

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Virtual, August 5, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Committee Members:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Summary of 2023-24 Waivers – During the 2023-24 program year, there were 480 requests by member schools to waive regulations (versus 406 in 2022-23, 366 in 2021-22, 269 in 2020-21, 354 in 2019-20, 448 in 2018-19, 461 in 2017-18, 420 in 2016-17, 453 in 2015-16, 467 in 2014-15, 449 in 2013-14, 522 in 2012-13, 506 in 2011-12 and 462 in 2010-11). Of those requests, 328 were approved by the Executive Committee (versus 264 in 2022-23, 260 in 2021-22, 198 in 2020-21, 271 in 2019-20, 355 in 2018-19, 379 in 2017-18, 350 in 2016-17, 381 in 2015-16, 362 in 2014-15, 345 in 2013-14, 416 in 2012-13, 386 in 2011-12 and 337 in 2010-11). Of the total, 294 requests involved the transfer regulation (versus 268 in 2022-23, 243 in 2021-22, 167 in 2020-21, 226 in 2019-20, 315 in 2018-19, 322 in 2017-18, 285 in 2016-17, 291 in 2015-16, 300 in 2014-15, 316 in 2013-14, 338 in 2012-13, 352 in 2011-12 and 320 in 2010-11). Of those involving the transfer regulation, 158 were approved (versus 138 in 2022-23, 144 in 2021-22, 106 in 2020-21, 153 in 2019-20, 238 in 2018-19, 253 in 2017-18, 234 in 2016-17, 224 in 2015-16, 213 in 2014-15, 229 in 2013-14, 259 in 2012-13, 265 in 2011-12 and 219 in 2010-11).

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. 7, 2023, is reaffirmed:

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

Big Rapids-Crossroads Charter Academy (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request to allow the use of 7th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Crossroads Charter Academy will have 76 students in grades 9-12 for the 2024-25 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with specific numbers, causes, and rationale about the positive impact of using 7th graders at Crossroads Charter Academy in their athletic programs and with league support.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Custer-Mason County Eastern High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request to allow the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Mason County Eastern High School will have 105 students in grades 9-12 for the 2024-25 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with rationale about the positive impact of using 8th graders at Mason County Eastern in all sports starting in fall 2024 and with league support.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Eben Junction-Superior Central High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request to allow the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Superior Central High School will have 103 students in grades 9-12 for the 2024-25 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with specific numbers, causes, and rationale about the positive impact of using 8th graders at Superior Central in their athletic programs and with league support.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Harbor Springs-Harbor Light Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request to allow the use of 7th-grade student-athletes in their boys soccer program. Harbor Light Christian High School has 57 students for the 2024-25 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with rationale about the positive impact of using 7th graders, which will help to keep the soccer program for the 2024-25 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hillsdale-Will Carleton Academy (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request to allow the use of 7th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Will Carleton Academy will have 78 students in grades 9-12 for the 2024-25 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with specific numbers, causes, and rationale about the positive impact of using 7th graders at Will Carleton Academy in their athletic programs and with league support.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Midland-Calvary Baptist Academy (Regulation I, Section 1[D]) – A request to allow the use of 8th-grade student-athletes in their athletic programs. Calvary Baptist Academy will have 115 students in grades 9-12 for the 2024-25 school year. The request came to the Executive Committee with specific numbers, causes, and rationale about the positive impact of using 8th graders at Calvary Baptist Academy in all sports starting in fall 2024. It also came with opponent support since Calvary Baptist Academy is not in an athletic conference.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Alma and Ithaca High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls tennis (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 822 students will place the team in Division 3, removing one team from Division 4 in boys tennis and two team from Division 4 in girls tennis. Alma will be the primary school. Support from the Tri-Valley Conference was submitted.

Bellaire and Mancelona-North Central Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in 8-player football (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 129 students will place the team in Division 2, making no change to the divisional assignments. Bellaire will be the primary school. Support from the Ski Valley Conference was submitted.

Berkley, Royal Oak, Ferndale and Clawson High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive committee approved the addition of Clawson to an existing cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 3,756 students would keep the team in Division 1. Berkley will remain the primary school. Support from the Oakland Activities Association was submitted.

Canton-Plymouth Christian and Southfield Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls tennis (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 390 students will place the team in Division 4. Plymouth Christian will be the primary school. Support from the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference was submitted.

Caro, Cass City and Unionville-Sebewaing High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Unionville-Sebewaing to an existing cooperative program in boys swimming & diving (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 940 students would keep the team in Division 3. Caro will remain the primary school. Support from the Independent Swim Conference was submitted.

Commerce Township-Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Western High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Walled Lake Western to an existing cooperative program in boys lacrosse (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 3,831 students would keep the team in Division 1, removing one team from Division 2. Walled Lake Northern will remain the primary school. Support from the Lakes Valley Conference was submitted.

Commerce Township-Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Western High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 3,831 students will place the team in Division 1, removing one team from Division 2 and one team from Division 3. Walled Lake Northern will be the primary school. Support from the Lakes Valley Conference was submitted.

Essexville-Garber and Bay City-All Saints High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 577 students will place the team in Division 3, making no change to the divisional assignments. Essexville-Garber will be the primary schools. Support from the Tri-Valley Conference was submitted.

Essexville-Garber and Bay City-All Saints High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys swimming & diving (varsity only) beginning in 2024-25 and girls swimming & diving (varsity only) beginning in 2025-26 between these schools. The combined enrollment of 577 students will place the team in Division 3, making no change to the divisional assignments. Essexville-Garber will be the primary schools. Support from the Independent Swim Conference was submitted.

Essexville-Garber, Bay City-John Glenn, Saginaw-Swan Valley, Hemlock, Saginaw-Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Clio, Midland-Bullock Creek, Carrollton, Sanford-Meridian Early College, Standish-Sterling Central, Pinconning, Bay City-All Saints and St Charles High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-2]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 5,421 students will place the team in Division 1, removing two teams from Division 3. Essexville-Garber will be the primary school. Support from both the Tri-Valley Conference and the Mid-Michigan Hockey Conference was submitted.

Flint-Powers Catholic and Flint Cultural Center Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football (JV only) between these schools, pending a new school site visit with Flint Cultural Center Academy. The combined enrollment of 603 would place the team in Division 5, making no change to the divisional assignments. Powers Catholic will be the primary school. Support from potential future opponents was received.

Pinckney and Brighton-Charyl Stockwell Preparatory Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls swimming & diving (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 930 students will place the team in Division 3. Pinckney will be the primary school. Support from the Southeastern Conference was submitted.

Pittsford and North Adams-Jerome High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 230 students would add one team to Division 4. Pittsford will be the primary school. Support from potential future opponents was received.

Three Oaks-River Valley and New Buffalo High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys golf (varsity and JV) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 335 students will place the team in Division 3, removing two teams from Division 4. River Valley will be the primary school. Support from the BCS League was submitted.

Wyoming-Lee and Wyoming-The Potter's House Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in competitive cheer (varsity only) between these schools. The combined enrollment of 855 students will place the team in Division 2, removing one team from Division 3. Wyoming-Lee will be the primary school. Support from the Alliance League was submitted.

Essexville-Garber High School (Regulation I, Section 2[B]) – A second request to waive the age rule was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student. The student was held back in kindergarten because of a physical disability, which impacted his academic progress. The student also has multiple intellectual disabilities that delayed his educational progression prior to 9th grade. The request came with new documentation that outlined his disabilities, including his most recent IEP and medical records. The school requests that the student participate in football in the fall of 2024.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice High School (Regulation I, Sections 4[A] and 5[A]) – A third request to waive the maximum enrollment and competition portions was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student at Brother Rice High School. The student transferred back to Brother Rice from Minnetonka High School in March 2024. The student attended Brother Rice as a 9th grader in the fall of 2020, where the student played high school hockey. The family moved to South Dakota in 2021 where the student attended O'Gorman High School before transitioning to online education because of academics. The family then moved to Minnesota because of a family health issue. The student competed for two seasons in high school hockey at Minnetonka during the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years. A job change has now brought the family back to Michigan, where the student has now re-enrolled at Brother Rice. The student will be considered a 12th-grade student during the 2024-25 school year due to previous academic issues. He desires to play hockey in 2024-25 which would be the student's fifth year of high school enrollment. New information included further testing results related to the student's concussion and treatment plan, a counselor letter, and further documentation regarding the student's specific injury.

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 a 10th-grade student who transferred from Adrian Madison High School to Adrian High School in April 2024. The student attended Madison and played football and basketball during his 9th-grade year. While at Madison, the student experienced challenges with his health, discipline, and grades. This led to school administration visits, counseling and therapist appointments, and a plan being established for the student at Madison. In the end, a fresh start was needed, and the student transferred to Adrian. Adrian is asking for a waiver for immediate athletic eligibility in football and basketball. Documentation included several letters of support, medical letters, and his educational records.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who attended Livingston Christian High School for her 9th-grade year before transferring to Ann Arbor Christian High School in January of her 9th-grade year. The student struggled with Livingston Christian terminating their entire administrative team as well as the decline in academics when this occurred. It was important to get a fresh start and is the reason for the transfer. The school asked for immediate eligibility in JV volleyball for the student.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Father Gabriel Richard High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred to Father Gabriel Richard High School for the start of the 2024-25 school year after attending Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School for her 9th-grade year. The student competed in golf and soccer at Pioneer. The student and family desired a new beginning because of the cyberbullying she experienced while at Pioneer. This led to a police report being filed and Pioneer confirming the incident. The request was for immediate eligibility in golf and soccer.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver as additional information was needed.

Auburn Hills-Oakland Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who has transferred from Eukary Academy in North Carolina to live with her grandparents while the family tries to find a home in Michigan. The student participated in volleyball at Eukary Academy. The school asked for a waiver of the sport-specific transfer rule because Oakland Christian High School is not the closest non-public or Christian school to their grandparent's home. Auburn Hills Christian is 0.8 miles closer, but the family is more aligned with the teachings and faith and has connections to Oakland Christian, including other family members who attend. The new school requests immediate eligibility in volleyball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Battle Creek-Pennfield High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who has transferred to Pennfield High School after attending Battle Creek-St. Philip Catholic High School for her 9th-grade year and the start of her 10th-grade school year. The student transferred to Pennfield on Sept. 13th after participating in 4 volleyball matches at St. Philip. The student faced health challenges that the family determined needed a new school climate at Pennfield.

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

Bay City Academy High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who transferred from Bay City Central High School to Bay City Academy in February of 2024. While at Bay City Central, the student struggled because of an injury. The family determined a new start at Bay City Academy was needed to help, and he has responded well. The student played football at Bay City Central in the fall of 2023 and desires to do the same with Bay City Academy.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Beverly Hills-Birmingham Groves High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred to Groves High School from Orchard Lake-St. Mary's Prep High School. The student competed in football while at OLSM. The student's primary caregivers, his grandparents, experienced several hardships, including his grandmother becoming ill, a loss of jobs for both and his grandfather having surgery and not being able to drive. The family can no longer afford to send their student to OLSM and desired to go to the public high school district where they live. Groves is requesting immediate eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Brighton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student from Brighton High School. The student attended Manogian High School since his freshman year and the student played soccer. The family has gone through challenges, a job change for one of the parents, and the boy's grandfather suffering a stroke, which stopped the grandfather's ability to help the family with transportation. The new school offers a new start for the family as relationships heal. The former school writes a letter of support for the student and the request was for immediate eligibility in soccer at Brighton.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Brownstown-Woodhaven High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who recently enrolled at Woodhaven High School. The student transferred from Lutheran Westland High School after the 2023-24 school year. The student participated in soccer, basketball, and baseball at Lutheran Westland. The student had issues including bullying and challenges with the school. The student transferred to Woodhaven as it is his home district, and he would like a fresh start.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Caledonia High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for a current 10th-grade student who attended Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School before transferring to Caledonia High School in January of his 9th-grade year. The student struggled with bullying at Catholic Central and the transfer to Caledonia was important to get a fresh start. The school asked for immediate eligibility in football.

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

Caro High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who competed in 9th-grade volleyball, basketball, softball, and track at Cass City High School during the 2023-24 school year. The student has transferred from Cass City to Caro High School to leave a challenging situation. The family believed that a fresh start for the student, and her younger sibling, would help with the situation the family has experienced. The request was for immediate eligibility in all sports at Caro. Documentation included a summary of the ongoing investigation, legal proceedings and the Title IX report.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Charlevoix High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred to Charlevoix High School from Ellsworth High School to start the 2024-25 school year. The student previously attended Ellsworth where she played volleyball and competed in track. The student left Ellsworth because of a racial incident that caused the student anxiety and distress and forced the move to Charlevoix for a new start. The former school supported the transfer. The request was for immediate eligibility in volleyball and track in the fall of 2024. Documentation of the incident occurring, letters from the Ellsworth administration and counselors, and the family.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Colon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred to Colon High School from Quincy High School for the start of the 2024-25 school year. This student was at Quincy since 2nd grade but needed to transfer because of impacts on his health at Quincy and needing a different and smaller school environment. While at Quincy, he played basketball. The school is requesting immediate athletic eligibility for the student in basketball for the 2024-25 school year. The former school supports the transfer, and other documentation, including letters from doctors and health professionals, was provided.

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

Coopersville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who had attended Allendale High School for his 9th-grade school year. The student experienced challenges with his academic needs being met at Allendale, including his educational plan not being implemented to the family's wishes and a lack of communication. The student participated in football, basketball, and baseball at Allendale. The request was for eligibility at Coopersville High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Dansville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who participated in soccer and wrestling at Fowlerville High School as a 9th grader. The student has enrolled at Dansville High School with his younger siblings where his mother just accepted a job as a teacher at Dansville. The student desires to compete in both sports as the mother would like all the students at the same school as she teaches. The school requested immediate eligibility for the student.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Frankenmuth High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred to Frankenmuth High School to start the second semester of the 2023-24 school year after attending Saginaw-Valley Lutheran High School. The student is working toward a certificate of high school completion. The family was notified that Valley Lutheran would not be able to meet the educational needs of the student and Frankenmuth is the student's district of residence. While the Valley Lutheran, the student participated in JV soccer and the request was for subvarsity eligibility in soccer. Documentation of the student's special education services from the former school was included in the request.

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

Fruitport High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred to Fruitport High School from Muskegon Catholic Central High School. The student transferred primarily because of athletic and physical safety reasons and for his wellbeing. A challenging school situation with his younger brother forced a decision for the family to leave Muskegon Catholic Central and go to Fruitport, where they reside, for a fresh start. While at Catholic Central, the student participated in football, wrestling, and golf. The school asked for immediate eligibility in all sports.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grand Blanc High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred to Grand Blanc High School from Davison High School to start the second semester of the 2023-24 school year. The student attended Grand Blanc previously as a 9th grader before transferring to Brother Rice High School during the second semester of this 9th-grade year. The student then transferred to Davison where he played football during his 10th-grade year. During these transitions, the student lived with various family members, and the student now lives with a relative in Grand Blanc but does not meet the full and complete residential move exception. The new school is asked for a waiver of the rule so the student can once again attend Grand Blanc and play football. Supporting information included a letter from the student's father and various documents showing the residence changes.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Grayling High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student at Grayling High School. The student transferred from Gaylord High School after attending there for the past two school years. The student participated in JV football on a limited basis because of injury. The request was for immediate eligibility in football at Grayling after three games. The previous school confirmed the number of games played.

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

Harrison High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred to Harrison High School from Clare High School to start the 2024-25 school year. The student previously attended Harrison Public Schools from K-7th grade before transferring to Clare in her 8th-grade year because of a health issue and to be closer to her mother, who worked at Clare, so that she could assist. The student is now able to more closely monitor her health issues and would like to come back to the school she once attended. The student participated in volleyball and softball at Clare in the 2023-24 school year. The request was for immediate eligibility in volleyball and softball at Harrison in the fall of 2024.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Jenison High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 12th-grade student who competed for the previous school year in tennis at Zeeland East High School. The student transferred from Zeeland East for the start of the 2024-25 school year, needing a fresh start to complete her high school education. The student faced issues which required counseling. The request was for immediate eligibility in girls tennis at Jenison. New information included specific information about the student's health challenges.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jenison High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 12th-grade student who competed for the previous school year in football and track & field at Allendale High School. The student transferred from Allendale for the start of the 2024-25 school year, needing a fresh start to complete his high school education. The family felt it better that he lived with his grandmother in Jenison as an 18-year-old. The home where the student's grandmother lives is three houses outside of the Jenison School District. The request was for immediate eligibility in football and track at Jenison High School where the student will attend and has been accepted as a student. An otherwise completed ETF was also included as documentation along with support from the former school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Lake Orion High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – Lake Orion High School - A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who is transferring to Lake Orion High School from Oxford High School for the start of the 2024-25 school year. The student experienced health challenges because he and his family were very close to one of the students who was involved in the Oxford HS shooting of 2021. The family and medical professionals determined a new environment would be necessary to alleviate these fears and challenges. The student participated in football at the former school. Support from the former school was received.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Manton High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who is transferring back to Manton High School. The student attended Manton through the start of her 9th-grade year, where she played football for the first 7 contests. At that time, she enrolled at Cadillac High School after the family moved into that district and did not participate in any athletics. The family believes that coming back to Manton is in the best interest of the student, where the student is back with her peers and friends. The student desires to compete again in football at Manton at the subvarsity level. The school requests subvarsity eligibility in football at Manton.

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

Marine City-Cardinal Mooney High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who transferred to Cardinal Mooney High School for the start of the second semester of the 2023-24 school year after attending Warren-DeLaSalle High School as a 9th grader and to start his 10th-grade year. The student competed in a limited number of subvarsity football games at DeLaSalle. The student transferred to Cardinal Mooney to continue the Catholic faith education. Cardinal Mooney offers a stronger faith component that fits better for the student who desires to play football.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Northville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the links rule and transfer regulation was made for an incoming 12th-grade student who competed in cross country the previous year at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School. The student transferred to Northville High School to start the 2024-25 school year for the betterment of his health. While at the University of Detroit Jesuit, the student also participated in the 6-mile track club, a club coached by the Northville track and cross country head coach. The request was for immediate eligibility in cross country and track & field at Northville for the 2024-25 school year. Documentation of his health challenges, including letters of support and medical reports, was supplied.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Novi High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student recently enrolled at Novi High School. The student transferred from Novi Christian High School to Novi to start the 2024-25 school year. The student's brother was suspended which had a direct impact on the older brother. The family felt an immediate change was needed for a fresh start. The student competed in soccer and baseball at Novi Christian. The request was for immediate eligibility in soccer and baseball at Novi. Documentation included a letter of support from the former school.

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

Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student from Saline High School. The student attended Saline for his 9th and 10th-grade years where he also played football and basketball. His father's job change had the family move from Ann Arbor to Novi. The student desires to attend a Catholic faith-based school and Detroit Catholic Central High School while Novi Christian High School is the closest non-public high school to the new residence. The request was for eligibility in football and basketball at Detroit Catholic Central in the 2024-25 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Orchard Lake-St. Mary's Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A second request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who has transferred to Orchard Lake-St. Mary's Preparatory High School after attending Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes High School during her 9th-grade year. While the student was in 8th grade, the student's mother passed away. The student attended Our Lady of the Lakes for her 9th-grade year. The student has a counselor, and the family determined a new start in a new school was needed and she will be enrolling at St. Mary's Prep for the 2024-25 school year. While at Our Lady of the Lakes, the student competed in volleyball and basketball. The school is asking for immediate eligibility.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ortonville-Brandon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred to Brandon High School from Auburn Hills Christian High School for the start of the 2024-25 school year. This student was at Auburn Hills Christian since 2nd grade but needed to transfer because of severe bullying that occurred at Auburn Hills Christian. The school is requesting immediate athletic eligibility for the student in basketball for the 2024-25 school year.

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

Ovid-Elsie High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request was made to waive Regulation I, Section 9(C), for an incoming 10th-grade student who transferred from Ashley High School to Ovid-Elsie High School for the start of the 2024-25 school year. The student participated in wrestling during the 2023-24 school year. Ovid-Elsie and Ashley have a cooperative agreement in wrestling, so 9(C) would apply by rule as a request. Ashley has provided documentation showing written support for this student's eligibility in the wrestling cooperative program as a student at Ovid-Elsie during the 2024-25 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver in wrestling.

Pinckney High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who competed for the previous school year in volleyball at South Lyon East High School. The student transferred to Pinckney High School via school of choice to start of the 2024-25 school year, needing a new start. This included bullying which continued for years, despite school administration involvement. The family made the decision to go to Pinckney to get a fresh start and get away from the bullying. Information included medical documentation and letters from the parents and student. The request was for immediate eligibility in volleyball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Pontiac-Notre Dame Prep High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student who attended Marian High School during their 9th-grade year and played JV volleyball. The student is transferring back to Notre Dame Prep High School, a school she attended from 2nd to 8th grade. The student and her family decided that a fresh start was in order and chose Marian. The student struggled immediately at Marian with academics and overall well-being and reached out at the semester to start back at Notre Dame Prep. Notre Dame Prep could not take mid-year transfers and the student stayed at Marian. The student's health was impacted by her being targeted because she was the "new" girl at Marian. The request was for immediate eligibility in volleyball for the 2024 season. The former school has included support for this transfer. Documentation was also included from the former school and a doctor.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Portage Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who transferred to Portage Northern High School on January 29, 2024, after attending Mattawan High School. While at Mattawan, the student participated in JV girls golf. The student experienced medical issues through her time in high school. Since the transfer to Portage Northern, the symptoms have lessened, and attendance and grades have improved. The request was for eligibility in volleyball at Portage Northern for the 2024 fall season.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Shelby High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade and 12th-grade brother and sister who attended Hart High School for their high school careers before transferring to Shelby High School to start the 2024-25 school year. The students struggled based on the fact that both their parents ended their teaching jobs at Hart Public Schools. The students struggled with their health related to this challenge and needed a fresh start. The family lives in Shelby and the school asked for immediate eligibility in cross country and track for both students. Letters from the former school and a medical doctor were provided as documentation.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

South Lyon High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 10th-grade student recently enrolled at South Lyon High School. The student transferred from Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School after the 2023-24 school year. The student participated in at least half of the football games at Detroit Catholic Central during the 2023-24 school year. The student transferred to South Lyon, which is his home district, because his brother is also going to attend South Lyon. The request was for immediate subvarsity eligibility in football.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Sterling Heights High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student who attended Sterling Heights High School before transferring to an online school and the parent determined an online education would be the best to reset. The student now desires to come back to Sterling Heights and compete in basketball and football. The request was for immediate eligibility in both sports.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Three Rivers High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made for an incoming 12th-grade student who attended Constantine High School for his 9th-11th grade years and competed in football, basketball, and track & field. The student transferred to Three Rivers High School during the summer of 2024 as he lives in Three Rivers. The student's mother was a staff member at Constantine Public Schools and no longer works there. The student has also experienced issues with being threatened, and other issues which the family disagreed with. The request was for immediate eligibility in football, basketball, and track.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Williamston High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student transferring from Lansing Catholic High School. The student has experienced health issues that have led to health challenges that have been addressed by medical doctors. A new school environment that can better help the student in these areas. The student has participated in wrestling and golf at Lansing Catholic and desires to participate in cross country and golf at Williamston High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Williamston High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an incoming 11th-grade student at Williamston High School. The student transferred from Haslett High School in October 2023. Prior to leaving Haslett, the student participated in JV football on a limited basis. The request was for immediate eligibility in football at Williamston after two games and one scrimmage. The previous school confirmed the number of games played.

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

Hudsonville High School (Regulation I, Section 12) – A request to waive Regulation I, Section 12 was made on behalf of an incoming 12th-grade student who desires to participate in an adaptive-level golf competition. The student has competed with the Hudsonville High School girls golf program for the past three years and desires to continue this while also competing in United States Adaptive Golf Alliance events throughout the United States. The student was born without a right hand and has been very successful in the USAGA events in the past. The request by the school is to see if this allowance would be granted prior to identifying the specific events in which the student-athlete would compete. This request came to the Executive Committee after it was granted for this student during the 2023-24 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Dexter High School (Regulation II, Section 11[C]) – A request to waive the scrimmage rule was made on behalf of the Dexter High School's girls swim and dive program. The team needs another area pool to swim its practices in due to construction at their pool facility which will not be done until late September. Ann Arbor Skyline High School has offered their pool at the same time as their girls swim program practices. While both coaches will be present, each team will be in their own training lanes and coached only by their own coach at this time in order to allow Dexter to have a practice time that will fit.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

East Grand Rapids High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 240, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2024-25 school year was made on behalf of the boys and girls swimming & diving coach employed full-time by the East Grand Rapids Aquatics USA Swim Club. The program will have over 200 participants, ages 6-college ages, of which approximately 80 are East Grand Rapids students in grades 6-8. Approximately 40 participants come from seven other schools or districts (Byron Center, Caledonia, Grand Rapids-Catholic Central, Grand Rapids Christian, Grand Rapids Public Schools, Rockford, and the Forest Hills Schools). A similar request has been approved for this coach and program since 2012-13.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Linden High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 240, a request to waive the four-player rule was made on behalf of the head girls gymnastics coach who is also employed by the lead “Gym Stars” gymnastics program at the Linden High School multipurpose facility as the lead instructor. It also provides much of the coach’s income. The multipurpose facility and Gym Stars program are open to the public. The program included students in grades K-12 at Linden Public Schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Midland High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 240, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2024-25 school year was made on behalf of the boys and girls swimming coach who is a teacher in the district and also employed by the Midland Dolphins Swim Club. While non-school swimming is not the coach’s primary source of income, it is a needed source of additional income. The club is open to the public, and for 2024-25, it is anticipated to include approximately 150-200 participants, ages 5-18. There are 50-75 7-12th-grade students involved from Midland, Bay City, Bullock Creek, Saginaw, Caro, and Freeland Public Schools. A similar request has been approved for this coach and school in the past.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Pittsford and North Adams-Jerome Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling (6th, 7th and 8th grades combined) between these schools. Pittsford will be the primary school.

Quincy and Coldwater-St Charles Borromeo Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in volleyball (7th and 8th grades) between these schools. Quincy will be the primary school.

Capital Area Activities Middle School Conference (Regulation IV, Section 10[B]) – A request to allow this league to begin middle school football practice five days earlier than allowed by the regulation on Monday, Aug. 21, 2024. Practice is permitted on the 14th Monday before Thanksgiving (Aug. 26, 2024). The early start date would allow the league schools to have a consistent start date of practice prior to their first contest in early September. This request has been granted to other MHSAA leagues for an early start.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Farwell Middle School (Regulation IV, Section 10[B]) – A request to allow this school to begin middle school football practice seven days earlier than allowed by the regulation on Monday, Aug. 19, 2024. Practice is permitted on the 14th Monday before Thanksgiving (Aug. 26, 2024). The early start date would allow the Farwell Middle School football team to practice prior to their first contest in early September, on the same timeframe as the rest of their non-school MS football league is able to do. This request has been granted to other MHSAA leagues for an early start.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Kent City Middle School (Regulation IV, Section 10[B]) – A request to allow this school to begin middle school football practice seven days earlier than allowed by the regulation on Monday, Aug. 19, 2024. Practice is permitted on the 14th Monday before Thanksgiving (Aug. 26, 2024). The early start date would allow the Kent City Middle School football team to practice prior to their first contest in early September on the same timeframe as the rest of most of their non-school MS football league is able to do. This request has been granted to other MHSAA leagues for an early start.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Michigan-Wisconsin Junior High League (Regulation IV, Section 10[B]) – A request to allow this league to begin middle school girls basketball practice seven days earlier than allowed by the regulation on Monday, Aug. 19, 2024. Practice is permitted on the 14th Monday before Thanksgiving (Aug. 26, 2024). The early start date would allow the league to practice prior to their first contest and also get their four seasons in the year in on time. This request has been granted to other MHSAA leagues for an early start.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (Regulation IV, Section 10[B]) – A request to allow this league to begin middle school fall sports practice seven days earlier than allowed by the regulation on Monday, Aug. 19, 2024. Practice is permitted on the 14th Monday before Thanksgiving (Aug. 26, 2024). The early start date would allow the league to practice for a full seven days prior to their first contests and many schools in their league start August 19th. This request has been granted to other MHSAA leagues for an early start.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Southern Central Athletic Association (Regulation IV, Section 10[B]) – A request to allow this league to begin middle school fall sports practice seven days earlier than allowed by the regulation on Monday, Aug. 19, 2024. Practice is permitted on the 14th Monday before Thanksgiving (Aug. 26, 2024). The early start date would allow the league to practice for a full seven days prior to their first contests and also get their four seasons in the year in on time. This request has been granted to other MHSAA leagues for an early start.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

West Michigan Middle School Conference (Regulation IV, Section 10[B]) – A request to allow this league to begin middle school football practice seven days earlier than allowed by the regulation on Monday, Aug. 19, 2024. Practice is permitted on the 14th Monday before Thanksgiving (Aug. 26, 2024). The early start date would allow the league to practice prior to their first contest in early September and on the same timeframe as most schools in the MS football league are able to do. This request has been granted to other MHSAA leagues for an early start.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Personnel – The Executive Committee approved the employment contract and the 2024-25 Performance Agreement for the executive director.

Next Meetings – Wednesday, August 21 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, September 5 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, October 3 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Wednesday, November 6 at 9 a.m. – Virtual; Thursday, December 5 at 3 p.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council meets the next day).