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Mt. Hood Conference District Committee:

This letter is in reference to Jenna Mayer. Jenna is currently a sophomore living in the Reynolds School District but attending Phonics Phactory, and OSAA associate member school. She was previously living in the Gresham-Barlow School District and participating at Sam Barlow High School for athletics. Jenna is hoping to participate for the Reynolds Volleyball Team but is currently ineligible under OSAA Rule 8.6.5 (Transfer to a school with affiliation).

Jenna is currently ineligible through no fault of her own. When her family decided to move into the Reynolds School District, they also thought it was a good idea that she tryout for the Mt. Hood Volleyball Club to improve her skills. After trying out she made one of the teams, not knowing who her coach was going to be. However, when coaches were decided for the teams, Lauren Gardner, a Reynolds assistant volleyball coach, was assigned to coach Jenna's team and eventually coached and instructed Jenna.

Due to the fact that Jenna is a student at an associate member school, she and her family were not very familiar with the OSAA rules regarding school representation and as well as undue influence rules. They were not aware that they needed declare their transfer by completing the appropriate OSAA forms when they moved because Jenna wasn't changing schools, she was changing which school she was representing. They also didn't know that Lauren being her coach could potentially be seen as undue influence because they didn't even know until after the fact that Lauren was a coach at Reynolds.

In my interactions with Jenna and her family, she is clearly not a student-athlete trying to take advantage of the system. In no way was her transfer athletically motivated or induced by a Reynolds coach. In no way could she and her family have known a Reynolds coach was going to be made her club coach. They didn't know that they needed to notify Lauren or myself of her transfer before she could receive instruction so to avoid any undue influence. These circumstances were out of their control.

I ask the District Committee to please consider and approve Jenna's eligibility for playing volleyball at Reynolds. If you have any questions or need more information regarding Cassandra please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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