

## **February 18, 2021, OHSAA Appeals**

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on February 18, 2021, virtually through Microsoft Teams. Appeals Panel members were Dave Gray, former superintendent of Franklin-Monroe Local Schools; Dr. Dale Fortner, former superintendent of Wadsworth City Schools; Tony Mantell, former superintendent of Portsmouth Clay Local Schools; and Dr. Keith Bell, former superintendent of the Euclid City Schools and Westerville City Schools. Mr. Gray served as the appeals hearing officer.

Also in attendance for all or portions of the appeals sessions: Doug Ute, OHSAA Executive Director; Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Bob Goldring, OHSAA senior director of operations; Kristin Ronai, OHSAA director of compliance; and Ronald Sayers, OHSAA compliance and eligibility specialist.

### **A. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfers, A 12<sup>th</sup>-Grade Student, Lima Senior High School (Northwest District)**

A 12<sup>th</sup>-grade student transferred from London High School to Lima Senior 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 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, Shanita Owens, Lima Senior Principal Fran Mort, Lima Senior Athletic Administrator John Zell and Lima Senior Head Basketball Coach Quincey Simpson appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Lima Senior High School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.