



Student Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

* Information gathered by the WIAA is intended to determine eligibility of athletic competition only. All records will be kept confidential and securely discarded.

WIAA DEFINITION OF A HARDSHIP

The student must provide information, in detail, as to what hardship condition, as defined below, prevented the student from complying with WIAA rules.

18.26.1 Any waiver of student eligibility regulations shall be based upon extenuating circumstances, beyond the student's, or where applicable, the parents'/ legal guardian's control, that are deemed to have significantly influenced or contributed to the student's non-compliance to the eligibility regulation(s) involved. (The following criteria shall be used to determine if a hardship exists):

- A. A hardship exists when some unique circumstances concerning the student's physical or emotional status exist and only when such circumstances are not the result of acts or actions by the student or family unit.
- B. There must be no reason to believe that the decision and/or the execution of the decision concerning the student's transfer was for athletic purposes.
- C. The circumstances must be totally different from those that exist for the majority or even a small minority of students (e.g., usual maturation problems or family situations that do not cause severe and abnormal emotional problems and academic or athletic deficiencies in a school's curriculum or extracurricular activities do not constitute a hardship).
- D. The burden of providing evidence that a hardship exists shall be borne by the student.
- E. There shall be a direct, causal relationship between the alleged hardship and the student's inability to meet the specific eligibility rule(s).

18.26.2 Exceptions to student eligibility regulations based upon a hardship shall be subject to the following limitations:

- A. Loss of eligibility in itself or an injury in itself that prevents the student from being able to participate are not to be considered hardships. In addition attending a school that does not offer interscholastic activities is not to be considered a hardship, nor shall it justify extending eligibility beyond the four (4) consecutive year period allowed.
- B. A hardship exception shall not be granted if there is sufficient evidence to make it reasonable to believe that the non-compliance to the eligibility rule in question was motivated by the student's parents or school's efforts to gain a desired athletic outcome or to intentionally circumvent a rule, or
- C. To grant additional eligibility based upon a hardship condition, a student must demonstrate that normal progression toward graduation has been significantly interrupted as a result of a long-confining illness (which can include a learning disability), an injury, or a family hardship, and that the interruption prevented the student from graduating in four (4) consecutive years.



Student Name: _____ Current School: _____

Grade: 9 10 11 12 Seeking Eligibility in (WIAA Activity): _____

Yes No Have you had an athletic appeal before? If yes, date of hearing: _____

Student: _____ requests an appeal hearing be scheduled in reference to the attached declaration of ineligibility.

Yes No **19.1.0:** We have read and understand the definition of hardship (18.26.0) in reference to the WIAA Handbook and believe we meet this definition.

Yes No **18.26.1 D:** We understand the burden of providing evidence that a hardship exists shall be borne with the student.

Yes No: We understand that our statements and paperwork will become a part of the material presented to the Eligibility Committee.

Yes No: We understand that WIAA Rule 25.4.1 indicates that providing false information or withholding information that led the school to declare the participant eligible will result in the participant being declared ineligible for all interscholastic competition for a period of one (1) year.

Yes No: We intend to bring an attorney to the hearing. We understand this requires 72 hour notice and may result in a delay in scheduling the hearing so the committee can secure legal representation.

Needed Documents Prior to Scheduling an Appeal Hearing:

Required:

- New Student Athlete paperwork
- Declaration of Ineligibility
- Request for an appeal
- Packet specific to Hardship (Financial, HIB, Season Limitations, etc.)
- Current transcript
- Current academic schedule/grades (Winter/Spring)

Suggested:

- Other relevant documents provided by the student/family

WIAA Rule 19.3.4: Date paperwork needed to AD in order to schedule Hearing: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Signature*: _____ Date: _____

Student: _____ Signature*: _____ Date: _____

Athletic Director Received Appeal Request on Date: _____ **Initials:** _____

**By typing your signature, you acknowledge all of the above information to be valid and true*