



ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION, WAIVER, INSURANCE, AND CONSENT FORM

\*Parent/Guardian(s) and Student signature required at bottom of form & initials required as indicated below

PLEASE PRINT

Student Name (Last) (First) (Middle) (Grade Level 2022-2023)

Address (Street) (City) (Zip)

(Parent Cell Phone #) (Parent Alternate Phone #) (Year Entered 9th Grade) (Date of Birth)

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

\*Parent/Guardian and Student must both initial in blanks before each bold section below

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK: I understand and acknowledge that participation in inter-scholastic sports teams/clubs and events is voluntary and by its very nature possesses an actual or potential risk of emotional and physical injury/illness...

INSURANCE COVERAGE: I am aware there is no District insurance coverage for medical treatment of personal injuries or property damage which may arise out of Student's participation in inter-scholastic athletics, sports clubs and events.

Please CHECK one of the following statements regarding insurance coverage for Student for the current school year:

Student is adequately and currently covered by accident insurance that will cover injuries sustained while participating in inter-scholastic athletics, sports teams/clubs and events.

Insurance Company: Company Phone Number: Name of Insured: Policy Number:

I wish to purchase the Benefit Plan provided by the Cobb County School System. (A copy of this Benefit Plan should be attached)

PHYSICAL EVALUATION AND MEDICAL TREATMENT: Per Georgia High School Association (GHSAA) a Pre-participation Physical Evaluation must be performed by a physician (MD/DO), nurse practitioner or physician assistant to medically screen each student who participates in District athletic programs.

REVIEW OF ATHLETIC HANDBOOK (including Board Policy IDF-R Athletic Code of Conduct): I acknowledge that I have reviewed and consent to the guidelines of the Student/Parent Athletic Handbook, which can be found on the Athletics page of the Cobb County School District website (cobbk12.org)...

TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL: I acknowledge my understanding of the travel-related guidelines as outlined within the Student/Parent Athletic Handbook, including the responsibility of parent/guardian to arrange transportation when not District-provided.

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Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_

Student

**WAIVER:** I assume all liability and responsibility for any and all potential or real risks, injuries or even death which may result from Student's participation in inter-scholastic athletics, sports teams/clubs and events. I represent and warrant that I know of no mental or physical condition that would make it unsafe for Student to participate in inter-scholastic athletics, sports teams/clubs and events. I understand, acknowledge, and agree that the Cobb County School District (CCSD) shall not be liable for any injury/illness suffered by the Student which arises out of and/or is associated with preparing for and/or participating in inter-scholastic athletics, sports teams/clubs and events.

I hereby release, discharge, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the CCSD District, Members of the CCSD Board of Education, its past, present and future officers, attorneys, agents, employees, predecessors and successors in interest, and assigns, hereinafter "CCSD releasees", from any and all liability arising out of or in connection with Student's participation in inter-scholastic athletics, sports teams/clubs and events. For purpose of this Release, liability means all claims, demands, losses, causes of action, suits, or judgments of any kind that Student or Student's parents, guardians, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns have or may have against the CCSD releasees because of Student's personal, physical, or emotional injury, accident, illness or death, or because of any loss of or damage to property that occurs to Student or his or her property during Student's participation in inter-scholastic athletics, sports teams/clubs and events due to acts of passive or active negligence by CCSD releasees other than actions involving fraud or actual malice.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have carefully read this voluntary Waiver and understand the potential dangers incident to engaging in inter-scholastic athletics, sports teams/clubs and events, and are fully aware of the legal consequences of this agreement.

**SIGNATURE:**

**By signing below, Parent/Guardian and Student hereby agree to/give consent for participation in inter-scholastic athletics, sports teams/clubs and events for Cobb County School District of the below-indicated Student. You acknowledge that you have carefully reviewed and agree to all terms of athletic participation, including the voluntary waiver, verify that all information contained herein is accurate, and understand that any false information may result in Student's ineligibility for athletic participation.**

_____	_____	_____
Signature(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	Printed Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	Date
_____	_____	_____
Signature of Student	Printed Name of Student	Date

## ■ PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION

### HISTORY FORM

Note: Complete and sign this form (with your parents if younger than 18) before your appointment.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of examination: \_\_\_\_\_ Sport(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Sex assigned at birth: \_\_\_\_\_

List past and current medical conditions. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever had surgery? If yes, list all past surgical procedures. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Medicines and supplements: List all current prescriptions, over-the-counter medicines, and supplements (herbal and nutritional).  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any allergies? If yes, please list all your allergies (ie, medicines, pollens, food, stinging insects).  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Health Questionnaire Version 4 (PHQ-4)  
*Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems? (check box next to appropriate number)*

	Not at all	Several days	Over half the days	Nearly every day
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

(A sum of  $\geq 3$  is considered positive on either subscale [questions 1 and 2, or questions 3 and 4] for screening purposes.)

GENERAL QUESTIONS (Explain "Yes" answers at the end of this form. Circle questions if you don't know the answer.)	Yes	No
1. Do you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with your provider?		
2. Has a provider ever denied or restricted your participation in sports for any reason?		
3. Do you have any ongoing medical issues or recent illness?		
HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU	Yes	No
4. Have you ever passed out or nearly passed out during or after exercise?		
5. Have you ever had discomfort, pain, tightness, or pressure in your chest during exercise?		
6. Does your heart ever race, flutter in your chest, or skip beats (irregular beats) during exercise?		
7. Has a doctor ever told you that you have any heart problems?		
8. Has a doctor ever requested a test for your heart? For example, electrocardiography (ECG) or echocardiography.		

HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU (CONTINUED)	Yes	No
9. Do you get light-headed or feel shorter of breath than your friends during exercise?		
10. Have you ever had a seizure?		
HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY	Yes	No
11. Has any family member or relative died of heart problems or had an unexpected or unexplained sudden death before age 35 years (including drowning or unexplained car crash)?		
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)?		
13. Has anyone in your family had a pacemaker or an implanted defibrillator before age 35?		

BONE AND JOINT QUESTIONS		Yes	No
14. Have you ever had a stress fracture or an injury to a bone, muscle, ligament, joint, or tendon that caused you to miss a practice or game?			
15. Do you have a bone, muscle, ligament, or joint injury that bothers you?			
MEDICAL QUESTIONS		Yes	No
16. Do you cough, wheeze, or have difficulty breathing during or after exercise?			
17. Are you missing a kidney, an eye, a testicle (males), your spleen, or any other organ?			
18. Do you have groin or testicle pain or a painful bulge or hernia in the groin area?			
19. Do you have any recurring skin rashes or rashes that come and go, including herpes or methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA)?			
20. Have you had a concussion or head injury that caused confusion, a prolonged headache, or memory problems?			
21. 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?			
22. Have you ever become ill while exercising in the heat?			
23. Do you or does someone in your family have sickle cell trait or disease?			
24. Have you ever had or do you have any problems with your eyes or vision?			

MEDICAL QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)		Yes	No
25. Do you worry about your weight?			
26. Are you trying to or has anyone recommended that you gain or lose weight?			
27. Are you on a special diet or do you avoid certain types of foods or food groups?			
28. Have you ever had an eating disorder?			
FEMALES ONLY		Yes	No
29. Have you ever had a menstrual period?			
30. How old were you when you had your first menstrual period?			
31. When was your most recent menstrual period?			
32. How many periods have you had in the past 12 months?			

**Explain "Yes" answers here.**

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**I hereby state that, to the best of my knowledge, my answers to the questions on this form are complete and correct.**

Signature of athlete: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## ■ PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION

### PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 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?
  - Have you ever tried cigarettes, e-cigarettes, chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?
  - 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?
  - Do you wear a seat belt, use a helmet, and use condoms?
- Consider reviewing questions on cardiovascular symptoms (Q4–Q13 of History Form).

EXAMINATION		
Height: _____	Weight: _____	
BP: _____ / _____ ( _____ / _____ )	Pulse: _____	Vision: R 20/ _____ L 20/ _____ Corrected: <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
MEDICAL	NORMAL	ABNORMAL FINDINGS
Appearance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marfan stigmata (kyphoscoliosis, high-arched palate, pectus excavatum, arachnodactyly, hyperlaxity, myopia, mitral valve prolapse [MVP], and aortic insufficiency)</li> </ul>		
Eyes, ears, nose, and throat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupils equal</li> <li>Hearing</li> </ul>		
Lymph nodes		
Heart <sup>a</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Murmurs (auscultation standing, auscultation supine, and ± Valsalva maneuver)</li> </ul>		
Lungs		
Abdomen		
Skin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Herpes simplex virus (HSV), lesions suggestive of methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA), or tinea corporis</li> </ul>		
Neurological		
MUSCULOSKELETAL	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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Double-leg squat test, single-leg squat test, and box drop or step drop test</li> </ul>		

<sup>a</sup> Consider electrocardiography (ECG), echocardiography, referral to a cardiologist for abnormal cardiac history or examination findings, or a combination of those.

Name of health care professional (print or type): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of health care professional: \_\_\_\_\_, MD, DO, NP, or PA

## ■ PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION

### MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Medically eligible for all sports without restriction

Medically eligible for all sports without restriction with recommendations for further evaluation or treatment of

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

Medically eligible for certain sports

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

Not medically eligible pending further evaluation

Not medically eligible for any sports

Recommendations: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I have examined the student named on this form and completed the preparticipation physical evaluation. The athlete does not have apparent clinical contraindications to practice and can participate in the sport(s) as outlined on this form. A copy of the physical examination findings are on record in my office and can be made available to the school at the request of the parents. If conditions arise after the athlete has been cleared for participation, the physician may rescind the medical eligibility until the problem is resolved and the potential consequences are completely explained to the athlete (and parents or guardians).

Name of health care professional (print or type): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of health care professional: \_\_\_\_\_, MD, DO, NP, or PA

### SHARED EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Other information: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Emergency contacts: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Georgia High School Association Student/Parent Concussion Awareness Form

**SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **DANGERS OF CONCUSSION**

Concussions at all levels of sports have received a great deal of attention and a state law has been passed to address this issue. Adolescent athletes are particularly vulnerable to the effects of concussion. Once considered little more than a minor “ding” to the head, it is now understood that a concussion has the potential to result in death, or changes in brain function (either short-term or long-term). A concussion is a brain injury that results in a temporary disruption of normal brain function. A concussion occurs when the brain is violently rocked back and forth or twisted inside the skull as a result of a blow to the head or body. Continued participation in any sport following a concussion can lead to worsening concussion symptoms, as well as increased risk for further injury to the brain, and even death.

Player and parental education in this area is crucial – that is the reason for this document. Refer to it regularly. This form must be signed by a parent or guardian of each student who wishes to participate in GHSA athletics. One copy needs to be returned to the school, and one retained at home.

## **COMMON SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF CONCUSSION**

- Headache, dizziness, poor balance, moves clumsily, reduced energy level/tiredness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Blurred vision, sensitivity to light and sounds
- Fogginess of memory, difficulty concentrating, slowed thought processes, confused about surroundings or game assignments
- Unexplained changes in behavior and personality
- Loss of consciousness (NOTE: This does not occur in all concussion episodes.)

**BY-LAW 2.68: GHSA CONCUSSION POLICY:** In accordance with Georgia law and national playing rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations, any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be immediately removed from the practice or contest and shall not return to play until an appropriate health care professional has determined that no concussion has occurred. (NOTE: An appropriate health care professional may include licensed physician (MD/DO) or another licensed individual under the supervision of a licensed physician, such as a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or certified athletic trainer who has received training in concussion evaluation and management.)

a) No athlete is allowed to return to a game or a practice on the same day that a concussion (a) has been diagnosed, OR (b) cannot be ruled out.

b) Any athlete diagnosed with a concussion shall be cleared medically by an appropriate health care professional prior to resuming participation in any future practice or contest. The formulation of a gradual return to play protocol shall be a part of the medical clearance.

***By signing this concussion form, I give \_\_\_\_\_ High School permission to transfer this concussion form to the other sports that my child may play. I am aware of the dangers of concussion and this signed concussion form will represent myself and my child during the 2022-2023 school year. This form will be stored with the athletic physical form and other accompanying forms required by the \_\_\_\_\_ School System.***

***I HAVE READ THIS FORM AND I UNDERSTAND THE FACTS PRESENTED IN IT.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
***Student Name (Printed)***

\_\_\_\_\_  
***Student Name (Signed)***

\_\_\_\_\_  
***Date***

\_\_\_\_\_  
***Parent Name (Printed)***

\_\_\_\_\_  
***Parent Name (Signed)***

\_\_\_\_\_  
***Date***

# Georgia High School Association

## Student/Parent Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1: Learn the Early Warning Signs

If you or your child has had one or more of these signs, see your primary care physician:

- Fainting suddenly and without warning, especially during exercise or in response to loud sounds like doorbells, alarm clocks or ringing phones
- Unusual chest pain or shortness of breath during exercise
- Family members who had sudden, unexplained and unexpected death before age 50
- Family members who have been diagnosed with a condition that can cause sudden cardiac death, such as hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) or Long QT syndrome
- A seizure suddenly and without warning, especially during exercise or in response to loud sounds like doorbells, alarm clocks or ringing phones

### 2: Learn to Recognize Sudden Cardiac Arrest

If you see someone collapse, assume he has experienced sudden cardiac arrest and respond quickly. This victim will be unresponsive, gasping or not breathing normally, and may have some jerking (Seizure like activity). Send for help and start CPR. You cannot hurt him.

### 3: Learn Hands-Only CPR

Effective CPR saves lives by circulating blood to the brain and other vital organs until rescue teams arrive. It is one of the most important life skills you can learn – and it's easier than ever.

- Call 911 (or ask bystanders to call 911 and get an AED)
- Push hard and fast in the center of the chest. Kneel at the victim's side, place your hands on the lower half of the breastbone, one on top of the other, elbows straight and locked. Push down 2 inches, then up 2 inches, at a rate of 100 times/minute, to the beat of the song "Stayin' Alive."
- If an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is available, open it and follow the voice prompts. It will lead you step-by-step through the process, and will never shock a victim that does not need a shock.

***By signing this sudden cardiac arrest form, I give \_\_\_\_\_ High School permission to transfer this sudden cardiac arrest form to the other sports that my child may play. I am aware of the dangers of sudden cardiac arrest and this signed sudden cardiac arrest form will represent myself and my child during the 2022-2023 school year. This form will be stored with the athletic physical form and other accompanying forms required by the \_\_\_\_\_ School System.***

***I HAVE READ THIS FORM AND I UNDERSTAND THE FACTS PRESENTED IN IT.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
***Student Name (Printed)***

\_\_\_\_\_  
***Student Name (Signed)***

\_\_\_\_\_  
***Date***

\_\_\_\_\_  
***Parent Name (Printed)***

\_\_\_\_\_  
***Parent Name (Signed)***

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***Date***