

ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

Please read and complete each section of this document. Form must be completed before students are cleared to participate.

Student-Athletes Name _____ Parents name _____
Home telephone # _____ Parent Cell # _____
Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Part I PARENT CONSENT FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT

I, _____ parent or guardian, hereby gives consent for my child or ward, _____ to compete in middle school or high school athletics for _____ Middle/High School. Should at any time I desire said student to refrain from participating, I will notify the athletic director or head coach of said school in writing. I fully understand insurance coverage and limitations. Also, in consideration of my son's/ daughter's opportunity to participate in interscholastic activities, I hereby consent to emergency medical treatment, hospitalization or other medical treatment as may be necessary for the welfare of the above-named child, by a physician, qualified nurse, and/or hospital, in the event of injury or illness during all periods of time in which the student is away from his/her legal residence as a member of an interscholastic activity team or group, and hereby waive on behalf of myself and the above-named child any liability of The Atlanta Board of Education, any of its agents or employees, arising out of such medical treatment.

WARNING: BY ITS NATURE, PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS INCLUDES A RISK OF INJURY WHICH MAY RANGE IN SEVERITY FROM MINOR TO LONG-TERM CATASTROPHIC, INCLUDING PERMANENT PARALYSIS FROM THE NECK DOWN OR DEATH. PARENTS OR STUDENTS WHO DO NOT WISH TO ACCEPT THE RISKS DESCRIBED IN THIS WARNING SHOULD NOT SIGN THIS FORM.

By signing this Form, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this warning and consent for participation and emergency medical treatment.

Parent's or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____
Family Physician _____ Phone Number _____
Known Medical Conditions or Allergies _____

Part II

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING INSURANCE OPTIONS

OPTION NO. 1: I hereby certify that my child or ward, (name) _____ is a member of a group or to her private hospital and medical plan and/or Medicaid and is covered by that policy or plan for injuries, which may occur from athletic participation. Coverage there under is provided by (name of Company) _____, under Policy No. _____. I understand and affirm that, in light of my selection of this Option, the Atlanta Board of Education has relied upon this certification by me in allowing my child or ward to participate in middle/ high school athletics. I will notify the Atlanta Board of Education in writing of any changes in coverage within ten (10) days of said change.

OPTION NO. 2: I hereby certify that my child or ward, _____ is not a member of a group or other private hospital and medical plan, including Medicaid, and is not covered by any policy or plan for injuries which may occur from athletic participation. I understand the Atlanta Public School System will make available limited excess medical coverage as per insurance outline/overview for my child or ward for Varsity, Jr. Varsity and Middle School Athletics paid by Atlanta Public Schools. I further understand that no payment will be made for any medical expense incurred after the policy period expires on June 30th of the current school year of injury, regardless of the date of my child's/ward's injury. All medical expenses incurred must be submitted no later than June 1st of the current school year of injury. All medical expenses are excess over any other valid insurance including Medicaid. I understand that I am responsible for the filing of any and/or all medical claims. I have read and understand the benefits and exclusions.

NOTE: ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROVIDES A SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE FOR ALL STUDENT ATHLETES.

I understand and affirm my selection of this option.

Parent's or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Part III

STUDENT MEDIA RELEASE FORM

I hereby agree to allow my child, _____, to be photographed, videotaped and/or voice recorded and for his/her name, image, likeness and voice to used APS approved photographs, videos, publications, news media and web pages for special projects or publicity aimed at promoting school activities and sound teaching practices.

I am aware that my child may be asked a variety of questions concerning school and school-related activities and programs, and that the contents of the interview may be published or aired publicly. I understand that my child will be under the supervision of a school staff member during the interview or photo session, though not if the photographs or video or voice recordings are part of a general background scene in which my child is not identified.

My child reserves the right to refuse to answer any questions or participate in any discussions that make him/her feel uncomfortable or embarrassed. Additionally, my child and/or the supervising school agent reserves the right to terminate the interview, photo or video session at any time if said activities cause embarrassment or discomfort to my child.

I understand that neither APS, nor the news media, has any obligation to air or publish the image, photos, videotape and/or voice of my child. I also understand that neither my child nor I will receive any monetary compensation for the rights granted herein. And I understand that my child's appearance or the use of his/her voice in any publication, photo or televised form does not confer any ownership rights on my child or me.

If by reason of my child's statements and actions in the interview, photos, images, videotape and/or voice recording, or the materials furnished to my child for the same, there is any claim or litigation involving any charge by third parties of violation or infringement of their right, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Atlanta Public Schools, its staff and its licensees, and assigns from liability, loss or expenses arising from such claim or litigation.

Parent's or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

■ PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION

HISTORY FORM

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

Name: _____ (First Name) _____ (Last 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). _____

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"/>

(First Name)

(Last Name)

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

MEDICAL QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)		Yes	No
25. Do you worry about your weight?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
26. Are you trying to or has anyone recommended that you gain or lose weight?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
27. Are you on a special diet or do you avoid certain types of foods or food groups?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
28. Have you ever had an eating disorder?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
FEMALES ONLY		Yes	No
29. Have you ever had a menstrual period?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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.

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: _____ (First Name) _____ (Last 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		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marfan stigmata (kyphoscoliosis, high-arched palate, pectus excavatum, arachnodactyly, hyperlaxity, myopia, mitral valve prolapse [MVP], and aortic insufficiency) 			
Eyes, ears, nose, and throat		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils equal Hearing 			
Lymph nodes		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Heart		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Murmurs (auscultation standing, auscultation supine, and ± Valsalva maneuver) 			
Lungs		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Abdomen		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Skin		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herpes simplex virus (HSV), lesions suggestive of methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA), or tinea corporis 			
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		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Double-leg squat test, single-leg squat test, and box drop or step drop test 			

* 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: _____



2.67 **Practice Policy for Heat and Humidity:**

- (a) Schools must follow the statewide policy for conducting practices and voluntary conditioning workouts (this policy is year-round, including during the summer) in all sports during times of extremely high heat and/or humidity that will be signed by each head coach at the beginning of each season and distributed to all players and their parents or guardians. The policy shall follow modified guidelines of the American College of Sports Medicine in regard to:
 - (1) The scheduling of practices at various heat/humidity levels.
 - (2) The ratio of workout time to time allotted for rest and hydration at various heat/humidity levels.
 - (3) The heat/humidity levels that will result in practice being terminated.
- (b) A scientifically-approved instrument that measures the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature must be utilized at each practice to ensure that the written policy is being followed properly. WBGT readings should be taken every hour, beginning 30 minutes before the beginning of practice.

WBGT ACTIVITY GUIDELINES AND REST BREAK GUIDELINES

- Under 82.0 Normal Activities - Provide at least three separate rest breaks each hour with a minimum duration of 3 minutes each during the workout.
- 82.0 - 86.9 Use discretion for intense or prolonged exercise; watch at-risk players carefully. Provide at least three separate rest breaks each hour with a minimum duration of 4 minutes each.
- 87.0 - 89.9 Maximum practice time is 2 hours. For Football: players are restricted to helmet, shoulder pads, and shorts during practice, and all protective equipment must be removed during conditioning activities. If the WBGT rises to this level during practice, players may continue to work out wearing football pants without changing to shorts. For All Sports: Provide at least four separate rest breaks each hour with a minimum duration of 4 minutes each.
- 90.0 - 92.0 Maximum practice time is 1 hour. For Football: no protective equipment may be worn during practice, and there may be no conditioning activities. For All Sports: There must be 20 minutes of rest breaks distributed throughout the hour of practice.
- Over 92.0 No outdoor workouts. Delay practice until a cooler WBGT level is reached.

- (c) Practices are defined as: the period of time that a participant engages in a coach-supervised, school-approved sport or conditioning-related activity. Practices are timed from the time the players report to the practice or workout area until players leave that area. If a practice is interrupted for a weather-related reason, the "clock" on that practice will stop and will begin again when the practice resumes.
- (d) Conditioning activities include such things as weight training, wind-sprints, timed runs for distance, etc., and may be a part of the practice time or included in "voluntary workouts."
- (e) A walk-through is not a part of the practice time regulation, and may last no longer than one hour. This activity may not include conditioning activities or contact drills. No protective equipment may be worn during a walk-through, and no full-speed drills may be held.
- (f) Rest breaks may not be combined with any other type of activity and players must be given unlimited access to hydration. These breaks must be held in a "cool zone" where players are out of direct sunlight.
- (g) When the WBGT reading is over 86, ice towels and spray bottles filled with ice water should be available at the "cool zone" to aid the cooling process AND cold immersion tubs must be available for the benefit of any player showing early signs of heat illness. In the event of a serious EHI, the principle of "Cool First, Transport Second" should be utilized and implemented by the first medical provider onsite until cooling is completed (core temperature of 103 or less).

Head Coach's Signature _____ Date _____

Athletes Name _____ Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 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