

## **February 17, 2023, OHSAA Appeals**

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with an appellant on February 17, 2023, virtually through Microsoft Teams. Appeals Panel members were Dr. Dale Fortner, former superintendent of Wadsworth City Schools; Dr. Keith Bell, former superintendent of Euclid City Schools and Westerville City Schools; Dr. John Richard, former superintendent of Perry Local Schools and deputy superintendent of Ohio Department of Education; and Mr. Tony Mantell, former superintendent of Portsmouth 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; Alexis Holderman, OHSAA membership and compliance administrative assistance; and Eric McLaughlin, OHSAA compliance staffer.

### **A. Bylaw 4-7-3, Transfer, an 11<sup>th</sup>-Grade Student, New London High School (Northwest District)**

An 11<sup>th</sup> grade student at New London High School triggered the transfer consequence when participating at a practice at another school in the middle of the sport season. As a mid-season transfer student, the student becomes ineligible for the remainder of the sport season and the OHSAA postseason tournament. For any other sport(s) 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 4-7-3 were not met.

The student; the student's mother, Flory Mitchell; and Susan Albaugh, New London Athletic Administrator, appealed the ruling so that the student could be eligible for the remainder of the regular season wrestling contests of the 2022-23 season at New London High School.

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

Motion passed 4-0.