

## **January 19, 2023, OHSAA Appeals**

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on January 19, 2023, in person at the OHSAA offices. Appeals Panel members were Dr. Keith Bell, former superintendent of Euclid City Schools and Westerville City Schools; Mr. Scott Reeves, assistant superintendent of Westerville City Schools; Mr. Dan Leffingwell, former superintendent of Noble City Schools; and Dr. Kathy McFarland, deputy chief executive director of the Ohio School Boards Association. Dr. Bell 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, Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller High School (Southwest District)**

A 10<sup>th</sup> grade student transferred from Farragut High School in Knoxville, Tennessee to Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller 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 parents, Todd and Cindi Hicks, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Archbishop Moeller High School.

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 10<sup>th</sup>-Grade Student, Hamilton Badin High School (Southwest District)**

A 10<sup>th</sup> grade student transferred from West Chester Lakota West High School to Hamilton Badin 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 exceptions 5, were applicable.

The student, and the student's mother, Kelly Pate, appealed the ruling so that the student 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.

### **C. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, a 10<sup>th</sup>-Grade Student, Middlefield Cardinal High School (Northeast District)**

A 10<sup>th</sup> grade student transferred from Orwell Grand Valley High School to Middlefield Cardinal High School in October 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 13, were applicable.

The student's parents, Amanda and Paul Marcum, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Cardinal High School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.