## MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

East Lansing, February 26, 2020

Members Present:
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Steve Newkirk, Clare
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Karen Leinaar, Bear Lake
John Thompson, Brighton

Staff Members Present: Tom Rashid Mark Uyl (Recorder)

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

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

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

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

The Executive Committee is not authorized to approve waiver based on alleged or actual differences between schools based on "environment," demographics, curriculum or extracurricular offerings. A determination of undue hardship is a matter addressed to the discretion of the Executive Committee within the educational philosophy and secondary role of voluntary extracurricular competitive athletics in the academic environment. The Executive Committee will avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority. The agreement the MHSAA has with member schools obligates the MHSAA to not change rules during the school year.

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

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

Ferndale and Ferndale-University High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – On June 15, 2016, and Jan. 10, 2018, the Executive Committee approved an 11-player football cooperative program in excess of the 1,000-student enrollment limit between these two schools of the same district. The approval included the requirement that the Executive Committee review and specifically approve the renewal of this application after two football seasons. The combined enrollment in 2016 was 1,117 students, 1,162 students in 2018 and 1,180 students in 2019. The 2020-21 combined enrollment is 1,157 students. Ferndale would be in jeopardy of dropping the sport with 15 varsity players returning in 2020 (eight Ferndale students and seven University students). The JV team finished with 18 players and the schools did not sponsor a freshman team. The team made the playoffs in 2017, was mercied in its first playoff game that year and finished the 2019 season at 4 and 5. The Oakland Activities Association supported the request. Cooperative programs in nine sports were approved this fall as allowed under the provision for schools of the same district.

The Executive Committee approved the continuation of this cooperative program in football through the 2021 season, after which the Executive Committee will review and specifically grant approval for this program to continue if the combined enrollment is in excess of 1,000 students.

Pickford and Kinross-Maplewood Baptist Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee waived the Oct. 15 spring sports deadline and approved the addition of boys and girls track & field and boys and girls golf to a cooperative program which exists between these schools in 8-player football and in baseball and softball which includes Cedarville. The combined enrollment of 138 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 3 Upper Peninsula tournaments. Both schools sponsored track previously. Pickford sponsored boys and girls golf and will be the primary school for track and golf. Support from the Eastern Upper Peninsula Conference was submitted.

<u>Saginaw-Arthur Hill and Saginaw High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-1])</u> – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program at the subvarsity level only in 11-player football between these two schools of the same district whose combined 2019-20 enrollment is 1,215 students. These two schools currently have agreements in several sports at the varsity level. Arthur Hill will be the primary school. Support from the Saginaw Valley League was submitted.

Owosso High School (Regulation I, Sections 1 & 8) – A request to waive the enrollment and current academic credit record regulations was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who has a lifelong medical condition. Because of the disease, the student's course load for the second semester of 2019-20 was reduced in mid-February on the recommendation of her physician to three afternoon classes – two short of the five of seven courses required to meet the 66 percent minimum at Owosso. The student passed all classes in the first semester of 2019-20. She would like to participate in the remainder of the bowling season and previously participated in softball and girls soccer.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver in girls bowling only.

<u>Stevensville-Lakeshore High School (Regulation I, Section 5)</u> – A request to waive the maximum competition regulation and specifically Interpretation 32 (participation in two seasons in a school year) was made to permit an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who practiced for approximately 10 days and played in one girls golf match in the fall of 2019 to participate with the boys golf team this spring. The student had a shoulder injury which ended her season.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Waterford Kettering High School (Regulation I, Sections 7 & 8) – A request to waive the previous and current academic credit record portions of the eligibility regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who has been diagnosed with a very serious medical condition that has required surgery and continued treatment, which resulted in his class schedule being reduced in October 2019. The student needs only two courses to graduate and has an exceptional academic record. The therapy involves intensive treatments for seven days on and seven days off and will continue for one and one-half years. The therapy fatigues the student and causes several other side effects. Due to his illness and the effect of the treatment, the student's schedule was reduced to two classes in the previous and current semester. The student has been involved in cross country and track previously in high school and would like to finish his 12<sup>th</sup>-grade year participating, if able, in track & field this spring.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Pioneer High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who returned to Pioneer to begin the 11<sup>th</sup> grade in 2019-20 after attending Detroit Country Day for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade where the student participated in basketball and baseball. The student was at Pioneer for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and the 3-4 hours of travel to and from Country Day was taking a toll on the student physically and mentally. In November 2019, the mother was diagnosed with a medical condition. The student has not participated in other sports this school year. The school requested eligibility in baseball to help the student cope with the mother's illness.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Ann Arbor-Skyline High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who experienced harassment on a school bus as a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student at Chelsea and enrolled at Skyline to begin the 2019-20 school year. The students who committed the harassment were suspended. The former school confirmed the incident and supported eligibility. The family continues to live in Chelsea and the mother transports the student to Ann Arbor. The student played JV tennis in the spring of 2019 and likely will play JV tennis at Skyline. The student has not participated in any other sports at Skyline this school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Bear Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student to permit eligibility in the girls soccer cooperative program between Bear Lake and Brethren High Schools where the student had limited participation in the spring of 2018-19. The student enrolled at Bear Lake on Jan. 27, 2020. Support for eligibility was submitted by the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver in girls soccer only.

Breckenridge High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student who is returning to Breckenridge after attending Ashley High School from Dec. 4, 2019 to Jan 17, 2020. The student is an Ashley resident who attended Ashley Schools previously and began the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Breckenridge. The parents noticed that the student was not herself and returned her to her former school. The student was diagnosed with a medical condition on Dec. 12, 2019, and placed on medication. The student began feeling better and rerolled at Breckenridge. She played JV volleyball in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and would like eligibility for volleyball in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2020-21 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver in girls volleyball at the subvarsity level only.

Brownstown-Woodhaven High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who helps provide care for a younger special needs sister and whose parents filed for divorce in December 2019. The student previously attended Riverview for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2018-19 while living with his mother and stepfather in the Gibraltar School District. In the summer of 2019, the mother and children left the stepfather and moved into the home of a friend in the Woodhaven School District and the student enrolled to begin the 2019-20 school year at Woodhaven High School. In November 2019, the mother was able to find a residence for her family in the Gibraltar School District and moved there because the special needs sister could continue to be transported to school in Wyandotte. The student played football, basketball and baseball in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Riverview and seeks to play baseball this spring at Woodhaven. The former school supported eligibility and signed the new student form. The student has not participated in any sports this school year at Woodhaven.

The Executive Committee approved the request for wavier in baseball at the subvarsity level only.

<u>Canton High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Whittemore-Prescott before family hardship and domestic issues caused the student to begin residing with a guardian in Canton. The student enrolled at Canton on Aug. 28, 2019. The student's strongest sport is swimming & diving. She did not participate in any sports through the 2019-20 school year but would like to run track & field, which she participated in while in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

<u>Canton-Salem High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit subvarsity eligibility in baseball was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Detroit Catholic Central where he played baseball as a 9<sup>th</sup>-grader. The student enrolled at Salem to begin the 2019-20 school year, in part because of academic and curriculum concerns as well as travel and tuition at his former school. The student is a resident of the district. Support for eligibility was submitted by the former school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

<u>Canton-Salem High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student who was asked to withdraw from Detroit Catholic Central because he had knowledge of a phone and social media harassment and threat campaign. The student was not involved in the campaign, which involved an investigation by the police department that was referred to the prosecutor's office, where charges were denied. The student previously participated in football and has been a student and lifelong resident of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The coach and athletic director at the former school submitted support for eligibility.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver on the student's 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment at Salem High School, beginning Nov. 26, 2019.

<u>Clare High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Harrison Schools her entire career until enrolling at Clare to begin the 2019-20 school year because her parents accepted employment in the Clare Public Schools in the winter of 2019. The family has always resided in Clare. The student's older sister graduated from Harrison in 2019. The student played softball for the former school as a 9<sup>th</sup>-grader in 2019 and would like to play softball this spring for Clare.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Coldwater High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who had attended Coldwater Schools through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade before moving with her mother to South Carolina where the student played soccer in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2018-19 school year. Because of threats of physical violence at school and her apartment complex, the student was sent to Coldwater to live with her grandparents. The student enrolled at Coldwater on Jan. 16, 2020. The mother is a single parent for the student, just took a new job, was unable to get out of her lease, and cannot afford to pay for the apartment and not live there. Attempts were made to collaborate information with the schools in South Carolina.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

<u>Colon High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose father is in the Navy and has been stationed in Japan where the student attended the American School on the naval base and played basketball, baseball and volleyball during the 2018-19 school year. The student did not play basketball this season, and baseball has not yet started. The father will be reassigned this summer and the student is moving to his grandmother's home in the Colon School District and will enroll on March 15, 2020. The parents will be joining the student this summer and the family wanted the student to begin his schooling ahead of their relocation.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

<u>Dearborn Heights-Annapolis High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student in foster care who previously attended Brother Rice and was recently placed with a host family in a neighboring school district. The host family had previously sent two students to Annapolis. The student would like to participate in football which he played in the fall of 2019 at his former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

East Kentwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who was removed from her mother's home in January 2020 and placed by the courts in foster care with her grandmother who resides in the Kenowa Hills School District. Child Protective Services was involved and the student was removed due to abuse and neglect. The student is African American biracial and preferred to enroll at East Kentwood due to its diversified population and demanding curriculum. The student participated in competitive cheer and track & field as a 9<sup>th</sup>-grader during the 2018-19 school year while enrolled at Holland-West Ottawa and living with her mother.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

<u>Fremont High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who played in five girls soccer games during the 2018-19 school year while enrolled at Muskegon-Western Michigan Christian. The student, who is a goalie, was injured in the first game of the season and only appeared in four other games. Support for eligibility was submitted by the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. The student will be withheld from the first five girls soccer games of the 2020 season.

<u>Harrison Township-L'Anse Creuse High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended L'Anse Creuse Schools through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Regina for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, participating in girls soccer during the spring of 2018-19. The student was dissatisfied with the curriculum at her former school and reenrolled at her school of residence to begin the 10<sup>th</sup> grade in 2019-20.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

<u>Highland-Milford High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Milford High School for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades and Plymouth Christian for the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, participating in softball during the spring of 2018-19. The student was in two automobile accidents during the 11<sup>th</sup> grade because of the commute to her former school and has reenrolled at Milford to begin the 2019-20 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

<u>Highland-Milford High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who is a resident of Milford and attended Farmington Hills-Mercy from grades 9-11, participating in lacrosse all three years. The student was unhappy socially and did not fit in at her former school. The student reenrolled at Milford to begin the 2019-20 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Hudsonville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade 17-year-old student whose parents' employment has caused them to increase travel and will be unable to care for their daughter. The parents have given Power of Attorney to an older brother who lives in Hudsonville where the student now resides. The student previously lived in Grand Rapids, attended Grandville-Calvin Christian and enrolled to begin the 2019-20 school year at Hudsonville. The student is interested in playing girls soccer this spring.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Jackson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Jackson-Parkside Middle School for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade while living with her grandmother. To begin the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2018-19, the student moved into her father's home and enrolled at Jackson-Northwest where the student participated in girls soccer. During the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, the student experienced bullying and reenrolled at Jackson High School to begin the 2019-20 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

<u>Jackson-Vandercook Lake High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who attended Vandercook Lake Schools his entire career except for the first semester of 2019-20 when the student enrolled at Grass Lake. The student's father has a debilitating disease and the family moved into a home in the Grass Lake School District that is handicap equipped. The student has been responsible for his father's care, and struggled watching his father deteriorate. The student moved in with an older brother in Vandercook Lake and reenrolled on Jan. 6, 2020. The student participated in baseball at Vandercook Lake as a 9<sup>th</sup>-grader in 2018-19 and played no sports at Grass Lake.

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

Kent City High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) was made on behalf of six students from an Approved International Student Program (Council for Educational Travel USA, CETUSA) whose schools of residence would not accept foreign exchange students mid-year. Three students in grades 10 and 11 reside with host families in Sparta, two 12<sup>th</sup>-grade students reside with host families in Cedar Springs and one 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student in Grant. Two other students reside with host families in Kent City and are eligible by rule. The students are present on J-1 visas and only one will be present in the US for a second semester in 2020-21.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Madison Heights-Lamphere High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B-3]) – On Nov. 6, 2019, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose family moved to Clarkston during the student's 10<sup>th</sup>-grade year. The student commuted to Lamphere and completed the 10<sup>th</sup> grade in 2017-18. The student enrolled at Clarkston for the 2018-19 school year and participated in competitive cheer and JV softball. The student was unhappy at Clarkston and reenrolled at Lamphere to begin the 2019-20 school year to graduate and be with classmates she has attended school with since Kindergarten. The family was unaware of the transfer regulation when the student enrolled at Clarkston. The student previously participated in competitive cheer and softball. Support for eligibility was provided by the former school.

Based on Section 9(B-3), the school submitted a request for reconsideration and eligibility on the 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment. The school pointed out that the student is 18 years of age and could move into a teammate's home and be eligible. This request was combined with other factors, including (1) a residential change, (2) previous JV softball participation as an 11<sup>th</sup>-grader at Clarkston, (3) support for eligibility from the former school, and (4) the student missed her competitive cheer season.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver on the student's 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment at Lamphere High School, beginning Sept. 3, 2019.

Monroe High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On Dec. 5, 2019, the Executive Committee approved a request to waive the transfer regulation and specifically Interpretation 62 (public school of residence) on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student from an Approved International Student Program whose host family resides in the Monroe-Jefferson School District. The approval was for eligibility at the subvarsity level only and in basketball only. The mother is a teacher at Monroe High School whose own children are college age and not living at home. The family has hosted exchange students in the past. The student was serving as a manager and would like to participate in JV basketball. The school submitted a request for eligibility for track & field this spring, citing that the student's eligibility would be approved, then taken away ("on again – off again") without additional action by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

<u>Napoleon High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who previously attended Brooklyn-Columbia Central while living with her father whose house burned down in January 2019. The student then moved into her mother's home in the Napoleon School District and continued to attend Columbia Central until the end of the first semester of 2019-20 (approximately 11 months). To begin the second semester in January 2020, the student enrolled at Napoleon. The student is the subject of court-ordered joint custody and was moving between divorced parents, but the former school declined to sign an Educational Transfer Form. The mother's address is listed on the Columbia Central records even though the student was living with her father. A younger 9<sup>th</sup>-grade sister has been enrolled at Napoleon her entire career. The student who was subject of this request attended Napoleon in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Orchard Lake-St. Mary's Preparatory High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B-3] — A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student to permit eligibility in boys lacrosse on the 91<sup>st</sup> school day of enrollment. The student moved from California where he lived with his parents to reside in the home of an aunt and uncle to play for an amateur non-school travel hockey team. The student played lacrosse in California and has attended St. Mary's since the start of the school year and in attendance for over 100 school days. The aunt and uncle have become the student's legal guardians.

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 a 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student who was involved in some discipline issues which she fulfilled, but experienced high levels of stress and anxiety that impacted academic performance while an 11<sup>th</sup>-grader at Lake Orion where the student played JV softball in 2018-19. The student and her parents felt a change of schools was necessary and the student enrolled at Brandon to begin the 2019-20 school year. Her former coach and athletic director submitted support for eligibility.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

<u>Peck High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9<sup>th</sup>-grade student who played in one preseason basketball scrimmage in the winter of 2019-20 while a student at Croswell-Lexington. The student was struggling academically and enrolled at Peck on Jan. 21, 2020. The student would like eligibility for basketball in the winter of 2020-21.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. The student will be withheld from the first boys basketball game of the 2020-21 school year.

<u>Pinckney High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who was the subject of cyber bullying while a student at Brighton. The student had difficulty coping with the harassment which resulted in hospitalization in early September 2019. The school resource officer at the former school was involved. The student was assigned to half-day online courses but still struggled. The student enrolled at Pinckney on Jan. 21, 2020, and would like to participate in girls soccer this spring.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver in girls soccer at the subvarsity level only.

<u>Saginaw High School (Regulation I, Section 9)</u> – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student whose mother is a teacher at Saginaw-Arthur Hill where the student daily experienced negative comments and inappropriate name calling related to his mother. The student was miserable and concerned that he might eventually get into trouble over what he had heard about his mother. The student played JV basketball at the former school in 2018-19 and enrolled at Saginaw High on Nov. 1, 2019. The student has not played any sports this year at either school. The student would like to participate in the last two basketball games of the school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10<sup>th</sup>-grade student who changed schools in early November 2019 to lend support to his 9<sup>th</sup>-grade sister who was diagnosed with a medical disorder and who began her 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Tri-unity Christian. The brother had previously attended Hudsonville-Unity Christian for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and would like to participate in baseball.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

<u>Flint-Michigan School for the Deaf (Regulation II, Section 6)</u> – A request to waive the 600-mile round-trip travel limitation was made to permit some of the school's boys and girls track & field students to participate in the Berg/Seeger Track & Field Tournament in Austin, Texas on April 18, 2020, which is 1,365 miles from MSD. Eighteen schools for the deaf were invited to the event from 16 states – north, south, east and west. Students from this event are often selected to participate in the next Deaf Olympics. National Federation sanctioning is required and in process, contingent in part on the MHSAA approving a travel waiver for MSD. In January 2018, the school withdrew its request to participate in the same event in California in April 2018, and the Executive Committee did not approve travel to the event in California in April 2019.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

<u>Fair Haven-Anchor Bay High School (Regulation II, Section 11(H)</u> – Pursuant to Interpretation 241, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2019-20 school year was made on behalf of the boys and girls swimming & diving coach who is employed by the Lakers Aquatic Club which operates out of several pools in Wayne and Macomb counties. This program is open to the public and is the coach's primary source of income. The program yearly has approximately 80-100 participants from ages 6-18 and approximately 50 swimmers this year. There are three students from Anchor Bay Schools involved; two are high school swimmers. In addition to Anchor Bay, the participants include students from Center Line, Fraser, Grosse Pointe, St. Clair Shores-Lakeview, Grosse Pointe Woods-University Liggett, Utica and Warren Consolidated Schools.

The Executive Committee approved the request for this coach for the 2019-20 school year.

<u>Representative Council Agenda</u> – The Executive Committee reviewed a draft of the agenda for March 27, 2020 Representative Council meeting.

<u>Future Meetings</u> – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council meets next day); Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (Audit & Finance Committee meeting follows); Sunday, May 3, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. in Gaylord (Representative Council meets that afternoon); and Wednesday, June 10, 2010, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing.