

## **December 15, 2022, OHSAA Appeals**

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on December 15, 2022, in person at the OHSAA offices. Appeals Panel members were Mr. Phil Ackerman, superintendent of Switzerland of Ohio Local Schools; Dr. John Richards, former superintendent of Perry Local Schools and deputy superintendent of Ohio Department of Education; Dr. Tyrone Olverson, former superintendent of Trotwood City Schools; and Mr. Michael Gallina, former superintendent of North Canton 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; Ronald Sayers, OHSAA manager of membership and compliance; and Alexis Holderman, OHSAA membership and compliance administrative assistance.

### **A. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, a 10<sup>th</sup>-Grade Student, Reynoldsburg High School (Central District)**

A 10<sup>th</sup> grade student transferred from Gahanna Lincoln High School to Reynoldsburg 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 1, were applicable.

The student's mother, Chanel Collins, and Jack Purtell, Reynoldsburg Athletic Administrator and Coach, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Reynoldsburg High School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

### **B. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, an 11<sup>th</sup>-Grade Student, Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School (Central District)**

An 11<sup>th</sup> grade student transferred from Gahanna Columbus Academy to Columbus St. Charles Preparatory 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 exceptions 7 and 13, were applicable.

The student's parents, Jonathan and Lori Ann Feibel; Rex Elliot, Feibel's Legal Council; James Lower, St. Charles Principal; and David Lawler, St. Charles Athletic Administrator, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at St. Charles Preparatory School. Columbus Academy representative, Matt Zeiger, was also in attendance.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

### **C. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, an 11<sup>th</sup>-Grade Student, Cleveland Benedictine High School (Northeast District)**

An 11<sup>th</sup> grade student transferred from Lyndhurst Brush High School to Cleveland Benedictine High School in November 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 exceptions 5, were applicable.

The student, and the student's parents, Latresea and Milton Byrd, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Benedictine High School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

### **D. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, an 11<sup>th</sup>-Grade Student, Warren John F. Kennedy High School (Northeast District)**

An 11<sup>th</sup> grade student transferred from North Jackson Jackson-Milton High School to Warren John F. Kennedy High School in June 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, were applicable.

The student's father, Tim Darney, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at John F. Kennedy High School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

**E. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, a 10<sup>th</sup>-Grade Student, Leavittsburg LaBrae High School (Northeast District)**

A 10<sup>th</sup> grade student transferred from Warren Lordstown High School to Leavittsburg LaBrae High School to start the 2022-2023. 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 parents, Dennis and Kristina Wilson, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at LaBrae High School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

**F. Bylaw 4-7-4, Intra-District Transfer, a 12<sup>th</sup>-Grade Student, Toledo Start High School (Northwest District)**

A 12<sup>th</sup> grade student transferred from Toledo Rogers High School to Toledo Start High School in September 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 4-7-4, Intra-District Transfer, and specifically exceptions 2, were applicable.

The student's father, Joshua Jacobs Jr., appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Start High School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.