



BEND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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To: Tom Welter OSAA Eligibility
From: Dave Williams Athletic Director
Re: Shelby Olson
Date: 11/19/15

I'm writing to you requesting approval of eligibility for Shelby Olson. Shelby is a sophomore at Bend High and has recently come upon troubled times surrounding her eligibility for athletic participation at Bend High School. Shelby currently is on track to graduate but lacked the appropriate amount of courses in the previous semester as she cross-enrolled in Bend-LaPine Schools online and did not enroll in and pass the appropriate amount of classes.

Prior to her cross-enrollment in our online program Shelby was a full time student at Bend Senior High in Semester 1 of 2014-15 taking and passing 7 courses. She is currently into the 9th week of semester 1 with her online courses and is progressing in the courses along the way. Shelby suffered a season ending knee injury last year, which took a toll on her mentally, as she was homebound and prompted her move to online. I firmly believe that in her transition to the online environment and with her being a freshman she simply did not know the requirements and lost track of the amount of classes to enroll in and pass to retain her athletic eligibility for the next winter. With limited contact during this time to direct and remind her she is now in need of requesting for reinstatement of her eligibility.

Shelby's current ineligibility centers on grade deficiencies during second semester of her freshman year in high school as she transitioned into our online program where she resides full time for semester 1 and plans a return to Bend High in semester 2. We are appealing to you on her behalf with the belief she is attempting make it right. She remains on track to graduate, has completed a summer course, and is progressing with her courses through the first 9 weeks of the 2015-16 school year. This approval along with more progress monitoring will only help her along the path back to Bend High, toward graduation, and a very positive experience with basketball to enhance her sophomore year. I believe she could be given an opportunity to correct her mistake and ultimately be rewarded to compete for Bend High with the girl's basketball team. Please consider this request as we look forward to your response.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Again we thank you!

Sincerely

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