

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, November 6, 2019

Members Present:

Scott Grimes, Grand Haven
Pete Ryan, Saginaw
Vic Michaels, Detroit
Kris Isom, Adrian
Courtney Hawkins, Mt. Morris

Staff Members Present:

Tom Rashid
Mark Uyl (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 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.

Big Rapids High School (Regulation I, Section 1[A]) – A request to waive the enrollment regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who played basketball and ran track at Big Rapids during the 2018-19 school year. Due to medical issues, the student planned to be home schooled but did not return or enroll at any school to begin the 2019-20 school year. The student reenrolled at Big Rapids on Oct. 16, 2019, which is past the fourth Friday after Labor Day, and by rule, the student is not eligible until the first day of the third trimester at Big Rapids. The student will achieve a satisfactory previous academic term record and is not a transfer student as she did not change schools but was late in enrolling at any school, as stated in this section. The request was for eligibility in winter sports of 2019-20.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for immediate eligibility under this Section.

Macomb-L'Anse Creuse North High School (Regulation I, Section 1[A-1]) – A request to waive the enrollment regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who played JV football and JV basketball at L'Anse Creuse North during the 2018-19 school year. Because the family was moving to Georgia, the student was dropped from school records and did not enroll at any school to begin the 2019-20 school year. The student returned from Georgia and reenrolled at L'Anse Creuse North on Oct. 18, 2019, which is past the fourth Friday after Labor Day. By rule, the student is not eligible until the first day of the second semester at L'Anse Creuse North. The student will achieve a satisfactory previous academic credit record and is not a transfer student as he did not change schools but was late in enrolling at any school, as stated in this section. The request was for eligibility in winter sports 2019-20.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for immediate eligibility under this Section.

Baraga and Ontonagon High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls softball (varsity only) between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 211 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 4 tournament. Baraga sponsored softball previously and will be the primary school. Support from nine future opponents was submitted.

Ferndale and Ferndale-University High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of several sports to a cooperative program that exists between these two schools of the same district in football. This is a four-year allowance for schools of the same district in named sports. The Section 1(E-2) allowance will be reviewed by the Representative Council for extension beyond 2020-21. The combined 2019-20 enrolment of these two schools is 1,180 students. Ferndale High School will be the primary school in all sports. Effective Spring 2020, cooperative programs are approved for the following sports: baseball (varsity and JV) and girls softball (varsity) both moving from Division 2 to Division 1, girls soccer (varsity and JV) would continue a team in Division 2, girls tennis (varsity) would move from Division 3 to Division 2, boys golf (varsity) would continue in Division 2. Effective with the start of the 2020-21 school year, cooperative programs are approved for the following sports whose divisions will not be known until April 2020: boys and girls cross country (varsity), girls swimming & diving (varsity), boys tennis (varsity), boys soccer (varsity and JV), boys and girls bowling (varsity), and wrestling (varsity and JV). Support from the Oakland Activities Association was submitted. These schools had operated a cooperative program in many of these sports in 2017-18 and dissolved the agreement in April 2018.

Grand Rapids Christian and Grand Rapids-West Catholic High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys lacrosse (varsity and JV) to a cooperative program in ice hockey between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 1,324 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 2 tournament. Grand Rapids Christian sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. Support from the OK Conference was submitted.

Imlay City and Dryden High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys and girls soccer (varsity and JV) to a cooperative program in football, girls competitive cheer and wrestling between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 780 students will remove one team each from Divisions 3 and 4 and place a new team in Division 2. Both schools sponsored soccer previously; Imlay City will be the primary school. Support from the Blue Water Area and Greater Thumb Conferences was submitted.

Lansing Christian, Lansing-New Covenant Christian and Lansing-Martin Luther High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys and girls track & field (varsity only) and baseball (JV and varsity) between these three schools whose combined enrollment of 196 students will continue placement of teams in the Division 4 tournaments. Lansing Christian will be the primary school, has sponsored track and field previously and is in a cooperative agreement with New Covenant Christian in baseball. Martin Luther High School is a school returning to MHSAA membership this fall (2019), and in accordance with regulations, is allowed to participate in MHSAA tournaments as a member of a cooperative program during its first year. Support from the Greater Lansing Activities Conference was submitted.

Lansing-Martin Luther and Lansing-New Covenant Christian High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys basketball (varsity only) between these two schools with a combined enrollment of 54 students. The team will not be entering the MHSAA tournament in 2019-20 but will continue participation under the rules for regular season competition. Martin Luther is a returning member school applying for MHSAA membership later in this agenda and will be the primary school. Support from four future opponents was submitted.

Madison Heights-Bishop Foley and Marine City-Cardinal Mooney Catholic High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in girls tennis (varsity only) between these two schools whose combined enrollment of 461 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 4 tournament. Bishop Foley sponsored girls tennis previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Catholic High School League was submitted.

Manistee, Bear Lake, Hart, Ludington, Manistee Catholic Central, Scottville-Mason County Central and Shelby High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of Bear Lake to a cooperative program in ice hockey (varsity only) which exists among the other schools and whose combined enrollment of 2,409 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 2 tournament. Bear Lake was previously in an agreement with several other schools in the north with Traverse City-St. Francis as the primary school. Bear Lake has withdrawn from the St. Francis agreement to play in this program with schools closer in geography. Support from the Northern Michigan Hockey League was submitted.

Petoskey, Boyne City and Petoskey-St. Michael Academy High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-1]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys lacrosse (varsity and JV) between these three schools whose combined enrollment of 1,428 students will continue placement of a team in the Division 2 tournament. Petoskey sponsored boys lacrosse previously and will be the primary school. Support from future opponents was submitted.

Warren-Cousino, Sterling Heights and Warren-Mott High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[F-3]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program in boys lacrosse (varsity only) among these three schools of the same district in excess of the 3,500-student enrollment cap. The request was made under a provision that allows schools to form an agreement for a four-year period if a school dropped the sport in the previous season. The Warren-Mott/Sterling Heights cooperative program dropped boys lacrosse in 2018-19. The combined enrollment of 4,425 students will remove one team from Division 2 and place a new team in the Division 1 tournament. Cousino sponsored a stand-alone team previously and will be the primary school. Support from the Macomb Area Conference was submitted. The program must dissolve or reform to under 3,500 students at the conclusion of the 2022-23 school year.

Waterford Mott and Waterford Kettering High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E-2]) – The Executive Committee approved the addition of boys golf (varsity only) to a cooperative program that exists in several sports between these two schools of the same district due to a history of low participation. The combined enrollment of 3,169 students will place one team in the Division 1 tournament. Both schools sponsored boys golf previously. Waterford Mott will be the primary school. Support from the Lakes Valley Conference was submitted.

Midland-Calvary Baptist High School (Regulation I, Section 2) – A request to waive the age regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who has Down Syndrome and whose 20th birthday is Dec. 16, 2020. The student enrolled at Midland-Calvary Baptist in the fall of 2011 and began in the 3rd grade after attending Midland Public Schools through the 5th grade. The student participated in basketball, soccer and wrestling for Calvary Baptist and in several other school and non-school sports including Special Olympics. His previous experience in sports was provided as well as medical documentation and does not appear to make him a significant risk to himself or others nor create a competitive advantage for him in comparison to teammates or opponents.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver for the 2019-20 school year only.

Allegan High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended an online virtual academy for three school days, from Sept. 11-16, 2019, before reenrolling at Allegan High School. The student attended Allegan for the 9th grade and played girls basketball. She experienced a medical condition for which she is in active treatment and hoped that online learning would reduce problem.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Allendale High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who previously was the subject of disciplinary actions while a student at Hudsonville in the fall of 2019. After a suspension, it was determined the student would enroll in online courses for the remainder of the trimester, which was a concern to the parents who enrolled the student at Allendale on Sept. 24, 2019. The student participated in football, which he had not played at the former school, has adjusted well and made major changes. The student sought eligibility in basketball and baseball, which he had played in 2018-19 at Hudsonville.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Allendale High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who is the subject of an IEP who preferred to attend a trimester school with less core classes per term. The student participated in baseball previously while a student at Grand Haven.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Battle Creek-St. Philip Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who participated in three boys swim meets during the 2018-19 school year while a student at Battle Creek-Lakeview. The student had attended St. Philip as a 9th-grader, Lakeview as a 10th-grader, and reenrolled at St. Philip to begin the 2019-20 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. The student will be withheld from the first three boys swim meets of the 2019-20 season.

Big Rapids-Crossroads Charter Academy (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit participation in girls basketball was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who participated in one preseason girls basketball scrimmage during the 2018-19 school year while a student at Big Rapids High School. The student enrolled at Crossroads Charter to begin the 2019-20 school year. 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 girls basketball game of the 2019-20 season.

Clinton Township-Chippewa Valley High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On Oct. 4, 2019, the Executive Committee approved eligibility in ice hockey on the 91st school day of enrollment on behalf of a 12th-grade special education student who experienced bullying because of his disability while a student at Hartland where he played JV ice hockey. Over the summer, the student moved with his father into a home in the Anchor Bay School District and enrolled at Chippewa Valley because it could better serve his educational needs. The student has several friends and families he has known who have attended Chippewa Valley Schools for years. Support for eligibility from the former school was submitted. Chippewa Valley Schools approved his enrollment under a disability transfer request. The school requested reconsideration for immediate eligibility in ice hockey, submitting additional information that the Anchor Bay superintendent approved a release from Anchor Bay for enrollment at Chippewa Valley on July 24, 2019. Chippewa Valley dropped ice hockey in 2018-19 and has reinstated a team this year. The former school's athletic director also submitted support for eligibility.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. The student will be withheld from the first eight games of the 2019-20 ice hockey season.

Dearborn-Edsel Ford High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Detroit-Western International High School for two classes on Nov. 1, 2019, before returning to Edsel Ford. The student was enrolling without the approval of his legal guardian, seeking a free college tuition offer through the Detroit Public Schools. The student reenrolled at Edsel Ford on Monday, Nov. 4, 2019.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Dearborn-Edsel Ford High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility in ice hockey was made on behalf of 10th- and 11th-grade students who participated in the cooperative program in this sport while students at Dearborn High School during the 2018-19 school year. The students enrolled at Edsel Ford to begin the 2019-20 school year. Support for eligibility was submitted by the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver in ice hockey only.

East Kentwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – On Sept. 5, 2019, the Executive Committee did not approve a request to waive the transfer regulation on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended East Kentwood for the 9th grade and participated in girls swimming & diving. It was reported that on Jan. 7, 2019, the student enrolled in the Jenison Virtual School and had no participation in athletics. The student reenrolled at East Kentwood to begin the 2019-20 school year. The school re-submitted the request with significant additional information, including that the student had major medical issues with painful symptoms and changing diagnoses from August 2018 to January 2019 that caused her to enroll in an online school which is not connected to any particular school. If eligible, the student may decide to dive for the boys swim team at East Kentwood or participate in one final meet of the girls swim season.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

East Kentwood High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who lives in an unsafe environment and whose mother has two chronic illnesses and is unable to care for the student. The student lived in Muskegon and attended Reeths-Puffer for the 9th and 10th grades. The student moved into the home of family friends in East Kentwood and enrolled to begin the 2019-20 school year. Due to her health, the mother continues to live in the former home. The student played JV basketball at his former school during the 2018-19 school year.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Farmington Hills-Mercy 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 Royal Oak High School and experienced bullying and difficulties with the softball coach while participating in the spring of the 2018-19 school year. The student enrolled at Mercy in August 2019.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Gibraltar-Carlson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student whose father's illness, surgery and recuperation caused the student and a 5th-grade sibling to enroll at Gibraltar-Carlson, to begin the 2019-20 school year. The student participated in basketball while a student at Riverview-Gabriel Richard during the 2018-19 school year and the former school offered to allow the student to remain enrolled. The family preferred to have both students in the same district. The student is currently in therapy to cope with the adjustment of attending a new school and his father's illness.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Gibraltar-Carlson High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit participation in boys swimming & diving was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who was physically assaulted by a classmate at Allen Park on May 30, 2019. The student suffered a concussion, other physical ailments and is on medication to help with symptoms from the attack. The student who committed the act was convicted of a crime and given a lengthy suspension but continues to attend Allen Park. Support for eligibility was submitted by the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hudsonville High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who is returning to Hudsonville Schools after attending Hudsonville-Unity Christian for the 9th grade where he participated in JV baseball. The student had a difficult time at the new school and reenrolled at Hudsonville to begin the 2019-20 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Indian River-Inland Lakes High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to permit the second use of an Educational Transfer Form was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who has moved from her father's home in Florida due to the father's job relocation and domestic issues between the father and stepmother resulting in the father's incarceration. The student enrolled at Inland Lakes to begin the 2019-20 school year. In March 2018, an Educational Transfer Form was completed when the student was a 9th-grader and moved from her father's home in Florida to the mother's home in Indian River. In August 2018, the student returned to her father's home in Florida, changed residences four times and attended two different schools, participating in basketball and track & field. An 18-year-old sister has also returned to Indian River. The divorce was final in February 2008. In August 2011, joint legal custody was awarded to both parents and full physical custody was granted to the mother.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Kingsford High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility in boys swimming & diving was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who participated in the cooperative program in this sport between Kingsford and Iron Mountain while a 10th-grader at Iron Mountain. The student enrolled at Kingsford to begin the 2019-20 school year. Support for eligibility was submitted by the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver in boys swimming & diving only.

Kingsford High School (Regulation I, Section 9[C]) – A request to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility in boys swimming & diving was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who participated in the cooperative program in this sport between Kingsford and Iron Mountain while a student in the 10th grade at Iron Mountain. The student enrolled at Kingsford to begin the 2019-20 school year. Support for eligibility was submitted by the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver in boys swimming & diving only.

Lansing-Eastern High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who played in preseason scrimmages and one varsity boys basketball game for Holt in December 2018 as a 9th-grader. The student reenrolled at his school of residence, Lansing-Eastern, on Dec. 7, 2018.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver. The student will be withheld from the first boys basketball game of the 2019-20 season.

Madison Heights-Lamphere High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student whose family moved to Clarkston during her 10th-grade year. The student commuted to Lamphere and completed the 10th 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. Support for eligibility was provided by the former school.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Portage Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who played in one preseason girls soccer scrimmage in the spring of 2018-19 while a student at Mattawan. The student knew in March that she intended to transfer to Portage Central for its IB program and was unaware that participation in a scrimmage would render her ineligible under the sport-specific transfer regulation. The request was for subvarsity eligibility in girls soccer and was supported by the former school.

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

Remus-Chippewa Hills High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Chippewa Hills for most of her career including the 9th grade in 2018-19 and participated in basketball and softball. To begin the 2019-20 school year, the student enrolled at Big Rapids-Crossroads Charter Academy on Aug. 21, 2019 before reenrolling at Chippewa Hills on Sept. 20, 2019 (approximately 21 school days) where the student participated in football. The school requested subvarsity eligibility or eligibility on the 91st school day of enrollment.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver on the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Chippewa Hills High School, beginning Aug. 21, 2019.

Rockford High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student whose family moved to North Carolina in August 2019 when the father's employment changed. The family was unhappy with the relocation and the student, mother and sibling returned to reside in Rockford. The student reenrolled at Rockford on Oct. 7, 2019, and sought to play basketball and baseball, which he played as a 9th-grader at Rockford. The father will continue to live and work in North Carolina and return to Rockford as much as possible on weekends.

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 an 11th-grade student whose behaviors at home and at school changed to the point that it was recommended the student change schools. The student previously attended Adrian-Madison where he participated in basketball and baseball during the 2018-19 school year and enrolled at Sand Creek, his school of residence, to begin the 2019-20 school year. The transfer was based on a residual negative and non-supportive learning environment that the student was subjected to because of an OCR complaint and investigation involving the student's older sister at the former school. The complaint was filed on Dec. 16, 2016, and disposed of on March 19, 2018 (15 months). Note: Given that one member of the Executive Committee was a party of interest, that member abstained from all discussion, deliberation and voting on this matter.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Sparta 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 10th-grade student who attended Sparta Schools in the 1st and 2nd grades and has moved from his divorced mother's home in the Sparta School District to his father's home in the Kent City School District. Both addresses are Sparta mailing addresses. The student attended Rockford Schools from 3rd to 8th grade and West Michigan Aviation Academy where the student played JV boys basketball in the 9th grade during 2018-19. An otherwise completed Educational Transfer Form was submitted.

The Executive Committee approved the one-time use of the Educational Transfer Form for this student for eligibility at the subvarsity level only in boys basketball for the 2019-20 school year.

Union City High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who attended Homer Schools her entire career and participated in JV basketball in the 9th grade before enrolling at Union City on April 22, 2019. The student experienced harassment and bullying from a classmate that led to the filing of a police report in April 2019. The former school was aware of the concerns and staff members wrote in support of eligibility.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only in girls basketball for the 2019-20 school year.

Waterford Kettering High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who is returning to the Waterford Schools after attending Pontiac-Notre Dame Preparatory for the 9th grade where he participated in ice hockey. The student reenrolled at Waterford Kettering, his school of residence, to begin the 2019-20 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

White Lake-Lakeland 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 student whose parents are in the process of divorcing and who lives equally with both parents. The student previously attended Brother Rice and participated in basketball. The father has moved from the family's home in Walled Lake to a residence in the Milford attendance area. The student's 10th-grade brother has been enrolled at Lakeland since 2018. When the divorce is final, the school will submit a completed Educational Transfer Form.

The Executive Committee approved eligibility for this student at Lakeland High School after a completed Educational Transfer Form is returned to the school from the MHSAA.

Wyoming-Godwin Heights High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 12th-grade student who lived with her separated father and played basketball for Wyoming High School during the 2018-19 season and reenrolled at Godwin Heights to begin the 2019-20 school year. The student attended Godwin Heights Schools through the 10th grade before enrolling at Wyoming in March 2019 because the parents separated and the student moved with her father into Wyoming. The student continued to attend Wyoming for the 11th grade and played girls basketball. The mother, who was previously homeless, now resides in the Godwin Heights School District and the student reenrolled at Godwin Heights to begin the 2019-20 school year.

The Executive Committee did not approve the request for waiver.

Wyoming-The Potter's House Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) – A confidential request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who experienced difficulties with a classmate at NorthPointe Christian. The student participated in cross country, JV basketball and track & field at the former school. The student enrolled to begin the 2019-20 school year at The Potter's House and did not participate in cross country this fall. Support for eligibility was submitted by the former school.

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

FOX Sports All-Star Football Event (Regulation I, Section 12[C]) – In an effort to cooperate with long-time broadcast partner FOX Sports, MHSAA staff requested that the Executive Committee waive the 30-day deadline for submission of a letter from the high school principal requesting participation by 12th-grade students in this one football all-star event that does not impact future eligibility in winter or spring sports. The all-star game is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019. Selections will be announced on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019 at half time of a Ferris State/Grand Valley football game on FOX. The request was to permit schools to submit a letter to the MHSAA by Friday, Nov. 15, one week after the announcement and 15 days prior to the event. Only those students who seek eligibility in winter or spring sports need submit a letter, as under Section 12(C).

The Executive Committee approved the request for waiver.

Hartland High School (Regulation II, Section 11[H]) – Pursuant to Interpretation 241, a request to waive the four-player rule for the 2019-20 school year was made on behalf of the recently hired boys swimming & diving coach whose full-time employment is as a coach of the Hurricane Swim Club operated by Hartland Community Education. This program is open to the public and is the coach's primary job and source of income. The program has 100-150 participants from ages 7-18 involving students from six schools including Hartland: Brighton, Fenton, Howell, Linden and Milford. It is expected that 20-30 students from the Hartland Schools grades 7-12 will participate. The request has been approved for the Hurricane-Hartland coach previously. The school had a lack of candidates for a last-minute coaching vacancy in boys swimming this fall and again found it necessary to hire this Hurricane coach. This coach is also an assistant with the Hartland girls teams.

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

Quincy and Coldwater-St. Charles Borromeo Middle Schools (Regulation III, Section 1[D]) – The Executive Committee approved a cooperative program between these two member middle schools in wrestling (6th, 7th and 8th grades combined) in 2019-20 and in football (7th grade and 8th grade teams) beginning in 2020-21. Quincy sponsored both sports previously and will be the primary school.

New Member School – 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:

Lansing-Martin Luther High School is a 9th-12th grade Lutheran school which has been in existence since 2010-11, previously as a K-12 school funded by seven local Lutheran churches which are also represented on the school's governing board. The current high school enrollment is 32 students with a capacity for 150. The school operated in Holt previously and has recently moved into a renovated historical church, Plymouth Congregational. At present, Martin Luther does not belong to a league or conference but will sponsor a cooperative program in boys basketball with Lansing-New Covenant Christian that will not enter the MHSAA tournament in 2019-20. Cooperative agreements are also in process with Lansing Christian and New Covenant Christian in boys and girls track & field and baseball. The school has no indoor or outdoor athletic space and will play away games. The school is located across the street from Pattengill Middle School which has allowed some use of its facilities. Martin Luther was an MHSAA member school previously but its membership was withdrawn in the spring of 2018 for the 2018-19 school year due to communication, coaching compliance and concerns over non-enrolled student participation. An Athletic Department Code of Conduct was submitted.

A signed 2019-20 Membership Resolution and Preliminary Classification Form were received on Oct. 22, 2019. If a 2020-21 Membership Resolution is received prior to Oct. 2, 2020, and all other regulations are followed, the school will be eligible for MHSAA tournaments for the 2020-21 school year. Under the regulations, a new member school may participate in cooperative agreements once approved by the Executive Committee.

MHSAA Committees – The Executive Committee reviewed and approved membership on MHSAA Committees that meet after Jan. 1, 2020.

Representative Council Meeting – The Executive Committee reviewed a draft agenda for the Dec. 6, 2019 Representative Council meeting.

Future Meetings – The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019, at 1 p.m. in East Lansing (Representative Council meets next day); Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020, at 1 p.m. in East Lansing (following Classification Committee meeting that morning); Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (Audit & Finance Committee meeting follows); Thursday, March 26, 2020, at 10 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, 2020, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing.