



# MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## DIVISION OF ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

### ATHLETIC PHYSICAL FORM PROCEDURES



Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, ALL student-athletes will be required to undergo one successful ECG/EKG screening prior to athletic participation. Pursuant School Board Policy 2431, students must satisfactorily pass an ECG/EKG screening once before being cleared for participation in athletics. Parents will have options to opt out of this requirement.

#### PROCEDURES FOR COMPLETING M-DCPS ATHLETIC PHYSICAL FORM FM-3439 - REVISED (05/25)

- Please be sure to complete the following sections:
  - Section I – Student Information
  - Section II – Parent/Guardian Information
  - Section III – Parent/Guardian Insurance Information
- The physical will not be accepted as complete if any information is missing.
- Please provide medical clearance indicating your student has completed an ECG/EKG screening by an authorized licensed physician.

#### FHSAA CONSENT AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY CERTIFICATE – EL3 – REVISED (03/23)

**Page 1 – Student and Parent/Guardian Consent, Acknowledgment and Release (Completed form MUST be submitted to the school)**

- Complete school name and school district (Miami-Dade County Public Schools) at top of page.
- Part 1: Student Acknowledgment and Release
  - Read thoroughly with student and parent/guardian(s).
- Part 2: Parent/Guardian Consent, Acknowledgement and Release
  - Read thoroughly and complete appropriate sections.
  - Section A – Parent/Guardian should list any sport(s) in which the student is **NOT** allowed to participate.
  - Section G – Parent/Guardian must check off all insurance options that apply to his/her child.
  - The form must be signed and dated by the student and parent/guardian(s).

**Page 2 – Consent and Release from Liability Certificate – Concussion Information (Completed form MUST be submitted to the school)**

- Complete school name and school district (Miami-Dade County Public Schools) at top of page.
- Read thoroughly with student and parent/guardian(s).
- The form must be signed and dated by the student and parent/guardian(s).

**Page 3 – Consent and Release from Liability Certificate – Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information (Completed form MUST be submitted to the school)**

- Complete school name and school district (Miami-Dade County Public Schools) at top of page.
- Read thoroughly with student and parent/guardian(s).
- The form must be signed and dated by the student and parent/guardian(s).

**Page 4 – Consent and Release from Liability Certificate – Heat-Related Illness Information (Completed form MUST be submitted to the school)**

- Complete school name and school district (Miami-Dade County Public Schools) at top of page.
- Read thoroughly with student and parent/guardian(s).
- The form must be signed and dated by the student and parent/guardian(s).

**Page 5 – Consent and Release from Liability Certificate – FHSAA Eligibility Rules (Completed form MUST be submitted to the school)**

- Complete school name and school district (Miami-Dade County Public Schools) at top of page.
- Read thoroughly with student and parent/guardian(s).
- The form must be signed and dated by the student and parent/guardian(s).

**M-DCPS Contract for Student Participation in Interscholastic Competitions or Performances Form FM-7155 REVISED (05/23)**

- Please be sure to complete the information at top of page.
- Read thoroughly with student and parent/guardian(s).
- The form must be signed and dated by the student and parent/guardian(s).

**GMAC Student-Athlete Sportsmanship Contract REVISED (05/23)**

- Read thoroughly with student and parent/guardian(s).
- The form must be signed and dated by the student.

**Student and Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment and Consent FM-3439 REVISED (05/23)**

- Read Section 1 and Section 2 thoroughly with student and parent/guardian(s).
- The form must be signed and dated by the student in Section 1.
- If the parent/guardian(s) grant the student permission to participate in all interscholastic athletics, write **"NONE"** in the space provided.
- If the parent/guardian(s) do not grant the student permission to participate in all interscholastic athletics, list the sports **NOT** allowed for participation in space provided.
- The form must be signed and dated by the parent/guardian(s) in Section 2.
- **The form MUST BE NOTARIZED WITH AN OFFICIAL NOTARY STAMP AND SIGNATURE.**
- Section 3 is a Sportsmanship Agreement that must be signed and dated by the parent/guardian(s).

**FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (FHSA) PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION – EL2 – REVISED (02/25)**  
(The following physical evaluation forms have been strategically placed as the last pages of the athletic physical packet for ease of detachment.)

**Page 1 – Medical History Form (Completed form to be retained by healthcare provider and/or parent)**

- Complete Section 1 – Student Information
- Complete Section 2 – Patient Health Questionnaire version 4 (PHQ-4)
  - Circle one response (0, 1, 2 or 3) based on criterion provided.
- Complete Section 3 – General Questions/Heart Health Questions
  - Check "Yes" or "No" to questions 1-13.

**Page 2 – Medical History Form (Completed form to be retained by healthcare provider and/or parent)**

- Complete student's full name, date of birth and school name at top of page.
- Complete Section 4 – Bone and Joint Questions/Medical Questions
  - Check "Yes" or "No" to questions 14-29.
  - Provide explanation for any question answered "Yes".
- Read the latter portion of the form thoroughly. The form must be signed and dated by student and parent/guardian(s).

**Page 3 – Physical Examination Form (Completed form to be retained by healthcare provider and/or parent)**

- Complete student's full name, date of birth and school name at top of page.
- All other sections of the physical examination form are to be completed by a licensed physician, licensed osteopathic physician, licensed chiropractic physician, licensed physician assistant, or certified registered nurse practitioner.
- The form must be signed and dated by healthcare professional.

**NOTE: PAGES (4 & 5) MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL**

**Page 4 – Medical Eligibility Form (Completed form MUST be submitted to the school)**

- Complete Section 1 – Student Information
- Complete Section 2 - Shared Emergency Information
  - Must be completed at time of medical assessment by medical provider and parent.
  - Please ensure any medication needs are listed as well as any relevant medical history is provided to be reviewed by athletic trainer/team physician.
  - The medical provider must stamp page with medical provider stamp.
  - The form must be signed and dated by the student and parent/guardian(s).
- Complete Section 3 – Medical clearance
  - Must be completed, signed, and dated by medical provider.

**Page 5 – Medical Eligibility Form – Referred Provider Form (Completed form MUST be submitted to the school)**

- This form is a referral form. It should only be used if the student is referred to a specialist or another doctor for medical clearance to participate in sports.
- If referred, complete Section 1 – Student Information
- Section 2 – Medical Clearance
  - Must be completed by medical provider.
  - The medical provider must stamp page with medical provider stamp.
  - The form must be signed and dated healthcare professional.

**NOTE: ONCE PHYSICAL PACKET IS COMPLETE WITH ALL REQUIRED SIGNATURES, DATES AND NOTARIZATION, THE STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRESEASON SPORTS PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.**

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
DIVISION OF ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES  
ATHLETIC PHYSICAL FORM

SCHOOL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_  
SPORT(S) \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION I – STUDENT INFORMATION

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION II – PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_  
EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL BOARD INSURANCE INFORMATION

IN ACCORDANCE TO SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 2431, INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS:

It must be understood that the school, the athletic department, and/or the School Board assumes no direct or implied responsibilities for expenses resulting from any athletic injury. All students taking part in the interscholastic athletic program must participate in a Board-approved insurance program for that sport. Purchase of School Board-approved insurance is required prior to participation in the fall football program, spring football program, and all other interscholastic sports programs. Benefits under this insurance program are secondary to benefits covered under any other hospital-medical-surgical coverage that you may have purchased. Only those charges in excess of the amount payable by your other insurance will be paid, and the total payment will not exceed 100% of all bills for any one accident. Any charges or expenses, including deductibles not covered by the School Board-approved insurance policies, are the responsibilities of the parent or guardian. All School Board-approved insurance is non-refundable.

SECTION III – PARENT/GUARDIAN INSURANCE INFORMATION

NAME OF INSURED \_\_\_\_\_ EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_  
INSURANCE COMPANY NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
INSURANCE COMPANY ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
INSURANCE POLICY# \_\_\_\_\_ GROUP # \_\_\_\_\_  
PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL BOARD ECG/EKG INFORMATION

Pursuant School Board Policy 2431, students must satisfactorily pass an ECG/EKG screening once before being cleared for participation in athletics. Parents will have options to opt out of this requirement.

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**NOTE: THIS FORM (EL2 – PREPARTICIPATION  
PHYSICAL EVALUATION – PAGE 4) SHOULD BE  
SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL**



**PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION (Page 1 of 4)**  
*This medical history form should be retained by the healthcare provider and/or parent.*  
*This form is valid for 365 calendar days from the date of exam.*

**EL2**

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**MEDICAL HISTORY FORM**

**Student Information** (to be completed by student and parent) *print legibly*

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

List past and current medical conditions:

Have you ever had surgery? If yes, please list all surgical procedures and dates:

Medicines and supplements (please list all current prescription medications, over-the-counter medicines, and supplements (herbal and nutritional):

Do you have any allergies? If yes, please list all of your allergies (i.e., medicines, pollens, food, insects):

**Patient Health Questionnaire version 4 (PHQ-4)**

*Over the past two weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems? (Circle response)*

	Not at all	Several days	Over half of the days	Nearly everyday
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

**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 illnesses?		

**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?		

**HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU**  
(continued)

	Yes	No
8 Has a doctor ever requested a test for your heart? For example, electrocardiography (ECG) or echocardiography (ECHO)?		
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**

	Yes	No
11 Has any family member or relative died of heart problems or had an unexpected or unexplained sudden death before age 35? (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?		

**This form is not considered valid unless all sections are complete.**



**PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION (Page 2 of 4)**  
*This medical history form should be retained by the healthcare provider and/or parent.  
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**EL2**

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Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

BONE AND JOINT QUESTIONS		Yes	No
14	Have you ever had a stress fracture?		
15	Did you ever injure a bone, muscle, ligament, joint, or tendon that caused you to miss a practice or game?		
16	Do you have a bone, muscle, ligament, or joint injury that currently bothers you?		

MEDICAL QUESTIONS		Yes	No
17	Do you cough, wheeze, or have difficulty breathing during or after exercise or has a provider ever diagnosed you with asthma?		
18	Are you missing a kidney, an eye, a testicle, your spleen, or any other organ?		
19	Do you have groin or testicle pain or a painful bulge or hernia in the groin area?		
20	Do you have any recurring skin rashes or rashes that come and go, including herpes or methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)?		
21	Have you had a concussion or head injury that caused confusion, a prolonged headache, or memory problems?		
22	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?		
23	Have you ever become ill while exercising in the heat?		
24	Do you or does someone in your family have sickle cell trait or disease?		
25	Have you ever had or do you have any problems with your eyes or vision?		

MEDICAL QUESTIONS (continued)		Yes	No
26	Do you worry about your weight?		
27	Are you trying to or has anyone recommended that you gain or lose weight?		
28	Are you on a special diet or do you avoid certain types of foods or food groups?		
29	Have you ever had an eating disorder?		

Explain "Yes" answers here:

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Participation in high school sports is not without risk. The student-athlete and parent/guardian acknowledge truthful answers to the above questions allows for a trained clinician to assess the individual student-athlete against risk factors associated with sports-related injuries and death. Florida Statute 1006.20 requires a student candidate for an interscholastic athletic team to successfully complete a preparticipation physical evaluation as the first step of injury prevention. This preparticipation physical evaluation shall be completed each year before participating in interscholastic athletic competition or engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, conditioning, or other physical activity, including activities that occur outside of the school year.

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 physical evaluation required by Florida Statute 1006.20, 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 (ECG), echocardiogram (ECHO), and/or cardio stress test. The FHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee strongly recommends a medical evaluation with your healthcare provider for risk factors of sudden cardiac arrest which may include the special tests listed above.

Student-Athlete Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (printed) Student-Athlete Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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

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





**PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION (Page 3 of 4)**  
*This medical history form should be retained by the healthcare provider and/or parent.  
This form is valid for 365 calendar days from the date of exam.*

**EL2**

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**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM**

Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

**HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL 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?	• 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?	• Have you experienced performance changes, felt fatigued, and/or experienced times of low energy during the past year?

- ☐ Verify completion of FHSAA EL2 Medical History (pages 1 and 2), review these medical history responses as part of your assessment. Cardiovascular history/symptom questions include Q4-Q13 of Medical History form. *(check box if complete)*

**EXAMINATION**

Height:	Weight:		
BP:     /     (     /     )	Pulse:	Vision: R 20/     L 20/	Corrected: Yes     No
<b>MEDICAL - healthcare professional shall initial each assessment</b>	<b>NORMAL</b>	<b>ABNORMAL FINDINGS</b>	
Appearance • Marfan stigmata (kyphoscoliosis, high-arched palate, pectus excavatum, arachnodactyl, hyperlaxity, myopia, mitral valve prolapse [MVP], and aortic insufficiency)			
Eyes, Ears, Nose, and Throat • Pupils equal • Hearing			
Lymph Nodes			
Heart • 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			
<b>MUSCULOSKELETAL - healthcare professional shall initial each assessment</b>	<b>NORMAL</b>	<b>ABNORMAL FINDINGS</b>	
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			

**This form is not considered valid unless all sections are complete.**

\*Consider electrocardiography (ECG), echocardiography (ECHO), referral to a cardiologist for abnormal cardiac history or examination findings, or any combination thereof. The FHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee strongly recommends to a student-athlete (parent), a medical evaluation with your healthcare provider for risk factors of sudden cardiac arrest which may include an electrocardiogram.

Name of Healthcare Professional (print or type): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Exam: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Healthcare Professional: \_\_\_\_\_ Credentials: \_\_\_\_\_ License #: \_\_\_\_\_



**PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION (Page 4 of 4)**  
*SUBMIT THIS MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY FORM TO THE SCHOOL*  
*This form is valid for 365 calendar days from the date of exam.*

**EL2**

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**MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY FORM**

**Student Information** (to be completed by student and parent) *print legibly*

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

**SHARED EMERGENCY INFORMATION - completed at the time of assessment by practitioner and parent**

☐ Check this box if there is no relevant medical history to share related to participation in competitive sports.

Provider Stamp (if required by school)

Medications: *(use additional sheet, if necessary)*

List: \_\_\_\_\_

Relevant medical history to be reviewed by athletic trainer/team physician: *(explain below, use additional sheet, if necessary)*

☐ Allergies ☐ Asthma ☐ Cardiac/Heart ☐ Concussion ☐ Diabetes ☐ Heat Illness ☐ Orthopedic ☐ Surgical History ☐ Sickle Cell Trait ☐ Other

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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

We hereby state, to the best of our knowledge the information recorded on this form is complete and correct. 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 (ECG), echocardiogram (ECHO), and/or cardio stress test.

☐ Medically eligible for all sports without restriction

☐ Medically eligible for all sports without restriction after clearance by medical specialist for: \_\_\_\_\_

*(If this option is checked, additional medical follow-up and clearance prior to sports participation is required. Use EL2 Page 5 for documentation.)*

☐ Medically eligible for only certain sports as listed below: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Not medically eligible for any sports

Recommendations: *(use additional sheet, if necessary)*

In accordance with §1006.20(2)(c), F.S., I hereby certify that I am a practitioner licensed under Florida chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, §464.012, or registered under §464.0123, and in good standing with my regulatory board and that I, or a clinician under my direct supervision, have examined the above-named student-athlete using the FHSAA EL2 Preparticipation Physical Evaluation and have provided the conclusion(s) listed above. A copy of the exam has been retained and can be accessed by the parent as requested. Any injury or other medical conditions that arise after the date of this medical clearance should be properly evaluated, diagnosed, and treated by an appropriate healthcare professional prior to participation in activities.

Name of Healthcare Professional (print or type): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Exam: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Healthcare Professional: \_\_\_\_\_ Credentials: \_\_\_\_\_ License #: \_\_\_\_\_

**This form is not considered valid unless all sections are complete.**



**PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION (Supplement)**  
**SUBMIT THIS MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY FORM TO THE SCHOOL**  
*This form is valid for 365 calendar days from the date of exam.*

**EL2**

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*This form is only used, or requested, if a student-athlete has been referred for additional evaluation, prior to full medical clearance.*

**MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY FORM - Referred Provider Form**

**Student Information** (to be completed by student and parent) *print legibly*

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

Referred for: \_\_\_\_\_ Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby certify the evaluation and assessment for which this student-athlete was referred has been conducted by myself or a clinician under my direct supervision with the conclusions documented below:*

- ☐ Medically eligible for all sports without restriction as of the date signed below  
☐ Medically eligible for all sports without restriction after completion of the following treatment plan: *(use additional sheet, if necessary)*

☐ Medically eligible for only certain sports as listed below:

☐ Not medically eligible for any sports

Further Recommendations: *(use additional sheet, if necessary)*

Name of Healthcare Professional (print or type): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Exam: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Healthcare Professional: \_\_\_\_\_ Credentials: \_\_\_\_\_ License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider Stamp *(if required by school)*



This completed form must be kept on file by the school. This form is valid for 365 calendar days from the date of the most recent signature. This form is non-transferable; a change of schools during the validity period of this form will require this form to be re-submitted.

School: \_\_\_\_\_

School District (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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

I have read the (condensed) FHSAA Eligibility Rules printed on page 5 of this "Consent and Release from Liability 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 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 my school, the schools against which it competes, the school district, 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 the FHSAA because of any accident or mishap involving my athletic participation. 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, promotional, and commercial 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 in interscholastic athletics.

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

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

**List sport(s) exceptions here**

B. I understand that participation may necessitate an early dismissal from classes.

C. I 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 release and hold harmless my child's/ward's school, the schools against which it competes, the school district, 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 the FHSAA because of any accident or mishap involving the athletic participation of my child/ward. As required in F.S. 1014.06(1), I specifically authorize healthcare services to be provided for my child/ward by a healthcare practitioner, as defined in F.S. 456.001, or someone under the direct supervision of a healthcare practitioner, should the need arise for such treatment, while my child/ward is under the supervision of the school. I further hereby authorize the use of disclosure of my child's/ward's individually identifiable health information should treatment for illness or injury become necessary. I consent to the disclosure to the FHSAA, upon its request, of all records relevant to my child's/ward's athletic eligibility including, but not limited to, records relating to enrollment and attendance, academic standing, age, discipline, finances, residence, and physical fitness. I 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 am 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/WARD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT, EVEN IF YOUR CHILD'S/WARD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS AGAINST WHICH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS, AND FHSAA USE REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD/WARD 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/WARD'S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM YOUR 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/WARD OR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM THE RISKS THAT ARE A NATURAL PART OF THE ACTIVITY. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS FORM, AND YOUR CHILD'S/WARD'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/WARD PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM.**

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

F. 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 child's/ward's school. By doing so, however, I understand that my 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 HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE** *(only one parent/guardian signature is required)*

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

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### Concussion Information

Concussion is a brain injury. Concussions, as well as all other head injuries, are serious. They can be caused by a bump, a twist of the head, sudden deceleration or acceleration, a blow or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with force transmitted to the head. You cannot see a concussion, and more than 90% of all concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. All concussions are potentially serious and, if not managed properly, may result in complications including brain damage and, in rare cases, even death. Even a "ding" or a bump on the head can be serious. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of concussion yourself, your child should be immediately removed from play, evaluated by a medical professional, and cleared by a medical doctor.

### Signs and Symptoms of a Concussion:

Concussion symptoms may appear immediately after the injury or can take several days to appear. Studies have shown that it takes on average 10-14 days or longer for symptoms to resolve and, in rare cases or if the athlete has sustained multiple concussions, the symptoms can be prolonged. Signs and symptoms of concussion can include: (not all-inclusive)

- Vacant stare or seeing stars
- Lack of awareness of surroundings
- Emotions out of proportion to circumstances (inappropriate crying or anger)
- Headache or persistent headache, nausea, vomiting
- Altered vision
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Delayed verbal and motor responses
- Disorientation, slurred, or incoherent speech
- Dizziness, including light-headedness, vertigo (spinning), or loss of equilibrium (being off-balance or swimming sensation)
- Decreased coordination, reaction time
- Confusion and inability to focus attention
- Memory loss
- Sudden change in academic performance or drop in grades
- Irritability, depression, anxiety, sleep disturbances, easy irritability
- In rare cases, loss of consciousness

### DANGERS if your child continues to play with a concussion or returns too soon:

Athletes with signs and symptoms of concussion should be removed from activity (play or practice) immediately. Continuing to play with the signs and symptoms of a concussion leaves the young athlete especially vulnerable to sustaining another concussion. Athletes who sustain a second concussion before the symptoms of the first concussion have resolved and the brain has had a chance to heal are at risk for prolonged concussion symptoms, permanent disability and even death (called "Second Impact Syndrome" where the brain swells uncontrollably). There is also evidence that multiple concussions can lead to long-term symptoms, including early dementia.

### Steps to take if you suspect your child has suffered a concussion:

Any athlete suspected of suffering a concussion should be removed from the activity immediately. No athlete may return to activity after an apparent head injury or concussion, regardless of how mild it seems or how quickly symptoms clear, without written medical clearance from an appropriate healthcare professional (AHCP). In Florida, an appropriate healthcare professional (AHCP) is defined as either a licensed physician (MD, as per Chapter 458, Florida Statutes) or a licensed osteopathic physician (DO, as per Chapter 459, Florida Statutes). Close observation of the athlete should continue for several hours. You should also seek medical care and inform your child's coach if you think that your child may have a concussion. Remember, it's better to miss one game than to have your life changed forever. When in doubt, sit them out.

### Return to play or practice:

Following physician evaluation, the return to activity process requires the athlete to be completely symptom free, after which time they would complete a stepwise protocol under the supervision of a licensed athletic trainer, coach, or medical professional and then, receive written medical clearance from an AHCP.

For current and up-to-date information on concussions, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/concussioninyouthsports/> or <http://www.seeingstarsfoundation.org>

### Statement of Student-Athlete Responsibility:

Parents and student should be aware of preliminary evidence that suggests repeat concussions, and even hits that do not cause a symptomatic concussion, may lead to abnormal brain changes which can only be seen on an autopsy (known as Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE)). There have been case reports suggesting the development of Parkinson's-like symptoms, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), severe traumatic brain injury, depression, and long-term memory issues that may be related to concussion history. Further research on this topic is needed before any conclusions can be drawn.

I acknowledge the annual requirement for my child/ward to view "Concussion in Sports" at [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com). I accept responsibility for reporting all injuries and illnesses to my parents, team doctor, athletic trainer, or coaches associated with my sport, including any signs and symptoms of concussion. I have read and understand the above information on concussion. I will inform the supervising coach, athletic trainer, or team physician immediately if I experience any of these symptoms or witness a teammate with these symptoms. Furthermore, I have been advised of the dangers or participation for myself and that of my child/ward.

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### **Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information**

**Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA)** is a leading cause of sports-related death. Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) occurs when the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating. When this happens blood stops flowing to the brain and other vital organs. SCA is NOT a heart attack. A heart attack may cause SCA, but they are not the same. A heart attack is caused by a blockage that stops the flow of blood to the heart. SCA is a malfunction in the heart's electrical system, causing the heart to suddenly stop beating. SCA can cause death if it is not treated within minutes.

#### **How common is sudden cardiac arrest in the United States?**

There are about 350,000 cardiac arrests that occur outside of hospitals each year. More than 10,000 individuals under the age of 25 die of SCA each year. SCA is the number one killer of student-athletes and the leading cause of death on school campuses.

#### **Are there warning signs?**

Although SCA happens unexpectedly, some people may have signs or symptoms, such as but not limited to dizziness or light-headedness, fainting, shortness of breath, racing or skipped beats/palpitations, fatigue, weakness, chest pain/pressure or tightness. These symptoms may occur before, during, or after activity. These symptoms can be unclear and confusing in athletes. Some may ignore the signs or think they are normal results of physical exhaustion. If the conditions that cause SCA are diagnosed and treated before a life-threatening event, sudden cardiac death can be prevented in many young athletes.

#### **What are the risks of practicing or playing after experiencing these symptoms?**

There are significant risks associated with continuing to practice or play after experiencing these symptoms. The symptoms might mean something is wrong and the athlete should be checked before returning to play. When the heart stops due to cardiac arrest, so does the blood that flows to the brain and other vital organs. Death or permanent brain damage can occur in just a few minutes. Most people who experience a SCA die from it; survival rates are below 10%.

FHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee strongly recommends a medical evaluation with your healthcare provider for risk factors of sudden cardiac arrest, which may include an electrocardiogram.

The FHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee works to help keep student-athletes safe while practicing or playing by providing education about SCA and by notification to parents that you can request, at your expense, an electrocardiogram (EKG or ECG) as part of the annual preparticipation physical examination to possibly uncover hidden heart issues that can lead to SCA.

#### **Why do heart conditions that put youth at risk go undetected?**

- Publications report up to 90% of underlying heart issues are missed when using only the history and physical exam;
- Most heart conditions that can lead to SCA are not detectable by listening to the heart with a stethoscope during a routine physical; and
- Often, youth do not report or recognize symptoms of a potential heart condition.

#### **What is an electrocardiogram (ECG or EKG)?**

An ECG/EKG is a quick, painless, and noninvasive test that measures and records a moment in time of the heart's electrical activity. Small electrode patches are attached to the skin of your chest, arms, and legs by a technician. An ECG/EKG provides information about the structure, function, rate, and rhythm of the heart.

#### **Why request an ECG/EKG as part of the annual preparticipation physical examination?**

Adding an ECG/EKG to the history and annual preparticipation physical exam can suggest further testing or help identify heart conditions that can lead to SCA. An ECG/EKG can be ordered by your family healthcare provider from screening for cardiovascular disease or for a variety of symptoms such as chest pain, palpitations, dizziness, fainting, or family history of heart disease.

- ECG/EKG screenings should be considered every 1-2 years because young hearts grow and change.
- ECG/EKG screenings may increase sensitivity for detection of undiagnosed cardiac disease but may not prevent SCA.
- ECG/EKG screenings with abnormal findings should be evaluated by trained physicians.
- If the ECG/EKG screening has abnormal findings, additional testing may need to be done (with associated cost and risk) before a diagnosis can be made and may prevent the student from participating in sports for short period of time until the testing is completed, and more specific recommendations can be made.
- The ECG/EKG can have false positive findings, suggesting an abnormality that does not really exist (false positive findings occur less when ECG/EKGs are read by a medical practitioner proficient in ECG/EKG interpretation of children, adolescents, and young athletes).
- ECG/EKGs result in fewer false positives than simply using the current history and physical exam.

The American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association guidelines do not recommend an ECG or EKG in asymptomatic patients but do support local programs in which ECG or EKG can be applied with high-quality resources.

### **Removal from play/return to play**

Any student-athlete who has signs or symptoms of SCA should be removed from play (which includes all athletic activity). The symptoms can happen before, during, or after activity. Before returning to play, the athlete shall be evaluated and cleared. Clearance to return to play must be in writing. The evaluation shall be performed by a licensed physician, certified registered nurse practitioner, or cardiologist (heart doctor). The licensed physician or certified registered nurse practitioner may consult any other licensed or certified medical professionals.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the annual requirement for my child/ward to view the "Sudden Cardiac Arrest" course at [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com). I acknowledge that the information on Sudden Cardiac Arrest has been read and understood. I have been advised of the dangers of participation for myself and that of my child/ward.

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### Heat-Related Illness Information

Heat-related illness is a cause for concern for student-athletes who participate in high school sports in Florida. Especially vulnerable are those students who participate in conditioning and practices in the summer months and other times of extreme heat. Student-athletes suffer heat-related illness when their bodies cannot properly cool themselves by sweating. Sweating is the body's natural air conditioning, but when a person's body temperature rises rapidly, sweating just is not enough. Heat-related illnesses can be serious and life-threatening. Very high body temperatures may damage the brain or other vital organs and can cause disability and even death. Heat-related illnesses and deaths are preventable.

What are some common heat-related injuries in sports?

**Exertional Heat Stroke (EHS):** EHS is the most serious heat-related illness. EHS is a medical emergency. It happens when the body's temperature rises quickly, and the body cannot cool down. Student-athletes can die or become permanently disabled from EHS if not properly recognized and managed. EHS is one of the leading causes of death in young athletes, especially in Florida. The two main criteria for diagnosing EHS are rectal temperature >105F (40.5C) immediately post collapse and central nervous system (CNS) dysfunction. There are many signs and symptoms associated with EHS. Parents and student-athletes should familiarize themselves with these by viewing the free video resources provided by the National Federation of High School Sports (NFHS) or the FHSAA.

- EHS is preventable by taking the proper precautions and understanding the symptoms of someone who has become ill due to heat.
- EHS is survivable when quick action is taken by staff members that includes early recognition of symptoms and aggressive cold-water immersion.

**Heat Exhaustion (EHI):** Heat exhaustion is the most common heat-related condition observed in active populations including student-athletes. EHI is a type of heat-related illness. EHI is defined as the inability to continue exercise in the heat because the heart has difficulty providing enough oxygenated blood to all the working organs and muscles. It usually develops after several days practicing or conditioning in high temperature weather and not drinking enough fluids.

**Heat Cramps:** Heat cramps are painful, involuntary cramping often in the legs, arms, or abdomen with muscle contraction. Cramping usually occurs in the preseason conditioning phase when the body is not properly conditioned and more subject to fatigue. Heat cramps can easily be treated with rest, stretching of the muscle, and replacement of fluid and electrolytes. The exact mechanism of muscle cramps in warm environmental conditions is unknown but can be caused acutely by extensive dehydration and sodium losses or chronically via inadequate electrolytes in the athlete's diet. Although heat cramps are not a cause of sudden death, it can be confused with the more serious condition, exertional sickling.

Is my student at risk?

Yes, all student-athletes are vulnerable to exertional heat stroke and other heat-related injuries. While every student-athlete can succumb to EHS, newer data is reporting a high incidence of exertional heat stroke cases in football players, especially those who play the lineman position and in very lean distance runners. Research also states many reports of EHS emergencies are during summertime or preseason conditioning sessions. Other conditions that can increase your risk for heat-related illness include obesity, fever, dehydration, poor circulation, sunburn, and prescription drug or alcohol use.

What is the FHSAA doing to keep my student safe?

The FHSAA has published Policy 41, titled "Exertional Heat Illness". This policy provides specific procedures for schools to educate student-athletes and parents on EHI as well as strategies to prevent these injuries. FHSAA Policy 41 also provides procedures for schools to follow for preseason acclimatization, environmental monitoring, and the inclusion of cooling zones for the management of a student-athlete suffering from a heat injury.

How can I help to keep my student safe when it comes to the heat?

- Learn more about heat-related injuries in sports at <https://www.nfhs.org/media/1015695/ksi-5-pillars-of-exertional-heat-stroke-prevention-2015.pdf>
- Discuss nutrition, proper hydration, body weight, and the importance of sleep and rest with your family healthcare provider at the time of the sports physical
- Talk to your school and coach about safeguards they have in place to keep kids safe in the heat and what they will do for someone who becomes ill or injured
- Monitor fluid intake of your student while at home and routinely check in with your student-athlete to inquire about how they feel
- Report any concerns with your school's athletic trainer, team physician, coach, or your family healthcare provider

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## Attention Student and Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Your school is a member of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) and follows established rules. To be eligible to represent your school in interscholastic athletics, in an FHSAA recognized and/or sanctioned sport, the student:

1. Must complete an EL3 for each school at which the student participates; **this form is non-transferable.**
2. 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)
3. Must not provide **false information** to his/her school or to the FHSAA to gain eligibility. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.1.1.2)
4. Must be regularly enrolled in and in regular attendance at your school. If the student is a home education student, a charter school student, an alternative/special school student, a non-member private school student, or a Florida Virtual School Full-Time Public Program student, the student must declare in writing his/her intent to participate in athletics to the school at the student is permitted to participate. **Home Education students and students attending a non-member private school must complete additional paperwork prior to participating.** (FHSAA Bylaw 9.2, FHSAA Policy 16.6, and Administrative Procedure 1.8)
5. Must attend school within the **first ten (10) days** of the beginning of each semester to be eligible during that semester. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.2.3)
6. Must maintain at least a **cumulative 2.0 GPA** on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) prior to the semester in which the student wishes to participate. This GPA must include all courses taken since the student entered 9th grade. A 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student must have earned at least a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) during the previous semester. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.4.1 and F.S. 1006.15(3)a)
7. Must not have **graduated** from any high school or its equivalent. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.4.7)
8. Must not have enrolled in the 9th grade for the first time more than **eight consecutive semesters** ago. A 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student may not participate at any level if the student is **repeating** that grade level. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.5)
9. Must not turn **19 before July 1st** to participate at the high school level; must not turn **16 before July 1st** to participate at the junior high school level; and must not turn **15 before July 1st** to participate at the middle school level, otherwise the student becomes permanently ineligible. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.6)
10. Must undergo a **preparticipation physical evaluation** and be certified as being physically fit for participation in interscholastic athletics on a form (EL2) provided to the school. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.7 and F.S. 1002.20(17)b)
11. Must have **signed permission** to participate from the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) on a form (EL3) provided to the school. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.8)
12. Must be an **amateur**. This means the student must not accept money, gifts, or donations for participating in a sport, or use a name other than his/her own when participating. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.9)
13. Must not participate in an **all-star contest** in a sport prior to exhausting his/her high school eligibility in that sport. (FHSAA Policy 26)
14. Youth Exchange, Other International, and Immigrant students must be **approved** by the FHSAA Office prior to participation. Exceptions may apply. (FHSAA Policy 17)
15. Must refrain from **hazing/bullying** while a member of an athletic team or while participating in any athletic activities sponsored by or affiliated with a member school.

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.

**By signing this agreement, the undersigned acknowledge that the information on the Consent and Release from Liability Certificate in regard to the FHSAA's established rules and eligibility have been read and understood.**

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# Miami-Dade County Public Schools

## Contract for Student Participation in Interscholastic Competitions or Performances per School Board Policy 5845, Student Activities

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME (PRINT OR TYPE) \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT ID NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM/PERFORMING GROUP \_\_\_\_\_

A student who participated in interscholastic competitions and/or performance groups should demonstrate high standards of ethics and promote the development of good character and other life skills. A model student participant should exhibit a high degree of decorum demonstrating respect for self, family, and all people regardless of ethnicity, race, religion, gender, or physical condition. As a representative of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), I commit to adhering to the following values and team rules.

### Core Values

#### CITIZENSHIP

I will:

- Comply with school, classroom, and interscholastic competition rules.
- Respect all laws and rules of society.
- Use appropriate language at all times.
- Demonstrate behavior that is fair, civil, polite, and courteous.
- Abide by and understand the rules of the competition in which I am participating.

#### COOPERATION

I will:

- Provide support to people who are in need of assistance.
- Demonstrate kindness to peers and adults.
- Assist teachers, coaches, and sponsors in making my school environment a positive place in which to learn.
- Support community outreach programs and charities when possible.
- Make contributions of time and energy that enrich the school environment.

#### HONESTY and RESPONSIBILITY

I will:

- Tell the truth.
- Live and compete honorably.
- Report any inappropriate or illegal act to an administrator, teacher, coach, or sponsor.
- Complete all work independently.
- Return lost property to the owner.
- Attend school and all classes regularly and on time.

#### INTEGRITY

I will:

- Express beliefs and feelings without regard to social pressure and do what is right even when it is unpopular or personally costly. Help fellow classmates and teammates.
- Support school activities and interscholastic programs.
- Exercise self-control.
- Engage in healthy life-style practices.

## **EXCELLENCE**

I will:

- Put forth maximum effort and complete all academic assignments.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00.
- Maintain an average conduct grade of at least 2.00 in each semester.
- Commit to being a student first and to getting the best education I can.

## **FAIRNESS and RESPECT**

I will:

- Participate in activities that are safe, respectful, and lawful.
- Treat all adults (administrators, teachers, coaches, and sponsors) and peers (teammates) with respect.
- Treat all people the same regardless of ethnicity, race, religion, gender, age, or disability.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of competition judges or game officials.

## **Team Performing Group Rules**

All interscholastic athletics and school activities are meant to contribute to the overall academic excellence achieved by a student participation. The following rules and consequences are seen as the basic conditions that must be met by a student who wishes to represent his or her school through interscholastic competitions or performances:

1. A student must maintain a cumulative 2.00 GPA or higher as specified by s.1000.43(1) Florida Statutes.
2. A student must receive a minimum 2.00 in conduct in the preceding semester.
3. If a student is assigned to Indoor Suspension/School Center for Specialized Instruction (SCSI), he or she will be unable to participate in interscholastic competitions or performances on the day(s) on which he or she is assigned. If the assignment to SCSI takes place on/or includes Friday, the student will be unable to participate in interscholastic competitions or performance on the weekend.
4. A student who is serving an Outdoor Suspension cannot practice or participate in interscholastic competitions or performances and may be subject to further sanctions or penalties.
5. A student who has a total of eleven (11) cumulative days suspension (indoor or outdoor) will not be allowed to participate in interscholastic competitions or performances for the remainder of the school year.
6. A student who has ten (10) or more cumulative absences will not be allowed to participate in interscholastic competitions or performances for the remainder of the school year. (Outdoor suspension is considered an absence.)
7. A student who has twenty (20) or more cumulative tardies will not be allowed to participate in interscholastic competitions or performances for the remainder of the school year.
8. A student must be reported as present for the school day in order to participate in interscholastic competitions or performances, including practices.
9. A student who participates in interscholastic competitions or performances and has not performed at grade level as defined by the Florida Department of Education may seek two (2) hours per week of academic tutoring.
10. Any student who is arrested for conduct occurring on or off school grounds will be prohibited from participating in all interscholastic competitions or performance for a minimum of ten (10) days, including practices.

I have read and understand the requirements of the Contract for Student Participation in interscholastic Competitions or Performances. I understand that participation in interscholastic competitions or performances is a privilege and not a right. I understand that I am expected to perform according to this contract and the team/performing group rules. I understand that there may be sanctions or penalties, which may include suspension or dismissal from the team/performing group.

This contract is in effect for one (1) calendar year from the date of signature.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSENT

I have read and signed the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Consent and Release from Liability Certificate (EL3), Consent and Release from Liability Certificate for Concussions, Consent and Release from Liability Certificate for Sudden Cardiac Arrest, Consent and Release from Liability Certificate for Heat-Related Illness, FHSAA Eligibility Rules and I have also read and signed the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Contract for Student Participation in Interscholastic Competitions or Performances (FM-7155). I also agree to comply with M-DCPS Board Policies and the Greater Miami Athletic Conference (GMAC) Bylaws in regard to athletic participation and student transfers.

I agree to follow the rules of M-DCPS, the GMAC, and the FHSAA and abide by their decisions. I know that athletic participation is a privilege. I know of the risks involved in athletic participation, understand that serious injury, including the potential for 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, including the responsibility of reporting my injuries and illnesses to the appropriate-DCPS staff, including the symptoms of concussion.

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 Miami-Dade County, Florida, my school, the schools against which it competes, the contest officials, GMAC, 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 the parties named 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 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, promotional and commercial materials without reservation or limitation. I understand and agree that such use (of any name, image, or other information) by the school district or any entity authorized by it shall be without compensation to me. 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 in interscholastic athletics. I HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Student (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT

I/we have read and signed the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Consent and Release from Liability Certificate (EL3), Consent and Release from Liability Certificate for Concussions, Consent and Release from Liability Certificate for Sudden Cardiac Arrest, Consent and Release from Liability Certificate for Heat-Related Illness, FHSAA Eligibility Rules and I have also read and signed the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Contract for Student Participation in Interscholastic Competitions or Performances (FM-7155). I/we also agree and comply with M-DCPS Board Policies and the Greater Miami Athletic Conference (GMAC) Bylaws in regard to athletic participation and student transfers. I/we know of, and acknowledge, that my/our child/ward knows of the risks involved in interscholastic athletic competition, 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, including the responsibility of reporting my/our child's/ward's injuries and illnesses to the appropriate M-DCPS staff, including the symptoms of concussion.

With the full understanding of the risks involved, I/we for ourselves, and for our child/ward, HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT(S) NOT TO SUE The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, its members, officers, employees, agents, representatives, insurers, and assigns (referred to as "releases"), from any and all liability to the undersigned, his/her parents, child, personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin for any and all damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in death of the undersigned, whether caused by the demands therefore on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in death of the undersigned, whether caused by the negligence of the releases or otherwise which is in any way related to the athletic participation of the child/ward. I/we for ourselves and for our child/ward, HEREBY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE due to the negligence of releases or otherwise which is in any way related to the athletic participation of the child/ward. I/we authorize emergency medical treatment for my/our child/ward should the need arise for such treatment while my/our child/ward is under the supervision of the school. I/we hereby authorize the use or disclosure of my/our child's/ward's individually identifiable health information should treatment for illness or injury become necessary. I/we consent to the disclosure, by my/our child's/ward's school, FHSAA, upon its request, of all the records relevant to his/her eligibility including, but not limited to, his/her records relating to enrollment and attendance, academic standing, age, discipline, finances, residence, and physical fitness. In addition, I/we grant and release the right to photograph and/or videotape my/our 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. I/we understand and agree that such use (of any name, image, or other information) by the school district or any entity authorized by it shall be without compensation to me/us. The released parties, however, are under no obligation to exercise said rights herein.

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/our child's/ward's school. By doing so, however, I/we understand that my/our child/ward will no longer be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics. I/WE HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE.

I/we have read and understand the previous information. Furthermore, I/we have reviewed my/our child's/ward's medical history form (EL2) and agree that it is accurate and complete. I/we give consent for my/our child/ward to participate in ImPACT Testing: Cognitive Testing and Post Concussion Testing and King-Devick Testing: Rapid Eye Movement Sideline Screening. I/we give consent for the medical staff to perform the pre-season sport physical examination on my/our child/ward, which I/we understand is not a substitute for regular check-ups and care from our own family physician. I/we also give consent for trained medical staff (licensed athletic trainer, fire/rescue, physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant) to treat my/our child/ward, if necessary, at any physical, practice, or game upon my/our absence. My/our signature in the space(s) below indicated that the requirements have been carefully read and permission is granted for my/our child/ward to participate in all interscholastic athletics, with the exception of \_\_\_\_\_

(IF NO EXCEPTION, WRITE "NONE")

PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name)

PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name)

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
Father Mother Guardian

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
Father Mother Guardian

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

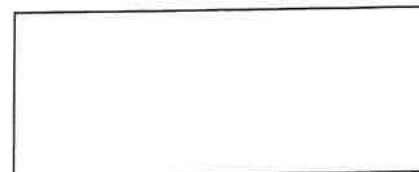
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

BY \_\_\_\_\_, WHO PRODUCED A LEGAL IDENTIFICATION OR IS PERSONALLY KNOWN TO ME.

NOTARY NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name)

NOTARY SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES \_\_\_\_\_



NOTARY SEAL

### SPORTSMANSHIP AGREEMENT

Dear Parent/Guardians:

Your son or daughter has indicated a desire to participate in interscholastic athletics and you have expressed your willingness to permit him/her to compete. We, who are concerned with the educational development of boys and girls through athletics, feel that a properly controlled, well-organized sports program meets the students' needs for self-expression, mental alertness, and physical growth. Our hope is to maintain a program that is sound in purpose and that will further each student's educational maturity.

When your son or daughter enlists in one of our sports programs, the school staff commits to the following responsibilities and obligations: 1) encourage and monitor classroom achievement; 2) provide adequate equipment and facilities; 3) provide a certified head coach; 4) provide equalized contents with skilled officials; and 5) provide adequately supervised transportation to away events when possible. It must be understood that being part of an athletic team does not guarantee a minimum amount of playing time. Head coaches and their staff will determine who will represent the school in the sport for which they are responsible. High school athletics is an extra-curricular activity that makes it a privilege to participate and not a right.

As parents, you have committed yourselves to certain responsibilities and obligations as well. As a parent/guardian of a potential athlete at this school you are expected to do the following: 1) encourage your son/daughter to work hard in the classroom; 2) support our coaches' decisions or to arrange a private meeting with both the coach and/or athletic director should a conflict arise; and 3) attend as many games as possible and cheer for our school, and specifically, your child/ward.

Good conduct is expected on the part of all involved. Profanity and/or unnecessary comments toward student-athletes, game officials, coaches and other fans will not be tolerated at any interscholastic contest. Such behavior may result in the dismissal or removal of such an offender from participation in, or attendance at school athletic events.

Please understand that college athletic scholarships are earned by meeting certain academic and athletic requirements that are set forth by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Guidelines and information on the college recruitment process are available in the Athletic Director's Office or through the NCAA Eligibility Center.

By signing below, I agree and understand the contents of this letter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)



# STUDENT-ATHLETE SPORTSMANSHIP CONTRACT

1. **Accept and understand** the seriousness of your responsibility.
2. **Always show respect for opponents.** The opponent must be accorded respect, integrity, and courtesy.
3. **Respect cultural and ethnic differences.**
4. **Respect contest officials** as impartial decision makers and contest managers. Accept decisions despite the impact on the contest. Control emotions.
5. **Understand the rule of the game.** Moreover, understand that playing rules are intended to provide safe control of a contest while preventing opponents from gaining an advantage.
6. **Keep competition in perspective.** Athletics must be educational experiences and not dominated by a consuming desire to win at the expense of fairness and integrity.
7. **Respect opponent skills and talents.** Demonstrate as appreciation for excellence in opponent performances.
8. **Shake hands** with opponents before and/or after a contest. Wish them good luck.
9. **Accept victories and losses** with equal self-control, poise, and dignity.
10. **Accept responsibility** for the leadership privilege that is accorded to student-athletes and competitors.
11. **Make sport citizenship a total team commitment** regardless of your individual role.
12. **Treat opponents as you would wish to be treated.**
13. **Refrain from harassment,** taunting or degrading commentary about opponents, officials, or teammates.
14. **Avoid disrespectful language** or conduct, trash talk or profanity.
15. **Always demonstrate respect** for officials' opinions and judgements.

Student-Athlete's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student-Athlete's Signature \_\_\_\_\_



Florida High School Athletic Association

# Affidavit of Compliance with the Policies on Athletic Recruiting & Non-Traditional Student Participation

The student parent must complete, obtain all applicable signatures and submit this form to the school **prior to participation**. Submission of this form **DOES NOT** grant eligibility. The student must be **ELIGIBLE** in all other respects.

We, the undersigned, being sworn, certify that the following statements are true:

1. Student {full legal name} \_\_\_\_\_ ("THIS STUDENT"),  
 who was born on {date} \_\_\_\_\_, 19/20 \_\_\_\_\_, and who is currently in the {number} \_\_\_\_\_th grade, now attends or wishes to  
 participate for {school now attending/participating for} \_\_\_\_\_ ("THIS SCHOOL"),  
 commencing on {date} \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

THIS STUDENT has previously attended/participated for {list all previous secondary schools beginning with the most recent and working back in time} \_\_\_\_\_

2. I have read and understand the definition of athletic recruiting, including the explanation of the terms "representatives of the school's athletic interests", "improper contact" and "impermissible benefit", or I have read and understand the regulations regarding participation as a "Non-Traditional" student.

3. No employee, athletic department staff member, representative of the athletic interests of THIS SCHOOL, any person or organization acting on their behalf or a third party has had communication, directly or indirectly, through intermediaries, or otherwise with THIS STUDENT or any member of his/her family in an attempt to pressure, urge or entice THIS STUDENT to change attendance to or participation for THIS SCHOOL for the purpose of participation in interscholastic athletics.

4. No employee, athletic department staff member, representative of the athletic interests of THIS SCHOOL, any person or organization acting on their behalf or a third party is giving, has given, has offered or promised to give, directly or indirectly, through intermediaries, or otherwise any impermissible benefit to THIS STUDENT or any member of his/her family for the purpose of participation in interscholastic athletics.

5. If THIS STUDENT is a "Non-Traditional" student, THIS STUDENT has submitted to THIS SCHOOL the EL2 and EL3 forms and, where applicable, the EL7, EL7V, EL12, EL12V and EL14 forms **prior to participation** in the first sport in which the student wishes to participate.

6. If THIS STUDENT is a youth exchange (J-1 and F-1 Visas), international or immigrant student, THIS STUDENT has submitted to THIS SCHOOL the EL2 and EL3 forms and, where applicable, the EL4 Form.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing Affidavit and that the facts stated therein are true and correct and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment. I further understand that the penalties for knowingly making a false statement may subject THIS SCHOOL to fines, forfeitures, probations and possible expulsion from membership in the FHSAA, and may subject THIS STUDENT to a loss of athletic eligibility.

FOR STUDENT/PARENT(S)/LEGAL GUARDIAN(S):

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian



## Affidavit of Compliance with the Regulations on Amateurism and Interscholastic Athletic Eligibility

A student may not participate in an athletic activity of this Association unless he/she is an amateur. An amateur is one who engages in athletic competition solely for the physical, mental, social, and pleasure benefits derived from the activity.

The Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSA) recognizes the importance of maintaining amateurism in high school athletics. Compliance with this bylaw does not ensure maintenance of eligibility under the eligibility standards of other athletic associations, such as, but not limited to, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), or the governing body for a particular sport. Student-athletes are encouraged to communicate with those organizations to ensure any activity associated with Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) complies with eligibility standards. Student-athletes and their families are encouraged to seek legal counsel and tax advice when considering NIL activity.

**9.9.1 General Principles.** A student may not participate in an athletic activity of this Association unless he/she is an amateur. An amateur is one who engages in athletic competition solely for the physical, mental, social, and pleasure benefits derived from the activity.

**9.9.2 Activities that may Impact Amateur Status.** The following activities may impact a student-athlete's amateur status:

- (a) Competing for money or other monetary compensations;
- (b) Receiving any award or prize of monetary value which has not been approved by the FHSA;
- (c) Capitalizing on athletic fame or performance by receiving money or gifts of a monetary nature;
- (d) Signing a professional playing contract in any sport or hiring a registered agent to manage his/her athletic career, other than for the purpose of advising on NIL related matters;
- (e) Competing under an assumed name;
- (f) Accepting a Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) agreement that does not adhere to FHSA Bylaw 9.9.

**9.9.3 Permissible Awards, Gifts, or Other Compensation.** A student-athlete will not forfeit his/her amateur status for accepting:

- (a) Symbolic awards such as school letters, medals, trophies, plaques, pins, keys, or ribbons of small monetary value purchased from an established award company;
- (b) Rings, sweaters, jackets, or award blankets provided that they are presented by the school which they represent and do not exceed the value of the purchase price from an established award company;
- (c) Remuneration of "essential expenses" for any game in which he/she participates as a player; limited to meals, lodging, and transportation;
- (d) College scholarship offers;
- (e) A Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) agreement as defined in FHSA Bylaw 9.9.

**9.9.4 Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL).** A student-athlete may profit from the use of their Name, Image, and Likeness subject to their compliance with FHSA Bylaw 9.9. Permissible activities include, but are not limited to, commercial endorsements, promotional activities, social media presence, product, or service advertisements.

**9.9.4.1 Name, Image, and Likeness Agreement.** An NIL agreement is a fully executed, written contract that allows for student-athletes to profit from or be compensated for promoting, partnering, and/or representing product endorsements and other activities as defined in FHSA Bylaw 9.9. An NIL agreement is limited to a student-athlete's high school period of athletic eligibility and shall not extend beyond a student-athlete's high school graduation date.

**9.9.4.1.1** By entering into an NIL agreement, the student-athlete and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) release their school, its district or governing body, and FHSA from any liability related to, or arising from the NIL agreement.

**9.9.4.1.2** The student-athlete and his/her parent(s)/legal guardian(s) shall hold harmless their school, its district or governing body, and FHSA from any liability related to, or arising from the NIL agreement.

**9.9.4.2 NIL Collectives.** NIL Collectives include but are not limited to, groups, organizations, or cooperative enterprises that exist to collect funds from donors, individuals, or businesses to:

- (a) help facilitate NIL deals for student-athletes;
- (b) facilitate payments to or transfers funds to student-athletes;
- (c) create ways for athletes to monetize from their NIL; and/or
- (d) otherwise promote NIL for schools or student-athletes.

NIL Collectives shall not include school sanctioned team fundraising.





## Affidavit of Compliance with the Regulations on Amateurism and Interscholastic Athletic Eligibility

**9.9.4.3 Use of Member School, FHSAA, or NFHS Markings.** Student-athletes are prohibited from making any reference to and will not otherwise use or authorize others to use the uniforms, logos, mascots, insignia, or identifying marks of a member school, the FHSAA, the NFHS, and/or any FHSAA, NFHS, or member school event, game, or championship when engaging in any NIL activity. Student-athletes will be prohibited from monetizing their Name, Image, and Likeness with the use of their school's uniform, equipment, logo, name, proprietary patents, products, and/or copyrights associated with an FHSAA member school, NFHS, and/or school district, either in public, print, or social media platforms, unless granted authorization by prior written consent from the school, district or governing body of the school, or Association, respectively.

**9.9.4.3.1** Student-athletes may not endorse or promote any third-party entities, goods, or services during school-/district-sponsored activities or FHSAA activities.

**9.9.4.3.2** No reference to FHSAA, NFHS, school, or school district accolades or championships may be used in the student's NIL activities for which they are compensated.

**9.9.4.4 Prohibited Engagements.** Student-athletes are prohibited from engaging in any NIL activities involving the following categories of products and services:

- (a) Adult entertainment products and services;
- (b) Alcohol, tobacco, vaping, and nicotine products;
- (c) Cannabis products;
- (d) Controlled substances;
- (e) Prescription pharmaceuticals;
- (f) Gambling, including sports betting, the lottery, and betting in connection with video games, online games, and mobile devices;
- (g) Weapons, firearms, and ammunition;
- (h) Political or social activism; and
- (i) NIL Collectives.

**9.9.4.5 Representative of a School's Athletic Interests.** No school employee, athletic department staff member, or representative of a school's athletic interests as defined in Bylaw 1.4.17 (a-c), may form, direct, offer, provide, or otherwise engage in any activity outlined in FHSAA Bylaw 9.9. Representatives of a school's athletic interests as defined in Bylaw 1.4.17(f) are subject to the prohibitions included in 9.9.4.2 and 9.9.4.4(i).

**9.9.4.6 Must Not be Used to Recruit.** NIL activities shall not be used to pressure, urge, or entice a student-athlete to attend a school for the purpose of participating in interscholastic athletics. The NIL agreement shall not be used as a guise for athletic recruiting (reference Policies 36 and 37).

**9.9.4.7 Student Transfers.** A student-athlete who transfers after starting a sport, shall be prohibited from securing an NIL agreement that season, unless he/she meets one of the provisions outlined in Bylaw 9.3.2.2.

**9.9.5 Affidavit of Compliance.** A student who engages in any NIL activity must sign an "Affidavit of Compliance with the Regulations on Amateurism and Interscholastic Athletic Eligibility." The affidavit will be accompanied by an explanation of the FHSAA Bylaw on Amateurism, including the penalties for violating the bylaw, as well as the consequences of making a false statement on the affidavit. The student/parent must complete, obtain all applicable signatures, and submit this form to the school within five (5) business days of signing a Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) agreement.

### 9.9.6 Penalties.

**9.9.6.1 Penalties Assessed to Schools.** Failure to comply with FHSAA Bylaw 9.9.4 may result in the assessment of disciplinary measures outlined in Policy 36.5.3 and/or Policy 37.3.3.

**9.9.6.2 Penalties Assessed to School Employees and Contractors.** Failure to comply with FHSAA Bylaw 9.9.4 may result in the assessment of penalties outlined in Policy 36.5.4 and/or Policy 37.3.4 (§1006.20(2)(b)2, F.S.).

**9.9.6.3 Eligibility Effect of Violation.** Any violation by a student-athlete of the provisions of Bylaw 9.9 shall result in escalating sanctions. However, a student-athlete who falsifies information or who receives an impermissible benefit will be deemed ineligible in accordance with Bylaw 9.1.2.2 or Policy 36.5.2, respectively.

**9.9.6.3.1** For a first offense, the student-athlete shall receive a formal warning. If applicable, the student shall immediately terminate/modify the NIL agreement, remove any advertisement, promotional activity, or endorsement, and return any awards, gifts, or other compensation.

**9.9.6.3.2** For a second offense, the student-athlete will be ineligible to represent any member school for a period of one year from the date of discovery.

**9.9.6.3.3** For a third offense, the student-athlete will be ineligible to compete in any interscholastic athletic contest in any sport for the duration of the student-athlete's high school career.



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The student/parent must complete, obtain all applicable signatures and submit this form to the school within five (5) business days of signing a Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) agreement. Submission of this form **DOES NOT** grant eligibility. The student must be **ELIGIBLE** in all other respects.

### Section A: To Be Completed By the Student and Parent/Legal Guardian (please print)

Student {full legal name} \_\_\_\_\_ ("THIS STUDENT")  
and Parent/Legal Guardian {full legal name} \_\_\_\_\_ certify that the  
following statements are true:

1. I have read and understand the regulations regarding activities or other compensation that may impact the amateur status for THIS STUDENT.
2. I have read and understand the regulations regarding permissible awards, gifts, or other compensation that THIS STUDENT may accept.
3. I have read and understand the regulations regarding Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) that THIS STUDENT must adhere to.
4. I have read and understand that THIS STUDENT must have prior written consent from the school, district, or governing body of the school authorizing the use of uniforms, logos, mascots, insignia, or identifying marks of a member school.
5. I have read and understand the regulations regarding prohibited engagements, including activities involving NIL Collectives.
6. I have read and understand the escalating penalties that shall result from THIS STUDENT engaging in activities or receiving awards, gifts, or other compensation that impact the amateur status of THIS STUDENT.

THIS STUDENT has engaged in a Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) agreement with: \_\_\_\_\_

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing Affidavit and that the facts stated therein are true and correct and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment. I further understand that the penalties for knowingly making a false statement may subject THIS STUDENT to a loss of athletic eligibility.

### FOR STUDENT/PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN:

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Printed Name of Student

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

Once Section A is signed by the student and parent, please provide this form to the member school Athletic Director to complete Section B.

### Section B: To Be Completed by the School, District, or Governing Body of the School (please print)

**9.9.4.3 Use of Member School, FHSAA, or NFHS Markings.** Student-athletes are prohibited from making any reference to and will not otherwise use or authorize others to use the uniforms, logos, mascots, insignia, or identifying marks of a member school, the FHSAA, the NFHS, and/or any FHSAA, NFHS, or member school event, game, or championship when engaging in any NIL activity. Student-athletes will be prohibited from monetizing their Name, Image, and Likeness with the use of their school's uniform, equipment, logo, name, proprietary patents, products, and/or copyrights associated with an FHSAA member school, NFHS, and/or school district, either in public, print, or social media platforms, unless granted authorization by prior written consent from the school, district or governing body of the school, or Association, respectively.

In accordance with FHSAA Bylaw 9.9.4.3 above, this school, school district, or governing body provided written consent authorizing the above student to use member school uniforms, logos, mascots, insignia, or identifying marks. [ ☐ Yes ] [ ☐ No ] \*Required

### FOR SCHOOL, DISTRICT, OR GOVERNING BODY:

Signature of School/District/Governing Body Official

Date

Printed Name of School/District/Governing Body Official

Once Section B is completed, please send a scanned copy of this form to NIL@thsa.org. Keep the original form on file at the school.