



**DIOCESE OF PALM BEACH  
SPORTS CONSENT AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Sports in which the student plans to participate: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. I/we hereby give consent for our child/ward to participate in the interscholastic sports listed above.
- B. I/we am aware of the potential danger of concussions and/or head and neck injuries in athletic participation. I also have knowledge about the risks associated with heat related illness during athletic participation and have received information as to the risk of continuing to practice or play once a concussion or head injury is sustained without proper medical clearance.
- C. I/we know of and acknowledge that my child/ward knows of the risks involved in athletic participation, understands 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/we release and hold harmless my child's/ward's school, the school against which it competes, the contest officials and coaches, and the Diocese of Palm Beach including all of its affiliated entities and agents of any and all legal responsibility and liability for any injury or claim resulting from such athletic participation and agree to take no legal action against my child's/ward's school, the schools against which it competes, the contest officials and coaches and the Diocese of Palm Beach because of any claim, costs, or cause of action arising in any way from the athletic participation of my child/ward. I further 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/we have read this document carefully. I/we understand the contents of the document and I/we are aware that it contains a release of liability. I/we understand that the student may not practice or compete in any sports activity until this document is on file with the principal.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Note: This document must be completed and endorsed by the student's parent or guardian and kept on file at the school. When received, the document should be date stamped and initialed by the athletic director or the principal.**





**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, stunt 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 § 1016.20, 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: \_\_\_\_\_



**Florida High School Athletic Association**  
**Preparticipation Physical Evaluation (Page 2 of 3)**

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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 \_\_\_\_\_



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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 conclusions:

\_\_\_ 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*





# 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](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)

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### 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. 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 1.8)
3. Must attend school within 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 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)
7. Must have signed permission to participate from the student's parent(s)/legal guardian(s) on a form (EL3) provided the school. (Bylaw 9.8)
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. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.6)
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. (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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent/Guardian (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Name of Parent/Guardian (printed)

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date