

October 10, 2024, OHSAA Appeals

The OHSAA Appeals Panel met with appellants on October 10, 2024, virtually through Microsoft Teams. Appeals Panel members were Dr. Keith Bell, former superintendent of Euclid City Schools and Westerville City School District; Dr. John Richard, former superintendent of Perry Local School; and Mr. Thomas Perkins, deputy executive director of Buckeye Association of School Administrators. Dr. Bell served as the appeals hearing officer.

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

A. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, an 11th and 12th-Grade Student, Trotwood-Madison High School (Southwest District)

An 11th and 12th grade student transferred from Clayton Northmont High School to Trotwood-Madison High School to start the 2024-25 school year. As a transfer students, the students 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 students 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 students' parents, Terence Harrell Sr. and Nonina Hindsman, and Jonas Smith, Trotwood-Madison athletic Director, appealed the ruling so that the students could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Trotwood-Madison High School.

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

Motion passed 3-0.

B. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, a 12th-Grade Student, Trotwood-Madison High School (Southwest District)

A 12th grade student transferred from Clayton Northmont High School to Trotwood-Madison 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, and specifically exception 1, were applicable.

The student's mother, Gwen Warren, and Jonas Smith, Trotwood-Madison Athletic Administrator, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Trotwood-Madison High School.

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

Motion passed 3-0.

C. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, a 12th-Grade Student, Trotwood-Madison High School (Southwest District)

A 12th grade student transferred from Dayton Early College Academy to Trotwood-Madison 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, and specifically exception 1, were applicable.

The student's mother, Brittany Appleberry; the student's Aunt, Shuronda Smith; and Jonas Smith, Trotwood-Madison Athletic Administrator, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Trotwood-Madison High School.

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

Motion passed 3-0.

D. Bylaw 4-7-2, Transfer, a 12th-Grade Student, Trotwood-Madison High School (Southwest District)

A 12th grade student transferred from Dayton Early College Academy to Trotwood-Madison 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, and specifically exception 1, were applicable.

The student's mother, Candy Curtiss, and Jonas Smith, Trotwood-Madison Athletic Administrator, appealed the ruling so that the student could be fully eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Trotwood-Madison High School.

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

Motion passed 3-0.