

October 20, 2022, OHSAA Appeals

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on October 20, 2022, in person at the OHSAA offices. Appeals Panel members were Mr. Phil Ackerman, superintendent of Switzerland of Ohio Local Schools; Dr. Kathy McFarland, deputy chief executive director of the Ohio School Boards Association; Mr. Tony Mantell, former superintendent of Portsmouth City Schools; and Ms. Jan Wilkings, former athletic administrator of Wyoming City Schools. Mr. Ackerman 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; and Alexis Holderman, OHSAA membership and compliance administrative assistance.

A. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, a 10th-Grade Student, Frankfort Adena High School (Southeast District)

A 10th grade student transferred from Chillicothe Southeastern High School to Frankfort Adena High School in August 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 7, were applicable.

The student's mother, Vanessa Stewart, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Adena High School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

B. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, a 10th-Grade Student, Dresden Tri-Valley High School (East District)

A 10th grade student transferred from Granville High School to Dresden Tri-Valley High School in August 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 2, were applicable.

The student; the student's mother and step-father, Katie and Paul Mainini, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Tri-Valley High School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

C. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, a 10th-Grade Student, Gates Mills Hawken Upper School (Northeast District)

A 10th grade student transferred from Chagrins Falls High School to Gates Mills Hawken Upper School in August 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 7, were applicable.

The student; the student's mother, Kendra Mooney; and Mark Bennett, family's legal counsel, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Hawken Upper School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

D. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, a 10th and an 11th-Grade Student, Hamilton Badin High School (Southwest District)

A 10th and an 11th grade student transferred from Hamilton Ross High School to Hamilton Badin High School in July 2022. As transfer students, the students become 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 students 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 students; the students' parents, Nick and Shannon Brown; Geoff Melzer, Badin athletic administrator; and Patrick Keating, Badin principal, appealed the ruling so that the students could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Badin High School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

E. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, a 12th-Grade Student, Cleveland Glenville High School (Northeast District)

A 12th grade student transferred from Euclid High School to Cleveland Ginn Academy, but atheltically to Cleveland Glenville High School in January 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.

Glenville head football coach, Ted Ginn Sr. and his wife, Jeanette Ginn, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Glenville High School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.