

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Virtual, October 3, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Committee Members:

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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 was 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 nor to change schools for athletics, discipline, or family finances. 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.

Carney-Nadeau High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request to allow the use of 7th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Carney-Nadeau High School will have 74 students in grades 9-12 for the 2024-25 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with numbers, cause, and rationale about the positive impact of using 7th graders at Carney-Nadeau. The request was to be able to use 7th graders in their athletic program so that Carney-Nadeau can field JV teams. Support from the conference was previously received.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Cedarville and DeTour High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request to allow the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Cedarville High School has 68 students in grades 9-12 for the 2024-25 school year, while DeTour High School has 41 students for this school year. The two schools have a cooperative program in both boys and girls basketball. The request came to the Executive Committee with rationale about the positive impact of using 8th graders in basketball for the 2024-25 school year for the cooperative program and with league approval.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Marcellus-Howardsville Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request to allow the use of 7th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Howardsville Christian High School will have 58 students in grades 9-12 for the 2024-25 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with numbers, cause, and rationale about the positive impact of using 7th graders at Howardsville Christian. The request was to be able to use 7th graders in their athletic program so that Howardsville Christian can field a JV teams. Support from the conference was previously received.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Peck High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request to allow the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Peck High School has 125 9-12 students for the 2024-25 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with rationale about the positive impact of using 8th graders in the Peck athletic program for the 2024-25 school year. A similar request was granted for the Peck girls basketball and softball programs last school year. League support was also received.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Rock-Mid-Peninsula High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request to waive Regulation I, Section 1(D) to allow the use of 7th-grade student-athletes in their basketball program. Mid-Peninsula High School will have 65 students in grades 9-12 for the 2024-25 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with numbers, cause, and rationale about the positive impact of using 7th graders at Mid-Peninsula. The request was to be able to use 7th graders in their basketball program so that Mid-Peninsula can field a JV basketball team. Support from the conference was previously received.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Skyline and Ann Arbor-Pioneer High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls bowling (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 3,455 students will place the team in Division 1, removing one team from the division. Skyline would be the primary school. Support from the Southeastern Conference was submitted.

Bark River-Harris and Powers-North Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in competitive cheer (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 316 students will place the team in Division 4, making no change to divisional assignments. Bark River-Harris will be the primary school. Support from potential future opponents was submitted.

Bark River-Harris, Carney-Nadeau, Iron Mountain, Escanaba Holy Name, Powers-North Central and Gladstone High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Power North Central and Gladstone to an already existing cooperative program in gymnastics (varsity only) between these schools. The combined is 1,069 students. Bark River-Harris will be the primary school. Support from potential future opponents was submitted.

Blanchard-Montabella and Vestaburg High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys golf (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 358 students will place the team in Division 3, making no change to divisional assignments. Montabella will be the primary school. Support from the Mid-State Athletic Conference was submitted.

Caseville and Owendale-Gagetown High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys basketball (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 120 students will place the team in Division 4, making no change to divisional assignments. Caseville will be the primary school. Support from the Big Thumb Conference is pending.

Commerce-Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Western High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls skiing (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 3,831 students will place the team in Division 1, making no change to divisional assignments. Walled Lake Northern will be the primary schools. Support from the Lakes Valley Conference was submitted.

Jenison and Hudsonville Unity Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys lacrosse (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 2,265 students will place the team in Division 1, making no change to divisional alignments. Jenison will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

New Buffalo and Three Oaks-River Valley High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls soccer (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 335 students will place the team in Division 4, making no change to divisional assignments. New Buffalo will be the primary school. Support from potential future opponents was submitted.

Novi and Livonia-Clarenceville High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 2,702 students would have placed the team in Division 2, but they will remain in Division 1. Novi will be the primary school. Support from the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and the Kensington Lakes Athletic Conference.

Waterford-Kettering and Waterford-Mott High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – A late request was made for a waiver of the 1,000-student limit for a girls basketball cooperative program. These two high schools of the Waterford Public Schools have struggled with participation in girls basketball for years. This has created a challenge to find players, positions and opportunities for their students. The combined enrollment of 2,234 students will place the team in Division 1, removing one team from the division. Kettering will be the primary school. The cooperative application, which will be approved by the Waterford School Board on 10/17/24, was also submitted with this request. Support from the Lakes Valley Conference is pending.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for 2024-25 only with an otherwise completed and approved cooperative application.

Caro High School (Regulation I, Section 2) – A request to waive the age rule was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student (D.O.B. June 27, 2007). The student has struggled with a cross-country move between parents and yet has found success in being a part of athletic teams at Caro High School. Because the student wasn't involved in athletics prior to his time at Caro, there was no concern about his age until he learned he would not be eligible for his 12th-grade year. The school requested eligibility for the student in football, basketball and track at Caro for what will be the student's 12th-grade year in 2027-28 school year. The school provided documentation for an age waiver, including academic transcripts and athletic participation history.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Yale High School (Regulation I, Section 2) – A request to waive the age rule was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student (D.O.B. August 18, 2007). The student was retained after his 3rd and 8th-grade years while in Florida at Felix Varela Schools. The student transferred to Yale High School as a 9th-grader during the 2023-24 school year, where it was determined that the student's age would make him ineligible for participation in athletics as a 12th-grade student at Yale. The student was not provided an IEP until coming to Yale to address his learning challenges and has since thrived academically, socially, and athletically. The school requests participation for the student in all sports for the student's remaining three years. The school gave supporting documentation for an age waiver, including academic reports, transcripts, and athletic participation history.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

New Haven 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 12th-grade student who attends the Early College of Macomb through New Haven High School. The student is a fifth-year senior. The request was for the student to be allowed to participate in bowling at New Haven, given the student's shoulder injury prevented participation during the 2022-23 bowling season.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Plainwell High School (Regulation I, Section 4 & 5) – A request to waive the maximum enrollment and maximum competition rules of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who transferred to Plainwell High School from Portage Northern High School at the start of the 2024-25 school year. The student participated in volleyball at Portage Northern and has already been enrolled in four first semesters in her high school career. The student has had multiple medical injuries and only competed in one season of volleyball. The student dropped out of school for the second semester of the 2023-24 school year. Plainwell requested athletic eligibility in volleyball during what will be the student's fifth first semester of high school and athletic eligibility in 2024-25. Support from a medical doctor was also included.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Westland-John Glenn 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 an incoming 12th-grade student who attends the John Glenn High School Virtual program. The student withdrew from John Glenn High School after his 11th-grade year at John Glenn and intended to transfer to PSAT Academy, a prep school in Texas, but had numerous challenges and unenrolled in October of 2023 and did not attend any school the rest of the school year. He reenrolled in John Glenn to start the 2024-25 school year. Because of these issues, the family requested athletic eligibility during what would be the student's fifth year of high school and athletics in 2024-25.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Muskegon Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who enrolled at Muskegon Catholic Central High School for the 2024-25 school year after attending Muskegon High School for her 9th and 10th-grade years. The student is transferring schools to help with her health and safety. The request was for immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Skyline High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student at Skyline High School, who previously participated at Chelsea High School in football, wrestling, and track as a 9th-grader. The student now attends Skyline High School after leaving Chelsea. The student experienced discrimination and harassment, and despite attempts to alleviate the issues at Chelsea, the family felt this was a necessary step for his safety and well-being. The request was for immediate eligibility in football, wrestling, and track. Documentation from medical staff and counselors was provided.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Auburn-Bay City Western High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, specifically Interpretation #62 (closest public school to the new residence), was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred to Auburn-Bay City Western High School after attending Boyne City High School in 2023-24. The student participated in 9th-grade basketball at Boyne City. The student made a full and complete residential move from Boyne City to the Bay City Central attendance area. The family has a connection to Bay City Western, where all of his siblings and father attended, and he has another sibling currently attending Bay City Western. The new school asked for immediate subvarsity eligibility in basketball for the student.

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

Bloomfield Hills-Marian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for 9th-grade student who transferred to Marian High School on Sept. 13 of the 2024-2025 school year. The student transferred to Marian after attending Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day High School to start her 9th-grade year. The student participated in four meets of swimming at Detroit Country Day. The student transferred after challenges with the school culture and desired a new start. The request was for eligibility in swim at Marian in the fall of 2024, and if that couldn't be granted, then eligibility in the fall of 2025.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver. The student is eligible beginning with the fall of 2025.

Bloomfield Hills-Marian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation, specifically Interpretation #74a, was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student who practiced briefly at White Lake-Lakeland High School in volleyball and has now transferred to Marian High School. She was offered a spot on the Lakeland Varsity volleyball team on 8/14. The student applied for acceptance at Marian in early August, and they did not know if an acceptance was forthcoming, so they started volleyball tryouts at Lakeland. The school request was for immediate varsity eligibility in volleyball at Marian. New information included the actual dates of participation at Lakeland's volleyball tryouts and a new timeline of the events, which led to the family determining Marian was the best place for the student.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Boyne City High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for a 9th-grade student who competed in volleyball for Gaylord-St. Mary Cathedral High School in one volleyball scrimmage and one volleyball match during the 2024-25 school prior to transferring to Boyne City High School. The student desired a better variety of classes and opportunities at Boyne City. The former school confirmed the matches played at St. Mary. The new school asks for immediate subvarsity eligibility in volleyball, and if that can't be granted, then eligibility in the 2025-26 school year in volleyball after one scrimmage and one match in volleyball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for eligibility beginning in 2025-26.

Caledonia High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for a current 10th-grade student who attended Grand Rapids-West Michigan Aviation Academy for her 9th-grade year before transferring to Caledonia High School to start the 2024-25 school year. The student attended West Michigan Aviation Academy upon moving from Colorado after her father accepted a teaching position at the school. The student determined that being a pilot was not something she wanted to pursue any longer. While at West Michigan Aviation Academy, the student skied and played soccer. The student desired to attend a school in her home area and enrolled at Caledonia. The school asks for immediate eligibility in ski and soccer at Caledonia, and if that can't be granted, then subvarsity eligibility in those two sports.

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

Cheboygan High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to Cheboygan High School after attending Onaway High School for his 9th-grade year. The student transferred to Cheboygan to start the 2024-25 school year after attending Onaway Public Schools for his entire academic career. The student and family wanted to transfer schools due to health issues for the student and the family desiring a new environment. The request was for immediate cross country, basketball, and track & field eligibility.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Chelsea High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student at Chelsea High School, who previously participated at Ann Arbor-Father Gabriel Richard High School in wrestling as a 9th-grader. The student now attends Chelsea after leaving Father Gabriel Richard because he experienced social and academic challenges. The student had previously attended Chelsea HS as an elementary and middle school student and thought a new experience at Gabriel Richard would work well. The family felt that returning to his home school would help his well-being. The request was for immediate eligibility in wrestling at Chelsea HS. Support from the former school was included.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Clinton Township-Chippewa Valley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, specifically Interpretation #62 (closest public school to the new residence), was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred to Chippewa Valley High School after making a full and complete move from North Carolina with her family over the summer because of a forced job change for the father. The family found a house in the Utica School District and made a school-of-choice decision to attend Chippewa Valley for diversity and other opportunities. The new school asked for immediate eligibility in basketball for the student.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Coldwater-Pansophia Academy High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student at Pansophia Academy High School, who previously attended and played volleyball, basketball, and softball at Will Carleton Academy High School in her 9th, 10th, and start of 11th-grade years. The student changed schools due to life challenges, a decline in her father's health, and a new job for her mother along with a significant disability. These factors disrupted the student's structure, school, and home life, which would be alleviated at Pansophia Academy. The request was for immediate volleyball, basketball, and softball eligibility. The former school has offered a letter of support for the transfer.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver starting with basketball in 2024-25.

Colon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A third request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred to Colon High School from Quincy High School for the start of the 2024-25 school year. This student has been at Quincy since 2nd grade but needs to transfer because of the impact on his health at Quincy and because he needs a different and smaller school environment. While at Quincy, he played basketball. The school is requesting immediate athletic eligibility for the student in basketball for the 2024-25 school year. The former school superintendent and principal supported the transfer. Other documentation, including letters from doctors and health professionals, were also provided. Information regarding the health challenges he faced while at Quincy was submitted, and the continued request was for full eligibility at Colon in basketball. New information submitted includes numerous medical plans, documents, and notes from medical sessions.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after three basketball games.

Dearborn-Fordson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student at Fordson High School, who previously participated at Center Line High School in football as a 9th-grader. The student now attends Fordson, after leaving Center Line, because of wanting a fresh start due to health challenges. The student has attended therapy to help address the challenges, and a new school experience was a part of the desired change; the family felt this was a necessary step for his well-being. The request was for immediate subvarsity eligibility at Fordson. Medical documentation from doctors was provided.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Detroit-Loyola High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who competed in football the previous year at Detroit-Cody High School. The student transferred to Loyola High School to start the second semester of the 2023-24 school year because he desired a fresh start following a robbery incident that occurred. The request was for immediate eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ecorse High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for a 12th-grade student who competed for the previous school year in cross country, basketball, and track & field at Detroit-Voyageur Prep Academy, where he lived with his biological mother. The student transferred to live with his biological father for the start of the 2024-25 school year. The student's father lives in Ecorse, the same school attendance area as the mother. The mother has moved out of state and the only place the student can live with the father. The request was for immediate eligibility in all sports at Ecorse High School. An otherwise completed ETF was also included as documentation.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver with use of the Educational Transfer Form.

Farwell High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for a current 11th-grade student who attended Marion High School for her 9th and 10th-grade years before transferring to Farwell High School to start the second semester of the 2023-24 school year. The student attended Marion but had to change after her living situation abruptly changed. While at Marion, the student competed in three events in competitive cheer. The student's school enrollment was changed, and it was not her choice. The former school supports immediate eligibility.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Flint-Carman-Ainsworth High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to Carman-Ainsworth High School after attending New Lothrop High School for her 9th-grade year. The student transferred to Carman-Ainsworth to start the 2024-25 school year. The student desired to transfer schools based on incidents that occurred at New Lothrop. The request was for immediate cross country and basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Flint-Powers Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student at Powers Catholic High School, who previously attended and played soccer at Lake Fenton High School as a 9th-grader. The student desires a more supportive academic environment. In addition, transportation for the family has become an issue, and the family desires a faith-based education. The request was for immediate eligibility in soccer.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred to Catholic Central High School from Forest Hills Northern High School for the start of the second semester of the 2023-24 school year. The student competed in tennis at Forest Hills Northern as a 9th and 10th-grader. The student's transfer was related to receiving more personalized and intentional academic support and guidance. The new school request was for immediate eligibility in tennis.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Gwinn High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer rule on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred from Grand Marais High School to start the 2024-25 school year. The student had challenges in his home life that forced him to move to his uncle's home in Gwinn. Grand Marais is not an MHSAA member school but competes in limited interscholastic athletics. The request was for immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Iron Mountain High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive Regulation I, Section 9(C), for an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from Kingsford High School to Iron Mountain High School for the start of the 2024-25 school year. The student participated in swimming during the 2023-24 school year. Kingsford and Iron Mountain have a cooperative agreement in swimming, so 9(C) would apply by rule as a request. Kingsford has provided documentation showing written support for the student's eligibility in the swimming cooperative program as students at Iron Mountain during the 2024-25 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jackson-Northwest High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive Regulation I, Section 9(C), for an 11th-grade student who transferred from Parma-Western High School to Jackson Northwest High School for the start of the 2024-25 school year. The student participated in hockey during the 2023-24 school year. Parma-Western and Jackson-Northwest have a cooperative agreement in ice hockey, so 9(C) would apply by rule as a request. Parma-Western has provided documentation showing written support for the student's eligibility in the ice hockey cooperative program as a student at Jackson-Northwest during the 2024-25 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Merrill High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Breckenridge High School where he played basketball as a 9th-grader and transferred to Merrill High School to start the 2024-25 school year. The student struggled at Breckenridge and his health went into decline and desired a fresh start. The request was for full eligibility in basketball but would request subvarsity if that is the only option available.

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 for an 11th-grade student who attended Monroe-St. Mary Catholic Central High School in the 2023-24 school year and competed in wrestling. The student transferred to Monroe High School to start the 2024-25 school year after experiencing challenges with other students. The issues resulted in the family desiring a new start at a different school. St. Mary Catholic Central supported the change of school for the student. The request was for immediate eligibility in wrestling after one match, the same amount of competition he competed in at St. Mary Catholic Central.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver given more information is needed.

Monroe High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for a 10th-grade student who attended Monroe-St. Mary Catholic Central High School in the 2023-24 school year and competed in girls basketball. The student transferred to Monroe High School to start the 2024-25 school year after experiencing challenges with other students which resulted in her not completing in-person education. The family desired new start at a different school. St. Mary Catholic Central supports the change of school for the student. The request was for immediate eligibility in girls basketball at Monroe.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

New Haven High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an 11th-grade student who transferred from Lake Huron Virtual Academy to start the second semester of the 2023-24 school year, due to the student wanting to get a fresh start away from New Haven High School. The student desired to return to New Haven to finish his high school career and has started the 2024-25 school year there. The student did not compete in any sports while away from New Haven. The request was for immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

New Haven-Merritt Academy High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an 11th-grade student who attended Richmond High School for his 9th and 10th-grade years and competed in basketball and baseball. The student transferred to Merritt Academy High School to start the 2024-25 school year after experiencing challenges with. The family desired a new start at a different school. Richmond supports the change of school for the student. The request was for immediate eligibility in basketball and baseball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Northville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for a 12th-grade student who competed in competitive cheer the previous year at Wixom-St. Catherine of Siena High School. The student transferred to Northville High School for the 24-25 school year. The request was for immediate eligibility in competitive cheer.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Paw Paw High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation for an 11th-grade student who transferred to Paw Paw High School from Plainwell High School. The student attended Plainwell for her academic career based upon family challenges and her grandparents' ability to get her to Plainwell, which have now changed. The student competed in competitive cheer and softball for Plainwell. The request was for immediate eligibility in those sports.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

St. Clair Shores-Lake Shore High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student transferring from Detroit-Cass Technical High School. The student attended Cass Tech for his 9th through 11th-grade years, where he played football before transferring to Lake Shore High School to start the 2024-25 school year. New information provided indicated the student was challenged by his mother's severe health issues and hospitalization as well as the previous loss of his father. The former school has also submitted strong support for the transfer for this student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

St. Joseph-Our Lady of the Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student. The student previously attended Our Lady of the Lake High School from 6th grade through 9th grade before transferring to St. Joseph for the start of the 2024-25 school year, his 10th-grade year. He attended two weeks of classes at St Joseph and did not compete in any athletics. The student and family determined that he should have not left Our Lady of the Lake and transferred back after two weeks. The student had played soccer, basketball and baseball at Our Lady of the Lake for his 9th-grade year. The request was to allow participation at Our Lady of the Lake based on the short amount of time the student spent at St Joseph. The former school supports eligibility.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Shelby High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for a 10th-grade student who attended Hart High School for their 9th-grade year before transferring to Shelby High School to start the 2024-25 school year. The student moved between divorced parents within the Shelby Public School attendance area from his mother to his father. His father's new family has their other siblings go to Shelby and would like to send all their kids to the same school. Because both parents are in the same District, the Educational Transfer Form does not fit by rule. The school asks for immediate eligibility in subvarsity eligibility in football and basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver with use of the Educational Transfer Form.

Wyoming-The Potter's House Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, specifically Interpretation #62 (closest non-public school to the new residence), was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred to Potter's House Christian High School after attending Allegan High School for his first two years of high school where the student participated in basketball. The family made a full and complete residential move from Allegan to Grand Rapids because of his father's job change. Grand Rapids Christian High School is slightly closer to that residence than The Potter's House. The student previously attended The Potter's House school in elementary and middle school prior to his move to Allegan to start his 9th-grade year and, because of this connection, desired to continue this education for their son. The new school asked for immediate eligibility in basketball for the student at The Potter's House. Both the former school, Allegan, and the closest non-public school support this transfer and full eligibility.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Flint-Michigan School for the Deaf (Regulation II, Section 6) – A request to waive the travel limitation was made to permit the school's track team to participate in the Berg/Seeger Track & Field Classic in Austin, TX on April 11th and 12th, 2025, 1,363 miles from MSD. The Berg/Seeger Track Invite is the largest high school track event in the nation for deaf and hard-of-hearing student-athletes and is sanctioned by the NFHS. The list of competing schools will be provided closer to the event. This waiver was granted by the EC in 2023-24 for the Michigan School for the Deaf.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Powers-North Central and Harris-Bark River-Harris Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls cross country (6th, 7th and 8th grades combined) between these schools. North Central will be the primary school.

Southgate-Davidson and Southgate-Creative Montessori Academy Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving (6th, 7th and 8th grades combined) between these schools. Davidson will be the primary school.

New Member Schools – Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution adopted by member schools and according to procedures for MHSAA membership adopted by the Representative Council on March 27, 1997, the Executive Committee approved membership for the following school(s):

The Michigan Islamic Academy in Ann Arbor is a faith-based independent school. It is associated with the Sunni Muslim faith. The school campus is connected to a Mosque on the same campus. The school has been in operation since 1985 and has 103 students in grades 9-12. The school also has a waiting list of over 130 students and is planning on expansion to a new building to provide more opportunities for students. The school focuses on providing students with an education in the Sunni Muslim faith and students are admitted by interview and NWEA test scores. The school currently sponsors athletic programs in boys basketball and plans to add girls basketball and investigate a cooperative agreement with other schools to offer football. MHSAA staff conducted an on-site visit on September 10, 2024. An Athletic Department Code of Conduct and Handbook was submitted. A signed 2024-25 Membership Resolution and Preliminary Classification Form were also received. The school will be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2025-26 school year. Under the regulations, a new member school may immediately participate in approved cooperative programs once the Executive Committee approves membership. The Athletic Director will attend the new AD In-service at the MHSAA this fall.

Additional Item(s) –

Waterford Mott High School – A request to interpret and reverse a “no contest” determination of a varsity football game between Waterford-Mott High School and Woodhaven High school that was scheduled on September 20th. Because of safety concerns surrounding a “threat” at Woodhaven, the game was canceled by the host school after the Waterford-Mott football team was on-site. Waterford-Mott has provided a detailed timeline of the events and conversations as a part of the appeal to the “no contest” game and their attempts to play the makeup game on Monday. MHSAA staff indicated that a “no contest” game would be reflected in both schools’ football schedules, which Waterford-Mott believes negatively impacts their playoff points and the possibility of making the MHSAA playoffs this season.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver. The determination of a “no contest” for this game was affirmed.

Next Meetings – Wednesday, November 6 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, December 5 at 3 p.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council meets the next day); Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 9 a.m. – Virtual.