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OSAA

Dear Committee,

My name is Tyrus Reitz and I am a senior at Ridgeview High School in Redmond, Oregon. I started playing Redmond Little League when I was five years old. I've always loved the game. My sophomore year I made the varsity team here at Ridgeview High School. Unfortunately, my junior year I made some bad decisions and those poor decisions have made me ineligible for baseball for the duration of my high school career. I'm writing this letter to show that I have grown from my mistakes and ask for the opportunity to play baseball one more year, my senior year of high school.

Baseball is my life. I've always been surrounded by sports. My dad always coached me. When I'm on a team, they are my family. It's a place where I can work out my frustrations, show my talent, and support other people. It's a place where I find acceptance and peace. Not having baseball in my life, I have struggled with finding other ways to feel important, accepted, and like I'm contributing to help other people.

In working way back from those poor decisions, I've prioritized other things in my life. I have made my family relationships the most important thing in my life. They will always be there for me, and I need to always do my best for them. I have improved my GPA and found that by having positive relationships with my teachers; I now see that they want to help me. Listening to wise people has led me down a positive and narrow path, whereas listening to those foolish people was just dragging me down.

Right now I'm ineligible because I did not have 17 credits before my senior year. I have since made up all of my missing credits and am on-track to graduate. I never really liked school and thought it was pointless, and now I love coming to school and feel like I'm meant to be a leader and not a follower.

It would mean the world to me if the OSAA would allow me to have the opportunity to play baseball this year. I want to be a positive leader on the team for younger teammates. I want my family to watch me play, to be proud, and see how much I've grown as a man.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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