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NDHSAA Board of Directors
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NDHSAA Board of Directors:

I am writing the board to ask that they make an exception to Article XIV: Rules of Eligibility - Section III and allow Britta Curl to participate in the 2018 International Ice Hockey Federation U18 Women's World Championship in Dmitrov, Russia. As you know, this section states that *'A student shall not have participated in a similar athletic contest during the same sports season as a member of any other than a high school team nor as an unattached individual in non-school contests during the high school season in that sport and the penalty for this violation shall be loss of eligibility from the date of the infraction for six contests for each violation in that sport. A school may petition the Board of Directors for exemptions from provisions of this section on behalf of a talented student involving competition with U. S. Olympic or International ramifications.*

Britta Curl is a senior at St. Mary's Central High School and she participates on the Bismarck Blizzard high school hockey team. On Friday, December 1st, the International Ice Hockey Federation announced the player roster for the 18U Women's National Hockey team and Brita Curl was included on that roster. The world championship will take place in Dmitrov, Russia from January 6-13, 2018. Britta will travel to Dmitrov, Russia around December 24th (hasn't been given exact date yet) and she will return on January 14th. She will miss a total of 7 high school hockey games while she participates for the International team.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information related to this request.

Sincerely,



Bruce Schumacher
St. Mary's Central High School Athletic Director

