

# Yulee Middle School Athletic Department

## 2022-2023

The following rules-and procedures are implemented across all sports at Yulee Middle School. The expectations are for all coaches, student-athletes, and members of the YMS Athletic Department to follow and adhere to all of the following rules and procedures.

### Coaches:

Must submit to the athletic director the entire original athletic packet turned in by the student-athletes for our records.

### Team Rules:

- All members of their respective teams must show good sportsmanship at all times Follow the guidelines of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA)
- Being placed on a YMS athletic team is a privilege and should be treated as such, student-athletes should be aware that if all rules and procedures are not followed this privilege can be taken away Be on time to all practices and games
- Follow their specific coaches' team rules and expectations
- Must be in school at least half of the school day to play in the game that evening

### Try-out Procedure

- Each sport will have a period of time in which the student-athlete will have an opportunity to show their skill in the sport for which they are trying out
- Each coach will assess the student-athlete by a sport specific rubric or--rubrics that they have created in order to properly assess the abilities of the student-athlete-
- The coach has full discretion on who makes or does not make a YMS athletic team

### Travel Rules:

- Each student-athlete will follow the guidelines of Nassau County Bus Rules/Policies The student-athlete will also follow any travel rules that the head coach has set forth
- While at any school, restaurant, and/or establishment, all student-athletes are expected to be respectful, responsible, and following the schools code-of conduct
- The student-athlete needs to be picked up on time (No more than 30 minutes after arriving back to YMS)

### Travel and Game Day Dress Code:

- Each student-athlete will abide by the Nassau County School Board Dress Code
- The student-athlete will also wear his/her specific uniform that the coach/YMS has provided them to any and all games
- To travel home with a parent/guardian the student-athlete will need to be signed out by his/her parent/guardian as long as their head coach permits it
- On game day, student-athletes should dress in khaki pants or nice denim jeans along with a polo or buttoned shirt.

### In-school Suspension:

- **NO student-athlete can participate in a game when assigned to in-school suspension**
- The student-athlete may not practice while in in-school suspension

### Academic Standing:

- The student-athlete must get promoted, maintain a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 grading scale, be in regular attendance at school, have a normal class load, and have a good conduct record
- Grades will be checked every nine weeks. If the student-athlete does not have a 2.0 GPA he/she will be placed on academic probation until progress report time (must have a 2.0 GPA). If the student-athlete has a 2.0 GPA at that time they are then eligible to participate in athletics at YMS (weekly progress report may be requested)

### Discipline Probation:

- Any athlete that receives 2 suspensions (ISS or OSS) in a single sports season may not be eligible to participate the rest of the sporting season
- Upon receiving OSS or ISS, the athletic behavioral committee (consisting of the head coach, athletic director, counselor, and school administrator) will meet to discuss the player's eligibility in continuing the season.

Coaches, student-athletes, and members of the YMS athletic department will follow all FHSAA Handbook and Nassau County rules and expectations. All student-athletes participating in extracurricular activities will abide by the school Code of Conduct Handbook.

Student-Athlete Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

# PROOF OF ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Required for Athletic, Cheerleading and Extracurricular Activity Participants

The Florida Statutes and the Nassau County School Board Administrative Rules 5.71 require that students participating in the interscholastic Athletics, Cheerleading and Extracurricular Activities **MUST** have accident insurance and proof of the insurance is to be kept on file at the school.

This is to confirm that my child, \_\_\_\_\_, who is a student at \_\_\_\_\_ is covered under the following accident insurance policy:

Name of Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my child will not be permitted to participate in Interscholastic Athletics, Cheerleading and/or Extracurricular Activities without accident insurance and I agree to maintain accident insurance coverage for my child during his/her participation.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ by

\_\_\_\_\_, who is personally known to me or who has Produced  
(Name of Person Acknowledged)

\_\_\_\_\_ as Identification and who did (did not) Take an oath.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title or Rank)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Notary taking Acknowledgment)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Serial Number, if any)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Notary, typed, printed or stamped)

Our mission is to develop each student as an inspired life-long learner and problem-solver with the strength of character to serve as a productive member of society.

**CONSENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as "minor child"). As the parent or legal guardian of the minor child, I hereby consent for the minor child to participate in the following school related activity:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

which will be held on \_\_\_\_\_.

In consideration of the benefits to be derived by the minor child from participating in the foregoing activity, I, the parent or legal guardian of the minor child, both personally and on behalf of the minor child, and for our respective estates, heirs, administrators, executors, and assigns hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the Nassau County School Board, members of the Nassau County School Board, Superintendent, or the Nassau County School Board's servants, agents or employees (hereinafter referred to as the "Releasees") from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action, as well as attorneys' fees and court costs, arising out of or relating to any loss, damage or injury, including death, that may be sustained by the minor child or the minor child's property during and/or as a result of his or her participation in the above described activity.

I fully understand that there are potential risks and hazards associated with the minor child's participation in the above described activity. Despite the potential risks and hazards associated with the minor child's participation in the above described activity and related travel, I, individually and on the minor child's behalf, wish for him or her to proceed, and freely accept and assume all risks and hazards that may arise from his or her participation in the above described activity that could result in loss, illness, personal injury, death, or property damage to him or her, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or otherwise. I acknowledge that the minor child is freely and voluntarily participating in the above described activity and that his or her participation is not required.

In signing this agreement, I acknowledge and represent that I have read it and that I understand it; that I sign it voluntarily and for full and adequate consideration, fully intending to be bound by the same; and that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age, fully competent, and the parent or legal guardian of the minor child. This instrument shall be governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with Florida law.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Legal Guardian's Printed Name

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,  
by \_\_\_\_\_, who is to me personally known or who  
produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**OFF-CAMPUS SCHOOL ACTIVITY CONSENT FORM**

TO: School Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ School, Nassau County School District

FROM: Parent or Guardian of Student

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_ parent(s) and/or guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_  
hereby grant our permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the following off-campus school  
activity, to wit: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Estimated Time of Return: \_\_\_\_\_

I can be reached during this trip, at these phone numbers: A.M. \_\_\_\_\_ P.M. \_\_\_\_\_

I/We acknowledge that my/our child will be transported to and from said activity either via charter bus, school bus or private vehicle, and I/We hereby authorize him/her to travel in whichever form of transportation is used. I/We further acknowledge the right and necessity of said vehicle(s) to make incidental stops in route to, and in return from, the designated activity when determined to be necessary or desirable by representatives of the District School Board of Nassau County.

I/We understand that under present law, if my/our child is riding in a private passenger automobile which is involved in an accident, he/she will be primarily covered for bodily injury under my/our family automobile policy, and I/We agree to submit any medical bills incurred by my/our insurance company for payment. If my/our policy has been issued with a deductible clause relative to the personal injury protection, I/We understand that I/We have assumed that deductible amount when I/We purchased the policy. I/We have health and/or family automobile insurance with the following company(ies):

health insurance co.: \_\_\_\_\_ policy number \_\_\_\_\_

automobile insurance co.: \_\_\_\_\_ policy number \_\_\_\_\_

In the event that I/We do not have family automobile insurance, I/We hereby acknowledge that that decision is a personal one which I/We have chosen to make, and I/We hereby agree to be solely responsible for any and all medical bills incurred as a result of injury or treatment to my/our child even though I/We have no insurance coverage.

I/We, on behalf of ourselves, our heirs, executors, successors and assigns, in consideration of my/our child participating in the above referenced off-campus school activity, do hereby release and agree to save and hold harmless the District School Board of Nassau County, Florida, its agents, servants, employees and successors, from any and all claims, actions, or liability which may or might arise out of my/our child's participation in the above referenced off-campus school activity.

**NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITY WITHOUT FIRST RETURNING A VALID, EXECUTED AUTHORIZATION FORM. FAILURE TO EXECUTE AND RETURN THIS AUTHORIZATION FORM TO THE SCHOOL IN A TIMELY MANNER MAY RESULT IN YOUR CHILD'S INABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEMPLATED ACTIVITY.**

I/We hereby certify that we have read the entire contents of this Consent Form and that I/We understand the significance of its terms and condition and agree to abide by the covenants stated herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**For Middle and High School Students:**

I hereby certify that I have read, understand and agree to abide by all of the rules of conduct and regulations of the District School Board of Nassau County, my School Code of Conduct, and I agree to obey the commands and directions of the particular school personnel chaperoning the activity in which I am participating. I further acknowledge that any violation of these rules and regulations will subject me to disciplinary action just as if said violation occurred on campus.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student: \_\_\_\_\_



# Consent and Release from Liability Certificate (Page 1 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. This form is non-transferable; a change of schools during the validity period of this form will require this form to be re-submitted.

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. As required by F.S. 1014.06(1), I specifically authorize healthcare services to be provided for my child/ward by a healthcare practitioner, as defined in F.S. 456.001, or someone under the direct supervision of a healthcare practitioner, 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" at [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.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.

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 _____/_____/_____



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 (SCA) 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 SCA include, but not limited to: sudden collapse, no pulse, no breathing.**

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

It is strongly recommended that all coaches, whether paid or volunteer, be regularly trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). Training is encouraged through agencies that provide hands-on training and offer certificates that include an expiration date. Beginning June 1, 2021, a school employee or volunteer with current training in CPR and the use of an AED must be present at each athletic event during and outside of the school year, including practices, workouts and conditioning sessions.

The AED must be in a clearly marked and publicized location for each athletic contest, practice, workout or conditioning session, including those conducted outside of the school year.

**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](http://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



# Consent and Release from Liability Certificate (Page 4 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.

## 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 and/or sanctioned sport, 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, a charter school student, a special/alternative school student, non-member private school student or Florida Virtual School Full-time Public Program student, the student must declare in writing his/her intent to participate in athletics to the school at which the student is permitted to participate.** Home education students and students attending 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 1.8)
3. Must attend school within the first 10 days of the beginning of **each semester** to be eligible during **that semester**. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.2)
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. 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)
5. Must not have graduated from any high school or its equivalent. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.4)
6. Must not have **enrolled in the ninth grade for the first time** more than eight semesters 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)
7. Must not turn 19 before **July 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. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.6)
8. Must undergo a pre-participation physical evaluation and be certified as being physically fit for participation in interscholastic athletics on a form (EL2). (FHSAA Bylaw 9.7)
9. Must have signed permission to participate from the student's parent(s)/legal guardian(s) on a form (EL3) provided the school. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.8)
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. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.9)
11. 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)
12. 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)
13. Must not provide false information to his/her school or to the FHSAA to gain eligibility. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.1)
14. 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)
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.**

Name of Student-Athlete (printed)	Signature of Student-Athlete	Date
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Name of Parent/Guardian (printed)	Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date
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Name of Parent/Guardian (printed)	Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date
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Florida High School Athletic Association

# Addendum to Consent and Release from Liability Certificate

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School: \_\_\_\_\_ School District (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Part 2, letter C of the EL3 Consent and Release from Liability Certificate that was last revised 04/20 is amended to be as follows:

### 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.)

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. As required by F.S. 1014.06(1), I specifically authorize healthcare services to be provided for my child/ward by a healthcare practitioner, as defined in F.S. 456.001, or someone under the direct supervision of a healthcare practitioner, 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.

In all other respects, the previously signed EL3, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

#### 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 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



# Preparticipation Physical Evaluation (Page 1 of 3)

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## 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\*

Table with 4 columns: FINDINGS, NORMAL, ABNORMAL FINDINGS, INITIALS\*. Rows include MEDICAL (Appearance, Eyscs/Ears/Nosc/Throat, Lymph Nodes, Heart, Pulses, Lungs, Abdomen, Genitalia (males only), Skin) and MUSCULOSKELETAL (Neck, Back, Shoulder/Arm, Elbow/Forearm, Wrist/Hand, Hip/Thigh, Knee, Leg/Ankle, 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: \_\_\_\_\_



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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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.*