

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Virtual, September 4, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Committee Members:

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Executive Committee Authority and Responsibility – The Executive Committee reviewed its authority under Article VII of the MHSAA Constitution and specifically its responsibility to consider each application for waiver of an eligibility requirement on its individual merits, determining if the regulation serves the purpose for which it was intended in each case or if the regulation works an undue hardship on any student who is the subject of a request for waiver. (These underlying criteria may not be restated for every subject of these minutes.)

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

The Executive Committee was reminded that it was the responsibility of each member school involved to provide sufficient information about the specific request for the Executive Committee to reach a decision without further investigation. If information is incomplete, contradictory or otherwise unclear or has been received too late to be studied completely, the Executive Committee may deny the request for waiver or delay action. Such requests may be resubmitted to the Executive Committee with additional information at a subsequent meeting or appealed to the full Representative Council.

It is possible that some of the information presented as facts to the Executive Committee by school personnel and others may be inaccurate. However, to avoid constant repetition in this report of phrases such as “it was alleged” or “it was reported,” no attempt was made in the introduction of each waiver request to distinguish between truth, allegation, hearsay, opinion, summary or conclusion. If any information provided to the Executive Committee is inaccurate, any decision of the Executive Committee to grant waiver of a regulation shall be vacated.

The Executive Committee is not authorized to approve waiver based on alleged or actual differences between schools based on “environment,” demographics, curriculum or extracurricular offerings nor to change schools for athletics, discipline, or family finances. A determination of undue hardship is a matter addressed to the discretion of the Executive Committee within the educational philosophy and secondary role of voluntary extracurricular competitive athletics in the academic environment. The Executive Committee will avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority. The agreement the MHSAA has with member schools obligates the MHSAA to not change rules during the school year.

Students for whom waiver of a particular regulation is approved must be eligible in all other respects under all sections and interpretations of the regulations prior to their participation.

Adoption of these regulations, as well as policies, procedures and schedules of MHSAA tournaments, is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court, schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the postseason tournaments it sponsors to those schools which choose to apply rules and penalties as promulgated by the MHSAA and adopted by each member school's board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students.

Holland-Calvary High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a request to allow the use of 7th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Calvary High School has 53 students in grades 9-12 for the 2025-26 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with specific numbers, causes, and rationale about the positive impact of using 7th-graders at Calvary in all sports starting in the fall of 2025. Support from potential opponents was submitted.

Marshall Academy (Regulation 1, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a request to allow the use of 7th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Marshall Academy has 56 students in grades 9-12 for the 2025-26 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with a rationale about the positive impact of using 7th-graders at Marshall Academy in all sports. Support from potential opponents was submitted.

Grosse Pointe North and Warren-Cousino High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 2,148 students will place the team in Division 3, making no change to divisional assignments. Grosse Pointe North will be the primary school. Support from the Macomb Area Conference was submitted.

Kalamazoo-Loy Norrix, Kalamazoo Central, Battle Creek-Harper Creek, Three Rivers, Schoolcraft, Galesburg-Augusta and Kalamazoo-Hackett Catholic Prep 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 5,456 students will place the team in Division 1. Loy Norrix will be the primary school. Support from the South Central high School Hockey League was submitted.

Merrill and Ashley High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in competitive cheer (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 198 students will place the team in Division 4, making no change to divisional assignments. Merrill will be the primary school. Support from the Mid-State Activities Conference was submitted.

Richland-Gull Lake, Kalamazoo-Comstock, Plainwell, Paw Paw, Parchment, Vicksburg, Otsego, Kalamazoo Christian and Battle Creek-Lakeview High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Lakeview to an existing cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) and a one-year waiver of the 5,500-student limit between these schools. The combined enrollment of 6,085 students will keep the team in Division 1 with Richland-Gull Lake remaining the primary school. Support from the South Central High School Hockey League was submitted.

Troy-Athens, Berkley and Troy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Troy High School to existing cooperative programs in boys and girls skiing (varsity and JV) and a one-year waiver of the 3,500-student limit between these schools. The combined enrollment of 5,446 students will place the team in Division 1, removing one team from the division. Troy-Athens will be the primary school. Support from the Oakland Activities Association and the Pine Knob Ski League were submitted.

Blanchard-Montabella High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – A request to waive the Maximum Enrollment and Competition regulations was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who transferred to Montabella High School from Haslett High School and is starting his fifth year of athletic eligibility at Montabella. The student played football at Montabella during the 2024-25 school year, which was his 4th year of high school after previously attending Haslett, where he did not participate in athletics. The student suffered a challenging home life, which required court involvement. The student had been struggling with academics and health issues. The new school requested a waiver of the maximum enrollment and competition regulations for the student based on the hardship the student has experienced.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver because the request does not fit the established criteria for a maximum enrollment waiver.

Madison Heights-Lamphere High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who participates in cheerleading at Lamphere High School. Due to health struggles, the student did not satisfactorily complete the previous semester in good academic standing. Given the student's medical issues and situation, the request was for immediate eligibility in cheerleading. Letters of support were included from doctors and therapists.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ada-Forest Hills Eastern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred to Forest Hills Eastern High School from Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School during April of 2025, just prior to his 9th-grade year being completed. The student experienced challenges at Grand Rapids Catholic Central related to a discipline matter that resulted in miscommunication. The family determined that a new start was desired because of the struggles the student went through. The former school acknowledged these issues. The request was for subvarsity eligibility in football. Support from the former school and several others was included.

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

Ann Arbor-Father Gabriel Richard High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred to Father Gabriel Richard High school for the start of the second semester of the 2024-25 school year after attending Mercy High School. The student competed in JV girls volleyball at Mercy. The student determined that a new start at Gabriel Richard was needed for her documented academic needs, significant commuting hardship, and a change in family circumstances. New information included letters of support from medical professionals describing the challenges for the student, as well as the fact that the student participated in limited volleyball matches while at Mercy.

The Executive Committee did not approve 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 10th-grade student who has transferred from Springfield Christian Academy to Oakland Christian High School. The student participated in basketball at Springfield Christian Academy. The family asked for a waiver of the sport-specific transfer rule because the student experienced challenges at Springfield Christian Academy, which impacted her mental health. The new school requested immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bangor High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student at Bangor High School. The student transferred from Covert High School after attending there for the past two school years. The request was for immediate eligibility in basketball after three games. The previous school confirmed the number of games played.

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

Bath High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who previously attended Waverly High School and competed in girls volleyball. The student transferred to Bath High School to start the 2025-26 school year after needing a new start because of academic challenges at the former school, which resulted in adverse effects for the student. The request was for immediate subvarsity eligibility in girls volleyball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bay City-Central 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 Bay City-All Saints Catholic High School for the 2025-26 school year. The student played football at All Saints and had a physical altercation with another student. The family determined that a transfer was needed for a fresh start. The request was for immediate eligibility in football. Documentation of a police report was provided.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Big Rapids High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred to Big Rapids High School from Big Rapids-Crossroads Academy for the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student started her 9th-grade year at Big Rapids and played girls volleyball before transferring to Crossroads. While at Crossroads, the student experienced harassment by students. The student did not participate in athletics at Crossroads and desired to return to Big Rapids. The request was for eligibility in volleyball.

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

Big Rapids High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred to Big Rapids High School from Cadillac High School at the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student has experienced living and housing challenges, including homelessness and living with multiple families in the Cadillac area. He has moved from his aunt and uncle's home to Big Rapids to live with his sister and her husband for a new start. This new stability will allow the student something he has not had during his middle school and high school time. The former school supported eligibility in both football and basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

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

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Caledonia High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 11th-grade student who attended Caledonia High School for their 9th and 10th-grade years prior to transferring to Grand River Prep High School in February of 2025. The student was struggling with health issues and forced the decision to change schools. The family realized that the move from Caledonia, his friends, and teammates on the cross country team was not valuable to the student's health and desired to have him come back to Caledonia. The student did not participate in any sports while at Grand River Prep. The school asked for immediate eligibility in cross country.

The Executive Committee approved 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 10th-grade student at Camden-Frontier High School. The student transferred back to Camden-Frontier after attending Reading High School for five school days in August before returning. The student did not play any sports while at Reading. The student participated in football and track & field at Camden-Frontier in the 2024-25 school year. The school is asked for immediate eligibility, given the brief number of days attended at Reading, for the student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Camden-Frontier High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of three incoming 10th-grade students at Camden-Frontier High School. The students transferred from Waldron High School and were members of the girls volleyball, basketball, track, and softball teams. The students left because of a challenging learning environment at Waldron. The school asked for immediate subvarsity eligibility at Camden-Frontier in those sports that have JV programs.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Canton-Plymouth Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, specifically interpretation #62d, was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from Lake Orion Baptist High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student transferred to Plymouth Christian High School, the Baptist private school closest to his residence, but not the closest non-public school, after attending Lake Orion Baptist and then moving from Lake Orion to Pinckney due to her father's new job. The family's desire is to have a faith-based education with the same doctrine as their previous school, and Plymouth Christian meets those needs. The student participated in girls volleyball and soccer at Lake Orion Baptist. The request was for immediate eligibility based on the circumstances.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Centreville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 11th-grade student who attended Howardsville Christian High School and then transferred to Centreville High School to start the second semester of the 2024-25 school year because of academics at Howardsville Christian. The student played girls volleyball at Howardsville Christian in the fall of 2024. The request was for eligibility in girls volleyball at Centreville for the fall of 2025. A new letter describing specific issues and challenges the student encountered was submitted by the family.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Clarkston High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred to Clarkston High School from Holly High School. The student competed in football and wrestling at Holly for his 9th-grade year. Previously, the student attended Clarkston Public Schools from preschool through 8th grade, when a new start at Holly was desired but did not work out. The student wished to return to Clarkston, where his friends and familiarity are. The request was for immediate eligibility in football and wrestling, and if that couldn't be granted, then subvarsity eligibility. New information included supporting letters from friends and others, text messages, and updated letters from the parents explaining the reason for the transfer, both from and back to Clarkston.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Detroit-Cass Technical High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who transferred to Cass Technical High School from Harper Woods High School. The student attended Cass Tech for his 9th-11th grade years, where he played football during the 2024-25 school year. The student and his family experienced several challenges and is categorized as McKinney-Vento by DPS. The student transferred to Harper Woods in January 2025 and did not participate in athletics there. In July of 2025, the student moved in with a grandmother and aunt into a home five miles from Cass Tech. The request was for immediate eligibility in football, given the circumstances.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ellsworth High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A tabled request to waive the transfer regulation, specifically Section 9(C), transferring between schools involved in a cooperative program and Interpretation #84e, wait one year of eligibility for international students, was continued to be made for a 12th-grade student who participated in cross country and track & field at Central Lake High School in 2024-25 under a cooperative agreement with Ellsworth High School. Originally on a J-1 Visa, the student is now seeking political asylum due to unsafe conditions in Somalia, where he faces war and forced military conscription. His mother is deceased, and his father is absent. The student experienced discriminatory behavior at Central Lake and wished to transfer to Ellsworth for a fresh start, seeking immediate eligibility in both sports for 2025-26. The school supplied further information related to the student, including information from Central Lake and a timeline of the court proceedings.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Flat Rock High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 11th-grade student who attended Dearborn-Divine Child High School for her 9th and 10th-grade years and competed in girls volleyball and softball. The student transferred to Flat Rock High School to start the 2025-26 school year after experiencing challenges with other students. The issues resulted in the family determining that a new start was needed at a different school, back at the school district where she attended previously. The request was for immediate eligibility in girls volleyball and softball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Flint-Kearsley 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 Genesee High School to Kearsley High School to start the 2025-26 school year. The student started as a 9th-grader at Genesee and participated in basketball. The student needed to change schools because Genesee no longer supported transportation for school of choice students. The family has always lived in the Kearsley attendance area, and the student was not able to get to school without changing schools to Kearsley. The request was for immediate subvarsity eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Genesee 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 Waterbrook Christian High School to Genesee High School. The student participated in girls volleyball at Waterbrook Christian in 19 contests. The family asked for a waiver of the sport-specific transfer rule because the student desired a new start. The new school requested immediate subvarsity eligibility in volleyball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to Ottawa Hills High School from Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School after two weeks in the 2024-25 school year. The student competed in four swim meets at Grand Rapids Catholic Central before she unenrolled and was accepted as a student at City High School, a theme-based school in GRPS. Ottawa Hills requested immediate eligibility in girls swimming after four meets.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after four swim meets.

Grand Rapids-South Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, specifically Interpretation #74a., was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student who attended cross country practices at Byron Center High School prior to the school year starting. The student transferred from Byron Center to Grand Rapids-South Christian High School for academic reasons to start the 2025-26 school year. The request was for immediate eligibility in cross country. The former school supports the transfer and has submitted letters of support for the students athletic eligibility in cross country.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grayling High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student at Grayling High School. The student transferred from Ogemaw Heights High School, after attending there for the past two school years, where she participated in girls volleyball and soccer. The student faced health and family challenges. The student moved in with a cousin in Grayling to find stability. The request was for immediate eligibility in girls volleyball and soccer at Grayling because of the challenging situation the student has had to endure. The previous school supported immediate eligibility for the student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grosse Ile High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred from Detroit Country Day High School to Grosse Ile High School. The student started her educational career at Grosse Ile as a 9th-grader and swam in the fall of 2024. The student and family looked for a more challenging academic environment and transferred to Detroit Country Day for the second semester of the students' 9th-grade year. The family determined that after one semester of travel from Grosse Ile to Detroit Country Day, that logistically, the family could not make it work and now desired to return to Grosse Ile. While at Detroit Country Day the student did not participate in any athletics. The student desired to swim in the fall of 2025.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hesperia High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who has transferred from Walkerville High School, where they participated in girls volleyball, to start the 2025-26 school year at Hesperia High School. The family decided to transfer the student to Hesperia based upon challenges that occurred at Walkerville. Hesperia requested immediate eligibility for the student based on the issues that occurred.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hillman High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 11th-grade student who competed in basketball and baseball for Alpena High School in the 2024-25 school year. The family is unable to continue to transport the student to Alpena. The new school asked for immediate eligibility at Hillman High School in basketball and baseball for the 2025-26 school year. New information focused on the student's medical challenges while at Alpena. The former school supports a new start for the student.

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

Hillsdale High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who competed in girls volleyball, basketball, and softball the previous year at North Adams-Jerome High School. The student transferred to Hillsdale High School to start the 2025-26 school year because of a lack of communication about whether the school would have a girls volleyball team. The request was for immediate eligibility in all sports, and if that couldn't be granted, then subvarsity eligibility.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Holland Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from Zeeland West High School to Holland Christian High School to start the 2025-26 school year. While at Zeeland West, the student participated in football and wrestling, neither was a sport he had previously played. The student, who desired to be closer to a group of friends he grew up with. The school asked for subvarsity eligibility in football for the student. The previous school submitted a letter supporting this student's immediate eligibility. Additional information included a more thorough reasoning behind the transfer including a previous connection to Holland Christian Schools which was not shared in the initial request.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Howell 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, basketball, and golf the previous two years at Lansing Catholic High School. The student transferred to Howell High School at the start of the 2025-26 school year, where he and his family have always lived, because he desired a fresh start. His commute from Howell to Lansing became challenging, and late nights of practices and games at Lansing Catholic impacted his experience. The request was for immediate eligibility in football, basketball, and golf.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Howell High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an 11th-grade student who competed in swimming the previous two years at Monroe High School. The student transferred to Howell High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year, where her mother accepted a job at a campground and is required to live as the camp director, helping with the camp's mission of spreading faith through the community. The campground is located just outside of the Howell Public School District lines and has a Howell address. The family determined that Howell would be the best fit since it was closer to the student and enrolled at Howell only to find out then that they were in the Fowlerville Community Schools District. The request was for immediate eligibility in swimming.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

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

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Macomb-L'Anse Creuse North High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred to L'Anse Creuse North High School from Everest Collegiate High School. Before briefly attending Everest Collegiate, the student attended Royal Oak-Shrine High School for his 9th-grade year and the first semester of his 10th-grade year. The student competed in football at Shrine for his 9th and 10th-grade seasons. The student's transfer to Everest Collegiate was to leave a situation that had been ongoing since before his 9th-grade year. The student and family determined that a new start was desired after trying to work with Shrine about these incidents to no avail. A request was made by Everest Collegiate in February of 2025 for the student's continued eligibility in football and baseball and was denied. The student has now transferred to L'Anse Creuse North, where he hopes to gain a fresh, stable start.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Madison Heights-Lamphere High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who enrolled at Lamphere High School after attending Warren Woods-Tower High School. While at Woods-Tower, the student competed in competitive cheer. The student transferred to Lamphere for a fresh start after several challenges, including health issues that required leaves of absence from school and the cheer team. Additionally, the transition back into the team caused issues. The family requested eligibility in competitive cheer to help the student adjust to her new school. The request was for immediate eligibility in competitive cheer.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Monroe-Jefferson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to interpret MHSAA transfer regulations was made on behalf of a student who moved with his mother and younger sibling in March of 2025 and then moved into the Jefferson attendance area during the summer of 2025. The Executive Committee determined that the move met the elements as required in Regulation I, Section 9, Interpretation #69. The student was previously denied a waiver request of the transfer rule in August and remained ineligible.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Muskegon-Orchard View High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, specifically Interpretation #74b, was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student who enrolled at Mona Shores High School, attended football practice, and participated in one scrimmage prior to school starting. The student now desires to go to Orchard View High School because his father has moved into the Orchard View attendance area. The request was for immediate subvarsity eligibility in football starting in the fall of 2025.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

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

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

New Lothrop High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who played football and baseball at Montrose High School and transferred to New Lothrop High School. The student's parents have gone through many family challenges that have put stress on the family and student. The school request was for immediate eligibility in football and baseball at New Lothrop, where the student has more familiarity with the school and former classmates. The former school supported the transfer. Documentation of police reports, court documents, and medical records accompanied the request.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. No future exceptions to the transfer regulation may be used for this student.

North Adams-Jerome High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student who transferred to North Adams-Jerome High School from Litchfield High School to start the 2025-26 school year after participating in just two football practices. The family determined that North Adams-Jerome was the better fit for the student academically and immediately stopped practicing at Litchfield once the decision was made. Under Interpretation #74a, the student is not immediately eligible after practicing at Litchfield. The request was for immediate eligibility in football. The former school fully supported the transfer to North Adams-Jerome.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ontonagon Area High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student at Ontonagon High School. The student transferred to Ontonagon after attending Mattawan High School for her first three years of high school. The student participated in track & field at Mattawan in one meet before leaving to live with her mother in Ontonagon, where she relocated after a family. The school request was for immediate eligibility in track & field.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Owosso High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 12th-grade student who competed in cross country and track & field at King Uekaulike High School in Hawaii while living with her mother. The student previously attended Owosso High School while she lived with her father who has since moved out of Owosso. The student would like to go back to Owosso, where her younger sister also attends, and be eligible for the same sports. The request was for immediate eligibility in athletics with an otherwise completed and approved Educational Transfer Form.

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

Oxford High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student who transferred from Lapeer High School to Oxford High School to start the 2025-26 school year after practicing and competing in three games with the Lapeer JV soccer team. The student and family determined a start in their home district was needed, instead of at Lapeer, and did not make this determination until just before school started. The request was for immediate subvarsity eligibility in soccer after three games.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after three games of football at the subvarsity level, only.

Pickford High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who competed in football at Cedarville High School during the 2024-25 season. The student transferred to Pickford High School to get a fresh start after experiencing family challenges, including custody issues and his parents' separation. While at Cedarville, the student played in one scrimmage and three JV football games. The request was for eligibility in football after one scrimmage and three games for the 2025 season.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after one scrimmage and three games of football.

Portage Central 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 Portage Central High School from Portage Northern High School at the start of the 2025-26 school year after attending Portage Northern as a 9th and 10th-grader. The student's residence was in the Northern attendance area but subsequently changed to the 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. This included not having consistent transportation and health challenges with family members. The request was for immediate eligibility in football and track & field, the sports he played while at Northern.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Rockford 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 Rockford High School from Grand Rapids-Northview High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year. The student has experienced hardships that led to the decision to start at a new school. The student participated in golf and soccer at the former school and the request was for eligibility in both of those sports.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Romulus-Summit Academy North High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made for four incoming students, a 10th-grader and three 12th-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 High School, 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 requested immediate eligibility for these students. New information submitted included individual statements from the students and families regarding the impact this has had on the athletes and the stress, strain and anxiety that the decision has had on them as students and people.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Shelby Township-Utica Eisenhower 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 Utica-Eisenhower High School from Macomb-Dakota High School, where the student participated in soccer, to start the 2025-26 school year. Due to personal family challenges, the family had to move all their children to the Utica School District. The request was for immediate subvarsity eligibility in soccer.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

St. Clair High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student. The student attended Marine City-Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School since his 9th-grade year after attending East China Public Schools (St. Clair High School) from K-8 before attending Cardinal Mooney. The student's mother has battled health challenges, which have prevented her from working part-time. This forced financial cutbacks for the family, including the private school tuition of Cardinal Mooney. While at Cardinal Mooney, the student participated in basketball and desired to play that at St. Clair. St. Clair requested immediate eligibility in basketball on behalf of this student.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Stephenson 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 Stephenson High School from St. Thomas Aquinas Academy in Marinette, WI, to start the 2025-26 school year. The student attended St. Thomas Aquinas for his entire high school career and played football, basketball, and baseball. The student faced an unhealthy environment at St. Thomas. The mother accepted a new position, and the student needed a new start with family circumstances. The school request was for immediate eligibility in football, basketball, and baseball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Sterling Heights-Stevenson 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 Oak Park High School until transferring to start the 2025-26 school year at Stevenson High school. The student transferred because his father passed away due to a car accident and his mother was not able to care for him. The student moved in with his godmother to Sterling Heights, where she has her own children who attend Stevenson. The student also suffered a season-ending injury after three games at Oak Park. The request was for immediate eligibility in football for the 2025 fall season, given the hardship the student has been through, and if that couldn't be granted, then eligibility after three games in football, the same number of games he participated in last school year.

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

Trenton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation for an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred from Riverview-Gabriel Richard High School, where the student participated football in 2024-25, to Trenton High School to start the 2025-26 school year. The student and family desired a change based upon changes at Gabriel Richard, which created uncertainty for the student. The new school is asking for eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Troy-Athens High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, specifically Interpretation #74a, was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student who enrolled at Bishop Foley High School and attended the first three days of football practice. The request was for immediate subvarsity eligibility in football starting in the fall of 2025.

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

Vestaburg High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence), was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who recently moved between parents to live with his father. The student attended Ithaca High School for the 2025-26 school year as a 9th-grader, where he lived with his mother and competed in football. The student experienced health issues. The new school requested immediate eligibility in football pending an otherwise completed and approved Educational Transfer Form.

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

Warren-De La Salle Collegiate High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who attended De La Salle Collegiate High School for three school years prior to moving to Texas to live with his aunt. The student previously lived with his grandmother. After a week of classes and participation in practices in Texas, the student felt he could not make it work and moved back to Michigan to live in his grandmother's home and attend De La Salle. De La Salle requested immediate eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee approved 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 11th-grade student who transferred to Lutheran Westland High School for the start of the 2025-26 school year after attending Livonia-Stevenson High School for their first two years of high school, where the student competed in softball. The family desired a Christian faith-based school close to their residence. The student transferred to Lutheran Westland to get a fresh start and help support the students social and academic desires. The school request was for immediate eligibility in softball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Whitehall High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 12th-grade student who attended Fruitport High School and competed in only five basketball games before transferring to homeschool education. The student has alternated their education between homeschool and public school education and is now enrolling at Whitehall High School for her 12th-grade year. The request was for eligibility in basketball after five games, the same number of games the student participated in last year at Fruitport. The former school has confirmed the number of games played.

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

Whitehall High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 12th-grade student who attended Montague High School for her academic and athletic career before transferring to Whitehall High School to start the 2025-26 school year. An incident has led to an investigation and legal action. The student and family desired a fresh start, given the circumstances beyond her control. The student participated in golf, basketball and softball at Montague and would like to continue to participate in basketball and softball at Whitehall. The former school supported athletic eligibility.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Wyandotte-Roosevelt 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 Carleton-Airport High School to Wyandotte-Roosevelt High School to start the 2025-26 school year. The student started as a 9th-grader at Airport and participated in girls volleyball. The request outlined social, emotional, and academic growth issues as reasons for changing schools after the student's 9th-grade year. The request was for immediate, subvarsity eligibility in girls volleyball. The former school supported the transfer request.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Wyandotte-Roosevelt High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from Riverview High School to Wyandotte-Roosevelt High School to start the 2025-26 school year. The student started as a 9th-grader at Riverview and participated in soccer. The request outlined social and emotional growth as reasons for changing schools after the student's 9th-grade year. The request was for immediate subvarsity eligibility in soccer.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Detroit-U of D Jesuit High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 240, a request to waive the four-player regulation was made on behalf of a varsity head boys swim and dive coach, also employed by the Birmingham-Bloomfield Atlantis Swim Club. The coach is also the head coach for the U of D boys swim team that operates out of the pool. The club has approximately 100 students from surrounding communities and uses various pool facilities around Metro Detroit, depending upon the age group. The program has swimmers from surrounding districts, including Seaholm, Groves, Troy, Troy Athens, Novi, Northville, Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, and Brother Rice High Schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Dundee High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 240, a request to waive the four-player regulation was made on behalf of the head boys and girls swimming & diving coach, also employed by Tecumseh Public Schools. The coach is also the head coach for the Tecumseh Club swim team that operates out of the Tecumseh pool. It is a requirement of the job with the pool to coach the resident club team and supervise all competitive programs that use the facility. This request has been previously granted since the 2023-24 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grosse Pointe South High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 240, specifically the staffing limitations in this regulation, a request to waive the four-player rule was made on behalf of the Grosse Pointe South assistant field hockey coach, also employed by Great Lakes Regional Field Hockey. It is a requirement of this full-time job with the GLRFH to supervise all competitive programs and advance field hockey in Michigan through "play days" and field hockey clinics that may have more than four players from the Grosse Pointe Public Schools. The fact that field hockey is among the newest sport offerings and that field hockey coaches are scarce is another reason why the request is being made. This request was for the 2025-26 school year only, when it would then need to be evaluated for future consideration.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Menominee and Menominee-St. John Paull II Catholic Academy Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in boys and girls cross country (6th, 7th and 8th grades combined) and boys and girls track & field (6th, 7th and 8th grades combined) between these schools. Menominee will be the primary school.

Suttons Bay and Northport Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in 8-player football (6th, 7th and 8th grades combined), baseball (6th, 7th and 8th grades combined) and softball (6th, 7th and 8th grades combined) between these schools. Suttons Bay will be the primary school.

Suttons Bay, Northport and Lake Leelanau-St. Mary Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys soccer (6th, 7th and 8th grades combined), between these schools. Suttons Bay will be the primary school.

Archdiocese of Detroit-Catholic High School League (Football Classification) – A request was made to opt-up a new member school to the CHSL from Ohio, Toledo Central Catholic High School, in football from a “normal” MHSAA classification in Division 5 to Division 2 due to scheduling challenges. Toledo Central Catholic was placed in the CHSL Central Division with MHSAA member schools that are Division 1 or 2 schools for MHSAA football division purposes. Toledo Central Catholic’s football division will impact each of those MHSAA member schools’ playoff point averages. Under the opt-up policy for football, this request comes to the Executive Committee for approval. This opt-up was previously granted by the Executive Committee for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years. The request was to continue this opt-up for another two school years, 2025-26 and 2026-27.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

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

Calumet-Copper Island Academy is an elementary through 10th-grade school operated as a public charter school governed by Central Michigan University. The K-10 facility is in Calumet. The school consists of two buildings separated by a parking lot near Houghton County Airport. The school recently completed phase two of its construction, with a full gym being added with seating for 900 people. This is the first year the school has added high school students in grades 9 and 10. The school supports a project-based, hands-on curriculum based upon Finnish education practices while embracing traditional American ideals. There are currently 487 students in grades K-10, with 30 9th-graders and 21 10th-graders. They intend to offer boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball, eight-player football, volleyball, cross country, golf, ice hockey, competitive cheer, and track & field for the 2025-2026 school year at the JV level only. While they are investigating cooperative programs with other schools in their area, nothing has come to fruition at this time. Their principal and current athletic director has previous experience as a successful MHSAA coach. An Athletic Department Code of Conduct and Handbook was submitted. A signed 2025-26 Membership Resolution and Preliminary Classification Form was also received. The school will be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2026-27 school year.

Interlochen-New Covenant Christian Academy is a Classical Christian school that specializes in faith-based learning. It is associated with the ACCS, the Association for Classical Christian Schools, and affiliated with the Fresh Wind Community, an on-site church that shares the space with NCCA. The school has been operating in the same, formerly renovated veterinary clinic, building since 2015. The middle school became an MHSAA member in 2021-22 and seeks high school membership this fall with approximately 23 students in grades 9-12. The high school first became an MHSAA member in the 2022-23 school year but shrank to fewer than 15 on-site high school students for two consecutive school years and was not a member in the 2024-25 school year. The school now has the allotted on-site attendance over 15 and once again desires MHSAA membership. No sports are currently sponsored. The school will be seeking cooperative agreements initially and may start a few individual sports by themselves in cross country and track & field. MHSAA staff conducted an on-site visit in July of 2022. The school has no athletic facilities for practice or competition. An Athletic Department Code of Conduct and Handbook was submitted. A signed 2025-26 Membership Resolution and Preliminary Classification Form was received. The school will be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2026-27 school year. Under the regulations, a new member school may participate in cooperative programs once approved by the Executive Committee.

West Branch-Alternative Educational Academy of Ogemaw County (AEAO) is a charter school serving students from grades 6-12 and located in West Branch, and authorized by the Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon Intermediate School District (COOR ISD). It is managed by the Iosco Regional Educational Service Agency. AEAO is an online school with on-site learning labs located in West Branch and Gladwin. They use the Edmentum Courseware and Curriculum for their students, which matches Michigan Merit Curriculum standards. Alternative Educational Academy also offers technical programs through COOR ISD in Roscommon. This hands-on curriculum focuses on specific career paths. They intend to offer boys and girls cross country and boys and girls bowling. The school has 87 9th-12th grade students and 23 6th-8th grade students. An Athletic Department Code of Conduct and Handbook was submitted. A signed 2025-26 Membership Resolution and Preliminary Classification Form was also received. The school will be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2026-27 school year.

Additional Item(s) –

Boys Tennis Calendar Change – The Executive Committee approved a staff recommendation to move the Division 4 Boys Tennis Finals from October 15-16, 2025 to October 20-21, 2025 at the Midland Tennis Center. This adjustment eliminates scheduling conflicts for all Division 4 teams, and the venue was able to accommodate the change. Staff will notify participating schools. The 2025-26 school year will also be the first in which all Boys and Girls Lower Peninsula Tennis Finals are conducted over two days across a two-week period.

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