



**PIAA COMPREHENSIVE INITIAL  
PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION**



**INITIAL EVALUATION:** Prior to any student participating in Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests, at any PIAA member school in any school year, the student is required to (1) complete a Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (CIPPE); and (2) have the appropriate person(s) complete the first six Sections of the CIPPE Form. Upon completion of Sections 1 and 2 by the parent/guardian; Sections 3, 4, and 5 by the student and parent/guardian; and Section 6 by an Authorized Medical Examiner (AME), those Sections must be turned in to the Principal, or the Principal's designee, of the student's school for retention by the school. The CIPPE may not be authorized earlier than June 1<sup>st</sup> and shall be effective, regardless of when performed during a school year, until the next May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**SUBSEQUENT SPORT(S) IN THE SAME SCHOOL YEAR:** Following completion of a CIPPE, the same student seeking to participate in Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests in subsequent sport(s) in the same school year, must complete Section 7 of this form and must turn in that Section to the Principal, or Principal's designee, of his or her school. The Principal, or the Principal's designee, will then determine whether Section 8 need be completed.

**SECTION 1: PERSONAL AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female (circle one)

Date of Student's Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Age of Student on Last Birthday: \_\_\_ Grade for Current School Year: \_\_\_

Current Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current Home Phone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Current Cellular Phone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Fall Sport(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Winter Sport(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Spring Sport(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

Parent's/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Telephone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Emergency Contact Person's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Telephone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician's Name \_\_\_\_\_, MD or DO (circle one)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Health Condition(s) of Which an Emergency Physician Should be Aware \_\_\_\_\_

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Student's Prescription Medications \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION 2: CERTIFICATION OF PARENT/GUARDIAN**

The student's parent/guardian must complete all parts of this form.

A. I hereby give my consent for \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_ who turned \_\_\_\_\_ on his/her last birthday, a student of \_\_\_\_\_ School and a resident of the \_\_\_\_\_ public school district, to participate in Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests during the 20\_\_\_\_ - 20\_\_\_\_ school year in the sport(s) as indicated by my signature(s) following the name of the said sport(s) approved below.

Fall Sports	Signature of Parent or Guardian
Cross Country	
Field Hockey	
Football	
Golf	
Soccer	
Girls' Tennis	
Girls' Volleyball	
Water Polo	
Other	

Winter Sports	Signature of Parent or Guardian
Basketball	
Bowling	
Competitive Spirit Squad	
Girls' Gymnastics	
Rifle	
Swimming and Diving	
Track & Field (Indoor)	
Wrestling	
Other	

Spring Sports	Signature of Parent or Guardian
Baseball	
Boys' Lacrosse	
Girls' Lacrosse	
Softball	
Boys' Tennis	
Track & Field (Outdoor)	
Boys' Volleyball	
Other	

B. **Understanding of eligibility rules:** I hereby acknowledge that I am familiar with the requirements of PIAA concerning the eligibility of students at PIAA member schools to participate in Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests involving PIAA member schools. Such requirements, which are posted on the PIAA Web site at [www.piaa.org](http://www.piaa.org), include, but are not necessarily limited to age, amateur status, school attendance, health, transfer from one school to another, season and out-of-season rules and regulations, semesters of attendance, seasons of sports participation, and academic performance.

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

C. **Disclosure of records needed to determine eligibility:** To enable PIAA to determine whether the herein named student is eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics involving PIAA member schools, I hereby consent to the release to PIAA of any and all portions of school record files, beginning with the seventh grade, of the herein named student specifically including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, birth and age records, name and residence address of parent(s) or guardian(s), residence address of the student, health records, academic work completed, grades received, and attendance data.

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

D. **Permission to use name, likeness, and athletic information:** I consent to PIAA's use of the herein named student's name, likeness, and athletically related information in reports of Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests, promotional literature of the Association, and other materials and releases related to interscholastic athletics.

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

E. **Permission to administer emergency medical care:** I consent for an emergency medical care provider to administer any emergency medical care deemed advisable to the welfare of the herein named student while the student is practicing for or participating in Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests. Further, this authorization permits, if reasonable efforts to contact me have been unsuccessful, physicians to hospitalize, secure appropriate consultation, to order injections, anesthesia (local, general, or both) or surgery for the herein named student. I hereby agree to pay for physicians' and/or surgeons' fees, hospital charges, and related expenses for such emergency medical care.

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

## SECTION 3: UNDERSTANDING OF RISK OF CONCUSSION AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

### What is a concussion?

A concussion is a brain injury that:

- Is caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body.
- Can change the way a student's brain normally works.
- Can occur during Practices and/or Contests in any sport.
- Can happen even if a student has not lost consciousness.
- Can be serious even if a student has just been "dinged" or "had their bell rung."

All concussions are serious. A concussion can affect a student's ability to do schoolwork and other activities (such as playing video games, working on a computer, studying, driving, or exercising). Most students with a concussion get better, but it is important to give the concussed student's brain time to heal.

### What are the symptoms of a concussion?

Concussions cannot be seen; however, in a potentially concussed student, **one or more** of the symptoms listed below may become apparent and/or that the student "doesn't feel right" soon after, a few days after, or even weeks after the injury.

- Headache or "pressure" in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double or blurry vision
- Bothered by light or noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Difficulty paying attention
- Memory problems
- Confusion

### What should students do if they believe that they or someone else may have a concussion?

- **Students feeling any of the symptoms set forth above should immediately tell their Coach and their parents.** Also, if they notice any teammate evidencing such symptoms, they should immediately tell their Coach.
- **The student should be evaluated.** A licensed physician of medicine or osteopathic medicine (MD or DO), sufficiently familiar with current concussion management, should examine the student, determine whether the student has a concussion, and determine when the student is cleared to return to participate in interscholastic athletics.
- **Concussed students should give themselves time to get better.** If a student has sustained a concussion, the student's brain needs time to heal. While a concussed student's brain is still healing, that student is much more likely to have another concussion. Repeat concussions can increase the time it takes for an already concussed student to recover and may cause more damage to that student's brain. Such damage can have long term consequences. It is important that a concussed student rest and not return to play until the student receives permission from an MD or DO, sufficiently familiar with current concussion management, that the student is symptom-free.

**How can students prevent a concussion?** Every sport is different, but there are steps students can take to protect themselves.

- Use the proper sports equipment, including personal protective equipment. For equipment to properly protect a student, it must be:
  - The right equipment for the sport, position, or activity;
  - Worn correctly and the correct size and fit; and
  - Used every time the student Practices and/or competes.
- Follow the Coach's rules for safety and the rules of the sport.
- Practice good sportsmanship at all times.

**If a student believes they may have a concussion:** Don't hide it. Report it. Take time to recover.

I hereby acknowledge that I am familiar with the nature and risk of concussion and traumatic brain injury while participating in interscholastic athletics, including the risks associated with continuing to compete after a concussion or traumatic brain injury.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

I hereby acknowledge that I am familiar with the nature and risk of concussion and traumatic brain injury while participating in interscholastic athletics, including the risks associated with continuing to compete after a concussion or traumatic brain injury.

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

## SECTION 4: UNDERSTANDING OF SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST SYMPTOMS AND WARNING SIGNS

### What is sudden cardiac arrest?

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is when the heart stops beating, suddenly and unexpectedly. 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.

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

There are about 300,000 cardiac arrests outside hospitals each year. About 2,000 patients under 25 die of SCA each year.

### Are there warning signs?

Although SCA happens unexpectedly, some people may have signs or symptoms, such as:

- dizziness
- lightheadedness
- shortness of breath
- difficulty breathing
- racing or fluttering heartbeat (palpitations)
- syncope (fainting)
- fatigue (extreme tiredness)
- weakness
- nausea
- vomiting
- chest pains

These symptoms can be unclear and confusing in athletes. Often, people confuse these warning signs with physical exhaustion. SCA can be prevented if the underlying causes can be diagnosed and treated.

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

There are risks associated with continuing to practice or play after experiencing these symptoms. When the heart stops, 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 have SCA die from it.

### Act 59 – the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act (the Act)

The Act is intended to keep student-athletes safe while practicing or playing. The requirements of the Act are:

#### *Information about SCA symptoms and warning signs.*

- Every student-athlete and their parent or guardian must read and sign this form. It must be returned to the school before participation in any athletic activity. A new form must be signed and returned each school year.
- Schools may also hold informational meetings. The meetings can occur before each athletic season. Meetings may include student-athletes, parents, coaches and school officials. Schools may also want to include doctors, nurses, and athletic trainers.

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

- Any student-athlete who has signs or symptoms of SCA must be removed from play. The symptoms can happen before, during, or after activity. Play includes all athletic activity.
- Before returning to play, the athlete must be evaluated. Clearance to return to play must be in writing. The evaluation must 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.

I have reviewed and understand the symptoms and warning signs of SCA.

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Signature of Student-Athlete

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Print Student-Athlete's Name

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Parent/Guardian's Name

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 5: HEALTH HISTORY**

Explain "Yes" answers at the bottom of this form.  
Circle questions you don't know the answers to.

<p>1. Has a doctor ever denied or restricted your participation in sport(s) for any reason? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>2. Do you have an ongoing medical condition (like asthma or diabetes)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>3. Are you currently taking any prescription or nonprescription (over-the-counter) medicines or pills? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>4. Do you have allergies to medicines, pollens, foods, or stinging insects? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>5. Have you ever passed out or nearly passed out DURING exercise? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>6. Have you ever passed out or nearly passed out AFTER exercise? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>7. Have you ever had discomfort, pain, or pressure in your chest during exercise? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>8. Does your heart race or skip beats during exercise? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>9. Has a doctor ever told you that you have (check all that apply):  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High blood pressure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heart murmur  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High cholesterol <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heart infection</p> <p>10. Has a doctor ever ordered a test for your heart? (for example ECG, echocardiogram) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>11. Has anyone in your family died for no apparent reason? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>12. Does anyone in your family have a heart problem? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>13. Has any family member or relative been disabled from heart disease or died of heart problems or sudden death before age 50? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>14. Does anyone in your family have Marfan syndrome? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>15. Have you ever spent the night in a hospital? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>16. Have you ever had surgery? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>17. Have you ever had an injury, like a sprain, muscle, or ligament tear, or tendonitis, which caused you to miss a Practice or Contest? If yes, circle affected area below.</p> <p>18. Have you had any broken or fractured bones or dislocated joints? If yes, circle below.</p> <p>19. Have you had a bone or joint injury that required x-rays, MRI, CT, surgery, injections, rehabilitation, physical therapy, a brace, a cast, or crutches? If yes, circle below.</p> </div> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; font-size: small;"> <tr> <td>Head</td><td>Neck</td><td>Shoulder</td><td>Upper arm</td><td>Elbow</td><td>Forearm</td><td>Hand/ Fingers</td><td>Chest</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Upper back</td><td>Lower back</td><td>Hip</td><td>Thigh</td><td>Knee</td><td>Calf/shin</td><td>Ankle</td><td>Foot/ Toes</td> </tr> </table> <p>20. Have you ever had a stress fracture? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>21. Have you been told that you have or have you had an x-ray for atlantoaxial (neck) instability? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>22. Do you regularly use a brace or assistive device? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	Head	Neck	Shoulder	Upper arm	Elbow	Forearm	Hand/ Fingers	Chest	Upper back	Lower back	Hip	Thigh	Knee	Calf/shin	Ankle	Foot/ Toes	<p>23. Has a doctor ever told you that you have asthma or allergies? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>24. Do you cough, wheeze, or have difficulty breathing DURING or AFTER exercise? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>25. Is there anyone in your family who has asthma? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>26. Have you ever used an inhaler or taken asthma medicine? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>27. Were you born without or are you missing a kidney, an eye, a testicle, or any other organ? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>28. Have you had infectious mononucleosis (mono) within the last month? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>29. Do you have any rashes, pressure sores, or other skin problems? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>30. Have you ever had a herpes skin infection? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>CONCUSSION OR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY</b></p> <p>31. Have you ever had a concussion (i.e. bell rung, ding, head rush) or traumatic brain injury? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>32. Have you been hit in the head and been confused or lost your memory? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>33. Do you experience dizziness and/or headaches with exercise? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> </div> <p>34. Have you ever had a seizure? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>35. Have you ever had numbness, tingling, or weakness in your arms or legs after being hit or falling? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>36. Have you ever been unable to move your arms or legs after being hit or falling? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>37. When exercising in the heat, do you have severe muscle cramps or become ill? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>38. Has a doctor told you that you or someone in your family has sickle cell trait or sickle cell disease? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>39. Have you had any problems with your eyes or vision? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>40. Do you wear glasses or contact lenses? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>41. Do you wear protective eyewear, such as goggles or a face shield? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>42. Are you unhappy with your weight? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>43. Are you trying to gain or lose weight? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>44. Has anyone recommended you change your weight or eating habits? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>45. Do you limit or carefully control what you eat? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>46. Do you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with a doctor? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>FEMALES ONLY</b></p> <p>47. Have you ever had a menstrual period? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>48. How old were you when you had your first menstrual period? _____</p> <p>49. How many periods have you had in the last 12 months? _____</p> <p>50. Are you pregnant? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
Head	Neck	Shoulder	Upper arm	Elbow	Forearm	Hand/ Fingers	Chest										
Upper back	Lower back	Hip	Thigh	Knee	Calf/shin	Ankle	Foot/ Toes										

Explain "Yes" answers here:

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#s	
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I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge all of the information herein is true and complete.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge all of the information herein is true and complete.

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

## SECTION 6: PIAA COMPREHENSIVE INITIAL PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION AND CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORIZED MEDICAL EXAMINER

Must be completed and signed by the Authorized Medical Examiner (AME) performing the herein named student's comprehensive initial pre-participation physical evaluation (CIPPE) and turned in to the Principal, or the Principal's designee, of the student's school.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Enrolled in \_\_\_\_\_ School Sport(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ % Body Fat (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Brachial Artery BP \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_) RP \_\_\_\_\_

If either the brachial artery blood pressure (BP) or resting pulse (RP) is above the following levels, further evaluation by the student's primary care physician is recommended.

Age 10-12: BP: >126/82, RP: >104; Age 13-15: BP: >136/86, RP >100; Age 16-25: BP: >142/92, RP >96.

Vision: R 20/\_\_\_\_ L 20/\_\_\_\_ Corrected: YES NO (circle one) Pupils: Equal \_\_\_\_ Unequal \_\_\_\_

MEDICAL	NORMAL	ABNORMAL FINDINGS
Appearance		
Eyes/Ears/Nose/Throat		
Hearing		
Lymph Nodes		
Cardiovascular		<input type="checkbox"/> Heart murmur <input type="checkbox"/> Femoral pulses to exclude aortic coarctation <input type="checkbox"/> Physical stigmata of Marfan syndrome
Cardiopulmonary		
Lungs		
Abdomen		
Genitourinary (males only)		
Neurological		
Skin		
MUSCULOSKELETAL	NORMAL	ABNORMAL FINDINGS
Neck		
Back		
Shoulder/Arm		
Elbow/Forearm		
Wrist/Hand/Fingers		
Hip/Thigh		
Knee		
Leg/Ankle		
Foot/Toes		

I hereby certify that I have reviewed the HEALTH HISTORY, performed a comprehensive initial pre-participation physical evaluation of the herein named student, and, on the basis of such evaluation and the student's HEALTH HISTORY, certify that, except as specified below, the student is physically fit to participate in Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests in the sport(s) consented to by the student's parent/guardian in Section 2 of the PIAA Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation form:

CLEARED  CLEARED, with recommendation(s) for further evaluation or treatment for: \_\_\_\_\_

NOT CLEARED for the following types of sports (please check those that apply):

COLLISION  CONTACT  NON-CONTACT  STRENUOUS  MODERATELY STRENUOUS  NON-STRENUOUS

Due to \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation(s)/Referral(s) \_\_\_\_\_

AME's Name (print/type) \_\_\_\_\_ License # \_\_\_\_\_

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

AME's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ MD, DO, PAC, CRNP, or SNP (circle one) Authorized Date of CIPPE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## University Orthopedics Center Student-Athlete Concussion Statement

I understand that it is my responsibility to report all injuries and illnesses to my athletic trainer, team physician or coach (if medical personnel are not available).

As per Pennsylvania Law, I understand that after sustaining a concussion I cannot return to play without being cleared in writing by a health care professional (Physician or Neuropsychologist) trained in the evaluation and management of concussion. In order to return to play I must be symptom free following a graduated return to play physical progression, I must be symptom free at rest, and I must be judged to be at my neurocognitive baseline.

I have read and understand the *Concussion Fact Sheet*.

After reading the Concussion fact sheet, I am aware of the following information:

- A concussion is a brain injury.
- Following a concussion the brain needs time to heal.
- You cannot see a concussion, but you might notice some of the symptoms right away. Other symptoms can show up hours or days after the injury.
- Typical concussion symptoms are confusion/disorientation, headache, dizziness, nausea, balance problems, sensitivity to light and noise, problems with concentration and memory, among others.
- If I suspect that I have had a concussion I must report it to my team physician, athletic trainer or coach.
- A concussion can affect my ability to perform everyday activities, and affect reaction time, balance, sleep, and classroom performance.
- If I suspect a teammate has a concussion, I am responsible for reporting my suspicion to my team physician or athletic trainer.
- I will not return to play in a game or practice if I have received a blow to the head or body that results in concussion-related symptoms.
- I understand that in rare cases, repeat concussions can cause permanent brain damage, and even death.

I also understand that continuing to play while having concussion-like symptoms can make my symptoms more severe, prolong recovery, or lead to long-term changes in my brain functioning.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student-Athlete

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name of Student-Athlete

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name of Parent/Guardian

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## CONCUSSION IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

A FACT SHEET FOR **PARENTS**

### What is a concussion?

A concussion is a brain injury. Concussions are caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body. Even a "ding," "getting your bell rung," or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious.

### What are the signs and symptoms?

You can't see a concussion. Signs and symptoms of concussion can show up right after the injury or may not appear or be noticed until days after the injury. If your teen reports *one or more* symptoms of concussion listed below, or if you notice the symptoms yourself, keep your teen out of play and seek medical attention right away.

Signs Observed by Parents or Guardians	Symptoms Reported by Athlete
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appears dazed or stunned</li> <li>• Is confused about assignment or position</li> <li>• Forgets an instruction</li> <li>• Is unsure of game, score, or opponent</li> <li>• Moves clumsily</li> <li>• Answers questions slowly</li> <li>• Loses consciousness (even briefly)</li> <li>• Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes</li> <li>• Can't recall events prior to hit or fall</li> <li>• Can't recall events after hit or fall</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Headache or "pressure" in head</li> <li>• Nausea or vomiting</li> <li>• Balance problems or dizziness</li> <li>• Double or blurry vision</li> <li>• Sensitivity to light or noise</li> <li>• Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy</li> <li>• Concentration or memory problems</li> <li>• Confusion</li> <li>• Just not "feeling right" or is "feeling down"</li> </ul>

### How can you help your teen prevent a concussion?

Every sport is different, but there are steps your teens can take to protect themselves from concussion and other injuries.

- Make sure they wear the right protective equipment for their activity. It should fit properly, be well maintained, and be worn consistently and correctly.

- Ensure that they follow their coaches' rules for safety and the rules of the sport.
- Encourage them to practice good sportsmanship at all times.

### What should you do if you think your teen has a concussion?

1. Keep your teen out of play. If your teen has a concussion, her/his brain needs time to heal. Don't let your teen return to play the day of the injury and until a health care professional, experienced in evaluating for concussion, says your teen is symptom-free and it's OK to return to play. A repeat concussion that occurs before the brain recovers from the first—usually within a short period of time (hours, days, or weeks)—can slow recovery or increase the likelihood of having long-term problems. In rare cases, repeat concussions can result in edema (brain swelling), permanent brain damage, and even death.
2. Seek medical attention right away. A health care professional experienced in evaluating for concussion will be able to decide how serious the concussion is and when it is safe for your teen to return to sports.
3. Teach your teen that it's not smart to play with a concussion. Rest is key after a concussion. Sometimes athletes wrongly believe that it shows strength and courage to play injured. Discourage others from pressuring injured athletes to play. Don't let your teen convince you that s/he's "just fine."
4. Tell all of your teen's coaches and the student's school nurse about ANY concussion. Coaches, school nurses, and other school staff should know if your teen has ever had a concussion. Your teen may need to limit activities while s/he is recovering from a concussion. Things such as studying, driving, working on a computer, playing video games, or exercising may cause concussion symptoms to reappear or get worse. Talk to your health care professional, as well as your teen's coaches, school nurse, and teachers. If needed, they can help adjust your teen's school activities during her/his recovery.

**If you think your teen has a concussion:**  
 Don't assess it yourself. Take him/her out of play.  
 Seek the advice of a health care professional.

**It's better to miss one game than the whole season.**

For more information and to order additional materials *free-of-charge*, visit: [www.cdc.gov/Concussion](http://www.cdc.gov/Concussion).





**University Orthopedic Center  
Athletic Training Services at  
St. Joseph's Catholic Academy**

Athletic Training Services  
Mifflin County HS, Room C108 (717)-447-2612

**PERMISSION TO GIVE / TO KEEP / TO CARRY MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL  
Emergency Medication**

To be completed each school year and/or when student's medication changes

PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR INFORMING THE SCHOOL'S ATHLETIC TRAINER OF ANY CHANGES IN MEDICATION, DOSAGE, OR IF THE MEDICATION IS DISCONTINUED.

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Medication should be sent to school in an original container which is properly labeled. Students should bring the medication and the permission slip to the Athletic Training Office. The student is not to carry medication in school unless an exception is authorized.

**Failure to properly complete this form will result in the inability of the Athletic Trainer(s) to distribute the emergency medication to the student-athlete.**

EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS INCLUDE:  
RESCUE INHALER  
EPI-PEN  
GLUCAGON PEN AND OTHER DIABETIC NEEDS

**PARENT/GUARDIAN'S PERMISSION**

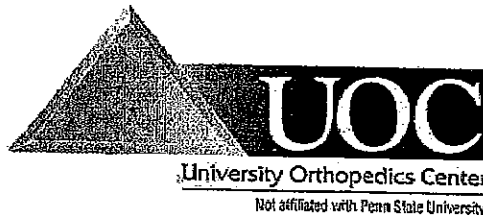
*My child must/may take the medication specified above. The Athletic Trainer has permission to administer required emergency medications as needed and directed. The Athletic Trainer may also store (or have possession of) required emergency medications during practices and/or games. During away contests Coaches may administer medication as needed.*

*As parents/guardians of the above named child I/we release the St. Joseph's Catholic Academy and its employees or agents from any and all liability for any injuries my child may suffer as a result of this request. My child's emergency medication is: \_\_\_\_\_*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ATHLETIC TRAINER'S SIGNATURE**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**St. Joseph's Catholic Academy  
Athletics  
Student Information**

Last Name:		First Name:		Sport:
Grade:	School:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	DOB:	
Street Address:			City:	Zip:

**Parent/Guardian Emergency Contact Information**

Parent/Guardian Name:		Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:
Parent/Guardian Street Address:			City:	Zip:
Other Emergency Contact (Name):				Relationship to Athlete:
Home Phone:	Work Phone:		Cell Phone:	

**Insurance Information**

Provider:	Insurance ID#:	Group Policy #:
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**Medical History**

*Facts concerning my child's medical history including allergies, medication and physical impairments to which medical personnel should be alerted:*

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**Date of most recent Tetanus Inoculation:**

1. I **DO** give my consent to the certified athletic trainer/coach(es), presently responsible for supervising my child, named above to arrange for medical and dental care inclusive of diagnostic testing whenever in the course of such supervision the Coach/Advisor or any attending physician or other competent medical professional deems such are to be immediately needed for the safety of the child and times does not permit giving personal notice of obtaining personal consent to proceed.
2. I further **DO** give the consent to all emergency medical and dental procedures that are deemed necessary by the attending physician, dentist, or other competent medical professional to preserve his/her life or to prevent impairment of his/her health in the case that time does not permit obtaining my personal consent to these procedures.
3. I, the undersigned student and parents(s) or lawful guardian, do hereby certify that we have read and understand the above consent statements (#1 and #2) and do hereby approve the same.
4. My signature below authorizes SJCA representatives to release and receive information pertaining to my medical record and to any current course of treatment. This includes but is not limited to, physicians, hospitals, other medical facilities and insurance companies. I understand that this information may be transferred orally, electronically, or written.
5. My signature below indicates that I have read and understand the SJCA Athlete's Handbook.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

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Signature of Student Date