NEMS Sport Participation Packet

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Student/Athlete Name:_____

Student/Athlete Grade:_____ **DOB:**____/ ____/ _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact #: _____

Note: Please make sure every form is filled out, signed and dated completely. Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation form must be filled out, signed and dated by a licensed medical professional (MD, DO, NP, or PA-C). Please keep packets together in their original order.

Eligibility for Spring Sports for the 2026-2027 School Year is based on attendance and Semester 1 grades (S1) of the 2026-2027 School Year that ends on January 22, 2026.

***** Please return completed forms to Ms. Henderson or Mr. Mayhue ONLY *****

!!! NO EXCEPTIONS !!!

Students who try out and are selected to a sports team will be required to pay a $45 athletic fee

Middle School Eligibility Requirements (Established by the NCDPI) for Fall & Winter Sports 2026-2027

Grade Level
Athletic participation is available to students in grades 6 through 8. **(Students in 6th grade cannot participate in football.)**

Academic Requirements:
In middle school a student must pass 70% of all courses taken. **For NEMS students, they must pass 5 out of their 7 courses each semester to be eligible for athletics.**

Attendance Requirement
In order to be eligible for athletic participation, students must have been in daily attendance 85% of the previous semester. In regards to athletic eligibility, daily absences cannot be made up under any circumstances, even if the student attends Saturday classes, extra help sessions, summer school, and/or any other means to make up academic work. A student must, at any time of any game in which he or she participates, be a regularly enrolled member of the school's student body.

Promotion Standards
In middle school a student must meet state and local promotion standards each semester. This includes the academic requirement listed above.

Six Semester Rule
From the time a student first onters the 6th grade, they have a period of 6 consecutive semestors to complete their middle school athletic eligibility.

Medical Examination
Student athletes must receive a *medical examination* once every 395 days by a duly licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant.

Age
A student may not participate in any middle school sport if his or her 15th birthday comes on or before August 31st of the current school year.

Residence
A student is eligible to participate in athletics at the school to which he or she is assigned by the Board of Education, within the administrative unit of residence. Transfers within the Guilford County Schools administrative district are governed by local Board of Education policy.

Instructions for completing the NCHSAA Student-Athlete Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (PPE)

In order to be medically eligible for participation in practice or in interscholastic athletic contests, a student must complete a pre-participation physical evaluation (PPE) and provide medical eligibility documentation to the school.

There are four sections that need to be completed:

1. History Form (Pages 1-2)

a. This form is completed by the student-athlete and his / her parent or guardian.
b. Both the athlete and a parent or guardian shall sign this form.

2. Physical Examination Form (Page 3)

a. This section is completed by and signed by a licensed medical professional (MD, DO, NP, or PA-C).
b. The physical exam should include a thorough review of the history form. The licensed medical professional should ask any clarifying questions or discuss any areas left blank on the medical history during the physical exam.
c. This form should be signed on the date that the physical examination was completed.

3. Medical Eligibility (Page 4)

a. This section is completed by and signed by the licensed medical professional who reviewed the history form and completed the physical exam.
b. The licensed medical provider should complete the Shared Emergency Information based on findings from the history form and the physical examination.
c. This form should also be signed on the date that the physical examination was completed.

4. Concussion Information/Form Sheet

a. This form is to be read and completed by the student-athlete and his / her parent or guardian.
b. Both the athlete and a parent or guardian shall print/sign/date this form as well as initial the correct boxes. (Athlete initials left side boxes, Parent/Guardian initials right side boxes).

PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION (Interim Guidance)

HISTORY FORM

Note: Complete and sign this form (with your parents if younger than 18) before your appointment.
Name: _____ Date of birth: _____
Date form completed: _____ Sport(s): _____
Sex assigned at birth (F, M, or intersex): _____

How do you identify your gender (optional)? (F, M, non-binary, or another gender):

Have you had COVID-19? (optional; check one): ☐ Y ☐ N

Have you been immunized for COVID-19? (optional; check one): ☐ Y ☐ N If yes, have you had: ☐ One shot ☐ Two shots ☐ Three shots ☐ Booster date(s)

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? (Circle response.)

	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 ≥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	Unsure	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, 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 *Staphylococcus aureus* (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? **Unsure** ☐	☐	☐
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?	☐	☐

MENSTRUAL QUESTIONS (optional)	N/A	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

1. 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?
2. Consider reviewing questions on cardiovascular symptoms (Q4–Q13 of History Form).

EXAMINATION		
Height: Weight:		
BP: / (/) Pulse: Vision: R 20/ L 20/ Corrected: □ Y □ N		
MEDICAL	**NORMAL**	**ABNORMAL FINDINGS**
Appearance • Marfan stigmata (kyphoscoliosis, high-arched palate, pectus excavatum, arachnodactyly, hyperlaxity, myopia, mitral valve prolapse [MVP], and aortic insufficiency)		
Eyes, ears, nose, and throat • Pupils equal • Hearing		
Lymph nodes		
Heart[a] • Murmurs (auscultation standing, auscultation supine, and ± Valsalva maneuver)		
Lungs		
Abdomen		
Skin • Herpes simplex virus (HSV), lesions suggestive of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), or tinea corporis		
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 • Double-leg squat test, single-leg squat test, and box drop or step drop test		

[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 of exam: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

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

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■ 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

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□ Medically eligible for certain sports

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□ Not medically eligible pending further evaluation

□ Not medically eligible for any sports

Recommendations: _____

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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 of exam: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

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

SHARED EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Allergies: _____

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Medications: _____

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Other information: _____

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Emergency contacts: _____

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Gfeller-Waller NCHSAA Student-Athlete & Parent/Legal Custodian Concussion Information Sheet

What is a concussion? A concussion is an injury to the brain caused by a direct or indirect blow to the head. It results in your brain not working as it should. It may or may not cause you to black out or pass out. It can happen to you from a fall, a hit to the head, or a hit to the body that causes your head and your brain to move quickly back and forth.

How do I know if I have a concussion? There are many signs and symptoms that you may have following a concussion. A concussion can affect your thinking, the way your body feels, your mood, or your sleep. Here is what to look for:

Thinking/Remembering	Physical	Emotional/Mood	Sleep
Difficulty thinking clearly	Headache	Irritability-things bother you more easily	Sleeping more than usual
Taking longer to figure things out	Fuzzy or blurry vision	Sadness	Sleeping less than usual
Difficulty concentrating	Feeling sick to your stomach/queasy	Being more moody	Trouble falling asleep
Difficulty remembering new information	Vomiting/throwing up	Feeling nervous or worried	Feeling tired
	Dizziness	Crying more	
	Balance problems		
	Sensitivity to noise or light		

Table is adapted from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/)

What should I do if I think I have a concussion? If you are having any of the signs or symptoms listed above, you should tell your parents, coach, athletic trainer or school nurse so they can get you the help you need. If a parent notices these symptoms, they should inform the school nurse or athletic trainer.

When should I be particularly concerned? If you have a headache that gets worse over time, you are unable to control your body, you throw up repeatedly or feel more and more sick to your stomach, or your words are coming out funny/slurred, you should let an adult like your parent or coach or teacher know right away, so they can get you the help you need before things get any worse.

What are some of the problems that may affect me after a concussion? You may have trouble in some of your classes at school or even with activities at home. If you continue to play or return to play too early with a concussion, you may have long term trouble remembering things or paying attention, headaches may last a long time, or personality changes can occur Once you have a concussion, you are more likely to have another concussion.

How do I know when it's ok to return to physical activity and my sport after a concussion? After telling your coach, your parents, and any medical personnel around that you think you have a concussion, you will probably be seen by a doctor trained in helping people with concussions. Your school and your parents can help you decide who is best to treat you and help to make the decision on when you should return to activity/play or practice. Your school will have a policy in place for how to treat concussions. You should not return to play or practice on the same day as your suspected concussion.

You should not have any symptoms at rest or during/after activity when you return to play, as this is a sign your brain has not recovered from the injury.

This information is provided to you by the UNC Matthew Gfeller Sport-Related TBI Research Center, North Carolina Medical Society, North Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association, Brain Injury Association of North Carolina, North Carolina Neuropsychological Society, and North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

Gfeller-Waller NCHSAA Student-Athlete & Parent/Legal Custodian Concussion Statement Form

Instructions: The student athlete and his/her parent or legal custodian, must initial beside each statement acknowledging that they have read and understand the corresponding statement. The student-athlete should initial in the left column and the parent or legal custodian should initial in the right column. Some statements are applicable only to the student-athlete and should only be initialed by the student-athlete. This form must be completed for each student-athlete, even if there are multiple student-athletes in the household.

Student-Athlete Name: (please print)_____

Parent/Legal Custodian Name(s): (please print)_____

Student-Athlete Initials		Parent/Legal Custodian(s) Initials
	A concussion is a brain injury, which should be reported to my parent(s) or legal custodian(s), my or my child's coach(es), or a medical professional if one is available.	
	A concussion cannot be "seen." Some signs and symptoms might be present immediately; however, other symptoms can appear hours or days after an injury.	
	I will tell my parents, my coach and/or a medical professional about my injuries and illnesses.	Not Applicable
	If I think a teammate has a concussion, I should tell my coach(es), parent(s)/ legal custodian(s) or medical professional about the concussion.	Not Applicable
	I, or my child, will not return to play in a game or practice if a hit to my, or my child's, head or body causes any concussion-related symptoms.	
	I, or my child, will need written permission from a medical professional trained in concussion management to return to play or practice after a concussion.	
	Based on the latest data, most concussions take days or weeks to get better. A concussion may not go away, right away. I realize that resolution from a concussion is a process that may require more than one medical visit.	
	I realize that ER/Urgent Care physicians will not provide clearance to return to play or practice, if seen immediately or shortly after the injury.	
	After a concussion, the brain needs time to heal. I understand that I or my child is much more likely to have another concussion or more serious brain injury if return to play or practice occurs before concussion symptoms go away.	
	Sometimes, repeat concussions can cause serious and long-lasting problems.	
	I have read the concussion symptoms listed on the Student-Athlete/ Parent Legal Custodian Concussion Information Sheet.	
	I have asked an adult and/or medical professional to explain any information contained in the Student-Athlete & Parent Concussion Statement Form or Information Sheet that I do not understand.	

By signing below, we agree that we have read and understand the information contained in the Student-Athlete & Parent/Legal Custodian Concussion Statement Form, and have initialed appropriately beside each statement.

_____ _____

Signature of Student-Athlete Date

_____ _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Custodian Date