



Instructions for Completing the NCHSAA Student-Athlete Preparticipation Physical Evaluation (PPE)

In order to be medically eligible for participation in practice or in interscholastic athletic contests, a student must have a completed NCHSAA PPE and submit it to the school. The PPE is four (4) pages in length and includes the **History Form**, the **Physical Examination Form**, and the **Medical Eligibility Form**.

The PPE **History Form** (pages 1-2) is completed and signed by the parent or legal custodian on behalf of the student-athlete. The completed and signed PPE History Form must then be presented to the examining Licensed Medical Professional (LMP) (physician licensed to practice medicine (MD/DO), nurse practitioner or physician assistant) for review when they fill out the Physical Examination Form.

The completed PPE **Physical Examination Form** (page 3) is signed and dated by the LMP who performed the examination. The physical examination builds on information obtained in the medical history.

The PPE **Medical Eligibility Form** (page 4), which is also signed and dated by the LMP, indicates the student-athlete is either medically eligible or not medically eligible for sports participation.



Student-Athlete COVID Questionnaire

Student-Athlete's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

COVID RELATED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STUDENT-ATHLETE	YES	NO	NA
1. Since January 1, 2020 have you been told that you have had a positive test for COVID-19, OR have you been told by a medical professional, your school, or local health department that you have had to quarantine (stay home) due to concern that you had COVID-19 symptoms?			
2. If the answer to 1 was "Yes", has the <i>Return to Play Form: COVID-19 Infection Medical Clearance Releasing The Student-Athlete to Resume Full Participation in Athletics</i> been completed?			
3. Have you been fully vaccinated against COVID?			

Note: The NCHSAA maintains an unquestionable commitment to the health and safety of student-athletes and athletic staff alike. These questions were not included in the History section of the 2021-2022 Preparticipation Physical Evaluation (PPE) as that is a copyrighted document. The Association strongly recommends answering these questions to assist health care professionals, licensed athletic trainers, first responders and coaches in screening students for potential long-term impacts related to COVID-19 such cardiovascular implications. The answers may also help administrators and health care professionals determine whether a student-athlete who may have been exposed to a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 needs to quarantine even though they do not exhibit symptoms.

While the Association strongly recommends answering these questions, choosing not to do so will not impact the eligibility of a student-athlete to participate in athletics.



■ 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: M/F _____

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). _____

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	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Not being able to stop or control worrying	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Little interest or pleasure in doing things	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

(A sum of ≥ 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Has a provider ever denied or restricted your participation in sports for any reason?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Do you have any ongoing medical issues or recent illness?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU	Yes	No
4. Have you ever passed out or nearly passed out during or after exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Have you ever had discomfort, pain, tightness, or pressure in your chest during exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Does your heart ever race, flutter in your chest, or skip beats (irregular beats) during exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Has a doctor ever told you that you have any heart problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Has a doctor ever requested a test for your heart? For example, electrocardiography (ECG) or echocardiography.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU (CONTINUED)	Yes	No
9. Do you get light-headed or feel shorter of breath than your friends during exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Have you ever had a seizure?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Has anyone in your family had a pacemaker or an implanted defibrillator before age 35?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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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"> Marfan stigmata (kyphoscoliosis, high-arched palate, pectus excavatum, arachnodactyly, hyperlaxity, myopia, mitral valve prolapse [MVP], and aortic insufficiency) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Eyes, ears, nose, and throat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils equal Hearing 	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lymph nodes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Heart ^a <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Murmurs (auscultation standing, auscultation supine, and ± Valsalva maneuver) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lungs	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Abdomen	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Skin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herpes simplex virus (HSV), lesions suggestive of methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA), or tinea corporis 	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>	
MUSCULOSKELETAL	NORMAL	ABNORMAL FINDINGS
Neck	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Back	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shoulder and arm	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Elbow and forearm	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wrist, hand, and fingers	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hip and thigh	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Knee	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Leg and ankle	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Foot and toes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Functional <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Double-leg squat test, single-leg squat test, and box drop or step drop test 	<input type="checkbox"/>	

^a 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

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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: _____