

**OKALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS PARENTAL PERMISSION, HOLD HARMLESS RELEASE,  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION, AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION**

**NOTICE TO THE MINOR CHILD’S NATURAL GUARDIAN:**

READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY. YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT EVEN IF OKALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, ITS SCHOOL BOARD, ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR ASSIGNS USES REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR ELIMINATED. BY SIGNING THIS FORM, YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD’S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM OKALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, ITS SCHOOL BOARD, ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR ASSIGNS IN A LAWSUIT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH TO YOUR CHILD 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 OKALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, ITS SCHOOL BOARD, ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR ASSIGNS HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM.

*\*No student will be allowed to practice or participate in any organized interscholastic athletic activity until this document is signed, notarized, and returned to the school Athletic Department.*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Female/Male

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PURPOSE:** To provide (i) the consent of parents and/or guardians for students to participate in interscholastic activities of the School District; (ii) to provide a hold harmless and release of liability; (iii) to authorize the provision of emergency medical treatment for that student who may become ill or injured during such activities; and (iv) authorizing the release of protected health information.

**PLEASE COMPLETE ALL PARTS:**

**PART I – PARENTAL/GUARDIAN PERMISSION, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, HOLD HARMLESS, AND RELEASE**

A. I, \_\_\_\_\_ herby grant permission for \_\_\_\_\_ (Student Athlete) to participate at \_\_\_\_\_ School during the school year, and I know of, and acknowledge that my child/ward knows of the risks involved in interscholastic athletic participation, and 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, Okaloosa County School District, its School Board, its officers, employees, agents, or assigns (the “Released Parties”), 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 Okaloosa County School District, its School Board, its officers, employees, agents, and assigns, because of any accident or mishap involving the athletic participation of my child/ward. As required by 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, or the disclosure of my child’s/ward’s individually identifiable health information should treatment or illness or injury become necessary. I understand the Okaloosa County School District requires all students participating in interscholastic athletics be covered by a medical insurance policy providing minimum coverage of \$25,000 for medical expenses. I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Student Athlete) is covered by medical insurance providing at least \$25,000 for medical expenses. The name of our medical insurance company is \_\_\_\_\_ which will cover this child in the event of an injury. I assume full responsibility and liability for any and all expenses connected with an injury and/or illness that is not paid by our insurance company or through Military benefits if this child is entitled to military privileges. I further certify I will notify the principal of the school this child is attending if there is any change in this insurance coverage, and I will purchase the student and/or football insurance offered at the school. (STUDENT AND/OR FOOTBALL INSURANCE MAY BE PURCHASED AT YOUR SCHOOL.)





## PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION (Page 1 of 4)

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EL2

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### MEDICAL HISTORY FORM

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

Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex Assigned at Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ 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		Yes	No	HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU <i>(continued)</i>		Yes	No
Explain "Yes" answers at the end of this form. Circle questions if you don't know the answer.							
1	Do you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with your provider?			8	Has a doctor ever requested a test for your heart? For example, electrocardiography (ECG) or echocardiography (ECHO)?		
2	Has a provider ever denied or restricted your participation in sports for any reason?			9	Do you get light-headed or feel shorter of breath than your friends during exercise?		
3	Do you have any ongoing medical issues or recent illnesses?			10	Have you ever had a seizure?		
HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU		Yes	No	HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY		Yes	No
4	Have you ever passed out or nearly passed out during or after exercise?			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)		
5	Have you ever had discomfort, pain, tightness, or pressure in your chest during exercise?			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)?		
6	Does your heart ever race, flutter in your chest, or skip beats (irregular beats) during exercise?			13	Has anyone in your family had a pacemaker or an implanted defibrillator before age 35?		
7	Has a doctor ever told you that you have any heart problems?						

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**PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION (Page 2 of 4)**  
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Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

BONE AND JOINT QUESTIONS		Yes	No	MEDICAL QUESTIONS (continued)		Yes	No
14	Have you ever had a stress fracture?			26	Do you worry about your weight?		
15	Did you ever injure a bone, muscle, ligament, joint, or tendon that caused you to miss a practice or game?			27	Are you trying to or has anyone recommended that you gain or lose weight?		
16	Do you have a bone, muscle, ligament, or joint injury that currently bothers you?			28	Are you on a special diet or do you avoid certain types of foods or food groups?		
MEDICAL QUESTIONS		Yes	No	29	Have you ever had an eating disorder?		
17	Do you cough, wheeze, or have difficulty breathing during or after exercise or has a provider ever diagnosed you with asthma?			Explain "Yes" answers here: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____			
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?						

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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: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

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**PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION (Page 3 of 4)**  
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**EL2**

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**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM**

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

**PHYSICIAN 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?	

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
MEDICAL - healthcare professional shall initial each assessment	NORMAL	ABNORMAL FINDINGS
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		
MUSCULOSKELETAL - healthcare professional shall initial each assessment	NORMAL	ABNORMAL FINDINGS
Neck		
Back		
Shoulder and Arm		
Elbow and Forearm		
Wrist, Hand, and Fingers		
Hip and Thigh		
Knee		
Leg and Ankle		
Foot and Toes		
Functional • Double-leg squat test, single-leg squat test, and box drop or step drop test		

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\*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 #: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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 signed below.

# EL2

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## MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY FORM

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

Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex Assigned at Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ 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: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

- Medically eligible for all sports without restriction  
 Medically eligible for all sports without restriction with recommendations for further evaluation or treatment of: *(use additional sheet, if necessary)*

Medically eligible for only certain sports as listed below:

Not medically eligible for any sports

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

I hereby certify that I 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: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Healthcare Professional: \_\_\_\_\_ Credentials: \_\_\_\_\_ License #: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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.

**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 signed below.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex Assigned at Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

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

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

Provider Stamp *(if required by school)*











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

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 fo 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

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the annual requirement for my child/ward to view the "Heat Illness Prevention" course at www.nghslearn.com. I acknowledge that the information on Heat-Related Illness has been read and understood. I have been advised of the dangers of participation for myself and that of my child/ward.

Signature lines for Parent/Guardian, Student, and Date.



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

## 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.**

_____ Name of Parent/Guardian (printed)	_____ Signature of Parent/Guardian	_____ Date
_____ Name of Parent/Guardian (printed)	_____ Signature of Parent/Guardian	_____ Date
_____ Name of Student (printed)	_____ Signature of Student	_____ Date

OKALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STUDENT INTERVENTION SERVICES  
CONSENT FOR ImPACT NEUROCOGNITIVE TESTING AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION  
FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION IN OKALOOSA COUNTY

**PLEASE CHECK AND COMPLETE SECTION "A" OR "B" AND SIGN AT THE BOTTOM**

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       **Section A**

I give my permission for (name of child) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date of Birth) \_\_\_\_\_ to take the ImPACT Neurocognitive baseline concussion test administered by the Okaloosa School District system through any of its designated employees and/or approved volunteers. I give permission for my child to provide all the information requested necessary to complete the test. I understand that my child may need to be tested more than once, depending on the validity of the testing results.

I also understand that the test results of the ImPACT Neurocognitive test may be released to my child's guidance counselor and teachers, including Principals, Athletic Coaches and trainers, and nurses for the purpose of providing temporary academic and athletic modifications if necessary for concussion management. I also consent to the release of the ImPACT testing results to any Medical Physician, who in the treatment of my concussed child, submits a request for release of medical records complaint to State and Federal guidelines.

I understand that I may revoke this consent for Neurocognitive testing at any time; however, I also understand that any release which has been made prior to my revocation and which was made in reliance upon this authorization shall not constitute a breach of my right to confidentiality.

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       **Section B**

I **do not** give my permission for (name of child) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date of Birth) \_\_\_\_\_ to take the ImPACT Neurocognitive baseline concussion test administered by the Okaloosa School District system.

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Parent(Guardian) Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

# HEADS\*UP CONCUSSION IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

A FACT SHEET FOR **PARENTS**

## What is a concussion?

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury. Concussions are caused by a bump or blow to the head. Even a “ding,” “getting your bell rung,” or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious.

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 or weeks after the injury. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms yourself, seek medical attention right away.

## What are the signs and symptoms of a concussion?

If your child has experienced a bump or blow to the head during a game or practice, look for any of the following signs of a concussion:

SYMPTOMS REPORTED BY ATHLETE	SIGNS OBSERVED BY PARENTS/GUARDIANS
<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</li> <li>• Sensitivity to 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 “feeling down”</li> </ul>	<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> </ul>

## How can you help your child prevent a concussion or other serious brain injury?

- Ensure that they follow their coach’s rules for safety and the rules of the sport.
- Encourage them to practice good sportsmanship at all times.
- Make sure they wear the right protective equipment for their activity. Protective equipment should fit properly and be well maintained.
- Wearing a helmet is a must to reduce the risk of a serious brain injury or skull fracture.
  - However, helmets are not designed to prevent concussions. There is no “concussion-proof” helmet. So, even with a helmet, it is important for kids and teens to avoid hits to the head.

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

**SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION RIGHT AWAY.** A health care professional will be able to decide how serious the concussion is and when it is safe for your child to return to regular activities, including sports.

**KEEP YOUR CHILD OUT OF PLAY.** Concussions take time to heal. Don’t let your child return to play the day of the injury and until a health care professional says it’s OK. Children who return to play too soon—while the brain is still healing—risk a greater chance of having a repeat concussion. Repeat or later concussions can be very serious. They can cause permanent brain damage, affecting your child for a lifetime.

**TELL YOUR CHILD’S COACH ABOUT ANY PREVIOUS CONCUSSION.** Coaches should know if your child had a previous concussion. Your child’s coach may not know about a concussion your child received in another sport or activity unless you tell the coach.

### 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, visit [www.cdc.gov/Concussion](http://www.cdc.gov/Concussion).

