holt High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of two 11<sup>th</sup>-grade brothers who are refugees (wards of the court) and in foster care for the past three years. Because the students did not speak English, they were enrolled in the Lansing Public Schools which offer English as a second language, which Holt does not offer. The students participated in athletics at Lansing-Sexton and Lansing-Eastern High Schools and enrolled at Holt High School, their school of residence, to begin the 2010-11 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Homer 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 lived with his father his whole life and attended Homer Schools from the second grade through the first semester of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. In January 2009, the father's house in Homer burned and the student was forced to move in with his mother in Addison where he enrolled for the second semester of grade 9 and the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. The student has returned to the residence of his father in an apartment in Albion and will reenroll at Homer to begin 2010-11. The parents have been separated for eight years but never divorced. The school requests that the student be allowed immediate eligibility at his former school with the one-time completion of an Educational Transfer Form due to the length of the parents' separation and the fire which led to the change of schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hudson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 83 on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who in 2009-10 had been a foreign exchange student from South Korea through a CSIET-approved program and who participated in athletics during his first two semesters of enrollment at Hudson High School. The student was adopted by his host parents on July 26, 2010.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ishpeming High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade foreign exchange student from a CSIET-approved program whose host family lives in the Ishpeming-Westwood School District and has two children (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades) who have been in attendance at Ishpeming Schools since kindergarten.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jackson 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 school in Alabama while living with his parents. The father and son were having difficulty and the student moved to Jackson to the residence of his aunt and uncle.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Lansing-Everett High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose parents are deceased (2007 and 2008). When the student's mother died in 2008, the student moved in with an aunt until February 2010 and attended Detroit-Henry Ford High School, participating in athletics. The aunt could no longer care for the student, who then lived with a cousin and completed the 2009-10 school year. The student has moved in with his closest living relative, a 22-year-old brother who attends Michigan State University and has secured housing in the Lansing-Everett attendance area.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Lansing-Sexton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A late request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended East Lansing High School and has enrolled at Sexton High School to begin the 2010-11 school year because of harassment and threats experienced from another student at East Lansing High School. The student resides in the Sexton school attendance area.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Manchester 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 to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only until the 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Manchester Schools before moving to Missouri to begin the 7<sup>th</sup> grade (fall 2007) when the father's job changed. The father's job has changed again and the family intends to relocate completely back to Manchester. On May 3, 2010, the student reenrolled at Manchester High School while residing with an aunt in Manchester. While in Missouri, the student – who plays hockey only – did not participate in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest. The request was for subvarsity eligibility until the 91<sup>st</sup> school day after May 3, 2010, rather than until Jan. 17, 2011.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until Jan. 17, 2011.

Marine City-Cardinal Mooney Catholic 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 mother's illness prevents her from transporting her children to two schools. A sister began the 9<sup>th</sup> grade last year at Cardinal Mooney; the 11<sup>th</sup> grade brother previously attended Warren-De La Salle, an all-boys school, and enrolled at Cardinal Mooney to begin the 2010-11 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Mesick 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 lived with his grandmother his whole life in Mesick until her death in the fall of 2008. The student finished the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2008-09 at Mesick before moving to Hudsonville for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade with the only blood relative found. The student did not participate in athletics at Hudsonville High School. Over the summer, the student returned to reside with a family in Mesick, the community he grew up in. The student has enrolled to begin the 2010-11 school year at Mesick. The student's parents have not been in the student's life since shortly after his birth.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Negaunee High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (nonpublic school of residence) was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade foreign exchange student from a CSIET-approved program who is enrolling at Negaunee to begin the 2010-11 school year. The host family resides in Marquette but has an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade daughter who has attended Negaunee since the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Niles-Brandywine High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 18 year old 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who lived on his own in Ohio since his mother's death in the spring. The student has been taken in by a family in the Niles School District. The student previously attended Brandywine Schools through the third grade until moving to Ohio after his father deserted the family and the mother divorced. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form has been submitted except that the student is not enrolling at his school of residence but at the school he attended several years earlier where some familiar classmates remain.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ontonagon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 73 (9<sup>th</sup> grader practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of an incoming 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student who practiced football with Baraga High School for one day on Aug. 9, 2010, before enrolling at Ontonagon to begin the 2010-11 school year. The student did not participate in a scrimmage or contest. The family is relocating from Nevada, was staying with relatives in Baraga, and is in the process of moving into the Ontonagon School District.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Oxford 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 previously lived with his parents and a 10-year-old sibling in Missouri since 2005 and who moved to Oxford with family friends in July 2010 due to an unhealthy and neglectful life in Missouri. The student's father does not have contact with the student. The mother's lifestyle and care for the children was dangerous. The student was the primary care giver for his 10-year-old sister who now lives with a 19-year-old sister out of state.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Perry 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 Perry High School previously before admitting himself to a residential treatment facility in Bridgeport. Upon completion of the program, the student returned home and it was recommended that he enroll in a school other than Perry to assist in his recovery. The student enrolled at Laingsburg High School in December 2009 to complete the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and did not participate in athletics. The student reenrolled at the school of his residence, Perry High School, to begin the 2010-11 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Pinckney 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 has been a student at Pinckney High School for the past three years except for the first day of school, Sept. 7, 2010, when the student enrolled in one class period at Howell High School. The student returned to Pinckney and reenrolled.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who made a full and complete residential change from England due to her father's job change. The student attended an international school in London. Oakland Christian is the closest nonpublic school. The student and family are Catholic; Notre Dame Preparatory is the closest Catholic school to the new residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Reading High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade foreign exchange student through a CSJET-approved program whose host family lives in the Hillsdale School District but has two children (grades 4 and 8) enrolled at Reading Schools since the fall of 2009.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Rockford High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 12<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 previously attended Grand Rapids-West Catholic before enrolling at Rockford on March 8, 2010.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment beginning March 8, 2010.

Sparta High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of 10<sup>th</sup>- and 11<sup>th</sup>-grade siblings whose father has been incarcerated due to domestic violence and whose parents are near completion of a divorce. The students are not changing residences but domestic issues and financial burdens have worsened to the point where the students have changed schools from Grand Rapids-West Catholic to Sparta High School to begin the 2010-11 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Sterling Heights-Utica Ford II 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 changed schools due to stalking and threats made against his and his mother's lives by an adult person, since jailed and convicted. The threats and actions were a result of an auto incident between the parties on Nov. 23, 2009, which were serious enough that the school and authorities advised the student to change schools. The student enrolled at Fraser-Art Academy in the Woods from Jan. 25, 2010 until reenrollment at Utica Ford II on April 12, 2010.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Tecumseh 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 been under medical treatment since May 2010 and previously attended Adrian-Lenawee Christian High School where he participated in athletics and encountered personal difficulties. The student enrolled at Tecumseh High School to begin the 2010-11 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Traverse City Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Traverse City Central High School and did not participate in athletics. The student was the subject of threats in person and over the phone which are the subject of police involvement. Traverse City Christian does not have subvarsity sports in the fall.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Walled Lake 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 previously attended Bloomfield Hills-Marian High School and was assaulted by a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade classmate in the fall of 2009. The student, who has been undergoing counseling since May 21, 2010, participated in athletics at Marian.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Williamston 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 Brighton High School for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and a Howe Military Academy Boarding School in Indiana for the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades. Due to the high cost of attending the Military Academy and desiring to not return to his former peer group, the student enrolled at Williamston High School to begin the 12<sup>th</sup> grade in 2010-11 while residing with an aunt and uncle in Williamston.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Wyoming-Kelloggsville 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 father has been incarcerated and whose mother will not permit the student to move with the family to Georgia. The student has moved into the home of his grandmother who resides in the Kelloggsville School District. The student previously attended Grand Rapids-Union High School and enrolled to begin the 2010-11 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Wyoming-Kelloggsville 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 are returning to Mexico and who is moving into the residence of an aunt and uncle in Kelloggsville. The student previously attended Grand Rapids-Central High School and enrolled at Kelloggsville High School on Sept. 7, 2010.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Yale 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 Yale Schools her entire career except for the second semester of the 2009-10 school year when the student enrolled at Crowell-Lexington High School and did not participate in athletics. The student participated in athletics at Yale as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader. The student is joining a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade older brother at Yale and would be ineligible for two consecutive semesters at two schools if the waiver is not approved.

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:

<b>Requesting High School</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Former High School</b>	<b>Date of Enrollment</b>	<b>Length of Subvarsity Eligibility Status</b>
Ann Arbor-Greenhills	10	Ann Arbor-Skyline	Fall 2010	Jan. 17, 2011
Bloomfield Hills-Cranbrook	10	Birmingham-Seaholm	Fall 2010	Jan. 17, 2011
Central Lake	10	Ellsworth	Fall 2010	Jan. 17, 2011
Dearborn Heights-Robichaud	10	Redford-Old Redford Academy	Fall 2010	Jan. 17, 2011
Dearborn Heights-Robichaud	10	Detroit-Plymouth Education Center	Fall 2010	Jan. 17, 2011
Fraser	10	Warren-Lincoln	Fall 2010	Jan. 17, 2011
Gladwin	10	Midland Christian Academy	Fall 2010	Jan. 17, 2011
Holland	10	Wavecrest Charter School	Fall 2010	Jan. 17, 2011
North Branch	10	Lapeer East	Fall 2010	Jan. 17, 2011
Petoskey	10	Boyne City-Concord Academy Boyne	Fall 2010	Jan. 17, 2011
Saranac	10	Ionia	Fall 2010	Jan. 17, 2011
Southgate Anderson	10	Romulus-Summit Academy	May 2010	Jan. 17, 2011
Traverse City-Grand Traverse Academy	10	Traverse City Central	Fall 2010	Jan. 17, 2011
Warren-Cousino	10	Detroit-Crockett Technical	Fall 2010	Jan. 17, 2011
Waterford Kettering	10	White Lake-Lakeland	Fall 2010	Jan. 17. 2011

Grand Rapids-East Grand Rapids High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 233, a request to waive the three/four-player rule for the 2010-11 school year was made on behalf the newly hired boys and girls tennis coach who has been employed for several years as a tennis instructor at the MVP Sportsplex in Grand Rapids. The coach has not provided instruction to more than three players alone from East Grand Rapids in the past but has led large group clinics with more than three students from East Grand Rapids along with several others from up to 15 neighboring school districts. The school was in need of a new coach and had no teaching positions to offer. The coach is an East Grand Rapids alumnus.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Novi High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 233, a request to waive the three/four-player rule for the 2010-11 school year was made on behalf of the boys swimming & diving coach who is also employed full time with the Spartan Aquatic Club swim program. It is anticipated that the Spartan program will have approximately 130 participants from 7-10 neighboring school districts. It is estimated that 16 of 130 participants are Novi students in grades 7-12.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach for the 2010-11 school year.

Oscoda High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 233, a request to waive the three/four-player rule for the 2010-11 school year was made on behalf the boys and girls swimming & diving coach who is also the administrator of the Otter Community Swim Program. It is anticipated that the Otter Swim Program will have approximately 100 participants ages 5-18 years with participants from four neighboring school districts. 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. A similar request was granted for this coach and program in 2009-10.

Because of the limited resources of this community, the Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach for the 2010-11 school year.

Pinckney High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 233, a request to waive the three/four-player rule for the 2010-11 school year was made on behalf the boys and girls swimming & diving coach who has been recently hired to fill a vacancy as a coach of the USA Swim Team which is a fee-based program open to any students ages 4-18 and operated by the Pinckney Community Education Department. It is estimated that 30 students from six school districts including Pinckney are involved (Dexter, Whitmore Lake, Stockbridge, Howell, and Brighton). There are approximately five high school swimmers from the Pinckney High School swim team involved in the program.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach for the 2010-11 school year.

Regulation III, Section 1(C) – Pursuant to 2010-11 *Handbook* Interpretation 258, waiver of the enrollment regulation was approved 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 2010-11 school year only.

<b>Junior High/ Middle School</b>	<b>Sport(s)</b>	<b>High School Enrollment</b>	<b>Middle School Enrollment</b>
Adrian-Lenawee Christian	boys soccer	199	15 7 <sup>th</sup> -grade boys 16 8 <sup>th</sup> -grade boys
Camden-Frontier	girls volleyball, girls basketball	157	15 7 <sup>th</sup> -grade girls 22 8 <sup>th</sup> -grade girls
Powers-North Central	boys & girls track & field, boys & girls cross country	145	29 7 <sup>th</sup> graders 32 8 <sup>th</sup> graders
Rock-Mid Peninsula	boys & girls cross country, boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field	80	32 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> graders

Flint-Center Academy (Regulation III, Section 1[C]) – Pursuant to 2010-11 *Handbook* Interpretation 258, a request was made to waive the enrollment regulation to permit 6<sup>th</sup>-grade girls to participate with and against 7<sup>th</sup> and/or 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the girls sports of volleyball, basketball, track & field and cross country. In June 2010, the Executive Committee did not approve a request for boys and girls to participate because of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment. There are fewer girls interested in athletics and fewer girls enrolled in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades than boys. For the 2010-11 school year, there are 17 7<sup>th</sup>-grade girls and 25 8<sup>th</sup>-grade girls enrolled. The previous reported enrollment was 100 7<sup>th</sup>- and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for 6<sup>th</sup>-grade girls only during the 2010-11 school year only for those sports listed.

Flint—Carman-Ainsworth and Flushing Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two member middle schools in boys and girls swimming & diving. Carman-Ainsworth sponsored swimming previously and will be the primary school.

Grand Haven-White Pines, Grand Haven-Lakeshore and Grand Haven Christian Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Grand Haven Christian Middle School and the sport of football to a cooperative program between White Pines and Lakeshore Middle Schools that already exists in wrestling, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls swimming & diving, boys and girls soccer, boys and girls track & field and boys and girls tennis. White Pines will continue as the primary school. Grand Haven Christian is a new MHSAA member school.

Rules Meeting Completion – The Executive Committee discussed the application of penalties for failure to complete fall sports rules meetings (head coach may not coach in MHSAA tournament), determining that the penalty should be applied as adopted by the Representative Council in 2008. However, because it is a new requirement for cross country this fall, staff is authorized to provide, if the executive director deems appropriate, an additional opportunity for compliance beyond the midnight Sept. 14 deadline.

Soccer – The National Federation Soccer Rules Committee's decision to remove the requirement that an MD or DO provide written authorization for athletes to participate with a cast was not received in time for the MHSAA Soccer Committee meeting. As a result, there was no proposal from soccer, as there was for football, to retain the requirement for soccer. Staff members have been interpreting the rule for soccer just as the Representative Council in May approved the proposal for football: to retain the requirement, approved that the authorization for players to compete while wearing a legally padded cast must be in writing from an MD or DO.

The Executive Committee approved this interpretation intended to minimize injury risks for participants.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Monday, Oct. 4, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; and Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. in East Lansing (with Representative Council meeting Dec. 9).