

GETTING CLEARED TO PLAY

2026–2027 Season • General information for Tornado student-athletes and families

All event tickets must be purchased through **GoFan**.

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OVERVIEW

Clearwater High School takes immense pride in its long-standing tradition of athletic excellence, built on tradition, honor, and pride. Whether under the lights on Friday night, in the dugout during spring ball, or on the court chasing a championship, Tornado athletes represent something greater than themselves: OUR school, OUR city, and generations of alumni who wore the Crimson and Gray.

Before any student-athlete can take the field, court, or track, both Pinellas County Schools and the FHSAA require a short list of forms, courses, and clearances to be completed. Below is exactly what's needed, and who to contact along the way.

WHO TO CONTACT

ATHLETIC COORDINATOR

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BEFORE YOU CAN PARTICIPATE — SEVEN REQUIREMENTS, IN ORDER

- 01 ECG Screening Form** — Required for incoming freshmen or any athlete who has not previously played a high school sport.
- 02 Physical Form** — Athletic Physical Exam must be completed by a physician.
- 03 EL3 Form** — Consent and Release from Liability.
- 04 School Insurance** — Football athletes must purchase either Varsity or JV Football Insurance.
- 05 GA7 Form** — Required for all student-athletes.
- 06 GA4 Form** — Transfer students only.
- 07 Upload to Athletic Clearance** — All documents go to athleticclearance.fhsaahome.org — see below.

REQUIRED VIDEO COURSES (NFHS LEARN)

HEAT ILLNESS
PREVENTION

SUDDEN CARDIAC
ARREST

CONCUSSION FOR
STUDENTS

SPORTSMANSHIP

How to access:

1. Go to nfhslearn.com and click "Register" — use the student's legal name.
2. Click "Courses" in the top banner and find the course you're taking.
3. Hover the course image and click "View Course," then select your state.
4. Click "Order Course" → choose "Myself" → "Continue" → "Checkout."
5. Check the agreement box, click "Continue," then click "Click Here" at the end of the first sentence.
6. Click "Begin Course" and complete every chapter, section, and quiz.

Once each course is complete, download and save the certificate — you'll upload it during Athletic Clearance.

ATHLETIC CLEARANCE TO PARTICIPATE — FULL PROCESS

Register at athleticclearance.com. Sign in using the STUDENT'S name, not the parent's. Click “Start Clearance” and select year, school, and sport.

Step 1 — Student information

Have ready: student ID number, family doctor, and doctor's phone number.

Step 2 — Medical history & document uploads

- EL1 – ECG Screening Form
- EL2 physical → Physical Form
- ALL NFHS certificates
- GA7
- GA4 (if applicable)
- Proof of insurance

Step 3 — Parent / guardian information

Step 4 — Signatures

Complete the remaining paperwork through electronic signatures — both the parent/guardian and student sections.

LAST STEP — PRINT & DELIVER

Print the confirmation page and hand-deliver it to Coach Foote in the front office. Make sure to select every sport the student may participate in this school year.

CHECK YOUR STATUS

Visit the Clearance page anytime. “COMPLETED” shows in green when everything is in order; “INCOMPLETE” shows in red with a note on what's still missing.