

This is Largo Middle School's Sports Packet

At Largo Middle we offer the following sports:

- Cheerleading (Tryouts are completed)
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Track
- Step Team

We are required to have the following items filled by the parents:

- A Middle School Activities Participation Form
- A Sports Physical

School Insurance (Low Option) which is \$5.00 for middle schools and has to be done online and paid for online. If you do not have an email to send it to please send it to Coach who is in charge or Ms. Herrin's email – herrinc@pcsb.org

Coach Johnson – johnsonjohnj@pcsb.org

Coach Span – spanj@pcsb.org

Can be done through pcsb.org and in search type student athletics and Athletics and Extracurricular Activities / Student Accident Insurance and they need this to tryout for any sports in Pinellas County Schools.



**PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS
MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION FORM
HOME EDUCATED STUDENTS MUST BE ASSIGNED TO A SCHOOL THROUGH A FEIC, AND SHOW PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION**

*******NOTICE*******

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Student Information: _____

Special Programs _____ NAME AS IT APPEARS ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE _____ GENDER _____ GRADE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

Are you an Administrative Transfer (Check One) Yes No Do you have a Special Attendance Permit (Check One) Yes No

Residence of Parents or Legal Guardian:

_____ since _____
Street Address City Month Day Year

Residence (if Different from Parent(s) or Legal Guardian

Street Address City

Lived at this address since:

Month Day Year

Name(s) and Relationship of Person(s) you Live with if other than parent(s) or legal guardian:

Insurance

Students participating in voluntary extracurricular athletics and activities, as defined by Pinellas County School Board Policy 8760, must purchase the Mandatory Student Accident Insurance made available by the School District. Purchase of a student accident insurance policy for football covers football and all other sports and activities requiring mandatory student accident insurance. Purchase of a (non-football) student accident insurance policy covers all (non-football) school related sports and activities requiring mandatory student accident insurance. Insurance may be purchased on-line at www.pcsb.org under the quick link for student accident insurance. Note: This is excess insurance. It is provided to cover some of the out-of-pocket expenses associated with accidents. It is not intended to replace your primary medical insurance. Any other medical insurance policy will be expected to pay before this excess student accident insurance policy.

_____ Date Purchased

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT PERMISSION AND INFORMATION

I hereby authorize the school to obtain, through a physician of its own choice, any emergency care that may become reasonably necessary for the student listed on this form in the course of athletic activities or travel. Payment of all charges incurred for medical treatment is guaranteed by me or the insurance company providing coverage for the above named student.

1) Allergies and/or special medical problems (list medications carried by student):

2) Date of last Tetanus shot _____ 3) Family Physician _____ Phone _____

Please attach Physical Evaluation Form and any pertinent medical conditions.

Student Participation Permission

*******PARTICIPATION IN COMPETITIVE ATHLETICS CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY EVEN DEATH. *******

I hereby give my consent for the above named student to represent his/her school in school sponsored athletics and activities. I understand the potential risks and that severe injury, including paralysis, or even death may occur. I hereby agree to waive, release and discharge the School and the Pinellas County School Board from any and all liability for any injury or illness of the above named student (s), including death, or for claims of any nature which may result from participating in voluntary school sponsored extracurricular athletics. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the School and the Pinellas County School Board from claims of any nature including costs, expenses and fees arising out of or as a result of the participant's actions during this activity. This permission includes team travel for local or out-of-town trips.

STATEMENT:

I do hereby certify that I have read both sides of this form and understand the rules contained herein, and that the information supplied is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this student must continue to reside with me to maintain eligibility. I accept the responsibility to inform the school of any future change of this information.

School Attended last year: _____

Student's Signature

Signature of Parent/ Guardian

Home/work phone

Date

Relationship to the Student

Signature of Parent/ Guardian

Home/work phone

Date

Relationship to the Student

If only one Parent/Guardian signature above, explain reason: _____

Physical Examination (to be completed by physician).

Physical evaluation must be documented on a form provided by the physician or the FHSAA.

Please read both pages of this form before returning it to your school or coach.

Parents or Guardians Must Complete This Section

Please read both pages of this form before returning it to your school or coach.

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Failure to purchase the appropriate student accident insurance policy, or, failure by the Pinellas County School Board to verify that this requirement has been met, does not transfer responsibility for payment of any and all injury related claims and expenses from the student/parent/guardian to the Pinellas County School Board.

Parents and/or Guardians of Prospective Interscholastic Athletes:

Before trying out for an interscholastic sport a student must be certified as eligible, in accordance with the Florida High School Athletic Association rules and the policies of the School Board of Pinellas County.

Parents or Guardians must complete the following sections on the reverse side: Certification of Residency, Permission to Participate/Permission for Emergency Medical Treatment, and Certification of Insurance. Your student will not be allowed to practice until this form is completed and is on file at the school.

The Pinellas County School Board requires students participating in extracurricular activities to purchase the Mandatory Student Accident Insurance (School Board Policy 8760) regardless of your existing insurance coverage.

The following are excerpts of the athletic eligibility rules required by the Florida High School Athletic Association and the School Board of Pinellas County. If further clarification of these rules is required, contact the Assistant Principal at your school. This form is no longer available in three (3) part carbonless sheets; therefore it must be duplicated when completed. The school must keep the original and the parent and coach must have a copy.

PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY IN BRIEF

- *Students must attend the school they are assigned.
- *Students whose residences are outside the zone may enroll in a school through the open enrollment process.
- *Students who change school assignment between the end of one school year and the beginning of the next school year, are eligible to participate at the newly assigned school provided they are enrolled and attending at the newly assigned school as of the first day of the school year.
- *Home educated students must be assigned to a school through the Student Reservation System at any school.
- *Students administratively transferred to another regular school for disciplinary reasons shall be ineligible for athletic participation for a period of the remaining of the school year.
- *Students returning to any regular school from a successful reassignment/expulsion shall be eligible upon return to any regular school. Students ejected from an athletic contest for unsportsmanlike conduct are subject to a fine to be paid to his/her school. The fine is \$50 or \$250 for gross unsportsmanlike conduct.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Academic Eligibility

A middle/junior high student must have a 2.0 GPA, or the equivalent of a 2.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale, at the conclusion of each semester. A student who is academically eligible at the beginning of the semester will continue to be academically eligible for that entire semester. Likewise, a student who is academically ineligible at the beginning of the semester will continue to be academically ineligible for that entire semester, except as provided in Bylaw 9.4.5.1.2 in regards to work not completed due to illness or excused absence.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC CONTACT IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

- * A student may participate one (1) year as a 6th grader, one (1) year as a 7th grader, and one (1) year as an 8th grader.
- * A student will be eligible if they are under the age of 15 prior to September 1st .
- * Students have four (4) consecutive years of high school eligibility from the date they first enter the 9th grade.
- * Physicals are good for 365 days from the date they are given. Once the date has passed the student becomes ineligible.



ENROLL ONLINE for K-12 STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE
by typing www.pcsb.org/StudentInsurance in your Web Address Bar

2020-2021 School Year

All students participating in the following athletic and extracurricular activities are required by School Board Policy 8760 to purchase student accident insurance. This supplemental accident insurance will coordinate with any other health insurance you may have.

Baseball	Dance Team	Golf	Swimming
Basketball	Diving	Intramurals	Technical Theatre
Bowling	Drama	JROTC	Tennis
Construction Technology	Drum Line	Lacrosse	Track
Cheerleading	Flag Football	Majorettes	Veterinary Asst. Program
Color Guard	Football, Varsity & JV	Marching Band	Volleyball
Concession Stand	FPSA (Florida Public Services Association)	Powder Puff Football	Weight Lifting
Cross Country		Soccer	Wrestling
		Softball	



Questions? Need Help? Call 727-656-6980
See reverse side for enrollment procedure.

Para asistencia en Español, llamada HSR 1-866-409-5733



Southeastern Risk Consultants

HSR K-12 STUDENT INSURANCE PLANS

HSR's Student insurance products help protect kids from the bumps & bruises of growing up.

How to Enroll

Enrolling online is easy. Type www.pcsb.org/StudentInsurance in your Web Address Bar. Scroll to the bottom of the page, click **HERE to Enroll**.

For those without internet access, assistance will be provided by calling Customer Service at 727-656-6980.

1. **"Browse Rates"**, then **"Pick your State"**, select **Pinellas County Schools**. Click **"Brochure"** at the bottom of the page if you would like to view plan benefits (English and Spanish).
2. **"Open New Account"** - Create a User ID and Password (new account for each school year). Keep for future reference and to reprint ID cards.
3. **"Add Student"**. Complete each field, then **"Save New Student"**. If purchasing for more than one participant, click **"Add Student"** and repeat.
4. Select your plan, then use the drop-down box to choose the activity. **"Add selected items to shopping cart"**.
5. **"Check out"**. Select payment type, enter billing information then **"Continue Checkout"**. If you do not have a credit or debit card, call 727-656-6980 for assistance.
6. **"Checkout"** after reviewing purchase information.
7. **"Pay and View Receipt"** to complete your purchase.

You will receive an ORDER CONFIRMATION and ID CARD by email. Provide a copy of the CONFIRMATION to the Coach as proof of enrollment, keep the ID CARD in case of injury.

K12 Accident Plans available through your school include:
At-School Accident Only, 24-Hour Accident Only, Extended Dental & Football.
If you have questions, please call us at 727-656-6980.

Accident coverage underwritten by ACE American Insurance Company, Philadelphia, PA

This is Excess Insurance. It is provided to cover some of the out-of-pocket expenses associated with accidents. It is not intended to replace your primary medical insurance. Any other medical insurance policy will be expected to pay before this excess student accident insurance policy.



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.

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 FHSAA 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: ____/____/____



Preparticipation Physical Evaluation (Page 2 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.

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: _____



Preparticipation Physical Evaluation (Page 3 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.

ASSESSMENT OF PHYSICIAN TO WHOM REFERRED (if applicable)

I hereby certify that the examination(s) for which referred was/were 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: _____

Recommendations: _____

Name of Physician (print): _____ Date: ___ / ___ / ___

Address: _____

Signature of Physician: _____

Based on recommendations developed by the American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Medical Society for Sports Medicine, American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine and American Osteopathic Academy for Sports Medicine.



Consent and Release from Liability Certificate (Page 1 of 2)

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.
 This form is non-transferable.

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 the reverse side 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, by my child's/ward's school, to the FHSAA, upon its request, of all records relevant to his/her athletic eligibility including, but not limited to, his/her 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 (Page 2 of 2)

This completed form must be kept on file by the school.

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. 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.** Home education students and students attending small non-member private schools must be approved through the use of a separate form prior to any participation. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.2, Policy 16 and Administrative Procedure 1.)
2. Must attend school within 10 days of the beginning of each semester to be eligible during that semester. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.2)
3. 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. This GPA must include all courses taken since the student entered high school. A sixth, seventh or eighth grade student must have earned at least a 2.0 grade point average on 4.0 unweighted scale the previous semester. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.4)
4. Must not have graduated from any high school or its equivalent. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.4)
5. Must participate at the school in which the student first enrolls (attends), or at which the student first takes part in an athletic practice, at the beginning of the school year. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.2)
6. Must not transfer schools after the first day of practice of a sport , or otherwise the student cannot participate at the new school for the remainder of the school year. Exceptions may apply. See your school's principal/athletic director after first attending the new school. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.3)
7. Must not participate on a non-school team (i.e., AAU, American Legion, club setting, etc.) which is affiliated with a school or coached by a representative of a school other than the one the student attends, or has attended, and then attend that school, otherwise the student will be ineligible there for one year. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.2) Exceptions may apply. See your school's principal/athletic director after first attending the new school.
8. Must not transfer to a school that the student's coach has relocated to within a year, otherwise the student may be ineligible there for one year. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.3)
9. Must not have enrolled in the ninth grade for the first time more than four school years ago. If the student is a sixth, seventh or eighth grade student, the student must not participate if repeating that grade. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.5)
10. Must have signed permission to participate from the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) on a form (EL3) provided the school. (Bylaw 9.8)
11. Must be less than 19 years 9 months old to participate in high school; 16 years 9 months old to participate in junior high school; and 15 years 9 months old to participate in middle school, otherwise the student becomes ineligible to participate at that level. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.6)
12. Must undergo a pre-participation physical evaluation and be certified as being physically fit for participation in interscholastic athletics (form EL2). The physical evaluation is valid for 365 calendar days from the date that it was administered after which time the student must successfully undergo another physical evaluation to continue his/her participation. Parents and students must also submit a completed EL3CH which serves to address heat illness and concussion dangers. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.7)
13. 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. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.9)
14. Must not participate in an all-star contest in a sport prior to completing his/her high school eligibility in that sport. (FHSAA Policy 26)
15. Must display good sportsmanship and follow the rules of competition before, during and after every contest in which the student participates. If not, the student may be suspended from participation for a period of time. (FHSAA Bylaw 7.1)
16. Must not provide false information to his/her school or to the FHSAA to gain eligibility. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.1)
17. Youth exchange, other international and immigrant students must be approved by the FHSAA office prior to any participation. Exceptions may apply. See your school's principal/athletic director. (FHSAA Policy 17)
18. **This form is non-transferable;** a separate form must be completed for each different school at which a student participates.

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.



Consent and Release from Liability Certificate for Concussion and Heat-Related Illness (Page 1 of 2)

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Concussion Information

What is a concussion?

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.

What are the signs and symptoms of 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

What can happen if my child keeps on playing 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.

What do I do if I suspect my 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), or a licensed physicians assistant under the direct supervision of a MD/DO (as per Chapters 458 and 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.

When can my child 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

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.

Name of Student-Athlete (printed)

Signature of Student-Athlete

Date

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date



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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, the undersigned acknowledges that the information on page 1 and page 2 have been read and understood.

Name of Student-Athlete (printed)

Signature of Student-Athlete

Date

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date