



## **PARTICIPATION WAIVER FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES INCLUDING COVID-19**

The COVID-19 pandemic presents concerns for athletic participation given that it is a highly contagious illness. There have been severe outcomes reported in children and a child with mild or no symptoms of COVID-19 can spread the infection to others who may be far more vulnerable.

While it is not possible to eliminate all risks of furthering the spread of COVID-19, Northgate School District will take necessary precautions to comply with guidelines from federal, state and local governments, the CDC, PA DOH and the WPIAL and PIAA to reduce the risk to students, coaches and families to the extent possible. Knowledge and guidance regarding COVID-19 is changing constantly and the Northgate School District reserves the right to adjust and implement precautionary methods as necessary to decrease the risk of exposure that are set forth in the District's Guidelines for Returning to Sports During COVID-19. These measures include but are not limited to:

1. Social Distances requirements
2. Sanitization procedures
3. Use of Personal Protective Equipment
4. Health screenings
5. Personal hydration for each athlete
6. Education of athletes, coaches and staff on health and safety protocols

By signing this form, the undersigned voluntarily agree to the following Waiver and Release of liability. The undersigned agree to release and discharge all claims for ourselves, our heirs and as a parent or legal guardian for the Student named below against the Northgate School District, its Board of Directors, successors, assigns, officers, agents, employees and volunteers and will hold them harmless from any all liability or demands for personal injury, psychological injury, sickness, death or claims resulting from personal injury or property damage, of any nature whatsoever which be incurred by the student or the undersigned relating to or as a result of Student's participation in athletic programs, events and activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The undersigned acknowledge that participating in athletic programs, events and activities may include an increased risk of exposure to communicable disease including but not limited to MRSA, influenza and COVID-19. The undersigned further acknowledges that they are aware of the risks associated with COVID-19 and that certain vulnerable individuals may be greater health risks associated with COVID-19, including individuals with underlying health conditions. While particular recommendations and protocols may reduce the risks associated with participating in athletics during the COVID-19 pandemic, the risk of serious illness, medical complications and death does exist.

The undersigned knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of others, and assumes full responsibility for Student's participation in athletics during the COVID-19 pandemic. We agree to comply with the stated recommendations put forth by the Northgate School District to limit exposure and spread of COVID-19. We certify that Student is in good physical condition and allow participation in this sport at our own risk.

The Northgate School District Guidelines for Return to Sports during COVID-19 are available on the District's website or by contacting Mr. Bryan Kyle, Athletic Director at [bkyle@northgatesd.net](mailto:bkyle@northgatesd.net).

Student Athlete's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sport(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student Athlete: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_