



_____ (Name of School)

_____ (City)

_____ (Season)

HARDSHIP FORM

(Must be initialed by both GNASH President and Registrar)

Date Received: _____

Date Considered by EC: _____

Rec for Approved: ____/____ (Initials)

Rec for Disapproved: ____/____ (Initials)

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	Seasons rostered in GNASH:	Last date rostered in GNASH game:	Team rostered on last season:

ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER

If the student is a transfer student, a **Transfer Form** must be completed along with the questions below. If the student is not a transfer student, then only the questions below need to be answered.

1. Name of Father: _____ Name of Mother: _____

Guardian(s) if other than parents: _____

2. List information below for brothers and sisters of the student:

Name	Age	School They Attend	Living with whom?



See Section 2.19 Special Cases Involving Hardship (attached)

3. In submitting a student-athlete for consideration, please explain how the student-athlete meets the criteria as set forth in the GNASH Handbook Section 2.19 referenced on page 3 (use a second page to explain if necessary).

Signatures of Player: _____ Parent: _____

(For Internal GNASH Use Only)	
Date Received: _____	Date Considered by Board: _____
Action Taken by Board: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved	_____ (Initials of GNASH President)
Request for Reconsideration: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date Reconsidered by Board: _____
Action Taken on Reconsideration: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved	_____ (Initials of GNASH President)



Section 2.19 Special Cases Involving Hardship

(a) Except for the eligibility rules in regard to age, set forth in Section 2.07, to the number of semesters in school, set forth in Section 2.04, and attendance at the school sponsoring the team, as set forth in Section 2.01(b), the Board of Directors shall have authority to set aside the effect of any eligibility rule upon an individual student when in the sole discretion of the Board:

- (1) The conditions causing the student to fail to meet the eligibility requirements must have been beyond the control of the team, the student and/or his or her parents, and such that none of them could have reasonably been expected to comply with the rule.
- (2) Application of the rule to the student works an undue hardship in light of these conditions;
- (3) Application of the rule would not accomplish the purpose for which the rule was intended; and (4) In the case of a change of schools, the change is for reasons unrelated to participation in athletics.
- (5) The burden of establishing each of these elements to the Board's satisfaction is upon the student seeking eligibility.

(b) A hardship waiver request must be made by submitting a completed, signed Hardship Application to the President-Elect no less than 14 days prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee. If the hardship waiver is requested as a result of a school transfer, the student must also submit a completed and signed Transfer Form, if not already submitted. A Hardship Application submitted less than 14 days prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee shall be delayed for consideration at another subsequent meeting of the Board. The President-Elect shall notify the party requesting a hardship waiver of the meeting date on which the Hardship Application will be considered.

(c) The Executive Committee of the Board shall review each Hardship Application and determine whether the Hardship Application should be approved or disapproved. Each Team affected by the outcome of the Hardship Application may have a school administrator (principal, assistant principal or athletic director) or other team representative present at the Executive Committee's initial consideration of the Hardship Application. The President or other Officer presiding over the Executive Committee meeting may limit the time for presentation of the Hardship Application, including all remarks by the applicant, any school administrator, and any Team representative.

(d) Executive Committee vote on the Hardship Application shall comply with the conflict of interest provisions of Section 1.05. The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting shall reflect the findings and conclusions upon which approval or disapproval of the Hardship Application is based. If the party requesting a hardship waiver is not present at the Executive Committee meeting, such party shall be notified in writing by the President or the Commissioner of the disposition of the Hardship Application, including the Executive Committee's findings and conclusions. The decision of the Executive Committee may be appealed to the Board of Directors.

(e) An appeal of the Executive Committee's determination of a Hardship Application shall be made as follows:

- (1) Within 14 days after the date of the Executive Committee meeting at which the Hardship Application was decided, a party may submit a written request for reconsideration to the President-Elect. If the party requesting the Hardship Application was not present at the Executive Committee meeting and was notified of the Board's determination in writing, the 14 days for requesting reconsideration shall commence from the date on which the party receives notification of the Executive Committee's decision.
- (2) The written request for reconsideration must state all the grounds upon which the party is requesting reconsideration and all facts in support of the requested reconsideration. Failure to include all grounds and facts will be deemed to be a waiver.
- (3) The appeal shall be considered at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.
- (4) Each Team affected by the outcome of the Hardship Application may have a school administrator (principal, assistant principal or athletic director) or other team representative present at the Board's consideration of the appeal. The President or other Officer presiding over the Board meeting may limit the time for presentation of the Hardship Application, including all remarks by the applicant, any school administrator, and any Team representative.
- (5) The appealing party shall pay for all expenses required to present document material to the Board.

(f) No Team affected by the outcome of the Hardship Application may vote. The minutes of the Board meeting shall reflect the findings and conclusions upon which approval or disapproval of the appeal is based. If the appealing party is not present at the Board meeting, the President or the Commissioner shall notify such party, in writing, of the disposition of the appeal, including the Board's findings and conclusions. Any such decision by the Board shall be final and not subject to any further review or appeal.