

**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Virtual, June 11, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Committee Members:

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Sean Jacques, Calumet
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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.

Ironwood High School (Regulation I, Section 1) – A request to waive the enrollment regulation was made to permit Ironwood High School to join a cooperative agreement with Ashland High School in Wisconsin to participate in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) ice hockey tournament. This request is permitted under WIAA regulations, provided it is approved by the MHSAA. The rationale, history, and challenges associated with maintaining MHSAA cooperative agreements in ice hockey were stated. The Executive Committee granted this request for the 2025-26 school year, and by all accounts, it was a success for the five Ironwood students who were a part of the ice hockey team. The school requested to continue participating in the Ashland cooperative ice hockey program for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Au Gres-Sims High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to allow the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Au Gres-Sims High School has 124 9th-12th-grade students for the 2026-27 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with a rationale for the positive impact of using 8th-graders in the Au Gres-Sims athletic program for the 2026-27 school year. League support was received.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Baldwin High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to allow the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Baldwin High School will have 115 students in grades 9-12 for the 2026-27 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with specific numbers, causes, and a rationale for the positive impact of using 8th-graders in Baldwin's athletic programs, with league support.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Battle Creek-St. Phillip High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to allow the use of an 8th-grade student-athletes in their boys and girls cross country, track & field, and boys golf programs for the 2026-27 school year. St. Phillip High School and Calhoun Christian High School have a combined 114 students in grades 9-12 for the 2026-27 school year and are in a cooperative agreement in these sports. The request came to the Executive Committee with specific numbers and a rationale about the positive impact of using 8th-graders on the St. Phillip and Calhoun Christian cooperative teams in which St. Phillip is the primary school. League support was received.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ewen-Trout Creek High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to allow the use of 7th-grade student-athletes in their athletic program. Ewen-Trout Creek HS will have 56 students in grades 9-12 for the 2026-27 school year. The request included reasons and rationale for the positive impact of using 7th-graders in all sports starting in the Fall of 2026. The Cooper Mountain Conference submitted league approval for the request.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hillsdale Academy High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to allow the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Hillsdale Academy High School has 116 students in grades 9-12 for the 2026-27 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with rationale about the positive impact of using 8th-graders in Hillsdale Academy athletic programs for the 2026-27 school year. League support was received. This waiver was previously granted for the last three school years for Hillsdale Academy.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Onekama High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request to allow the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Onekama High School will have 102 students in grades 9-12 for the 2026-27 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with specific numbers, causes, and a rationale for the positive impact of using 8th-graders in Onekama's athletic programs, with league support.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Peck High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to allow the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Peck High School has 115 students in grades 9-12 for the 2026-27 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 2026-27 school year. A similar request was granted for Peck for the last two school years. League support was received.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Pentwater High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to allow the use of 7th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Pentwater High School will have 66 students in grades 9-12 for the 2026-27 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with specific numbers, causes, and a rationale for the positive impact of using 7th-graders in Pentwater's athletic programs, with league support.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Birmingham-Roeper and Sterling Heights-Parkway Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys soccer (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 224 students will place the team in Division 4, making no changes to divisional assignments. Roeper will be the primary school. Support from the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference was submitted.

Boyne Falls and Alba High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in baseball (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 63 students will place the team in Division 4, making no change to divisional assignments. Boyne Falls will be the primary school. Support from the Northern Lakes Conference was submitted.

Boyne Falls and Alba 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 63 students will place the team in Division 4, removing one team from the division. Boyne Falls will be the primary school. Support from the Northern Lakes Conference was submitted.

Boyne Falls and Alba High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls volleyball (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 63 students will place the team in Division 4, removing one team from the division. Boyne Falls will be the primary school. Support from the Northern Lakes Conference was submitted.

Caro and Kingston High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in boys and girls soccer (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 576 students will place the team in Division 3, making no changes to divisional assignments. Caro will be the primary school. Support from the Big Thumb Conference was submitted.

Caro, Cass City, Unionville-Sebewaing and Reese High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Reese to existing cooperative programs in boys and girls swimming & diving (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 1,143 students will place the team in Division 2, removing one team from Division 3. Caro will be the primary school. Support from the Independent Swim Conference was submitted.

Clawson, Rochester Hills-Lutheran Northwest and Madison Heights-Bishop Foley High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Bishop Foley to an existing cooperative program in boys tennis (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment will place the team in Division 3, removing one team from Division 4. Clawson will be the primary school. Support from the Macomb Area Conference was submitted.

Fair Haven-Anchor Bay and New Haven 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 1,949 students will place the team in Division 3, but they have submitted a request to opt-up to Division 1, making no change to divisional assignments. Anchor Bay will be the primary school. Support from the Macomb Area Conference was submitted.

Grand Rapids Christian, Byron Center-South Christian, Grandville-Calvin Christian and Wyoming-The Potter's House Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of The Potter's House Christian to an existing cooperative program in boys lacrosse (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 2,043 students will place the team in Division 1, making no change to divisional assignments. Grand Rapids Christian will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Grand Rapids Christian, Hudsonville-Unity Christian and Byron Center-South Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of South Christian to an existing cooperative program in girls lacrosse (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 2,260 students will place the team in Division 1, removing one team from Division 2. Grand Rapids Christian will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Grand Rapids Christian, Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills, Cedar Springs and Grand Rapids-Sacred Heart High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Sacred Heart to an existing cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 2,521 students will place the team in Division 2, making no changes to divisional assignments. Grand Rapids Christian will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Grandville, Grandville-Calvin Christian, Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills and Wyoming-The Potter's House Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of The Potter's House to an existing cooperative program in girls swimming & diving (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 2,992 students will place the team in Division 1, making no changes to divisional assignments. Grandville will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Hartland, Highland-Milford and White Lake-Lakeland High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-3]) – The Executive Committee approved the renewal of a cooperative program in field hockey (varsity and JV) and a one-year waiver of the 3,500-student limit between these schools, which was first granted for the 2025-26 school year. The combined enrollment would be 4,001 students. Hartland will be the primary school. Support from the Kensington Lakes Activities Association was submitted.

Haslett, Okemos, St. Johns and Williamston High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the renewal of a cooperative program in gymnastics (varsity only) and a one-year waiver of the 3,500-student limit between these schools. The combined enrollment would be 3,609 students. Haslett will be the primary school. Support from the Capital Area Activities Association was submitted.

Holland-West Ottawa and Saugatuck 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 2,423 students will place the team in Division 1. West Ottawa will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Holland-West Ottawa, Holland Christian and Saugatuck High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Saugatuck to an existing cooperative program in girls lacrosse (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 3,105 students will place the team in Division 1. West Ottawa will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Howell and Brighton High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the renewal of a cooperative program in gymnastics (varsity only) and a one-year waiver of the 3,500-student limit between these schools, which has been granted in the past. The combined enrollment would be 4,117 students. Howell will be the primary school. Support from the Kensington Lakes Activities Association was submitted.

Hudsonville, Grandville and Hudsonville-Unity Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-3]) – The Executive Committee approved the renewal of a cooperative program in field hockey (varsity and JV) and a one-year waiver of the 3,500-student limit between these schools, which was first granted for the 2025-26 school year. The combined enrollment would be 4,339 students. Hudsonville will be the primary school. Support from the OK 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 swimming & diving (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 2,318 students will place the team in Division 1, making no changes to divisional assignments. Jenison will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Lake Orion and Oxford 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 3,974 students will place the team in Division 1, removing one team from the division. Lake Orion will be the primary school. Support from the Oakland Activities Association was submitted.

Maple City-Glen Lake, Leland, Lake Leelanau-St. Mary and Suttons Bay High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Suttons Bay to an existing cooperative program in girls tennis (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 511 students will place the team in Division 4, making no changes to divisional assignments. Glen Lake will be the primary school. Support from potential opponents was submitted.

Mattawan, Paw Paw and Schoolcraft High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Schoolcraft to existing cooperative programs in boys and girls skiing (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 2,041 students will place the team in Division 1, making no changes to divisional assignments. Mattawan will be the primary school. Support from the Southwest Michigan Ski Conference was submitted.

Mattawan, Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Prep, Richland-Gull Lake, Vicksburg and Paw Paw High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Gull Lake, Vicksburg and Paw Paw to an existing cooperative programs in boys and girls swimming & diving (varsity only) and a one-year waiver of the 3,500-student limit between these schools. The combined enrollment of 3,621 students will place the team in Division 1, removing one team from Division 2. Mattawan will be the primary school. Support from the Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference was submitted.

Mattawan, Richland-Gull Lake, Vicksburg and Kalamazoo Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls lacrosse (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 3,106 students will place the team in Division 1, removing one team from Division 2. Mattawan will be the primary school. Support from the West Michigan Girls Lacrosse Conference was submitted.

Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer, Fruitport, Montague, Muskegon Catholic Central, Muskegon-Orchard View, North Muskegon and Muskegon-Oakridge High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Oakridge to an existing cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 3,590 students will place the team in Division 1, removing one team from Division 2. Reeths-Puffer will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Painesdale-Jeffers, Dollar Bay, Chassell, L'Anse, Baraga, Ontonagon and Copper Island Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee did not approve the request to waive the cooperative program application requirement of league or conference approval of any new MHSAA cooperative athletic program. The Great Lakes Hockey Conference voted not to support a newly formed cooperative ice hockey (varsity and JV) program that includes Painesdale-Jeffers as the primary school, with other schools including Dollar Bay, Chassell, L'Anse, Baraga, Ontonagon, and the newly added Copper Island Academy. Jeffers sought approval of the cooperative program by showing five future opponents who will play in the new program, though the GLHC has not approved the cooperative application as required by MHSAA policy. Significant information was included with the rationale for the request and support from five future opponents.

Port Huron, St. Clair, Marine City, Yale, Armada, Genesee, Dryden, Imlay City and Kimball-New Life Christian Academy 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 3,987 students will place the team in Division 1. Port Huron will be the primary school. Support from the Macomb Area Conference was submitted.

Sandusky, North Branch, Peck, Cass City, Ubyly, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker, Bad Axe, Brown City, Carsonville-Port Sanilac, Croswell-Lexington, Deckerville and Kingston High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Kingston and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker to an existing cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 3,203 students will place the team in Division 2, making no changes to divisional assignments. Sandusky will be the primary school. Support from both the Mid Michigan Hockey and Big Thumb Conferences were submitted.

Utica, Sterling Heights-Utica Ford II, Sterling Heights-Stevenson and Fraser High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved the renewal of a cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) and a one-year waiver of the 5,500-student limit between these schools, which was first granted for the 2024-25 school year. The combined enrollment of 7,012 students would keep the team in Division 1 with Utica remaining the primary school. Support from the Macomb Area Conference was submitted.

Ashley 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. April 20, 2007). The student struggled with medical issues which required him to not enroll in in-person education until late in his 8th-grade year. This caused his educational delay and, subsequently, his being overage for high school athletics. Documentation of the student's past medical issues and challenges, including letters of support from doctors, therapists, coaches, administrators, and the parents were included. Ashley requested eligibility for the student in football, basketball and track & field in the 2026-27 school year, the same sports he has played for the past two seasons.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bloomfield Hills-Cranbrook Kingswood 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 9, 2007). The student struggled with medical issues which required him to miss and repeat his entire 10th-grade school year. This caused his delay in education and subsequently being overage for high school athletics. The school presented documentation of the student's past medical issues and challenges which forced the academic withdrawal and medical attention. Cranbrook Kingswood requested eligibility for the student in soccer in the 2026-27 school year, the same sport he has played for the past two seasons at Cranbrook Kingswood High School after his transfer from New Trier High School in Illinois.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Birmingham-Seaholm High School (Regulation I, Section 8) – A request to waive Regulation I, Section 8, Interpretation #48d. was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student whose base school is Birmingham Groves High School. The student has been accepted into the International Academy, which allows students to participate in Birmingham Public Schools athletic teams according to their base school, determined by their residence. The student and family live in the Groves attendance area. The student has siblings, a 9th and 10th-grader who attend Seaholm High School, and the family desires to keep the family together at the same school for academics and athletics. The waiver request included a cause and rationale from the family explaining why Seaholm is the best fit for the student and family, given the family's existing connection to the school. In addition, Groves has submitted paperwork supporting this change of the base school. Seaholm requested for the student's base school to be Seaholm rather than Groves for athletic eligibility purposes in the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Adrian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 11th-grade student who attended Brooklyn-Columbia Central High School for her 9th and 10th-grade years and competed in girls basketball. The student had a negative interaction with another family. This incident resulted in a PPO being filed and multiple police and legal matters which are still pending. The student and family felt they had no choice but to change schools because of these issues. The former school supports the transfer due to the incidents, and additional documentation from the police and legal matters is included with the request. Adrian requested eligibility in basketball for the student.

The Executive Committee approved 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 an incoming 12th-grade student to Skyline High School, who previously participated at Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School in girls basketball for three games in the 2025-26 season before ending her season. The student left the team following challenges with school personnel, which led to an internal school investigation. The student will start the 2026-27 school year at Skyline. Skyline requested immediate eligibility in girls' basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Auburn Hills-Oakland 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 will enroll at Oakland Christian High School for the 2026-27 school year. The student attended Utica High School in her 9th and 10th-grade years. The student competed in basketball at Utica. The student went through the sudden passing of her father in December 2025. This highly impacted the student's health and living situation. The student's residence changed from her father's and stepmother's home to her mother's home. The student struggled with the death of her father as well as continuing at Utica, where her stepsister still attends. Letters of support, school documentation, and letters from therapists were provided. Oakland Christian requested eligibility for basketball based on these issues.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Benton Harbor High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for a 10th-grade student who attended St. Joseph High School for his 9th- and 10th-grade years and competed in football, basketball, and baseball. The student was not living exclusively with his parents, but lived with his grandmother in Benton Harbor while his parents lived 1.3 miles away, also in Benton Harbor. The school is requesting a waiver of Exception #2, which allows a student a one-time move back to his parents if he had not been living with them. Benton Harbor requested immediate eligibility in football, basketball, and baseball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. No further exceptions to the transfer regulation can be used.

Benton Harbor High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who attended St. Joseph High School for the start of his 9th-grade year in the 2025-26 school year and competed in football and basketball. The student had negative interactions, which were not initially shared with St. Joseph administration. The family determined a new start was needed at Benton Harbor High School. Information included a letter from the St. Joseph indicating that, upon investigation, insensitive texts and emails were sent to the student. In addition, screenshots of the texts were submitted. Benton Harbor requested eligibility in football and basketball for the student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Beverly Hills-Birmingham Groves High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student at Groves High School. The student will be transferring from U of D Jesuit High School to Groves to start the 2026-27 school year. He is returning to Birmingham Public Schools, after attending throughout his elementary and middle school years. The student was unhappy with his overall experience and struggled to find a sense of belonging. The family felt returning to his home district would best support his personal growth, educational development, and overall well-being. Groves requested immediate subvarsity eligibility in football, basketball, and track & field for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Camden-Frontier High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student at Camden-Frontier High School. The student transferred from Indiana Connections Academy, a virtual program, back to Camden-Frontier on March 30, 2026, where she had previously attended through December of 2025 before moving to live with her mother in Indiana. The student has undergone numerous residential and guardianship changes. The student is now living with a new family in the Camden-Frontier District. Camden-Frontier requested immediate eligibility for volleyball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Cheboygan High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request was made to waive Regulation I, Section 9(C), for an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred from Inland Lakes High School to Cheboygan High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. The student participated in ice hockey during the 2025-26 school year. Cheboygan and Inland Lakes are a part of a cooperative agreement in ice hockey, so 9(C) would apply by rule as a request. Inland Lakes has provided documentation showing written support for the student's eligibility in the ice hockey cooperative program at Cheboygan during the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Concord 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 Concord High School from Jackson Christian High School on March 9th, 2026. While at Jackson Christian, the student was a member of the volleyball and basketball teams. The student's mother was terminated from her part-time employment at Jackson Christian. The family transferred all their students to Concord, where they live. Jackson Christian has confirmed the student's participation in athletics. Concord requested immediate eligibility in volleyball and basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Goodrich 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 Goodrich High School at the start of the second semester of the 2025-26 school year after previously attending Lapeer High School, where he played football. The student made a full residential move to his father's residence in Davison and was accepted at Goodrich as a school-of-choice student in the second semester. The student was prevented from continuing at Lapeer. The student also could not enroll at Davison High School due to a separate legal matter involving his family. Goodrich was selected because the student's grandparents still live there, providing a key connection and family support. Extensive documentation of the issues surrounding the transfer was submitted. Goodrich requested immediate eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Blanc 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 Flint-Powers Catholic High School to Grand Blanc High School in January 2026 at the start of the second semester of the 2025-26 school year. In 2023, the student experienced a traumatic family issue as his father suffered a stroke. The student and family believed that attending Powers Catholic was important for stabilizing their family, but the burden of leaving their community school soon became apparent and affected the student, leading to the transfer. Grand Blanc requested immediate eligibility in soccer for the 2026 fall season.

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

Grand Ledge High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 12th-grade student who previously attended Lansing Catholic High School and competed in tennis, basketball, and baseball. The student transferred to Grand Ledge High School on April 2, 2026, following an incident during a class. The student was suspended from Lansing Catholic and was later reinstated. The family then determined that leaving Lansing Catholic was the best option given the situation, and the student enrolled at Grand Ledge, the public school district where he lives. Grand Ledge requested immediate eligibility in all sports for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian 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 NorthPointe Christian High School from Northview High School on August 27, 2025. The student competed in practice and one match on the Northview volleyball team as a 9th-grader prior to her transfer to NorthPointe Christian. The student then practiced but did not compete with NorthPointe Christian's volleyball team during the 2025-26 fall season. The former school confirmed the competition date. NorthPointe Christian requested eligibility in volleyball at after one date of competition.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after one date of competition.

Grosse Pointe North High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made for a 10th-grade student who transferred from Grosse Pointe University Liggett High School to Grosse Pointe North High School for the start of the second semester of the 2025-26 school year. The student's transfer was initiated by his need for academic accommodations through his 504 plan that could not be met at University Liggett. Information included comprehensive letters from both school administration teams, counselors, social workers, and psychiatrists, which documented the student's challenges. Grosse Pointe North requested immediate eligibility in lacrosse and tennis.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grosse Pointe South High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred from University of Detroit Jesuit High School to Grosse Pointe South High School for the start of the second semester of the 2025-26 school year. The student's transfer was initiated by the student's academic issues that occurred at U of D Jesuit, which impacted the student. Documentation included the student's transcripts and communication with Grosse Pointe South, which documents the student's academic turnaround. Grosse Pointe South requested immediate eligibility in football for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hartford High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who played in eight freshman basketball games for Bearden High School in Tennessee before moving back to Hartford, where he previously attended as a middle school student. The student moved to Tennessee with his mother to start the 2025-26 school year but was then placed in Hartford with his maternal grandfather. Hartford High School requested eligibility after the student sits out eight games in the 2026-27 basketball season.

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

Holland-West Ottawa High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 11th-grade student who competed in football the previous year at Holland Christian High School. The student transferred to West Ottawa High School for the second semester of the 2025-26 school year. The student's transfer was driven by educational considerations and related to the student's lack of academic support for the student's 504 plan. The family submitted documentation regarding the student's academic progress at both the former and the new schools. West Ottawa requested immediate eligibility in football for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Holt High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 12th-grade student who previously attended Lansing Catholic High School and competed in football. The student transferred to Holt High School on May 11, 2026, following an incident in a class. The family determined that leaving was the best option, and the student enrolled at Holt High School, the public school district where he lives. Lansing Catholic supports the student's change of school and his eligibility to play football at Holt and has provided documentation of the same. Holt requested immediate eligibility in football for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Kentwood-East Kentwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 12th-grade student who competed in basketball at Detroit-Mumford High School in the 2025-26 school year. The student transferred to East Kentwood High School on May 4th, 2026, and is categorized as homeless by East Kentwood under the McKinney-Vento Federal Act. While at Mumford, he lived with an uncle. An Executive Committee waiver was granted in February of 2026 after the school supplied additional information about his mother's cancer diagnosis and treatment in India. The student finished the basketball season at Mumford as eligible before his transfer to East Kentwood. The student found a family willing to take the student in as they have hosted previously and the student has also found friends from his youth in the Congo at East Kentwood. This move promotes stability in the student's life. East Kentwood requested immediate eligibility in basketball for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Lake Orion High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who attended Oxford High School during their 9th-grade year and participated in cross country and track & field. The student is transferring to Lake Orion High School to start the 2026-27 school year because of unwanted contact from his grandfather. The student and his family have sought relief through the court system, with a PPO involved, but the grandfather's workplace is less than three miles from Oxford, and he regularly interacts with the Oxford cross country and track teams because of it. A new start, still close to their home, was determined to be the best fit, and that is why they chose Lake Orion. The student's younger siblings still attend Oxford schools. Lake Orion requested immediate eligibility in cross country and track & field for the 2026-27 season.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Leslie 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 Holt High School to Leslie High School during the 2025-26 school year. The student competed in 9th-grade football at Holt. While at Holt, the student faced allegations and was interviewed. While the student was deemed not to be a participant in the issue, concerns for the family persisted, leading to the transfer to Leslie. The student's transfer was needed in the second semester. Leslie requested immediate subvarsity eligibility in football for the 2026-27 school year.

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

Linden High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who transferred from Fenton High School to Linden High School to start the second semester of the 2025-26 school year. The student experienced academic struggles at Fenton, and the family felt a new start in his home district would be the best for the student's academic success. The student played junior varsity football at Fenton. Linden requested immediate eligibility for subvarsity football.

The Executive Committee did not approve 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 two incoming brothers, one a 10th-grader and one an 11th-grader, who are transferring to Lutheran North High School from Romeo High School. The brothers and their family moved to Romeo from Kansas in January 2026 after their father's job transfer. While at Romeo, the students did not participate in any athletics. While in Kansas, the students participated on their high school football team. During their previous stay in Michigan, before moving to Kansas, the brothers attended the elementary school that feeds Lutheran North. Lutheran North is the closest Lutheran high school to the family residence. The former school, Romeo, has also written letters of support for the family as they seek athletic eligibility. Lutheran North requested immediate eligibility in football for the two brothers in the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Mattawan High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who transferred to Mattawan High School from Hackett Catholic Prep High School in October of 2025 after participating in seven football games. The family then decided to go to Mattawan High School so he could be closer to home, as he was living in a split family between his mother and father who are divorced. The student successfully competed in wrestling for Mattawan and there were issues. The family now desires to continue his education and athletics at Mattawan. Mattawan requested eligibility in football for the fall of 2026.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

McBain-Northern Michigan 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 attended Cadillac Heritage Christian High School and played volleyball and basketball. The student faced harassment which forced them to transfer their student to Northern Michigan Christian High School. Documentation included a timeline and letters the family has written to the administration and board of Cadillac Heritage Christian, as well as evidence that the family has withdrawn their entire family from Cadillac Heritage Christian, a non-MHSAA member school. Northern Michigan Christian requested eligibility in volleyball and basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Midland High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of incoming 10th-grade and 11th-grade students, brother and sister, who transferred to Midland High School from Bay City Central High School. The students will start school at Midland in August. The brother participated in football, golf, hockey, and track & field, while the sister participated in swimming & diving and track & field. The students' father was a varsity coach, who was relieved of his duties. The students received ongoing social, emotional, and educational challenges with their father's firing, and the family felt a new school was necessary. Information included a letter with additional details regarding the students' transfer, letters of support from Bay City Central counselors and administration. Midland requested eligibility in all sports for both siblings for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

North Branch High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A third request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred from Flint-Powers Catholic High School to North Branch High School to start the second semester of the 2025-26 school year. The student lives in North Branch but attended Powers Catholic starting with his 9th-grade year. The student experienced challenges with the football coaching staff and teammates, which impacted his health. The family felt that returning to his original school will help ease the challenges the student has faced. Documentation of the issues that occurred at the former school was provided. Information was also included, along with statements from the Powers Administration, about the issues that occurred at Flint Powers in the fall of 2025 and their support of the students' athletic eligibility. Information included letters of support from counselors and therapists the student has been seeing regarding incidents that occurred while at Powers Catholic. North Branch requested eligibility for the 2026-27 football season.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Novi Christian Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of two brothers, incoming 11th-grade and 12th-grade students, who attended Wixom Christian High School during the 2025-26 school year, during which they competed on the school's soccer team. Wixom Christian is not an MHSAA member school but competes in a limited interscholastic schedule. The students will transfer to Novi Christian to start the 2026-27 school year to better support their health and education. The students' doctors determined that a new start would help with the stress they had been feeling at Wixom Christian. Novi Christian requested immediate eligibility in soccer for both students.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Olivet High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who attended Marshall Academy to start his 9th-grade year before transferring to Olivet High School to start the second semester of the 2025-26 school year. The student transferred to Olivet in the middle of the school year due to academics and student support service issues at Marshall Academy. The student played in seven football games while at Marshall Academy on the cooperative program with Tekonsha High School and desires to do the same at Olivet. When he transferred to Olivet, he played basketball and baseball. Olivet requested immediate eligibility in football for the 2026-27 season.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Pickford High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 11th-grade student who competed in volleyball at DeTour High School during the 2025-26 season. The student returned to Pickford High School for a fresh start after attending the DeTour Arts and Technology Academy, an online program affiliated with DeTour Public Schools. While at DeTour, the student participated in two volleyball tournaments for the Cedarville/DeTour team before ending her season. Pickford requested eligibility in volleyball after two dates for the 2026-27 season.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after two dates of competition.

Rapid River High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who transferred to Rapid River High School during the second semester of the 2025-26 school year after participating in cross country and girls basketball at Big Bay de Noc High School. The student's transfer to Rapid River was due to being harassed at Big Bay de Noc. The student's bullying and issues resulted in the family seeking professional help for their daughter and formal bullying complaints being issued against Big Bay de Noc. The student and family determined a new start was needed. The student is now participating in track & field at Rapid River, and the school requested immediate eligibility in cross country and girls basketball for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Romeo High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who will transfer from Lutheran North High School at the end of the 2025-26 school year. While at Lutheran North, the student competed in boys soccer. The family's decision to change schools centered primarily on academics. Romeo requested eligibility in boys soccer.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

St. Clair Shores-Lakeview High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student. The student attended L'Anse Creuse North High School and struggled with his health. He transferred to Lakeview High School at the start of the second semester of the 2025-26 school year. These areas were impacted both by the loss of his football coach at L'Anse Creuse North, who was not retained, as well as the loss of his grandfather, who lived with the family and passed after a battle with cancer. The parents felt a new start was needed for the student.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

St. Clair Shores-Lakeview High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student. The student attended Warren-De La Salle High School and struggled with the social aspects of the school. He transferred to Lakeview High School at the start of the second semester of the 2025-26 school year. These areas were impacted by both his return from a serious injury in football during his 9th-grade year and by social difficulties with a peer group. The parents felt a new start was needed for the student.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Traverse City Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student. The student changed his education from traditional education at Traverse City Central High School to an online program called SOS Learning Lab during the semester break of the 2025-26 school year. The student competed in football for Traverse City Central in the fall of 2025. The student and family determined that online education was not conducive to the student's learning style. Traverse City Central requested immediate eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Traverse City Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who transferred to Traverse City Christian High School from Traverse City-St. Francis High School on February 23, 2026. The student attended St. Francis as a 9th-grader and played basketball. The student was impacted by bullying at St. Francis that impacted his well-being. A fresh start and a safe environment were needed, and the parents decided to enroll their child at Traverse City Christian. Traverse City Christian requested immediate eligibility in basketball; if that can't be granted, then subvarsity eligibility.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ypsilanti-Lincoln 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 Saline High School to Lincoln High School to start the second trimester of the 2025-26 school year. The student participated in football at Saline during the 2025-26 school year. The student transferred to Lincoln after struggling at Saline and the student and family felt a new start was important, and the move was not made for athletics. Lincoln requested subvarsity eligibility in football for the fall of 2026.

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

Saugatuck High School (Regulation I, Section 10) – The school appealed the staff penalty for violations stemming from issues within the girls basketball program regarding a volunteer assistant coach and electronic communications made to students at another school, specifically Regulation I, Section 10 (Undue Influence). The staff penalty was imposed following the school's self-report which included suspension from the first five games of the Saugatuck High School 2026-27 girls basketball season. The school submitted evidence and letters of support for the coach indicating that the communication made was a result of normal community interaction due to the coach being a former coach at the previous school, Fennville High School, and still lives in that community. The request was made by school administration on the coaches' behalf.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver and affirmed the current penalty.

Dundee High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 240, a request to waive the four-player rule was made on behalf of the Dundee head boys and girls swimming & diving coach, who is now retired. The coach is also the head coach for the Dundee Dragons Club swim team. MHSAA staff reviewed this request and determined that it fits the requirements of this interpretation. This request has been previously granted since the 2023-24 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Dexter High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H-3]) – A request to waive the summer dead period regulation is submitted on behalf of the Dexter High School head field hockey coach, who is coaching a USA Field Hockey Club Championship team in the National Club Championship tournament on June 28-30th. The team will have one Dexter student. The club team earned the spot through a qualification process, and the championship is held in Virginia Beach, VA. This request applies only to the 2026 off-season.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for 2026 only.

Saline High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H-3]) – A request to waive the summer dead period regulation is submitted on behalf of a Saline High School assistant field hockey coach, who will be coaching a Pinnacle Club Field Hockey team during the National Club Championship tournament on June 28-30th. The team has two Saline students. The club team earned the spot through a qualification process, and the championship is held in Virginia Beach, VA. This request applies only to the 2026 off-season.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for 2026 only.

Bellaire and Mancelona-North Central Academy Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in 8-player football (6th, 7th and 8th-grades combined) between these schools. Bellaire will be the primary school.

2026-27 Multimedia Regulations – The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the 2026-27 Multimedia Regulations.

Approved International Student Programs (AISP) – Exception 4 of Regulation I, Section 9(A) allows immediate eligibility for one academic year for an otherwise eligible international student on either a J-1 or F-1 visa who is placed in a residence in a public high school district or school service area through an MHSAA Approved International Student Program. Pursuant to Interpretation 83, the Executive Committee will review the CSIET J-1 and F-1 inbound student programs as well as all member-school-operated international student programs and determine if the following are MHSAA approved for the 2026-27 school year:

[CSIET J-1 Inbound Listed Programs](#)

[CSIET F-1 Inbound Listed Programs](#)

MHSAA Member School Programs (limited to five international students participating or one percent of high school enrollment, whichever is greater):

- Ann Arbor-Rudolf Steiner High School – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2026-27** academic year.
- Birmingham-Brother Rice High School – Maximum of **six (6)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2026-27** academic year.
- Burton-Genesee Christian High School – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2026-27** academic year.
- Clarkston-Everest Collegiate High School – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2026-27** academic year.
- Grand Rapids Christian High School – Maximum of **eight (8)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2026-27** academic year.
- Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian High School – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2026-27** academic year.
- Grand Rapids-West Catholic High School – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2026-27** academic year.
- Grosse Pointe Woods-University Liggett School – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2026-27** academic year.
- Holland Christian High School – Maximum of **seven (7)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2026-27** academic year.
- Jenison High School (Jenison International Academy) – Maximum of **sixteen (16)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2026-27** academic year.
- Kalkaska High School – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2026-27** academic year.
- Midland-Calvary Baptist High School – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2026-27** academic year.
- Muskegon-West Michigan Christian High School – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2026-27** academic year.

- Pannonia Christian Educational Exchange – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2026-27** academic year.
- St. Joseph-Michigan Lutheran High School – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2026-27** academic year.
- Sterling Heights-Parkway Christian High School – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2026-27** academic year.
- Traverse City Area Public Schools – Maximum of **twenty-nine (29)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2026-27** academic year.
- Westland-Hope Christian Academy High School – Maximum of **five (5)** international students (total of J-1 and F-1 visa students) allowed to participate on varsity level interscholastic teams during the **2026-27** academic year.

2026-27 MHSAA Officials Guidebook and Policy Manual – The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the 2026-27 *Officials Guidebook and Policy Manual*.

2026-27 MHSAA Coaches Guidebook – The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the 2026-27 *Coaches Guidebook*.

Next Meeting(s) – Monday, August 3 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Wednesday, August 19 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Wednesday, September 9 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, October 1 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Wednesday, November 4 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, December 3 at 9 a.m. – Virtual.