

## **November 18, 2021, OHSAA Appeals**

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on November 18, 2021, virtually through Microsoft Teams. Appeals Panel members were Mr. Tony Mantell, former superintendent of Portsmouth City Schools; Mr. Andy Bixler, superintendent of Anna Local Schools; Dr. Kathy McFarland, deputy chief executive director of the Ohio School Boards Association; and Dr. Keith Bell, former superintendent of the Euclid City Schools and Westerville City Schools. Mr. Mantell served as the appeals hearing officer.

Also in attendance for all or portions of the appeals: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Bob Goldring, OHSAA director of communications and special projects; Kristin Ronai, OHSAA director of compliance; Ronald Sayers, OHSAA manager of membership and compliance; and Alexis Holderman, OHSAA membership and compliance administrative assistance.

### **A. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, An 11th-Grade Student, Chillicothe Southeastern High School (Southeast District)**

An 11th-grade student transferred from Chillicothe Huntington High School to Chillicothe Southeastern High School. As a transfer student, the student becomes ineligible beginning with the second 50 percent of the maximum allowable regular season contests and the OHSAA postseason tournament(s) in any sport in which the student participated during the 12 months immediately preceding the transfer. The Executive Director's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, and specifically exception 7, were applicable.

The student's mother, Jackie Rebman, and Leonard Steyer, Southeastern athletic administrator, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Southeastern High School.

Based on the information presented during the hearing, there was a motion to **grant** the appeal.

Motion passed 3-1.