

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, August 10, 2011

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Kris Isom, Adrian
Peter Ryan, Saginaw

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 2010-11 Waivers – During the 2010-11 program year, there were 462 (versus 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 337 (versus 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, 320 (versus 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 219 were approved (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, 2010, 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.

Freeland and Saginaw-Swan Valley High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls gymnastics between these two schools whose combined enrollment is 1,211 students. Freeland sponsored girls gymnastics previously and will be the primary school. There is no league affiliation. Support from three future opponents was submitted.

Gibraltar-Carlson and Southgate Anderson High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a request to waive the April 15 deadline for fall cooperative program applications in girls swimming & diving and approved the cooperative program for both girls and boys swimming & diving between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 2,622 students will place a team in the Division 1 tournaments. At its May 2011 meeting, the Southgate Board of Education acted to close its swimming pool and dissolve the programs. The vote was finalized on June 14, 2011. Both schools sponsored girls and boys swimming previously; Carlson will be the primary school. Support from the Downriver League was submitted.

Grand Rapids-Northview, Comstock Park and Sparta High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Sparta to a cooperative program in ice hockey which existed previously between Northview and Comstock Park. The combined enrollment of 2,708 students will move a team from Division 2 to Division 1 of the MHSAA tournament. Northview will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Lansing-Everett, Eastern and Sexton High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys swimming to a cooperative program in girls swimming which has existed since June 2010 between these three schools of the same district. The combined enrollment of 3,408 students will place one team in the Division 1 tournament. All three schools sponsored swimming previously; Everett will be the primary school. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was received.

Muskegon—Reeths-Puffer, Montague, Muskegon-Catholic Central and North Muskegon High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee tabled until not later than its next meeting a partially completed application for a cooperative program in ice hockey between these four schools whose combined enrollment of 2,095 students would move a team from the Division 3 to the Division 1 tournament. Reeths-Puffer sponsored ice hockey previously and would be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference and signatures from Montague High School are in process.

Otisville-Lakeville, Dryden and North Branch High Schools, Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey between these three schools whose combined enrollment of 1,639 students will place a new team in the Division 2 tournament. None of the schools sponsored ice hockey previously. Lakeville will be the primary school. Support from the Genesee Area and Tri Valley East Conferences was submitted.

Perry and Morrice High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in wrestling and girls soccer between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 650 students will place a team in the Division 3 Wrestling and Girls Soccer Tournaments. Both schools sponsored wrestling previously; Perry sponsored girls soccer previously and will be the primary school for both sports. Support from the Capital Area Activities Conference was received.

Swartz Creek and Clio High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in ice hockey between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 2,356 students will place a team in the Division 1 tournament. Both schools sponsored ice hockey previously; Swartz Creek will be the primary school. Support from the Flint Metro League was submitted.

Ypsilanti-Willow Run and Ann Arbor-Greenhills High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys swimming between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 743 students will place one team in the Division 3 tournament. Both schools sponsored boys swimming previously, Greenhills in a cooperative agreement with Ann Arbor-Rudolf Steiner which has dissolved. Willow Run will be the primary school. Support from the League of Independent Schools was submitted.

Big Rapids-Crossroads Charter Academy (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – A request to waive the maximum enrollment and competition portions of the eligibility regulation to permit one additional semesters of participation is made on behalf of a fifth-year senior who has been in and out of foster care, attended multiple high schools and facilities, and whose birth parents are not involved in his life. The student began the 9th grade with three classes through the American Academy and two through Electronic High School in the fall of 2007-08; and he continued to be enrolled past the fourth Friday after Labor Day or February in seven academic terms. The student did not attend school for the second semester of 2010-11, meaning the 7th and 8th terms were not consecutive.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver to permit a fifth first semester of eligibility.

Flint-Beecher High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – On May 1, 2011, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the maximum enrollment and competition portions of the eligibility regulation made on behalf of a 5th-year senior whose mother died in April of 2008 after an extended illness which resulted in behavioral issues, poor attendance and academic deficiencies for the student. The student began the 9th grade at Flint Southwestern High School in 2007-08. He played no high school sports, and earned two credits before withdrawing in May of 2008. The student repeated the 9th grade at Beecher High School in 2008-09 and played subvarsity football and baseball. The student continued attending Beecher and participated in football and baseball through the spring of 2011. The 2011-12 school year would be the student's 9th and 10th semesters since first enrolling in the 9th grade. The school submitted additional information including medical documentation and communication from the father.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Temperance-Bedford High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) – On April 20, 2011, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the maximum enrollment and competition portions of the eligibility regulation made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who was diagnosed with Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS) in the spring of 2008. In the 10th grade, during the 2008-09 school year, the illness caused the student to be on homebound status, receiving credit for six classes over three trimesters. The student was unable to participate in athletics during this time. For the first trimester of the 11th grade, the student passed two courses and was approved for a waiver of the previous academic credit record regulation by the Executive Committee on Feb. 24, 2010, provided the student passed all three classes in the second trimester. The student participated in girls soccer in the spring of 2009-10 and 2010-11.

The school submitted additional information, specifically that the student was placed on homebound status for nearly the entire 2008-09 school year beginning prior to the fourth Friday after Labor Day (Sept. 19, 2008). The student made attempts to return to school on Sept. 9 and 10, 2008, but could not remain for more than one class period. Bedford Public Schools' substitute teacher time sheets were submitted showing the student was tutored at home, generally two days a week from Sept. 22, 2008 through June 4, 2009. She never attended school but, with homebound instructional assistance she passed three courses the first trimester, two the second and one the third during the 2008-09 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Saginaw-Swan Valley High School (Regulation I, Section 7) – A request to waive the previous academic credit record regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has multiple health issues and has been on a homebound program since the fall of 2010. The student is one class short of the required 66% minimum (passed three of the normal full-time class load of five) for the third trimester of 2010-11. The student is currently enrolled in credit recovery and doing passing work in the one class. The date of completion of the course will be Sept. 6, 2011, which follows the start of the football season.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver. By rule, the student may become eligible when the deficiency is made up, and no compelling reason was offered for making an exception.

Adrian-Madison High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose mother is incapacitated and unable to care for her children. The student previously attended and participated in sports at Ludington High School while living with her mother. In June 2011, the student and three siblings moved to the residence of an aunt and uncle in the Madison School District. The mother has given Power of Attorney over all her children to the aunt.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Athens High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was the subject of verbal threats, text messages and other harassment activities by a student and parent while enrolled at Jonesville High School where she participated in athletics.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Athens 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 an 11th- or 12th-grade foreign exchange student from a CSIET-listed program whose host family resides in the Colon School District. The host family has a history of employment with the Athens School District, the father and siblings are alumni. This same request has been granted for this host family in previous years.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Auburn Hills-Oakland 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 Burton-Faith Christian High School. The student enrolled at Oakland Christian on March 3, 2011 because the father's job changed from St. Clair to Auburn Hills, closer to Oakland Christian. There was no change of residence. The student had attended Oakland Christian Schools for Kindergarten and 1st grade before enrolling at Faith Christian in the 2nd grade. The student participated in athletics.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver for immediate eligibility. However, the Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Oakland Christian High School starting March 3, 2011.

Battle Creek-Lakeview 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-12th-grade foreign exchange student from a CSIET-listed program whose host family resides in the Harper Creek School District. The host family has three children who began their schooling in the Lakeview Schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bay City-Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of 10th and 11th-grade brothers who have educational needs and curricular preferences which could not be met at the school previously attended (Bay City-All Saints). The students participated in athletics previously and will enroll at Central to begin the 2011-12 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bear Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who has lived with his grandparents in Texas and New Mexico for the past four years. The student's mother has not been in the student's life for 13 years and the father uninvolved as he is an over-the-road truck driver without a permanent address. The health of the grandparents has deteriorated to the point where they cannot care for the student and two younger brothers. The three brothers have moved into the residence of an uncle in the Bear Lake School District and will enroll to begin the 2011-12 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bloomfield Hills-Academy of the Sacred Heart (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student previously attended Farmington Hills-Mercy High School, played 9th grade volleyball and is returning to Sacred Heart where she had attended middle school.

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.

Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice 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 began the 9th grade at Brother Rice, played junior varsity football, withdrew from Brother Rice on Nov. 18, 2010, and enrolled at Bloomfield Hills-Lahser High School where he did not participate in athletics. The student is reenrolling at Brother Rice to begin the 2011-12 school year and wishes to participate in swimming & diving. Since there is no subvarsity swimming, the request was to allow the student to participate in non-scoring swimming events.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Bloomfield Hills-Marian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who in May 2011, testified in court which resulted in a conviction of a hockey player at her school who assaulted her older sister. The student previously attended Waterford Kettering and will enroll at Marian High School to begin the 2011-12 school year because of harassment and threats from other students. In February 2010, the Executive Committee waived the transfer regulation on behalf of the student's older sister, who was assaulted on Dec. 5, 2009, to allow her immediate eligibility at Walled Lake Northern (same matter the sibling testified about). The student who was the subject of this request remained at Waterford Kettering as she was not harassed at that time. Marian is the closest nonpublic school to the student's residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bloomfield Hills-Marian 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 whose family is making a residential change from Germany to the Bloomfield Hills School District. The student attended an all-girls non-religious high school in Germany and a feeder Catholic grade school of Marian until the 7th grade when the father's employment was transferred to Germany. Marian is the closest all-girls Catholic school to the family's residence, but Cranbrook Kingswood is the closest nonpublic school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver when the family has established its residence where indicated, pursuant to *MHSAA Handbook* Interpretation 76.

Byron Center High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically the language of Exception 2 (parent or parents) was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose adoptive mother died in 2006 and who has lived with his legal guardians since 2005. The student began the 9th grade at Byron Center before moving to a residential teen ranch in Oklahoma as a 10th grader from March 2010 through March 2011. The student has returned to the residence of his legal guardians (but not his parents) and will be reenrolling at Byron Center to begin the 2011-12 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Cadillac High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student previously attended McBain High School, played 9th grade basketball and is enrolling at Cadillac for educational opportunities. The student plays soccer, which was not sponsored by McBain.

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.

Cadillac High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - A request was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only. The student previously attended Cadillac-Heritage Christian High School, played soccer and basketball, and is returning to Cadillac where he was enrolled from Kindergarten through 5th grade. The student plays football, which was not sponsored by Heritage Christian.

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.

Caro 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 12th-grade foreign exchange student from a CSJET-listed program whose host family resides in the Akron-Fairgrove School District. The host family has two children in grades 9 and 12 who have attended Caro Schools since 2004-05.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Davison High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose mother and siblings moved from Texas to Davison on May 31, 2011, because of domestic violence by the father which was reported to the Houston Police Department. The father remained in Texas. The family has moved into the residence of the grandparents. The student will be enrolling to begin the 2011-12 school year at Davison.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Detroit-Cass Technical High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 60(c) (multi-school district transfer students eligible at school of residence only) was made on behalf of a 12th-grade 18 year old student who has moved from Las Vegas to Detroit and is residing in the Detroit-Henry Ford High School attendance area. The student has excelled in the sciences, and Cass Technical High School's chemical/biology curriculum is the only one of its kind in the Detroit Public School system.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

DeWitt High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who was expelled from DeWitt Junior High School in November 2008 in the 7th grade. He subsequently attended Lansing Catholic High School for the remainder of 9th grade and participated in freshman football and basketball. The school district would have accepted the student back for the 8th grade in the 2009-10 school year, but the student continued to attend a Catholic grade school. The student prefers to return to his school of residence and believes he has met the intent of Exception 14 (expelled student returns). The student will enroll at DeWitt to begin the 2011-12 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Farmington Hills-Mercy 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 whose family made a full and complete residential change from China into the Northville School District. The student previously attended Mercy as a 9th grader before moving to China. Ladywood is the closest nonpublic school to the student's residence.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Freeland 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 subject of harassment and threats from some classmates at East Tawas High School who were also teammates on a non-school midget hockey team in the winter of 2010-11. The student eventually left the team. The threats carried over to the school, in voicemail, and on Facebook postings and resulted in criminal charges against one of the students for malicious use of telecommunication services.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids-NorthPointe Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) – A request was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment. The student previously attended Kent City-Algoma Christian High School before enrolling at NorthPointe Christian on March 14, 2011.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at NorthPointe Christian High School starting March 14, 2011.

Harbor Beach High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who in the fall of 2010-11 was the subject of racial remarks and an act of vandalism while enrolled at Bad Axe High School for the 9th grade. The student participated in JV football and will be enrolling to begin the 2011-12 school year at Harbor Beach High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Holland 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 an 11th-grade student from a CSJET-listed program whose host family lives in the Zeeland Public School District. The host family has a daughter who has been attending Holland High School.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Howell High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose father was killed in an auto accident on Jan. 27, 2011. The student's mother is a police detective whose work does not permit her to provide appropriate care for her son. The student has moved from the mother's home in Tennessee to the residence of an aunt and uncle in the Howell School District.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jackson-Lumen Christi 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 was a boarding school student at Cranbrook-Kingswood High School for the 9th and 10th grades and is returning to the home of her parents (Exception 2). The closest nonpublic school to the student's home is Jackson Christian. The student and her family are Catholic and members of a feeder Catholic parish. The student attended Jackson Catholic Schools from Kindergarten through 8th grade.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Jenison 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 an incoming 9th-grade student who practiced two days of football with Grand Haven High School (Aug. 8 and 9, 2011) before determining he wished to remain enrolled in the Jenison Schools. The student did not participate in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest. Interpretation 72 does not permit a 9th-grade student to be eligible at a second school in that sport after practicing with another team in August before school begins.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until Jan. 16, 2012.

Kingsley 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 Kingsley High School, moved with his mother to Traverse City and attended Traverse City West High School for eight school days from April 26-May 5, 2011, before reenrolling at Kingsley on May 9, 2011. The student struggled with the change of schools and was hospitalized on May 6, 2011.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Lansing Catholic 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 a 10th-grade student who attended Ovid-Elsie High School and has made a full and complete residential change from Owosso to Bath. The student enrolled at Lansing Catholic to begin the 2011-12 school year but is 1.1 miles closer to Lansing-Summit Christian School. The student and his family are Catholic and four younger siblings are enrolled in the local Catholic grade school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Macomb-Lutheran High School North (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously attended Sterling Heights-Utica Ford II High School where she was the subject of harassment, stalking, and threats delivered verbally, by phone and social media. The person levying the threats is an ex-boyfriend who will be a 12th grader next year at Utica Ford. The student previously attended Lutheran North before enrolling at Utica Ford for the second semester of the 10th grade in 2010-11 and will be reenrolling at Lutheran North to begin the 2011-12 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Madison Heights-Bishop Foley 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 previously attended Bloomfield Hills-Brother Rice High School while residing with his divorced father in the Birmingham School District. The student has moved to the residence of his divorced mother, also in the Birmingham School District, and will be enrolling at Bishop Foley to begin the 2011-12 school year. Royal Oak-Shrine is 1.71 miles to the residence, Bishop Foley is 4.69 miles. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted. During the 8th grade, the student attended an advanced math class daily at Bishop Foley High School.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Norton Shores-Mona Shores High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose mother died when he was ten and whose father has not been in his life. The student lived with an aunt and attended Mona Shores Schools through the 10th grade (2009-10). To begin the 11th grade in the 2010-11 school year, the student moved with his aunt and her family to Indiana and did not participate in athletics. The student wants to graduate from Mona Shores and has returned to the Mona Shores School District to the home of another aunt and is reenrolling to begin the 2011-12 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Otisville-Lakeville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose father and mother are unable to care for their children. The student previously attended and participated in sports at Burton-Bentley High School while living with his father. In June 2011, the student moved to the residence of an aunt and uncle in the Lakeville School District and will be enrolling to begin the 2011-12 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Port Huron Northern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose father previously served as an administrator for the Port Huron Public Schools and who had a conflict with a teacher which resulted in tensions with the student to the point that the student is experiencing multiple medical conditions. The student has previously attended Port Huron High School, a school of the same district. The superintendent and both principals were in agreement that the student change schools. The student will be enrolling at Port Huron Northern to begin the 2011-12 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Reed City High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation, and specifically the language of Exception 2, was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who is returning to the residence of his father in Reed City after living in a juvenile facility for the second semester of the 2010-11 school year. The student had attended Midland-Bullock Creek for the first semester of 2010-11 while living with his mother who was unable to care for the child. The parents never married. Exception 2 grants immediate eligibility to a student returning to his “parents, the single parent if divorced, or only living parent.”

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Sand Creek High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who resides in Sand Creek. The student began the 9th grade at Sand Creek before enrolling at Adrian-Madison for the second semester of the 2010-11 school year due to difficulties with some students. The student feels he can now deal with conflicts among classmates and will be reenrolling at Sand Creek to begin the 2011-12 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Schoolcraft High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose father is in prison and whose mother is unable to care for the student. On two different occasions the police were called to the home. Child Protective Services wanted the student to reside with the grandparents in Schoolcraft. The student previously attended Portage Northern and is enrolling at Schoolcraft to begin the 2011-12 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Yale High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made to permit eligibility at the subvarsity level only on behalf of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Kimball-Landmark Academy and participated in soccer.

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.

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
Addison	10	Marshall	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Beverly Hills-Groves	10	Royal Oak-Shrine	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Brighton	10	Howell-Kensington Woods	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Commerce-Walled Lake Northern	10	Waterford-Our Lady of the Lakes	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Coopersville	10	Grand Rapids-Well-spring Preparatory	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Dearborn	10	Detroit-U of D Jesuit	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Detroit-U of D Jesuit	10	Pontiac-University Prep	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Detroit-U of D Jesuit	10	Royal Oak	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Howell	10	Novi-Detroit Catholic Central	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Kalamazoo Christian	10	Home School	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Laingsburg	10	Laingsburg Christian	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Lapeer West	10	Lapeer East	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012

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Midland	10	Bay City-Central	Sept. 2011	Jan 16, 2012
Mt. Pleasant-Sacred Heart	10	Mt. Pleasant	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Rochester Hills-Lutheran NW	10	Troy International Academy	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Suttons Bay	10	Northport	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16 2012
Troy-Athens (International Academy)	10	Troy (International Academy)	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012
Walled Lake Western	10	Novi-Detroit Catholic Central	Sept. 2011	Jan. 16, 2012

Croswell-Lexington High School (Regulation I, Section 11[H]) – A request to waive the three- (or four-) player limitation for the week of Aug. 15-20, 2011 was made on behalf of two high school varsity softball coaches to permit them to continue coaching a softball team of 13-14 year olds through the Little League World Series in Kirkland, Washington should the team qualify. There are ten students on the team from the school district in grades 7-12, two of whom were coached by these coaches in 2010-11; three others will be coached by these coaches in 2011-12. The school will restrict otherwise permitted three-player workouts in the winter.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver with the condition that out-of-season workouts will be reduced by one week.

Howell High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 236, a request to waive the three- (or four-) player rule for the 2011-12 school year was made on behalf of an assistant girls swimming coach who is employed full-time by the Sea Serpents Swim Club. The program is open to the general public and included 112 participants in 2010-11 from ages 5-18. The program involves students from five school districts including Howell (Hartland, Brighton, Fowlerville and Milford). It is anticipated that 16-24 Howell students in grades 7-12 will be involved in the program. Approval has been granted to various coaches in this program in years past.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach for 2011-12.

St. Clair High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 236, a request to waive the three- (or four-) player rule for the 2011-12 school year was made on behalf of an assistant girls and boys swimming & diving coach that the school is considering for employment who is also employed full-time by the Blue Water Swim Club. The program is open to the general public and includes 63 participants ages 5-18. The program involves students from seven school districts including East China (St. Clair and Marine City Schools, Anchor Bay, Marysville, Port Huron, Richmond, Romeo and Yale). It is anticipated that 28 East China School District students in grades 7-12 will be involved in the program.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach for 2011-12.

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 2011-12 school year was made on behalf of the head boys and assistant 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. The program involves students from seven school districts including Waterford (Berkley, Clarkson, Hartland, Huron Valley, Lake Orion and Livonia). It is anticipated that 12 Waterford students in grades 7-12 will be among the 45 students older than 7th grade that are involved in the program. Approval has been granted this program previously.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach for 2011-12.

White Lake-Lakeland High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 236, a request to waive the three- (or four-) player rule for the 2011-12 school year was made on behalf of the girls assistant swimming coach who is also employed full-time by the Huron Valley Penguins Swim Club. The program is open to the general public and currently includes 72 participants ages 6-17. The program involves students from six school districts including Huron Valley (Brighton, Fenton, Holly, Walled Lake and Waterford). Currently there are 17 students in grades 7-12 involved in the summer program, 11 are Huron Valley students, two swim for Lakeland High School. Approval has been granted this program previously.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for this coach for 2011-12.

Regulation III, Section 1(C) – Pursuant to *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 2011-12 school year only.

Junior High/ Middle School	Sport(s)	High School Enrollment	Middle School Enrollment
Burton-Faithway Christian	boys basketball & girls volleyball	57	19 7 th & 8 th graders
Chassell	boys & girls 7 th grade basketball	82	5 7 th grade girls 15 7 th grade boys
Climax-Scotts	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field, girls volleyball	198	26 7 th graders 47 8 th graders
Cooks-Big Bay de Noc	boys & girls 7 th -grade basketball	92	60 7 th & 8 th graders
Escanaba- Holy Name	boys & girls basketball , girls volleyball	N/A	41 7 th & 8 th graders
Fairview	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls cross country, boys & girls track & field	131	25 7 th graders 18 8 th graders
Gaylord-St. Mary	boys & girls cross country, boys & girls track & field	58	20 7 th graders 26 8 th graders
Hillsdale Academy	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls cross country, boys & girls track & field, girls volleyball	78	30 7 th & 8 th graders
McBain-Northern Mich. Christian	boys & girls basketball, boys soccer, girls volleyball	71	19 7 th graders 17 8 th graders
Powers-North Central	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls cross country, boys & girls track & field	124	31 7 th graders 30 8 th graders
Rock-Mid Peninsula	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls cross country, boys & girls track & field	86	34 7 th & 8 th graders
Watersmeet	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls track & field	51	27 7 th & 8 th graders
Zeeland-Borculo Christian	boys & girls basketball, boys & girls soccer, baseball, girls softball, girls volleyball	N/A	29 7 th & 8 th graders

Hart and Hart-Oceana Christian Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls basketball, boys and girls track & field, girls volleyball and wrestling between these two member schools. Hart sponsored these sports previously and will be the primary school.

Hart, Hart-Oceana Christian and Walkerville Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in football between these three member schools. Hart sponsored football previously and will be the primary school.

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 school:

Walker-West Michigan Academy for Environmental Science High School is a charter high school chartered through Central Michigan University and operated by Choice Schools as the sponsoring company. The school is located on 62 acres of undeveloped land and operates K-12 with an approximate total enrollment of 604 students. The school reports its 9-12 enrollment at 163 students and is housed with the middle school in a building built four years ago. Grades K-6 are in portable classrooms. The school has a gymnasium and a small non-regulation soccer field. The school will rent and rely on parks and recreation for some sport facilities. It intends to sponsor boys and girls basketball and girls volleyball in 2011-12 and anticipates participation in the Alliance League. The school may have interest in eight-player football and cooperative programs in the future. The signed 2011-12 MHSAA Membership Resolution was received June 15, 2011. The Athletic Department Code of Conduct and Preliminary Enrollment Declaration were received. If a 2012-13 Membership Resolution is received prior to Sept. 28, 2012, and provided all other rules are complied with, the school will be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2012-13 school year. The middle school is also seeking membership but presently offers no sports.

Committees – The Executive Committee approved with numerous adjustments the appointment of members, as well as meeting dates, for committees which meet prior to Jan. 1, 2012. Committees which meet after Jan. 1, 2012 will be approved at the Nov. 2, 2011 Executive Committee Meeting.

Elections – To conserve resources, the Executive Committee determined that because there are no positions being contested for the Representative Council, no ballots should be sent to schools and the meeting of the Board of Canvassers should be cancelled. As there is only one contested position for the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee, ballots should only be mailed to schools for that election, and those ballots counted by MHSAA staff. The Executive Committee declares elected all those candidates for uncontested positions on the Representative Council and Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee.

Football – The Executive Committee endorsed the selection of Northern Michigan University's Superior Dome as the site for the first MHSAA Eight-Player Division Football Final. The game will be played at 7 p.m. EST on Friday, Nov. 18, 2011.

Next Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Monday, Oct. 3, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. in East Lansing; and Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in East Lansing.