

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Virtual, August 4, 2025

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.

Summary of 2024-25 Waivers – During the 2024-25 program year, there were 543 requests by member schools to waive regulations (versus 480 in 2023-24, 406 in 2022-23, 366 in 2021-22, 269 in 2020-21, 354 in 2019-20, 448 in 2018-19, 461 in 2017-18, 420 in 2016-17, 453 in 2015-16, 467 in 2014-15, 449 in 2013-14, 522 in 2012-13, 506 in 2011-12 and 462 in 2010-11). Of those requests, 383 were approved by the Executive Committee (versus 328 in 2023-24, 264 in 2022-23, 260 in 2021-22, 198 in 2020-21, 271 in 2019-20, 355 in 2018-19, 379 in 2017-18, 350 in 2016-17, 381 in 2015-16, 362 in 2014-15, 345 in 2013-14, 416 in 2012-13, 386 in 2011-12 and 337 in 2010-11). Of the total, 322 requests involved the transfer regulation (versus 294 in 2023-24, 268 in 2022-23, 243 in 2021-22, 167 in 2020-21, 226 in 2019-20, 315 in 2018-19, 322 in 2017-18, 285 in 2016-17, 291 in 2015-16, 300 in 2014-15, 316 in 2013-14, 338 in 2012-13, 352 in 2011-12 and 320 in 2010-11). Of those involving the transfer regulation, 187 were approved (versus 158 in 2023-24, 138 in 2022-23, 144 in 2021-22, 106 in 2020-21, 153 in 2019-20, 238 in 2018-19, 253 in 2017-18, 234 in 2016-17, 224 in 2015-16, 213 in 2014-15, 229 in 2013-14, 259 in 2012-13, 265 in 2011-12 and 219 in 2010-11).

Rationale for Transfer Regulation – The following rationale for the transfer regulation, first established by the Executive Committee on Aug. 6, 1985, and last reviewed Aug. 5, 2024, is reaffirmed:

- a. The rule tends to ensure equality of competition in that each school plays students who have been in that school and established their eligibility in that school.
- b. The rule tends to prevent students from "jumping" from one school to another.
- c. The rule prevents the "bumping" of students who have previously gained eligibility in a school system by persons coming from outside the school system.
- d. The rule tends to prevent interscholastic athletic recruiting.
- e. The rule tends to prevent or discourage dominance of one sport at one school with a successful program, i.e., the concentration of excellent baseball players at one school to the detriment of surrounding schools through transfers and to the detriment of the natural school population and ability mix.
- f. The rule tends to create and maintain stability in that age group, i.e., it promotes team stability and teamwork expectation fulfillment.
- g. The rule is designed to discourage parents from "school shopping" for athletic purposes.
- h. The rule is consistent with educational philosophy of going to school for academics first and athletics second.
- i. It eliminates family financial status from becoming a factor on eligibility, thus making a uniform rule for all students across the state of Michigan (i.e., tuition and millage considerations).
- j. It tends to encourage competition between nonpublic and public schools, rather than discourage that competition.
- k. It tends to reduce friction or threat of students changing schools because of problems they may have created or because of their misconduct, etc.

Baldwin High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Baldwin High School will have 106 students in grades 9-12 for the 2025-26 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with specific numbers, causes, and rationale about the positive impact of using 8th-graders at Baldwin in their athletic programs and with league support.

Big Rapids-Crossroads Charter Academy (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved the use of 7th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Crossroads Charter Academy will have 61 students in grades 9-12 for the 2025-26 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with specific numbers, causes, and rationale about the positive impact of using 7th-graders at Crossroads in their athletic programs and with league support.

Cedarville High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Cedarville High School has 66 students in grades 9-12 for the 2025-26 school year, while DeTour High School has 47 students for this school year. The two schools have cooperative programs for multiple athletic teams. The request came to the Executive Committee with rationale about the positive impact of using 8th-graders in all sports at Cedarville and DeTour for the 2025-26 school year for the cooperative program, with league approval. The request was previously granted for boys and girls basketball for the 2024-25 school year.

Custer-Mason County Eastern High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Mason County Eastern High School will have 119 students in grades 9-12 for the 2025-26 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with a rationale about the positive impact of using 8th-graders at Mason County Eastern in all sports. League support was also submitted, and this request has previously been granted for this school.

Dollar Bay High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Dollar Bay High School will have 109 students in grades 9-12 for the 2025-26 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with specific numbers, causes, and rationale about the positive impact of using 8th-graders in the Dollar Bay athletic programs for the 2025-26 school year. League support from the Copper Mountain Conference was also received.

Lawrence High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs except football and wrestling. Lawrence High School will have 118 students in grades 9-12 for the 2025-26 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with cause and rationale about the positive impact of using 8th-graders at Lawrence in all sports. League support from the Southwest 10 was also received. This request was previously granted for Lawrence in the 2024-25 school year.

Marion High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Marion High School has 97 9-12 students for the 2025-26 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with rationale about the positive impact of using 8th-graders in the Marion athletic program for the 2025-26 school year. Support from the West Michigan D League was submitted.

Midland-Calvary Baptist Academy (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Calvary Baptist Academy will have 106 students in grades 9-12 for the 2025-26 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with specific numbers, causes, and rationale about the positive impact of using 8th-graders at Calvary Baptist Academy in all sports starting in fall 2025. It also comes with opponent support since Calvary Baptist is not in an athletic conference. This request was previously granted for Calvary Baptist in the 2024-25 school year.

Peck High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Peck High School has 110 students in grades 9-12 for the 2025-26 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with rationale about the positive impact of using 8th-graders in the Peck athletic programs for the 2025-26 school year. A similar request was granted for the Peck last school year. Support from Big Thumb Conference was submitted.

Pentwater High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved the use of 7th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Pentwater High School will have 66 students in grades 9-12 for the 2025-26 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with specific numbers, causes, and rationale about the positive impact of using 7th-graders at Pentwater in their athletic programs and with league support.

Rock-Mid Peninsula High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved the use of 7th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs, specifically basketball. Mid Peninsula High School will have 66 students in grades 9-12 for the 2025-26 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 is to be able to use 7th-graders in all athletic programs so that Mid Peninsula can field a JV team. Support from the Central Upper Peninsula Conference was submitted.

St. Ignace-LaSalle High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. St. Ignace-LaSalle High School will have 117 students in grades 9-12 for the 2025-26 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with a rationale about the positive impact of using 8th-graders at LaSalle in all sports. Support from the EUP Conference was submitted.

Stephenson High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Stephenson High School will have 111 students in grades 9-12 for the 2025-26 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with rationale about the positive impact of using 8th-graders at Stephenson in all sports. Support from the Skyline Central Conference was submitted.

Commerce-Walled Lake Central, Commerce-Walled Lake Northern and Walled Lake Western High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in gymnastics (varsity and JV) and a waiver of the 3,500-student limit between these schools for the 2025-26 school year only. Walled Lake Central will be the primary school, where the combined enrollment of this multi-high school district and cooperative program would be 3,614 students, removing one team from the division. The application is pending signatures. Support from the Lakes Valley Conference was submitted.

Waterford-Kettering and Waterford Mott High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls basketball (varsity and JV) and a waiver of the 1,000-student limit between these schools, which was first granted for the 2024-25 school year. 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. A completed cooperative application was approved in 2024-25 with a one-year waiver to this regulation. This new request included the addition of a freshman team. The combined enrollment of 2,068 students will keep the team in Division 1. Kettering will remain the primary school. Support from the Oakland Activities Association was submitted.

DeWitt, Grand Ledge, Lansing Catholic, Lansing Christian, Mason, Pewamo-Westphalia and Williamston High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) between these schools. This long-standing cooperative program is reforming this year with the removal of Laingsburg and the additions of Lansing Christian and Pewamo-Westphalia. The combined enrollment of 5,027 students would keep the team in Division 1. DeWitt will remain the primary school. Support from potential opponents was submitted.

Holland Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 2) – A request to waive the age rule was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student (D.O.B. August 3, 2006). The student has undergone challenging family situations. The student struggled with Generalized Anxiety Disorder and bounced between Holland Christian High School and homeschooling in his academic journey. This put the student behind academically, and this upcoming school year, he will be over the age requirement by less than a month. The school requested participation for the student in basketball and potentially baseball this spring at Holland Christian.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

East Lansing 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 will be in her 9th semester of athletic eligibility to start the 2025-26 school year. The student participated in basketball at East Lansing High School before suffering a stroke last August 2024. The stroke required emergency brain surgery and a medically induced coma. The stroke also required the student to miss significant school time, and she did not return to East Lansing until November of 2024, where she only took a limited schedule. This resulted in her graduation requirements being delayed until the 2025-26 school year. The student will be under the age requirement for the entirety of her senior year. The hope was that she would be ready for participation in girls basketball by the winter season and will be medically cleared at that time with a full recovery. East Lansing asked for basketball eligibility for the student in what would be the student's 9th and 10th semesters of eligibility. A description of the student's journey and several medical documents were provided.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Northville High School (Regulation I, Section 4) – A request was made to interpret Section 4 – Maximum Enrollment – to allow a student who transferred to Northville High School from Australia to start the 2024-25 school year to participate in baseball this upcoming spring of 2026. The student participated in baseball at Northville last school year and desires to do the same this year. The student's first year of high school in Australia, during the 2022-23 school year, was his 9th-grade year, but because of a variance in the Australian education system and the number of semesters in Australia, three per year, the winter/spring semester of 2025-26 will be the student's 9th semester. The request was to waive the maximum enrollment rule for this student, allowing participation in baseball at Northville this spring, given the unique educational journey the student has taken and the fact that the student has only played one season of baseball at Northville.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver as the request did not meet the published criteria.

Shelby Township-Utica-Eisenhower High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – A second 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 will be in his 9th semester of athletic eligibility next school year. The student has participated in cross country and track & field at Eisenhower High School. The student is on an IEP to work with his diagnosed disabilities. The student will be under the age requirement for the entirety of his senior year. Eisenhower asked for eligibility in cross country and track & field for the student in what would be the student's 9th and 10th semesters of eligibility. New information included a number of medical documents indicating the longstanding medical issues the student has been seeking support for as well as the student's IEP documents and attendance records.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Warren-De La Salle Collegiate (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 will be in his 9th semester of athletic eligibility to start the 2025-26 school year. The student participated in baseball and basketball at both Troy High School and De La Salle Collegiate. The student has been at De La Salle for the past two years after his transfer from Troy. The student was diagnosed with a disability early on in his educational journey, which delayed his educational path while in high school. The disabilities impacted his education, which forced him to repeat classes at Troy. The student will be under the age requirement for the entirety of his senior year. De La Salle asked for eligibility in baseball for the student in what would be the student's 9th and 10th-semesters of eligibility. A description of the student's journey, as well as transcripts, was provided.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Alpena High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of incoming 10th and 11th-grade students who are transferring from Gaylord High School to Alpena High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year. The students competed in football at Gaylord for the 2024-25 season. The student's transfer to Alpena was because the father accepted the varsity football coaching position at Alpena. The family has struggled to find a home in the Alpena School District and still lives in Gaylord. The request outlined several issues and challenges the students had at Gaylord along with efforts the family made to alleviate the emotional distress that the students endured. The request was for eligibility in football at Alpena for the 2025-26 school year for both students, given the extenuating circumstances surrounding the transfer from Gaylord to Alpena.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bath High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who previously attended Haslett High School and competed in basketball and baseball. The student transferred to Bath High School to start the 2025-26 school year with significant social and emotional experiences. Haslett supported the change of school for the student. The request was for immediate eligibility in basketball and baseball.

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

Bay City-Western High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who attended Saginaw-Valley Lutheran High School and competed in volleyball during the 2024-25 school year. The student and family determined that Bay City-Western High School would provide a fresh start after distress that the student endured at Valley Lutheran. The school asked for immediate eligibility in volleyball at Bay City-Western. The request came with documentation from a therapist and letters of support.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Big Rapids High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who is transferring to Big Rapids High School from Big Rapids-Crossroads Academy High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student experienced harassment and ongoing distress at school. The student participated in volleyball and basketball at the former school. The family believed that the new school would allow the student to work on her well-being. The request was for eligibility in all sports.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bloomfield Hills High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who transferred from Orchard Lake-St. Mary's Preparatory High School during the second semester of the 2024-25 school year. The student attended St. Mary's Prep since his 9th-grade year, where he competed in football. The student left St. Mary's Prep because of a decline in his mental health resulting from harassment and negative interactions that occurred. The request is for full eligibility in football during the 2025-26 season.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Brighton-Charyl Stockwell Preparatory Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who transferred to Charyl Stockwell Preparatory Academy from Milford High School to start the 2025-26 school year. The student and family desired to make a change and thought that a new, smaller school setting would provide a safer environment. The new school request was for eligibility in cross country for the fall of 2025.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Byron Center-Zion Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who competed for the previous school year in soccer, basketball, and golf at Hopkins High School. The student transferred from Hopkins for the start of the 2025-26 school year, desiring a fresh start to complete his high school education. Because of issues that the student went through at Hopkins that impacted the student's school experience. The family made the decision to go to Zion Christian for a fresh start. The request was for immediate eligibility in all sports.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Clinton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for siblings in 10th and 11th grades who participated in cross country, soccer, and track & field previously at Adrian-Lenawee Christian High School. The students transferred to Clinton High School to start of the 2025-26 school year due to environmental concerns at Lenawee Christian and a lack of school support. The request was for immediate eligibility in all sports for both students.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Fair Haven-Anchor Bay High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from Riverview-Gabriel Richard High School. The student competed in football and basketball at Gabriel Richard and, because of concerns about their stability, desired a different school environment. Anchor Bay High School asked for eligibility in football and basketball this upcoming school year.

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 an incoming 10th-grade student at Flint-Powers Catholic High School, who previously attended and competed in volleyball, basketball, and softball at Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes High School as a 9th-grader. The student and family made the decision to transfer to Powers Catholic after issues with school instability, administrative turnover, and declining enrollment. The request was for immediate eligibility in volleyball, basketball, and softball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred to Forest Hills Northern High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student competed in football and golf at Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School as a 9th-grader. The student's transfer to Forest Hills Northern was related to the student being targeted and harassed by classmates and peers. Despite attempts to rectify this by the school and parents, it became so severe that a new start at the school the student previously attended was needed.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred to NorthPointe Christian High School from Grand Rapids-Northview High School for the start of the second semester of the 2024-25 school year. The student competed in boys tennis at Northview as a 9th and 10th-grader. The student struggled with social interactions and required therapy. The new school requested immediate eligibility in boys tennis. Letters of support were submitted regarding the student's transfer. New information provided included letters from another administrator and staff at Northview on the student's behalf.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Greenville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from Rockford High School to Greenville High School in March of the 2025-26 school year. The student attended and lived in the Rockford Public School District his entire academic career, but the switch to Rockford's 9th-grade campus, the sheer size of the school created anxiety for the student. The family has connections to Greenville as there is family there. The new smaller environment has been a positive change for the student. During the 2024-25 school year as a 9th-grader at Rockford, the student participated in freshman football and basketball. The new school requested immediate eligibility in football and basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hillman High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who competed in basketball and baseball for Alpena High School in the 2024-25 school year. The family indicated that they are financially unable to continue to transport the student to Alpena, given that they live in Hillman's district and his older sister has now graduated from Alpena and can no longer take him to Alpena. The new school asked for immediate eligibility in basketball and baseball for the 2025-26 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hudson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation for an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred from Adrian-Lenawee Christian High School to Hudson High School to start the 2025-26 school year. During the 2024-25 school year, the student participated in volleyball and soccer at Lenawee Christian. The transfer was based upon some administrative upheaval and changes, which created uncertainty for the student. The new school asked for eligibility in all sports.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hudsonville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation for an incoming 12th-grade student who transferred from Unity Christian High School to Hudsonville High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student participated in volleyball during the 2024-25 school year. The student has struggled with relationships at Unity Christian and desired a new start at Hudsonville to help with these issues. Hudsonville asked for eligibility in volleyball for the student in the 2025-26 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hudsonville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation for an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from Hudsonville High School to Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School in January of 2025. The student participated in football during the 2024-25 school year while at Hudsonville. The student desired to attend Catholic Central because of its smaller-school faith-based education and was granted a waiver by the Executive Committee in April of 2025 to participate in football at Catholic Central after three games, the same number of games he participated in at Hudsonville in the 2024-25 season. The student has struggled with fitting in at Catholic Central and desired to come back to Hudsonville where he has a friend group and his younger sister will also attend.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. No further consideration of the transfer regulation will be made for this student.

Jackson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive exception #8 (student moving between divorced or parents never married with a signed Educational Transfer Form) for a student who transferred from Vandercook Lake High School to Jackson High School. The incoming 12th-grade student attended Vandercook Lake for his 10th-grade year and part of his 11th-grade year, before transferring back to Jackson, where he attended as a 9th-grader. Both parents live in the Jackson High School attendance area, so it does not meet the standard to use the ETF. Vandercook Lake determined that the transfer was motivated by athletics. The family provided evidence of other concerns and challenges that occurred at Vandercook Lake. The school asked for a waiver of the requirement that both schools sign the ETF, given this evidence, and requested immediate athletic eligibility.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Jackson-Vandercook Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who attended East Jackson High School in the 2024-25 school year and played football and basketball. The student transferred to Vandercook Lake High School to start the second semester of the 2024-25 school year after experiencing issues. The request was for immediate eligibility in football and basketball for the 2025-26 season. The former school strongly supported the student's eligibility at Vandercook Lake.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jenison High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 11th-grade student who competed for the previous school year in football at Grand Rapids-West Catholic High School. The student transferred from Jenison Public Schools to start their 9th-grade year and attended the last two years at West Catholic. The student struggled with making friends, and fitting in at West Catholic, and desired to go back to Jenison, where he attended K-8. The former school submitted letters of support on behalf of the student. The request was for immediate eligibility in football. New information included a letter from the student's certified nurse practitioner detailing the years-long challenges that the student had while at West Catholic.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Kingsford High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred from Gwinn High School to Kingsford High School to start the 2025-26 school year. The student attended and lived in the Gwinn Public School District his entire academic career, but issues in the home resulted in the student and his mother moving out of Gwinn. The temporary residence is in the Iron Mountain attendance area, though the mother was looking for permanent housing in the Kingsford district and did not want to have the student change schools again during the school year. During the 2024-25 school year, the student participated in football, basketball, and track. The new school requested immediate eligibility in all athletics, given the family hardship.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Macomb-Lutheran North High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from Chippewa Valley High School at the start of the second semester of the 2024-25 school year. The student played JV volleyball at Chippewa Valley. The family determined peer interactions were so severe that an immediate transfer was needed during the student's 9th-grade year. The new school asked for immediate eligibility in volleyball. Documentation was provided.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Macomb-Lutheran North High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from Warren-De La Salle Collegiate at the start of the second semester of the 2024-25 school year. The student played 9th-grade football at De La Salle, but because of logistical and travel issues from the family home to De La Salle, the student transferred to Lutheran North High School at the second semester. The new school asked for immediate eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Monroe-Jefferson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred to Jefferson High School to start the 2025-26 school year after attending Gibraltar-Carlson High School, where he participated in football and track & field. The student previously attended Jefferson but transferred to Carlson to start high school. The family dynamics has the student seeking stability at the school where he started his academic career. The request was for immediate eligibility in all sports.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Muskegon Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B-1]) – A request to waive the sport-specific transfer rule was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who enrolled at Muskegon Catholic Central High School in February of 2025 after leaving Grand Haven High School where he played football. The student struggled with his emotional well-being while at Grand Haven and desired a new start in a smaller school environment.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Muskegon-Mona Shores High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who has transferred to Mona Shores High School after attending Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer High School for his 9th and 10th-grade years. The student has transferred to Mona Shores to start the 2025-26 school year after participating in football, wrestling, and baseball at Reeths-Puffer. While at Reeths-Puffer, the student struggled with harassment, physical threats, and issues. The family believed that the issues at Reeths-Puffer couldn't be repaired, and the student and his younger 7th-grade brother needed a new start at Mona Shores. The request was for eligibility in football, wrestling, and baseball for the 2025-26 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Napoleon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who has transferred to Napoleon High School from Jackson High School during the winter of 2024-25. While at Jackson, the student competed in JV volleyball. The student attended Jackson for her educational career, despite living in the Napoleon School District. The family desired to keep their students in the same district but have had transportation conflicts. The school requested eligibility in volleyball for the 2025-26 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Okemos High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who is transferring from Mason High School to start the 2025-26 school year at Okemos High School after being accepted as a school of choice student. While at Mason, the student participated in volleyball and softball. The student has been in treatment for health issues, and the family felt a new school the best solution. The new school requested immediate eligibility in both volleyball and softball for the 2025-26 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Okemos High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred from Center Line High School to start the 2025-26 school year at Okemos High School after moving from his mother's home to his grandparent's home in Okemos. The student has other siblings who are battling health issues and are also going to live with their grandparents. The grandmother is a doctor, which allows her to best take care of all siblings. The mother has her own health issues. While at Center Line, the student participated in football and track. The new school requested immediate eligibility in both football and track & field for the 2025-26 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Parma-Western High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred from Lumen Christi High School to Parma-Western High School at the start of the 2024-25 school year. While at Lumen Christi, the student played basketball, baseball, and three games of football. The student sat out basketball and baseball at Parma-Western for the 2024-25 school year. The school requested eligibility after three games in football at Parma-Western in the fall of 2025, the same number of games he played at Lumen Christi in the fall of 2024.

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

Parma-Western High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred from Marshall High School to Parma-Western High School at the start of the 2025-26 school year. While at Marshall, the student played basketball. The student transferred because of stress and two health episodes during the winter season at Marshall. The student finished the season and played summer basketball at Marshall but determined a transfer to a new school was important for a new start. The new school requested eligibility in girls basketball for the student for the 2025-26 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Petoskey High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student at Petoskey High School. The student attended Harbor Springs High School for his 9th-grade year, but because of a challenging school environment at Harbor Springs, it impacted the student. The family determined that a new start away from Harbor Springs was necessary. The student previously attended Petoskey Public Schools and had siblings graduate from Petoskey in the past. The request was for subvarsity eligibility in baseball and football.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Port Huron High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from Richmond High School. While at Richmond, the student played basketball. The student transferred to Port Huron High School due to moving between his mother and father, who are divorced but both live in the Port Huron attendance area and does not meet the Educational Transfer Form requirements. The move came about after the mother's home became uninhabitable. The mother is looking for a new residence, and in the meantime, the student's father's home offers a stable residence. Because the father is disabled, he can't continue to get the student to Richmond, where he has attended. Port Huron asked for eligibility in basketball this school year.

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

Portland High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student, who participated in volleyball and wrestling at Lake Odessa-Lakewood High School. The family has transferred their students from Lakewood to Portland High School. The family did not believe the former school handled a school situation appropriately. The request was for immediate eligibility in volleyball and wrestling for the student-athlete involved.

The Executive Committee tabled the request for waiver pending additional information.

Rochester-Adams High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who transferred from Lutheran Northwest High School to Adams High School after the first semester of his 9th-grade year. During the 2024-25 school year, the student enrolled at Lutheran Northwest as a 9th-grader and competed in cross country. The student was subjected to slurs, derogatory language, and verbal harassment to the point that the family felt they had to leave the school to go back to Adams, the community school in their district. The new school requested eligibility in cross country for the 2025-26 school year on behalf of the student. New information included a letter from Lutheran Northwest on the student's behalf which supported the student's eligibility at Adams.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Shelby 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 for an incoming 10th-grade student who attended Western Michigan Christian High School for their 9th-grade year before transferring to Shelby High School to start the 2025-26 school year. The student moved between divorced parents, from mom in Grand Haven to dad, who lives in the Hart attendance area. The father's residence is located near the attendance area and the student has cousins who attend Shelby, and her siblings all attended and graduated from Shelby. Because the father does not live in the Shelby attendance area, the Educational Transfer Form does not apply by rule. The school asked for immediate eligibility in volleyball and girls soccer.

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

Southfield Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who is transferring to Southfield Christian High School at the start of the 2025-26 school year from West Bloomfield High School, where he played basketball for the past two seasons. The student's family needed to physically move to a first-floor home from their current residence (also in Southfield) and the new residence is closer to Southfield Christian. The student's mother has undergone medical issues that required this change. The former school supports eligibility at Southfield Christian for the student given the circumstances. The request was for immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

St. Joseph-Michigan Lutheran High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student at Michigan Lutheran High School, who previously participated at Watervliet-Grace Christian High School in football and basketball as a 9th-grader. The former school, Grace Christian, has undergone a significant restructuring of its learning environment from a traditional in-person model to a nearly all-virtual model of learning to save financial resources and keep the school afloat. The request was for immediate eligibility in football and basketball. If this request couldn't be granted, a separate request was made for eligibility in football under Regulation I, Section 9(C), as the student was a member of the cooperative football team between these two schools. The former school supported the cooperative program eligibility in football at Michigan Lutheran.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver in football only.

Waterford-Kettering High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who attended Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes High School and played volleyball, basketball, and soccer in the 2024-25 school year as a 9th-grader. The family determined that a new start was needed after the student was the target of social-emotional abuse by peers at Our Lady of the Lakes. The student attended therapy to try to help with the situation, but staying at a small school made matters worse for the student, and the change was made over the summer. Kettering requested eligibility in volleyball, basketball, and soccer on behalf of the student. Supporting documentation from the former school, as well as counseling letters, were submitted.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

White Lake-Lakeland High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who competed in swimming at Walled Lake Western High School while attending their IB program during the 2024-25 school year. Walled Lake Public Schools recently announced that they are closing their IB program at Western. The student will start the 2025-26 school year at the International Academy West, an IB program housed at Lakeland High School, which is the next closest IB program to the student's residence. This transfer allows her to complete her IB graduation diploma requirements, something that she would not have had the opportunity to do if she stayed in Walled Lake. Documentation of the IB closure at Walled Lake was provided along with support from the Walled Lake Public Schools athletic director. The request was for immediate eligibility in swimming at Lakeland during the 2025-26 school year, given the unique circumstances of the IB program closure at Walled Lake.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Wyoming-Tri-Unity Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who played soccer and basketball while a student at Grand Rapids-South Christian High School through the 2024-25 school year. The transfer to Tri-Unity Christian High School was made because the student desired a new school for his 12th-grade year due to the issues that existed at South Christian. This was supported by a letter from the former school's head of school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Wyoming-Tri-Unity Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 11th-grade student who attended Grand Rapids-South Christian High School in the 2024-25 school year and played basketball. The student and family determined a transfer out of South Christian was necessary for the student's academic, social, and emotional well-being. The request was for immediate eligibility in basketball for the 2025-26 season. The former school submitted a letter of support.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Linden High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 240, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2025-26 school year was made on behalf of the head girls gymnastics coach who is also employed by the lead “Gym Stars” gymnastics program at the Linden High School multipurpose facility as the lead instructor, which provides much of the coach’s income. The multipurpose facility and Gym Stars program are open to the public. The program includes students in grades K-12 at Linden Public Schools. This request has been previously granted for this school and coach in the 2024-25 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Midland High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 240, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2025-26 school year was made on behalf of the boys and girls swimming coach, who is both a teacher in the district and employed by the Midland Dolphins Swim Club as a substitute coach. While non-school swimming is not the coach’s primary source of income, it is a needed source of additional income. The club is open to the public, and for 2025-26, it is expected to include approximately 150-200 participants, ages 5-18. There are 50-75 7-12th-grade students involved from Midland, Bay City, Bullock Creek, Saginaw, Caro, and Freeland Public Schools. A similar request has been approved for this coach for the past nine school years.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Saline High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 240, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2025-26 school year was made on behalf of two boys and girls swimming coaches who are employed by the Saline Swim Team, an independent non-school program operated by the Saline Community Education program. Swim coaching is the coaches’ primary source of income. The club is open to the public, and for 2025-26, it is expected to include approximately 191 participants at all age levels. There are 68 students involved from Saline Public Schools in the club, which also includes students from surrounding communities such as Ann Arbor, Dexter, Ypsilanti, Belleville, Milan, Flat Rock, Fenton and Canton.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hopkins and Dorr-St. Stanislaus Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in boys and girls cross country (6th, 7th and 8th grades combined), boys and girls soccer (7th and 8th grades combined), boys and girls basketball (7th and 8th grades), boys and girls track & field (6th, 7th and 8th grades combined), boys and girls wrestling (6th, 7th and 8th grades combined) and girls volleyball (7th and 8th grades). Hopkins will be the primary school.

Personnel – The Executive Committee approved the employment contract and the 2025-26 Performance Agreement for the executive director.

Additional Item(s) –

Orchard Lake-St. Mary’s Preparatory High School – The Executive Committee approved a request for a one-year waiver regarding the required minimum number of boarding school students and the requirement of at least 25 students or ten percent, whichever is larger, of the full student enrollment being housed in the boarding school (dorm) as is required in Interpretation 94. The school’s rationale is based on adding girls to their on-campus boarding program. The school reported that they currently have 72 male students in the boarding school and zero females.

Bowling Calendar Change – The Executive Committee approved an MHSAA staff request to amend the 2025-26 Division 1 Bowling Finals dates due to scheduling conflicts. In 2025-26, Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park will host the MHSAA Team Bowling Finals on Sunday, March 1, 2026 and the MHSAA Singles Bowling Finals on Monday, March 2, 2026. Thunderbowl Lanes has been a consistent and valued partner of the MHSAA, serving as the host site for the Division 1 Bowling Finals since 2019.

Next Meetings – Wednesday, August 20 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, September 4 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, October 2 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Wednesday, November 5 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, December 4 at 9 a.m. – Virtual.