

## **February 4, 2021, OHSAA Appeals**

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on February 4, 2021, virtually through Microsoft Teams. Appeals Panel members were Phil Ackerman, former superintendent of Switzerland of Ohio 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. Ackerman served as the appeals hearing officer.

Also in attendance for all or portions of the appeals sessions: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Bob Goldring, OHSAA senior director of operations; Kristin Ronai, OHSAA director of compliance; Ronald Sayers, OHSAA compliance and eligibility specialist; Tyler Brooks, OHSAA director of officiating and sport management; and Ben Ferree, OHSAA assistant director of officiating and sport management.

### **A. Bylaw 11, Penalties, Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller (Southwest District)**

The head wrestling coach at Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller High School was ejected from a contest and returned to the match to coach on the same day. In accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties, the Executive Director's Office ruled that, in addition to being suspended for the next two points per the General Sports Regulation, the coach would also be suspended for the 2021 OHSAA sectional wrestling tournament.

Head Coach Germane Lindsey and Archbishop Moeller President Marshall Hyzdu appealed the ruling so that the coach could be eligible to coach at the sectional tournament.

In light of new evidence that was presented, there was a motion to **approve** the appeal, subject to further consequences as determined by the OHSAA Executive Director's Office in accordance with Bylaw 11, Penalties. Therefore, the coach shall be permitted to coach during the sectional wrestling tournament. However, additional penalties against the coach and/or school will be forthcoming from the Executive Director's Office.

Motion passed 3-0.