

# MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, November 2, 2022

### Members Present:

Scott Grimes, Grand Haven  
Nicole Carter, Novi  
Vic Michaels, Detroit  
Kris Isom, Adrian  
Chris Riker, Portage

### Staff Members Present:

Cody Inglis  
Mark Uyl (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 MHSAA is a private, nonprofit corporation, made up of voluntary membership; it is neither a state agency nor a court of law, and is not bound by any particular legal standard of review or burden of proof when applying its Regulations or while administering an internal appeal. The *MHSAA Handbook* may identify which party bears the burden of proof, depending on the particular situation or if a particular Regulation is at issue. The MHSAA staff, its Executive Committee, or its Representative Council, where appropriate, shall determine whether the circumstances in each situation, as presented to the MHSAA, warrant application or waiver of a particular Regulation or Interpretation. To make that determination, the MHSAA considers what a reasonable person given the same information would decide.

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 vacated.

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 agreement 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 and Ellsworth High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these schools in boys and girls track & field (varsity only) and boys golf (varsity only). Both schools currently sponsor boys and girls track & field while neither school sponsors boys golf. The combined enrollment of 157 students would keep one team in the Division 4 boys and girls track & field tournament and add one school to the Division 4 boys golf tournament. Central Lake will be the primary school. Support from the Ski Valley Conference was submitted.

Custer-Mason County Eastern and Pentwater High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these schools in baseball (varsity only). Both schools currently sponsor the sport in Division 4. The combined enrollment of 198 students will remove one team from the Division 4 tournament. Custer-Mason County Eastern will be the primary school. Support from the West Michigan 'D' League was submitted.

Evart and Big Rapids-Crossroads Charter Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these schools in baseball (varsity and JV). Both schools currently sponsor the sport. The combined enrollment of 341 students will keep one team in Division 3 and remove one team from Division 4. Evart will be the primary school. Support from the Highland Conference was submitted.

Grand Rapids Christian, Grand Rapids-West Catholic, Byron Center-Grand Rapids South Christian and Grandville-Calvin Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of South Christian and Calvin Christian to a cooperative program that exists between Grand Rapids Christian and West Catholic in boys lacrosse (varsity and JV). The combined enrollment of 2,194 students would remove one team from Division 2 and add one team to Division 1. Grand Rapids Christian would be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference has been submitted.

Hancock and Chassell High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these schools in baseball (varsity only). Hancock has previously sponsored the sport in Division 4 but opted out the last two years while Chassell has not previously sponsored baseball. The combined enrollment of 290 students will add one team to Division 3. Hancock will be the primary school. Support from the Western Peninsula Athletic Conference was submitted.

Manistique, Munising, Newberry and Eben Junction-Superior Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of JV to an already existing varsity ice hockey cooperative program between these schools. The combined enrollment will be 692 students. Manistique will remain the primary school.

Muskegon-Orchard View and Muskegon Catholic Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these schools in softball (varsity only). Muskegon-Orchard View previously sponsored the sport in Division 2. The combined enrollment of 728 students will keep one team in Division 2. Orchard View will be the primary school. Support from the West Michigan Conference was submitted.

St Clair, Marine City and Marysville High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these schools in boys lacrosse (varsity only). St Clair previously sponsored the sport and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 2,012 students will remove one team from Division 2 and the combined team would be in Division 1. Support from the Macomb Area Conference was submitted.

St Joseph-Our Lady of the Lake Catholic and Watervliet-Grace Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of softball (varsity only) to an existing cooperative program (boys and girls basketball) between these two schools. Our Lady of the Lake currently offers softball while Grace Christian did not. The combined enrollment of 84 students will keep one team in Division 4. Support from the Berrien-Cass-St Joseph League was submitted.

Sterling Heights-Parkway Christian and Chesterfield-Austin Catholic High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two schools in baseball (varsity and JV) and softball (varsity and JV). Parkway Christian currently offers both sports in Division 4 and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment of 221 students will keep one team in Division 4 for both baseball and softball. Support from the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference was submitted.

Warren-Cousino, Warren-Mott and Sterling Heights High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]-2) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Warren-Cousino to a cooperative program that exists between the other two schools in boys bowling (varsity and JV) and girls bowling (varsity and JV). The combined enrollment of 4,036 students will remove one team from Division 1. Warren-Cousino would be the primary school. Support from the Macomb Area Conference was submitted.

Westland-Huron Valley Lutheran and Novi Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these schools in softball (varsity only). Both schools currently offer the sport in Division 4. The combined enrollment of 139 students will keep one team in Division 4. Westland-Huron Valley Lutheran will be the primary school. Support from the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference was submitted.

Whitmore Lake and Whitmore Lake-Livingston Classical Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of baseball (varsity) and softball (varsity) to an already existing cooperative program between these two schools in several other sports. Whitmore Lake currently offers both baseball and softball in Division 4 while Livingston Classical Academy did not. The combined enrollment of 227 students will keep one team in Division 4. Whitmore Lake will be the primary school. Support from the Independent Athletic Conference was submitted.

Wolverine and Vanderbilt High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these schools in boys and girls track & field (varsity only), boys and girls golf (varsity only), baseball (varsity only) and softball (varsity only). Wolverine currently sponsors baseball, boys golf, boys and girls track & field and softball while Vanderbilt currently offers baseball. The combined enrollment of 99 students will keep one team in Division 4 for each sport. Wolverine will be the primary school. Support from the Northern Lakes Conference and multiple future competing schools was submitted.

Wyoming-Kelloggsville and Wyoming-West Michigan Lutheran High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these schools in boys golf (varsity and JV). Wyoming-Kelloggsville currently sponsors boys golf and the combined enrollment of 634 students will keep the team in Division 2. Kelloggsville will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Wyoming-Lee and Wyoming-Potter's House High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these schools in softball (varsity only). Wyoming-Lee currently offers the sport in Division 2. The combined enrollment of 850 students will keep one team in Division 2. Wyoming-Lee will be the primary schools. Support from future competing schools was submitted.

Jackson Christian High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – A request to waive the maximum enrollment and maximum competition rules of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a current 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Jackson Christian from Jackson-Lumen Christi in August of 2022. The student was academically reclassified and the 2022-23 school year would be his fifth year of high school. The student experienced social challenges and academically was falling behind at Lumen Christi. The student transferred because a new start was needed. The school request was for eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Plainwell High School (Regulation I, Section 4) – A request to waive the maximum enrollment portion of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student at Plainwell. The student lived with his uncle in Delton-Kellogg who enrolled him as a 13-year-old 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student in the fall of 2021 at Delton-Kellogg. The student was subsequently removed from the uncle's home and placed with a foster family in Plainwell. The student was then enrolled as a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student in Plainwell HS on 1/5/22 and participated in basketball and track. The student is in the process of being "reclassified" as a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student starting in the 2022-23 school year because of academic struggles. The student wished to participate again on the basketball and track teams at Plainwell along with football after academic eligibility is restored. The new school requested a waiver of the maximum enrollment rule to allow the student to have full athletic eligibility through what will be his entire high school career. This would be a fifth year of high school athletics for the student. Supporting documentation included transcripts and foster care documents.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Riverview-Gabriel Richard High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – A request to waive the maximum enrollment and maximum competition rules of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a current 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Gabriel Richard from Grosse Ile in August of 2022 after his 12<sup>th</sup> grade year. The student experienced conflict with the Grosse Ile administration and community because of an issue that occurred with Grosse Ile administration regarding the student's medical condition. The student is battling a serious form of childhood cancer and wore a hat to school which was against school policy. The student finished the school year on the advice of medical personnel, played basketball and then unenrolled from Grosse Ile High School. The student transferred because a new start was needed in a new school. The school request was for eligibility in basketball. Because of the cancer diagnosis, recovery, and a complete year off of school during what would have been his 11<sup>th</sup>-grade year, the first semester of 2022-23 will be the student's 5<sup>th</sup> first semester and 9<sup>th</sup> overall since 2018. Support from the former school was received.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Allen Park-Cabrini 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 transferred at the start of the 2022-23 school year to Cabrini from Allen Park. The student cited anxiety and stress from a school lockdown at the former school as a primary reason for desiring a change of school. The student participated in softball at the former school and desired to join the softball team at Cabrini. A letter of support from a psychologist was also received.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Battle Creek-Calhoun Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student from Kalamazoo Heritage Christian Academy. The student attended Kalamazoo Heritage Christian during her 9<sup>th</sup>-grade year where she played volleyball, basketball and soccer. The family has adopted several children including a 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade student. The family was told that Heritage Christian Academy could no longer educate this student any longer. This school decision forced the family to look for a new school because they wanted to have all their children at the same school. The 10<sup>th</sup>-grade daughter is the only high school aged student in the family and the only one impacted by this decision. The new school asked for eligibility in basketball and soccer after the student sat during the volleyball season. The former school has confirmed the decision and supporting documentation from the family was also presented.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Big Rapids High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who has transferred to Big Rapids from Pine River for the 2022-23 school year. The student experienced mental health challenges and social/emotional issues related to racial slurs at the former school. The student entered counseling and desired a change to deal with her mental health and incidents that occurred. The student participated in basketball, soccer and track at the former school. The family believes that the new school will allow the student to thrive academically and socially and have also moved younger siblings to Big Rapids Public Schools. The request was for eligibility in all sports. New and updated letters of support from Pine River were received along with an updated counseling letter.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice 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 transferred to Brother Rice following the 2021-22 school year. The student played in three games of JV Hockey and one scrimmage for Groves High School prior to leaving the program. The school requested eligibility after sitting the scrimmage and the first three games of the 2022 hockey season at Brother Rice.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after the student sits the scrimmage and first three games of the 2022 hockey season.

Detroit-University of Detroit 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 an incoming 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who made a full and complete residential change to Grosse Pointe from China. The student's father worked for an America company based in China and the family made a full and complete move in the summer of 2021 back to their home in Grosse Pointe. The student attended Grosse Pointe South as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader in 2021-22 and participated in swimming and lacrosse. The student took immersive Chinese language study while in China which was not an option at Grosse Pointe South. The student's parents determined that a new private school option would be a better fit for the student. They also desired the new school be a Catholic and Jesuit setting. The school requested immediate athletic eligibility in all sports and if that cannot be granted then a request was made for subvarsity eligibility in lacrosse.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Detroit-University of Detroit Jesuit 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 transferred to U of D Jesuit after spending his 9<sup>th</sup>-grade year attending Bloomfield Hills. The student experienced severe anxiety and depression. The student participated in swim and lacrosse during his 9<sup>th</sup> grade year at Bloomfield Hills. He struggled emotionally to control his temper and anxiety which resulted in numerous issues at Bloomfield Hills. The student's parents determined that a new private school option would serve the student better after trying home schooling in the spring. The family and school requested athletic eligibility in lacrosse, and if that could not be granted, then a request was made for subvarsity eligibility in lacrosse.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Engadine High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of an incoming 12<sup>th</sup>-grade exchange student. The exchange student is a J-1 student from an approved international study program and the host family lives outside of the Engadine Public Schools attendance area. The host family mother and father are school employees and their other children have both attended and or graduated from Engadine. The student desired to compete in basketball at Engadine and the school requested immediate eligibility.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Flushing High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who played basketball with New Lothrop as a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade student. The student transferred to Flushing after the highly publicized death of her younger brother from a rare inoperable brain tumor at the age of 9 years old in 2019. Since then, family dynamics have led to the separation of the mother and father. The father is living in the former home in New Lothrop while the mother and daughter have moved into the Flushing school district and a new home given the environment that existed. The student's mental health and situation have led her to desire to stay with her mother in the Flushing district and the adjustment to Flushing High School has been working as a fresh start for the student. The new school requested immediate eligibility in basketball. Letters of support were included from the student's therapist and the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver; the student may no longer use Exception 8 in the future.

Fremont High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of two 10<sup>th</sup>-grade students who transferred to Fremont from Hesperia where they participated in cross country, wrestling and track. They have lived in the Fremont attendance area since 2011 but made a school of choice decision to attend Hesperia as a family including a third sibling who is eligible based upon non-MHSAA sponsorship of the sport/activity. Both brothers would like to participate in athletics this year at Fremont. The family made the decision to transfer all three siblings to Fremont based upon challenges the family had with Hesperia Public Schools. Fremont desired immediate eligibility for the brothers in wrestling and track based upon the issues which occurred. The former school provided a letter of support for the transfer and athletic eligibility.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Blanc 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 participated in hockey for the past three seasons while a student at Grand Blanc. The student transferred to an online school unassociated with Grand Blanc, which did not have athletics, during the second semester of 2021-22 to help with credit recovery. The student desired to come back to Grand Blanc for his senior year and participate in hockey.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who has moved to live and take care of his mother in Grand Rapids and the Ottawa Hills attendance area. He has been living with his grandmother in the Wyoming attendance area where he has attended since November of the 2019-20 school year after starting his initial enrollment at Ottawa Hills for his 9<sup>th</sup>-grade school year. The student's mother is very ill and needs a caretaker. The new house also has the student's siblings who are 11 and he would provide day-to-day duties around the house and all necessary care for his mother. The student participated in basketball while at Wyoming High School, his only sport, and desires to continue that sport at Ottawa Hills. Documentation from the former school was provided. The school requested immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills 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 transferred to Grand Rapids U Prep (a theme-based school whose students are eligible at either Ottawa Hills or Union by MHSAA rule) from East Kentwood High School. The student competed as a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grader at East Kentwood in basketball while residing with his father in Kentwood. Since attending U Prep, he has been living with his grandmother in the Ottawa Hills attendance area. The student suffered depression and did not want to go to school prior to moving in with his grandmother and starting to attend U Prep. The new school and living situation has made an immediate, positive impact upon the student, his academics and attitude. The new high school requested immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Union 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 transferred to Grand Rapids City Middle/High School (a theme-based school whose students are eligible at either Ottawa Hills or Union by MHSAA rule) from Kenowa Hills at the start of the 2022-23 school year. The family determined that a new start for the student was needed given mental and physical health issues that impacted the student's learning progress at Kenowa Hills. The move to City High School was strictly for a new academic start that would help the student mentally, physically and academically. The student did wrestle at Kenowa Hills. The request was for eligibility in all sports previously played. Documentation included a letter of support from the Kenowa Hills Superintendent supporting the transfer.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids–West Michigan Aviation Academy High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who has transferred to West Michigan Aviation Academy from Grand Rapids Museum High School (a theme-based school whose students are eligible at either Ottawa Hills or Union High School by MHSAA rule). The student competed as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader at Ottawa Hills in basketball and baseball. While the student attended Grand Rapids Museum the student's desire was to attend WMAA and admission at WMAA is by random lottery. The student was not selected before his 9<sup>th</sup>-grade year and at semester. Just prior to school starting in August, he was notified and admitted to WMAA. He chose to attend WMAA four days after school started in August of 2022. The school asked for immediate eligibility in basketball and baseball for the student given that WMAA was his original school of choice as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader but he was not selected.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Goodrich High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who participated in volleyball, basketball, swim and softball while a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student at Ortonville-Brandon High School. The family chose to transfer the student to Goodrich after it was discovered that their residence is now in the Goodrich school district and not in the Ortonville-Brandon school district. This rare change in school district boundaries occurred in 2018 without the family's knowledge, was discovered after the family looked into moving residences and has been confirmed with the Hadley Township office, who made the switch, as well as with supplied tax records. The new information included an updated school district map and a letter from the Brandon transportation department indicating that they now will not transport the student to Brandon High School. Finally, some curriculum updates to the student schedule were also presented. The former school documented their support of the move to Goodrich for this student. Goodrich continued to seek immediate varsity athletic eligibility in all sports the student played at the previous school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ishpeming High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation is made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student that has been attending Ishpeming since September 7, 2022. The student transferred to Ishpeming from Negaunee where she participated in volleyball, basketball and softball. She had always lived in and attended Ishpeming through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade before moving to Negaunee with her stepfather and mother for the past two years. The student experienced emotional struggles at the former school including depression. The family decided that the best decision would be to bring the student back to Ishpeming after trying to stick it out at Negaunee, including starting the school year. The student has also moved back in with her ex-stepfather in Ishpeming who has been the primary male role model and father figure in her life and the school and family believe this will be for the best for the student. The school asked for complete eligibility in all three sports at Ishpeming. Documentation from counselors including medical records was provided.

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

Lansing Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Clarendon High School in Texas and played football and baseball before making a full and complete residential move from Texas to the Lansing area. The student's father was named the Great Lakes Christian College Volleyball coach and the family now lives on the GLCC campus in residential housing while they settle into the Lansing area. The parents made the decision to send their student to Lansing Christian but Lansing Catholic is approximately 5 miles closer to the GLCC campus. The request was for the student to be able to participate in baseball for his senior year at Lansing Christian High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Linden 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 transferred to Linden from Durand High School for the start of the 2022-23 school year. The student experienced mental health challenges including self-harming behaviors that required hospitalization and subsequent counseling. In addition, the transfer from Durand to Linden was recommended for a fresh start as she continues to work through issues of depression and anxiety. The student participated in volleyball, basketball and softball at the former school. The student sat out but was a part of the Linden JV volleyball program this fall. The request was for subvarsity eligibility in basketball and softball. Support from the former school mental health clinician and counselor was included.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only.

Memphis High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Memphis from Capac High School at the start of the 2022-23 school year. The student experienced bullying issues at the former school with her volleyball teammates after suffering a seizure on the court during a match. The student reported the bullying to her head coach, but it was not reported to Capac High School administration. The student transferred because a new start was needed. Supporting information was included. The school request was for immediate eligibility in volleyball at the new school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Monroe 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 transferred to Monroe from Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central in October of 2022. The student experienced bullying issues at the former school. The student transferred because a new start, in a new school, was needed for her mental health based upon these incidents. Supporting information included a letter from the former school indicating that the transfer to Monroe is in the best interest of all involved and that the transition to Monroe will help ease this challenging situation. The school request was for eligibility in tennis and volleyball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

New Haven High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred from Anchor Bay. The student has been dealing with social situation challenges and desires a smaller school environment. In addition, the student was injured for eight games of the basketball season at Anchor Bay. New information submitted focused more upon the mental health challenges that the student endured instead of strictly the physical injury. New Haven continued to ask for eligibility in basketball this school year after ineligibility in 12 games. Documentation submitted included new information from the parents regarding the mental health challenges the student endured while at the previous school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Pontiac High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Detroit Catholic Central High School until January of 2022. At that time, he transferred to an online school because of disagreements with Catholic Central and the online education that Catholic Central could provide. The student competed in two wrestling matches while at Catholic Central during the 2021-22 school year before transferring. The request was made for immediate eligibility on the third date of the 2022-23 wrestling season at Pontiac High School. The student's transfer to Pontiac was because of the significant issues he faced while at Catholic Central. Pontiac is the students' school district of residence. Confirmation of the games played was verbally provided by the previous school's coach to Pontiac High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver beginning on the third date of the 2022-23 wrestling season.

Portage 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 is transferring to Portage Central from Kalamazoo Central. The student's mother has sole custody of the student and determined that a new school environment was needed. The student participated in girls basketball and track while at Kalamazoo Central and the new school requested eligibility in those sports on behalf of the student.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Portage Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Portage Northern from Galesburg-Augusta for the start of the 2022-23 school year. The student experienced documented and significant bullying issues at the former school. The student entered counseling to deal with the challenges and the family desired a fresh start to help the student cope. Letters of support from her counselor, physician and the former school were presented as support to the request. The school request was for eligibility in basketball and softball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Riverview-Gabriel Richard High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Gabriel Richard from Riverview High School in April of 2022 during his 9<sup>th</sup>-grade year. The student experienced bullying issues at the former school which included a physical altercation between another basketball teammate and himself. The student also experienced harassment following the altercation. The student transferred in April because a new start was needed at a new school based upon these incidents. New information included a letter of support from the former school's Superintendent indicating that the transfer to Riverview-Gabriel Richard is in the best interest of all involved. The school request was for eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Rochester Hills-Rochester High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Rochester from Rochester Adams High School for the start of the 2022-23 school year. The student experienced severe anxiety, physical and mental health challenges while at Adams. This led the family, therapists, counselors, and ultimately the school district, into supporting a transfer, within district, to Rochester High School. The student entered counseling as he battles his health challenges. The student participated in subvarsity basketball at the former school. The family believes that the new school will allow the student to relieve his anxiety. Letters of support from the therapist, counselor, doctor and parents accompanied the request. The request was for the student to play subvarsity basketball at the new school for the upcoming season.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only.

Rockford High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who has transferred to Rockford from Diamond Ranch Academy in Utah. The student participated in wrestling while at Diamond Ranch Academy. He has transferred to Rockford to live with his aunt, who has guardianship of him. Previously he attended Bloomingdale High School in Florida prior to attending Diamond Ranch as a boarding student. The student attended Diamond Ranch after suffering abandonment from his parents (Diamond Ranch is a residential facility working to transition students). The stable situation with his aunt in Rockford, after the intensive one-year program at Diamond Ranch, offers a new start. The school requested immediate eligibility in wrestling at Rockford.

The Executive Committee approved 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 an 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Walled Lake Central from Orchard Lake St. Mary's in September of 2022 to start the school year. The student experienced an unhealthy emotional state at the former school. The student transferred to Walled Lake Central because that is his public school of residence, and he attended the elementary and middle school from 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The new school request was for eligibility in football, wrestling and lacrosse at Walled Lake Central. If full eligibility could not be granted, then subvarsity eligibility was requested.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only.

Wyoming-The Potter's House High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (closest non-public school) was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who is transferring to The Potter's House from Cedar Springs High School for the start of the 2022-23 school year. The student is a foster child who was placed in a home in the Cedar Springs area, that foster mother was diagnosed with cancer and decided to stop fostering the student. The fostering agency found a home in the Grand Rapids area where the closest nonpublic school is Grand Rapids Christian. The new foster family has and currently send their foster children to The Potter's House. The school requested immediate eligibility in volleyball and soccer on behalf of the student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Zeeland West High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility in boys lacrosse was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student. The student attended and participated in the cooperative boys lacrosse program with Zeeland East during the 2021-22 school year as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader. Support for eligibility was submitted by the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Dundee High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 241, a request to waive the four-player rule was made on behalf of the head girls and boys swimming coach who is also employed by the Tecumseh Public Schools as the pool director, which provides all of the coach's total income. She recently resigned her teaching position at Ida Public Schools in order to take this new job. The swim program and pool is open to the public and requires her to be the head coach of the club swim and dive program which also includes students from many other school districts.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jackson High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 241, a request to waive the four-player rule was made on behalf of the head girls gymnastics coach, who is also employed by the SASGC gymnastics facility as the lead instructor and owner for the last 20 years, which provides all of the coach's total income. The gymnastics program and SASGC is open to the public and is also advertised to the general public through media outlets. The program includes students from many other school districts.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Lapeer-Rolland Warner, Lapeer-Zemmer and Lapeer-Chatfield Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Chatfield to a cooperative program that exists (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades combined) between Rolland Warner and Zemmer in wrestling (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades combined). Lapeer-Rolland Warner Middle School will be the primary school.

Traverse City West and The Children's House Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[C]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls cross country, boys and girls track & field and football (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades combined) between these two schools. Traverse City West will be the primary school.

Wyoming-Lee and Grand Rapids-Potter's House Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in softball (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades combined) between these schools. Wyoming-Lee will be the primary school.

Next Meeting – Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022, at 1 p.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council meets next day).