

August 1, 2024, OHSAA Appeals

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on August 1, 2024, virtually through Microsoft Teams. Appeals Panel members were Dr. John Richard, former superintendent of Perry Local Schools; Mrs. Jan Wilking, former athletic director of Wyoming City Schools; and Dr. Scott Hunt, executive director of field relations of Ohio Department of Education and Workforce. Dr. Richard served as the appeals hearing officer.

Also in attendance for all or portions of the appeals: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Joseph Fraley, OHSAA legal counsel; Joshua Fraley, OHSAA legal counsel; Bob Goldring, OHSAA director of communications and special projects; Kristin Ronai, OHSAA associate executive director; Ronald Sayers, OHSAA senior manager of eligibility and technology; Lizzy Wilson, OHSAA manager of compliance; and Alexis Holderman, OHSAA manager of membership services.

A. Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, a 12th-Grade Student, Glouster Trimble High School (Southeast District)

A 12th grade student at Glouster Trimble High School did not pass five one-credit courses or the equivalent during the fourth grading period of the 2023-24 school year. The Executive Director's Office ruled that the student was ineligible for interscholastic athletics for the first grading period of the 2023-24 school year in accordance with Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship.

The student's mother, Karalee Standley and Trimble Principal, Matt Curtis, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Trimble High School.

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

Motion passed 3-0.

B. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, an 11th-Grade Student, Strasburg-Franklin High School (East District)

An 11th grade student transferred from Quacker Digital Academy to Strasburg-Franklin High School to start the 2024-25 school year. 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, Tom and Veronica Spidell, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Strasburg-Franklin High School.

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

Motion passed.