



Legal Permission Form for Athletic Participation

I am the parent/legal guardian of _____ By signing this statement, I am requesting that my child be permitted to participate and am granting my permission for his/her participation in any athletic activities for the _____ school year.

I understand and acknowledge the following about athletic activities:

1. I understand that while involved in athletic-related school programs, my child is to obey all the rules and regulations of GWA. I further understand that he/she is to respect and obey the school officials and adult chaperones who will be involved in the activities with him/her.
2. I acknowledge that my child must have a physical exam, performed by a licensed physician or licensed Nurse Practitioner or a Physician's Assistant provided this person has been delegated that task by an M.D. or D.O., and the findings thereof reported on the official school sports physical examination form. A physical exam is valid for one year. High school students (9-12) may fall under the following GIAA exception: Any physical examination taken on or after April 1st in the preceding year will be accepted for the entire next GIAA school year.
3. I acknowledge that I have asked my child to assist the school officials and chaperones involved by immediately informing them of any situation which arises during the activity which may cause injury or present danger to any participant.
4. I give permission for the school official and/or chaperone involved in the activity with my child to seek medical aid and attention for my child such as aid or attention is necessary, at the sole discretion of the school official or chaperone involved. In case of medical emergency and when I cannot be immediately reached by telephone or otherwise, I give permission for the physician selected by the school officials to hospitalize secure proper treatment for and to order injections, anesthesia or surgery for my child named above.
5. I understand and agree that my child shall be permitted to ride in a GWA official education vehicle or in a private automobile driven by an adult while he/she is involved in the activity. I agree that my child may stay overnight in a motel or other such accommodations with adult supervision during the course of the activity when such accommodations are necessary for the activity and parents are notified of such arrangements.
6. I acknowledge that as parent/guardian, I am responsible for all payments of medical coverage for injury.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Today's Date

Insurance Carrier: _____

Member ID Number: _____ Insurance Carrier Phone: _____

Family Physician: _____ Physician Phone: _____



■ 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 at Time of Birth (Male or Female): _____

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 <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (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: _____

■ PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION

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, 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?
- Consider reviewing questions on cardiovascular symptoms (Q4–Q13 of History Form).

EXAMINATION		
Height: _____	Weight: _____	
BP: _____ / _____ (_____ / _____)	Pulse: _____	Vision: R 20/ _____ L 20/ _____ Corrected: <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
MEDICAL	NORMAL	ABNORMAL FINDINGS
Appearance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marfan stigmata (kyphoscoliosis, high-arched palate, pectus excavatum, arachnodactyly, hyperlaxity, myopia, mitral valve prolapse [MVP], and aortic insufficiency) 		
Eyes, ears, nose, and throat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils equal Hearing 		
Lymph nodes		
Heart ^a <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Murmurs (auscultation standing, auscultation supine, and ± Valsalva maneuver) 		
Lungs		
Abdomen		
Skin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herpes simplex virus (HSV), lesions suggestive of methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: _____



GEORGIA INDEPENDENT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION STUDENT / PARENT CONCUSSION AWARENESS FORM

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 GIAA 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.)

GIAA Concussion Policy: If a Coach observes a Student-Athlete exhibit any sign, symptom, or behavior consistent with a concussion or head injury, the Coach must immediately remove that Student-Athlete from practice, conditioning, or game. The Student-Athlete may not return to practice, conditioning, or game until a Health Care Provider has determined that the Student-Athlete has not suffered a concussion. In the case where a Health Care Provider has determined that the Student-Athlete has suffered a concussion, the Student-Athlete may not resume practice, conditioning, or participation in games until medically determined capable of doing so for full or graduated return. In no circumstance may a Student-Athlete return to practice, conditioning, or a game on the same day that a concussion has been diagnosed by a Health Care Provider or cannot be ruled out

By signing this Concussion Awareness Form, we give permission to the school to transfer this Form to all sports that this child may play. We are aware of the dangers of concussions and this signed Form will represent myself and this child during the current school year _____. This form will be stored with the Athlete’s Physical Form and any other accompanying forms required by the Georgia Independent Athletic Association (GIAA).

WE HAVE READ THIS FORM AND UNDERSTAND THE FACTS REPRESENTED IN IT.

SCHOOL NAME: _____

STUDENT’S NAME: _____ STUDENT’S SIGNATURE: _____
(PRINTED)

PARENT’S NAME: _____ PARENT’S SIGNATURE: _____
(PRINTED)

DATE SIGNED: _____



GEORGIA INDEPENDENT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

HEAT POLICY AWARENESS FORM

Definitions:

- A. **"Practice"** means the period of time that a student engages in coach-supervised, school-approved preparation for sport whether indoors or outdoors, including Acclimation Activities, conditioning, weight training, distance running, and scrimmages, but not including a Walk Through.
- B. **"Walk Through"** means the period of time, not exceeding one hour per day, that a student engages in coach-supervised, school-approved sessions, whether indoors or outdoors, to work on formations, schemes, and techniques without physical contact. No protective equipment is worn during a Walk Through. No conditioning activities are held during a Walk Through. A Walk Through may not be held on a day when two practices are being held.
- C. **"Acclimation Activities"** in football means practicing in shorts, shoulder pads, and helmets for five consecutive weekdays prior to practicing in full pads. No contact will be allowed during this period. Starting Date for Acclimation is July 25.
- D. **"WBGT"** stands for the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature reading, which is a composite temperature used to estimate the effect of air temperature, humidity, and solar radiation on the human body, expressed in degrees. It is not equated with the "Heat Index."

Policy: All Member Schools will utilize at each Practice a scientifically approved instrument that measures WBGT. At the following WBGT readings the corresponding activity, hydration, and rest break guidelines apply:

Under 82.0

Normal activities. Provide at least three separate rest breaks each hour of a minimum duration of 3 minutes each during Practice.

82.0 - 86.9

Use discretion for intense or prolonged exercise. Watch at-risk students carefully. Provide at least three separate rest breaks each hour of a minimum of four-minute duration each during Practice.

87.0 - 89.9

Maximum outdoor Practice time is two hours. For football, students are restricted to helmets, shoulder pads, and shorts during Practice. All protective equipment must be removed for conditioning activities. For all sports, provide at least four separate rest breaks each hour of a minimum of four minutes each during Practice.

90.0 - 92.0

Maximum outdoor Practice time is one hour. No protective equipment may be worn during outdoor Practice and there may be no outdoor conditioning activities. There must be twenty minutes of rest breaks provided during the hour of outdoor Practice.

Over 92

No outdoor activities or exercise. Delay outdoor Practice until a lower WBGT reading occurs.

The following guidelines apply to **hydration and rest breaks**:

- Rest time should involve both unlimited hydrations (water or electrolyte drinks) and rest without any activity involved.
- For football, helmets should be removed during rest time.
- The site of the rest time should be a cooling zone not in direct sunlight, such as indoors, under a tent, or under a shade tree.
- When the WBGT is over 86, ice towels and spray bottles filled with ice water should be available in the cooling zone and cold immersion tubs will be available for a student showing signs of heat illness. A cold immersion tub may be anything, including a shower or wading pool that can be adapted to immerse a student in cold water and ice which is available within two-minutes travel from an outdoor Practice facility.

The following guidelines apply to **Practice**:

- All Member Schools must hold Acclimation Activities.
- No two-a-day Practices may exceed four hours for both sessions; no single Practice during two-a-days may exceed two hours. A three-hour rest period must be observed between the two sessions.
- No single Practice may last more than three hours.

Restrictions based on outdoor WBGT readings do not apply to indoor Practice where indoor air temperature is 85 degrees or less.

Penalties

Member Schools violating this policy will be fined a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$1,000 for the first offense. A Member School may be removed from membership for repeat violations.

By signing this Heat Policy Form, we give permission to the school to transfer this Form to all sports that this child may play. We are aware of the dangers of heat and this signed Form will represent myself and this child during the current school year _____. This form will be stored with the Athlete's Physical Form and any other accompanying forms required by the Georgia Independent Athletic Association (GIAA).

SCHOOL: _____

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

STUDENT ATHLETE'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



**GEORGIA INDEPENDENT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
STUDENT / PARENT SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST AWARENESS FORM**

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.

LEARN TO RECOGNIZE SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST

If you see someone collapse, assume they have 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). Call for help and start CPR. You cannot hurt them.

LEARN HANDS-ON 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 is 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 100 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, we give permission to the school to transfer this Form to all sports that this child may play. We are aware of the dangers of sudden cardiac arrest and this signed Sudden Cardiac Arrest Form will represent myself and this child during the current school year _____. This form will be stored with the Athlete’s Physical Form and any other accompanying forms required by the Georgia Independent Athletic Association (GIAA).

WE HAVE READ THIS FORM AND UNDERSTAND THE FACTS REPRESENTED IN IT.

SCHOOL NAME: _____

STUDENT’S NAME: _____ STUDENT’S SIGNATURE: _____
(PRINTED)

PARENT’S NAME: _____ PARENT’S SIGNATURE: _____
(PRINTED)

DATE SIGNED: _____

GIAA SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT



Sportsmanship Statement

This statement is to be read at all GIAA games and events that a speaker system is available.

The GIAA encourages and promotes sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches, and spectators.

We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner.

Disruptive behavior of any kind, including but not limited to protests, demonstrations, profanity, racial, ethnic, or sexist comments, or other intimidating actions, will not be tolerated and may be grounds for removal from the event.