

## **January 20, 2022, OHSAA Appeals**

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on January 20, 2022, in person at the OHSAA Offices. Appeals Panel members were Phil Ackerman, 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 and Dr. McFarland participated virtually.

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; Ronald Sayers, OHSAA manager of membership and compliance; and Alexis Holderman, OHSAA membership and compliance administrative assistance.

### **A. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, A 12th-Grade Student, Bradford High School (Southwest District)**

A 12th-grade student transferred from Troy Christian High School to Bradford High School. As a transfer student, the student becomes 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, Transfer, and specifically exception 4, were applicable.

The student; Amy and Brian Case, the student's parents; Chris Barr, Bradford principal; and Chloe Thompson Shell, Bradford athletic administrator, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Bradford High School.

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

Motion passed 3-0.

### **B. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, A 12th-Grade Student, Marion Harding High School (Central District)**

A 12th-grade student transferred from Marion Pleasant High School to Marion Harding High School. As a transfer student, the student becomes 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, Transfer, and specifically exception 1, were applicable.

The student; Rebecca Shenefield, the student's mother; Jennifer Musbach, Harding Principal; Sean Kearns, Harding athletic administrator; and Jamie Pearson, Harding boys basketball coach, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Marion Harding High School.

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

Motion passed 3-0.

### **C. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, A 10th-Grade Student, Stow-Munroe Falls High School (Northeast District)**

A 10th-grade student transferred from Kent Roosevelt High School to Stow-Munroe Falls High School. As a transfer student, the student becomes 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, Transfer, were applicable.

The student's parents, Jason and Luana Simpson, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Stow-Munroe Falls High School.

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

Motion passed 3-0.

**D. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, An 10th-Grade Student, Bristolville Bristol High School (Northeast District)**

A 10th-grade student transferred from Southington Chalker High School to Bristolville Bristol High School. As a transfer student, the student becomes 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, Transfer, and specifically exception 7, were applicable.

The student and the student's father, Chris Brook, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Bristol High School.

Based on the information presented during the appeal, there was a motion to **grant** the appeal.

Motion passed 3-0.