■ PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION

HISTORY FORM

Note: Complete and sign this form (with your parents if younger than 18) before your appointment.

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Date of examination: _____ Sport(s): _____

Sex assigned at birth: _____

List past and current medical conditions. _____

_____

Have you ever had surgery? If yes, list all past surgical procedures. _____

_____

Medicines and supplements: List all current prescriptions, over-the-counter medicines, and supplements (herbal and nutritional).

_____

_____

Do you have any allergies? If yes, please list all your allergies (ie, medicines, pollens, food, stinging insects).

_____

_____

Patient Health Questionnaire Version 4 (PHQ-4)

*Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems? (**check box next to appropriate number**)*

	Not at all	Several days	Over half the days	Nearly every day
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

(A sum of ≥3 is considered positive on either subscale [questions 1 and 2, or questions 3 and 4] for screening purposes.)

GENERAL QUESTIONS (Explain "Yes" answers at the end of this form. Circle questions if you don't know the answer.)	Yes	No
1. Do you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with your provider?	☐	☐
2. Has a provider ever denied or restricted your participation in sports for any reason?	☐	☐
3. Do you have any ongoing medical issues or recent illness?	☐	☐
HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU	**Yes**	**No**
4. Have you ever passed out or nearly passed out during or after exercise?	☐	☐
5. Have you ever had discomfort, pain, tightness, or pressure in your chest during exercise?	☐	☐
6. Does your heart ever race, flutter in your chest, or skip beats (irregular beats) during exercise?	☐	☐
7. Has a doctor ever told you that you have any heart problems?	☐	☐
8. Has a doctor ever requested a test for your heart? For example, electrocardiography (ECG) or echocardiography.	☐	☐

HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU (*CONTINUED*)	Yes	No
9. Do you get light-headed or feel shorter of breath than your friends during exercise?	☐	☐
10. Have you ever had a seizure?	☐	☐
HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY	**Yes**	**No**
11. Has any family member or relative died of heart problems or had an unexpected or unexplained sudden death before age 35 years (including drowning or unexplained car crash)?	☐	☐
12. Does anyone in your family have a genetic heart problem such as hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM), Marfan syndrome, arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy (ARVC), long QT syndrome (LQTS), short QT syndrome (SQTS), Brugada syndrome, or catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia (CPVT)?	☐	☐
13. Has anyone in your family had a pacemaker or an implanted defibrillator before age 35?	☐	☐

BONE AND JOINT QUESTIONS	Yes	No
14. Have you ever had a stress fracture or an injury to a bone, muscle, ligament, joint, or tendon that caused you to miss a practice or game?	☐	☐
15. Do you have a bone, muscle, ligament, or joint injury that bothers you?	☐	☐
MEDICAL QUESTIONS	**Yes**	**No**
16. Do you cough, wheeze, or have difficulty breathing during or after exercise?	☐	☐
17. Are you missing a kidney, an eye, a testicle (males), your spleen, or any other organ?	☐	☐
18. Do you have groin or testicle pain or a painful bulge or hernia in the groin area?	☐	☐
19. Do you have any recurring skin rashes or rashes that come and go, including herpes or methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA)?	☐	☐
20. Have you had a concussion or head injury that caused confusion, a prolonged headache, or memory problems?	☐	☐
21. 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?	☐	☐
22. Have you ever become ill while exercising in the heat?	☐	☐
23. Do you or does someone in your family have sickle cell trait or disease?	☐	☐
24. Have you ever had or do you have any problems with your eyes or vision?	☐	☐

MEDICAL QUESTIONS (*CONTINUED*)	Yes	No
25. Do you worry about your weight?	☐	☐
26. Are you trying to or has anyone recommended that you gain or lose weight?	☐	☐
27. Are you on a special diet or do you avoid certain types of foods or food groups?	☐	☐
28. Have you ever had an eating disorder?	☐	☐
FEMALES ONLY	**Yes**	**No**
29. Have you ever had a menstrual period?	☐	☐
30. How old were you when you had your first menstrual period?		
31. When was your most recent menstrual period?		
32. How many periods have you had in the past 12 months?		

Explain "Yes" answers here.

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

Signature of athlete: _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____

Date: _____

2022 This form has been modified for use by the GHSA

■ PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____

PHYSICIAN REMINDERS

1. 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, e-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-enhancing 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, and use condoms?
2. Consider reviewing questions on cardiovascular symptoms (Q4–Q13 of History Form).

EXAMINATION		
Height: Weight:		
BP: / (/) Pulse: Vision: R 20/ L 20/ Corrected: ☐ Y ☐ N		
MEDICAL	**NORMAL**	**ABNORMAL FINDINGS**
Appearance • Marfan stigmata (kyphoscoliosis, high-arched palate, pectus excavatum, arachnodactyly, hyperlaxity, myopia, mitral valve prolapse [MVP], and aortic insufficiency)	☐	
Eyes, ears, nose, and throat • Pupils equal • Hearing	☐	
Lymph nodes	☐	
Heart[a] • 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	**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	☐	

[a] Consider electrocardiography (ECG), echocardiography, referral to a cardiologist for abnormal cardiac history or examination findings, or a combination of those.

Name of health care professional (print or type): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Signature of health care professional: _____, MD, DO, NP, or PA

PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION

MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY FORM

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____

☐ Medically eligible for all sports without restriction

☐ Medically eligible for all sports without restriction with recommendations for further evaluation or treatment of

_____

_____

☐ Medically eligible for certain sports

_____

_____

☐ Not medically eligible pending further evaluation

☐ Not medically eligible for any sports

Recommendations: _____

_____

_____

I have examined the student named on this form and completed the preparticipation physical evaluation. The athlete does not have apparent clinical contraindications to practice and can participate in the sport(s) as outlined on this form. A copy of the physical examination findings are on record in my office and can be made available to the school at the request of the parents. If conditions arise after the athlete has been cleared for participation, the physician may rescind the medical eligibility until the problem is resolved and the potential consequences are completely explained to the athlete (and parents or guardians).

Name of health care professional (print or type): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Signature of health care professional: _____, MD, DO, NP, or PA

SHARED EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Allergies: _____

_____

_____

Medications: _____

_____

_____

Other information: _____

_____

_____

Emergency contacts: _____

_____

_____

ATHLETE ROSTER

Sport: _____

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Sex: [M] [F] Grade: [ ] [ ]

Address: _____

_____

Home Phone # : _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Address if different from above: _____

_____

Home Phone # : (Mother) _____ (Father) _____

Business Phone # : (Mother) _____ (Father) _____

PERSON OTHER THAN PARENT/GUARDIAN TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

Name: _____ Relation: _____

Address: _____

_____

Phone # : (H) _____ (B) _____

FAMILY PHYSICIAN INFORMATION:

Physician Name: _____ Speciality: _____

Address/Location: _____

_____

Phone # : (Office) _____ (Emergency) _____

INSURANCE COMPANY INFORMATION:

Primary: _____ Policy # : _____

Secondary: _____ Policy # : _____

Specific medication, allergies, medical problems of the athlete:

_____

_____

PARENT PERMISSION
FOR STUDENT ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

The school's athletic program is an integral part of the curriculum, and school personnel have devoted great effort to assure that participating students are protected in every way possible. However, participation in athletics includes a risk of injury which may range in severity from minor to long-term catastrophic, including paralysis and death.

Participants have the responsibility to help reduce the chance of injury. Participants must obey all safety rules and regulations, participate in all required physicals, report all physical problems to the coach or athletic trainer, follow a proper conditioning program and inspect personal protective equipment daily. Proper execution of skill techniques must be followed for every sport.

It is the policy of the Richmond County Board of Education that all athletic participants, other than football, provide either proof of insurance, purchase the student accident insurance policy that is sanctioned by the board, or sign a military waiver, provided by the school for military dependents. Participants in football must either provide proof of insurance, sign a military waiver, or purchase the football policy carried by the student accident insurance company. The school's athletic program is not authorized to extend public funds for injuries; thus, it will be the responsibility of the parent or guardian to pay any costs for any injury, which is not covered by insurance.

(PLEASE INITIAL EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TO SHOW THAT THE STATEMENT HAS BEEN READ, UNDERSTOOD AND APPROVED)

_____ I consent to have my son/daughter represent his/her school in approved athletic activities except those activities excluded by the examining doctor.

_____ I grant permission for my son/daughter to accompany any school team of which he/she is a member to out-of-town trips. The athlete will be transported to and from all events in school approved vehicles. Parents/Guardians wishing to have their son/daughter with them returning from an event must make written arrangements with the coach.

_____ In the event of an emergency requiring medical attention, I understand every attempt will be made to contact me. In case I cannot be reached, I grant permission for any immediate treatment deemed necessary by the attending physician and transfer of my son/daughter to a qualified medical facility. This authorization does not cover major surgery unless formally decreed prior to surgery by two licensed physicians or dentists.

_____ I agree not to hold the school or anyone acting on its behalf responsible for any injury occuring to my son/daughter in the proper course of such athletic activities or travel.

_____ I acknowledge and accept that there are risks of physical injury involved in athletic participation which may result in permanent paralysis, mental disability, and death.

Date: _____ Signature: _____
(Parent/Legal Guardian)

Date: _____ Signature: _____
(Parent/Legal Guardian)

Georgia High School Association
Student/Parent Concussion Awareness Form

SCHOOL: _____

DANGERS OF CONCUSSION

Concussions at all levels of sports have received a great deal of attention and a state law has been passed to address this issue. Adolescent athletes are particularly vulnerable to the effects of concussion. Once considered little more than a minor "ding" to the head, it is now understood that a concussion has the potential to result in death, or changes in brain function (either short-term or long-term). A concussion is a brain injury that results in a temporary disruption of normal brain function. A concussion occurs when the brain is violently rocked back and forth or twisted inside the skull as a result of a blow to the head or body. Continued participation in any sport following a concussion can lead to worsening concussion symptoms, as well as increased risk for further injury to the brain, and even death.

Player and parental education in this area is crucial – that is the reason for this document. Refer to it regularly. This form must be signed by a parent or guardian of each student who wishes to participate in GHSA athletics. One copy needs to be returned to the school, and one retained at home.

COMMON SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF CONCUSSION

- Headache, dizziness, poor balance, moves clumsily, reduced energy level/tiredness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Blurred vision, sensitivity to light and sounds
- Fogginess of memory, difficulty concentrating, slowed thought processes, confused about surroundings or game assignments
- Unexplained changes in behavior and personality
- Loss of consciousness (NOTE: This does not occur in all concussion episodes.)

BY-LAW 2.68: GHSA CONCUSSION POLICY: In accordance with Georgia law and national playing rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations, any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be immediately removed from the practice or contest and shall not return to play until an appropriate health care professional has determined that no concussion has occurred. (NOTE: An appropriate health care professional may include licensed physician (MD/DO) or another licensed individual under the supervision of a licensed physician, such as a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or certified athletic trainer who has received training in concussion evaluation and management.

a) No athlete is allowed to return to a game or a practice on the same day that a concussion (a) has been diagnosed, OR (b) cannot be ruled out.

b) Any athlete diagnosed with a concussion shall be cleared medically by an appropriate health care professional prior to resuming participation in any future practice or contest. The formulation of a gradual return to play protocol shall be a part of the medical clearance.

By signing this concussion form, I give _____ High School permission to transfer this concussion form to the other sports that my child may play. I am aware of the dangers of concussion and this signed concussion form will represent myself and my child during the 2016-2017 school year. This form will be stored with the athletic physical form and other accompanying forms required by the _____ School System.

I HAVE READ THIS FORM AND I UNDERSTAND THE FACTS PRESENTED IN IT.

_____	_____	_____
Student Name (Printed)	***Student Name (Signed)***	***Date***
_____	_____	_____
Parent Name (Printed)	***Parent Name (Signed)***	***Date***

(Revised: 7/15)

Georgia High School Association
Student/Parent Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form

SCHOOL: _____

1: Learn the Early Warning Signs

If you or your child has had one or more of these signs, see your primary care physician:

- Fainting suddenly and without warning, especially during exercise or in response to loud sounds like doorbells, alarm clocks or ringing phones
- Unusual chest pain or shortness of breath during exercise
- Family members who had sudden, unexplained and unexpected death before age 50
- Family members who have been diagnosed with a condition that can cause sudden cardiac death, such as hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) or Long QT syndrome
- A seizure suddenly and without warning, especially during exercise or in response to loud sounds like doorbells, alarm clocks or ringing phones

2: Learn to Recognize Sudden Cardiac Arrest

If you see someone collapse, assume he has experienced sudden cardiac arrest and respond quickly. This victim will be unresponsive, gasping or not breathing normally, and may have some jerking (Seizure like activity). Send for help and start CPR You cannot hurt him.

3: Learn Hands-Only CPR

Effective CPR saves lives by circulating blood to the brain and other vital organs until rescue teams arrive. It is one of the most important life skills you can learn – and it's easier than ever.

- Call 911 (or ask bystanders to call 911 and get an AED)
- Push hard and fast in the center of the chest. Kneel at the victim's side, place your hands on the lower half of the breastbone, one on top of the other, elbows straight and locked. Push down 2 inches, then up 2 inches, at a rate of 10C times/minute, to the beat of the song "Stayin' Alive."
- If an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is available, open it and follow the voice prompts. It will lead you step-by-step through the process, and will never shock a victim that does not need a shock.

By signing this sudden cardiac arrest form, I give _____ High School permission to transfer this sudden cardiac arrest form to the other sports that my child may play. I am aware of the dangers of sudden cardiac arrest and this signed sudden cardiac arrest form will represent myself and my child during the 2021-2022 school year. This form will be stored with the athletic physical form and other accompanying forms required by the _____ School System.

I HAVE READ THIS FORM AND I UNDERSTAND THE FACTS PRESENTED IN IT.

_____	_____	_____
Student Name (Printed)	***Student Name (Signed)***	***Date***
_____	_____	_____
Parent Name (Printed)	***Parent Name (Signed)***	***Date***

(Revised: 3/21)

Richmond County School System Interscholastic **CONTRACT** for Parents and Student-Athletes

1. I understand that each participating student in athletics, extracurricular, co-curricular and interscholastic activities is expected to maintain at least a 75 average in order to remain eligible. I also understand that progress reports will be done every three (3) weeks and I must sign the report and return to the school. I also understand that if my child does not maintain academic achievement, that he/she will be removed from participation until such grades have improved and academic expectations and requirements have been met.

2. I understand that my child is expected to attend all practices, rehearsals, meetings and events, to arrive promptly and to remain throughout the scheduled hours. I also agree to provide a written excuse for missed practices and pick up my child after practices, rehearsals, meetings and events have ended.

3. I understand that my child is to cooperate and conduct him or herself with Administrators, teachers, coaches, spectators, officials and team members in a manner showing respect to all persons.

4. I understand that my child must adhere to all school policies and the policies of the Richmond County Board of Education.

5. I understand that my child must maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity while representing the school and the school system of Richmond County.

6. I understand that my child is to respect and care for all equipment and supplies issued by the Richmond County School System. I also understand that I am held financially responsible for any theft, damage or loss of any of the equipment or supplies issued to my child by the Richmond County School System.

The privilege of representing a school rests upon the personal responsibility of the child and the parent. In consideration of the County Board of Education of Richmond County offering athletics, extracurricular, co-curricular, and interscholastic activities and selecting my child as a member, I promise that my child will attend school regularly, maintain high academic standards, and be cooperative and respectful of others. This contract is for the _____ school year.

This contract becomes effective this _____ day of _____ 20_____.

_____

Signature of parent or guardian

_____

Signature of student

AWARENESS OF FOOTBALL RISK

The coaches in our football program are well qualified professional people who emphasize the proper fundamentals related to playing the game of football. Regardless of this fact, being a contact sport, injuries will occur. It is the purpose of this handout to not only inform the player and the parent of this, but also to make them aware of the safety precautions that must be adhered to in order to either prevent of to minimize injuries.

By rule, the helmet is not to be used as a 'ram". It is not possible to play the game safely or correctly without making some contact with the helmet when properly blocking and tackling, but proper technique would be for the initial contact to be made for the shoulder. In addition, the head should never be bent downward when making contact. If the head is bent downward on contact or if the contact is on the top of the helmet serious injury could possibly occur, including dislocation, nerve damage, paralysis or even death.

Rules also prohibit a player from blocking below the waist outside a two yard by 4 yard area next to the football. This was an important rule change that was made to help minimize the number of serious knee and ankle injuries.

It is important also that the uniform, especially the helmet and shoulder pads properly fits. All players should have some basic knowledge of the correct fitting of the uniform. Shoulder pads are too small will leave the shoulder point vulnerable; to bruises and separation. If they are too tight in the neck area, a pinched nerve could result. Shoulder pads that are to large will leave the neck area poorly protected and will slide on the shoulders, making the vulnerable to bruises and separation.

Helmets must fit snugly at the contact points: front, back, and top of the head. The helmet must be safely "NOCSAE" branded and a warning sticker must be on it. On contact a helmet too tight could produce a headache. One too loose could produce headache, concussion, a face injury such as a broken nose or cheek bone or a serious neck injury. No player should practice until, both he and the coach are satisfied with the proper fit of the helmet.

This handout does not cover all potential injury possibilities in playing football, but it is an effort to make both the players and the parents aware of the fact that proper techniques adhering to the rules of the game and properly fitting equipment are vital to each player's safety and enjoyment of the game.

We understand the information presented and are aware of the risks involved in playing football. We also understand that the player must accept a major role in the prevention of serious injuries by adhering to the rules, by using proper technique and by using only properly fitted equipment.

- _____
  Signature of Athlete
- _____
  Signature of Parent or Guardian
- _____
  Date

OPTIONAL

TO: **COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION OF RICHMOND COUNTY**
864 BROAD STREET
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA 30901

Gentlemen:

I am the parent(s) or legal guardian of _____

who is a student at _____ school.

I understand the school board adopted a policy in August 1979 requiring all students who participate in interscholastic athletics to purchase accident insurance offered at the school. I further understand this insurance is to help defray the costs of any medical expenses my child may incur as a result of his/her school athletic program.

Therefore, I request a waiver of the school board requirement that I purchase accident insurance for the child named above.

In consideration for which I do hereby agree to release, covenant not to institute any suit or claim, waive, indemnify, hold harmless, release and discharge the County Board of Education of Richmond County, its individual members, agents, employees, and representatives, from any responsibilities of any kind whatsoever as a result of the granting of this waiver or as a result of any injuries that my child (ward) may receive or sustain in the athletic program at his/her school.

Yours very truly,

_____

_____
(Date)