

May 6, 2021, OHSAA Appeals

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on May 6, 2021, virtually through Microsoft Teams. Appeals Panel members were Dr. Dale Fortner, former superintendent of Wadsworth City 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. Dr. Fortner served as the appeals hearing officer.

Also in attendance for all or portions of the appeals: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Bob Goldring, OHSAA director of communications and special projects; Kristin Ronai, OHSAA director of compliance; Brenda Murray, OHSAA manager of membership services and myOHSAA; John Kuzio, OHSAA sports administrator; and Ronald Sayers, OHSAA compliance and eligibility specialist.

A. General Sport Regulation 6, Tournament Entry/Withdraw Procedures, Mogadore Junior High School (Northeast District)

On April 13, 2021, the OHSAA Office denied Mogadore Junior High School's late entry petition for the OHSAA 7th-8th Grade State Track & Field Meet, per OHSAA General Sport Regulation 6.

Mogadore Junior High School athletic administrator Stephen Lutz appealed the ruling so that the school would be granted entry into the OHSAA 7th-8th Grade State Track & Field Meet.

Based on additional information presented, the Appeals Panel took no action and referred the case back to the Executive Director's Office for further review.

B. General Sport Regulation 6, Tournament Entry/Withdraw Procedures, Mayfield Middle School (Northeast District)

On May 3, 2021, the OHSAA Office denied Mayfield Middle School's late entry petition for the OHSAA 7th-8th Grade State Track & Field Meet, per OHSAA General Sport Regulation 6.

Mayfield Middle School athletic administrator Tina Leonard appealed the ruling so that the school would be granted entry into the OHSAA 7th-8th Grade State Track & Field Meet.

Based on additional information presented, the Appeals Panel took no action and referred the case back to the Executive Director's Office for further review.