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Mountain Valley League
Hardship Committee

Dear Sir/Madam

This letter is submitted in support of a Hardship Waiver Request from Emalee Brown and her parent, Kelly Draper.

Emalee registered at Paisley on 28 September, 2015, after having started the school year at Vale HS. She is living here in Paisley with her Grandmother, Patty Westgate. Therefore since she has transferred High Schools during the school year without her parents moving with her, she is ineligible and is requesting a Hardship Waiver from the League Hardship committee.

Emalee's mother and stepfather manage a ranch located some distance from Winnemucca, NV and for her first two years of High School she was home schooled through a program administered by Lowry HS in Winnemucca. Emalee then transferred to Vale HS and lived with her father and stepmother for her Junior year. As supported by the letter from Mrs. Mary Jo Sharp, Vale HS Principal, Emalee was very successful at Vale, making up her lacking credits and participating in both sports and student government. But her home life was rocky throughout her Junior year. What is not stated in any of the supporting letters is that her biological father is very over controlling and demanding of specific behaviors from Emalee that made her home life miserable. She returned home to Nevada during this past Summer, but the relationship between her father and stepmother quickly fell apart as this school year started. Emalee left Vale and returned to Nevada, but she and her mother decided that it would be best if she continued in a regular High School, and so it was decided that moving in with her Grandmother and attending Paisley HS would be in her best interest.

Paisley's student body is small and our school year is composed of 4 days of school per week with usually two sporting events on Friday and Saturday. The majority of our student body participate in the sport that is ongoing that season. It is my recommendation that the League Hardship committee approve this request to allow Emalee to participate in sports with the majority of her peers. I feel that an approval would be in the best interest of the student.

Questions concerning this request should be addressed to the undersigned at 541-219-0828.

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