

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, September 30, 2020

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

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

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

It is possible that some of the information presented as facts to the Executive Committee by school personnel and others may be inaccurate. However, to avoid constant repetition in this report of phrases such as “it was alleged” or “it was reported,” no attempt 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 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. 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.

Adrian, Addison, Adrian-Lenawee Christian, Adrian-Madison, Clinton, Onsted, Sand Creek and Tecumseh High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Sand Creek to a cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) that exists between the other seven schools whose combined enrollment of 3,360 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 1 tournament. The original agreement was approved in August 2010; Adrian will continue as the primary school. Support from the Southeast Conference was submitted.

Cass City, Bad Axe, Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker, Sandusky, Ubyly and Unionville-Sebewaing High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Unionville-Sebewaing to a cooperative program in girls gymnastics (varsity only) that has existed among the other five schools since 2018. The combined enrollment is 1,568 students. Cass City will continue as the primary school. Support from the Greater Thumb Conference was submitted.

Cheboygan, Indian River-Inland Lakes, Mackinaw City, Onaway, Pellston and St. Ignace High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of St. Ignace to a cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) that exists between the other five schools whose combined enrollment of 1,306 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 3 tournament. Cheboygan will continue as the primary school. Support from the Northern Michigan Hockey League was submitted.

Climax-Scotts, Battle Creek-Calhoun Christian and Battle Creek-St. Philip Catholic Central High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Climax-Scotts to an existing cooperative program between the other two schools in baseball and girls softball (varsity only). Climax-Scotts also sponsored these sports and will replace St. Philip as the new primary school. The combined enrollment of 301 students will move teams from the Division 4 to Division 3 Baseball and Softball Tournaments. Support from the South Central Athletic Association was submitted.

Hancock and Lake Linden-Hubbell High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity) between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 315 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 3 tournament. Hancock sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Great Lakes Hockey Conference was submitted.

Muskegon-Mona Shores, Fruitport-Calvary Christian, Muskegon-Catholic Central, Muskegon—Reeths-Puffer, Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian and North Muskegon High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Calvary Christian to a cooperative program in boys swimming & diving (varsity only) that has existed among the other five schools since 2017. The combined enrollment of 3,145 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 1 tournament. Mona Shores will continue as the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Three Oaks-River Valley and New Buffalo High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling (varsity and JV) between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 363 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 4 tournament. River Valley sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. Support from the BCS Conference was submitted. A parallel middle school agreement was approved later in these minutes.

Adrian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and Interpretation 74 (practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who is a resident of Adrian and was enrolled for seven school days at Lenawee Christian and practiced girls volleyball but did not play in any contests. The student enrolled at Adrian on Sept. 3, 2020.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level in girls volleyball. The student is eligible in all other sports at any level.

Ann Arbor-Greenhills High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who reenrolled at Greenhills as a 9th-grader on Sept. 26, 2019, after participating in five JV soccer games for Ann Arbor-Huron last fall. The student was ineligible for soccer last fall at Greenhills, which cancelled eight games already this fall, and will have missed three games this fall prior to Sept. 30, 2020. The student also plays lacrosse, which he missed last spring when school was closed. The student attended Greenhills for middle school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. The student will be withheld from the next two soccer games of the 2020-21 school year and is eligible in all other sports.

Armada High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who reenrolled at Armada on Sept. 21, 2020, after nine school days in attendance at Marine City-Cardinal Mooney Catholic, from Sept. 8-18, 2020. The student attended Armada for the 9th and 10th grades and previously participated in competitive cheer.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Benzonia-Benzie Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 74 (practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of an incoming 9th-grade student who practiced girls volleyball for two days with Traverse City West (Aug. 12 and 13) before enrolling at Benzie Central on Sept. 8, 2020. The student is a Traverse City West resident and attended Traverse City West Middle School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level in girls volleyball. The student is eligible in all other sports at any level.

Blanchard-Montabella High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who is reenrolling at Montabella after 12 school days as an online student at Vestaburg from Aug. 21-Sept. 10, 2020. The student sought participation in cross country. He did not compete in a contest this fall when initially enrolled at Montabella and did not practice with Vestaburg.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Brimley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On Sept. 10, 2020, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an 11th-grade student who is having surgery in late October and is concerned about being exposed to COVID-19 in two school communities. The student is hearing impaired in both ears. His 9th-grade brother is also enrolling at Brimley to begin the 2020-21 school year, and a waiver of Interpretation 74 (practicing fore another school in August) was approved for the brother on Sept. 10. The student is a Brimley resident who attended Rudyard and played basketball and baseball in the 10th grade. Significant additional information was submitted, including that the student only played in three JV football games in 2019 and previously attended Brimley in the 8th grade before enrolling at Rudyard due to issues with another student's parent. A 6th-grade sister has been continuously enrolled at Brimley. The student played JV basketball for Rudyard and will miss part of the basketball season due to his surgery.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver in football only, beginning on Oct. 9, 2020. The student is not eligible in basketball in the 2020-21 school year.

Canton-Plymouth High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose father died suddenly in May 2018 and who was diagnosed with health issues as a result. The student was unable to attend regular classes at Plymouth. In February 2020, the student enrolled at another school which offers programming for students with health concerns. The student attended for two weeks before the COVID-19 shutdown. The student continues in counseling and has reenrolled at Plymouth to begin the 2020-21 school year. The student participated in football at Plymouth in the fall of 2019.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Climax-Scotts High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of an 18-year-old 12th-grade student who is moving unaccompanied by either parent (Exception 12) into the home of a family that resides in the Battle Creek-Lakeview School District that has attended Climax-Scotts for the past five years. The student previously attended school at Battle Creek-Central in the fall of 2019, played a partial football season and then moved to Galesburg, Illinois in foster care before returning to Michigan. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Clinton Township-Chippewa Valley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who is reenrolling at Chippewa Valley after he and his mother moved to Las Vegas for the 2019-20 school year for employment and health reasons. The mother continues to reside in Las Vegas and the student is living with a classmate's family which has been given guardianship of the student. The father is unable to care for the student. The student played football while in the 11th grade in Las Vegas.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Coldwater High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who was living with his grandparents in Indiana and whose father has been incarcerated and mother is not in his life. Because of concerns for his safety and well-being, the student has moved to the home of a woman in Coldwater who raised the student as an infant and is the mother of two children by the student's father. The student played football and basketball in Indiana and enrolled at Coldwater on Sept. 14, 2020.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Coleman High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was placed by the Midland County Probate Court on Feb. 4, 2020 into full guardianship of an aunt and uncle who reside in Coleman. The student recently lived with his father and attended Clare High School, participating in two football games in the 9th grade during the 2019-20 school year before CPS became involved. The student began living with his aunt and uncle in December 2019 and enrolled at the start of the second semester at Coleman on Jan. 13, 2020.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Coloma 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 St. Joseph-Lake Michigan Catholic where he participated in football. Due to COVID-19, his school cancelled all far sports before school began. To begin the 2020-21 school year, the student enrolled at the school of his residence, Coloma, and sought eligibility in football this season.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Elk Rapids High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who has lived in five states and attended seven different schools, due in part to the mother's illness and the toxic environment between his parents. The student most recently lived with his mother in Missouri where he played football in the fall of 2019 before moving in with family friends in the Traverse City School District on March 8, 2020. The student continued online learning through his school in Missouri and enrolled at Elk Rapids to begin the 2020-21 school year. The family the student lives with has a son who attended Elk Rapids for the 9th and 10th grades before he also moved back into Traverse City from Missouri for his 12th-grade year in the spring of 2020.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Erie-Mason High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of 10th- and 12th-grade brothers whose family had a full and complete residential change over the summer from Ohio to a home in the Temperance-Bedford School District. The students enrolled at Erie-Mason because a 10th-grade cousin lives near their new home and has attended Erie-Mason since the 9th grade. The students previously attended Toledo-Whitmer. In 2019-20, the 12th-grader had health issues and played in the last four basketball games of the season. The 10th-grader played 9th-grade football at his former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Farmington Hills-North Farmington High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who experienced health issues as he has experienced suicides by classmates while a student and football player at Detroit-U of D Jesuit. The student has a learning disability and is on a 504 plan, and participation in sports has benefitted him in the past during difficult times.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Fruitport High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose father was recently diagnosed with cancer, creating a hardship that resulted in the student withdrawing from Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian where he played in four football games during the fall of 2019. The student has always lived in Fruitport and enrolled to begin the 2020-21 school year. The school requested eligibility in football as of Oct. 2, 2020. The student missed five games last year due to an injury.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hastings High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who played in one preseason scrimmage in 2019 for Wayland Union before it was discovered that the family had not actually moved into the school district but continued to live in Hastings. The student finished the 2019-20 school year at Wayland Union and enrolled at Hastings to begin the 2020-21 school year and sought to play football in the remaining games.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jackson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who played in one JV football game for Napoleon in the fall of 2019 before enrolling at Jackson High School on Sept. 4, 2019. The student did not play football in eight games last school year and will have sat out three games this year prior to Oct. 2, 2020. The student continues to reside in Napoleon.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Laingsburg High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who participated in volleyball and basketball while a student at Bath during the 2019-20 school year. The student experienced bullying, has been in counseling since February 2020, and withdrew from summer sports activity as the interaction continued to distress the student. She preferred an in-person learning option, which the school did not offer to begin the 2020-21 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Lake Leelanau-St. Mary High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose family recently enrolled two of three students in St. Mary for religious education. The school has experienced a significant deficit in its student count. The student participated in cross country and girls basketball while a student at Glen Lake during the 2019-20 school year and enrolled at St. Mary to begin the 2020-21 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Lake Odessa-Lakewood 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 a teen residential group home while a student at Kalamazoo-Central and participated in JV football, to the home of his girlfriend's family in Lake Odessa and enrolled to begin the 2020-21 school year. The parents are not in the student's life and parental rights have been terminated. The student will turn 18 on Oct. 10, 2020, and an Educational Transfer Form is in process.

The Executive Committee approved immediate eligibility for the student. This is the only time the Educational Transfer Form may be used for the student.

Macomb-Dakota High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who reenrolled at Dakota on Sept. 24, 2019, after attending Warren-De La Salle Collegiate for 11 school days from Aug. 31-Sept. 11, 2020. The student played football for Dakota in 2019 and participated in seven practices for De La Salle but no contests.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Merrill High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and interpretation 74 (practicing with another school in August) was made on behalf of a 9th-grade student who practiced football with St. Charles for two days on Aug. 10 and 11, 2020, and with Hemlock from Sept. 8-15, 2020. The student attended class for four weeks at Hemlock from Aug. 25-Sept. 15 which was 50 percent online and was struggling with the virtual learning. The student enrolled at Merrill on Sept. 21 because it is fully in-person learning. The student did not participate in a contest in 2020.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ravenna High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who wrestled and played one game of football for Allendale in the 2019-20 school year. The student experienced bullying and suffers with health issues. The student's parents were divorcing, leading to increased health issues. The student was hospitalized in the fall of 2019 and has been in counseling. The student resides with a family in Ravenna that had previously lived in and attended Allendale.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Romulus-Summit Academy North (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (closest charter school) was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who played in 2-3 football games for Romulus before a season-ending injury. Due to COVID-19, the student and his parents have moved into the grandparents' home in the Dearborn Heights-Robichaud School District and the student enrolled at Summit Academy to begin the 2020-21 school year. Summit Academy is not the closest charter school, but the family had children attend Summit Academy in 2014-15.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Romulus-Summit Academy North (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Summit Academy North through the second semester of his 11th-grade year. On Feb. 7, 2020, due to health and medical issues, the student enrolled in the Taylor Schools to attend its online virtual school. Summit Academy North now offers a 2020-21 virtual school, and the student reenrolled on Sept. 22, 2020. The student has requested to enroll in the Summit Academy online program but was denied. The student played football at Summit in 2019 and played no athletics while enrolled at Taylor.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Sparta High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who was the victim of a robbery at a bonfire in Muskegon on June 28, 2020. Concerned with the student's safety, the mother moved the student to the home of an aunt who lives in the Sparta School District and the student enrolled to begin the 2020-21 school year. The student participated in JV basketball while a student at Muskegon High School during the 2019-20 school year and plays a fall sport at Sparta in 2020.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Traverse City West High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level in football was made on behalf of a 10th-grader who moved to Florida in August with his parents and enrolled for two school days but did not play in a scrimmage or contest. The parents bought a home in Florida and the start of school was delayed. The student has moved in with his grandmother in the Traverse City West attendance area and reenrolled at Traverse City West on Sept. 21, 2020.

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

Waterford Mott High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who played 9th-grade basketball at Waterford Kettering in the 2019-20 school year. The student resides in the Waterford Mott attendance area and enrolled at his school of residence to begin the 2020-21 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Waterford Mott High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who enrolled in a virtual school in May 2020 due to the pandemic. The student attended Waterford Schools most of his school career, participated in football in the fall of 2019, and has reenrolled at Waterford Mott to begin the 2020-21 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Waterford Mott High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On Aug. 5, 2020, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose father had surgery in the spring of 2020 and is at high risk for COVID-19, causing the student to stay at his uncle's apartment in the Waterford Mott attendance area. The student and father also lived in the Waterford Mott attendance area, but the student began the 9th grade at Waterford Kettering, a school of the same district, where he has played basketball for three years. Additional significant information was submitted to the Executive Committee on Aug. 25, 2020, including medical documents that the father had a transplant, and not just surgery. That Aug. 25 request was also not approved. The school again submitted an updated letter dated Aug. 28 from his physician indicating that on that date, the father had an upper respiratory infection, has been exposed to COVID-19, has asthma, and should reside alone.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Wyoming-Godwin Heights High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who participated in one football game due to a season-ending injury during the fall of 2019 while enrolled at Grand Rapids-Ottawa Hills. As an incoming 9th-grader, in the summer of 2019, the student moved from his father's home in Texas to live with his mother and 12th-grade brother in Grand Rapids. The 12th-grade brother had been attending Godwin Heights since the 9th grade. Because the Godwin Heights school of choice window had closed, the student enrolled at Ottawa Hills and played in one football game. The student has enrolled at Godwin Heights to begin the 2020-21 school year so that he and his brother are enrolled in the same school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Three Oaks-River Valley and New Buffalo Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling (6th, 7th and 8th grades combined) between these two member middle schools. Both schools sponsored middle school wrestling previously; River Valley will be the primary school. A parallel high school agreement was approved earlier in this meeting.

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

Hamtramck-Oakland International Academy is a public coed charter high school chartered by Saginaw Valley State University and managed by Education Management and Network. The school has been operating since 1999 and recently moved to its current location in the former St. Florian High School. The current 9-12 regular onsite enrollment stands at 337 students. The school has a full-size gymnasium suitable for practice and competition with seating for approximately 150 and the use of Keyworth Stadium for soccer. The school intends to sponsor varsity boys basketball and boys soccer with plans to add girls volleyball and girls soccer in the future. An Athletic Department Code of Conduct has been submitted. The current athletic director and dean of academics, Kevin Wade, attended a New Athletic Director Orientation this fall and has MHSAA experience, having served at Lutheran Westland for several years. A signed 2020-21 Membership Resolution and Preliminary Classification Form were received on Aug. 19, 2020. If a 2021-22 Membership Resolution is received prior to Oct. 1, 2021, and all other regulations are followed, the school will be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2021-22 school year.

Shepherd-FlexTech High School is a public coed charter high school chartered by Bay Mills Community College and managed by CS Partners Management Company. The school has been operating since 2017. FlexTech began in its current location as Morey Charter School and its physical building was built by Isabella County nonprofit and philanthropic foundation, the Morey Foundation, in 1997. The current 9-12 regular onsite enrollment stands at 40 students. FlexTech is not in a league or conference and currently offers no stand-alone high school athletic programs but hopes to conduct individual sports such as boys and girls cross country and track & field and to enter into cooperative programs. An Athletic Department Code of Conduct has been submitted. The current athletic director and principal attended a New Athletic Director Orientation. A signed 2020-21 Membership Resolution and Preliminary Classification Form were received on Sept. 2, 2020. If a 2021-22 Membership Resolution is received prior to Oct. 1, 2021, and all other regulations are followed, the school will be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2021-22 school year.

Cross Country and Golf Tournaments – The Executive Committee discussed changes to the previously announced adjustments to these tournaments in light of the relaxed COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings in Executive Order 183.

- In golf, the field of qualifying golfers at the one-day Final will move to the traditional number of 108 golfers. Three teams and the three next top three individuals from each Regional will qualify for the Finals.
- In cross country, the field will be increased to 126 runners total, per division, per gender, and run in two sections. The top three teams and top seven individuals not on a qualifying team will qualify from the Regional to the Final.

Football Four-Game Minimum – The Executive Committee granted authority to the MHSAA staff to waive the four-game minimum tournament qualification requirement in football on a case-by-case basis.

Girls Swimming & Diving Finals – The Executive Committee approved adoption of the following adjustments to the 2020 Final tournament:

- Swimmers who qualify for the MHSAA Finals will compete in a one-day timed Final for each division, held on Saturday, Nov. 21, at three separate sites (TBD).
- Divers who qualify for MHSAA Finals will compete on Friday, Nov. 20, where all qualifiers complete five dives, then the field is cut to the top 20 divers who complete three additional dives, after which the field is cut to 16. The remaining 16 divers complete their final three dives.

Future Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020, at 1 p.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council Next Day).