

Dear OSAA,

I believe it would be a good choice for me to transfer to St. Mary's School and be able to play soccer. I'm transferring schools this coming fall because I love to learn and I think my new school will be a better fit for me academically. At my old school, I was somewhat challenged in my more advanced classes, but it still was like they were just feeding you information and hoping you did well. They also weren't giving you good habits for college because of how the grading system worked. I'm transferring to St. Mary's because I believe, as I said before, that it would fit me better as a whole.

Learning is very important to me because there is so much to know about everything. I also want to have good habits while I'm at college that will help me graduate, and help me later on in my adult life. At South, there were also incidents with a few teachers where I would go in for help, and they wouldn't take the time to actually explain it well. I had never argued with a teacher before, but I had to when one of them couldn't even tell me why I had a lower grade than I deserved. I was also told by one of my teachers that his time was, and I quote, "More important than his student's time." I should be able to go and get quality help when I need it, and not just fend for myself because there are other students who need more help than I did. From the general consensus I hear about my new school, they are very good at helping students one on one, and if something isn't clear, they'll make sure you get it eventually.

The issue in question here is why I should be able to play soccer at my new school. When I tried out for a team in the winter time last year, I had no idea that this rule existed. I also had no idea I would be transferring, but that's beside the point. In Southern Oregon, there isn't a huge field of coaches for players over the age group of U-14. There was no way I was going to be able to play on such a high caliber team and avoid playing with the coach I had. Soccer is a very important thing to me, and I would be devastated if I wasn't able to play. I believe that I should be able to play this season because physical activity helps me focus in my daily life, and I wasn't aware of the rule when I was put on the winter team. It's important to me because I love playing soccer, and it shouldn't be taken away from me because I didn't know a rule when I tried out to be on my winter team. I know this rule is in place for coaches who recruit, but the fact remains that I was not recruited, I made this decision with no push from any coach, and I shouldn't be penalized for that.

Sincerely,

Sara Klott