ONLINE ATHLETIC CLEARANCE



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VISIT ATHLETICCLEARANCE.COM CHOOSE FLORIDA LOG INTO ACCOUNT

New Users

Create an account. Please register with a valid PARENT/GUARDIAN email address as the username and generate a password.

Return Users

Log into existing account used in previous School Year.

2

SELECT START CLEARANCE HERE

Select

School Year in which student plans to participate. School where student will participate Sport(s).

Participating in multiple sports? Use Add New Sport button.

3

COMPLETE ALL REQUIRED FIELDS

Student Information, Parent/Guardian Information, Medical History, Signature Forms, and upload any File(s).

Student Info & Parent Guardian Info

If you have previously used Athletic Clearance select student or parent/guardian from the dropdown menu. Most fields will autofill with previous information. Be sure to update the fields that are not autofilled.

Files

Drag & drop or browse from your computer to add a file. Select Choose Existing File to search for a previously uploaded file.

CLICK
SUBMIT COMPLETED
APPLICATION

4

CONFIRMATION MESSAGE

Your clearance is ready for review by your school once you have reached the **CONFIRMATION MESSAGE** page.

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THE STUDENT IS NOT CLEARED YET!

THE SCHOOL MUST REVIEW AND CLEAR THE STUDENT. AN EMAIL NOTIFICATION WILL BE SENT ONCE THE SCHOOL HAS REVIEWED AND CLEARED THE STUDENT FOR PARTICIPATION.





Choose Which Year, Sch	ool & Sport
Year "	
2012-23	
School *	
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Sport " (if you are a multiple sport athlete click "Add New Sport")	
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Add New Sport - Stemove Sport	

Student	Parent/Guardian	Medical	Program Information	Signatures	Files
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CONTACT HOME CAMPUS

FORT MYERS HIGH SCHOOL

Athletic/Activities Dept. Transportation Permission Form

Memorandum

YEAR 2023-2024

To: Parent/Guardian of Fort Myers High School Student	
From: Steven Cato, Athletic/Activities Director	
Subject: Transportation for Athletic/Activity Events and Practices	
From time to time when school/charter transportation is unavailable, it is necessary to	
transport students to activities via private vehicles. We need to have on file, permission	
for each to student to travel in a private vehicle. Please initial the appropriate choice(s)	
 of travel for your child. Student and parent/guardian must sign and date the bottom of the form Student will be transported by parent or guardian. Student may ride with the coach/teacher. Student will drive his/her own car and may transport siblings (with student dri Information on file). Student may be transported by another parent (with that parent's driver information on file) 	ive
Student Name (Print)	
Name of Sport/Activity	
Student SignatureDate	
Parent/Guardian SignatureDate	
Driver Information	

Necessary information for parent/guardian and student drivers will need to be on file in the Fort Myers High School Athletic/Activities Dept. for the duration of the school year and Includes the following:

1	Driver's Name	
2	Driver License #	
3	Car registration #	
4	Make and model of car	
5	Insurance Co Name	Policy #
6	License Plate # of Car	State



PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION (Page 1 of 4)

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MEDICAL HISTORY FORM

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

Stude	ent's Full Name:				Se	x Assigne	ed at Birth: _	Age:	Date of Birth:	/	_/
Home	e Address:		City/Sta		01	aue III 30	Home I	Phone: ()			
Name	e of Parent/Guardian:		01077300		E-m	 ail:					
Perso	on to Contact in Case of E	:mergency:			Relat	nonsnip t	o Student:				
Emer	gency Contact Cell Phon	e: ()	Wc	rk Phone	e: ()		Other Phone:	()		
Famil	ly Healthcare Provider: _		C	ity/State:	:			Office Phone:	()		
List p	east and current medical	conditions:									
——— Have	you ever had surgery? If	yes, please list all surgical	procedu	res and d	lates:						
 Medi	icines and supplements (please list all current presc	ription n	nedicatio	ns, ove	er-the-co	unter medic	ines, and supplem	nents (herbal	and nutr	ritional):
Do yo	ou have any allergies? If y	yes, please list all of your al	lergies (i.e., medi	cines,	pollens, f	food, insects	5):			
	ent Health Questionaire with the past two weeks, how	version 4 (PHQ-4) v often have you been both	ered by (any of the	e follo	wing prob	olems? (Circl	e response)			
		Not at all		Sever	al day	S	Over ha	alf of the days	Nearl	Nearly everyday	
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	being able to stop or trol worrying	0		1				2	3		
	ttle interest or pleasure 0			1 2				3			
	ling down, depressed,	0			1			2		3	
Expla	NERAL QUESTIONS ain "Yes" answers at the end e questions if you don't kno		Yes	No		ART HEAL ntinued)	TH QUESTIC	ONS ABOUT YOU		Yes	No
1	Do you have any concerns that your provider?	at you would like to discuss with			8			sted a test for your hea raphy (ECG) or echocar			
2	Has a provider ever denied or sports for any reason?	restricted your participation in			9		et light-headed uring exercise?	or feel shorter of breat	h than your		
3	Do you have any ongoing med	dical issues or recent illnesses?			10	Have you	ever had a seiz	ure?			
HEA	ART HEALTH QUESTIONS	ABOUT YOU	Yes	No	HEA	ART HEAL	TH QUESTIC	NS ABOUT YOUR	FAMILY	Yes	No
4	Have you ever passed out or exercise?	nearly passed out during or after			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)					
Have you ever had discomfort, pain, tightness, or pressure in your chest during exercise?		t, pain, tightness, or pressure in			12	as hypert arrhythm	rophic cardiom ogenic right vei	illy have a genetic hear yopathy (HCM), Marfar ntricular cardiomyopat	n Syndrome, hy (ARVC),		
6	Does your heart ever race, flu (irregular beats) during exerci	itter in your chest, or skip beats ise?				syndrome	,), short QT syndrome (ninerigc polymorphic v	. ,, .		
7	Has a doctor ever told you that	at you have any heart problems?			13		ne in your famil tor before age 3	y had a pacemaker or a	an implanted		



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

BON	IE AND JOINT QUESTIONS	Yes	No	ME	DICAL 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?			Are you on a special diet or do you avoid certain types of foods or food groups?			
MEI	DICAL 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?			Exp	lain "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:	/	/
Parant/Guardian Namo	(nrinted) Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date	,	,



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PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM

tudent's Full Name: _			_ Date of Birth: /	_ / School:				
PHYSICIAN REMIND Consider additional qu	DERS: Destions on more sensitive	issues.						
Do you feel stressed	out or under a lot of pressure?		Do you ever feel sad, hop	peless, depressed, or anxio	us?			
Do you feel safe at you	our 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 ana supplement? 	bolic steroids or used any o	ther performance-enhancing			
 Have you ever taken performance? 	any supplements to help you gain	or lose weight or improve your						
		istory (pages 1 and 2), revi s include Q4-Q13 of Medica			f your assessment.			
EXAMINATION								
Height:	Weight:							
BP: / (/) Pulse:	Vision: R 20/	L 20/	Corrected: Yes	No			
MEDICAL - healthca	re professional shall initia	l each assessment		NORMAL	ABNORMAL FINDINGS			
Appearance • Marfan stigmata (kypprolapse [MVP], and		ectus excavatum, arachnodactyl, h	yperlaxity, myopia, mitral valve	2				
yes, Ears, Nose, and Throa Pupils equal Hearing	ıt							
ymph Nodes								
leart • Murmurs (auscultation	on standing, auscultation supine, a	and Valsalva maneuver)						
ungs								
Abdomen								
kin Herpes Simplex Virus	s (HSV), lesions suggestive of Meth	icillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Au	reus (MRSA), or tinea corporis					
Neurological								
MUSCULOSKELETAL	- healthcare professional	shall initial each assessme	nt	NORMAL	ABNORMAL FINDINGS			
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Ilbow and Forearm								
Vrist, Hand, and Fingers								
lip and Thigh								
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Double-leg squat tes	t, single-leg squat test, and box dro		unloss all sostians are	complete	I			
onsider electrocardiography		is not considered valid u		-	thereof. The FHSAA Sports Medicin			
					icthereol. The FHSAA Sports Medicin nich may include an electrocardiogran			
ame of Healthcare Pi	rofessional (print or type):			Date o	of Exam: / /			
gnature of Healthcar	e Professional:		Credentials: _	Lice	nse #:			

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and/or cardio stress test.

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SUBMIT THIS MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY FORM TO THE SCHOOL



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MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY FORM

Student Information (to be completed by st				
Student's Full Name:	Sex A	Assigned at Birth:	Age: Date of Bi	rth: / /
School:Home Address:	Grad	e in School: Sport	:(S):	
Name of Parent/Guardian:	E-mail		. (/	
Person to Contact in Case of Emergency:	Relation	nship to Student:		
Emergency Contact Cell Phone: ()	Work Phone: ()0	ther Phone: ()	
Family Healthcare Provider:	City/State:	O	ffice Phone: () _	
☐ Medically eligible for all sports without restriction	n			
☐ Medically eligible for all sports without restriction	n with recommendations for further e	valuation or treatment of: (use additional sheet, if n	necessary)
☐ Medically eligible for only certain sports as listed	below:			
☐ Not medically eligible for any sports				
Recommendations: (use additional sheet, if necessary)	ı			
I hereby certify that I have examined the above- the conclusion(s) listed above. A copy of the ex- conditions that arise after the date of this med professional prior to participation in activities.	am has been retained and can be lical clearance should be properly	accessed by the parent evaluated, diagnosed, a	as requested. Any inj and treated by an ap	ury or other medical propriate healthcare
Name of Healthcare Professional (print or type):				
Address:			Phone: () _	
Signature of Healthcare Professional:		Credentials:	License #: _	
SHARED EMERGENCY INFORMATION - comple	eted at the time of assessment by	practitioner and paren	t	
Check this box if there is no relevant medi participation in competitive sports.	cal history to share related to	Provide	r Stamp (if required b	y school)
Medications: (use additional sheet, if necessary)				
List:				
Relevant medical history to be reviewed by athle Allergies Asthma Cardiac/Heart Con Explain:	cussion Diabetes Heat Illness	s ☐ Orthopedic ☐ Surgio	cal History Sickle Co	
Signature of Student:	Date: / / Signature of Pa	rent/Guardian:		Date://
We hereby state, to the best of our knowledge the in	formation recorded on this form is co	mplete and correct. We un	derstand and acknowle	dge that we are hereby

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advised that the student should undergo a cardiovascular assessment, which may include such diagnostic tests as electrocardiogram (ECG), echocardiogram (ECHO),



PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION (Supplement)

SUBMIT THIS MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY FORM TO THE SCHOOL



This form is valid for 365 calendar days from the date signed below.

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 st	udent 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:	F	Relationship to Student:			
Emergency Contact Cell Phone: () Family Healthcare Provider:	Work Phone: (()	Other Ph	none: ()	
Family Healthcare Provider:	City/State: _		Office Ph	ione: ()	
Referred for:		_ Diagnosis:			
I hereby certify the evaluation and assessment for whic the conclusions documented below:	ch this student-athlete was refe	erred has been conducted b	y myself or a cli	nician under my direct	supervision with
☐ Medically eligible for all sports without restriction	n as of the date signed below				
☐ Medically eligible for all sports without restriction	n after completion of the follow	ving treatment plan: (use a	dditional sheet,	if necessary)	
☐ Medically eligible for only certain sports as listed	below:				
☐ Not medically eligible for any sports					
Further Recommendations: (use additional sheet, if new	cessary)				
Name of Healthcare Professional (print or type):				_ Date of Exam:	//
Address:			Ph	one: ()	
Signature of Healthcare Professional:		Credentials: _		License #:	
Provider Stamp (if required by school)					



Name of Parent/Guardian (printed)

Name of Student (printed)

Florida High School Athletic Association

Consent and Release from Liability Certificate (Page 1 of 5)



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School:	School District (if applicable):
I have read the (condensed) FHSAA represent my school in interscholas know that athletic participation is a death, is possible in such participati with full understanding of the risks my school, the schools against whice such athletic participation and agreed disclosure of my individually identified to my athletic eligibility including, but hereby grant the released parties to publicity, advertising, promotional, at understand that the authorization	wledgement and Release (to be signed by student at the bottom) A Eligibility Rules printed on page 5 of this "Consent and Release from Liability Certificate" and know of no reason why I am not eligible to tic athletic competition. If accepted as a representative, I agree to follow the rules of my school and FHSAA and to abide by their decisions. privilege. I know of the risks involved in athletic participation, understand that serious injury, including the potential for a concussion, and ever on, and choose to accept such risks. I voluntarily accept any and all responsibility for my own safety and welfare while participating in athletics 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 in the competes, the school district, the contest officials, and FHSAA of any and all responsibility and liability for any injury or claim resulting from the totake no legal action against the FHSAA because of any accident or mishap involving my athletic participation. I hereby authorize the use of able health information should treatment for illness or injury become necessary. I hereby grant to FHSAA the right to review all records relevant at not limited to, my records relating to enrollment and attendance, academic standing, age, discipline, finances, residence, and physical fitness the right to photograph and/or videotape me and further to use my name, face, likeness, voice, and appearance in connection with exhibitions and commercial materials without reservation or limitation. The released parties, however, are under no obligation to exercise said rights herein is 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 terstand that I will no longer be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics.
	an Consent, Acknowledgement and Release (to be completed and signed by parent(s)/guardian(s) at a reparated, parent/guardian with legal custody must sign.)
A. I hereby give consent for my ch	ild/ward to participate in any FHSAA recognized or sanctioned sport EXCEPT for the following sport(s):
C. I know of and acknowledge that in such participation and choose to release and hold harmless my child liability for any injury or claim result participation of my child/ward. As r in F.S. 456.001, or someone under to school. I further hereby authorize the consent to the disclosure to the FHS and attendance, academic standing and further to use said child's/ward without reservation or limitation. The	may necessitate an early dismissal from classes. It my child/ward knows of the risks involved in interscholastic athletic participation, understand that serious injury, and even death, is possible accept any and all responsibility for his/her safety and welfare while participating in athletics. With full understanding of the risks involved, 's/ward's school, the schools against which it competes, the school district, the contest officials, and FHSAA of any and all responsibility and ing from such athletic participation and agree to take no legal action against the FHSAA because of any accident or mishap involving the athletic equired in F.S. 1014.06(1), I specifically authorize healthcare services to be provided for my child/ward by a healthcare practitioner, as defined the direct supervision of a healthcare practitioner, should the need arise for such treatment, while my child/ward is under the supervision of the neuse of disclosure of my child's/ward's individually identifiable health information should treatment for illness or injury become necessary. SAA, upon its request, of all records relevant to my child's/ward's athletic eligibility including, but not limited to, records relating to enrollment age, age, discipline, finances, residence, and physical fitness. I grant the released parties the right to photograph and/or videotape my child/ward is name, face, likeness, voice, and appearance in connection with exhibitions, publicity, advertising, promotional, and commercial materials he released parties, however, are under no obligation to exercise said rights herein. In the properties of the risk of continuing to participate athletics. I also have knowledge about the risk of continuing to participate athletics. I also have knowledge about the risk of continuing to participate athletics.
ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING	LY AND CAREFULLY. YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD/WARD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS THAT, EVEN IF YOUR CHILD'S/WARD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS AGAINST WHICH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
	<u>D FHSAA USE REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD/WARD MAY BE</u> D BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY WHICH
	MINATED. BY SIGNING THIS FORM, YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD'S/WARD'S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER
-	S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS AGAINST WHICH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS, AND FHSAA
	<u>ONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, TO YOUR CHILD/WARD OR ANY PROPOERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM THE</u> PART OF THE ACTIVITY. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS FORM, AND YOUR CHILD'S/WARD'S SCHOOL
	CH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS, AND FHSAA HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET
	ATE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM.
E. I agree that, in the event we/I	oursue litigation seeking injunctive relief or other legal action impacting my child/ward (individually) or my child's/ward's team participation in ction shall be filed in the Alachua County, Florida, Circuit Court.
F. I understand that the authoriz my child's/ward's school. By doing s G. <u>Please check the appropriate l</u>	ations 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 o, however, I understand that my child/ward will no longer be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics.
☐ My child/ward is covered by h	is/her school's activities medical base insurance plan. Il 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 (pri	Inted) Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

I HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE (student signature is required)

Signature of Student

Date

Date



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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 cannot 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 figitability
- 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 healthcare professional (AHCP). In Florida, an appropriate healthcare professional (AHCP) is defined as either a licensed physician (MD, as per Chapter 458, Florida Statutes) or 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 stepwise protocol under the supervision of a licensed athletic trainer, coach, or medical professional and then, receive written medical clearance from 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 student 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 an 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. 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 or participation for myself and that of my child/ward.

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed)	Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date	
Name of Parent/Guardian (<i>printed</i>)	Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date	
Name of Student (printed)	Signature of Student		



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Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is a leading cause of sports-related death. Sudden cardiac arrest (SAC) occurs when the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating. When this happens blood stops flowing to the brain and other vital organs. SCA is NOT a heart attack. A heart attack may cause SCA, but they are not the same. A heart attack is caused by a blockage that stops the flow of blood to the heart. SCA is a malfunction in the heart's electrical system, causing the heart to suddenly stop beating. SCA can cause death if it is not treated within minutes.

How common is sudden cardiac arrest in the United States?

There are about 350,000 cardiac arrests that occur outside of hospitals each year. More than 10,000 individuals under the age of 25 die of SCA each year. SCA is the number one killer of student-athletes and the leading cause of death on school campuses.

Are there warning signs?

Although SCA happens unexpectedly, some people may have signs or symptoms, such as but not limited to dizziness or light-headedness, fainting, shortness of breath, racing or skipped beats/palpitations, fatigue, weakness, chest pain/pressure or tightness. These symptoms may occur before, during, or after activity. These symptoms can be unclear and confusing in athletes. Some may ignore the signs or think they are normal results of physical exhaustion. If the conditions that cause SCA are diagnosed and treated before a life-threatening event, sudden cardiac death can be prevented in many young athletes.

What are the risks or practicing or playing after experiencing these symptoms?

There are significant risks associated with continuing to practice or play after experiencing these symptoms. The symptoms might mean something is wrong and the athlete should be checked before returning to play. When the heart stops due to cardiac arrest, so does the blood that flows to the brain and other vital organs. Death or permanent brain damage can occur in just a few minutes. Most people who experience a SCA die from it; survival rates are below 10%.

FHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee strongly recommends a medical evaluation with your healthcare provider for risk factors of sudden cardiac arrest, which may include an electrocardiogram.

The FHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee works to help keep student-athletes safe while practicing or playing by providing education about SCA and by notification to parents that you can request, at your expense, an electrocardiogram (EKG or ECG) as part of the annual preparticipation physical examination to possibly uncover hidden heart issues that can lead to SCA.

Why do heart conditions that put youth at risk go undetected?

- Publications report up to 90% of underlying heart issues are missed when using only the history and physical exam;
- · Most heart conditions that can lead to SCA are not detectable by listening to the heart with a stethoscope during a routine physical; and
- Often, youth do not report or recognize symptoms of a potential heart condition.

What is an electrocardiogram (ECG or EKG)?

An ECG/EKG is a quick, painless, and noninvasive test that measures and records a moment in time of the heart's electrical activity. Small electrode patches are attached to the skin of your chest, arms, and legs by a technician. An ECG/EKG provides information about the structure, function, rate, and rhythm of the heart.

Why request an ECG/EKG as part of the annual preparticipation physical examination?

Adding an ECG/EKG to the history and annual preparticipation physical exam can suggest further testing or help identify heart conditions that can lead to SCA. An ECG/EKG can be ordered by your family healthcare provider from screening for cardiovascular disease or for a variety of symptoms such as chest pain, palpitations, dizziness, fainting, or family history of heart disease.

- ECG/EKG screenings should be considered every 1-2 years because young hearts grow and change.
- ECG/EKG screenings may increase sensitivity for detection of undiagnosed cardiac disease but may not prevent SCA.
- ECG/EKG screenings with abnormal findings should be evaluated by trained physicians.
- If the ECG/EKG screening has abnormal findings, additional testing may need to be done (with associated cost and risk) before a diagnosis can be made and may prevent the student from participating in sports for short period of time until the testing is completed, and more specific recommendations can be made.
- The ECG/EKG can have false positive findings, suggesting an abnormality that does not really exist (false positive findings occur less when ECG/EKGs are read by a medical practitioner proficient in ECG/EKG interpretation of children, adolescents, and young athletes).
- ECG/EKGs result in fewer false positives than simply using the current history and physical exam.

The American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association guidelines do not recommend an ECG or EKG in asymptomatic patients but do support local programs in which ECG or EKG can be applied with high-quality resources.

Removal from play/return to play

Any student-athlete who has signs or symptoms of SCA should be removed from play (which includes all athletic activity). The symptoms can happen before, during, or after activity. Before returning to play, the athlete shall be evaluated and cleared. Clearance to return to play must be in writing. The evaluation shall be performed by a licensed physician, certified registered nurse practitioner, or cardiologist (heart doctor). The licensed physician or certified registered nurse practitioner may consult any other licensed or certified medical professionals.

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

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Heat-Related Illness Information

Heat-related illness is a cause for concern for student-athletes who participate in high school sports in Florida. Especially vulnerable are those students who participate in conditioning and practices in the summer months and other times of extreme heat. Student-athletes 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 is not 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.

What are some common heat-related injuries in sports?

Exertional Heat Stroke (EHS): EHS is the most serious heat-related illness. EHS is a medical emergency. It happens when the body's temperature rises quickly, and the body cannot cool down. Student-athletes can die or become permanently disabled from EHS if not properly recognized and managed. EHS is one of the leading causes of death in young athletes, especially in Florida. The two main criteria for diagnosing EHS are rectal temperature >105F (40.5C) immediately post collapse and central nervous system (CNS) dysfunction. There are many signs and symptoms associated with EHS. Parents and student-athletes should familiarize themselves with these by viewing the free video resources provided by the National Federation of High School Sports (NFHS) or the FHSAA.

- · EHS is preventable by taking the proper precautions and understanding the symptoms of someone who has become ill due to heat.
- EHS is survivable when quick action is taken by staff members that includes early recognition of symptoms and aggressive cold-water immersion.

Heat Exhaustion (EHI): Heat exhaustion is the most common heat-related condition observed in active populations including student-athletes. EHI is a type of heat-related illness. EHI is defined as the inability to continue exercise in the heat because the heart has difficulty providing enough oxygenated blood to all the working organs and muscles. It usually develops after several days practicing or conditioning in high temperature weather and not drinking enough fluids.

Heat Cramps: Heat cramps are painful, involuntary cramping often in the legs, arms, or abdomen with muscle contraction. Cramping usually occurs in the preseason conditioning phase when the body is not properly conditioned and more subject to fatigue. Heat cramps can easily be treated with rest, stretching of the muscle, and replacement of fluid and electrolytes. The exact mechanism of muscle cramps in warm environmental conditions is unknown but can be caused acutely by extensive dehydration and sodium losses or chronically via inadequate electrolytes in the athlete's diet. Although heat cramps are not a cause of sudden death, it can be confused with the more serious condition, exertional sickling.

Is my student at risk?

Yes, all student-athletes are vulnerable to exertional heat stroke and other heat-related injuries. While every student-athlete can succumb to EHS, newer data is reporting a high incidence of exertional heat stroke cases in football players, especially those who play the lineman position and in very lean distance runners. Research also states many reports of EHS emergencies are during summertime or preseason conditioning sessions. Other conditions that can increase your risk for heat-related illness include obesity, fever, dehydration, poor circulation, sunburn, and prescription drug or alcohol use.

What is the FHSAA doing to keep my student safe?

The FHSAA has published Policy 41, titled "Exertional Heat Illness". This policy provides specific procedures for schools to educate student-athletes and parents on EHI as well as strategies to prevent these injuries. FHSAA Policy 41 also provides procedures for schools to follow for preseason acclimatization, environmental monitoring, and the inclusion of cooling zones for the management of a student-athlete suffering from a heat injury.

How can I help to keep my student safe when it comes to the heat?

- Learn more about heat-related injuries in sports at https://www.nfhs.org/media/1015695/ksi-5-pillars-of-exertional-heat-stroke-prevention-2015.pdf
- Discuss nutrition, proper hydration, body weight, and the importance of sleep and rest with your family healthcare provider at the time fo the sports physical
- Talk to your school and coach about safeguards they have in place to keep kids safe in the heat and what they will do for someone who becomes ill or injured
- · Monitor fluid intake of your student while at home and routinely check in with your student-athlete to inquire about how they feel
- · Report any concerns with your school's athletic trainer, team physician, coach, or your family healthcare provider

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

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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 and/or sanctioned sport, the student:

- Must complete an EL3 for each school at which the student participates; this form is non-transferable.
- 2. 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)
- 3. Must not provide false information to his/her school or to the FHSAA to gain eligibility. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.1.1.2)
- 4. Must be regularly enrolled in and in regular attendance at your school. If the student is a home education student, a charter school student, an alternative/special school student, a non-member private school student, or a 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 the student is permitted to participate. Home Education students and students attending a non-member private school must complete additional paperwork prior to participating. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.2, FHSAA Policy 16.6, and Administrative Procedure 1.8)
- 5. Must attend school within the **first ten (10) days** of the beginning of each semester to be eligible during that semester. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.2.3)
- 6. Must maintain at least a **cumulative 2.0 GPA** on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) prior to the semester in which the student wishes to participate. This GPA must include all courses taken since the student entered 9th grade. A 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student must have earned at least a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) during the previous semester. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.4.1 and F.S. 1006.15(3)a)
- 7. Must not have graduated from any high school or its equivalent. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.4.7)
- 8. Must not have enrolled in the 9th grade for the first time more than **eight consecutive semesters** ago. A 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student may not participate at any level if the student is **repeating** that grade level. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.5)
- 9. Must not turn **19 before July 1st** to participate at the high school level; must not turn **16 before July 1st** to participate at the junior high school level; and must not turn **15 before July 1st** to participate at the middle school level, otherwise the student becomes permanently ineligible. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.6)
- 10. Must undergo a **preparticipation physical evaluation** and be certified as being physically fit for participation in interscholastic athletics on a form (EL2) provided to the school. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.7 and F.S. 1002.20(17)b)
- 11. Must have **signed permission** to participate from the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) on a form (EL3) provided to the school. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.8)
- 12. Must be an **amateur**. This means the student must not accept money, gifts, or donations for participating in a sport, or use a name other than his/her own when participating. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.9)
- 13. Must not participate in an **all-star contest** in a sport prior to exhausting his/her high school eligibility in that sport. (FHSAA Policy 26)
- 14. Youth Exchange, Other International, and Immigrant students must be **approved** by the FHSAA Office prior to participation. Exceptions may apply. (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 acknowledge that the information on the Consent and Release from Liability Certificate in regard to the FHSAA's established rules and eligibility have been read and understood.

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Fort Myers High School **Student Athlete Behavior Contract** 2023-2024

Athlete's Name:
Fort Myers High School invites all students who possess the ability, attitude, cooperative spirit and desire to favorably represent our secondary schools to become candidates and participate in our interscholastic or extracurricular activities programs. Student participation in these school activities is a privilege. Participants are representatives of their school communities; they often have higher visibility receive greater recognitions, assume leadership roles and become examples for their peers. This creates a duty and responsibility on the part of a participant to conduct himself or herself, on and off school property, in a respectful manner. In order to maintain a high level of excellence in interscholastic or extracurricular activities, all candidates are required abide by the rules set forth in the School District of Lec County Student Code of Conduct. If you choose to accept this responsibility, you and your guardian must sign this contract, and in doing so, you agree to abide by the consequences set forth below:
The following violations may result in suspension or dismissal from the Athletic Program:
1. Using illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco at any time.
2 Participation in any illegal activity in school or away from school

- 3. Missing practice (unless excused by the Coach).
- 4. Excessive absences/tardies in school as defined by the Lee County School Board Policy.
- 5. Skipping class or school.
- 6. Poor sportsmanship.
- 7. Harassment (verbal/physical/sexual/etc.)
- Malicious use of social media platforms. Malicious use may include, but not be limited to: derogatory language or remarks regarding any member of any school community, demeaning statements or threats that endanger the safety of another person, and/or incriminating photos or statements regarding illegal criminal behavior, underage drinking, and use of illegal drugs, sexual harassment or violence.
- 9. Acts of violence, on or off the field of play.
- 10. Any act (either in school or away from school) which in the opinion of the coaching and/or school administration, reflects in a negative manner on the school community.
- 11. The Principal has the final determination of the outcome for any and all offenses and has the authority to override or enact any and all consequences.

By signing below, you affirm that you have read this and fully understand the rules set forth by this Contract. You are also stating that you understand that violations of this behavior contract and the School District of Lee County Student Code of Conduct could result in your being dismissed from the athletic program.

Player's Signature:	Date:	
Parent's Signature:	Date:	