

September 26, 2019, OHSAA Appeals

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on September 26, 2019 at the office of the Ohio High School Athletic Association in Columbus. Appeals Panel members were Dave Gray, former superintendent of Franklin-Monroe Local Schools; Tony Mantell, former superintendent of Portsmouth Clay Local Schools; and Dale Fortner, former superintendent of Wadsworth City Schools. Mr. Gray served as the appeals hearing officer.

Also in attendance for all or portions of the hearing: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Bob Goldring, OHSAA Senior Director of Operations; Deborah B. Moore, OHSAA Senior Director of Compliance and Sports Medicine; Roxanne Price, OHSAA Senior Director of Compliance; Kristin Ronai, OHSAA Director of Compliance; and Alyson McAdams, OHSAA Compliance Department Intern.

A. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, An 11th-Grade Student, Lima Perry High School (Northwest District)

An 11th-grade student transferred from Lima Bath High School to Lima Perry High School for the 2019-20 school year. As a transfer student, the student became 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, Transfers, were applicable, specifically exception 1.

The student and his father, Troy Lox, and his grandfather, Mike Haukins, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Perry High School.

There was a motion to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 3-0.

B. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, A 12th-Grade Student, West Liberty-Salem High School (Southwest District)

A 12th-grade student transferred from Bellefontaine Benjamin Logan High School to West Liberty-Salem High School for the 2019-20 school year. As a transfer student, the student became 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, Transfers, were applicable, specifically exception 7.

The student and his parents, Brenda and Joel Berry; Charley Hess, the family's legal counsel; and Greg Johnson, principal at West-Liberty Salem, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at West Liberty-Salem High School. Scott Ruele, Athletic Director at Bellefontaine Benjamin Logan High School and David Harmon, Superintendent of Benjamin Logan Schools, were compelled to attend the appeal.

There was a motion to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 3-0.

C. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, A 12th-Grade Student, West Liberty-Salem High School (Southwest District)

A 12th-grade student transferred from Bellefontaine Benjamin Logan High School to West Liberty-Salem High School for the 2019-20 school year. As a transfer student, the student became 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, Transfers, were applicable, specifically exception 7.

The student and his father, Terry Wilcoxon; Charley Hess, the family's legal counsel; and Greg Johnson, principal at West-Liberty Salem, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at West Liberty-Salem High School. Scott Ruele, Athletic Director at Bellefontaine Benjamin Logan High School and David Harmon, Superintendent of Benjamin Logan Schools, were compelled to attend the appeal.

There was a motion to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 3-0.

D. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, A 12th-Grade and 10th Grade Student, Ontario High School (Northwest District)

A 12th-grade student and 10th-grade student transferred from Mansfield Christian High School/ home instruction to Ontario High School for the 2019-20 school year. As transfer students, the students became 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 students 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, Transfers, were applicable.

The students' parents, Jeffrey and Brooke Trumpower, and the students' uncle, Michael Trumpower, appealed the ruling so that the students could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Ontario High School.

There was a motion to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 3-0.

E. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, A 10th-Grade Student, Dayton Chaminade-Julienne High School (Southwest District)

A 10th-grade student transferred from Dayton Miami Valley School to Dayton Chaminade-Julienne High School for the 2019-20 school year. As a transfer student, the student became 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, Transfers, were applicable, specifically exception 7.

The student and his parents, Jamie and Amy Yunger, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Chaminade-Julienne High School.

There was a motion to **approve** the appeal.

Motion passed 3-0.

F. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, An 11th-Grade Student, Akron Buchtel High School (Northeast District)

An 11th-grade student transferred from Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary High School to Akron Buchtel High School for the 2019-20 school year. As a transfer student, the student became 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, Transfers, were applicable, specifically exception 9.

The student, his mother Stephanie Oden, and his uncle, Thomas Shaw appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics Buchtel High School.

There was a motion to **approve** the appeal.

Motion passed 3-0.

G. Golf General Sport Regulation 6, OHSAA-Sponsored Tournaments Entry/Withdraw Procedures Rule, A 10th-Grade Student, Bainbridge Paint Valley High School (Southeast District)

A 10th-grade student athlete participated in the first round of the state golf tournament for Bainbridge Paint Valley High School without the school being entered. The school's request to enter the state golf tournament came in past the deadline for tournament entry. The student-athlete ended up advancing to the next round and was informed by the OHSAA Executive Director's Office the student-athlete was ineligible to participate in the first round, thus not permitting her to advance under General Sport Regulation 6, OHSAA-Sponsored Tournaments Entry/Withdraw Procedures.

The principal of Bainbridge Paint Valley High School, Lewis Ewry, appealed the ruling so the student could gain eligibility to continue competing in the state golf tournament.

There was a motion to **approve** the appeal.

Motion passed 2-1.

H. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, A 12th-Grade Student, Lyndhurst Brush High School (Northeast District)

A 12th-grade student transferred from Waltham High School (Massachusetts) to Lyndhurst Brush High School for the 2019-20 school year. As a transfer student, the student became 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, Transfers, were applicable, specifically exception 2.

The student's uncle and legal guardian, James Gardner Jr., appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Brush High School.

There was a motion to **approve** the appeal.

Motion passed 3-0.

I. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, A 12th-Grade Student, Castalia Margaretta High School (Northwest District)

A 12th-grade student transferred from a high school in Missouri to Castalia Margaretta High School for the 2019-20 school year. As a transfer student, the student became 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, Transfers, were applicable, specifically exception 2.

The student's grandparents, Russell and Gail Teschner; the student's cousin, Steve Wienderheft; and Drew Grahl, athletic administrator at Margaretta High School, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Margaretta High School.

There was a motion to **approve** the appeal.

Motion passed 3-0.

J. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, An 11th-Grade Student, Painesville Riverside High School (Northeast District)

An 11th-grade student transferred from Cleveland Ginn Academy to Painesville Riverside High School for the 2019-20 school year. As a transfer student, the student became 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, Transfers, were applicable.

The student's mother, Ebony Jackson, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Riverside High School.

There was a motion to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 3-0.

K. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, An 11th-Grade and 12th Grade Student, Canal Winchester Harvest Preparatory High School (Central District)

An 11th-grade student and 12th-grade student transferred from Columbus Independence High School to Canal Winchester Harvest Preparatory High School for the 2019-20 school year. As transfer students, the students became 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 students 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, Transfers, were applicable, specifically exception 1.

The students' mother, Jamie Kee, and David Dennis, athletic administrator at Harvest Preparatory High School, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Harvest Preparatory High School.

There was a motion to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 3-0.