

October 6, 2022, OHSAA Appeals

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on October 6, 2022, in person at the OHSAA offices. Appeals Panel members were Dr. Dale Fortner, former superintendent of Wadsworth City Schools; Dr. John Richard, former superintendent of Perry Local Schools and deputy superintendent of Ohio Department of Education; Dr. Keith Bell, former superintendent of Euclid City Schools and Westerville City Schools; and Mr. Scott Reeves, assistant superintendent of 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; Ronald Sayers, OHSAA manager of membership and compliance; and Alexis Holderman, OHSAA membership and compliance administrative assistance.

A. Bylaw 4-7-5, Transfer, an 11th-Grade Student, Westerville Northside Christian Academy (Central District)

An 11th grade student transferred from Ohio Virtual Academy to Northside Christian Academy to start the 2022-23 school year. 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 the requirements set forth in Bylaw 4-7-5 were not met.

The student; the student's parents, Heriberto Jr. and Marjorie Reyes; and Ron Leach, Northside Christian Academy athletic administrator, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Northside Christian Academy.

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

Motion Passed 4-0.

B. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, a 12th-Grade Student, Canal Winchester Harvest Preparatory School (Central District)

A 12th grade student transferred from Canal Winchester High School to Canal Winchester Harvest Preparatory High School in March 2022. 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, Transfers, and specifically exception 1, were applicable.

The student; the student's mother, Candace Sterling; and David Dennis, Harvest Preparatory athletic administrator, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Harvest Preparatory High School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

C. Bylaw 4-7-4 & 4-7-6, Transfer, a 10th-Grade Student, Westerville South High School (Central District)

A 10th grade student transferred from Westerville Central High School to Westerville South High School in November 2021. 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 the requirements set forth in Bylaws 4-7-4 and 4-7-6 were not met.

The student's parents, Justin and Lillian Thomas, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Westerville South High School.

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

Motion passed 3-0-1.

D. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, an 11th-Grade Student, Cincinnati Hughes High School (Southwest District)

An 11th grade student transferred from Princeton High School to Cincinnati Hughes High School to start the 2022-23 school year. 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, Transfers, and specifically exception 1, were applicable.

The student; the student's parents, Myia and Lorenzo Engleman Sr.; and Andrew Mueller, Hughes athletic administrator, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Hughes High School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

E. D. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, an 11th-Grade Student, Cincinnati Hughes High School (Southwest District)

An 11th grade student transferred from Cincinnati Princeton High School to Cincinnati Hughes High School to start the 2022-23 school year. 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, Transfers, and specifically exception 1, were applicable.

The student; the student's father, Tranel Engleman Sr.; the student's uncle and coach, Lorenzo Engleman Sr.; and Andrew Mueller, Hughes athletic administrator, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Hughes High School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

F. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, an 11th-Grade Student, Warren G Harding High School (Northeast District)

An 11th grade student transferred from Maple Heights High School to Warren G Harding High School to start the 2022-23 school year. 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, Transfers, and specifically exception 2, were applicable.

Written testimony from Warren G Harding High School was submitted to appeal the decision so that the student could be eligible for the remainder of the regular season football contests of the 2022-23 season.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

G. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, a 10th-Grade Student, Kent Roosevelt High School (Northeast District)

A 10th grade student transferred from Stow-Munroe Falls High School to Kent Roosevelt High School to start the 2022-23 school year. 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, Transfers, were applicable.

The student's father, Tony Britt, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Kent Roosevelt High School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

H. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, a 10th-Grade Student, Chardon High School (Northeast District)

A 10th grade student transferred from Painesville Riverside High School to Chardon High School to start the 2022-23 school year. 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, Transfers, and specifically exception 7, were applicable.

The student; the student's parents, Eric and Letra Conwell; the student's brother, Erren Conwell; Tom Connick, the family's legal counsel; and Doug Snyder, Chardon athletic administrator, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Chardon High School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

I. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, an 11th-Grade Student, Williamsburg High School (Southwest District)

An 11th grade student transferred from Cincinnati West Clermont High School to Williamsburg High School to start the 2022-23 school year. 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, Transfers, and specifically exception 1, were applicable.

The student's father and coach, Nick Ayers; Jesse Taylor, the family's legal counsel; Jason Tackett, Williamsburg principal; and Rick Healey, Williamsburg athletic administrator, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Williamsburg High School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.