



Athletic Forms

In order for a Bishop Verot student to be eligible to participate in an open gym, tryout, pre-season conditioning, practice, or game the following forms must be completed in their entirety and returned to the Athletics Department **prior** to participating. These forms are valid for one calendar year.

If you have any questions regarding these forms or eligibility, please contact Jessica Cole at jessica.cole@bvhs.org.

FORM CHECKLIST:

1. Diocese of Venice Consent, Release of Liability and Indemnification
2. Diocese of Venice Notification of Trip and Event
3. Diocese of Venice Medical Authorization for Minor
4. FHSAA EL2 Physical Form
5. FHSAA EL3 (4 pages)



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

**CONSENT, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION FORM
FOR TRIPS AND EVENTS OF DIOCESAN SCHOOLS/YOUTH OUTREACH/
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

NAME OF PARTICIPANT _____ DOB: _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE: _____

E-MAIL _____ SCHOOL _____

OR PARISH NAME (for Religious Ed/Youth Outreach) _____

I, the undersigned adult participant or parent/legal guardian of the above named minor participant (for myself and any named minor, our heirs, personal representatives, assigns and next of kin), request permission to participate in the various field trips and other on and off site activities of the above school/parish youth program throughout the year. I understand that I will receive notice of scheduled field trips and events via an Event Notification Form, and my signature consenting to my or my minor's participation shall also indicate the inclusion of the terms of this Consent, Release of Liability and Indemnification Agreement to each trip or event. In consideration for the agreement by the school/parish to permit my/minor's participation, and intending to be legally bound, I do hereby:

1. Release, discharge and covenant not to sue the Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, individually and as a corporation sole, the above Parish/School; and their employees, agents and volunteers (hereinafter Releasees), from any claim, demand, action, or liability whatsoever on account of injury to the person or property of minor child in conjunction with said event, including travel to and from, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, excluding acts of gross negligence or intentional misconduct;
2. Indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees and each of them from any loss, liability, damage or cost they may incur incident to student's participation in the above event, whether caused in whole or part by the negligence of Releasees or otherwise;
3. I do further agree that school/parish officials, agents, and/or employees have the right to terminate the participation of the above named for reasonable cause, as determined within the discretion of the event/trip leader. In such event, only the funds not actually used will be refunded. I will be responsible for any and all travel costs incurred to return the above named early from the event/trip.
4. I understand that throughout the year I/my minor may be informed via an Event and Trip Notification Form of youth related activities apart from those on-site activities which are school/parish sponsored. If I do not give permission and sign the Event and Trip Notification Form, I am responsible for myself or the supervision of my minor at such event should I choose to attend independently of the program, although agents, employees and volunteers of the school/parish youth program may also plan to be present at such events.
5. I understand that the school/parish youth program may include sports (football, swimming, wrestling, etc.) and/or other risky activities (rafting, etc.). These sports activities involve certain risks including, but not limited to, travel to and from the site of the activity, severe physical contact, and the possible reckless conduct of other participants. These risks also include, but are not limited to, serious injury, potential for permanent paralysis, or death. The sporting activities may be conducted at sites that are at some distance from available medical assistance, and any equipment provided for protection may be inadequate in preventing serious injury.

6. I further represent that the above named is covered by accident and health insurance, and I agree to maintain coverage in full force and effect for the duration of the year. I have completed a Medical Authorization which is on file with the sponsoring school/parish in the event emergency medical care is required. I understand that the school/parish/Diocese provides no insurance which will cover my child in conjunction with future trips. I agree to full financial responsibility for any medical treatment provided to him/her.

Adult Participant

or, for minor,

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____



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MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FOR MINOR

NAME OF MINOR: _____ D.O.B. _____

PARISH/SCHOOL: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: _____ / _____

PHONE #s: CELL: _____ HOME: _____

WORK: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION: Please list all pertinent medical information (for example, allergies, medications, physical impairments, or any other information necessary in an emergency situation). Explain fully:

In case of illness or injury of the above student, reasonable effort will be made to contact the parent(s)/legal guardian(s)/emergency contact. In case of a medical emergency, 911 will be called. In the event that the parents/legal guardian(s)/emergency contact cannot be notified or are not available, I (we) authorize parish, school, or other pertinent diocesan officials to consent to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical treatment, and/or hospital care, as determined to be necessary and appropriate by a licensed physician in the State of Florida. This authorization is valid for a period of 1 year from the date of execution.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian



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*Notification of Trip and Event
For Catholic school students, youth groups, and religious education students*

To be completed by trip/event leader:

CATHOLIC SCHOOL: _____
or PARISH NAME (for Religious Ed/Youth Outreach): _____
TRIP/ EVENT*: _____
GRADE, CLASS or GROUP: _____
PLACE OF EVENT: _____
NAME OF TRIP/EVENT LEADER: _____
NATURE OF ACTIVITY: _____
DATE(S): _____ TIME EVENT BEGINS: _____ ENDS: _____
PLACE OF DEPARTURE/RETURN: _____
MODE OF TRANSPORTATION: _____

*If this is a sporting event, Competition Schedule should be attached

Participant's Name

Phone # of person legally responsible:
Cell: _____

Home: _____

Work: _____

Address of participant

E-mail (of parents/guardian for minor)

Emergency Contact Name (other than parent/guardian)

Emergency Contact Phone #s:

Cell: _____

Home: _____

Work: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

This event notification is furnished in accord with the provisions of the *Consent, Release of Liability and Indemnification Form for Trips and Events of Diocesan Schools/Youth Outreach/Religious Education Programs* previously executed by the undersigned parent/guardian of a minor participant or adult participant, _____, and I understand that the terms of that agreement apply to this event.

Signature of Minor's Parent/Guardian or Adult Participant

Date signed

Please return by _____ to _____.
Thank you.

In the case of field trips for which a school/parish owned bus or a chartered commercial bus is not used, the following must be signed:

I understand that the school is not responsible for the transportation of students for the field trip.

Check one:

I will drive my own child to and from the event.

I give permission for my child to ride with the following volunteer driver:

I understand that volunteer drivers do not have CDL licenses and have only standard insurance coverage.

Signature of parent/guardian _____



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, shunt, retainer on your teeth or hearing aid)?	___	___
6. Have you ever taken any supplements or vitamins to help you gain or lose weight or improve your performance?	___	___	31. Have you had any problems with your eyes or vision?	___	___
7. Do you have any allergies (for example, pollen, latex, medicine, food or stinging insects)?	___	___	32. Do you wear glasses, contacts or protective eyewear?	___	___
8. Have you ever had a rash or hives develop during or after exercise?	___	___	33. Have you ever had a sprain, strain or swelling after injury?	___	___
9. Have you ever passed out during or after exercise?	___	___	34. Have you broken or fractured any bones or dislocated any joints?	___	___
10. Have you ever been dizzy during or after exercise?	___	___	35. Have you had any other problems with pain or swelling in muscles, tendons, bones or joints?	___	___
11. Have you ever had chest pain during or after exercise?	___	___	<i>If yes, check appropriate blank and explain below:</i>		
12. Do you get tired more quickly than your friends do during exercise?	___	___	___ Head	___ Elbow	___ Hip
13. Have you ever had racing of your heart or skipped heartbeats?	___	___	___ Neck	___ Forearm	___ Thigh
14. Have you had high blood pressure or high cholesterol?	___	___	___ Back	___ Wrist	___ Knee
15. Have you ever been told you have a heart murmur?	___	___	___ Chest	___ Hand	___ Shin/Calf
16. Has any family member or relative died of heart problems or sudden death before age 50?	___	___	___ Shoulder	___ Finger	___ Ankle
17. Have you had a severe viral infection (for example, myocarditis or mononucleosis) within the last month?	___	___	___ Upper Arm	___ Foot	
18. Has a physician ever denied or restricted your participation in sports for any heart problems?	___	___	36. Do you want to weigh more or less than you do now?	___	___
19. Do you have any current skin problems (for example, itching, rashes, acne, warts, fungus, blisters or pressure sores)?	___	___	37. Do you lose weight regularly to meet weight requirements for your sport?	___	___
20. Have you ever had a head injury or concussion?	___	___	38. Do you feel stressed out?	___	___
21. Have you ever been knocked out, become unconscious or lost your memory?	___	___	39. Have you ever been diagnosed with sickle cell anemia?	___	___
22. Have you ever had a seizure?	___	___	40. Have you ever been diagnosed with having the sickle cell trait?	___	___
23. Do you have frequent or severe headaches?	___	___	41. Record the dates of your most recent immunizations (shots) for:		
24. Have you ever had numbness or tingling in your arms, hands, legs or feet?	___	___	Tetanus: _____ Measles: _____		
25. Have you ever had a stinger, burner or pinched nerve?	___	___	Hepatitis B: _____ Chickenpox: _____		

FEMALES ONLY (optional)

42. When was your first menstrual period? _____
 43. When was your most recent menstrual period? _____
 44. How much time do you usually have from the start of one period to the start of another? _____
 45. How many periods have you had in the last year? _____
 46. What was the longest time between periods in the last year? _____

Explain "Yes" answers here: _____

We hereby state, to the best of our knowledge, that our answers to the above questions are complete and correct. In addition to the routine medical evaluation required by s.1006.20, Florida Statutes, and FHSAA Bylaw 9.7, we understand and acknowledge that we are hereby advised that the student should undergo a cardiovascular assessment, which may include such diagnostic tests as electrocardiogram (EKG), echocardiogram (ECG) and/or cardio stress test.

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



Preparticipation Physical Evaluation (Page 2 of 3)

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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*
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MEDICAL

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|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 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 conclusion(s):

___ Cleared without limitation
___ Disability: _____ Diagnosis: _____

___ Precautions: _____

___ Not cleared for: _____ Reason: _____

___ Cleared after completing evaluation/rehabilitation for: _____

Recommendations: _____

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

Address: _____

Signature of Physician: _____

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



Consent and Release from Liability Certificate (Page 1 of 4)

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School: _____ School District (if applicable): _____

Part 1. Student Acknowledgement and Release (to be signed by student at the bottom)

I have read the (condensed) FHSAA Eligibility Rules printed on Page 4 of this "Consent and Release Certificate" and know of no reason why I am not eligible to represent my school in interscholastic athletic competition. If accepted as a representative, I agree to follow the rules of my school and FHSAA and to abide by their decisions. I know that athletic participation is a privilege. I know of the risks involved in athletic participation, understand that serious injury, including the potential for a concussion, and even death, is possible in such participation, and choose to accept such risks. I voluntarily accept any and all responsibility for my own safety and welfare while participating in athletics, with full understanding of the risks involved. Should I be 18 years of age or older, or should I be emancipated from my parent(s)/guardian(s), I hereby release and hold harmless my school, the schools against which it competes, the school district, the contest officials and FHSAA of any and all responsibility and liability for any injury or claim resulting from such athletic participation and agree to take no legal action against FHSAA because of any accident or mishap involving my athletic participation. I hereby authorize the use or disclosure of my individually identifiable health information should treatment for illness or injury become necessary. I hereby grant to FHSAA the right to review all records relevant to my athletic eligibility including, but not limited to, my records relating to enrollment and attendance, academic standing, age, discipline, finances, residence and physical fitness. I hereby grant the released parties the right to photograph and/or videotape me and further to use my name, face, likeness, voice and appearance in connection with exhibitions, publicity, advertising, promotional and commercial materials without reservation or limitation. The released parties, however, are under no obligation to exercise said rights herein. I understand that the authorizations and rights granted herein are voluntary and that I may revoke any or all of them at any time by submitting said revocation in writing to my school. By doing so, however, I understand that I will no longer be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics.

Part 2. Parental/Guardian Consent, Acknowledgement and Release (to be completed and signed by a parent(s)/guardian(s) at the bottom; where divorced or separated, parent/guardian with legal custody must sign.)

A. I hereby give consent for my child/ward to participate in any FHSAA recognized or sanctioned sport **EXCEPT** for the following sport(s):

List sport(s) exceptions here

- B. I understand that participation may necessitate an early dismissal from classes.
- C. I know of, and acknowledge that my child/ward knows of, the risks involved in interscholastic athletic participation, understand that serious injury, and even death, is possible in such participation and choose to accept any and all responsibility for his/her safety and welfare while participating in athletics. With full understanding of the risks involved, I release and hold harmless my child's/ward's school, the schools against which it competes, the school district, the contest officials and FHSAA of any and all responsibility and liability for any injury or claim resulting from such athletic participation and agree to take no legal action against the FHSAA because of any accident or mishap involving the athletic participation of my child/ward. I authorize emergency medical treatment for my child/ward should the need arise for such treatment while my child/ward is under the supervision of the school. I further hereby authorize the use or disclosure of my child's/ward's individually identifiable health information should treatment for illness or injury become necessary. I consent to the disclosure to the FHSAA, upon its request, of all records relevant to my child/ward's athletic eligibility including, but not limited to, records relating to enrollment and attendance, academic standing, age, discipline, finances, residence and physical fitness. I grant the released parties the right to photograph and/or videotape my child/ward and further to use said child's/ward's name, face, likeness, voice and appearance in connection with exhibitions, publicity, advertising, promotional and commercial materials without reservation or limitation. The released parties, however, are under no obligation to exercise said rights herein.
- D. I am aware of the potential danger of concussions and/or head and neck injuries in interscholastic athletics. I also have knowledge about the risk of continuing to participate once such an injury is sustained without proper medical clearance.

READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY. YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT, EVEN IF MY CHILD'S/WARD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS AGAINST WHICH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS AND FHSAA USES REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR ELIMINATED. BY SIGNING THIS FORM YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD'S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM MY CHILD'S/WARD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS AGAINST WHICH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS AND FHSAA IN A LAWSUIT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, TO YOUR CHILD OR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM THE RISKS THAT ARE A NATURAL PART OF THE ACTIVITY. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS FORM, AND MY CHILD'S/WARD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS AGAINST WHICH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS AND FHSAA HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM.

E. **I agree that in the event we/I pursue litigation seeking injunctive relief or other legal action impacting my child (individually) or my child's team participation in FHSAA state series contests, such action shall be filed in the Alachua County, Florida, Circuit Court.**

F. I understand that the authorizations and rights granted herein are voluntary and that I may revoke any or all of them at any time by submitting said revocation in writing to my school. By doing so, however, I understand that my child/ward will no longer be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics.

G. Please check the appropriate box(es):

____ My child/ward is covered under our family health insurance plan, which has limits of not less than \$25,000.

Company: _____ Policy Number: _____

____ My child/ward is covered by his/her school's activities medical base insurance plan.

____ I have purchased supplemental football insurance through my child's/ward's school.

I HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE (Only one parent/guardian signature is required)

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed) _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date ____/____/____

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed) _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date ____/____/____

I HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE (student must sign)

Name of Student (printed) _____ Signature of Student _____ Date ____/____/____



Consent and Release from Liability Certificate for Concussions (Page 2 of 4)

This completed form must be kept on file by the school. This form is valid for 365 calendar days from the date of the most recent signature.

School: _____ School District (if applicable): _____

Concussion Information

Concussion is a brain injury. Concussions, as well as all other head injuries, are serious. They can be caused by a bump, a twist of the head, sudden deceleration or acceleration, a blow or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with force transmitted to the head. You can't see a concussion, and more than 90% of all concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. All concussions are potentially serious and, if not managed properly, may result in complications including brain damage and, in rare cases, even death. Even a "ding" or a bump on the head can be serious. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of concussion yourself, your child should be immediately removed from play, evaluated by a medical professional and cleared by a medical doctor.

Signs and Symptoms of a Concussion:

Concussion symptoms may appear immediately after the injury or can take several days to appear. Studies have shown that it takes on average 10-14 days or longer for symptoms to resolve and, in rare cases or if the athlete has sustained multiple concussions, the symptoms can be prolonged. Signs and symptoms of concussion can include: (not all-inclusive)

- Vacant stare or seeing stars
- Lack of awareness of surroundings
- Emotions out of proportion to circumstances (inappropriate crying or anger)
- Headache or persistent headache, nausea, vomiting
- Altered vision
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Delayed verbal and motor responses
- Disorientation, slurred or incoherent speech
- Dizziness, including light-headedness, vertigo(spinning) or loss of equilibrium (being off balance or swimming sensation)
- Decreased coordination, reaction time
- Confusion and inability to focus attention
- Memory loss
- Sudden change in academic performance or drop in grades
- Irritability, depression, anxiety, sleep disturbances, easy fatigability
- In rare cases, loss of consciousness

DANGERS if your child continues to play with a concussion or returns too soon:

Athletes with signs and symptoms of concussion should be removed from activity (play or practice) immediately. Continuing to play with the signs and symptoms of a concussion leaves the young athlete especially vulnerable to sustaining another concussion. Athletes who sustain a second concussion before the symptoms of the first concussion have resolved and the brain has had a chance to heal are at risk for prolonged concussion symptoms, permanent disability and even death (called "Second Impact Syndrome" where the brain swells uncontrollably). There is also evidence that multiple concussions can lead to long-term symptoms, including early dementia.

Steps to take if you suspect your child has suffered a concussion:

Any athlete suspected of suffering a concussion should be removed from the activity immediately. No athlete may return to activity after an apparent head injury or concussion, regardless of how mild it seems or how quickly symptoms clear, without written medical clearance from an appropriate health-care professional (AHCP). In Florida, an appropriate health-care professional (AHCP) is defined as either a licensed physician (MD, as per Chapter 458, Florida Statutes), a licensed osteopathic physician (DO, as per Chapter 459, Florida Statutes). Close observation of the athlete should continue for several hours. You should also seek medical care and inform your child's coach if you think that your child may have a concussion. Remember, it's better to miss one game than to have your life changed forever. When in doubt, sit them out.

Return to play or practice:

Following physician evaluation, the *return to activity process* requires the athlete to be completely symptom free, after which time they would complete a step-wise protocol under the supervision of a licensed athletic trainer, coach or medical professional and then, receive written medical clearance of an AHCP.

For current and up-to-date information on concussions, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/concussioninyouthsports/> or <http://www.seeingstarsfoundation.org>

Statement of Student Athlete Responsibility

Parents and students should be aware of preliminary evidence that suggests repeat concussions, and even hits that do not cause a symptomatic concussion, may lead to abnormal brain changes which can only be seen on autopsy (known as Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE)). There have been case reports suggesting the development of Parkinson's-like symptoms, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), severe traumatic brain injury, depression, and long term memory issues that may be related to concussion history. Further research on this topic is needed before any conclusions can be drawn.

I acknowledge the annual requirement for my child/ward to view "Concussion in Sports-What You Need to Know" 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 of participation for myself and that of my child/ward.

Name of Student-Athlete (printed)

Signature of Student-Athlete

Date

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date



Consent and Release from Liability Certificate (Page 4 of 4)

This completed form must be kept on file by the school. This form is valid for 365 calendar days from the date of the most recent signature.

Attention Student and Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Your school is a member of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) and follows established rules. To be eligible to represent your school in interscholastic athletics, in an FHSAA recognized 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

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