MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Virtual, November 4, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Committee Members:
John Thompson, Brighton
Sean Jacques, Calumet
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Chris Hartman, Kingsford

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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 requested 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.

Morrice High School (Regulation I, Section 1[A]) – A request was made to waive the enrollment regulation for a 10th-grade student who is enrolled in 50% of a full credit load at Morrice High School. This does not meet the minimum requirement of 66% of a full-credit load potential to be eligible for athletics at Morrice. The student desires to compete at Morrice, but because of the limited enrollment, is not allowed to do so. Morrice requested eligibility for the student based on her partial enrollment.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Harbor Springs-Harbor Light Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to waive Regulation I, Section 1(D) to allow the use of 7th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Harbor Light Christian High School will have 64 students in grades 9-12 for the 2026-27 school year. The request comes to the Executive Committee with specific numbers, causes, and a rationale for the positive impact of using 7th graders at Harbor Light Christian in their girls basketball program and with league support.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Marine City-Cardinal Mooney High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to waive Regulation I, Section 1(D), to allow the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Cardinal Mooney High School has 125 students in grades 9-12 for the 2026-27 school year. The request comes to the Executive Committee with a rationale about the positive impact of using 8th graders at Cardinal Mooney in girls basketball and boys and girls track & field. League support is pending.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Posen High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request was made to waive Regulation I, Section 1(D), to allow the use of 7th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Posen High School will have 56 students in grades 9-12 for the 2026-27 school year. The request comes to the Executive Committee with specific numbers, causes, and a rationale for the positive impact of using 7th graders at Posen in all sports. League support was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Adrian, Addison, Onsted, Adrian-Madison, Tecumseh, Clinton and Hudson 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 3,082 students will place the team in Division 2, making no change to divisional assignments. Adrian will be the primary school. Support from the Southeastern Conference was submitted.

Caro, Kingston and Akron-Fairgrove High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in boys and girls soccer (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 673 students will place the team in Division 2, removing one team from Division 3. Caro will be the primary school. Support from the Big Thumb Conference was submitted.

Commerce Township-Walled Lake Northern and Walled Lake Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in competitive cheer (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 2,538 students will place the team in Division 1, making no change to divisional assignments. Walled Lake Northern will be the primary school. Support from the Lakes Valley Conference was submitted.

Dearborn-Fordson and Dearborn High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in baseball and softball (varsity and JV) between these schools for the 2026-27 school year. The combined enrollment of 3,802 students will place the team in Division 1, removing one team from the division. Fordson will be the primary school. Support from the Kensington Lakes Activities Association was submitted.

Essexville-Garber, Bay City-All Saints Catholic and Saginaw-Nouvel Catholic Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Garber to an already existing cooperative program in softball (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 698 students will place the team in Division 2, removing one team from Division 3. Garber will be the primary school. Support from the Tri-Valley Conference was submitted.

Grand Rapids Christian, Hudsonville-Unity Christian, Byron Center-South Christian and Wyoming-The Potter's House Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Potter's House to an already existing cooperative program in girls lacrosse (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 2,505 students will place the team in Division 1, making no changes to divisional assignments. Grand Rapids Christian will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Grand Rapids-Kenowa Hills, Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills and Grand Rapids-Union High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys volleyball (varsity only) between these schools and a one-year waiver of the 3,500 combined student limit for the 2026-27 school year. The combined enrollment of 3,657 students will place the team in Division 1, removing one team from Division 2. Kenowa Hills will be the primary school. Support from the River Cities Alliance League was submitted.

Holland and Saugatuck High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys volleyball (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 1,127 students will place the team in Division 2. Holland will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Lansing Catholic and Lansing-Hope Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys golf (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 453 students will place the team in Division 3. Lansing Catholic will be the primary school. Support from the Capital Area Activities Association is pending.

Leland, Lake Leelanau-St. Mary, Northport and Suttons Bay High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Leland to an already existing cooperative program in girls soccer (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 318 students will place the team in Division 4, removing one team from the division. Leland will be the primary school. Support from the Northwest Conference was submitted.

Madison Heights-Bishop Foley Catholic and Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls basketball (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 328 students will place the team in Division 3, removing one team from Division 4. Bishop Foley will be the primary school. Support is pending.

Madison Heights-Bishop Foley Catholic and Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls soccer (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 328 students will place the team in Division 4. Bishop Foley will be the primary school. Support is pending.

Manistique and Cooks-Big Bay de Noc High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in baseball and softball (varsity only) between these schools for the 2026-27 school year only. The combined enrollment of 282 students will place the teams in Division 3. Manistique will be the primary school. Support from the Mid-Peninsula Conference was submitted.

Marine City-Cardinal Mooney Catholic and New Haven-Merritt Academy 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 292 students will place the team in Division 3, removing one team from Division 4. Cardinal Mooney will be the primary school. Support from the Catholic High School League is pending.

Middleton-Fulton and Ashley High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in boys basketball (JV and freshman), boys and girls track & field (varsity, JV and freshman) and boys and girls wrestling (varsity, JV and freshman) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 198 students will place the team in Division 4, making no change to divisional assignments in wrestling and removing one team from Division 4 in track & field. Fulton will be the primary school. Support from the Mid-State Activities Conference was submitted.

New Buffalo and Three Oaks-River Valley High School (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls tennis (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 311 students will place the team in Division 4. New Buffalo will be the primary school. Support from the BCS League was submitted.

New Haven-Merritt Academy and Chesterfield-Austin Catholic High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in baseball (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 264 students will place the team in Division 3, removing one team from Division 4. Merritt Academy will be the primary school. Support from the Mid-Peninsula Conference was submitted.

Norway, Kingsford, Iron Mountain and Bark River-Harris (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Bark River-Harris to an already existing cooperative program in girls skiing (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 1,185 students will place the team in Division 2, making no change to divisional assignments. Norway will be the primary school. Support from potential future opponents was submitted.

Petoskey-St. Michael and Harbor Springs-Harbor Light Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in boys and girls skiing (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 104 students will place the team in Division 2, making no change to divisional assignments. St. Michael will be the primary school. Support from potential future opponents was submitted.

Saginaw-Nouvel Catholic Central and Bay City-All Saints Catholic High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in boys and girls bowling (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 234 students will place the team in Division 4, removing one team from the division. Nouvel will be the primary school. Support from the Tri-Valley Conference was submitted.

Saginaw-Swan Valley and Frankenmuth High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys volleyball (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 1,035 students will place the team in Division 2. Swan Valley will be the primary school. Support from the Tri-Valley Conference was submitted.

Suttons Bay, Leland, Lake Leelanau-St. Mary and Northport High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in baseball (varsity, JV and Freshman) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 318 students will place the team in Division 3, removing two teams from Division 4. Suttons Bay will be the primary school. Support from the Northwest Conference was submitted.

Suttons Bay, Leland and Northport High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in softball (varsity, JV and Freshman) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 283 students will place the team in Division 3, removing one team from Division 4. Suttons Bay will be the primary school. Support from the Northwest Conference was submitted.

Traverse City-Central, Traverse City-West and Traverse City-St. Francis High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of St. Francis to an already existing cooperative program in girls lacrosse (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 2,975 students will place the team in Division 1, making no change to divisional assignments. Central will be the primary school. Support from the West Michigan Girls Lacrosse Conference was submitted.

Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes, Royal Oak-Shrine Catholic, Madison Heights-Bishop Foley Catholic, Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory, Southfield Christian, Auburn Hill-Oakland Christian, Macomb-Lutheran North, Clarkson-Everest Collegiate and Sterling Heights-Parkway Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Parkway Christian to an existing cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 2,258 students will place the team in Division 3, making no change to divisional assignments. Our Lady of the Lakes will be the primary school. Support from the Catholic High School League is pending.

Watervliet and Watervliet-Grace Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in boys and girls wrestling (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 358 students will place the team in Division 3. Watervliet will be the primary school. Support from the Southwestern Athletic Conference was submitted.

Westland-Hope Christian and Plymouth-Ivywood Classical Academies (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls basketball (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 191 students will place the team in Division 4. Hope Christian will be the primary school. Support from the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference was submitted.

Wyoming-Tri-Unity Christian and Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian 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 548 students will place the team in Division 2. Tri-Unity will be the primary school. Support from the OK Silver Conference was submitted.

Hudson High School (Regulation I, Section 2) – A third request was made to waive the age rule on behalf of a 12th-grade student (D.O.B. June 22, 2007). The student struggled with physical medical issues. This caused his educational delay and, subsequently, his being overage for high school athletics. The school and family presented documentation of the student's past medical issues and challenges and included medical reports from doctors and letters of support from former teachers about his having to retake 5th grade. The student would not pose a risk to himself or others by his participation. New evidence included updated school records showing a delay in education and academics, along with new support from the parents outlining these challenges. Hudson's request remains for athletic participation in basketball for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Petoskey High School (Regulations 7 & 9[B-1]) – A request was made to waive both the previous semester credit record and sport-specific transfer regulation on behalf of an 11th-grade student at Petoskey High School. The student attended Flint-Beecher High School in 2024-25, but his mother passed away, and his father was incarcerated. The student has faced hardships that prevented him from attending school and led him to move to Petoskey to live with his two older siblings, who are now his legal guardians. The student has adjusted well, both academically and socially, at Petoskey and would like to wrestle. Without a prior semester credit record, the regulation must be waived for participation in wrestling. Petoskey requested eligibility in wrestling for the 2026-27 school year and for a waiver of both the transfer regulation and the previous semester credit record rule due to hardship.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Adrian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation for a 10th-grade student who attended Adrian-Madison High School for his 9th-grade year and remained there until September 29th, when he transferred to Adrian High School. The student competed in basketball while at Madison. The student transferred to Adrian due to concerns about safety and school climate, which were impacted by interactions with adults and peers. The family felt a new start was necessary to safeguard his health and emotional well-being. Adrian requested immediate eligibility in basketball for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Greenhills High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Greenhills School, K-8, and then transferred to the online program, Laurel Springs. The program was selected because the student has struggled with educational and learning needs. In addition, the student enrolled in one class at Washtenaw Christian Academy, a non-MHSAA member school, where she participated in girls basketball and appeared in contests during the 2025-26 school year. The student struggled with the online program, determined that a traditional academic curriculum was needed, and decided to return to Greenhills High School. The first request was for immediate eligibility in basketball during the 2026-27 school year. New information included the academic details of the student's struggles as explanations of the family's decision to try online education. Greenhills requested subvarsity eligibility based on the new evidence and support.

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

Auburn Hills Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Rochester Hills - Lutheran Northwest High School. The student attended Lutheran Northwest for his 9th-grade year and played basketball and golf. The student struggled with a decline in his health. The parents noticed symptoms and felt that the school environment was causing challenges for the student. They felt the new school was a good fit and a place where he would thrive. Auburn Hills Christian requested immediate eligibility in basketball and golf.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Beverly Hills-Birmingham Groves High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student at Groves High School. The student transferred from Pontiac High School to Groves at the start of the 2026-27 school year. The student returned to Birmingham Public Schools after previously attending throughout his middle school years. The student's father was employed at Pontiac, and the student transferred there, played basketball, and attended school where his father was employed. The father left the school position at the end of the year. The family felt returning to the home district would best support his personal growth, educational development, and overall well-being. The former school fully supports the student's transfer and immediate eligibility in basketball. Groves requested immediate eligibility for the 2026-27 school year, and if that can't be granted, then immediate subvarsity eligibility in basketball.

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

Brooklyn-Columbia Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has transferred from Michigan Center High School to begin the 2026-27 school year. The student transferred to Columbia Central High School from Michigan Center, where they participated in competitive cheer. The family decided to transfer the student based on bullying and health issues that occurred at Michigan Center surrounding the cheer team. The student had health issues relating to those interactions. These incidents were reported to coaches and administrators. Ultimately, the family determined a new start was needed for the student. Columbia Central requested immediate eligibility for the student in competitive cheer based on the issues that occurred.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Canton Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred from Westland-Hope Christian High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. The student desired to attend Canton Preparatory High School for a new educational start. The former school confirmed the reason for leaving. Canton Prep requested immediate eligibility in boys basketball based on the circumstances.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Carleton-Airport High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to Airport High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year from Riverview-Gabriel Richard High School, where the student participated in wrestling. The student had concerns about academic and emotional well-being while at Gabriel Richard. Additionally, the student's mother is a teacher at Airport Community Schools, and the family has lived in the community for years. Airport requested eligibility in wrestling for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Carleton-Airport High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred to Airport High School after starting the 2026-27 school year at Riverview-Gabriel Richard High School, where the student participated in wrestling. The family lives in the Plymouth area but believes that Airport Community Schools offers the best avenue for the student's support, accommodation, and well-being. The student struggled with increasing social difficulties, declining academic performance, attendance concerns, and growing anxiety related to attending school. Airport requested eligibility in wrestling for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Caro High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request was made to waive Regulation I, Section 9(C) for a 12th-grade student who transferred from Kingston High School to Caro High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. During the 2025-26 school year, the student participated in wrestling. Caro and Kingston had a cooperative agreement in wrestling that ended after four years, at the end of the 2025-26 school year. Section I, Regulation 9(C) would apply by rule as a request. Kingston has provided written support. Caro requested eligibility in wrestling for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Carrollton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Carrollton High School and then transferred to Saginaw United High School. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the student returned to Carrollton and is considered homeless. The student competed in football, basketball, and track & field during the 2025-26 school year. The student's initial transfer from Carrollton to Saginaw United was questioned, and the Educational Transfer Form was not signed by Carrollton HS. Carrollton requested immediate varsity eligibility in football, basketball, and track & field for the 2026-27 school year, given the new circumstances.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Coleman High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an 11th-grade student who attended Coleman High School until March 25, 2026, when she unenrolled to attend a program in Detroit called Achieve- Detroit Academy. This program helped the student with her well-being and stability. The student then reenrolled at Coleman starting on September 22, 2026. The student competed in volleyball, basketball, and track & field at Coleman for the 2025-26 school year. The student is also a foster child living in a home in Coleman. The student's transfer was necessitated by a court- and state-mandated placement. Coleman requested immediate eligibility in volleyball, basketball, and track & field.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Dearborn High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 12th-grade student who transferred from Detroit-Voyageur College Prep High School to Dearborn High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. The student moved into a temporary guardian's home after being removed from of his grandmother's home, then lived with various families in their homes. This new living situation has worked out well for the student. The student's mother is in Texas, and the father is not in his life. Dearborn considers the student McKinney-Vento and homeless under federal law. Dearborn requested immediate eligibility in wrestling and track & field for the student based on the circumstances surrounding the move.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Edwardsburg High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation for a 10th-grade student who participated in the first five competition dates in volleyball at Brandywine High School before transferring to Edwardsburg High School. The student experienced issues and concerns with her peers, which created an ongoing problem for her, and she desired a fresh start. Edwardsburg requested eligibility in volleyball after the student sits out five competition dates in the 2027-28 school year.

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

Fair Haven-Anchor Bay High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an 11th-grade student. The student changed his educational path from Anchor Bay High School to Cardinal Mooney High School. The student has now returned to Anchor Bay to pursue broader academic opportunities. The student competed in soccer, basketball, and golf at Cardinal Mooney in 2025-26. The student has sat out the soccer season but now wishes to join the basketball and golf programs for structure, activity, and team relationships. Anchor Bay requested immediate eligibility for the student in basketball and golf.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Frankenmuth High School (Regulation I, Section 9[E]) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation, specifically Section 9(E), or an athletically related transfer or link rule. The school stated that the full and complete residential move from Birch Run High School to Frankenmuth High School, where the student now lives with his mother, was made in the student's best interests. Birch Run has signed the Educational Transfer Form because of a move between his father and mother. The student played AAU basketball where a Frankenmuth coach coached his summer basketball team. The Executive Director determined that the link exists and that the student is ineligible at Frankenmuth under MHSAA rules. Frankenmuth appealed that decision, as is their right to the Executive Committee, based upon the application of the link rule in this case not meeting its intent or purpose, primarily because the student's parents initiated this move, which had nothing to do with basketball. Frankenmuth requested immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Ledge High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request was made to waive the transfer regulation for an incoming 12th-grade student who previously attended Lansing Catholic High School and competed in tennis, basketball, and baseball. The student transferred to Grand Ledge High School on April 2, 2026, following an incident in his physical education class. The family determined that leaving Lansing Catholic was the best option given the investigation, and the student enrolled at Grand Ledge, the public district where he lives. Lansing Catholic has supported the student's transfer to Grand Ledge and his eligibility to play tennis, basketball, and baseball there, and has provided documentation to that effect. New information included additional letters of support that provide perspective on the student's growth through this difficult time and his adjustment to Grand Ledge, where he has now attended school for over 90 successful school days. Grand Ledge continued to request immediate eligibility in basketball and baseball for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 12th-grade student who transferred from East Kentwood High School to Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills High School after initially enrolling at East Kentwood to start the 2026-27 school year. The student spent 35 days at East Kentwood after spending his first three years at Ottawa Hills, where he played basketball. The student did not participate in any athletics while enrolled at East Kentwood and now desires to return to the school he attended for three years. Ottawa Hills requested immediate eligibility in basketball, given the short time the student attended East Kentwood and the fact that he did not participate in athletics there.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Greenville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred from Central Montcalm High School to Greenville High School on September 17th, 2026, for the 2026-27 school year. The student attended and lived in the Central Montcalm School District but switched to Greenville for a fresh start. The student experienced challenges at Central Montcalm. The student participated in volleyball and track & field at Central Montcalm. Greenville requested eligibility in track & field for the 2026-27 season and in volleyball for the 2027-28 season.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Gwinn High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student. The student changed his educational path from traditional education at Gwinn High School to an unaffiliated online program during the 2025-26 school year after struggling academically. The student competed in wrestling and track & field for Gwinn in 2025-26 as a 9th-grade student. The student and family determined that returning to Gwinn's online education, Imagine Learning, would be in the student's best interest and made that switch on October 13, 2026. Gwinn requested immediate eligibility for the student in wrestling and track & field.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jackson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to Jackson High School from Parma-Western High School to start the 2026-27 school year. The student played soccer at Parma-Western for the 2025-26 school year. The student was living with both divorced parents in a 50/50 custody situation and then moved in primarily with her mother into another Jackson residence. Since the parents' addresses are both within the Jackson attendance area, the Educational Transfer Form process does not work without a waiver. The student also faced some issues at Parma-Western. The former school has signed the ETF. Jackson requested immediate eligibility in girls soccer.

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

Jackson-Northwest High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Stockbridge High School. The student attended Stockbridge for her 9th-grade year and played basketball. The student struggled with her confidence, motivation, and overall enjoyment of school. The family believed a fresh start was needed to ensure academic success. The student struggled to recover from a major knee injury. The former school has also written a letter supporting the student's eligibility at the new school. Northwest requested immediate eligibility in basketball.

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

Lansing-Sexton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred from Lansing-Waverly High School for the 2026-27 school year. The student and family felt there was a significant change in behavior at Waverly that caused concerns about the student's health. This created a climate where the family felt a fresh start was needed. The family has experienced past mental health issues, and was concerned about the many troubling health signs their son was showing. Additionally, the student previously attended Lansing Public Schools from K-6th-grade and felt it was important to come back. The student and family believe Sexton offers a better academic and social fit. New information included letters of support from family friends and a former coach at Waverly, as well as updates on the student's academic progress at Sexton. Sexton requested immediate eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Lansing-Sexton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation for an 11th-grade student who previously attended Eaton Rapids High School and wrestled. The student transferred to Capital Area K-12 online, a Lansing Public Schools virtual high school, in May of 2026, following an incident where he was expelled from Eaton Rapids. The student is now living with his father in Lansing and doing well academically and socially. Eaton Rapids strongly supports the student's transfer to the online program and Sexton, his eligibility to wrestle there, and has provided supporting documentation. There are also letters of support that provide perspective on the student's growth in the wake of this incident. Sexton requested immediate eligibility in wrestling for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

LeRoy-Pine River High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to Pine River High School from Cadillac High School to start the 2026-27 school year. The student attended Pine River as a first-time 9th grader but had significant health challenges. The student then transferred to Cadillac to finish the 2025-26 school year, where she competed in wrestling and JV softball. The student's mother felt that returning to her original school would offer more stability and that her grandparents' help would also support her recovery. The mother lives just outside the Pine River attendance area. The former school fully supports the transfer back to her original school. Pine River requested eligibility for the student in wrestling and softball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Linden High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request was made to waive Regulation I, Section 9(C) for a 10th-grade student who transferred from Lake Fenton High School to Linden High School for the start of the 2026-27 school year. During the 2025-26 school year, the student participated in ice hockey. Linden and Lake Fenton have a cooperative agreement in ice hockey, so 9(C) would apply by rule as a request. Lake Fenton has provided email documentation showing written support for this student's eligibility in ice hockey. Linden requested eligibility in ice hockey.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Linden-Lake Fenton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of two 11th-grade sisters who transferred from Grand Blanc High School to Lake Fenton High School at the start of the 2026-27 school year. The students live in Lake Fenton, and because of family medical crises, the students are coming back to their home school to help their mother battle cancer and provide help to their older sister's newborn child. The sisters participated in JV softball at Grand Blanc during the 2025-26 school year. Grand Blanc supports the transfer and has written a strong letter of support. Lake Fenton requested immediate eligibility in softball for both sisters.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Manton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A third request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 11th-grade student who transferred back to Manton High School. The student attended Manton through the start of his 9th-grade year, until November of 2024. He then transferred to Cadillac High School and competed in basketball and track & field. He enrolled at Cadillac after documented threats. The family continues to live in Manton, and the student now wishes to return to Manton. The family also believes that returning to Manton was in the student's best interest, as it allows him to protect his emotional and physical safety and to be back with his peers and friends. The student desires to compete in basketball at Manton. New information included absence reports, letters of support, and a family narrative of bullying and issues that occurred at Cadillac. Manton requested immediate eligibility in basketball.

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

Milan High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred from Milan High School to Saline High School at the start of the 2025-26 school year and transferred back to Milan for the 2026-27 school year. The student and his family initially left Milan due to a family situation in which the mother and the student's siblings left their father and moved in with the mother's sister in the Saline attendance area. The family was considered homeless. The family is now going through issues where the parents have sought a divorce, but it is not finalized. The student was granted eligibility in wrestling at Saline. Milan requested immediate eligibility in wrestling for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Morrice High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation for an incoming 10th-grade student who competed in volleyball, basketball, and softball at Durand High School prior to transferring to Morrice High School on October 19, 2026. The student transferred to Morrice because of health and social issues that consistently occurred during her high school career at Durand. The family and student worked to solve the problems with help from the school's administration, to no avail. The former school provided letters of support for the move. Morrice requested immediate eligibility in all three sports.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

New Haven High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request was made to waive the transfer regulation for an 11th-grade student who attended New Haven-Merritt Academy during his 9th- and 10th-grade years and played basketball. The student transferred to New Haven High School to start the 2026-27 school year after experiencing concerns about his safety while at Merritt Academy, including threats. While the school investigated, the mother felt a new start was needed. New information included news reports, context on how the student was individually impacted, and information from the family about their interactions with the former school. New Haven requested immediate eligibility in basketball in the 2026-27 season.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Niles-Brandywine High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred to Brandywine High School. The student previously attended Berrien Springs High School and participated in football, basketball, and track & field. The student and family determined that, given the parents' jobs as traveling nurses, living with a family member would be in his best interest, so the student moved in with his aunt, who lives in the Brandywine district. The family also stated that there was bullying reported to Berrien Springs, and that he did not feel safe or supported. New information included a letter from the former school about this student's transfer. Brandywine requested immediate eligibility in all sports.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

North Muskegon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student at North Muskegon High School, who previously participated in competitive cheer at Muskegon-Reeths-Puffer High School. The student enrolled at North Muskegon to gain a fresh start after experiencing conflicts and concerns about the team environment in competitive cheer at Reeths-Puffer, where the culture impacted her confidence, motivation, and health. Letters of support from former coaches and teammates were provided. North Muskegon requested immediate eligibility in competitive cheer.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Onekama High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred from Byron Center High School to Onekama High School to start the 2026-27 school year, following a full and complete residential move from Byron Center to Manistee. The student would be immediately eligible at Manistee High School under both the rule and the exception. The family desires a smaller school setting because of the medically documented issues the student has endured. Medical documentation was provided, and there is hope that a smaller school setting may offer a more supportive environment in which the student can gain confidence, develop new friendships, and continue playing the sports he played at Byron Center, basketball and track & field. Onekama requested eligibility in basketball and track & field for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Riverview High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred to Riverview High School on September 21, 2026, from Gibraltar-Carlson High School, where she started the 2026-27 school year after attending Riverview-Gabriel Richard High School for her freshman year in 2025-26. The student participated in volleyball, basketball, and softball at Gabriel Richard. The student has moved from her father's home in Allen Park to her mother's home in Riverview. The student desired a fresh start at Riverview after the hasty decision to attend Carlson at the start of the school year. The move will also alleviate family dynamics, and it is the district where her siblings also attend. Riverview requested eligibility in basketball and softball for the 2026-27 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver with an otherwise completed and approved Educational Transfer Form from Riverview-Gabriel Richard.

Riverview High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B-1]) – A request was made to waive the sport-specific transfer regulation for a 12th-grade student who transferred from Chippewa Valley High School back to Riverview High School for the beginning of the 2026-27 school year. The student moved from Riverview to Chippewa Valley to live with her father and was granted eligibility with an Educational Transfer Form. The student played girls basketball at Chippewa Valley for the 2025-26 school year. The student faced challenges while living with her father, which impacted her well-being, and her divorced parents agreed that the living situation was not working out. The student moved back to Riverview to live with her mother for her 12th-grade year. Riverview requested immediate eligibility in girls basketball.

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

Royal Oak High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation for a 10th-grade student who competed in swimming & diving at U of D Jesuit High School during the 2025-26 school year as a 9th grader. The student transferred back to Royal Oak High School at the start of the 2026-27 school year. While at U of D Jesuit, the student struggled with health issues. The student previously attended Royal Oak as an elementary and middle school student, and the family believes that returning to a familiar environment will help his recovery. Royal Oak requested immediate eligibility in boys swimming & diving.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Saginaw-Heritage High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive exception #8 (move between divorced or never married parents with a signed Educational Transfer Form) for a student who transferred from Saginaw-Nouvel Catholic Central High School to Saginaw-Heritage High School to live with his mother instead of his father. The 10th-grade student attended Nouvel for 9th grade, where he played basketball. The student started the 2026-27 school year by moving to his mother's house in the Heritage attendance area and requested use of the ETF to regain athletic eligibility. Nouvel determined that they would not sign the ETF. The new school feels this is a legitimate move and has not been provided evidence that it is an athletically motivated transfer. Heritage requested a waiver of the requirement that both schools sign the ETF, given this evidence, and immediate athletic eligibility in basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Scottville-Mason County Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Mason County Central High School during the 2024-25 school year and played volleyball and basketball. During that season, the student suffered a severe injury that required surgery and caused her to miss the entire season. At the same time, the student moved to Ludington High School to live with her mother, who had to move to Ludington to find housing. After recovering from an injury, the student competed in three subvarsity girls basketball games at Ludington. The student then transferred back to Mason County Central on October 10th after the family had to move again for housing. Mason County Central requested eligibility in girls basketball for the 2026-27 school year, after she sits out three girls basketball games, the same number she played at Ludington last school year.

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

Sterling Heights-Utica Ford II High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation for a 10th-grade student who transferred to Utica Ford II High School from Utica Eisenhower High School to start the 2025-26 school year. The student attended Eisenhower for her 9th-grade year. The student struggled with her overall health and well-being. The student's older brother passed away and attended Eisenhower, and this had a dramatic impact on the student. The family desired a new school to further help with the challenges. The student participated in girls basketball at Eisenhower. Utica Ford II requested immediate eligibility in girls basketball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Tawas Area High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B-1]) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation for a student who transferred from Detroit-Cristo Rey High School to Tawas Area High School. The student lived with his mother and father in Detroit and left because of a challenging home life and safety concerns, including being away from family and peer relationships that were negatively impacting his home and school life. The student moved to Tawas to live with family friends, a pastor who knows the family and will be caring for him during this transition. The families have known each other for many years, as both are church pastors. Documentation was provided regarding this status. Tawas requested immediate eligibility in basketball, given the student's challenging home life and transfer.

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

Warren-Regina High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 12th-grade student who transferred to Regina High School from Grosse Pointe North High School in February of 2026. The student participated in 11 girls basketball games last winter while at Grosse Pointe North. The student experienced documented negative social interactions with peers. While the school administration and counselors worked to address the situation, it did not improve, and the student left in the middle of the school year. The former school supports the transfer given the circumstances. Regina requested eligibility in girls basketball.

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

West Bloomfield High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A third request was made to waive the transfer regulation for an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred from Detroit-Frederick Douglass Academy to West Bloomfield High School to start the 2026-27 school year. The student previously attended West Bloomfield and used the one-time exception for moving between divorced parents to move with his father and was eligible at Fredrick Douglass because of this exception. The student's transfer back to West Bloomfield is driven by a combination of documented academic necessity and the need to fulfill a newly finalized IEP. According to the family, Fredrick Douglass cannot implement his new IEP, which included the need for a co-teaching environment, which is available at West Bloomfield. While at Fredrick Douglass, the student competed in cross country and basketball. New information included a clarification of the facts from the parent's perspective, including why the student transferred from Fredrick Douglass to West Bloomfield, and several supporting documents, including a doctor's note, both the former and current IEPs, and evaluations of the student. West Bloomfield continues to request immediate eligibility in both cross country and basketball.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Whitehall High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation for an 11th-grade student who attended Montague High School for her 9th-grade school year before transferring to East Rowan High School in North Carolina for her 10th-grade school year. The student's father suffered a debilitating workplace accident that forced the family to come back to Michigan for medical treatment, surgeries, and care. The student and family now live in a home in Montague but desire to attend Whitehall High School. The student left Montague in 9th grade to get a fresh start after facing health issues. Additionally, the student struggled with school. Whitehall requested immediate eligibility in wrestling, given the circumstances beyond the student's control.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ypsilanti-Lincoln High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request was made to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who transferred from Romulus High School to Lincoln High School to start the 2026-27 school year. The student participated in basketball at Romulus during the 2025-26 school year. The student transferred to Lincoln after their father was in a serious car accident, resulting in him being unable to work. The student had to move from Romulus to his grandfather's home in the Lincoln attendance area. Lincoln requested subvarsity eligibility in basketball for the 2026-27 basketball season.

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

Bloomfield Hills-Cranbrook-Kingswood High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 240, a request to waive the four-player rule was made on behalf of a varsity assistant, boys swimming & diving coach, also employed by Cranbrook Schools as the natatorium supervisor and the head coach of the Birmingham Blue Dolphins Swim Team. The team has approximately 50 students from surrounding communities and uses the Cranbrook Natatorium as its home pool. The program has swimmers from surrounding districts, including Groves, Troy, Royal Oak, Seaholm, Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, and Brother Rice High Schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Brighton High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 240, a request was made to waive the four-player rule on behalf of the newly hired swim and dive coach, also employed by Brighton Public Schools through their Community Education program. The coach is also the head coach for the Brighton Club swim team that operates out of the pool, and it is her full-time employment. It is a requirement of the job with the pool to coach the resident club team and supervise all competitive programs that use the facility.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Middleton-Fulton and Ashley Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved cooperative programs in boys basketball (7th- and 8th-grades combined), boys and girls track & field (6th-, 7th-, and 8th-grades combined) and boys and girls wrestling (6th-, 7th-, and 8th-grades combined). Fulton will be the primary school.

New Buffalo and Three Oaks-River Valley Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls basketball (7th- and 8th-grades) between these schools. New Buffalo will be the primary school.

Rudyard and Pickford 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. Rudyard will be the primary school.

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

Next Meeting(s) – Thursday, December 3 at 9 a.m. – Virtual (Representative Council meets the next day); Wednesday, January 13, 2027 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, February 4, 2027 at 9 a.m. – Virtual (Audit & Finance Committee follows).