

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, August 8, 2012

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Fred Smith, Buchanan
Kris Isom, Adrian

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

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 Executive Committee was reminded that it was the responsibility of each member school involved to provide sufficient factual 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 is 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 null and void.

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. 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 contract 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 post-season 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 2011-12 Waivers – During the 2011-12 program year, there were 506 (versus 462 in 2010-11, 500 in 2009-10, 540 in 2008-09, 524 in 2007-08, 448 in 2006-07, 518 in 2005-06, 436 in 2004-05, 355 in 2003-04 and 408 in 2002-03) requests by member schools to waive regulations, of which 386 (versus 337 in 2010-11, 366 in 2009-10, 419 in 2008-09, 396 in 2007-08, 326 in 2006-07, 387 in 2005-06, 297 in 2004-05, 24 in 2003-04 and 215 in 2002-03) were approved by the Executive Committee.

Of the total, 352 (versus 320 in 2010-11, 320 in 2009-10, 354 in 2008-09, 372 in 2007-08, 282 in 2006-07, 276 in 2005-06, 295 in 2004-05, 232 in 2003-04 and 291 in 2002-03) requests involved the transfer regulation, of which 265 were approved (219 in 2010-11, 217 in 2009-10, 263 in 2008-09, 275 in 2007-08, 198 in 2006-07, 204 in 2005-06, 196 in 2004-05, 144 in 2003-04 and 130 in 2002-03).

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. 10, 2011, was reaffirmed:

- a. The rule tends to insure 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 team work 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.

Bellaire, Central Lake and Mancelona High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its next meeting a partially completed application for a cooperative program in boys and girls skiing between these three schools whose combined enrollment of 577 students would continue placement of a team in the Division 2 tournament. Bellaire sponsored skiing previously and would be the primary school. Support from the Lake Michigan Ski Conference was provided. Administrators' signatures and resolutions of support from the Central Lake and Mancelona Boards of Education are in process.

Cass City and Ugly High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls gymnastics between these two schools whose combined enrollment is 654 students. Cass City has sponsored gymnastics previously and will be the primary school. Support from four future opponents was submitted.

Detroit-Cesar Chavez Academy and Melvindale-Academy of Business and Technology High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its next meeting a partially completed application for a cooperative program in wrestling between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 955 students would place a new team in the Division 2 tournament. Cesar Chavez sponsored wrestling previously and would be the primary school. The team will not participate in a league. Support from four future opponents has been requested.

Detroit International Academy for Young Women and Detroit-Ben Carson School of Science & Medicine (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in the following sports for girls in 2012-13: basketball (Class A), tennis and track & field; and in 2013-14 in cross country, swimming & diving and volleyball. The combined enrollment of these two schools is 1,123 students, placing new teams in the Class A Girls Basketball Tournament, Division 2 Girls Tennis Tournament and Division 2 Track & Field Tournament in 2012-13. Detroit International Academy is an all-girls school which doubles its enrollment for classification purposes, sponsored athletics previously and will be the primary school. Ben Carson is a new member school of the Detroit Public School District in 2012-13. Support from the Detroit Public School League was submitted. A companion cooperative agreement in boys sports with Ben Carson is also approved with Detroit-Frederick Douglass Academy for Young Men (an all-boys school).

Detroit-Frederick Douglass Academy for Young Men and Detroit-Ben Carson School of Science & Medicine (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys basketball and boys track & field in 2012-13, and in 2013-14 in football and boys cross country. The combined enrollment of these two schools is 494 students, placing teams in the Class B Boys Basketball Tournament, Division 3 Cross Country and Division 3 Track & Field Tournaments in 2012-13. Frederick Douglass is an all-boys school which doubles its enrollment for classification purposes, sponsored basketball previously and will be the primary school. Ben Carson is a new member school of the Detroit Public School District in 2012-13. Support from the Detroit Public School League was submitted. A companion cooperative agreement in girls sports with Ben Carson is also approved with Detroit International Academy for Young Women (an all-girls school).

Onokama, Bear Lake, Brethren and Manistee Catholic Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Manistee Catholic Central to a cooperative program in boys and girls skiing which has existed between the other three schools since 1988. The combined enrollment of 486 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 2 tournament. Onokama will remain the primary school. Support from the Lake Michigan Ski Conference was submitted.

Portage Central and Portage Northern High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls alpine skiing between these two schools of the same district whose combined enrollment of 2,628 students will place a new team in the Division 1 tournament. Neither school sponsored skiing previously. Portage Central will be the primary school. Support from the Southwestern High School Ski League was received.

Riverview-Gabriel Richard and Taylor-Trillium Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – A request to waive the cooperative program application deadline was made to permit the formation of a cooperative agreement in football between these two schools whose combined enrollment is 524 students. The application was completed and approved by the Catholic League Executive Board on Feb. 14, 2012. The school misunderstood the process and believed the Catholic League office would advance the application to the MHSAA. The application was completed two months prior to the deadline and no alteration or addition to classifications is involved. Gabriel Richard sponsored football previously and would be the primary school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver and approved the application for the cooperative program.

Waterford Mott and Waterford Kettering High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls gymnastics between these two schools of the same district whose combined enrollment of 3,160 students would place a new team in the tournament. Neither school sponsored the sport last year. Waterford Mott will be the primary school. Support from the Kensington Lakes Activities Association was received.

Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School (Regulation I, Section 2[B]) – A request to waive the maximum age regulation was made to permit eligibility in the first and second semesters of the 2012-13 school year on behalf of a 19 year old 12th-grade student about to begin her seventh semester since enrolling in high school. The student's date of birth was determined in 1996 and established as Jan. 1, 1993. The student will turn 20 years of age during the 12th grade in the 2012-13 school year. The student was adopted at age six from Romania in April 1999 and weighed only 32 pounds. The student has had physical problems, including that her right knee would not bend more than 90 degrees. This condition persists and limits range of motion so the student currently runs with a limp. The student has multiple neurological disorders related to non-reversible brain damage from her pre-adoption years. The student was withheld in Kindergarten at age 6, repeated Kindergarten at age 7 and is the subject of an IEP since 2000. Academic accommodations continue for all her classes. The student participates in cross country and track, weighs 98 pounds, is 5' 1¼" tall and has never qualified for an MHSAA Regional.

The Executive Committee found that the required documentation established that the student's early education was slowed by a qualifying and medically documented disability, that such a medically documented disability now limits the student's capabilities both physically and intellectually, and that the student does not present a reasonably anticipated significant risk of injury to self, teammates or opponents and does not create a competitive advantage. The disability has a direct and significant negative impact on the student's physical athletic ability. The request to extend the maximum age limit one year (to Sept. 1, 2013) was approved.

Ishpeming High School (Regulation I, Section 2[B]) – A request to waive the maximum age regulation was made to permit eligibility in the first and second semesters of the 2012-13 school year on behalf of a 19 year old 12th-grade student about to begin his seventh semester since enrolling in high school. The student was born Jan. 14, 1993, and will turn 20 years of age during the 12th grade in the 2012-13 school year. The student was withheld in both pre-Kindergarten and first grades. He was born with physical anomalies associated with Trisomy 21, formally known as Down syndrome. The student had cognitive and physical impairments associated with Down syndrome including mild mental retardation. The student participates in football and basketball and has attained his full adult height and weight at 141 pounds, 5' 2" tall. The student continues to qualify for special education services under his cognitive impairment. Contests in which the student participated in excess of the maximum age rule while in the 7th and 8th grades have been forfeited in writing to opponents.

The Executive Committee found that the required documentation established that the student's early education was slowed by a qualifying and medically documented disability, that such a medically documented disability now limits the student's capabilities both physically and intellectually, and that the student does not present a reasonably anticipated significant risk of injury to self, teammates or opponents and does not create a competitive advantage. The disability has a direct and significant negative impact on the student's physical athletic ability. The request to extend the maximum age limit one year (to Sept. 1, 2013) was approved.

Dearborn-Edsel Ford High School (Regulation I, Sections 4, 5 & 9) – A request to waive the maximum enrollment, maximum competition and transfer regulations was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who was home schooled up to the 8th grade when she enrolled at Edsel Ford High School to begin the 9th grade in the 2011-12 school year and participated in five swim meets. Having difficulty transitioning from being home schooled, the student discontinued attending Edsel Ford High School on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011, and on Oct. 3, 2011 enrolled in the 8th grade at Dearborn-O. L. Smith Middle School. The student wishes to reenroll at Edsel Ford as a 9th grader to begin the 2012-13 school year. The request was for immediate eligibility under the transfer rule at Edsel Ford and that the first semester of 2011-12 (where the student withdrew before the fourth Friday but swam in five meets) not count as a semester of enrollment/competition.

The Executive Committee approved the request to waive the transfer regulation. The request to waive the maximum semesters regulation was not approved; the current semester is the student's second overall and second of four first semesters allowed for high school competition.

Richland-Gull Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who is two classes short of the required 66 percent of full credit load potential for a full-time student (four of six classes). The student's family had been struggling financially when their home was destroyed by fire in April 2012 for the second time. The student has been unable to attend classes or summer school, which is not offered by Gull Lake. The student was enrolled in the Gull Lake Gateway Academy (Gull Lake's alternative school) where he passed two classes in the third trimester of the 2011-12 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Adrian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of 10th and 11th grade brothers who previously attended high school in Ohio and participated in athletics while residing with their parents. The mother's job has been relocated to Adrian and the mother and students have moved in with the grandparents pending relocation to a home of their own. The father is unemployed and remaining in Ohio until the home is sold.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Auburn-Bay City Western High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Essexville-Garber High School and intends to enroll at Bay City Western to begin the 2012-13 school year because it was announced in April 2012 that once-promised advanced placement courses would now not be offered by Garber in the 2012-13 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

AuGres-Sims High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose mother felt it was in the student's best interest to enroll in a different school district. Based on the student's current living situation and turmoil in their home in the Tawas School District, the student will be enrolling at AuGres-Sims to begin the 2012-13 school year. The student will be living with a friend's family.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bay City-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously participated in football and basketball at Bay City-All Saints before enrolling at Bay City-Central to begin the 2012-13 school year. The student desired music courses and extracurricular activities not offered at All Saints.

Noting that Section 9(B) stipulates that the student must not previously have participated in interscholastic athletics in any MHSAA sport, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bay City-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously participated in JV football at Bay City-All Saints before enrolling at Bay City-Central to begin the 2012-13 school year. The student changed schools because of more academic choices.

Noting that Section 9(B) stipulates that the student must not previously have participated in interscholastic athletics in any MHSAA sport, the Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Brimley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of 12th and 10th grade sisters who previously attended Kinross-Maplewood Baptist Academy and intend to enroll at Brimley to begin the 2012-13 school year. Both students have participated in athletics previously and are changing schools because the father has medical issues that have limited the family's income.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Byron Center-Zion Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Hudsonville-Freedom Christian High School. The student will enroll at Zion Christian to begin the 2012-13 school year for academic and financial reasons. The student participated previously in athletics.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Delton Kellogg High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose older brother, also a student at Delton Kellogg, committed suicide on Jan. 3, 2012. Because of the grief involved, the student returned for one semester to Barry County Christian School where he had attended grades 6-8. The student was home schooled for a portion of the 9th grade. The student now intends to reenroll for the 2012-13 school year at Delton Kellogg.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-East Grand Rapids High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of two 10th grade brothers who lived in Hastings and previously attended Hastings High School where both parents were employed. In 2011, the mother was laid off and accepted a position with East Grand Rapids High School, and in the summer of 2012 the father became an administrator with East Grand Rapids High School. The family is unable to relocate its residence because the students' grandparents are elderly, require daily assistance and reside in a modular home adjacent to the family's home in Hastings.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Highland Park Renaissance Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – Highland Park High School is now under the control of a state-appointed emergency financial manager. Because it has been reported that this public high school will become a charter school academy for the 2012-13 school year, MHSAA staff issued an advisory answer similar to that affirmed by the Executive Committee on June 13, 2012, regarding Muskegon Heights High School. Highland Park High School would be considered a closed school and transferring students would be eligible at any high school upon enrollment in 2012-13 under Exception 6. Students enrolled at the new charter high school on its first day in 2012-13 would be eligible under Exception 15. The new charter high school would not be eligible for MHSAA tournaments in its first year of operation under current membership provisions for new schools. The Executive Committee was asked to review and finalize the advisory answer similar to that of Muskegon Heights that if the new charter school would not allow immediate eligibility to students under Exception 15 of the transfer regulation, it could be permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments in its first year of operation.

The Executive Committee approved the determination that if the new charter school does not allow immediate eligibility to students under Exception 15 of the transfer regulation, the school may participate in MHSAA tournaments during 2012-13.

Holland-West Ottawa High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended West Ottawa for the 9th and 10th grades while living with her father. Because the father's house was very volatile and the student subjected to emotional and verbal abuse, the student moved in with her grandparents and enrolled at Holland Christian for the 11th grade in 2011-12. The grandparents could no longer care for the student, who has moved in with a classmate's family and will be reenrolling at West Ottawa to begin the 2012-13 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jonesville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who moved to Jonesville with his mother in June 2012 because of physical and emotional abuse by the stepfather. The student previously lived with his mother and stepfather in Pittsford and participated in athletics. For safety reasons, the mother and student left the stepfather on June 24, 2012, and moved into the grandmother's residence in Jonesville. On June 26, the mother obtained a Personal Protection Order against the father which was contested in mid-July and upheld by the courts. The PPO had been violated by the stepfather, causing the mother to leave the state. On July 30, 2012, the grandmother died. A divorce will be final on Sept. 4, 2012.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Kentwood-East Kentwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended East Kentwood Schools through the 8th grade. When his father was named head boys basketball coach at Grand Rapids Christian High School, the student enrolled there for grades 9-11. Over the summer, the student's father was released as coach at Grand Rapids Christian and the student intends to enroll at East Kentwood to begin the 2012-13 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Lapeer West High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit immediate eligibility in ice hockey only was made on behalf of two 12th-grade students who previously attended Lapeer East High School. In 2011-12, both participated in the ice hockey cooperative program between these two schools of the same district. Both students will be enrolling to begin the 2012-13 school year at Lapeer West. Lapeer East supported the change of schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for ice hockey only until Jan. 21, 2013.

Marcellus-Howardsville Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who previously attended Schoolcraft and will be enrolling at Howardsville Christian to begin the 2012-13 school year because of difficulties associated with attendance at the former school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Marquette High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose father and siblings made a residential change to Marquette as the father has accepted employment. The mother will remain in Wyoming to place the home for sale and fulfill an employment contract until Dec. 31, 2012. The mother will join the family at the end of 2012. The student previously attended Grand Rapids-West Catholic.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Monroe High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who came from an abusive and toxic home environment in Toledo. The student has been verbally and physically abused by the stepfather and was ousted from his home in early 2012, then to reside with friends. The student's previous enrollment in the second semester of 2011-12 was in a juvenile facility in Ohio. In June 2012, rather than designate the student as a ward of the court, full legal custody was granted by the courts in Ohio to an aunt and uncle with whom the student resides in the Monroe School District. The student has attended summer school at Monroe High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Mt. Pleasant High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has lived with her maternal grandmother throughout high school and attended Remus-Chippewa Hills. The student was told to leave the grandmother's house and is now residing with her paternal grandfather in Mt. Pleasant. The biological parents have not been in the student's life since elementary school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Newaygo High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of two 10th grade twin brothers, one of whom has autism and was the victim of a felony by a Grant High School classmate off campus. The student responsible was expelled and eventually convicted of the felony and reinstated by the Grant Board of Education in June 2012. Both students intend to enroll at Newaygo High School to begin the 2012-13 school year, seeking a fresh start and new school environment. Both students participated previously in athletics.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

North Muskegon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose mother was in jail during the student's 9th grade year and has not lived in a permanent home for two years. The student attended North Muskegon Schools in the 7th and 8th grade and Fremont High School for grades 9 and 10. The student has never met her father, who is out of state. The student has been taken in by a family in the Muskegon—Reeths-Puffer School District. The mother remains homeless in Muskegon.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

North Muskegon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th grade student who moved from her divorced father in Muskegon-Orchard View to her mother in North Muskegon in the fall of 2011-12 but continued to attend Orchard View through the end of the 2011-12 school year. The school would complete an Educational Transfer Form but the residential change took place one year prior.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver after completion of an Educational Transfer Form for this one time only.

Northville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose mother has a history of mental illness, is addicted to alcohol and prescription drugs and has a record of domestic violence, rehabilitation and incarceration. Rather than designate the student a ward of the court, the grandparents have obtained custody. The student previously attended Fowlerville High School while living with friends during the mother's incarceration. The student will reside with her grandparents and enroll at Northville High School to begin the 2012-13 school year. The father is not in the student's life.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Onkama High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility in alpine skiing only was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Bear Lake for the 9th grade and participated in the cooperative program between Bear lake, Onkama and Brethren High Schools. The student is enrolling at Onkama to begin the 2012-13 school year. Support from Bear Lake High School was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for skiing only until Jan. 21, 2013.

Orchard Lake-St. Mary's Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who made a full and complete residential change from Virginia to Wolverine Lake, Michigan. The new residence is 2.5 miles further from St. Mary's than Franklin Road Christian. The student and family are Catholic and moving back to the area. The student previously attended Catholic school for grades K-6. The family is currently a member of this parish which is across the street from St. Mary's.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who made a full and complete residential change from Italy to the former residence in Rochester Hills. The student attended Notre Dame for the 9th grade and participated in athletics before moving to Italy with his family and attended the International School of Turin for the 10th grade. To begin the 2012-13 school year, the student will be reenrolling at Notre Dame, which is not the closest nonpublic school to the residence but is the student's former high school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (closest nonpublic school) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who has returned to Rochester Hills with his family from Alabama and enrolled at Notre Dame Preparatory to begin the 2012-13 school year. Notre Dame Prep is not the closest nonpublic school but the student attended Marist Academy, the middle school located within and operated by Notre Dame Prep.

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 10th and 12th grade brothers who previously attended Holly High School while living with their mother. The father died in 2006 and the mother on July 7, 2012. The students have moved to an aunt and uncle who have become legal guardians and who reside in the Portage Central attendance area.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Royal Oak High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who withdrew from Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice High School due to a condition which resulted in many absences for medical appointments. The student's last day at Brother Rice was April 11, 2012. He enrolled at Royal Oak High School on April 16, 2012.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Sandusky High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Marlette before enrolling at Sandusky on March 5, 2012.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Sandusky High School starting March 5, 2012.

Scottville-Mason County Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose family intervened due to an increase in the student's interests in negative activities and academic decline and relocated the student from his mother's home in Wyoming to an aunt and uncle in the Mason County Central School District. The student participated previously in athletics while enrolled at Wyoming Park High School and completed summer school at Mason County Central.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Standish-Sterling High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 61 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 10th-grade foreign exchange student from a CSJET-listed program (AIFS Foundation) whose host family lives in the AuGres-Sims School District but has a 10th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Standish-Sterling in 2011-12.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Warren-Regina High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who began the 9th grade at Regina and returned to Shelby Junior High School (a school with a 9th grade) for the third quarter (ten weeks) from Jan. 13 to March 2012. The student reenrolled at Regina on March 26, 2012. The student participated in volleyball at Regina.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Waterford Mott High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice before enrolling at Waterford Mott on March 26, 2012.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Subvarsity Waiver Requests Meeting All Conditions of Section 9(B) – The Executive Committee approved immediate eligibility at the subvarsity level for the following transferring 9th- or 10th-grade students (after entering 9th grade, before completing 10th grade) **who have not previously participated in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest in any MHSAA sport at the high school level** (whether MHSAA member schools or not) and who do not qualify for one of the 15 stated exceptions to the transfer regulation and have transferred for reasons having nothing to do with athletics, discipline or family finances and would not require Executive Committee evaluation or comparison of school demographics or curriculum:

Requesting High School	Grade	Former High School	Date of Enrollment	Length of Subvarsity Eligibility Status
Bloomfield Hills-Acad of Sacred Heart	10	Birmingham-Seaholm	Aug. 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Commerce-Walled Lake Northern	10	Farmington Hills-Mercy	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Flint—Carman-Ainsworth	10	Flint-Genesee Academy	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Fowler	10	Home	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Holly	10	Ortonville-Brandon	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Linden	10	Linden-Lake Fenton	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Marquette	10	Marquette-North Star Academy	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Mio-AuSable	10	Linden-Lake Fenton	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Oxford	10	Pontiac	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013
Reese	10	Saginaw-Nouvel Catholic Central	Sept. 4, 2012	Jan. 21, 2013

Grand Rapids-Catholic Central High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 236, a request to waive the three- (or four-) player rule for the 2012-13 school year was made on behalf of the boys and girls swimming coach who obtains 95 percent of his income as a coach and supervisor for the Grand Rapids Novi Sad Aquatics Club. The program is open to the general public and includes 110 participants ages 5-24. The program involves students from nine school districts including Catholic Central (Byron Center, Caledonia, Northview, Ottawa Hills, Wayland, West Catholic and Rockford). There are 16 students in grades 7-12 from Catholic Central or its middle schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-East Grand Rapids High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 236, a request to waive the three- (or four-) player rule for the 2012-13 school year was made on behalf of the assistant girls swimming coach who is also employed full-time by the East Grand Rapids Wave Aquatics USA Swim Club. The program is open to the general public and includes over 200 participants ages 6-18. The program involves students from six school districts including East Grand Rapids (Catholic Central, Forest Hills, Grand Rapids Christian, East Kentwood and Middleville-Thornapple Kellogg). Sixty-five participants involved in the program are East Grand Rapids students in grades 7-12. This coach has been approved for this waiver since 2009 when the East Grand Rapids High School head coach discontinued with the Wave.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Waterford Mott and Waterford Kettering High Schools (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 236, a request to waive the three- (or four-) player rule for the 2012-13 school year was made on behalf of the assistant boys and girls swimming coach who is also employed full-time by the Waterford Kingfish Aquatic Club. The program is open to the general public and includes 122 participants ages 6-17, half who are 6th grade or below. The program involves students from seven school districts including Waterford (Berkley, Clarkston, Hartland, Huron Valley, Lake Orion and Livonia). It is anticipated that 15 Waterford students in grades 7-12 will be among the 60 students older than 7th grade that are involved in the program. Approval has been granted for this program and coach previously.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Regulation III, Section 1(C) – Pursuant to 2012-13 *Handbook* Interpretation 261, the Executive Committee approved waiver of the enrollment regulation for the following junior high/middle schools to permit 6th-grade students to participate with and against 7th and/or 8th graders for the sports listed in the 2012-13 school year only (unless otherwise indicated below).

Junior High/ Middle School	Sport(s)	High School Enrollment	Middle School Enrollment
Climax-Scotts	girls volleyball, boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field	183	39 7 th graders 31 8 th graders
Escanaba-Holy Name	girls volleyball, boys & girls basketball	N/A	48 7 th & 8 th graders
Gaylord-St. Mary	girls volleyball & girls basketball	68	23 7 th graders 19 8 th graders
Hillsdale Academy	girls volleyball, boys & girls cross country, boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field	76	38 7 th & 8 th graders
Kinross-Maplewood Baptist	girls volleyball, boys & girls basketball	35	9 7 th graders 6 8 th graders
Lake Leelanau-St. Mary	boys & girls basketball	52	27 7 th & 8 th graders
Marion	boys & girls cross country, boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field	165	33 7 th graders 40 8 th graders
Northport	girls volleyball, boys soccer, boys & girls basketball	39	16 7 th & 8 th graders
Powers-North Central	boys & girls cross country, boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field	123	32 7 th graders 31 8 th graders
Rapid River	girls basketball	115	12 7 th grade girls 10 8 th grade girls
Rock-Mid Peninsula	boys & girls cross country, boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field	87	37 7 th & 8 th graders
Zeeland-Borculo Christian	girls volleyball, boys soccer, boys & girls basketball, baseball, girls softball	N/A	11 7 th graders 8 8 th graders

Battle Creek-St. Joseph and Battle Creek-Calhoun Christian Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football and boys and girls track & field. St. Joseph sponsored both sports previously and will be the primary school.

Benton Harbor-Arts & Communication at Fair Plain, Benton Harbor-International Academy at Hull, Benton Harbor-S.T.E.A.M. Academy at M.L.K. and Benton Harbor-Montessori Academy at Henry C. Morton Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program among these four member middle schools of the same district in football, girls volleyball, boys and girls basketball and boys and girls track & field. Fair Plain has sponsored these sports previously and will be the primary school. Benton Harbor has realigned its middle schools for the 2012-13 school year.

Committees – The Executive Committee approved with some adjustments the appointment of members and meeting dates for committees which meet prior to Jan. 1, 2013. Committees which meet after Jan 1 will be approved at the Nov. 7, 2012 Executive Committee Meeting.

Executive Director Performance Agreement – The Executive Committee approved the 2012-13 Performance Agreement for the executive director and the annual extension of contract until July 31, 2015.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2012, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing.