



PARRISH CHARTER ACADEMY
SOARING BEYOND EXPECTATIONS!

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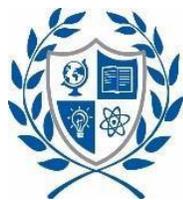
2023-2024 Parrish Charter Academy Athletic Department Policies

At Parrish Charter Academy, our goals for student athletes align with the 8 Habits of Highly Effective People and increase Experiential Learning opportunities. We believe student participation in school athletics has a positive impact on student character, social confidence, and service to the community. As an extension of the school day, student athletes are a reflection of Parrish Charter academy. Their behaviors during practice and competitions are expected to reflect the 8 Habits.

Objectives for Student Athletes:

- *Recognize individual skills and provide opportunity for participation by all*
- *Develop and increase individual and team skills to compete successfully*
- *Grow strong school and team pride*
- *Reflect characteristics of good sportsmanship*
- *Apply 8 Habits of Highly Effective People within sports programs*
- *Learn healthy living habits that nurture growth and development*

The Parrish Charter Academy Athletic Department recognizes the vital role that coaches, parents and students all play in the healthy development of a student athlete. The athletic director has been assigned by the principal to administer the athletic program. Head coaches report to the athletic director and are charged with responsibility for the student athletes involved in their program. The coach is also responsible for communicating relevant information to parents throughout the season. Student athletes represent Parrish Charter Academy and are, therefore, held to a high standard of conduct at all school events.



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2023-2024 PCA Athletic Discipline/Eligibility Policy

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

- Academics: student athletes must maintain a **GPA of 2.0 (C average)**. Failure to maintain this standard will result in that player missing games until the minimum GPA is achieved. The player will be able to practice and stay on the team but will not be able to participate in the game(s).
- Absence From School: **The student may not participate in practice or in a game the day they are absent from school (missing more than half the day), unless excused by an administrator.**
- School Conduct: **Students must be in compliance with all of PCA's behavioral and attendance expectations.**
 - Disciplinary Action: **Disciplinary action by an administrator will result in the following penalties:**
 - 1st Referral = 1 game suspension
 - 2nd Referral = 1 week suspension
 - 3rd Referral = removal from team
- Language: Profanity will not be tolerated in any form. A violation of this rule will be referred to the administration.
- Appearance: Students involved in interscholastic athletics are required to follow the school's guidelines for proper appearance as well as any additional requirements from the coach. Students who are not properly attired will not be allowed to participate.
- Practice: Athletes are expected to attend all practices. Athletes must be excused in advance by the coach for any practice missed. Injured athletes who can attend practices and games will be expected to do so.
- Missing a Game: If an athlete has to miss any game or contest, the coach must be notified at least 1 week in advance. If the absence is excused, no penalty will follow.
- Quitting Without Notifying the Coach: Suspension from all athletics for the remainder of current season and the next sport season.
- Transportation: Parents will be responsible for transportation to and from all athletic events and practices. Any carpool arrangements must be made by parents in advance and the school must have written permission for students to be driven by anyone other than their parents.
- Playing Time: **No player is guaranteed an equal amount of playing time in each game and playing time is contingent on participation and attendance at practice. If you do not get playing time in a game, it is important to maintain a positive attitude during that game and in practices.**

I AGREE WITH THE ABOVE STATEMENTS AND WILL UPHOLD THE PARRISH CHARTER ACADEMY ATHLETIC POLICIES.

Athlete Signature

(date)

Parent/Guardian

Signature

(date)



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Parrish Charter Academy Private Vehicle Transportation Permission

Instructions: PCA will not be providing bus transportation for athletic events during the school year. Instead, parents may arrange alternate transportation using private vehicles driven by parents or other adults. If you agree to allow your athlete to be driven to/from athletic events in a private passenger vehicle, complete this form, and return it to the school. This form must be signed and returned to the school before your athlete will be allowed to be transported to any athletic event in a private passenger vehicle.

Private Passenger Vehicle Transportation

I, _____ give my permission for

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

_____ to be transported to/from

Student Name (Print)

athletic events in a private passenger vehicle during the 2023-2024 school year. The phone number (s) where I can be reached during this school year is

(are):

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



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**2023-2024 PARRISH CHARTER ACADEMY, INC.
INFORMED CONSENT AND GENERAL RELEASE FROM LIABILITY
INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS**

Because participation in interscholastic sports activities can be dangerous, Parrish Charter Academy, Inc. (the "School") requires all participants and their adult parent(s) or guardian(s) to be informed of, acknowledge, and assume all risks associated with participation in any sports activities by signing this Informed Consent and General Release from Liability.

Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risks: I acknowledge and understand there are inherent risks and dangers associated with playing interscholastic sports which include, but are not limited to, personal injury, death, permanent disability, disfigurement, disease, sickness, and other similar dangers which could result and which my child could suffer as a consequence of his/her participation in sports activities. I further acknowledge and agree that the School is not the guarantor of my child's safety, cannot guarantee my child's safety, and has made no representation or warranty to me regarding my child's safety. I expressly assume any and all risks and dangers associated with my child's participation in sports activities and assume full responsibility and liability for any and all injury and loss resulting from such participation.

Consent and Release From Liability: For and in consideration of my child being permitted to participate in the School's interscholastic sports activities, I hereby voluntarily release, discharge, waive, and relinquish any and all claims or actions for damages for personal injury, permanent disability, death, or property damage which I or my child may have, or which may hereafter accrue to me or my child, as a result of my child's participation in interscholastic sports activities or for any other reason. I agree to assume all risks and dangers associated with my child's participation in sports activities, and I hereby release and hold harmless the School, its officers, directors, employees or agents and the owners and maintainers of any facility used for the activities, its officers and agents, from and against any liability related to my child's participation in sports activities conducted by the School. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the School, its officers, directors, employees and agents for any loss, liability, damage, cost or expense which they may incur as a result of any injury or property damage sustained in connection with my child's participation in sports activities. I further understand and agree that this release, discharge, waiver, and assumption of risk is to be binding on my and my child's heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns.

Voluntary Participation: Fully informed and knowing of the risks, I voluntarily consent to my child participating in the School's interscholastic sports activities. I agree to comply with all requirements of the program as established by the School.

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 THE SCHOOL 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 THE SCHOOL 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 THE SCHOOL HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM.

Medical Release: I authorize emergency medical treatment for my child should the need arise for such treatment while my child is participating in sports activities or otherwise under the supervision of the School. I agree to reimburse the School for any medical expenses or costs incurred by the School in connection with seeking such treatment. I agree to the release of my child's medical information to third-party medical personnel as necessary for my child to receive emergency treatment.

Is your child covered by a medical insurance plan: _____ Yes (provide information below) _____ No
All insurance information must be regularly updated if this information changes:

Name of Insurance Company:

Policy Number:

Name of Policy Holder:



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Medical Conditions and Limitations

Please list any medical conditions/problems or special needs (including medications) for your child in the box below. Medications will only be administered by coaches or appropriate medical personnel in the event of an emergency.

Special Instructions/Criteria for You Child's Participation:

Please list below any special instructions for your child's participation in sports activities.

Media Release: I hereby consent for my child to be videotaped, photographed, or filmed in connection with his or her participation in sports activities conducted by the School. I give permission for the School to use my child's likeness and image in various mediums including, but not limited to, print media, bulletin boards, videos, the School's website, the School's social media pages, promotional materials, and email newsletters for marketing and/or educational purposes. Further, I convey to the School all right, title, and interest in any and all such depictions

Rules: I hereby agree that my child will abide by all rules and policies of the School and maintain all eligibility criteria for participation in sports activities.

I have read this Informed Consent and General Release from Liability and acknowledge it is a full release from liability and waiver of any and all claims on behalf of myself and my child related to my child's participation in sports activities, and I am relinquishing rights by voluntarily signing this waiver.

Name of Child (print): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Child's Signature: _____ Date: _____



PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION (Page 1 of 4)
This medical history form should be retained by the healthcare provider and/or parent.
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MEDICAL HISTORY FORM

Student Information (to be completed by student and parent) *print legibly*

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

List past and current medical conditions:

Have you ever had surgery? If yes, please list all surgical procedures and dates:

Medicines and supplements (please list all current prescription medications, over-the-counter medicines, and supplements (herbal and nutritional):

Do you have any allergies? If yes, please list all of your allergies (i.e., medicines, pollens, food, insects):

Patient Health Questionnaire version 4 (PHQ-4)

Over the past two weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems? (Circle response)

	Not at all	Several days	Over half of the days	Nearly everyday
Feeling nervous, anxious, or on edge	0	1	2	3
Not being able to stop or control worrying	0	1	2	3
Little interest or pleasure in doing things	0	1	2	3
Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	0	1	2	3

GENERAL QUESTIONS Explain "Yes" answers at the end of this form. Circle questions if you don't know the answer.		Yes	No	HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU <i>(continued)</i>		Yes	No
1	Do you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with your provider?			8	Has a doctor ever requested a test for your heart? For example, electrocardiography (ECG) or echocardiography (ECHO)?		
2	Has a provider ever denied or restricted your participation in sports for any reason?			9	Do you get light-headed or feel shorter of breath than your friends during exercise?		
3	Do you have any ongoing medical issues or recent illnesses?			10	Have you ever had a seizure?		
HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU		Yes	No	HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY		Yes	No
4	Have you ever passed out or nearly passed out during or after exercise?			11	Has any family member or relative died of heart problems or had an unexpected or unexplained sudden death before age 35? (including drowning or unexplained car crash)		
5	Have you ever had discomfort, pain, tightness, or pressure in your chest during exercise?			12	Does anyone in your family have a genetic heart problem such as hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM), Marfan Syndrome, arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy (ARVC), long QT syndrome (LQTS), short QT syndrome (SQTS), Brugada syndrome, or catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia (CPVT)?		
6	Does your heart ever race, flutter in your chest, or skip beats (irregular beats) during exercise?			13	Has anyone in your family had a pacemaker or an implanted defibrillator before age 35?		
7	Has a doctor ever told you that you have any heart problems?						

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Student's Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: ___/___/___ School: _____

BONE AND JOINT QUESTIONS		Yes	No	MEDICAL QUESTIONS (continued)		Yes	No
14	Have you ever had a stress fracture?			26	Do you worry about your weight?		
15	Did you ever injure a bone, muscle, ligament, joint, or tendon that caused you to miss a practice or game?			27	Are you trying to or has anyone recommended that you gain or lose weight?		
16	Do you have a bone, muscle, ligament, or joint injury that currently bothers you?			28	Are you on a special diet or do you avoid certain types of foods or food groups?		
MEDICAL QUESTIONS		Yes	No	29	Have you ever had an eating disorder?		
17	Do you cough, wheeze, or have difficulty breathing during or after exercise or has a provider ever diagnosed you with asthma?			Explain "Yes" answers here: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____			
18	Are you missing a kidney, an eye, a testicle, your spleen, or any other organ?						
19	Do you have groin or testicle pain or a painful bulge or hernia in the groin area?						
20	Do you have any recurring skin rashes or rashes that come and go, including herpes or methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)?						
21	Have you had a concussion or head injury that caused confusion, a prolonged headache, or memory problems?						
22	Have you ever had numbness, had tingling, had weakness in your arms or legs, or been unable to move your arms or legs after being hit or falling?						
23	Have you ever become ill while exercising in the heat?						
24	Do you or does someone in your family have sickle cell trait or disease?						
25	Have you ever had or do you have any problems with your eyes or vision?						

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Participation in high school sports is not without risk. The student-athlete and parent/guardian acknowledge truthful answers to the above questions allows for a trained clinician to assess the individual student-athlete against risk factors associated with sports-related injuries and death. Florida Statute 1006.20 requires a student candidate for an interscholastic athletic team to successfully complete a preparticipation physical evaluation as the first step of injury prevention. This preparticipation physical evaluation shall be completed each year before participating in interscholastic athletic competition or engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, conditioning, or other physical activity, including activities that occur outside of the school year.

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 physical evaluation required by Florida Statute 1006.20, 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 (ECG), echocardiogram (ECHO), and/or cardio stress test. The FHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee strongly recommends a medical evaluation with your healthcare provider for risk factors of sudden cardiac arrest which may include the special tests listed above.

Student-Athlete Name: _____ (printed) Student-Athlete Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ (printed) Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ (printed) Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

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PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION (Page 3 of 4)
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PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM

Student's Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: ___/___/___ School: _____

PHYSICIAN REMINDERS:

Consider additional questions on more sensitive issues.

• Do you feel stressed out or under a lot of pressure?	• Do you ever feel sad, hopeless, depressed, or anxious?
• Do you feel safe at your home or residence?	• During the past 30 days, did you use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?
• Do you drink alcohol or use any other drugs?	• Have you ever taken anabolic steroids or used any other performance-enhancing supplement?
• Have you ever taken any supplements to help you gain or lose weight or improve your performance?	

Verify completion of FHSAA EL2 Medical History (pages 1 and 2), review these medical history responses as part of your assessment. Cardiovascular history/symptom questions include Q4-Q13 of Medical History form. *(check box if complete)*

EXAMINATION

Height: _____ **Weight:** _____

BP: ___ / ___ (___ / ___) **Pulse:** _____ **Vision:** R 20/ _____ L 20/ _____ **Corrected:** Yes No

MEDICAL - healthcare professional shall initial each assessment	NORMAL	ABNORMAL FINDINGS
Appearance • Marfan stigmata (kyphoscoliosis, high-arched palate, pectus excavatum, arachnodactyl, hyperlaxity, myopia, mitral valve prolapse [MVP], and aortic insufficiency)		
Eyes, Ears, Nose, and Throat • Pupils equal • Hearing		
Lymph Nodes		
Heart • Murmurs (auscultation standing, auscultation supine, and Valsalva maneuver)		
Lungs		
Abdomen		
Skin • Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV), lesions suggestive of Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA), or tinea corporis		
Neurological		

MUSCULOSKELETAL - healthcare professional shall initial each assessment	NORMAL	ABNORMAL FINDINGS
Neck		
Back		
Shoulder and Arm		
Elbow and Forearm		
Wrist, Hand, and Fingers		
Hip and Thigh		
Knee		
Leg and Ankle		
Foot and Toes		
Functional • Double-leg squat test, single-leg squat test, and box drop or step drop test		

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*Consider electrocardiography (ECG), echocardiography (ECHO), referral to a cardiologist for abnormal cardiac history or examination findings, or any combination thereof. The FHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee strongly recommends to a student-athlete (parent), a medical evaluation with your healthcare provider for risk factors of sudden cardiac arrest which may include an electrocardiogram.

Name of Healthcare Professional (print or type): _____ Date of Exam: ___ / ___ / _____

Address: _____ Phone: (___) _____ E-mail: _____

Signature of Healthcare Professional: _____ Credentials: _____ License #: _____

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PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION (Page 4 of 4)

SUBMIT THIS MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY FORM TO THE SCHOOL

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MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY FORM

Student Information (to be completed by student and parent) *print legibly*

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

- Medically eligible for all sports without restriction
- Medically eligible for all sports without restriction with recommendations for further evaluation or treatment of: *(use additional sheet, if necessary)*

- Medically eligible for only certain sports as listed below:

- Not medically eligible for any sports

Recommendations: *(use additional sheet, if necessary)*

I hereby certify that I have examined the above-named student-athlete using the FHSAA EL2 Preparticipation Physical Evaluation and have provided the conclusion(s) listed above. A copy of the exam has been retained and can be accessed by the parent as requested. Any injury or other medical conditions that arise after the date of this medical clearance should be properly evaluated, diagnosed, and treated by an appropriate healthcare professional prior to participation in activities.

Name of Healthcare Professional (print or type): _____ Date of Exam: ___/___/___
Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____
Signature of Healthcare Professional: _____ Credentials: _____ License #: _____

SHARED EMERGENCY INFORMATION - completed at the time of assessment by practitioner and parent

Check this box if there is no relevant medical history to share related to participation in competitive sports.

Provider Stamp *(if required by school)*

Medications: *(use additional sheet, if necessary)*

List: _____

Relevant medical history to be reviewed by athletic trainer/team physician: *(explain below, use additional sheet, if necessary)*

- Allergies Asthma Cardiac/Heart Concussion Diabetes Heat Illness Orthopedic Surgical History Sickle Cell Trait Other

Explain: _____

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

We hereby state, to the best of our knowledge the information recorded on this form is complete and correct. 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 (ECG), echocardiogram (ECHO), and/or cardio stress test.

This form is not considered valid unless all sections are complete.



PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION (Supplement)

SUBMIT THIS MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY FORM TO THE SCHOOL

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This form is only used, or requested, if a student-athlete has been referred for additional evaluation, prior to full medical clearance.

MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY FORM - Referred Provider Form

Student Information (to be completed by student and parent) *print legibly*

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

Referred for: _____ Diagnosis: _____

I hereby certify the evaluation and assessment for which this student-athlete was referred has been conducted by myself or a clinician under my direct supervision with the conclusions documented below:

- Medically eligible for all sports without restriction as of the date signed below
- Medically eligible for all sports without restriction after completion of the following treatment plan: *(use additional sheet, if necessary)*

Medically eligible for only certain sports as listed below:

Not medically eligible for any sports

Further Recommendations: *(use additional sheet, if necessary)*

Name of Healthcare Professional (print or type): _____ Date of Exam: ___ / ___ / _____

Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Signature of Healthcare Professional: _____ Credentials: _____ License #: _____

Provider Stamp *(if required by school)*



Consent and Release from Liability Certificate for Concussion and Heat-Related Illness (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.

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



Consent and Release from Liability Certificate for Concussion and Heat-Related Illness (Page 2 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.

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