



Bradenton Christian School Athletics

Athletic Paperwork for Eligibility and Athletic Participation

All athletes in 6th-12th grade will need to have their athletic clearance account completed on an annual basis **PRIOR** to any athletic participation (pre-season training, summer practices, weightlifting, practices, games, etc.) There is no exception.

BCS will not be collecting ANY athletic paperwork. All paperwork will be uploaded into an athletic clearance account at www.AthleticClearance.com, created per athlete (one time creation for athletic career). Instructions for creating an athletic clearance account can be found here:

****Please note that once you create an account, it is good for the remainder of your child's time at BCS (middle school through high school). You do NOT need to create a new account each year, you will simply just upload new documents when they expire****

****Please note that you can create **ONE ACCOUNT** with multiple children on it. We recommend creating the account as a parent. Please then see step 4, bullet 4 for information on creating a new child account****

****Please note that if your child has a physical that is currently ACTIVE from the 2023-2024 athletic year and it doesn't expire until later the 2024-2025 athletic year, our athletic trainer, Nicole Kemper, can upload their file to their account. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to Nicole at nkemper@bcspanthres.org or 941-792-5454 ext. 140****

INSTRUCTIONS TO CREATING YOUR ATHLETIC CLEARANCE ACCOUNT:

1. Visit www.AthleticClearance.com and choose your state.
 - ◆ **HELPFUL TIP!** – When creating the account, you may not be able to complete the registration in one sitting without uploading the required FO forms (EL2, NFHS Certificates). We recommend preparing everything prior to creating your account so that you can continue past the upload portion of registration. The required forms for upload are: **FHSAA EL2: Preparticipation Physical Evaluation, NFHS Concussion Certificate, NFHS Heat Acclimation and Heat Illness Prevention Certificate, NFHS Sudden Cardiac Arrest Certificate**
 - ◆ **HELPFUL TIP!** If you are a transfer student, please upload a copy of your FHSAA GA4 – Affidavit of Compliance with the Policies on Athletic Recruiting & Non-Traditional Student Participation Form under the EL2 Preparticipation Physical upload section.
2. **Register:** Parents or students, please register with valid email (one that you regularly check!) and password. You will be asked to type in a code to verify that you are human. If this step is skipped, your account will not activate. **If you are creating a new account or creating an account for the first time, click create account first.**
3. **Login:** Log in to your account with the email address and password that you just registered with.

4. Start: Select **“Start Clearance Here”** to start the process.
 - ◆ Select the school year in which the student plans to participate. (ex. 2024-2025 school year)
 - ◆ Choose the school at which the student attend and will compete for (Bradenton Christian School)
 - ◆ Choose the sport in which your child plans to participate. If you know you are playing multiple sports, please click “Add New Sport” below the drop-down menu and continue this process for each sport you plan to participate in. If you are unsure, you may still select a sport you are interested in.
 - ◆ Complete all the required fields for student information, educational history, medical history, and the signature forms. **If you have gone through the Athletic Clearance process before, you can select “Choose Existing Student” OR you can continue creating a new athlete account with new information. This means you need ONLY ONE account for all your children.**
 - ◆ *The current physical form for the upcoming school year is listed at the end of the medical section in the red box. You may click this for the download if you need the form.*
 - ◆ Complete the student signature forms by completing the signature boxes in this next step. 1) EL3 Consent and Release from Liability Certificate for Concussions 2020R, 2) EL3 Consent and Release from Liability Certificate for SCA & Heat-Related Illnesses 2020R, 3) EL3 FHSAA Established Rules and Eligibility 2020R, 4) EL3 Consent and Release from Liability Certificate 20R, 5) Athletic Training Services Consent Form. Complete this step for the parent signature forms on the following page. **BOTH** parent and student signatures must be completed for it to be valid.
 - ◆ File Upload – the EL2 Preparticipation Physical Form must be uploaded here along with all three NFHS Course Certificates of completion (Concussion, Heat Acclimation and Heat Illness Prevention, Sudden Cardiac Arrest)
5. Once you reach the confirmation message you have completed the process. **Please note this DOES NOT mean your child is automatically cleared for participation in athletics. You will receive an email when the athletic department reviews your submission and clears your child.** You will also get an email to the email address you chose to create your account confirming your registration. Please save the email in case there are any issues.
6. All of this data will be electronically filed with your school’s athletic department for review. When the student has been cleared for participation, an email notification will be sent. **If your account remains “pending” or has another status other than “Cleared” you are NOT cleared for participation.** Please check with our Athletic Trainer, Nicole Kemper, if you need assistance or clarification. (nkemper@bcspanthers.org)

Online Athletic Clearance FAQ

What is my Username?

Your username is the email address that you registered with.

Multiple Sports

You will have an option to select multiple sports once you select the school year your child will be participating in. PLEASE ONLY CHECK OFF SPORTS YOU KNOW YOU WILL PLAY. Don't just check ones because you are interested in those, however, please select the sports you have intent on playing even though that may change over the course of the year. If you decide to participate in an additional sport/activity later on, you can access the multiple sport check boxes by clicking on "Print" under the Confirmation Message of your original Clearance for that specific year.

Physicals

The physical form your school uses for ATHLETICS can be downloaded on the BCS athletics website under the Athletic Clearance Tab. BCS will accept the physical online ONLY (done by uploading the completed form on Step #2). **Physicals will be uploaded online only, please DO NOT turn it in to the school for upload.**

Document Library

This area is meant to store your files so they can be accessed later in the year or perhaps years following. You can either upload your files to the Document Library then apply them to your Clearance on the Physical page OR you can choose/browse for the file on the Physical page and the file will save to the Document Library for future use.

Why haven't I been cleared?

Your school will review the information you have submitted and Clear or Deny your student participation. You will receive an email when the student is cleared.

My sport is not listed!

Please contact your school's athletic department and ask for your sport to be activated.