

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION - Consent and Release From Liability Certificate**

This completed form must be kept on file by the school.

**ATTENTION STUDENT AND PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)**

Your school is a member of the Florida High School Athletics Association (FHSAA) and follows established rules. To be eligible to represent your school in interscholastic athletics, in an FHSAA recognized sport (i.e. bowling, competitive cheerleading, girls flag football, lacrosse, boys volleyball, water polo and girls weightlifting or sanctioned sport (i.e. baseball, basketball, cross country, tackle football, golf, soccer, fast-pitch softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, girls volleyball, boys weightlifting and wrestling), the student:

1. Must be regularly enrolled and in regular attendance at your school. If the student is a home education student or attends a charter school, the student must declare in writing his/her intention to participate in athletics to the school at which the student is permitted to participate. Home education students must be approved by the FHSAA office prior to any participation. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.2)
2. Must attend school within 10 days of the beginning of **each semester** to be eligible during **that semester**. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.2)
3. Must maintain at least a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale prior to the semester in which the student wishes to participate. This GPA must include all courses taken since the student entered high school. A sixth, seventh or eighth grade student must have earned at least a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 unweighted scale the previous semester. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.4)
4. Must not have graduated from any high school or its equivalent. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.4)
5. Must participate at the school in which the student first enrolls (attends), or at which the student first takes part in an athletic practice, at the beginning of the school year. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.2)
6. Must not transfer schools after the first day of fall practice or the first day of school, or otherwise the student cannot participate at the new school for the remainder of the school year. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.3)
7. Must not participate on a non-school team (i.e. AAU, American Legion, club setting, etc.) which is affiliated with a school or coached by a representative of a school other than the one the student attends, or has attended, and then attend that school, otherwise the student will be ineligible there for one year. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.3)
8. Must not transfer to a school that the student's coach has relocated to within a year, otherwise the student will be ineligible there for one year. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.3)
9. Must not have **enrolled in the ninth grade for the first time** more than four school years ago. If the student is a sixth, seventh or eighth grade student, the student must not participate if repeating that grade. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.5)
10. Must have signed permission to participate from the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) on a form provided by the school. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.8)
11. Must be less than 19 years 9 months old to participate in high school; 16 years 9 months old to participate in junior high school; and 15 years 9 months old to participate in middle school, otherwise the student becomes ineligible to participate at that level. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.6)
12. Must undergo a pre-participation physical evaluation and be certified as being physically fit for participation in interscholastic athletics. **The physical evaluation is valid for 365 calendar days from the date that it was administered** after which time the student must successfully undergo another physical evaluation to continue his/her participation. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.7)
13. Must be an amateur. This means the student must not accept money, gift or donation for participating in a sport, or use a name other than his/her own when participating. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.9)
14. Must not participate in an all-star contest in a sport prior to completing his/her high school eligibility in that sport. (FHSAA Policy 26)
15. Must display good sportsmanship and follow the rules of competition **before, during and after** every contest in which the student participates. If not, the student may be suspended from participation for a period of time. (FHSAA Bylaw 7.1)
16. Must not provide false information to his/her school or the FHSAA to gain eligibility. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.1)
17. Foreign exchange and international students must be approved by the FHSAA office prior to any participation. (FHSAA Policy 17)

If the student is declared or ruled ineligible due to one or more of the FHSAA rules and regulations, the student has the right to request that the school file an appeal on behalf of the student. See the principal or athletic director for information regarding this process.

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**ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION – Preparticipation Physical Evaluation**

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**Part 1. Student Information (to be completed by student or parent).**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
 School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School: \_\_\_\_ Sport(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Person to Contact in Case of Emergency: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personal/Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 2. Medical History (to be completed by student or parent). Explain "yes" answers below. Circle questions you don't know answers to.**

	Yes	No		Yes	No	
1. Have you had a medical illness or injury since your last check up or sports physical?	___	___	26. Have you ever become ill from exercising in the heat?	___	___	
2. Do you have an ongoing chronic illness?	___	___	27. Do you cough, wheeze, or have trouble breathing during or after activity?	___	___	
3. Have you ever been hospitalized overnight?	___	___	28. Do you have asthma?	___	___	
4. Have you ever had surgery?	___	___	29. Do you have seasonal allergies that require medical treatment?	___	___	
5. Are you currently taking any prescription or non-prescription (over-the-counter) medications or pills or using an inhaler?	___	___	30. Do you use any special protective or corrective equipment or medical devices that aren't usually used for your sport or position (for example, knee brace, special neck roll, foot orthotics, shunt, retainer on your teeth or hearing aid)?	___	___	
6. Have you ever taken any supplements or vitamins to help you gain or lose weight or improve your performance?	___	___	31. Have you had any problems with your eyes or vision?	___	___	
7. Do you have any allergies (for example, pollen, latex, medicine, food, or stinging insects)?	___	___	32. Do you wear glasses, contacts, or protective eyewear?	___	___	
8. Have you ever had a rash or hives develop during or after exercise?	___	___	33. Have you ever had a sprain, strain, or swelling after injury?	___	___	
9. Have you ever passed out during or after exercise?	___	___	34. Have you broken or fractured any bones or dislocated any joints?	___	___	
10. Have you ever been dizzy during or after exercise?	___	___	35. Have you had any other problems with pain or swelling in muscles, tendons, bones, or joints?	___	___	
11. Have you ever had chest pain during or after exercise?	___	___	<i>If yes, check appropriate blank and explain below.</i>			
12. Do you get tired more quickly than your friends do during exercise?	___	___	___ Head	___ Upper Arm	___ Finger	___ Shin/Calf
13. Have you ever had racing of your heart or skipped heartbeats?	___	___	___ Neck	___ Elbow	___ Foot	___ Ankle
14. Have you had high blood pressure or high cholesterol?	___	___	___ Back	___ Forearm	___ Hip	
15. Have you ever been told you have a heart murmur?	___	___	___ Chest	___ Wrist	___ Thigh	
16. Has any family member or relative died of heart problems or sudden death before age 50?	___	___	___ Shoulder	___ Hand	___ Knee	
17. Have you had a severe viral infection (for example, myocarditis or mononucleosis) within the last month?	___	___	36. Do you want to weigh more or less than you do now?	___	___	
18. Has a physician ever denied or restricted your participation in sports for any heart problems?	___	___	37. Do you lose weight regularly to meet weight requirements for your sport?	___	___	
19. Do you have any current skin problems (for example, itching, rashes, acne, warts, fungus, blisters or pressure sores)?	___	___	38. Do you feel stressed out?	___	___	
20. Have you ever had a head injury or concussion?	___	___	39. Have you ever been diagnosed with sickle cell anemia?	___	___	
21. Have you ever been knocked out, become unconscious, or lost your memory?	___	___	40. Have you ever been diagnosed with having the sickle cell trait?	___	___	
22. Have you ever had a seizure?	___	___	41. Record the dates of your most recent immunizations (shots) for:			
23. Do you have frequent or severe headaches?	___	___	Tetanus: _____	Measles: _____		
24. Have you ever had numbness or tingling in your arms, hands, legs, or feet?	___	___	Hepatitis B: _____	Chickenpox: _____		
25. Have you ever had a stinger, burner, or pinched nerve?	___	___	<b>FEMALES ONLY (optional)</b>			
			42. When was your first menstrual period? _____			
			43. When was your most recent menstrual period? _____			
			44. How much time do you usually have from the start of one period to the start of another? _____			
			45. How many periods have you had in the last year? _____			
			46. What was the longest time between periods in the last year? _____			

Explain "Yes" answers here: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**We hereby state, to the best of our knowledge, that our answers to the above questions are complete and correct. In addition to the routine medical evaluation required by s.1006.20 Florida Statutes, and FHSAA Bylaw 9.7, we understand and acknowledge that we are hereby advised that the student should undergo a cardiovascular assessment, which may include such diagnostic tests as electrocardiogram (EKG), echocardiogram (ECG) and/or cardio stress test.**

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Part 3. Physical Examination (to be completed by licensed physician, licensed osteopathic physician, licensed chiropractic physician, licensed physician assistant, or certified advanced registered nurse practitioner).**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
 Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ % Body Fat (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Pulse: \_\_\_\_\_ Blood Pressure: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ )  
 Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ Hearing: right: P \_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_ left: P \_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_  
 Visual Acuity: Right 20/ \_\_\_\_\_ Left 20/ \_\_\_\_\_ Corrected: Yes No Pupils: Equal \_\_\_\_\_ Unequal \_\_\_\_\_

FINDINGS	NORMAL	ABNORMAL FINDINGS	INITIALS*
<b>MEDICAL</b>			
1. Appearance	_____	_____	_____
2. Eyes/Ears/Nose/Throat	_____	_____	_____
3. Lymph Nodes	_____	_____	_____
4. Heart	_____	_____	_____
5. Pulses	_____	_____	_____
6. Lungs	_____	_____	_____
7. Abdomen	_____	_____	_____
8. Genitalia (males only)	_____	_____	_____
9. Skin	_____	_____	_____
<b>MUSCULOSKELETAL</b>			
10. Neck	_____	_____	_____
11. Back	_____	_____	_____
12. Shoulder/Arm	_____	_____	_____
13. Elbow/Forearm	_____	_____	_____
14. Wrist/Hand	_____	_____	_____
15. Hip/Thigh	_____	_____	_____
16. Knee	_____	_____	_____
17. Leg/Ankle	_____	_____	_____
18. Foot	_____	_____	_____

\* – station-based examination only

**ASSESSMENT OF EXAMINING PHYSICIAN/PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT/NURSE PRACTITIONER**

I hereby certify that each examination listed above was performed by myself or an individual under my direct supervision with the following conclusion(s):

\_\_\_\_ Cleared without limitation  
 \_\_\_\_ Disability: \_\_\_\_\_ Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Precautions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Not cleared for: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Cleared after completing evaluation/rehabilitation for: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Referred to: \_\_\_\_\_ For: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recommendations: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Physician/Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Physician/Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner: \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSESSMENT OF PHYSICIAN TO WHOM REFERRED (if applicable)**

I hereby certify that the examination(s) for which referred was/were performed by myself or an individual under my direct supervision with the following conclusion(s):

\_\_\_\_ Cleared without limitation  
 \_\_\_\_ Disability: \_\_\_\_\_ Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Precautions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Not cleared for: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Cleared after completing evaluation/rehabilitation for: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recommendations: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Physician (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

*Based on recommendations developed by the American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Medical Society for Sports Medicine, American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine and American Osteopathic Academy for Sports Medicine.*

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**Part 1. Student Acknowledgement and Release (to be signed by student at the bottom)**

I have read the (condensed) FHSAA Eligibility Rules printed on the reverse side of this "Consent and Release Certificate" and know of no reason why I am not eligible to represent my school in interscholastic athletic competition. If accepted as a representative, I agree to follow the rules of my school and FHSAA and to abide by their decisions. I know that athletic participation is a privilege. I have been informed and know of the risks involved in athletic participation, understand that serious injury, including the potential for a concussion, and even death, is possible in such participation, and choose to accept such risks. I voluntarily accept any and all responsibility for my own safety and welfare while participating in athletics, with full understanding of the risks involved. Should I be 18 years of age or older, or should I be emancipated from my parent(s)/guardian(s), I hereby release and hold harmless the School Board of Osceola County, its officers, employees and agents, my school, the schools against which it competes, the contest officials and FHSAA of any and all responsibility and liability for any injury or claim resulting from such athletic participation and agree to take no legal action against any of the above-referenced entities and the FHSAA because of any accident or mishap involving my athletic participation. I hereby authorize the use or disclosure of my individually identifiable health information should treatment for illness or injury become necessary. I hereby grant to FHSAA the right to review all records relevant to my athletic eligibility including, but not limited to, my records relating to enrollment and attendance, academic standing, age, discipline, finances, residence and physical fitness. I hereby grant the released parties the right to photograph and/or videotape me and further to use my name, face, likeness, voice and appearance in connection with exhibitions, publicity, advertising and promotional materials without reservation or limitation. The released parties, however, are under no obligation to exercise said rights herein. I understand that the authorizations and rights granted herein are voluntary and that I may revoke any or all of them at any time by submitting said revocation in writing to my school. By doing so, however, I understand that I will no longer be eligible for participation interscholastic athletics.

**Part 2. Parental/Guardian Consent, Acknowledgement and Release (to be completed and signed by a parent(s)/guardian(s) at the bottom; where divorced or separated, parent/guardian with legal custody must sign)**

A. I/we hereby give consent for my/our child/ward to participate in any FHSAA recognized or sanctioned sport except for the following sport(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ *List sport(s) exceptions here*

B. I/we understand that participation may necessitate an early dismissal from classes. I/we understand that in certain circumstances, the school will not be able to provide transportation to regularly scheduled events. When this occurs, I/we understand and acknowledge that it is my/our responsibility to make transportation arrangements for my/our child/ward to the athletic event. I/we accept any and all responsibility for his her safety and welfare while in transit to the athletic event. With full understanding of the risks involved, I/we release and hold harmless the School Board of Osceola County, its officers, employees and agents and my/our child's/ward's school, the schools against which it competes, the contest officials, and the FHSAA of any and all responsibility and liability for any injury or claim resulting from any accident that may occur in transit to or from the athletic event.

C. I/we know of, and acknowledge that my child/ward knows of, the risks involved in interscholastic athletic participation, understand that serious injury, and even death, is possible in such participation and choose to accept any and all responsibility for his/her safety and welfare while participating in athletics. With full understanding of the risks involved, I/we release and hold harmless the School Board of Osceola County, its officers, employees and agents and my/our child's/ward's school, the schools against which it competes, the contest officials, and FHSAA of any and all responsibility and liability for any injury or claim resulting from such athletic participation and agree to take no legal action against any of the above-referenced entities and the FHSAA because of any accident or mishap involving the athletic participation of my/our child/ward. I/we authorize emergency medical treatment for my/our child/ward should the need arise for such treatment while my child/ward is under the supervision of the school. I/we authorize emergency medical treatment for my child/ward should the need arise for such treatment while my child/ward is under the supervision of the school. I/we further hereby authorize the use or disclosure of my child's/ward's individually identifiable health information should treatment for illness or injury become necessary. I/we consent to the disclosure, by my child/s/ward's school, to the FHSAA, upon its request, of all records relevant to his/her athletic eligibility including but not limited to, his/her records relating to enrollment and attendance, academic standing, age, discipline, finances, residence and physical fitness. I/we grant the released parties the right to photograph and/or videotape my child/ward and further to use said child's/ward's name, face, likeness, voice and appearance in connection with exhibitions, publicity, advertising promotional and commercial materials without reservation or limitation. The released parties, however, are under no obligation to exercise said rights herein.

D. I/we are aware of the potential danger of concussions and/or head and neck injuries in interscholastic athletics. I also have knowledge about the risk of continuing to participate once such an injury is sustained without proper medical clearance.

**READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY. YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT, EVEN IF MY CHILD'S/WARD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS AGAINST WHICH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS AND FHSAA USES REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR ELIMINATED. BY SIGNING THIS FORM YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD'S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM MY CHILD'S/WARD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS AGAINST WHICH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS AND FHSAA IN A LAWSUIT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, TO YOUR CHILD OR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULT FROM THE RISKS THAT ARE A NATURAL PART OF THE ACTIVITY. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS FORM, AND MY CHILD'S/WARDS'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS AGAINST WHICH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS AND FHSAA HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM.**

E. I/we agree that in the event I/we pursue litigation seeking injunctive relief or legal action impacting my child (individually) or my child's team participation in FHSAA state series contests, such action shall be filed in the Alachua County, Florida, Circuit Court.

F. I/we understand that the authorizations and rights granted herein are voluntary and that I/we may revoke any or all of them at any time by submitting said revocation in writing to my school. By doing so, however, I/we understand that my/our child/ward will no longer be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics.

G. Please check the appropriate box(es):  
 \_\_\_\_ My child/ward is covered under our family health insurance plan, which has limits of not less than \$25,000.  
 Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ My child/ward is covered by his/her school's activities medical base insurance plan.  
 \_\_\_\_ I have purchased supplemental football insurance through my child's/ward's school.

**I/WE HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE (Only one parent/guardian signature is required)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Parent/Guardian (printed) Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Parent/Guardian (printed) Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

**I HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE (Student must sign)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Student (printed) Signature of Student Date