

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Virtual, August 6, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Committee Members:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Summary of 2025-26 Waivers – During the 2025-26 program year, there were 532 requests by member schools to waive regulations (versus 543 in 2024-25, 480 in 2023-24, 406 in 2022-23, 366 in 2021-22, 269 in 2020-21, 354 in 2019-20, 448 in 2018-19, 461 in 2017-18 and 420 in 2016-17). Of those requests, 313 were approved by the Executive Committee (versus 383 in 2024-25, 328 in 2023-24, 264 in 2022-23, 260 in 2021-22, 198 in 2020-21, 271 in 2019-20, 355 in 2018-19, 379 in 2017-18 and 350 in 2016-17). Of the total, 442 requests involved the transfer regulation (versus 322 in 2024-25, 294 in 2023-24, 268 in 2022-23, 243 in 2021-22, 167 in 2020-21, 226 in 2019-20, 315 in 2018-19, 322 in 2017-18 and 285 in 2016-17). Of those involving the transfer regulation, 235 were approved (versus 187 in 2024-25, 158 in 2023-24, 138 in 2022-23, 144 in 2021-22, 106 in 2020-21, 153 in 2019-20, 238 in 2018-19, 253 in 2017-18 and 234 in 2016-17).

Rationale for Transfer Regulation – The following rationale for the transfer regulation, first established by the Executive Committee on Aug. 6, 1985, and last reviewed Aug. 4, 2025, is reaffirmed:

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

Adrian-Lenawee Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to allow the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Lenawee Christian High School has 103 students in grades 9-12 for the 2026-27 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with a rationale about the positive impact of using 8th-graders in the Lenawee Christian athletic program for the 2026-27 school year. League support from the Tri-County Conference was also received.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Baraga High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to allow the use of 7th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Baraga High School has 55 students in grades 9-12 for the 2026-27 school year. The request included reasons and rationale for the positive impact of using 7th-graders at Baraga in all sports, starting in the fall of 2026. The Cooper Mountain Conference submitted league approval for the request. This request has previously been granted to Baraga.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bessemer High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to allow the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Bessemer High School has 105 students in grades 9-12 for the 2026-27 school year. The request included reasons and rationale for the positive impact of using 8th-graders at Bessemer across their sports programs (except football and wrestling) starting in the fall of 2026. The Cooper Mountain Conference submitted league approval for the request.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Burton-Genesee Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to allow the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their boys and girls athletic programs. Genesee Christian High School has 106 students in grades 9-12 for the 2026-27 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with a rationale about the positive impact of using 8th-graders in Genesee Christian athletic programs for the 2026-27 school year. League support was also received.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

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

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids Sacred Heart Academy (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to allow the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Sacred Heart Academy has 101 students in grades 9-12 for the 2026-27 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with rationale about the positive impact of using 8th-graders in the Sacred Heart Academy athletic programs for the 2026-27 school year. League support was also received. This request has been granted previously by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Litchfield High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to allow the use of 7th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Litchfield High School has 73 students in grades 9-12 students for the 2026-27 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with the rationale for the positive impact of using 7th-graders at Litchfield in their athletic programs for the 2026-27 school year. League support was also received.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Rock-Mid Peninsula High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to allow the use of 7th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs, specifically basketball. Mid Peninsula High School has 62 students in grades 9-12 for the 2026-27 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with numbers, cause, and rationale about the positive impact of using 7th-graders at Mid Peninsula. The request is to allow 7th-graders to participate in all athletic programs so that Mid Peninsula can field a JV teams. Support from the conference was also received.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Father Gabriel Richard, Ann Arbor-Greenhills, Ypsilanti-Lincoln, Canton-Plymouth Christian and Milan 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 2,700 students will place the team in Division 2, removing one team from Division 3. Father Gabriel Richard will be the primary school. Support from the Catholic High School League was submitted.

Ann Arbor-Skyline and Ann Arbor-Huron High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 3,353 students will place the team in Division 2, removing one team from Division 1. Skyline will be the primary school. Support from the Southeastern Conference was submitted.

Ann Arbor-Skyline, Ann Arbor-Pioneer and Ann Arbor-Huron High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Huron to existing cooperative programs in boys and girls bowling (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 5,310 students will place the team in Division 1, making no change to divisional assignments. Skyline will be the primary school. Support from the Southeastern Conference was submitted.

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

Battle Creek-St. Philip Catholic Central and Battle Creek-Calhoun Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls volleyball (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 113 students will place the team in Division 4, removing one team from the division. St. Philip will be the primary schools. Support from the Southern Central Athletic Association was submitted.

Big Rapids and Marion 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 804 students will place the team in Division 3. Big Rapids will be the primary school. Support from potential opponents was submitted.

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

Canton-Plymouth Christian and Novi Christian Academies (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls golf (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 340 students will place the team in Division 4, making no change to divisional assignments. Plymouth Christian will be the primary school. Support from the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference was submitted.

Central Lake and Ellsworth High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in baseball (varsity and JV) and softball (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 160 students will place the team in Division 4, removing one team from the division. Central Lake will be the primary school. Support from the Ski Valley Conference was submitted.

Chesterfield-Austin Catholic and New Haven-Merritt Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys soccer (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 264 students will place the team in Division 4, making no change to divisional assignments. Austin Catholic will be the primary school. Support from the Catholic High School League was submitted.

Haslett and Perry High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in boys and girls bowling (varsity only) and a one-year waiver of the 1,000-student limit between these schools. The combined enrollment of 1,045 students will place the team in Division 2, making no change to divisional assignments. Haslett will be the primary school. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was submitted.

Madison Heights-Bishop Foley Catholic, Royal Oak-Shrine Catholic, Bloomfield Hills-Academy of the Sacred Heart and Southfield Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Southfield Christian to an existing cooperative program in girls swimming & diving (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 787 students will keep the team in Division 3, making no change to divisional assignments. Bishop Foley will be the primary schools. Support from the Catholic High School League was submitted.

Okemos, Haslett, East Lansing, Eaton Rapids, St. Johns, Lake Odessa-Lakewood and Laingsburg High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a 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 5,647 students will place the team in Division 1. Okemos will be the primary school. Support from the South Central High School Hockey League is pending.

Painesdale-Jeffers High School (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee did not approve a second request to waive the cooperative program application requirement of league or conference approval of any new MHSAA cooperative athletic program. The Great Lakes Hockey Conference voted not to support a newly formed cooperative ice hockey program that includes Painesdale-Jeffers High School as the primary school, with other schools including Dollar Bay, Chassell, L'Anse, Baraga, Ontonagon, and the newly added Copper Island Academy. Jeffers is seeking approval of the cooperative program by showing five future opponents who will play in the new program, though the GLHC has not approved the cooperative application as required by MHSAA policy. Significant information was provided with the rationale for the request. Additional information included more historical context of the cooperative program and supporting information on the long-term sustainability of the hockey program if the cooperative program is not approved. The school is working to be proactive in its approach to its hockey program.

Parchment and Kalamazoo-Comstock High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys golf (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 701 students will place the team in Division 2, removing two teams from Division 3. Parchment will be the primary school. Support from the Southwest Athletic Conference was submitted.

Saline and Tecumseh High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee did not approve a cooperative program in girls swimming & diving (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 2,325 students would have placed the team in Division 1, removing one team from Division 3. Saline would have been the primary school. Support from the Southeastern Conference was submitted.

St. Clair Shores-South Lake and Eastpointe High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in softball (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 983 students will place the team in Division 1, removing one team from Division 2. South Lake will be the primary school. Support from the Macomb Athletic Conference was submitted.

Utica and Shelby Township-Utica Eisenhower High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee did not approve a cooperative program in boys and girls bowling (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 3,794 students would have placed the team in Division 1, removing one team from that Division. Utica would have been the primary school. Support from the Macomb Area Conference was submitted. This cooperative agreement was approved for one year in 2024-25 varsity and JV, then denied for varsity in 2025-26, keeping the program at the JV level.

Warren-De La Salle Collegiate and Royal Oak-Shrine Catholic High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys swimming & diving (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 1,146 students will place the team in Division 2. De La Salle will be the primary school. Support from the Catholic High School League was submitted.

Warren-Regina and Madison Heights-Bishop Foley Catholic High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls golf (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 809 students will place the team in Division 2, removing one team from Division 3. Regina will be the primary school. Support from the Catholic High School League was submitted.

Waterford-Kettering and Waterford-Mott High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – Application was made to renew a cooperative program in girls golf and a one-year waiver of the 1,000-student limit between these schools, which was first granted in 2018-19. The combined enrollment will be 1,999 students. Kettering will remain the primary school. Support from the Oakland Activities Conference was submitted.

Waterford-Kettering and Waterford-Mott High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – Application was made to renew a cooperative program in competitive cheer and a one-year waiver of the 1,000-student limit between these schools, which was first granted in 2022-23. The combined enrollment will be 1,999 students. Kettering will remain the primary school. Support from the Oakland Activities Conference was submitted.

Waterford-Kettering and Waterford-Mott High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – Application was made to renew a cooperative program in girls basketball and a one-year waiver of the 1,000-student limit between these schools, which was first granted in 2024-25. The combined enrollment will be 1,999 students. Kettering will remain the primary school. Support from the Oakland Activities Conference was submitted.

Hudson High School (Regulation I, Section 2) – A request was made to waive the age rule on behalf of a 12th-grade student. The student struggled with medical issues which caused an educational delay and is now overage for high school athletics. The school and family presented documentation of the student's past medical issues and challenges. Hudson requested continued athletic participation in basketball for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Mio-AuSable High School (Regulation I, Section 2) – A request to waive the age regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student. The student was homeschooled and when she was placed in Mio in 8th grade this made her ineligible by age, a fact her parents did not know at the time. The student would not pose a risk to herself or others by her participation. Mio-AuSable High School requested continued athletic participation in volleyball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Garden City High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request was made to waive the previous academic credit record was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who did not pass the required credit load of classes in the spring semester of the 2025-26 school year and is ineligible for athletic participation at Garden City High School. The student and family had an inconsistent housing situation that created many of the academic challenges that the student faced. The student has worked to make up the missing credits by taking summer classes, and his grades are now incomplete and will be reassessed by the district in the fall of 2026. Given the student's academic challenges, Garden City requested immediate eligibility in football, waiving the 60-day ineligibility period.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver as the student would be eligible after credit recovery.

Ann Arbor Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from Ann Arbor-Huron High School to Ann Arbor Christian High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. The student dealt with the separation of his parents, negative interactions with his stepfather, which resulted in law enforcement involvement, and a move with his mother to another school. The student played 9th-grade football at Huron in 2025-26. The student has experienced upheaval and anxiety due to the situation and believed a new school was necessary. The student attended Huron until November 3, 2025, when he transferred to Ann Arbor Christian after the move with his mother and sister to a school which is the closest non-public school. Ann Arbor Christian requested immediate eligibility for JV football only, based on the circumstances in the cooperative program that Ann Arbor Christian is in with Father Gabriel Richard High School.

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

Ann Arbor-Greenhills High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who previously attended Greenhills School in middle school and later transferred to an online program, Laurel Springs. The student enrolled in one class at Washtenaw Christian Academy, a non-MHSAA member school, where she participated in girls basketball and appeared in both JV and varsity contests for the school during the 2025-26 school year. The student determined that a traditional academic curriculum was needed, and decided to return to Greenhills. Greenhills requested immediate eligibility in basketball during the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Skyline High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student at Skyline High School, who previously participated at Detroit Country Day High School in field hockey and lacrosse. The student now attends Skyline after leaving Detroit Country Day because of the commute and academic offerings. Skyline requested immediate eligibility in field hockey and lacrosse.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Battle Creek-Harper Creek 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 an incoming 10th-grade student. The student attended Harper Creek Schools as an 8th-grader before transferring to Alma High School as a 9th-grader, where he played football and baseball. The student's parents are divorced, and his mother is remarrying and moving into her fiancé's home in the Battle Creek Public Schools attendance area. The student wanted to attend Harper Creek High School since he has connections to that school district, peers, and friends he previously had. Harper Creek requested immediate eligibility in all sports on behalf of this student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Big Rapids-Crossroads Charter Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who is transferring to Crossroads Charter Academy from Big Rapids High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. The student started his 9th-grade year at Big Rapids and played JV soccer before transferring to Crossroads at the start of the second semester of the 2025-26 school year. Because Crossroads is only a few blocks from the student's home, he can easily get there to help with family health care obligations. Crossroads requested eligibility in soccer for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bloomfield Hills-Marian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 12th-grade student who transferred to Marian High School during the second semester of the 2025-26 school year. The student transferred to Marian after attending Flint-Powers Catholic High School for the first 2.5 years of her high school education. The student participated in volleyball and lacrosse at Powers. The student transferred after experiencing academic struggles at Powers and the family felt a new start was needed. Since the move to Marian High School, the student has improved her academics, and it is a better educational fit. Documentation from the family and letters of support were also provided to support the new school. Marian requested eligibility in volleyball for the fall of 2026.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Brownstown-Woodhaven High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred from Monroe-St. Mary Catholic Central High School to Woodhaven High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. The student initially attended Riverview-Gabriel Richard High School before transferring to St. Mary Catholic Central. While at Gabriel Richard HS, the student participated in one football game before leaving for St. Mary Catholic Central on September 5, 2025. While at St. Mary Catholic Central, the student did not participate in any athletics. Woodhaven request immediate eligibility in football after one game, the same number of games he participated in last school year.

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

Caledonia High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who attended West Michigan Aviation Academy for his 9th-grade year before transferring to Caledonia High School to start the 2026-27 school year. The student attended Caledonia Public Schools as a middle school student. The student determined that WMAA was not what he wanted for his education and that he desired a more traditional high school experience, so he is transferring back to Caledonia. The student played JV and varsity soccer with WMAA in 2025-26. Caledonia requested subvarsity eligibility in soccer.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Centreville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for incoming 11th-grade students, sisters who attended Burr Oak High School and then transferred to Centreville High School to start the 2026-27 school year. Their 9-year-old sister was physically restrained and removed from school by Burr Oak staff and the ordeal had a negative impact on the family. Centreville requested eligibility in volleyball for the fall of 2026.

The Executive Committee approved request for waiver.

Dansville 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 Lansing Christian High School to Dansville High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. While at Lansing Christian, the student participated in JV volleyball and varsity girls soccer. The family sought a new school environment after the previous school went through educational uncertainty, losing multiple staff members and students. The student and family desired a change, given the instability at the school and the cultural shift that occurred at Lansing Christian. Dansville requested eligibility in volleyball and soccer for the 2026-27 school year, and if that couldn't be granted, then subvarsity eligibility only in those same sports.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

East Jordan High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who competed in subvarsity football at Bradenton Manatee High School in Florida during the 2025-26 season. While at Manatee, the student participated in two subvarsity football games before ending his season. The student has now been brought to his aunt and uncle's home in East Jordan for a fresh start. The student's mother has granted guardianship to the aunt and uncle so that the student can have some stability in his life. East Jordan requested eligibility in football after two games for the 2026-27 season.

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

Flint-Powers Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who attended Davison High School during the 2025-26 school year and played varsity soccer. The student was injured after competing in five soccer contests at Davison. The student then transferred to Powers Catholic High School for reasons unrelated to athletics. Powers Catholic requested eligibility in soccer for the 2026-27 school year, after the student sits out the first five games of the season.

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

Flint-Powers Catholic 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 Lake Fenton High School during the 2025-26 school year and played girls volleyball. The student was subjected to misconduct. The student then transferred to Powers Catholic High School for a fresh start. Powers Catholic requested eligibility in volleyball for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Fraser High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student at Fraser High School, who previously participated at Algonac High School in volleyball, basketball, and track & field as a 9th-grader. The student was a victim of harassment at Algonac which resulted in an investigation of the matter. The circumstances around the student staying at Algonac resulted in social and emotional difficulties, which negatively impacted on her mental health and school experience. Fraser was selected as a new school because her mother was a staff member there. The former school supports athletic eligibility and has provided letters of support for the transfer's approval. Fraser requested immediate eligibility in all sports.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Blanc High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who transferred from Flint-Powers Catholic High School to Grand Blanc High School to start the 2026-27 school year. The student transferred from Powers Catholic to Grand Blanc after being the subject of an investigation. The student's reputation was questioned, placing him under immense stress and strain at Powers Catholic. The student and family needed a fresh start, even in the student's senior year. Grand Blanc requested immediate eligibility in football for the 2026 fall season.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Blanc High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was submitted on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who transferred from Grand Blanc High School to Highpoint Virtual Academy to start the second semester of the 2025-26 school year. The student desired to return to Grand Blanc. While previously at Grand Blanc, the student participated in volleyball. Grand Blanc requested immediate eligibility in volleyball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids Catholic 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 Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. The student competed in cross country and track & field at South Christian High School. The student's transfer to Grand Rapids Catholic Central is due to being harassed by peers. The student's subsequent issues resulted in a significant decline in her health. The student and family worked to address the issues with school administration but the family determined a new start was needed. Documentation included letters from the former school's administration, athletic director, and coaching staff, and a medical professional. Grand Rapids Catholic Central requested immediate eligibility in cross country and track & field.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids Catholic 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 to Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School for the start of the second semester of the 2025-26 school year. The student competed on the JV tennis team at Jenison High School during his 9th-grade year. The student and his family moved to Grand Rapids to attend a Catholic elementary and middle school, St. Thomas, before his younger brother required specialized educational help. The family then moved to Jenison, where the student attended high school. The student and family had every intention of attending Catholic Central prior to this family situation. Catholic Central requested immediate eligibility in tennis at GRCC, and if that couldn't be granted then JV only eligibility.

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

Grand Rapids Catholic 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 Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. The student competed on the JV teams in football and baseball at Grand Rapids West Catholic High School during his 9th-grade year. The student's transfer to Catholic Central is due to social issues that he experienced at West Catholic. The family felt a fresh start was needed due to negative peer interactions. A new start will also help this student. Letters of support from the former school and a doctor were included in the request. Catholic Central requested immediate eligibility in football and baseball.

The Executive Committee approved 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 an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from East Kentwood High School to Grand Rapids University Preparatory Academy (a theme-based school of GRPS where students are eligible at either Ottawa Hills High School or Union High School) to start the second semester of the 2025-26 school year. The student was the manager on the 9th-grade football team before transitioning into a part-time player who played sparingly for the last four games at East Kentwood. Ottawa Hills requested immediate eligibility in football, and if that couldn't be granted, then eligibility after four games, the same number of games he participated in last school year.

The Executive Committee approved request for waiver after four football games.

Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills 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 Union High School to Grand Rapids City High School (a theme-based school of GRPS where students are eligible at either Ottawa Hills or Union) to start the 2026-27 school year. The student played in three volleyball contests at Union before ceasing participation due to health issues. Ottawa Hills requested immediate eligibility in volleyball after three contests, the same number of games she participated in last school year.

The Executive Committee approved request for waiver after three volleyball dates of competition.

Grant High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 12th-grade student who competed in tennis at Muskegon-West Michigan Christian High School the previous three years. The student transferred to Grant High School at the start of the 2026-27 school year, as it is her home public high school district. The transfer is primarily due to the student's extended commute from Grant to Muskegon and West Michigan Christian. This hardship of travel has led the family to prioritize the student's safety and have her attend Grant rather than drive. Grant requested eligibility for girls tennis for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Haslett 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 Lansing Christian High School to Haslett High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. While at Lansing Christian, the student participated on the varsity girls volleyball, basketball, and soccer teams. The family sought a new school environment after the previous school went through educational uncertainty, losing multiple staff members and students. The student and family desired a change, given the instability at the school and the cultural shift that occurred at Lansing Christian. In addition, the student's mother was an employee and voiced concerns to the school leadership. Haslett requested eligibility in all three sports for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Haslett High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who transferred from Lansing Christian High School to Haslett High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. While at Lansing Christian, the student participated on the varsity boys basketball team. The family sought a new school environment after the previous school went through educational uncertainty, losing multiple staff members and students. The student and family desired a change, given the instability at the school and the cultural shift that occurred at Lansing Christian. Haslett requested eligibility in basketball for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Haslett High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who transferred from Lansing Christian High School to Haslett High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. While at Lansing Christian, the student participated on the varsity boys tennis team. The family sought a new school environment after the previous school went through educational uncertainty, losing multiple staff members and students. The student and family desired a change, given the instability at the school and the cultural shift that occurred at Lansing Christian. Haslett requested eligibility in tennis for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Haslett High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who transferred from Lansing Christian High School to Haslett High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. While at Lansing Christian, the student participated on the varsity boys soccer team. The family sought a new school environment after the previous school went through educational uncertainty, losing multiple staff members and students. The student and family desired a change, given the instability at the school and the cultural shift that occurred at Lansing Christian. Haslett requested eligibility in soccer for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Haslett 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 the online school Highpoint Academy High School to Haslett High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. While at Bath High School in the fall of 2025, the student played volleyball before transferring to an online school, Highpoint Academy. The student went through challenges while at Bath, which significantly impacted her educational experience. The student and family desired a change for the student's well-being. Haslett requested eligibility in volleyball for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Haslett 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 Lansing Christian High School to Haslett High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. While at Lansing Christian, the student participated in volleyball and track & field. The family sought a new school environment after the previous school went through educational uncertainty, losing multiple staff members and students. The student and family desired a change, given the instability at the school and the cultural shift that occurred at Lansing Christian. Haslett requested eligibility in volleyball and track & field for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Haslett High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who transferred from Lansing Christian High School to Haslett High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. While at Lansing Christian, the student participated in volleyball. The family sought a new school environment after the previous school went through educational uncertainty, losing multiple staff members and students. The student and family desired a change, given the instability at the school and the cultural shift that occurred at Lansing Christian. Haslett requested immediate eligibility in volleyball for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Haslett High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who transferred from Lansing Christian High School to Haslett High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. While at Lansing Christian, the student participated in volleyball. The family sought a new school environment after the previous school went through educational uncertainty, losing multiple staff members and students. The student and family desired a change, given the instability at the school and the cultural shift that occurred at Lansing Christian. Haslett requested immediate eligibility in volleyball for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Holland Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, specifically Interpretation 62 (closest non-public school), was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student transferring to Holland Christian High School from Fennville High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. The student's older brother moved from Fennville to Holland Christian last school year and will be a senior. The student's parents are divorced, with the brothers living with their father in the Saugatuck Public School District, where Holland Calvary Christian is 7 miles from their father's residence, while Holland Christian is 7.7 miles away. The family wishes for the brothers to attend the same high school and the former school supports the transfer. Holland Christian requested immediate eligibility, and if that couldn't be granted, then subvarsity eligibility in football, basketball, and soccer on behalf of the student.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Holland High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred from Holland-Black River High School to Holland High School for the 2026-27 school year. While at Holland, the student played volleyball, basketball, and soccer. The student desired a new start for her health and well-being. Holland requested immediate eligibility for volleyball, basketball, and soccer for the student.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Holt High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who previously attended Dansville High School and competed in football and basketball. The student transferred to Holt High School to start the second semester of the 2025-26 school year. The student was subjected to prolonged bullying that significantly impacted their well-being. The family determined that leaving was the best option for the student's fresh start, and the student enrolled at Holt. Holt requested immediate eligibility in football and basketball for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Holt High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 12th-grade student who previously attended Lansing Catholic High School and competed in football. The student transferred to Holt High School on May 11, 2026. The family determined that leaving was the best option, and the student enrolled at Holt, the public district where he lives. New information included letters from health professionals who are treating the student, clarification of his exit from Lansing Catholic and letters of support from Holt administration and coaching staff, as the student transitioned to Holt last spring. Holt requested immediate eligibility in football for the 2026-27 school year.

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 incoming 11th-grade student who competed in swimming & diving the previous two years at Pinckney High School in a cooperative program with Charyl Stockwell Academy, where the student attended. The student transferred to Howell High School to start the 2026-27 school year, where they live. Given that Charyl Stockwell Academy is a small school, those rumors did not allow the student to escape this episode, and the desire was to go to Howell for a fresh start. Howell requested immediate eligibility in swimming & diving.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hudson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation for an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from Dundee High School to Hudson High School, effective in the 2026-27 school year. The student participated in football (four JV games) and track & field at Dundee during his 9th-grade year. The student attended Dundee Schools from 2nd to 9th-grade, when he and his mother made a full and complete residential move into the Addison attendance area, just outside the Hudson district. The student had stayed at Dundee because of the death of his aunt, who was also a student at Dundee and was close to the student. The counselor recommended not uprooting the student at such a difficult time. As a result, the student stayed at Dundee, despite traveling 40 minutes each day. The student desires to attend Hudson due to extended family connections, including cousins attending there. Hudson requested immediate eligibility in football and track & field for the student and if that couldn't be granted then eligibility after four games in football, the same number of games he played at Dundee last year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver in football after four games and in track & field.

Hudsonville-Unity Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, specifically Interpretation 62 (closest nonpublic school), was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who made a full and complete residential change to Hudsonville from Summerville, South Carolina, where the student attended Faith Christian High School as a 9th-grader and played volleyball and softball. The student's family moved back home to Michigan after the father's retirement from active duty in the military. The mother and father are both graduates of Unity Christian High School and would like their children to experience the same education. The family's other younger children are also attending a feeder school to Unity Christian. Libertas Christian High School is the closest non-public school to the family's new residence, by one mile. Unity Christian requested immediate athletic eligibility for the student in volleyball and softball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jackson 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 Jackson High School from Jackson-Lumen Christi High School to start the 2026-27 school year. The student played tennis and golf at Lumen Christi for the 2025-26 school year. Both of the student's parents have passed away, and the student was living with his maternal grandmother. She can no longer take care of him, and the custody has been changed to his paternal grandfather by the court system. The student now lives closer to Jackson High School, and his grandfather. The former school supports the change of schools and immediate athletic eligibility. Jackson requested immediate eligibility in tennis and golf.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Kalamazoo Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who is transferring to Kalamazoo Central High School from Kalamazoo-Phoenix High School. The student has struggled with his health. The family determined that a new school environment was needed, and the student previously attended Kalamazoo Central as a 9th-grader before his transfer to Phoenix. The student participated in basketball at Phoenix. Kalamazoo Central requested eligibility for basketball on the student's behalf.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Kentwood-East Kentwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who competed in girls volleyball the previous year at Hudsonville High School. The student will be transferring to East Kentwood High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. The student experienced a challenging time at Hudsonville with a negative environment, which resulted in anxiety. East Kentwood requested immediate eligibility for girls volleyball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Kentwood-East Kentwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who competed in volleyball and softball at Wyoming High School the previous year. The student transferred to East Kentwood High School at the start of the 2026-27 school year as her family brought in her cousin, who attends Northview High School. Because of this, the student needs to switch to East Kentwood so that she can take school transportation, and her cousin can still attend Northview for her senior year. East Kentwood requested subvarsity eligibility in volleyball and softball for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver in volleyball and softball at the subvarsity level, only.

Lake Orion High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who attended Oxford High School during their 9th-grade year and participated in cross country, swimming & diving and track & field. The student is transferring to Lake Orion High School to start the 2026-27 school year because of unwanted contact and stalking behavior from a family member, which has been occurring for an extended timeframe. The student and his family sought relief through the court system. A new start, still close to their home, was the best fit, which is why they chose Lake Orion. A timeline of events, documents, and a letter from a therapist were included as documentation. New information included an updated timeline, a letter from the student, and information indicating that the move was not athletically motivated. Lake Orion requested immediate eligibility in cross country and track & field.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Lake Orion High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 12th-grade student who attended Auburn Hills-Oakland Christian High School during their first three high school years and participated in cross country and track & field. The student is transferring to Lake Orion High School to start the 2026-27 school year because of unwanted inappropriate comments. They sought a new school for their daughter. They chose Lake Orion because it is the community in which they live. The former school has provided a letter of support for the student and her transfer, and the parents have provided specific examples of the reasons for the transfer. Lake Orion requested immediate eligibility in cross country and track & field.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Lansing Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred from Lansing Christian High School to Lansing Catholic High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. While at Lansing Christian, the student participated on the varsity girls soccer team. The family sought a new school environment after the previous school went through educational uncertainty, losing multiple staff members and students. The student and family desired a change, given the instability at the school and the cultural shift that occurred at Lansing Christian. Lansing Catholic requested eligibility in soccer for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Lansing Catholic High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who transferred from Lansing Christian High School to Lansing Catholic High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. While at Lansing Christian, the student participated on the varsity baseball team. The family sought a new school environment after the previous school went through educational uncertainty, losing multiple staff members and students. The student and family desired a change, given the instability at the school and the cultural shift that occurred at Lansing Christian. Lansing Catholic requested eligibility in baseball for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Lansing-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 from Waverly High School to Eastern High School. The student initially worked to establish eligibility for the 2025-26 school year in track & field, but the request was denied because the former school believed the move was athletically motivated. The student has moved to the Eastern attendance area with a guardian because his mother has no housing. The student is deemed to meet the requirements of the McKinney-Vento homeless statute by Lansing Public Schools. The student has also connected with the former school, and they have communicated about the transfer. The student competed in track & field and football while at Waverly. Documents providing context, including text messages, were received as evidence. Eastern requested immediate eligibility in football and track and field.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Lansing-Sexton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who transferred from Lansing-Waverly High School for the 2026-27 school year. The student was living with his mother in the Sexton attendance area, but because of his mother's medical conditions, the student is transferring to his father's home, also in the Sexton attendance area. The schools have signed an ETF, but because the two residences are within the Sexton attendance area, the ETF does not comply with the regulations. Sexton requested a waiver of this requirement, given that Waverly has now signed the ETF and the student and family's unique situation. The student played basketball at Waverly during his 9th-11th-grade years. Sexton requested for immediate eligibility in basketball.

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

Linden High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was submitted on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from Linden High School to Lighthouse Connections Academy, an online school, starting the second semester of the 2025-26 school year. The student has come back to Linden, where the family believes it is the best educational environment for her. While at Linden, the student competed in girls golf. While at Lighthouse, the student did not participate in athletics. Linden requested immediate eligibility for girls golf.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Linden-Lake Fenton 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 Byron High School to Lake Fenton High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. The student participated in one football game before breaking his arm in the first quarter of the first game of the JV season at Byron. Byron supports the transfer. Lake Fenton requested immediate eligibility in football after one game, the same number of games he participated in last school year.

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

Linden-Lake Fenton 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 Academy, a non-MHSAA member school, to Lake Fenton High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. The student participated in four volleyball matches. Lake Fenton requested immediate eligibility in volleyball after four dates of competition, the same number of volleyball contests she participated in last school year.

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

Litchfield High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred from North Adams-Jerome High School. While at North Adams-Jerome, the student played football. The student transferred to Litchfield High School because of struggles, including an untenable living situation. The student needed a fresh start and moved in with a friend's family who could provide him with stable housing. The student is considered homeless under McKinney-Vento and transferred to Litchfield to start the 2026-27 school year. Litchfield requested eligibility in football given the circumstances surrounding the transfer.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Macomb-Dakota 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 Warren-De La Salle High School during the 2025-26 school year and played varsity basketball. The student left after competing in nine basketball contests at De La Salle. The student then transferred to Dakota High School for reasons unrelated to athletics, as it was the school district he had attended in elementary and middle school. Dakota requested eligibility in basketball for the 2026-27 school year, after the student sits out the first nine games of the season.

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

Macomb-Dakota 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 Warren-De La Salle High School during the 2025-26 school year and participated in ice hockey. The student left after competing in 11 hockey contests at De La Salle during the semester break. The student then transferred to Dakota High School for reasons unrelated to athletics, which impacted the logistics of their family life. Dakota requested for eligibility in ice hockey for the 2026-27 school year, after the student sits out the first 11 games of the season.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after 11 ice hockey games.

Macomb-Lutheran North High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student transferring back to Lutheran North High School from Utica Eisenhower High School. The student withdrew from Lutheran North in December of 2025 and went to Eisenhower. At the conclusion of the 2025-26 school year, the student and family underwent a thorough reapplication process at Lutheran North and were accepted back into the school he previously attended. While at Lutheran North, the student played soccer for three years and desired to rejoin his teammates, peers, and friends. Lutheran North requested immediate eligibility in soccer for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Marshall 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 changed her education from traditional education at Marshall High School to an online program called West Michigan Virtual Academy during the 2025-26 school year after the student suffered a concussion and had lingering effects that impacted her academic progress. The student competed in volleyball for Marshall in the fall of 2025. The student and family determined that online education had met the student's academic needs and now desire to return to traditional education at Marshall starting in the fall of 2026. Marshall requested immediate eligibility in volleyball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

McBain-Northern Michigan Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who attended Cadillac Heritage Christian High School and played volleyball and basketball. The student faced harassment and the family was unhappy with the response, which forced them to transfer their student to Northern Michigan Christian High School. Documentation included a timeline and letters the family has written. New information included specific evidence of doctor's visits related to the student's physical toll that the anxiety put on her while at the former school, in addition to the family perspective, including the student. Northern Michigan Christian requested eligibility in volleyball and basketball for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

New Haven-Merritt Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 11th-grade student who attended New Haven High School for his 9th and 10th-grade years and competed in football. The student transferred to Merritt Academy to start the 2026-27 school year after experiencing personal challenges, including suffering a concussion and a loss of his well-being. The transfer was needed to help get a fresh start. The student participated in only two games because of the concussion and subsequent recovery. Merritt Academy requested eligibility after two football games in the 2026-27 season, the same number of games the student participated in at New Haven during the 2025-26 season.

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

Northville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 11th-grade student who competed in cross-country at Plymouth Christian Academy the previous school year. The student transferred to Northville High School at the start of the 2026-27 school year. The student participated in only seven cross country meets at Plymouth Christian in 2025-26. Northville requested eligibility after the student sits out the first seven cross country meets of the season.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after seven cross country dates of competition.

Novi Christian Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of two brothers, incoming 11th- and 12th-grade students, who attended Wixom Christian High School during the 2025-26 school year and competed on the school's soccer team. Wixom Christian is not an MHSAA member school but competes in a limited interscholastic schedule. The students will transfer to Novi Christian High School at the start of the 2026-27 school year to better support their health and education. New information included letters from Wixom Christian about what their athletic experience really was at Wixom Christian. Novi Christian requested immediate eligibility in soccer for both students.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Novi Christian Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who attended Wixom Christian High School during the 2025-26 school year and competed on the school's soccer team. Wixom Christian is not an MHSAA member school but competes in a limited interscholastic schedule. The student will transfer to Novi Christian at the start of the 2026-27 school year to better support their education. Novi Christian requested immediate eligibility in soccer.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Onekama 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 the online school Acellus Academy High School to Onekama High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. While at Manistee High School in the fall of 2025, the student played volleyball before transferring to being homeschooled through Acellus Academy. The student and family suffered a tragedy when their family home burned down at the beginning of the student's 9th-grade year, resulting in a total loss of their home, all personal belongings, and their family pets. The student struggled socially and emotionally with this situation, which impacted her well-being. The family wanted to protect her from this and withdrew her at the start of the second semester to homeschool her. The student now wishes to attend a traditional high school while she continues therapy and counseling. Onekama requested eligibility in volleyball for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Portage Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who transferred from Climax-Scotts High School to Portage Central High School. While at Climax-Scotts, the student participated in volleyball, basketball, and softball. The family sought a new school environment to support the student after she experienced an intense personal hardship at Climax-Scotts. Given the small school community and very public nature of the situation, it became untenable for the student to continue at Climax-Scotts. The student and school felt her best option was to change schools to support her health. The former school's principal, counselor, and superintendent submitted letters of support for this request. Portage Central requested eligibility in all sports, effective for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Powers-North Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who transferred from Carney-Nadeau High School to North Central High School to start the 2026-27 school year. The student transferred because he lives in the North Central attendance area and wants to return to his original school, where he attended as an elementary and middle school student. The student played football at Carney-Nadeau for the past two years, and the program was canceled after a few games in both years due to a lack of numbers. The student played in three games last school year before Carney-Nadeau canceled the football season. North Central requested immediate eligibility in football, and if that couldn't be granted, then eligibility after three games, the same number of games he participated in last school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Richland-Gull Lake 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 Calhoun Christian High School to Gull Lake High School. The student previously attended Calhoun Christian as a 9th-grader, where she competed in volleyball and soccer on a limited basis due to a documented illness. The student's illness resulted in significant academic loss and created issues with her socially at Calhoun Christian. The student attended Gull Lake Public Schools until middle school. Gull Lake requested eligibility in both sports, and if that couldn't be granted, then in subvarsity volleyball after nine dates of competition and in soccer after two games, the same number of games she played at Calhoun Christian.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level after nine volleyball dates of competition and two soccer games.

St. Clair Shores-Lakeview High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student. The student attended Warren-De La Salle Collegiate and struggled with the school's social aspects. He transferred to Lakeview High School at the start of the second semester of the 2025-26 school year. These areas were impacted by both his return from a serious injury in football during his 9th-grade year and by his social difficulties. The parents felt a new start was needed for the student. New information received included context about the move from the parents, specific issues that were documented, details of social media posts reflecting the challenges the student has undergone and letters of support. Lakeview requested immediate eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

St. Clair Shores-Lakeview High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student. The student attended L'Anse Creuse North High School and struggled with his health. He transferred to Lakeview High School at the start of the second semester of the 2025-26 school year. These areas were impacted both by the loss of his football coach, who was not retained, as well as the loss of his grandfather, who lived with the family and passed after a battle with cancer. The loss of two supportive male figures in the student's life negatively impacted the student's health, and the parents felt a new start was needed for the student. The former school supports the transfer for a fresh start for the student. Additional information and context were also shared by the parents and the new AD on the matter. Lakeview requested immediately eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Sterling Heights-Utica Ford II High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred to Henry Ford II High School from Sterling Heights-Stevenson High School to start the 2026-27 school year. The student attended Stevenson for her 9th-grade year. The student struggled with her overall health and well-being, including the loss of important friendships and the departure of a staff member. The family desired a new school to further help with the challenges. The student participated in volleyball at Stevenson. Utica Ford requested immediate eligibility and if that couldn't be granted, then subvarsity eligibility in volleyball.

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

Traverse City West High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student. The student switched from traditional education at Traverse City West High School to an online program, Michigan Virtual, during the semester break of the 2025-26 school year. The student competed in soccer for Traverse City West in the fall of 2025. The student and family determined that online education was not conducive to the student's learning style, and the student desired to return to traditional education starting in the fall of 2026. Traverse City West requested immediate eligibility in soccer.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Union City High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from Colon High School to Union City High School to start the second semester of the 2025-26 school year. The student participated in cross country while at Colon. The student transferred to Union City because of his acceptance into the Battle Creek Area Math & Science Center, a program that was not available at Colon. Colon, the Battle Creek Area Math & Science Center, and the new school have all written letters of support. Union City requested eligibility in cross country for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve 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 incoming 10th-grade student who enrolled at Walled Lake Western High School to start the 2026-27 school year. The student attended Cranbrook-Kingswood High School in his 9th-grade year, where he participated in football. The student faced challenges when told he could not stay at Cranbrook because of financial issues. The student's older brother attends Walled Lake Western, which is why the family chose the school. Walled Lake Western requested eligibility in all sports, and if that couldn't be granted, then subvarsity eligibility based upon the challenges the student has been through.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Warren-De La Salle High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Parkway Christian High School, where he played football. The student transferred to De La Salle High School at the start of the second semester of the 2025-26 school year. The student's legal guardian is his godmother's mother, who resides in Eastpointe. The student, though, will now be living with his godmother's sister in Warren, as it is closer to De La Salle. The student's biological father passed away in 2020, and his mother has not been in his life for several years. The student felt that, due to personal hardships, a new start was needed at De La Salle. New information included letters of support providing the rationale behind the transfer and move to provide context. De La Salle requested immediate eligibility for football.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

White Lake-Lakeland High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who competed in football at North Farmington High School during the 2025-26 school year, then transferred to Lakeland High School after the completion of the 2025-26 school year. The student struggled at North Farmington with safety and well-being concerns. The family moved from the North Farmington attendance area and their home to an apartment in the Huron Valley Lakeland attendance area. The family has submitted information indicating that the transfer was due to concerns about safety and well-being. Lakeland requested immediate eligibility in football for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Williamston 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 Lansing Christian High School to Williamston High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. While at Lansing Christian, the student participated in soccer. The family sought a new school environment after the previous school went through educational uncertainty, losing multiple staff members and students. The student and family desired a change, given the instability at the school and the cultural shift that occurred at Lansing Christian. Williamston requested immediate eligibility in soccer for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Williamston High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred from Lansing Christian High School to Williamston High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. While at Lansing Christian, the student participated in basketball and golf. The family sought a new school environment after the previous school went through educational uncertainty, losing multiple staff members and students. The student and family desired a change, given the instability at the school and the cultural shift that occurred at Lansing Christian. Williamston request immediate eligibility in basketball and golf for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

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The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Williamston High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred from Lansing Christian High School to Williamston High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. While at Lansing Christian, the student participated in soccer and golf. The family sought a new school environment after the previous school went through educational uncertainty, losing multiple staff members and students. The student and family desired a change, given the instability at the school and the cultural shift that occurred at Lansing Christian. Williamston requested immediate eligibility in soccer and golf for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ypsilanti-Lincoln High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was submitted on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from Belleville High School to Lincoln High School to start the second marking period of the 2025-26 school year. The student participated in volleyball at Belleville during the 2025-26 school year. The student transferred to Lincoln after realizing that the fit at Belleville was not to her liking, and realizing that Lincoln was a safe, comfortable place for school. The student went to Belleville because one of her parents is employed there, and for convenience. The student had previously attended Lincoln Schools through middle school. The student and family felt going back to her original school was important for her growth and returning to friends and peers she knew. Lincoln requested subvarsity eligibility in volleyball for the fall of 2026.

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

Battle Creek-Lakeview 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 head boys and girls swim and dive coaches at Lakeview High School. The coach is also the Director of Competitive Swimming for the Lakeview Aquatic Club swim team. MHSAA staff has reviewed this request, and it fits the requirements of this interpretation. The Lakeview Aquatic Club team has athletes from surrounding areas, including Lakeview, Battle Creek Central, Harper Creek, Gull Lake, Marshall, Sturgis, and Kalamazoo, across several grade levels. It is open to all, and the coach's role as a voluntary, community-based program leader is independent of Lakeview.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

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 new Byron Center High School boys and girls swimming & diving coach. The 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 7th and 8th-grades and is open to the general public. Several students from across West Michigan, representing at least 10 school districts, are involved in the non-school club. This request has been granted in the past two years for the Byron Center swim coach, though he was an assistant at that time.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Fruitport High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H-2a]) – A request to waive the four-player out-of-season rule was made on behalf of a Fruitport High School assistant boys soccer coach. The assistant coach is also the lead coach for a non-school club girls middle school soccer team, which involves more than four students from Fruitport Public Schools in grades 7-12. The program is for middle school girls soccer players, while the coach will coach a high school boys soccer team as an assistant coach. The program also involves the coach's daughter and will give the club program time to find another coach capable of coaching the team in the future. The request is to allow the coach to continue coaching the girls middle school soccer club team and the high school boys soccer team.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Okemos 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 Okemos High School head boys and girls swimming and diving coach. The coach is also the head coach for the Mid-Michigan Aquatics Club swim team, which serves approximately 160 students. MHSAA staff has reviewed this request, and it fits the requirements of this interpretation, as the coaches' primary source of income is from coaching the Mid-Michigan Club team. The Mid-Michigan Hurricanes swim club team has athletes ages 6 to 21 from surrounding communities, including Okemos, Williamston, Haslett, Mason, Holt, and East Lansing.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Saline High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 240, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2026-27 school year was made on behalf of three boys and girls swimming coaches who are employed by the Saline Swim Team, an independent non-school program operated by the Saline Community Education program. Swim coaching is the coach's primary source of income. The club is open to the public, and for 2026-27, it is anticipated to include approximately 234 participants across all age levels. There are 83 students involved from Saline Public Schools in the club, which also includes students from surrounding communities such as Ann Arbor, Dexter, Ypsilanti, Belleville, Milan, Flat Rock, Fenton and Canton.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Zeeland West and Zeeland East High Schools (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 240, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2026-27 school year was made on behalf of the boys and girls swim coach who is employed by West Michigan Swimmers, an independent, non-school youth swim organization. Coaching with West Michigan Swimmers is the coach's primary source of income. The club is open to the public, and for 2026-27, it is anticipated to have swimmers in all age levels from 8-18. There are several students from Zeeland Public Schools involved in WMSC, which also includes students from surrounding communities. This waiver has been granted in the past by the Executive Committee and this coach and since 2021-22.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Battle Creek-St. Joseph and Augusta-Light of Christ Academy Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in girls and boys basketball (6th, 7th and 8th-grades combined) between these schools. St. Joseph will be the primary school.

Battle Creek-St. Joseph and Augusta-Light of Christ Academy Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in girls and boys volleyball (6th, 7th and 8th-grades combined) between these schools. St. Joseph will be the primary school.

Battle Creek-St. Joseph, Battle Creek-Calhoun Christian and Augusta-Light of Christ Academy Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in 8-player football (6th, 7th and 8th-grades combined) between these schools. St. Joseph will be the primary school.

Battle Creek-St. Joseph, Battle Creek-Calhoun Christian and Augusta-Light of Christ 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) between these schools. St. Joseph will be the primary school.

Battle Creek-St. Joseph, Battle Creek-Calhoun Christian and Augusta-Light of Christ Academy Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Light of Christ to be added to existing cooperative programs in boys and girls track & field (6th, 7th and 8th-grades combined) between these schools. St. Joseph will be the primary school.

Central Lake and Ellsworth Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in boys and girls basketball (6th & 7th-grades combined and 7th & 8th grades combined) between these schools. Central Lake will be the primary school.

Central Lake and Ellsworth Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative program in girls volleyball (6th & 7th-grades combined and 7th & 8th-grades combined) between these schools. Central Lake will be the primary school.

Traverse City West, Traverse City-The Children's House, Traverse City Montessori and Traverse City-The Greenspire Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in boys and girls basketball (6th, 7th and 8th-grades) between these schools. Traverse City West will be the primary school.

Traverse City West, Traverse City-The Children's House, Traverse City Montessori and Traverse City-The Greenspire Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in boys and girls volleyball (6th, 7th and 8th-grades) between these schools. Traverse City West will be the primary school.

Traverse City West, Traverse City-The Children's House, Traverse City Montessori and Traverse City-The Greenspire Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in boys and girls tennis (6th, 7th and 8th-grades combined) between these schools. Traverse City West will be the primary school.

Traverse City West, Traverse City-The Children's House, Traverse City Montessori and Traverse City-The Greenspire Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in boys and girls wrestling (6th, 7th and 8th-grades combined) between these schools. Traverse City West will be the primary school.

Traverse City West, Traverse City-The Children's House, Traverse City Montessori and Traverse City-The Greenspire Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative program in 11-player football (7th and 8th grades) between these schools. Traverse City West will be the primary school.

Traverse City West, Traverse City-The Children's House, Traverse City Montessori and Traverse City-The Greenspire Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in boys and girls track & field (6th, 7th and 8th-grades combined) between these schools. Traverse City West will be the primary school.

Traverse City West, Traverse City-The Children's House, Traverse City Montessori and Traverse City-The Greenspire 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) between these schools. Traverse City West will be the primary school.

Traverse City West, Traverse City-The Children's House, Traverse City Montessori and Traverse City-The Greenspire Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative program in softball (6th, 7th and 8th-grades combined) between these schools. Traverse City West will be the primary school.

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):

Kalamazoo-Reformed Heritage Christian High School is a faith-based private school that is part of an association of churches serving several denominations. The school is overseen by a school board and an educational committee. The school campus and facility stand near Kalamazoo College in a stand-alone building and serve elementary through high school students. The school has been in operation since 1995 and has 15 students in grades 9-12 and 68 students in grades K-12. The school has long sought to offer its own athletic programs and school-based athletic teams. MHSAA staff conducted an on-site visit on July 30, 2026. An Athletic Department Code of Conduct and Handbook was submitted. A signed 2026-27 Membership Resolution and Preliminary Classification Form was also received. The school is requesting MHSAA membership starting in the 2026-27 school year and would be eligible to compete in MHSAA tournaments in 2027-28. Under the regulations, a new member school may immediately participate in approved cooperative programs upon Executive Committee approval of membership. The Athletic Director will attend the new AD In-service at the MHSAA in the future.

Personnel – The Executive Committee approved the employment contract and the 2026-27 Performance Agreement for the executive director.

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