

## **August 20, 2020, OHSAA Appeals**

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on August 20, 2020, virtually through Microsoft Teams. Appeals Panel members were Dave Gray, former superintendent of Franklin-Monroe Local Schools; Scott Reeves, current Executive Director of Secondary Academic Affairs for Westerville City Schools; Dr. Kathy McFarland, Deputy Chief Executive Director of the Ohio School Boards Association, and Tony Mantell, former superintendent of Portsmouth Clay Local Schools. Mr. Gray served as the appeals hearing officer.

Also in attendance for all or portions of the appeals: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Bob Goldring, OHSAA Interim Executive Director; Deborah B. Moore, OHSAA Compliance Advisor; Roxanne Price, OHSAA Senior Director of Compliance; Ronald Sayers, OHSAA Assistant Director of Membership Services and Sport Management, and Ben Ferree, OHSAA Assistant Director of Officiating and Sport Management.

### **A. Bylaw 4-7-7, Transfers, 10<sup>th</sup>-Grade and 11<sup>th</sup>-Grade Students, Elyria Catholic High School (Northeast District)**

Two students, one in 10<sup>th</sup> grade and the other in 11<sup>th</sup> grade, transferred from Parma Heights Holy Name High School to Elyria Catholic High School for the 2020-21 school year. As transfer students, the students are only eligible until the first 50 percent of the maximum allowable varsity regular season contests have been competed in those sports in which they competed in the 12 months immediately preceding the transfer, and they remain ineligible for the OHSAA postseason tournament(s). The Executive Director's Office determined that condition 1 of Bylaw 4-7-7, Transfers, was not met.

The students, their father, Terry Kenneally Jr., their grandfather and legal counsel, Terry Kenneally Sr., and Tom Taylor, Elyria Catholic athletic administrator, appealed the ruling so that the students could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Elyria Catholic High School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

### **B. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, An 11<sup>th</sup>-Grade Student, Newton Local High School (Southwest District)**

An 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student transferred from Arcanum Franklin-Monroe High School to Newton Local High School for the 2020-21 school year. As a transfer student, the student is only eligible until the first 50 percent of the maximum allowable varsity regular season contests have been competed in those sports in which she competed in the 12 months immediately preceding the transfer, and she remains ineligible for the OHSAA postseason tournament(s). The Executive Director's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, were applicable, specifically exception 10.

The student and her parents, Danny Diceanu and Claudette Diceanu; and Gavin Spitler, Newton Local Schools athletic administrator, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Newton Local High School.

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

Motion passed 2-0 (Tony Mantell and Dave Gray abstained).

### **C. Officiating Handbook Code X.10, Unethical Conduct, Mr. Sheldon Arledge**

In July 2017, the OHSAA Office suspended an individual's officiating license for two years in accordance with OHSAA Officials Handbook. Section X, 10, Unethical Conduct.

The official, Sheldon Arledge, appealed the ruling so the suspension on his OHSAA officiating license would be overturned immediately.

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

Motion passed 4-0.