

April 19, 2022, OHSAA Appeals

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on April 19, 2022, virtually through Microsoft Teams. Appeals Panel members were Dr. Dale Fortner, former superintendent of the Wadsworth City Schools; Mr. Andy Bixler, superintendent of Anna Local Schools; and Mr. Tyrone Olverson, former superintendent of Trotwood 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; Beau Rugg, OHSAA director of officiating and sports management; Kristin Ronai, OHSAA director of compliance; Ronald Sayers, OHSAA manager of membership and compliance; and Alexis Holderman, OHSAA membership and compliance administrative assistance.

A. General Sport Regulation 14.1, Player Ejection, Westerville Central (Central District)

A student-athlete from Westerville Central High School was ejected from two boys baseball contests on March 28, 2022, and April 8, 2022. In accordance with OHSAA General Sport Regulation 14.1, the student is ineligible for the remainder of the season in that sport.

The student; James Hassel, the student's father; Andy Ey, Westerville Central Athletic Administrator; and Kevin Rouch, legal counsel for the Hassel family, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate during the remainder of the baseball season at Westerville Central High School.

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

Motion passed 3-0.