

October 8, 2020, OHSAA Appeals

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on October 8, 2020, virtually through Microsoft Teams. Appeals Panel members were Dave Gray, former superintendent of Franklin-Monroe Local Schools; Keith Bell, former superintendent of the Euclid City Schools and Westerville City Schools; 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 senior director of operations; Deborah B. Moore, OHSAA compliance advisor; Roxanne Price, OHSAA senior director of compliance; and Kristin Ronai, OHSAA director of compliance.

A. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, A 10th-Grade Student, Pickerington High School Central (Central District)

A 10th-grade student transferred from Columbus Bishop Hartley High School to Pickerington High School Central for the 2020-21 school year. As a transfer student, the student became ineligible beginning with the second 50 percent of the maximum allowable regular season contests and remains ineligible for 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's mother, Nichelle Crozier, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Pickerington High School Central.

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

Motion passed 3-0.

B. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, A 10th-Grade Student, Steubenville Catholic Central High School North (East District)

A 10th-grade student transferred from Steubenville High School to Steubenville Catholic Central High School for the 2020-21 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 legal guardian, Mark Seditz; Vince Oliver, Catholic Central athletic administrator; and Tom Costello, Catholic Central principal, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Catholic Central High School

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

Motion passed 3-0.

C. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, Two 12th-Grade Students, Stow-Monroe Falls High School (Northeast District)

Two 12th-grade students transferred from Akron East High School to Stow-Monroe Falls High School for the 2020-21 school year. As transfer students, the students became ineligible beginning with the second 50 percent of the maximum allowable regular season contests and remain ineligible for the OHSAA postseason tournament(s) in any sport in which the students participated during the 12 months immediately preceding their respective transfers. The Executive Director's Office determined that none of the enumerated exceptions to Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, were applicable, specifically exception 10.

The students and Cyle Feldman, Stow-Monroe Falls athletic administrator, appealed the ruling so that the students could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Stow-Monroe Falls High School.

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

Motion passed 3-0.