

# MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Virtual, October 2, 2025

9:00 a.m.

### Committee Members:

John Thompson, Brighton  
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Vic Michaels, Detroit  
Jay Alexander, Detroit  
Jeff Kline, Mt. Morris

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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.

Brighton-Livingston Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a request to allow the use of 7<sup>th</sup>-grade student-athletes in their basketball and soccer programs. Livingston Christian High School will have 64 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 7<sup>th</sup>-graders at Livingston Christian in their basketball and soccer programs. Support from potential future opponents was submitted.

Grand Rapids Christian, Cedar Springs and Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Kenowa Hills to an existing ice hockey cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 2,445 students will keep the team in Division 3. Grand Rapids Christian will remain the primary school. Support from the conference is pending.

Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Northern, Ada-Forest Hills Eastern and Grand Rapids-Forest Hills Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys volleyball (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment will be 2,835 students and Forest Hills Northern will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and Fraser High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Fraser High School to an already existing cooperative program in gymnastics (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment will be 3,417 students. Grosse Pointe North will be the primary school. Support from the conference is pending.

Haslett, Williamston, St. Johns and Okemos High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in gymnastics (varsity only) and a one-year waiver of the 3,500-student limit between these schools. The combined enrollment will be 3,640 students. Haslett will be the primary school. Support from the Capital Area Athletics Conference was submitted.

New Buffalo and Three Oaks-River Valley High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in boys and girls track & field (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 328 students will place the team in Division 3, removing two teams from Division 4. New Buffalo will be the primary school. Support from the BCS League was submitted.

Shelby Township-Utica Eisenhower and Utica High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys lacrosse (JV only) between these schools. Utica Eisenhower will be the primary school. Support from the Macomb Area Conference was submitted.

Shelby Township-Utica and Utica Eisenhower High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee did not approve a waiver of the 1,000 student combined enrollment limit for a cooperative program in boys and girls bowling (varsity and JV) between these schools, which was previously approved on a one year only basis. Utica Eisenhower would have been the primary school. Support from the Macomb Area Conference was submitted.

Sparta, Coopersville, Comstock Park, Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian, Grand Rapids-Northview, Kent City and Lakeview High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Kent City and Lakeview to an existing cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 4,335 students will place the team in Division 1, removing one team from Division 2. Sparta will remain the primary school. Support from the River Cities Alliance was submitted.

St. Clair, Marysville, Marine City and Marine City-Cardinal Mooney Catholic High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Cardinal Mooney Catholic to an existing cooperative program in boys lacrosse (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 2,068 students will keep the team in Division 1. St. Clair will remain the primary school. Support from the Macomb Area Conference was submitted.

Three Oaks-River Valley, New Buffalo and Bridgman High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Bridgman to an existing cooperative program in boys wrestling (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 562 students will keep the team in Division 3. River Valley will remain the primary school. Support from BCS League was submitted.

Three Oaks-River Valley and New Buffalo High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in baseball (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment will be 328 students, adding one team to Division 3 and removing two teams from Division 4. River Valley will be the primary school. Support from the BCS League was submitted.

Zeeland East and Zeeland West High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys volleyball (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment will be 1,969 students and Zeeland East will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Blanchard-Montabella High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – A second request to waive the Maximum Enrollment and Competition regulations was made on behalf of an incoming 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Montabella High School from Haslett High School and is starting his fifth year of enrollment at Montabella. The student attended Montabella during the 2024-25 school year, which was his fourth year of high school after previously attending Haslett, where he did not participate in athletics, before transferring and enrolling at Montabella. The student suffered a challenging home life, which required court involvement and subsequent awarding of custody to his biological father and stepmother. The student had been struggling with academics, and health issues. New information included the student's IEP from Haslett and how it shows the disability history from preschool through his time now at Montabella. The student also does not show a risk of injury to himself or others and he is under the age requirement.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver because it fits the eligibility criteria of Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5.

Linden High School (Regulation I, Section 5) – A request to waive the maximum competition rules of the eligibility regulation, specifically Interpretation #32, was made on behalf of a student at Linden High School. This student was participating on the boys cooperative tennis team with Lake Fenton High School and had played in two matches when she was informed that Linden may join a cooperative with Lake Fenton in girls tennis in the spring of 2026. The student immediately stopped playing for the boys tennis team and started recruiting her classmates at Linden to the girls team in the spring. The request was for full girls tennis eligibility, but if that couldn't be granted, then eligibility after two girls tennis matches in the spring, the same number of competitions she competed in in the fall with the boys tennis team.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after two girls tennis matches.

Ottawa Lake-Whiteford High School (Regulation I, Section 5) – A request to waive the maximum competition portion of the eligibility regulation, specifically Interpretation #32, was made on behalf of a student at Whiteford High School. This student was participating on the girls golf team and had played in one match when she was in a serious auto accident, where she fractured her wrist. The school is requesting a waiver of Interpretation #32 to allow the student to participate on the boys golf team in the spring at Whiteford. The request was for full boys golf eligibility, but if that couldn't be granted, then eligibility after one boys golf match in the spring, the same number of competitions she competed in in the fall with the girls golf team.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after one boys golf match.

Blissfield High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who, because of situations outside of his control, did not complete a satisfactory second semester of the 2024-25 school year, failing four of six classes. The student has never competed in athletics, and several traumatic experiences and issues impacted his academic performance at Blissfield High School. The student's grandmother is in the process of obtaining legal custody. The student's grades have been exceptional since starting this school year and the school requested immediate eligibility in football, given the student's lack of support and challenging situation.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Addison High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Addison High School from Sturgis High School to start the 2025-26 school year. The student played four football games and competed in six track & field meets at Sturgis during the 2024-25 school year. The student has a stepsibling who attended Addison in the past, so there was familiarity with the school and community. The former school supports the transfer for the student's well-being. The request was for immediate eligibility in football and track & field, and if that couldn't be granted, then eligibility after the same number of contests in those sports previously played.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after four football games and six track meets.

Adrian-Madison High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Dundee High School for his 9<sup>th</sup>-grade year and competed in basketball. The student had multiple negative interactions with teammates and fellow peers. The family determined a new start was needed at Madison High School, where there were multiple family members and family friends who attended previously. The new residence placed the family in the Blissfield High School attendance area and not Madison. The school requested eligibility in basketball for the student, given the unique circumstances surrounding the move.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Algonac High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Algonac High School from Cardinal Mooney High School at the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student was denied reenrollment in Cardinal Mooney after his 9<sup>th</sup>-grade year because he did not meet their minimum academic standards. The student is now enrolled at Algonac, his home district, and desires to play football, the same sport he played at Cardinal Mooney last school year. The school requested eligibility in football at the subvarsity level.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Alma High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Ithaca High School from Alma High School during the 2024-25 school year. While at Alma during his 10<sup>th</sup>-grade year, the student played soccer before transferring to Ithaca. While at Ithaca for the 2024-25 school year, the student did not play any sports. The student has transferred back to Alma to start the 2025-26 school year and desires to join the soccer team again. The school requested immediate eligibility in boys soccer.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Armada High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a student who has transferred from New Haven-Merritt Academy High School to Armada High School. The student attended Merritt Academy since pre-K but desired a stronger academic connection and a sense of personal well-being that they believe Armada can offer. The student played volleyball and soccer while at Merritt Academy. The school requested immediate subvarsity eligibility.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Auburn-Bay City Western High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12<sup>th</sup>-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 provides a fresh start after prolonged distress that the student endured at Valley Lutheran. The school request was for immediate eligibility in volleyball. The request comes with documentation from a therapist and letters of support.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bay City-John Glenn High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to John Glenn High School from Frankenmuth High School, where the student attended prior to his father passing. The father was heavily connected to the Frankenmuth wrestling program and the family felt a new start away from Frankenmuth was necessary for his well-being. The school requested immediate eligibility in wrestling.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Benton Harbor High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Stevensville-Lakeshore High School for his 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>-grade years and competed in football, basketball, baseball and track & field. The student had multiple negative interactions and fellow peers. The student also moved from his mother's residence into his father's residence but both residence areas are in Benton Harbor. The school requested eligibility in all sports for the student, given the unique circumstances surrounding the move.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver with an otherwise completed and approved Educational Transfer Form.

Brighton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Brighton High School from Napoleon High School to start the 2025-26 school year. The student sought a new experience at a bigger school. The student participated in only three games in the 2024-25 school year. The school requested eligibility in ice hockey after three games, the same number of contests he played at Chelsea during the 2024-25 school year. Napoleon supports the transfer and eligibility request.

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

Caledonia High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Lake Odessa-Lakewood High School for their 9<sup>th</sup>-grade year, where she participated in wrestling. The student started the 2025-26 school year at Lakewood before transferring to Caledonia High School. While at Lakewood the student struggled with trauma, gossip, and lies. The family determined a new start was needed. The school requested immediate eligibility in wrestling, and if that couldn't be granted, then subvarsity eligibility.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Canton-Plymouth Christian Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred from Walled Lake Northern High School for the start of the second semester of the 2024-25 school year. The student transferred to Plymouth Christian Academy because of the family's desire is to have a faith-based education for the student. The student participated in basketball and soccer at Walled Lake Northern. The school request was for eligibility after two games of basketball; the same number of games she competed in for Walled Lake Northern.

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

Central Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Central Lake High School from Boyne City-Concord Academy to start the 2025-26 school year. The student was a member of the co-operative teams in basketball and baseball that Concord Academy had with Boyne Falls High School, which are being dissolved for the 2025-26 school year. The student and family desired to go to Boyne Falls but were denied school of choice entry because of a lack of available classes. The family then chose to go to Central Lake, as it was the nearest school to their home. The school requested eligibility in basketball and baseball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver pending confirmation from Boyne Falls.

Detroit-Loyola High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who competed in football the previous year at Westfield Preparatory High School. The student transferred to Loyola High School to start the 2025-26 school year after unenrolling from Westfield Prep and attending an online school because of worries about his safety and emotional well-being. The student desired a fresh start with more structure. The school requested immediate eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Detroit-Renaissance High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Renaissance High School from Northville High School after the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student experienced intimidation and harassment while attending Northville and the family determined a new setting was necessary for her mental and physical safety. The school request was for immediate eligibility in volleyball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

East Jordan High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who has transferred to East Jordan High School after attending Charlevoix High School for her 9<sup>th</sup>-grade year, where she participated in golf, basketball, track, and soccer. While at Charlevoix, the student struggled with physical and emotional distress, and the student and family made the decision to start fresh at a new school. The student has not played golf, and East Jordan does not offer soccer. The request was for full eligibility in basketball and track & field, and if that couldn't be granted, then subvarsity eligibility in those sports.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

East Lansing High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B-1]) – A request to waive the sport specific transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Okemos High School in the 2024-25 school year and played basketball. The student, his father, and brother have moved from Okemos to East Lansing, but his mother still lives in the family home in Okemos. While at Okemos, the student struggled with the educational environment, and the family desired a new start for the student. The school requested eligibility in basketball for the student for the 2025-26 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Fair Haven-Anchorage Bay High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A third request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred from Riverview-Gabriel Richard High School to Anchor Bay High School. The student competed in football and basketball at Gabriel Richard and, because of concerns about its stability for the family, desired a different school environment. The school requested eligibility in football and basketball this upcoming school year. The information provided included letters of support from the former assistant and head basketball coaches, a full picture of the Gabriel Richard financial challenges, and further information supplied by the parent regarding the rationale behind the transfer. New information shares that the student suffers from health issues, and being closer to a local support system is critical to his health and well-being.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Fenton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Fenton High School from Jackson High School in February of 2025. The student was living with his grandmother in Jackson until she passed in January. The student's father is incarcerated, and the mother has had health issues. The student arrived at Fenton, categorized as a McKinney-Vento homeless student, and was living with a family friend in Fenton. The school requested immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Fenton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred from Fenton High School to Flint-Powers Catholic Central High School and then back to Fenton to start the 2025-26 school year. The student was assaulted by a student at Fenton. The student felt better about returning to Fenton for his senior year given the other student had left. The school requested immediate eligibility in boys lacrosse.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Flat Rock High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Dearborn-Divine Child High School for her 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>-grade years and competed in volleyball and softball. The student transferred to Flat Rock to start the 2025-26 school year after experiencing challenges and social isolation while at Divine Child. The issues resulted in the family determining that a new start was needed at a different school, back at the school where she attended as a elementary and middle school student. Divine Child supports the change of school for the student. The request was for immediate eligibility in volleyball and softball. New information included documentation from a former coach of the challenges the student had at Divine Child.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Gaylord St. Mary Cathedral High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the sport-specific transfer rule on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred from Johannesburg-Lewiston High School to Gaylord St. Mary Cathedral High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year. During the 2024-25 school year, the student participated in a limited number of games in both basketball (11) and softball (4) at Johannesburg-Lewiston. The school requested eligibility in those two sports this school year, after the student has sat out the same number of games she played in each at Johannesburg-Lewiston.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after 11 basketball games and four softball games.

Genesee High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who has transferred from Flint-Waterbrook Christian Academy to Genesee High School. The student participated in volleyball at Waterbrook Christian on a limited basis in nine contests. The family is asking for a waiver of the sport-specific transfer rule because the student needed a new start. In the initial request, incorrect information was given regarding the number of matches played at Waterbrook Christian.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level after nine volleyball matches.

Grand Ledge High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who competed in basketball and girls lacrosse the previous school year at Lansing Catholic High School. The student transferred from Lansing Catholic for the start of the 2025-26 school year, where they struggled with social and emotional issues. The school requested immediate eligibility in basketball and girls lacrosse.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who enrolled at Kenowa Hills High School to start the 2025-26 school year. The student transferred from Coopersville High School, where he participated in soccer, football, basketball, and track & field. The student moved with his mother from Coopersville, where they were living with his grandparents, into the GRPS attendance area, but desired to attend Kenowa Hills because of the proximity to his mother's new job and the fact that the student has severe allergies. The school requested immediate athletic eligibility in all sports. The former school wrote a letter of support for the student.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.



Grand Rapids-South Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who competed for the previous school year in hockey at Forest Hills Central High School. The student transferred from Forest Hills Central at the start of the second semester of the 2025-26 school year, desiring a new start. While at Forest Hills Central, the student participated in six games before being injured. The school, who has a cooperative program with Byron Center High School, requested eligibility in ice hockey after the student sits out for six games. The former school supports the transfer for the student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after six ice hockey games.

Jonesville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred from Homer High School. While at Homer, the student participated in volleyball, bowling and softball. The student transferred to Jonesville High School because of struggles with other students at Homer. The student desired a new start at a school where she could be supported and transferred to Jonesville to start the 2025-26 school year. The school requested eligibility in volleyball, bowling and softball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Prep High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred from Portage Central High School to Hackett Catholic Prep High School at the start of the 2025-26 school year. While at Portage Central, the student participated on the girls JV basketball team. The family desired a new school environment for the student's health. The request was for eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

L'Anse High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who competed in ten regular-season basketball games for Baraga High School during the 2024-25 season before the student enrolled at L'Anse High School because of challenges the family was having while at Baraga Schools. The school requested eligibility for the student after the first ten games of the 2025-26 basketball season, and the previous school confirmed the student's participation in basketball.

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

Lincoln Park High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred from Melvindale High School to Lincoln Park High School at the start of the 2025-26 school year. While at Melvindale, the student participated in volleyball as a 9<sup>th</sup>-grader. The request comes to the Executive Committee because of transportation issues the student faced. The student's primary after school caretaker was her grandmother, who lived in Melvindale, even though the student lived in Lincoln Park. The request was for immediate eligibility in volleyball. The former school supports the transfer request.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Mason High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred from Montague High School to Mason High School to start the 2025-26 school year. The student moved from his father's home in Montague to his grandmother's home in Mason after his father was injured in a workplace accident and was unable to care for the student. The student's mother has legal custody but is incarcerated. While at Montague, the student participated in football, wrestling, and baseball. The student has not played football this fall and desires to play basketball in the winter. The request was for athletic eligibility, given the challenging circumstances.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Michigan Center High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive Regulation I, Section 9(C), for a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred from Jackson-Northwest High School, where the student participated in ice hockey during the 2024-25 school year, to Michigan Center High School in March of 2025. Michigan Center and Northwest are in a cooperative agreement in ice hockey, so 9(C) would apply by rule as a request. Northwest has provided documentation showing written support for the student's eligibility in the ice hockey cooperative program. The school requested immediate athletic eligibility in ice hockey.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Midland-HH Dow High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Dow High School from Midland High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student experienced struggles, including learning challenges while at Midland. The family and student decided to start at a new school to gain a fresh start. The school requested eligibility in subvarsity basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Monroe-St. Mary Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred from Riverview-Gabriel Richard High School. The student competed in football and wrestling at Gabriel Richard and, because of stability, administrative issues and violations at the former school, the student desired a new start. The information provided included letters from the parents about their perspective as well as medical documentation. The school request was for immediate eligibility in football and wrestling.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

New Boston-Huron High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who competed in football and baseball for the previous school year at Trenton High School. The student transferred from Trenton to get a fresh start after experiencing challenges with his health and well-being, including anxiety and self-esteem issues. This poor environment for the student caused the family to make the decision to go to Huron High School for a fresh start, the home district where the family had lived. The school requested immediate eligibility in football and baseball. New information included statements from the parents, student, and others that detailed the incidents that occurred at Trenton.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

New Haven High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred from Royal Oak-Shrine Catholic High School. The student desired a new school because of challenges that occurred at Shrine. The student competed in football and basketball at Shrine, and the family had concerns about the student's ability to adjust to a bigger school in his home district (Anchor Bay High School). Instead, the family chose New Haven High School for the student's needs, and he is living with family friends in New Haven while attending high school there. The school request was for athletic eligibility in football and basketball, even though a transfer exception is not met with this residential move. New information included an updated statement from the student's parents, a statement from a therapist, and updated medical records for the student.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

New Haven-Merritt Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Anchor Bay High School for her 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>-grade years and competed in basketball. The student transferred to Merritt Academy to start the 2025-26 school year after experiencing academic and personal challenges at Anchor Bay, primarily associated with the student's academic plan not being sufficiently followed by the school. Anchor Bay. The school request was for immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Oxford High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred from Lake Orion High School to Oxford High School to start the 2025-26 school year after practicing and competing in one game with the Lake Orion JV basketball team in 2024-25. The student and family determined a new start was needed after challenges at Lake Orion. The request was for immediate eligibility in basketball after one game.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after one basketball game.

Oxford High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred from Goodrich High School to Oxford High School to start the 2025-26 school year after competing with the Goodrich wrestling team in 2024-25. The student and family desired a start in the Early College program at Oxford, which Goodrich does not offer. The request was for immediate eligibility in wrestling.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Parma-Western High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred from Parma-Western High School during the 2024-25 school year to Chesterton Academy of St. George, a small faith-based academy. Before her transfer from Western, the student competed in cross country. While at Chesterton Academy, the student did not participate in athletics. The experience at Chesterton Academy did not work for the student, and she is back at Western to start the 2025-26 school year. The school request was for full eligibility in cross country in the fall of 2025, and if that couldn't be granted, then subvarsity eligibility.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Petoskey High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student at Petoskey High School. The student attended Harbor Springs High School for his high school career, but a dysfunctional environment has impacted the student. The family determined that a new start away from Harbor Springs was necessary for their student's emotional health. The student previously attended Petoskey Public Schools before transferring in 8<sup>th</sup> grade when his father was added as an assistant basketball coach at Harbor Springs. The request was for eligibility in basketball for the 2025-26 school year. New information included a letter from a counselor, letters of support from Harbor Springs' families and board members along with a new letter from the student.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Pinckney High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended classes at Detroit Catholic Central High School for six days, and attended four football practices, before transferring to Pinckney High School to start the 2025-26 school year. The student attended Pinckney Public Schools from grades K-8 before his brief attendance at Detroit Catholic Central. Under Interpretation #74a the student is not eligible after starting practice as a 9<sup>th</sup>-grader at another school without a waiver. The student experienced anxiety that resulted in visits to a physician after the move and determined that coming back to Pinckney was in his best interest. The request was for immediate eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee approved 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 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred from Richmond High School. While at Richmond, the student played basketball. The student transferred to Port Huron High School because his mother passed away. The student lived with his father and then moved with his father from one residence in Port Huron to another in Port Huron, which does not fit the transfer regulation. The father can no longer get the student to Richmond. The school requested eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Portage Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Portage Central High School from Vicksburg High School at the start of the 2025-26 school year after attending Vicksburg as a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>-grader. While at Vicksburg, the student faced challenges with peers. The family felt a new school was necessary for the student to help with the issues. The former school supports the transfer which was for immediate eligibility in football and track.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Portage Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Portage Central High School at the start of the 2025-26 school year after attending Portage Northern High School as a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>-grader. The student's residence was in the Portage Northern attendance area but subsequently changed to the Portage Central attendance area prior to enrollment in high school. The student remained at Northern so that he could maintain friendships. After a year, family dynamics made it challenging for the student to remain at Northern. The school request was for immediate eligibility in football and track, the sports he played while a 10<sup>th</sup>-grader at Northern. New information included evidence of issues with the former coaching staff at Portage Northern and a letter from the parents to provide more context about the reasons for the transfer.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Richmond High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who has transferring to Richmond High School from St. Clair High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student experienced a series of bullying incidents in and out of school during his 9<sup>th</sup>-grade year. While the school worked to help the student with social interactions and the students involved, it intensified and the student and family determined that a fresh start was necessary. The school requested immediate eligibility in basketball and baseball, and if that couldn't be granted, then subvarsity eligibility.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver in basketball and baseball at the subvarsity level.

River Rouge High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A third request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Brother Rice High School until October of 2024. Just prior to the transfer, the student had a physical altercation with another student, and the family felt a fresh start was needed for the student's safety. The student competed in football while at Brother Rice as a 9<sup>th</sup>-grader. The school requested immediate eligibility in football. New information included an updated letter from River Rouge summarizing the initial request as well as a written summary of the incident from the family's perspective and that the transfer to River Rouge was related to the student's well-being.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Rochester Hills-Stoney Creek High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who was enrolled at Orchard Lake St Mary's Prep High School where he competed in ice hockey as a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student. The student faced extenuating circumstances that impacted his health and led to his decision to transfer back to his home district to Stoney Creek High School. The school requested immediate eligibility in ice hockey.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Romulus High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for two incoming 11<sup>th</sup>-grade students who competed in football the previous year at Livonia-Franklin High School. The students transferred to Romulus to start the 2025-26 school year after family hardship and safety concerns. The family and students needed a new start for their well-being. The school request was for immediate eligibility for these students in football.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Romulus-Summit Academy North High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A third request to waive the transfer regulation was made for four incoming students, a 10<sup>th</sup>-grader and three 12<sup>th</sup>-grade students who competed in football the previous year at Dearborn-Advanced Tech Academy. Dearborn ATA determined that they were dropping their football program, which led to students leaving Dearborn ATA and enrolling at other schools, such as Summit Academy North, to start the 2025-26 school year. The program was cancelled, and the students were denied off-season workout opportunities. Given this late notice and the short timeline of a football player's career, the school is asking for immediate eligibility for these students in football. Information related to this request included individual statements from the students and families documenting how the cancellation has impacted them as students and the stress, strain and anxiety that the Dearborn ATA decision has had on them and a letter from the Summit Academy North principal on the students behalf.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Sterling Heights-Stevenson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended University of Detroit Jesuit High School and played football. The student transferred to Stevenson High School at the start of the second semester of the 2024-25 school year because his mother was forced to change her hospital shift at work, making it impossible for the family to continue to commute to U of D Jesuit. The new request was for eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Vassar High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student. The student attended Vassar High School and lived with his grandmother, who had court-ordered guardianship after a challenging home life with his mother and father. Over the summer of 2025, the student moved to Gladwin to live with his father and attended Gladwin High School briefly until Sept. 22, 2025. The transition did not go well for the student, and it was determined that it would be a better fit to go back with his grandmother in Vassar. While at Gladwin, the student did not participate in athletics. The student competed in football, basketball, and track at Vassar in the 2024-25 school year. The student has successfully adjusted back to Vassar, and the school requested eligibility in all sports for the student in the 2025-26 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Walled Lake Western High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Walled Lake Northern High School for her first two years of high school. The school district determined that Walled Lake Western High School would be better for her progress. The former school has submitted its approval of this in-district change of schools. The school requested immediate eligibility in swimming & diving.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Wayne Memorial High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Wayne Memorial High School from Grace Christian High School in Sanford, NC, to start the 2025-26 school year. The student lived with her mother in North Carolina and decided to move to live with her father in Michigan. The father's residence is in Redford, but his job is in Westland, where Wayne Memorial is the closest high school. The student's father desires to be closer to the daughter during the day as she makes the transition with living with him and to Michigan. In addition, there are family members who live closer to Wayne Memorial, making it easier for care and help. While at Grace Christian, the student played basketball. The school request was for eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Westland-Lutheran Westland High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student who transferred to Lutheran Westland High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year after playing volleyball at Riverview-Gabriel Richard High School to start the fall of 2025. The student competed in two days of competitions and enrolled at Lutheran Westland because of issues at Gabriel Richard and a strong connection to the Lutheran faith that was missing for the student. The school request was for immediate subvarsity eligibility in volleyball, and if that couldn't be granted, then eligibility after two days of competition.

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

Wyoming High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Comstock Park High School during the 2024-25 school year and played soccer. The student and family moved from Comstock Park to Wyoming in January of 2025 and the student unenrolled from Comstock Park to attend an online program to help his grades. At the start of the 2025-26 school year, the student enrolled at Wyoming High School. The school request was for immediate eligibility in soccer.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ypsilanti-Lincoln High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who recently enrolled at Lincoln High School after attending Potomac High School in Virginia and moving with his family to the Ypsilanti area. The student participated in JV football in Virginia. The student's family relocated for the father's job and selected Lincoln for its overall offerings. The school requested eligibility in subvarsity football.

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

Byron Center 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 Byron Center High School assistant boys and girls swimming & diving coach. The assistant coach is also the lead coach for a non-school club swim team, and this is his only source of income. The program involves students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>-grades and is open to the general public. Several students from around the West Michigan area, comprising 13 different school districts, are involved in the non-school club. This request has been granted in the past for Byron Center's head coach, though with a different non-school club program.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Caledonia-Duncan Lake and Caledonia-Kraft Meadows Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades combined) between these schools. Duncan Lake will be the primary school.

Petersburg-Summerfield High School – The Executive Committee did not approve a waiver to the sport-specific transfer rule, specifically Exception #1, a full and complete residential move, for two siblings who attended Dundee High School for their 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>-grade years and have now transferred to Summerfield High School. The mother and children moved residences from Dundee to Petersburg after living alone together for 48 days. During this time, the father moved out of the residence into his parents' home in another part of Dundee to later move back into the former family home. The school believed this to be a full and complete residential

move and allowed participation in cross country at Summerfield. MHSAA staff had determined that this move did not meet the standard of exception #1, a full and complete residential move. The school requested a waiver of this interpretation to allow continued athletic eligibility in cross country, basketball, and track & field for the students.

Waterford Mott High School – The Executive Committee did not approve a request to reverse a forfeiture determination of a varsity football game between Waterford Mott High School and Walled Lake Northern High School played on week one of the 2025 football season and won on the field by Waterford Mott, but subsequently forfeited by Mott because of the use of an ineligible student who played on the first drive of the game before suffering an injury. The student previously attended Walled Lake Northern and transferred to Waterford Mott to start his senior year. The family submitted various documents to Waterford Mott, including affidavits of residency, utility bills, and various MHSAA forms, which indicated the family had made a full and complete residential move into the Mott attendance area. After the game, evidence indicated that the move was not full and complete, and the family was still residing in their Walled Lake home. Waterford Mott then self-reported a violation to the MHSAA regarding the use of an ineligible student, which resulted in the forfeit. Waterford Mott appealed the forfeiture because of the residency fraud that the family committed. Waterford Mott provided a detailed timeline of the events and requested a reversal of the forfeiture result from the week one contest.

Next Meetings – Wednesday, November 5 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, December 4 at 9 a.m. – Virtual.