

July 24, 2023, OHSAA Appeals

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on July 24, 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; and Ms. Jan Wilking, former athletic administrator of Wyoming 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 4-7-2, Transfer, a 12th-Grade Student, Lakewood St. Edward High School (Northeast District)

A 12th grade student transferred from Lakewood St. Edward High School to Cleveland Glenville High School to end the 2022-23 school year. To start the 2023-24 school year, the student is considering transferring back to Lakewood St. Edward High School. As a transfer student, the student would 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 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 13, would be applicable.

The student; the student's mother, Asha Rivers; Pete Kahler, St. Edward athletic director; and KC McKenna, St. Edward President, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at St. Edward High School.

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

Motion passed 3-0.