



Florida High School Athletic Association Clearance for Participation Form

GA7

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The following information **MUST** be completed before the student will be allowed to participate in athletics at an FHSAA member school.

The student **MUST** have each of the categories below completed before equipment will be issued and/or the student is allowed to participate in tryouts, practices or contests.

To be completed by the student: Please **PRINT** all information clearly.

Student's OFFICIAL Full Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)
School Attended the Previous School Year	Current Grade Level
Sport (a separate form MUST be used for each sport)	

To be completed by school official only:

ELIGIBLE: YES NO Athletic Office Staff

REASON NOT ELIGIBLE: GPA LIMIT EXPIRED PROOF OF AGE NEEDED
MISSING FORM (if applicable): EL4 EL7 EL12 EL14

PHYSICAL ON FILE (EL2 Form)

Date of Exam _____

Athletic Office Staff

CONSENT/RELEASE ON FILE (EL3 Form) Athletic Office Staff

CONCUSSION/HYDRATION RELEASE ON FILE (EL3CH Form) Athletic Office Staff

GA4 GA6 FORM ON FILE (if applicable) Athletic Office Staff

STUDENT HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE C2CSchools DATABASE Athletic Office Staff



Pasco County Schools

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ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM

PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT OR TYPE:

GRADE LEVEL/SCHOOL YEAR: _____ STUDENT I. D. #: _____

Name of Student (As it appears on the student's birth certificate):

LAST _____ FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____

STUDENT ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

HOME PHONE (WITH AREA CODE): _____ D.O.B: ____/____/____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PHONE: (____) _____

NAME OF LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED/YEAR: _____

FATHER/GUARDIAN: _____

STREET/P.O. BOX _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

EMPLOYER'S NAME _____ EMPLOYER'S PHONE (____) _____

MEDICAL INSURANCE COMPANY _____ MEMBER ID # _____

MOTHER/GUARDIAN: _____

STREET/P.O. BOX _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

EMPLOYER'S NAME _____ EMPLOYER'S PHONE (____) _____

MEDICAL INSURANCE COMPANY _____ MEMBER ID # _____

Is the company or plan listed above considered a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)? YES: _____ NO: _____

Participation in competitive athletics may result in severe injury, including paralysis or death. Improvements in equipment, medical treatment, and physical conditioning, as well as rule changes, have reduced these risks, but it is impossible to totally eliminate such occurrences from athletics.

PARENT STATEMENT: The undersigned parent(s)/guardian(s) gives consent for the athlete identified herein to travel with the team as a member on its trips. I/We, the undersigned parent(s)/guardian(s) of the above-named student or above named adult student, do hereby consent to the release of confidential educational records/data including, but not limited to: student's name, date of birth, attendance, grades and such other confidential student data as is necessary for the determination of eligibility for participation in activities regulated by FHSAA to FHSAA and its service provider C2C Schools, Inc. The information shall be used solely for the purpose of determining and reporting eligibility to participate in athletics. I/We further authorize the release of student transcripts by FHSAA and/or C2C to colleges/universities or their representatives for recruiting purposes regarding the above-named or to the District School Board of Pasco County, Florida and its constituent schools. No other re-disclosure of the records/date provided under this consent is authorized.

INSURANCE: The District School Board of Pasco County provides only secondary student athletic insurance coverage, but this IS NOT a guarantee of payment for medical services. You may encounter certain out-of-pocket expenses when your son or daughter is treated for accidental injuries.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE: Each athlete MUST present to the athletic director or coach a certified copy of a valid birth certificate. The copy will be returned.

IN THE EVENT OF AN INJURY AND YOU CANNOT BE REACHED, DO YOU GIVE HIS/HER COACH PERMISSION TO HAVE YOUR CHILD TREATED MEDICALLY? YES: _____ NO: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____ The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20____, by

_____, who is personally known to me or produced _____ as identification.

Signature of Notary _____

NOTARY SEAL

Printed Name of Notary _____



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Pasco County Schools Athletic Information for Students and Parents

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY: In order to participate in high school interscholastic athletics, a student must currently have and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 un-weighted scale. The athletic director and/or coach will verify all grades within a five- day period subsequent to team tryouts and monitor grades thereafter. Failure to have and maintain a cumulative 2.0 grade point average will result in immediate dismissal from any interscholastic athletic team. Middle school students must have a 2.0 grade point average for the previous semester in order to be eligible.

ATHLETIC TRANSFER VERIFICATION: Any high school student who has been *authorized* to transfer from one school to another must meet the athletic transfer verification requirements. This includes, but is not limited to, students who were previously enrolled in public schools, private schools, charter schools, home schools, magnet schools and alternative schools. For more information on the procedures, visit your school or district website or contact your school athletic director. The verification policy/procedures can be located at the following web address: <http://www.neola.com/pasco-fl/> and the "Athletic Transfer Verification Procedures".

ATHLETIC FEES: There are no try-out fees. Once a student is selected for a team a fee will be due: \$70.00 for high school students; \$50.00 for middle school students. The fee for the second sport is \$40.00 for high schools; \$30.00 for middle schools. The total family fee (for the same school) is \$170.00 for high schools; \$125.00 for middle schools. The individual cap for high schools is \$110.00. The individual cap for middle schools is \$80.00. A student will not be allowed to dress out, participate in a game or be considered part of the team until the full fee is paid. ALL FEES MUST BE PAID WITHIN 3 DAYS OF THE CONCLUSION OF TRYOUTS.

STUDENT STATEMENT: As a student athlete, I agree to maintain athletic eligibility, comply with training rules, and conduct myself so as to bring pride to my school, my team, and my family. I understand I, as well as my parent(s)/guardian(s), are responsible for any uniforms, equipment, and / or supplies issued to me while participating in interscholastic athletics. I agree to repair or replace any damaged item and replace any lost item. I understand suspension from school, in or out, will result in suspension from practices or games during the time of the suspension.

PAYMENT OF FHSAA FEES: As a student athlete I am representing my school and my school district. I am responsible for my conduct in the athletic program. I will follow guidelines and rules outlined in the District School Board of Pasco County's Code of Student Conduct and the FHSAA Handbook. In the event of an ejection or disqualification while participating in athletics my parent(s)/guardian(s) and I agree to pay the FHSAA fines, which are assessed by the FHSAA (Example: \$250.00 gross unsportsmanlike conduct).

My parent(s)/guardian(s) and I understand I won't be able to participate in any athletic contests until all fees have been paid to my school and I am subject to additional disciplinary action by any school administration depending on the severity of my actions.

Print Student Name

Student Number

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



Preparticipation Physical Evaluation (Page 1 of 3)

This completed form must be kept on file by the school. This form is valid for 365 calendar days from the date of the evaluation as written on page 2. This form is non-transferable; a change of schools during the validity period of this form will require page 1 of this form to be re-submitted.

Part 1. Student Information (to be completed by student or parent)

Student's Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
 School: _____ Grade in School: _____ Sport(s): _____
 Home Address: _____ Home Phone: (____) _____
 Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ E-mail: _____
 Person to Contact in Case of Emergency: _____
 Relationship to Student: _____ Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____
 Personal/Family Physician: _____ City/State: _____ Office Phone: (____) _____

Part 2. Medical History (to be completed by student or parent). Explain "yes" answers below. Circle questions you don't know answers to.

	Yes	No		Yes	No
1. Have you had a medical illness or injury since your last check up or sports physical?	_____	_____	26. Have you ever become ill from exercising in the heat?	_____	_____
2. Do you have an ongoing chronic illness?	_____	_____	27. Do you cough, wheeze or have trouble breathing during or after activity?	_____	_____
3. Have you ever been hospitalized overnight?	_____	_____	28. Do you have asthma?	_____	_____
4. Have you ever had surgery?	_____	_____	29. Do you have seasonal allergies that require medical treatment?	_____	_____
5. Are you currently taking any prescription or non-prescription (over-the-counter) medications or pills or using an inhaler?	_____	_____	30. Do you use any special protective or corrective equipment or medical devices that aren't usually used for your sport or position (for example, knee brace, special neck roll, foot orthotics, shunt, retainer on your teeth or hearing aid)?	_____	_____
6. Have you ever taken any supplements or vitamins to help you gain or lose weight or improve your performance?	_____	_____	31. Have you had any problems with your eyes or vision?	_____	_____
7. Do you have any allergies (for example, pollen, latex, medicine, food or stinging insects)?	_____	_____	32. Do you wear glasses, contacts or protective eyewear?	_____	_____
8. Have you ever had a rash or hives develop during or after exercise?	_____	_____	33. Have you ever had a sprain, strain or swelling after injury?	_____	_____
9. Have you ever passed out during or after exercise?	_____	_____	34. Have you broken or fractured any bones or dislocated any joints?	_____	_____
10. Have you ever been dizzy during or after exercise?	_____	_____	35. Have you had any other problems with pain or swelling in muscles, tendons, bones or joints?	_____	_____
11. Have you ever had chest pain during or after exercise?	_____	_____	<i>If yes, check appropriate blank and explain below:</i>		
12. Do you get tired more quickly than your friends do during exercise?	_____	_____	____ Head	____ Elbow	____ Hip
13. Have you ever had racing of your heart or skipped heartbeats?	_____	_____	____ Neck	____ Forearm	____ Thigh
14. Have you had high blood pressure or high cholesterol?	_____	_____	____ Back	____ Wrist	____ Knee
15. Have you ever been told you have a heart murmur?	_____	_____	____ Chest	____ Hand	____ Shin/Calf
16. Has any family member or relative died of heart problems or sudden death before age 50?	_____	_____	____ Shoulder	____ Finger	____ Ankle
17. Have you had a severe viral infection (for example, myocarditis or mononucleosis) within the last month?	_____	_____	____ Upper Arm	____ Foot	
18. Has a physician ever denied or restricted your participation in sports for any heart problems?	_____	_____	36. Do you want to weigh more or less than you do now?	_____	_____
19. Do you have any current skin problems (for example, itching, rashes, acne, warts, fungus, blisters or pressure sores)?	_____	_____	37. Do you lose weight regularly to meet weight requirements for your sport?	_____	_____
20. Have you ever had a head injury or concussion?	_____	_____	38. Do you feel stressed out?	_____	_____
21. Have you ever been knocked out, become unconscious or lost your memory?	_____	_____	39. Have you ever been diagnosed with sickle cell anemia?	_____	_____
22. Have you ever had a seizure?	_____	_____	40. Have you ever been diagnosed with having the sickle cell trait?	_____	_____
23. Do you have frequent or severe headaches?	_____	_____	41. Record the dates of your most recent immunizations (shots) for:		
24. Have you ever had numbness or tingling in your arms, hands, legs or feet?	_____	_____	Tetanus: _____ Measles: _____		
25. Have you ever had a stinger, burner or pinched nerve?	_____	_____	Hepatitis B: _____ Chickenpox: _____		

FEMALES ONLY (optional)

42. When was your first menstrual period? _____
 43. When was your most recent menstrual period? _____
 44. How much time do you usually have from the start of one period to the start of another? _____
 45. How many periods have you had in the last year? _____
 46. What was the longest time between periods in the last year? _____

Explain "Yes" answers here: _____

We hereby state, to the best of our knowledge, that our answers to the above questions are complete and correct. In addition to the routine medical evaluation required by s.1006.20, Florida Statutes, and FHSA Bylaw 9.7, we understand and acknowledge that we are hereby advised that the student should undergo a cardiovascular assessment, which may include such diagnostic tests as electrocardiogram (EKG), echocardiogram (ECG) and/or cardio stress test.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: ____/____/____ Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: ____/____/____



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Part 3. Physical Examination (to be completed by licensed physician, licensed osteopathic physician, licensed chiropractic physician, licensed physician assistant or certified advanced registered nurse practitioner).

Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ % Body Fat (optional): _____ Pulse: _____ Blood Pressure: ____/____ (____/____, ____/____)

Temperature: _____ Hearing: right: P ____ F ____ left: P ____ F ____

Visual Acuity: Right 20/____ Left 20/____ Corrected: Yes No Pupils: Equal Unequal

FINDINGS NORMAL ABNORMAL FINDINGS INITIALS*

MEDICAL

- 1. Appearance
2. Eyes/Ears/Nose/Throat
3. Lymph Nodes
4. Heart
5. Pulses
6. Lungs
7. Abdomen
8. Genitalia (males only)
9. Skin

MUSCULOSKELETAL

- 10. Neck
11. Back
12. Shoulder/Arm
13. Elbow/Forearm
14. Wrist/Hand
15. Hip/Thigh
16. Knee
17. Leg/Ankle
18. Foot

* - station-based examination only

ASSESSMENT OF EXAMINING PHYSICIAN/PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT/NURSE PRACTITIONER

I hereby certify that each examination listed above was performed by myself or an individual under my direct supervision with the following conclusion(s):

___ Cleared without limitation

___ Disability: _____ Diagnosis: _____

___ Precautions: _____

___ Not cleared for: _____ Reason: _____

___ Cleared after completing evaluation/rehabilitation for: _____

___ Referred to _____ For: _____

Recommendations: _____

Name of Physician/Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner (print): _____ Date: ____/____/____

Address: _____

Signature of Physician/Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner: _____



Consent and Release from Liability Certificate (Page 1 of 4)

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School: _____ School District (if applicable): _____

Part 1. Student Acknowledgement and Release (to be signed by student at the bottom)

I have read the (condensed) FHSAA Eligibility Rules printed on Page 4 of this "Consent and Release Certificate" and know of no reason why I am not eligible to represent my school in interscholastic athletic competition. If accepted as a representative, I agree to follow the rules of my school and FHSAA and to abide by their decisions. I know that athletic participation is a privilege. I know of the risks involved in athletic participation, understand that serious injury, including the potential for a concussion, and even death, is possible in such participation, and choose to accept such risks. I voluntarily accept any and all responsibility for my own safety and welfare while participating in athletics, with full understanding of the risks involved. Should I be 18 years of age or older, or should I be emancipated from my parent(s)/guardian(s), I hereby release and hold harmless my school, the schools against which it competes, the school district, the contest officials and FHSAA of any and all responsibility and liability for any injury or claim resulting from such athletic participation and agree to take no legal action against FHSAA because of any accident or mishap involving my athletic participation. I hereby authorize the use or disclosure of my individually identifiable health information should treatment for illness or injury become necessary. I hereby grant to FHSAA the right to review all records relevant to my athletic eligibility including, but not limited to, my records relating to enrollment and attendance, academic standing, age, discipline, finances, residence and physical fitness. I hereby grant the released parties the right to photograph and/or videotape me and further to use my name, face, likeness, voice and appearance in connection with exhibitions, publicity, advertising, promotional and commercial materials without reservation or limitation. The released parties, however, are under no obligation to exercise said rights herein. I understand that the authorizations and rights granted herein are voluntary and that I may revoke any or all of them at any time by submitting said revocation in writing to my school. By doing so, however, I understand that I will no longer be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics.

Part 2. Parental/Guardian Consent, Acknowledgement and Release (to be completed and signed by a parent(s)/guardian(s) at the bottom; where divorced or separated, parent/guardian with legal custody must sign.)

A. I hereby give consent for my child/ward to participate in any FHSAA recognized or sanctioned sport EXCEPT for the following sport(s): _____

List sport(s) exceptions here

- B. I understand that participation may necessitate an early dismissal from classes.
C. I know of, and acknowledge that my child/ward knows of, the risks involved in interscholastic athletic participation, understand that serious injury, and even death, is possible in such participation and choose to accept any and all responsibility for his/her safety and welfare while participating in athletics. With full understanding of the risks involved, I release and hold harmless my child's/ward's school, the schools against which it competes, the school district, the contest officials and FHSAA of any and all responsibility and liability for any injury or claim resulting from such athletic participation and agree to take no legal action against the FHSAA because of any accident or mishap involving the athletic participation of my child/ward. I authorize emergency medical treatment for my child/ward should the need arise for such treatment while my child/ward is under the supervision of the school. I further hereby authorize the use or disclosure of my child's/ward's individually identifiable health information should treatment for illness or injury become necessary. I consent to the disclosure to the FHSAA, upon its request, of all records relevant to my child/ward's athletic eligibility including, but not limited to, records relating to enrollment and attendance, academic standing, age, discipline, finances, residence and physical fitness. I grant the released parties the right to photograph and/or videotape my child/ward and further to use said child's/ward's name, face, likeness, voice and appearance in connection with exhibitions, publicity, advertising, promotional and commercial materials without reservation or limitation. The released parties, however, are under no obligation to exercise said rights herein.
D. I am aware of the potential danger of concussions and/or head and neck injuries in interscholastic athletics. I also have knowledge about the risk of continuing to participate once such an injury is sustained without proper medical clearance.

READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY. YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT, EVEN IF MY CHILD'S/WARD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS AGAINST WHICH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS AND FHSAA USES REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR ELIMINATED. BY SIGNING THIS FORM YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD'S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM MY CHILD'S/WARD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS AGAINST WHICH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS AND FHSAA IN A LAWSUIT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, TO YOUR CHILD OR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM THE RISKS THAT ARE A NATURAL PART OF THE ACTIVITY. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS FORM, AND MY CHILD'S/WARD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS AGAINST WHICH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS AND FHSAA HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM.

E. I agree that in the event we/I pursue litigation seeking injunctive relief or other legal action impacting my child (individually) or my child's team participation in FHSAA state series contests, such action shall be filed in the Alachua County, Florida, Circuit Court.

F. I understand that the authorizations and rights granted herein are voluntary and that I may revoke any or all of them at any time by submitting said revocation in writing to my school. By doing so, however, I understand that my child/ward will no longer be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics.

G. Please check the appropriate box(es):
My child/ward is covered under our family health insurance plan, which has limits of not less than \$25,000.

Company: _____ Policy Number: _____

My child/ward is covered by his/her school's activities medical base insurance plan.

I have purchased supplemental football insurance through my child's/ward's school.

I HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE (Only one parent/guardian signature is required)

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed) _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date ____/____/____

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed) _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date ____/____/____

I HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE (student must sign)

Name of Student (printed) _____ Signature of Student _____ Date ____/____/____



Consent and Release from Liability Certificate for Concussions (Page 2 of 4)

This completed form must be kept on file by the school. This form is valid for 365 calendar days from the date of the most recent signature.

School: _____ School District (if applicable): _____

Concussion Information

Concussion is a brain injury. Concussions, as well as all other head injuries, are serious. They can be caused by a bump, a twist of the head, sudden deceleration or acceleration, a blow or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with force transmitted to the head. You can't see a concussion, and more than 90% of all concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. All concussions are potentially serious and, if not managed properly, may result in complications including brain damage and, in rare cases, even death. Even a "ding" or a bump on the head can be serious. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of concussion yourself, your child should be immediately removed from play, evaluated by a medical professional and cleared by a medical doctor.

Signs and Symptoms of a Concussion:

Concussion symptoms may appear immediately after the injury or can take several days to appear. Studies have shown that it takes on average 10-14 days or longer for symptoms to resolve and, in rare cases or if the athlete has sustained multiple concussions, the symptoms can be prolonged. Signs and symptoms of concussion can include: (not all-inclusive)

- Vacant stare or seeing stars
• Lack of awareness of surroundings
• Emotions out of proportion to circumstances (inappropriate crying or anger)
• Headache or persistent headache, nausea, vomiting
• Altered vision
• Sensitivity to light or noise
• Delayed verbal and motor responses
• Disorientation, slurred or incoherent speech
• Dizziness, including light-headedness, vertigo(spinning) or loss of equilibrium (being off balance or swimming sensation)
• Decreased coordination, reaction time
• Confusion and inability to focus attention
• Memory loss
• Sudden change in academic performance or drop in grades
• Irritability, depression, anxiety, sleep disturbances, easy fatigability
• In rare cases, loss of consciousness

DANGERS if your child continues to play with a concussion or returns too soon:

Athletes with signs and symptoms of concussion should be removed from activity (play or practice) immediately. Continuing to play with the signs and symptoms of a concussion leaves the young athlete especially vulnerable to sustaining another concussion. Athletes who sustain a second concussion before the symptoms of the first concussion have resolved and the brain has had a chance to heal are at risk for prolonged concussion symptoms, permanent disability and even death (called "Second Impact Syndrome" where the brain swells uncontrollably). There is also evidence that multiple concussions can lead to long-term symptoms, including early dementia.

Steps to take if you suspect your child has suffered a concussion:

Any athlete suspected of suffering a concussion should be removed from the activity immediately. No athlete may return to activity after an apparent head injury or concussion, regardless of how mild it seems or how quickly symptoms clear, without written medical clearance from an appropriate health-care professional (AHCP). In Florida, an appropriate health-care professional (AHCP) is defined as either a licensed physician (MD, as per Chapter 458, Florida Statutes), a licensed osteopathic physician (DO, as per Chapter 459, Florida Statutes). Close observation of the athlete should continue for several hours. You should also seek medical care and inform your child's coach if you think that your child may have a concussion. Remember, it's better to miss one game than to have your life changed forever. When in doubt, sit them out.

Return to play or practice:

Following physician evaluation, the return to activity process requires the athlete to be completely symptom free, after which time they would complete a step-wise protocol under the supervision of a licensed athletic trainer, coach or medical professional and then, receive written medical clearance of an AHCP.

For current and up-to-date information on concussions, visit http://www.cdc.gov/concussioninyouthsports/ or http://www.seeingstarsfoundation.org

Statement of Student Athlete Responsibility

Parents and students should be aware of preliminary evidence that suggests repeat concussions, and even hits that do not cause a symptomatic concussion, may lead to abnormal brain changes which can only be seen on autopsy (known as Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE)). There have been case reports suggesting the development of Parkinson's-like symptoms, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), severe traumatic brain injury, depression, and long term memory issues that may be related to concussion history. Further research on this topic is needed before any conclusions can be drawn.

I acknowledge the annual requirement for my child/ward to view "Concussion in Sports-What You Need to Know" at www.nflslearn.com. I accept responsibility for reporting all injuries and illnesses to my parents, team doctor, athletic trainer, or coaches associated with my sport including any signs and symptoms of CONCUSSION. I have read and understand the above information on concussion. I will inform the supervising coach, athletic trainer or team physician immediately if I experience any of these symptoms or witness a teammate with these symptoms. Furthermore, I have been advised of the dangers of participation for myself and that of my child/ward.

Signature lines for Student-Athlete, Parent/Guardian, and Date.



Florida High School Athletic Association
Consent and Release from Liability Certificate for

Sudden Cardiac Arrest and Heat-Related Illness (Page 3 of 4)

This completed form must be kept on file by the school. This form is valid for 365 calendar days from the date of the most recent signature.

School: _____ School District (if applicable): _____

Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information

Sudden cardiac arrest is a leading cause of sports-related death. This policy provides procedures for educational requirements of all paid coaches and recommends added training. Sudden cardiac arrest is a condition in which the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating. If this happens, blood stops flowing to the brain and other vital organs. SCA can cause death if it's not treated within minutes.

Symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest include, but not limited to: sudden collapse, no pulse, no breathing.

Warning signs associated with sudden cardiac arrest include: fainting during exercise or activity, shortness of breath, racing heart rate, dizziness, chest pains, extreme fatigue.

It is strongly recommended all coaches, whether paid or volunteer, are regularly trained in CPR and the use of an AED. Training is encouraged through agencies that provide hands-on training and offer certificates that include an expiration date.

Automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) are required at all FHSAA State Series games, tournaments and meets. The FHSAA also strongly recommends that they be available at all preseason and regular season events as well along with coaches/individuals trained in CPR.

What to do if your student-athlete collapses:

1. Call 911
2. Send for an AED
3. Begin compressions

FHSAA Heat-Related Illnesses Information

People suffer heat-related illness when their bodies cannot properly cool themselves by sweating. Sweating is the body's natural air conditioning, but when a person's body temperature rises rapidly, sweating just isn't enough. Heat-related illnesses can be serious and life threatening. Very high body temperatures may damage the brain or other vital organs, and can cause disability and even death. Heat-related illnesses and deaths are preventable.

Heat Stroke is the most serious heat-related illness. It happens when the body's temperature rises quickly and the body cannot cool down. Heat Stroke can cause permanent disability and death.

Heat Exhaustion is a milder type of heat-related illness. It usually develops after a number of days in high temperature weather and not drinking enough fluids.

Heat Cramps usually affect people who sweat a lot during demanding activity. Sweating reduces the body's salt and moisture and can cause painful cramps, usually in the abdomen, arms, or legs. Heat cramps may also be a symptom of heat exhaustion.

Who's at Risk?

Those at highest risk include the elderly, the very young, people with mental illness and people with chronic diseases. However, even young and healthy individuals can succumb to heat if they participate in demanding physical activities during hot weather. Other conditions that can increase your risk for heat-related illness include obesity, fever, dehydration, poor circulation, sunburn, and prescription drug or alcohol use.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the annual requirement for my child/ward to view both the "Sudden Cardiac Arrest" and "Heat Illness Prevention" courses at www.nfhslearn.com. I acknowledge that the information on Sudden Cardiac Arrest and Heat-Related Illness have been read and understood. I have been advised of the dangers of participation for myself and that of my child/ward.

Name of Student-Athlete (printed)	Signature of Student-Athlete	Date _____/_____/_____
Name of Parent/Guardian (printed)	Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date _____/_____/_____
Name of Parent/Guardian (printed)	Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date _____/_____/_____



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This completed form must be kept on file by the school. This form is valid for 365 calendar days from the date of the most recent signature.

Attention Student and Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Your school is a member of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) and follows established rules. To be eligible to represent your school in interscholastic athletics, in an FHSAA recognized sport (i.e. bowling, competitive cheerleading, girls flag football, lacrosse, boys volleyball, water polo and girls weightlifting or sanctioned sport (i.e. baseball, basketball, cross country, tackle football, golf, soccer, fast-pitch softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, girls volleyball, boys weightlifting and wrestling), the student:

- 1. This form is non-transferable; a separate form must be completed for each different school at which a student participates.
2. Must be regularly enrolled and in regular attendance at your school. If the student is a home education student or attends a charter school or Florida Virtual School - Full time Program or a special/alternative school or certain small non-member private schools, the student must declare in writing his/her intention to participate in athletics to the school at which the student is permitted to participate.
3. Must attend school within 10 days of the beginning of each semester to be eligible during that semester.
4. Must maintain at least a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale prior to the semester in which the student wishes to participate.
5. Must not have graduated from any high school or its equivalent.
6. Must not have enrolled in the ninth grade for the first time more than four school years ago.
7. Must have signed permission to participate from the student's parent(s)/legal guardian(s) on a form (EL3) provided the school.
8. Must not turn 19 before September 1st to participate at the high school level; must not turn 16 prior to September 1st to participate at the junior high level; and must not turn 15 prior to September 1st to participate at the middle school level, otherwise the student becomes permanently ineligible.
9. Must undergo a pre-participation physical evaluation and be certified as being physically fit for participation in interscholastic athletics (form EL2).
10. Must be an amateur. This means the student must not accept money, gift or donation for participating in a sport, or use a name other than his/her own when participating.
11. Must not participate in an all-star contest in a sport prior to completing his/her high school eligibility in that sport.
12. Must display good sportsmanship and follow the rules of competition before, during and after every contest in which the student participates.
13. Must not provide false information to his/her school or to the FHSAA to gain eligibility.
14. Youth exchange, other international and immigrant students must be approved by the FHSAA office prior to any participation.
15. Must refrain from hazing/bullying while a member of an athletic team or while participating in any athletic activities sponsored by or affiliated with a member school.

If the student is declared or ruled ineligible due to one or more of the FHSAA rules and regulations, the student has the right to request that the school file an appeal on behalf of the student. See the principal or athletic director for information regarding this process.

By signing this agreement, the undersigned acknowledges that the information on the Consent and Release from Liability Certificate in regards to the FHSAA's established rules and eligibility have been read and understood.

Signature lines for Student-Athlete, Parent/Guardian, and another Parent/Guardian, each with a date field.

Policy 39

HEAT-ACCLIMATIZATION

Heat illness is the leading cause of preventable death in high school athletes. These heat stroke deaths mainly occur in the summer months, at the beginning of conditioning for all sports. Heat production during intense exercise is 15 to 20 times greater than at rest and can raise body core temperature one to two degrees Fahrenheit every five minutes unless heat is dissipated. The following policy provides guidelines and procedures for conducting preseason practices and activities to insure the well-being of student-athletes.

39.1 Intent. The intent of this policy is to require FHSAA member schools to follow a preseason acclimatization and recovery model for all sports that enhances student-athlete well-being.

39.1.1 These guidelines provide general recommendations for conducting preseason practice for secondary school-age student-athletes.

39.1.2 These guidelines can be applied during the academic year to ensure the athletes arrive with adequate sport-specific conditioning.

39.1.3 Application of these guidelines should not be based solely on the information contained in these guidelines, but should be customized to the specific geographic location of the school or practice facility.

39.1.4 Individuals using these guidelines are responsible for prudent judgment with respect to each practice, athlete and facility and each athlete is responsible for exercising caution when following these general requirements.

39.2 Rationale. The recommendation of the National Federation of High School Association's (NFHS) Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) and the National Athletic Trainers' Association's (NATA) Secondary School Committee that all sports use acclimatization and recovery principles to develop their all preseason practice schedules for the purpose of enhancing the student-athlete well-being, is based on the following:

39.2.1 Research has supported the findings, which indicate an increase in heat-related injuries resulting from inadequate preseason acclimatization practices.

39.2.2 The incidence in stress-related injuries (i.e. stress fractures, tendonitis) has been found to be directly proportional to the work-rest ratio of the athlete.

The primary focus of the preseason period should be to provide an adjustment period to the intensity and duration of exercise and environmental conditions. The guidelines and procedures are based on medical literature that differentiates sports with equipment due to the unique stress on the body's heat dissipation capabilities. Equally important, consideration should be given to the varying levels of fitness in the high school student-athlete.

39.3 Definitions

39.3.1 Practice. A practice is defined as one continuous period of time in which a participant engages in physical activity. It is required that each practice be no more than three hours and 30 minutes (3 ½ hours) in length and consist of no more than 90 minutes of intense exercise. Warm-up, stretching,

and cool-down activities are to be included as part of the practice time. All conditioning and/or weight room activities shall be considered practice.

39.3.2 Acclimatization Period. The acclimatization period is defined as the first 14 calendar days of the season beginning with the first allowable date of practice in that sport or the first date an athlete begins practice, whichever is later. This period shall begin once equipment is used. Any practices conducted prior to the utilization of any equipment, protective or otherwise, shall not be considered a part of the acclimatization period. All student-athletes, including those who arrive to preseason practice after the first day of practice, are required to follow the guidelines of the first days of the acclimatization period. During the acclimatization period, it is required that student-athletes not participate in more than six consecutive days of practice.

39.3.3 Walk-Through. A walk-through shall be defined as a teaching opportunity with no protective equipment (i.e. helmets, shoulder pads, shin guards) or equipment related to a given sport (i.e. footballs, blocking sleds, pitching machine, soccer balls, and marker cones). It is recommended the time engaged should not be more than one hour in length. This time does not include conditioning or weight room activities.

39.3.4 Recovery Period. A recovery period is defined as the time between the end of one practice or walk-through and the beginning of the next practice or walk-through. During this time, it is recommended that no physical activity be permitted (speed, strength, conditioning, agility, or walk-through).

39.4 Procedures

39.4.1 Prior to participation in any preseason practice activities, all student-athletes are required to undergo a Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (see Bylaw 9.7, Form EL 2) administered as required by state law.

39.4.2 The student and parent or legal guardian, duly appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction, must submit a release form provided by the association (Form EL3CH - Concussion & Heat Related Illness Information Release Form).

39.4.3 During the first seven calendar days, it is required that participants not engage in more than one practice per day. Weekly practice time must not exceed 18 hours per week. Competition day counts as 3 hours. No practice before or after competition is permitted.

39.4.4 If a practice session is interrupted by inclement weather or heat restrictions, it is required the session be divided for the good of the student-athlete's welfare as long as the total practice time does not exceed three hours and 30 minutes (3 ½ hours) for that session.

39.4.5 A walk-through is permitted during Days 1 - 6 of the acclimatization period. However, a one-hour recovery period is required between the end of practice and the start of the walk-through or vice-versa.

39.4.6 Football only: The first three full days of practice shall be restricted to conditioning drills. Helmet and dental guards may be issued, but deliberate contact as well as contact with sleds during this three-day period is prohibited.

39.4.7 Beginning Day 8, it is required that the practice schedule not exceed a 2-1-2-1 format. This means that a day consisting of two practices should be followed by a day with only one practice. One walk-through session would be permitted each day. If a two-practice day were followed by a day off, a two-practice day would be permitted on the following day.



Mid-Season Year Athletic Transfer Verification

Any student-athlete who is authorized to transfer from one school to another must meet the following criteria:

Eligibility of students who transfer is immediate, with certain limitations:

- a) School Districts, FHSAA, Charter Schools may NOT delay eligibility if student changes schools due to controlled open enrollment or choice. New controlled open enrollment provisions go into effect in 2017-18.
- b) Students may not participate in the same sport in the same year at more than one school (see list of exceptions below that are clarifying language)
- c) Mid-season transfers may seek to immediately join a team under certain conditions:
 1. Roster for the sport has not reached maximum size
 2. Coach determines student has skill and ability
 3. May not participate if already participated in same sport at another school that same year – unless they meet one of the items on the exception list below:
 - A. Children of active duty military whose move resulted from military orders
 - B. Children relocated due to foster care placement
 - C. Children who move due to a court-ordered change in custody due to separation or divorce, or serious illness or death of a custodial parent.
 - D. Authorized for good cause in district, private or charter school board policy.
 1. Move to a new residence following the marriage of the student. The student immediately establishes a new residence that makes it necessary to attend a different school.
 2. Reassignment by District School Board or Charter School Board (ex. Transfer of school within the first twenty days of the school year – i.e. acceptance into a previously applied for magnet program).
 3. Undue Hardship appeal which will require the Good Cause Review Committee to intervene and make a decision on a case led by the District Coordinator of Athletics. The following items will need to be submitted to the District Coordinator of Athletics upon enrollment (Copy of signed and notarized Pasco County Athletic Participation Form, copy of the FHSAA EL12, EL3, GA4, and GA7, and a letter of hardship stating the reason for the "Hardship" appeal, signed and dated by parent or guardian). Once all completed paperwork has been submitted, a decision by the committee will be given within 10 school days. All decisions are final.

39.4.8 On days when two practices are conducted, it is required that either practice not exceed three hours and 30 minutes (3 ½ hours) in length and student-athletes not participate in more than five total hours of practice activities on these days, excluding walk-through sessions. Warm-up, stretching, and cool-down activities are included as part of the practice time. Practices should be separated with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between the end of the first practice and the beginning of the very next practice. **Weekly practice time shall not exceed 18 hours per week.**

39.4.9 On days when a single practice is conducted, it is required that practices not exceed three hours and 30 minutes (3 ½ hours) in length. A walk-through is permitted and should be separated with at least one hour of continuous recovery time between the end of the first practice and the walk-through, or vice-versa.

39.4.10 Cross Country: Individuals must participate in a minimum of 10 practice sessions on 10 separate days prior to the first contest.

39.5 Hydration and Rest. The following procedures related to hydration and rest periods during a practice or contest (where applicable):

- For every 30 consecutive minutes of a practice, there must be at least a **minimum 5 minute rest** and hydration break.
- **During every practice and contest, there must be unrestricted access to water at all times.**
- A student-athlete shall never be denied access to water if he/she requests.
- Once the 14 day acclimatization expires, each school or school district is required to create a hydration and rest policy to implement for the remainder of the season.

39.6 Sanctions on Coaches

39.6.1 Level 1 Suspension. A head coach who commits a violation of any condition listed in Policy 39 will be ineligible to coach or attend any contest, at any level, for a minimum of the next two (2) contests during the period of suspension. In all sports except football, for football, the coach will be ineligible for a minimum of one (1) football game; or

39.6.2 Level 2 Suspension. A head coach who receives a second Level 1 Suspension due to a violation of any condition listed in Policy 39, or commits multiple violations in Policy 39, will be ineligible to coach or attend any interscholastic athletic contest in any sport, at any level, for a period of up to six (6) weeks; or

39.6.3 Level 3 Suspension. A head coach who receives a second Level 2 Suspension for violating any condition of Policy 39 or commits an egregious violation of Policy 39, as determined in the sole discretion of the Executive Director, will be ineligible to coach or attend any interscholastic athletic contest in any sport for a period of up to one (1) year.