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Lexington KY 40505

Re: Waiver request for Bylaw 26-Section 3- Sayre golf athletes

To Whom It May Concern-

This letter is being written and sent as a formal request that the Sayre golf teams be granted a waiver to Bylaw 26- Section 3 for this coming summer 2012. Our golf program at Sayre has traditionally only practiced from early August until their last match in the KHSAA sanctioned post season tournament each fall. Outside of that season, the coaches and athletes do not hold any off season training or practices. Recently our coaches, athletes and parents were presented with a unique opportunity to travel overseas to Scotland to compete in a High School tournament at St. Andrews. Parents, players and coaches would all pay their own way for travel, lodging, food and tournament fees and any other trip expenses for the trip. It would be beneficial to have coaches at this tournament not only as chaperones but also to support and consult during preparation and play which would enhance the experience for the athletes.

Unfortunately this particular opportunity falls during the summer 2012 KHSAA dead period which makes the trip understandably difficult for players and coaches given the restrictions stated in Bylaw 26. I am requesting this particular waiver because our desire to have contact with our golfers during this tournament is solely for the benefit of our student athletes and does not represent any attempt on the coaches part or on the schools part to unduly burden the athletes with additional practice time. I think that Sayre Schools history and practices with respect to golf clearly indicates that this is an isolated issue and not an attempt to "bend the rules" in our favor. On the contrary, this trip represents a unique opportunity for our student athletes and we feel strongly that it is in their best interest that we do everything we can to facilitate their involvement despite the unfortunate timing. It is my sincere hope that you will view this waiver request favorably and I am more than happy to supply any additional information that you may require and/or attend the board meeting so that I am available to answer any questions you might have.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Erik Johnson, D.C.

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