



# Ohio High School Athletic Association



## PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION 2018-2019

### HISTORY FORM – Please be advised that this paper form is no longer the OHSAA standard.

(Note: This form is to be filled out by the student and parent prior to seeing the medical examiner.)

Date of Exam \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Sport(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (Email) \_\_\_\_\_

**Medicines and Allergies:** Please list the prescription and over-the-counter medicines and supplements (herbal and nutritional-including energy drinks/ protein supplements) that you are currently taking

Do you have any allergies?  Yes  No If yes, please identify specific allergy below.

- Medicines
- Pollens
- Food
- Stinging Insects

**Explain "Yes" answers below. Circle questions you don't know the answers to.**

GENERAL QUESTIONS		Yes	No
1.	Has a doctor ever denied or restricted your participation in sports for any reason?		
2.	Do you have any ongoing medical conditions? If so, please identify below: Asthma Anemia Diabetes Infections Other: _____		
3.	Have you ever spent the night in the hospital?		
4.	Have you ever had surgery?		
HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU		Yes	No
5.	Have you ever passed out or nearly passed out DURING or AFTER exercise?		
6.	Have you ever had discomfort, pain, tightness, or pressure in your chest during exercise?		
7.	Does your heart ever race or skip beats (irregular beats) during exercise?		
8.	Has a doctor ever told you that you have any heart problems? If so, check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> High blood pressure <input type="checkbox"/> A heart murmur <input type="checkbox"/> High cholesterol <input type="checkbox"/> A heart infection <input type="checkbox"/> Kawasaki disease Other: _____		
9.	Has a doctor ever ordered a test for your heart? (For example, ECG/EKG, echocardiogram)		
10.	Do you get lightheaded or feel more short of breath than expected during exercise?		
11.	Have you ever had an unexplained seizure?		
12.	Do you get more tired or short of breath more quickly than your friends during exercise?		
HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY		Yes	No
13.	Has any family member or relative died of heart problems or had an unexpected or unexplained sudden death before age 50 (including drowning, unexplained car accident, or sudden infant death syndrome)?		
14.	Does anyone in your family have hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, Marfan syndrome, arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy, long QT syndrome, short QT syndrome, Brugada syndrome, or catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia?		
15.	Does anyone in your family have a heart problem, pacemaker, or implanted defibrillator?		
16.	Has anyone in your family had unexplained fainting, unexplained seizures, or near drowning?		
BONE AND JOINT QUESTIONS		Yes	No
17.	Have you ever had an injury to a bone, muscle, ligament, or tendon that caused you to miss a practice or game?		
18.	Have you ever had any broken or fractured bones or dislocated joints?		
19.	Have you ever had an injury that required x-rays, MRI, CT scan, injections, therapy, a brace, a cast, or crutches?		
20.	Have you ever had a stress fracture?		
21.	Have you ever been told that you have or have you had an x-ray for neck instability or atlantoaxial instability? (Down syndrome or dwarfism)		

BONE AND JOINT QUESTIONS - CONTINUED		Yes	No
22.	Do you regularly use a brace, orthotics, or other assistive device?		
23.	Do you have a bone, muscle, or joint injury that bothers you?		
24.	Do any of your joints become painful, swollen, feel warm, or look red?		
25.	Do you have any history of juvenile arthritis or connective tissue disease?		

MEDICAL QUESTIONS		Yes	No
26.	Do you cough, wheeze, or have difficulty breathing during or after exercise?		
27.	Have you ever used an inhaler or taken asthma medicine?		
28.	Is there anyone in your family who has asthma?		
29.	Were you born without or are you missing a kidney, an eye, a testicle (males), your spleen, or any other organ?		
30.	Do you have groin pain or a painful bulge or hernia in the groin area?		
31.	Have you had infectious mononucleosis (mono) within the past month?		
32.	Do you have any rashes, pressure sores, or other skin problems?		
33.	Have you had a herpes (cold sores) or MRSA (staph) skin infection?		
34.	Have you ever had a head injury or concussion?		
35.	Have you ever had a hit or blow to the head that caused confusion, prolonged headaches, or memory problems?		
36.	Do you have a history of seizure disorder or epilepsy?		
37.	Do you have headaches with exercise?		
38.	Have you ever had numbness, tingling, or weakness in your arms or legs after being hit or falling?		
39.	Have you ever been unable to move your arms or legs after being hit or falling?		
40.	Have you ever become ill while exercising in the heat?		
41.	Do you get frequent muscle cramps when exercising?		
42.	Do you or someone in your family have sickle cell trait or disease?		
43.	Have you had any problems with your eyes or vision?		
44.	Have you had an eye injury?		
45.	Do you wear glasses or contact lenses?		
46.	Do you wear protective eyewear, such as goggles or a face shield?		
47.	Do you worry about your weight?		
48.	Are you trying to gain or lose weight? Has anyone recommended that you do?		
49.	Are you on a special diet or do you avoid certain types of foods?		
50.	Have you ever had an eating disorder?		
51.	Do you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with a doctor?		
FEMALES ONLY			
52.	Have you ever had a menstrual period?		
53.	How old were you when you had your first menstrual period?		
54.	How many periods have you had in the last 12 months?		

Explain "yes" answers here

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I hereby state that, to the best of my knowledge, my answers to the above questions are complete and correct.

Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The student has family insurance  Yes  No If yes, family insurance company name and policy number: \_\_\_\_\_



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## PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION 2018-2019

### THE ATHLETE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS - SUPPLEMENTAL HISTORY FORM

**PLEASE COMPLETE ONLY IF YOUR STUDENT HAS SPECIAL NEEDS OR A DISABILITY.**

Date of Exam \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Sport(s) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Type of disability		
2. Date of disability		
3. Classification (if available)		
4. Cause of disability (birth, disease, accident/trauma, other)		
5. List the sports you are interested in playing		
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
6. Do you regularly use a brace, assistive device or prosthetic?		
7. Do you use a special brace or assistive device for sports?		
8. Do you have any rashes, pressure sores, or any other skin problems?		
9. Do you have a hearing loss? Do you use a hearing aid?		
10. Do you have a visual impairment?		
11. Do you have any special devices for bowel or bladder function?		
12. Do you have burning or discomfort when urinating?		
13. Have you had autonomic dysreflexia?		
14. Have you ever been diagnosed with a heat related (hyperthermia) or cold-related (hypothermia) illness?		
15. Do you have muscle spasticity?		
16. Do you have frequent seizures that cannot be controlled by medication?		

Explain "yes" answers here

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you have ever had any of the following.

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Atlantoaxial instability		
X-ray evaluation for atlantoaxial instability		
Dislocated joints (more than one)		
Easy bleeding		
Enlarged spleen		
Hepatitis		
Osteopenia or osteoporosis		
Difficulty controlling bowel		
Difficulty controlling bladder		
Numbness or tingling in arms or hands		
Numbness or tingling in legs or feet		
Weakness in arms or hands		
Weakness in legs or feet		
Recent change in coordination		
Recent change in ability to walk		
Spina bifida		
Latex allergy		

Explain "yes" answers here

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that, to the best of my knowledge, my answers to the above questions are complete and correct.

Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION 2018-2019

### PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

#### 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?
  - Have you ever tried cigarettes, chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?
  - 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 supplement?
  - Have you ever taken any supplements to help you gain or lose weight or improve your performance?
  - Do you wear a seat belt, use a helmet or use condoms?
  - Do you consume energy drinks?
- Consider reviewing questions on cardiovascular symptoms (questions 5-14).

EXAMINATION		DATE OF EXAMINATION _____	
Height	Weight	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
BP / ( / )	Pulse	Vision R 20/	L20/ Corrected <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
MEDICAL		NORMAL	ABNORMAL FINDINGS
Appearance Marfan stigmata (kyphoscoliosis, high-arched palate, pectus excavatum, arachnodactyly, arm span > height, hyperlaxity, myopia, MVP, aortic insufficiency)			
Eyes/ears/nose/throat Pupils equal Hearing			
Lymph nodes			
Heart Murmurs (auscultation standing, supine, +/- Valsalva) Location of the point of maximal impulse (PMI)			
Pulses Simultaneous femoral and radial pulses			
Lungs			
Abdomen			
Genitourinary (males only)			
Skin HSV, lesions suggestive of MRSA, tinea corporis			
Neurologic			
MUSCULOSKELETAL			
Neck			
Back			
Shoulder/arm			
Elbow/forearm			
Wrist/hand/fingers			
Hip/thigh			
Knee			
Leg/ankle			
Foot/toes			
Functional Duck walk, single leg hop			

<sup>a</sup>Consider ECG, echocardiogram, or referral to cardiology for abnormal cardiac history or exam.  
<sup>b</sup>Consider GU exam if in private setting. Having third part present is recommended.  
<sup>c</sup>Consider cognitive or baseline neuropsychiatric testing if a history of significant concussion.

CLEARANCE FORM

Note: Authorization forms (pages 5 and 6) must be signed by both the parent/guardian and the student.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex  M  F Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

- Cleared for all sports without restriction
 Cleared for all sports without restriction with recommendations for further evaluation or treatment for \_\_\_\_\_

- Not Cleared
 Pending further evaluation
 For any sports
 For certain sports \_\_\_\_\_
Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendations \_\_\_\_\_

I have examined the above-named student and completed the pre-participation physical evaluation. The student does not present apparent clinical contraindications to practice and participate in the sport(s) as outlined above. A copy of the physical exam is on record in my office and can be made available to the school at the request of the parents. In the event that the examination is conducted en masse at the school, the school administrator shall retain a copy of the PPE. If conditions arise after the student has been cleared for participation, the physician may rescind the clearance until the problem is resolved and the potential consequences are completely explained to the athlete (and parents/guardians).

Name of physician or medical examiner (print/type) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Exam \_\_\_\_\_
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of physician/medical examiner \_\_\_\_\_, MD, DO, D.C., P.A. or A.N.P.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Personal Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In case of Emergency, contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information \_\_\_\_\_

THE STUDENT SHALL NOT BE CLEARED TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS UNTIL THIS FORM HAS BEEN SIGNED AND RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL



OHSAA AUTHORIZATION FORM 2018-2019

I hereby authorize the release and disclosure of the personal health information of \_\_\_\_\_ ("Student"), as described below, to \_\_\_\_\_ ("School").

The information described below may be released to the School principal or assistant principal, athletic director, coach, athletic trainer, physical education teacher, school nurse or other member of the School's administrative staff as necessary to evaluate the Student's eligibility to participate in school sponsored activities, including but not limited to interscholastic sports programs, physical education classes or other classroom activities.

Personal health information of the Student which may be released and disclosed includes records of physical examinations performed to determine the Student's eligibility to participate in school sponsored activities, including but not limited to the Pre-participation Evaluation form or other similar document required by the School prior to determining eligibility of the Student to participate in classroom or other School sponsored activities; records of the evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of injuries which the Student incurred while engaging in school sponsored activities, including but not limited to practice sessions, training and competition; and other records as necessary to determine the Student's physical fitness to participate in school sponsored activities.

The personal health information described above may be released or disclosed to the School by the Student's personal physician or physicians; a physician or other health care professional retained by the School to perform physical examinations to determine the Student's eligibility to participate in certain school sponsored activities or to provide treatment to students injured while participating in such activities, whether or not such physicians or other health care professionals are paid for their services or volunteer their time to the School; or any other EMT, hospital, physician or other health care professional who evaluates, diagnoses or treats an injury or other condition incurred by the student while participating in school sponsored activities.

I understand that the School has requested this authorization to release or disclose the personal health information described above to make certain decisions about the Student's health and ability to participate in certain school sponsored and classroom activities, and that the School is not a health care provider or health plan covered by federal HIPAA privacy regulations, and the information described below may be redisclosed and may not continue to be protected by the federal HIPAA privacy regulations. I also understand that the School is covered under the federal regulations that govern the privacy of educational records, and that the personal health information disclosed under this authorization may be protected by those regulations.

I also understand that health care providers and health plans may not condition the provision of treatment or payment on the signing of this authorization; however, the Student's participation in certain school sponsored activities may be conditioned on the signing of this authorization.

I understand that I may revoke this authorization in writing at any time, except to the extent that action has been taken by a health care provider in reliance on this authorization, by sending a written revocation to the school principal (or designee) whose name and address appears below.

Name of Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

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

This authorization will expire when the student is no longer enrolled as a student at the school.

NOTE: IF THE STUDENT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, THIS AUTHORIZATION MUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN TO BE VALID. IF THE STUDENT IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, THE STUDENT MUST SIGN THIS AUTHORIZATION PERSONALLY.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date of Student, including year \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student's personal representative, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

I am the Student's (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Guardian (documentation must be provided)

Signature of Student's personal representative, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**A copy of this signed form has been provided to the student or his/her personal representative**



# Ohio Department of Health Concussion Information Sheet

## For Interscholastic Athletics

Dear Parent/Guardian and Athletes,

This information sheet is provided to assist you and your child in recognizing the signs and symptoms of a concussion. Every athlete is different and responds to a brain injury differently, so seek medical attention if you suspect your child has a concussion. Once a concussion occurs, it is very important your athlete return to normal activities slowly, so he/she does not do more damage to his/her brain.

### What is a Concussion?

A concussion is an injury to the brain that may be caused by a blow, bump, or jolt to the head. Concussions may also happen after a fall or hit that jars the brain. A blow elsewhere on the body can cause a concussion even if an athlete does not hit his/her head directly. Concussions can range from mild to severe, and athletes can get a concussion even if they are wearing a helmet.

### Signs and Symptoms of a Concussion

Athletes do not have to be “knocked out” to have a concussion. In fact, less than 1 out of 10 concussions result in loss of consciousness. Concussion symptoms can develop right away or up to 48 hours after the injury. Ignoring any signs or symptoms of a concussion puts your child’s health at risk!

#### Signs Observed by Parents of Guardians

- ◆ *Appears dazed or stunned.*
- ◆ *Is confused about assignment or position.*
- ◆ *Forgets plays.*
- ◆ *Is unsure of game, score or opponent.*
- ◆ *Moves clumsily.*
- ◆ *Answers questions slowly.*
- ◆ *Loses consciousness (even briefly).*
- ◆ *Shows behavior or personality changes (irritability, sadness, nervousness, feeling more emotional).*
- ◆ *Can’t recall events before or after hit or fall.*

#### Symptoms Reported by Athlete

- ◆ *Any headache or “pressure” in head. (How badly it hurts does not matter.)*
- ◆ *Nausea or vomiting.*
- ◆ *Balance problems or dizziness.*
- ◆ *Double or blurry vision.*
- ◆ *Sensitivity to light and/or noise*
- ◆ *Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy or groggy.*
- ◆ *Concentration or memory problems.*
- ◆ *Confusion.*
- ◆ *Does not “feel right.”*
- ◆ *Trouble falling asleep.*
- ◆ *Sleeping more or less than usual.*

### Be Honest

Encourage your athlete to be honest with you, his/her coach and your health care provider about his/her symptoms. Many young athletes get caught up in the moment and/or feel pressured to return to sports before they are ready. It is better to miss one game than the entire season... or risk permanent damage!

### Seek Medical Attention Right Away

Seeking medical attention is an important first step if you suspect or are told your child has a concussion. A qualified health care professional will be able to determine how serious the concussion is and when it is safe for your child to return to sports and other daily activities.

- ◆ *No athlete should return to activity on the same day he/she gets a concussion.*
- ◆ *Athletes should **NEVER** return to practices/games if they still have ANY symptoms.*
- ◆ *Parents and coaches should never pressure any athlete to return to play.*

### The Dangers of Returning Too Soon

Returning to play too early may cause Second Impact Syndrome (SIS) or Post-Concussion Syndrome (PCS). SIS occurs when a second blow to the head happens before an athlete has completely recovered from a concussion. This second impact causes the brain to swell, possibly resulting in brain damage, paralysis, and even death. PCS can occur after a second impact. PCS can result in permanent, long-term concussion symptoms. The risk of SIS and PCS is the reason why no athlete should be allowed to participate in any physical activity before they are cleared by a qualified healthcare professional.

### Recovery

A concussion can affect school, work, and sports. Along with coaches and teachers, the school nurse, athletic trainer, employer, and other school administrators should be aware of the athlete’s injury and their roles in helping the child recover.

During the recovery time after a concussion, physical and mental rest are required. A concussion upsets the way the brain normally works and causes it to work longer and harder to complete even simple tasks. Activities that require concentration and focus may make symptoms worse and cause the brain to heal slower. Studies show that children’s brains take several weeks to heal following a concussion.



<http://www.healthy.ohio.gov/vipp/child/returntoplay/concussion>



## Returning to Daily Activities

1. Be sure your child gets plenty of rest and enough sleep at night – no late nights. Keep the same bedtime weekdays and weekends.
2. Encourage daytime naps or rest breaks when your child feels tired or worn-out.
3. Limit your child's activities that require a lot of thinking or concentration (including social activities, homework, video games, texting, computer, driving, job-related activities, movies, parties). These activities can slow the brain's recovery.
4. Limit your child's physical activity, especially those activities where another injury or blow to the head may occur.
5. Have your qualified health care professional check your child's symptoms at different times to help guide recovery.

## Returning to Learn (School)

1. Your athlete may need to initially return to school on a limited basis, for example for only half-days, at first. This should be done under the supervision of a qualified health care professional.
2. Inform teacher(s), school counselor or administrator(s) about the injury and symptoms. School personnel should be instructed to watch for:
  - a. Increased problems paying attention.
  - b. Increased problems remembering or learning new information.
  - c. Longer time needed to complete tasks or assignments.
  - d. Greater irritability and decreased ability to cope with stress.
  - e. Symptoms worsen (headache, tiredness) when doing schoolwork.
3. Be sure your child takes multiple breaks during study time and watch for worsening of symptoms.
4. If your child is still having concussion symptoms, he/she may need extra help with school-related activities. As the symptoms decrease during recovery, the extra help or supports can be removed gradually.
5. For more information, please refer to Return to Learn on [the ODH website](#).

### Resources

ODH Violence and Injury Prevention Program  
<http://www.healthy.ohio.gov/vipp/child/returntoplay/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
<http://www.cdc.gov/headsup/basics/index.html>

National Federation of State High School Associations  
[www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org)

Brain Injury Association of America  
[www.biausa.org/](http://www.biausa.org/)

## Returning to Play

1. Returning to play is specific for each person, depending on the sport. *Starting 4/26/13, Ohio law requires written permission from a health care provider before an athlete can return to play.* Follow instructions and guidance provided by a health care professional. It is important that you, your child and your child's coach follow these instructions carefully.
2. Your child should NEVER return to play if he/she still has ANY symptoms. (Be sure that your child does not have any symptoms at rest and while doing any physical activity and/or activities that require a lot of thinking or concentration).
3. Ohio law prohibits your child from returning to a game or practice on the same day he/she was removed.
4. Be sure that the athletic trainer, coach and physical education teacher are aware of your child's injury and symptoms.
5. Your athlete should complete a step-by-step exercise-based progression, under the direction of a qualified healthcare professional.
6. A sample activity progression is listed below. Generally, each step should take no less than 24 hours so that your child's full recovery would take about one week once they have no symptoms at rest and with moderate exercise.\*

### Sample Activity Progression\*

**Step 1:** Low levels of non-contact physical activity, provided NO SYMPTOMS return during or after activity. (Examples: walking, light jogging, and easy stationary biking for 20-30 minutes).

**Step 2:** Moderate, non-contact physical activity, provided NO SYMPTOMS return during or after activity. (Examples: moderate jogging, brief sprint running, moderate stationary biking, light calisthenics, and sport-specific drills without contact or collisions for 30-45 minutes).

**Step 3:** Heavy, non-contact physical activity, provided NO SYMPTOMS return during or after activity. (Examples: extensive sprint running, high intensity stationary biking, resistance exercise with machines and free weights, more intense non-contact sports specific drills, agility training and jumping drills for 45-60 minutes).

**Step 4:** Full contact in controlled practice or scrimmage.

**Step 5:** Full contact in game play.

\*If any symptoms occur, the athlete should drop back to the previous step and try to progress again after a 24 hour rest period.

<http://www.healthy.ohio.gov/vipp/child/returntoplay/concussion>



# Ohio Department of Health Concussion Information Sheet

## *For Interscholastic Athletics*

I have read the Ohio Department of Health's Concussion Information Sheet and understand that I have a responsibility to report my/my child's symptoms to coaches, administrators and healthcare provider.

I also understand that I/my child must have no symptoms before return to play can occur.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Athlete

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

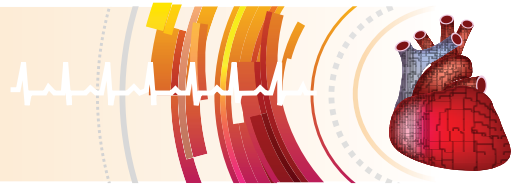
\_\_\_\_\_  
Athlete *Please Print Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Sudden Cardiac Arrest and Lindsay's Law Parent/Athlete Signature Form



**What is Lindsay's Law?** Lindsay's Law is about Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) in youth athletes. It covers all athletes 19 years or younger who practice for or compete in athletic activities. Activities may be organized by a school or youth sports organization.

**Which youth athletic activities are included in Lindsay's law?**

- Athletics at all schools in Ohio (public and non-public)
- Any athletic contest or competition sponsored by or associated with a school
- All interscholastic athletics, including all practices, interschool practices and scrimmages
- All youth sports organizations
- All cheerleading and club sports, including noncompetitive cheerleading

**What is SCA?** SCA is when the heart stops beating suddenly and unexpectedly. This cuts off blood flow to the brain and other vital organs. People with SCA will die if not treated immediately. SCA can be caused by 1) a structural issue with the heart, OR 2) an heart electrical problem which controls the heartbeat, OR 3) a situation such as a person who is hit in the chest or a gets a heart infection.

**What is a warning sign for SCA?** If a family member died suddenly before age 50, or a family member has cardiomyopathy, long QT syndrome, Marfan syndrome or other rhythm problems of the heart.

**What symptoms are a warning sign of SCA?** A young athlete may have these things with exercise:

- Chest pain/discomfort
- Unexplained fainting/near fainting or dizziness
- Unexplained tiredness, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Unusually fast or racing heart beats

**What happens if an athlete experiences syncope or fainting before, during or after a practice, scrimmage, or competitive play?** The coach MUST remove the youth athlete from activity immediately. The youth athlete MUST be seen and cleared by a health care provider before returning to activity. This written clearance must be shared with a school or sports official.

**What happens if an athlete experiences any other warning signs of SCA?** The youth athlete should be seen by a health care professional.

**Who can evaluate and clear youth athletes?** A physician (MD or DO), a certified nurse practitioner, a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse midwife. For school athletes, a physician's assistant or licensed athletic trainer may also clear a student. That person may refer the youth to another health care provider for further evaluation.

**What is needed for the youth athlete to return to the activity?** There must be clearance from the health care provider in writing. This must be given to the coach and school or sports official before return to activity.

All youth athletes and their parents/guardians must review information about Sudden Cardiac Arrest, then sign and return this form.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

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Student Name (Print)

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Date

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Date