

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM ~ RELEASE / EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

Student: _____ Home Phone: _____ Address: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Bus. Phone: _____ Father's Name: _____ Bus. Phone: _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone: _____ Dentist: _____ Phone: _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy # _____ Group # _____

WHOM CAN WE CONTACT IF NO PARENT/GUARDIAN CAN BE REACHED TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS STUDENT?

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Activities Agreement

To insure the proper atmosphere for interscholastic competition, the participant and his/her parents or guardians must understand and cooperate in helping establish that atmosphere by adhering to all school rules and regulations. When a violation of school rules occurs proper steps will be taken. A participant may be suspended from participating in interscholastic activities or from a team for violating any of the following standards: (1) falsification of physician's signature, parent or guardian's signature, any information pertaining to school enrollment, school records, or interscholastic activity forms; (2) use of, possession of, or distribution of alcohol or tobacco; misuse of non-prescription drugs, or of controlled substances; (3) theft or destruction to property of any school or individual; (4) repeated acts of unsportsmanlike conduct; (5) failure to follow rules as set for individual activities by coaches.

A student must have his/her parent's or guardian's signed permission to participate. All athletic participation requires a physical examination with the doctor's permission to participate. The participant is required to abide by the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, the Douglas County Board of Education, and the Georgia High School Association.

Informed Consent

We realize that such activities involve the potential for injury to our son or daughter which is inherent in all activities. We acknowledge that even with the best coaching, use of the most advanced protective equipment, and strict observance of rules, injuries to our son/daughter are still a possibility. We recognize that on rare occasions these injuries to our son/daughter can be so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis or even death.

Drug Testing Consent (High School Only)

We understand that submission to testing for the presence of drugs and alcohol is a condition of participation in privileged activities in the Douglas County School System. We further understand that refusal to take the test, failure to report for the test, or if the test establishes a violation of the drug testing policy, our son/daughter will be subject to consequences as set forth by the drug testing policy.

General Release

It is anticipated that my son/daughter, while a participant in interscholastic activities in the Douglas County School System, will travel to many activities off campus. Transportation for my child to these off campus activities may be school buses, private vehicles, or alternate transportation operated by employees or agents of the School System. In consideration of their performing this valuable service for me and my child, I hereby release and discharge any and all claims and causes of action of any kind or nature which may arise out of my child's travel while at school both for myself and my minor child. It is the express intent of this release to forever hold the Douglas County School System, its agents and employees, harmless for any injuries which may occur to my child as a result of travel while he or she is in the custody of the School System.

Insurance Waiver

I fully understand that the Douglas County School System does not provide any insurance and it is my responsibility to provide insurance coverage for my son/daughter. The Douglas County School System will not assume liability for injuries incurred by my son/daughter during participation in or practice of any interscholastic activity.

A parent/guardian may elect to enroll the participant in a supplemental school insurance program which is authorized by the Douglas County School System. If you choose to purchase coverage through this plan, contact the school principal or head coach for additional information.

Authorization:

In case of an emergency or accident during any school activity involving my child, which in the opinion of school authorities present requires immediate medical or surgical attention, I authorize the school to take such emergency actions as may be deemed necessary, including the transportation of the student to a hospital or medical center and authorizing medical treatment. I hereby grant permission, also to said physician to treat said condition unless I am present and request otherwise. I assume the responsibility for any medical expenses incurred during this emergency. The coach, school, or the Douglas County School System will not be held responsible for any medical expenses.

Permission to Participate:

I have carefully read and understand each of the above section and will comply with these policies or statement.

Permission is granted to my son/daughter to practice and complete in interscholastic activities.

Parent/ Guardian Signature

Date: ____/____/____
Mo. Day Year

Student Signature

Date: ____/____/____
Mo. Day Year

■ 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: _____

■ 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) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Eyes, ears, nose, and throat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils equal Hearing 	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lymph nodes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Heart ^a <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Murmurs (auscultation standing, auscultation supine, and ± Valsalva maneuver) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lungs	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Abdomen	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Skin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Herpes simplex virus (HSV), lesions suggestive of methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA), or tinea corporis 	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>	
MUSCULOSKELETAL	NORMAL	ABNORMAL FINDINGS
Neck	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Back	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shoulder and arm	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Elbow and forearm	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wrist, hand, and fingers	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hip and thigh	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Knee	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Leg and ankle	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Foot and toes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Functional <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Double-leg squat test, single-leg squat test, and box drop or step drop test 	<input type="checkbox"/>	

^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

ATHLETES WITH DISABILITIES FORM: SUPPLEMENT TO THE ATHLETE HISTORY

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____

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

Explain "Yes" answers here.

Please indicate whether you have ever had any of the following conditions:

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

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: _____

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

MEDICAL QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)		Yes	No
25. Do you worry about your weight?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
26. Are you trying to or has anyone recommended that you gain or lose weight?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
27. Are you on a special diet or do you avoid certain types of foods or food groups?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
28. Have you ever had an eating disorder?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
FEMALES ONLY		Yes	No
29. Have you ever had a menstrual period?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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

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 (F, M, or intersex): _____ How do you identify your gender? (F, M, or other): _____

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	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Not being able to stop or control worrying	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Little interest or pleasure in doing things	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 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		Yes	No
<i>(Explain "Yes" answers at the end of this form. Circle questions if you don't know the answer.)</i>			
1. Do you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with your provider?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Has a provider ever denied or restricted your participation in sports for any reason?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Do you have any ongoing medical issues or recent illness?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU		Yes	No
4. Have you ever passed out or nearly passed out during or after exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Have you ever had discomfort, pain, tightness, or pressure in your chest during exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Does your heart ever race, flutter in your chest, or skip beats (irregular beats) during exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Has a doctor ever told you that you have any heart problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Has a doctor ever requested a test for your heart? For example, electrocardiography (ECG) or echocardiography.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU			Yes	No
<i>(CONTINUED)</i>				
9. Do you get light-headed or feel shorter of breath than your friends during exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Have you ever had a seizure?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Has anyone in your family had a pacemaker or an implanted defibrillator before age 35?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 2022-2023 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

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Consent to Participation – Student Drug Testing

I understand that submission to testing for the presence of drugs and alcohol is a condition of participation in privileged activities in the Douglas County School System. I further understand that if I refuse to take the test, fail to report for the test, or if the test establishes a violation of the drug testing policy, I will be subject to consequences as set forth by the drug testing policy.

By signing and dating this form, I consent to take an initial drug test, if required, and be randomly tested throughout the school year. The initial drug test, when required, is to be completed prior to the start of the privileged activity. The random testing will be done monthly throughout the school year. The selection process for random drug testing will be performed by the contracting body with the participating students being notified on the day they are to report for testing.

I hereby consent to the administration of drug tests and to the conditions listed in this consent and the accompanying general prohibitions and procedures as outlined in Policy JCDAB-R/JCDAC-R,JCDAB-R(1) of the Douglas County School System Policy Manual.

I understand that unless my parent or guardian contacts the Drug Testing Administrator after the first year, and makes a formal request to remove my name and student ID number from the testing pool, my name will automatically be re-entered into the testing pool each year.

Participating Student's Name:

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name:

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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 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, 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 2019-2020 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: 5/19)

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM CONDUCT AGREEMENT FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

Participation in athletic activities is a *privilege* in schools and *not a property right*. It is to be understood by all students, parents/guardians, and coaches that the top priority is academic progress. Everyone involved in these activities will make every effort not to interfere with that ultimate goal. The purpose of this Athlete Conduct Agreement is to establish minimum standards of behavior. Therefore, **coaches and/or administrators may establish rules and consequences that are more severe than those stated below**. Team rules must be approved by the administration of each school. As a precondition to participate in GHSA governed athletics, the student and his/her parent/guardian agree that the following rules will apply:

VIOLATIONS and CONSEQUENCES
(Violations are cumulative throughout a student's 9th-12th grade educational career)

	VIOLATION	CONSEQUENCES
A.	Violation of school rules resulting in In-School Suspension (ISS) or Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) during the season.	The student may resume participation when: 1. The student is released from ISS; or 2. The student returns to school on the next school day upon completion of OSS.
B.	Violation of school rules resulting in assignment to alternative school	Dismissed from athletics while attending alternative school.
C.	Student has been criminally charged with a misdemeanor, regardless of location or time, so long as such charges are pending or conviction is had. *	1st Offense – School administration and the coach will meet with the student and parent/guardian and discuss consequences determined by the school, which may include suspension from athletic participation. 2nd Offense – Suspension from athletic participation for 25 calendar days and a minimum of 10% of competition dates beginning with the date of the charges. 3rd Offense – Suspension of 1 calendar year from athletic participation beginning with the date of the charges. 4th Offense – Permanent suspension from athletic participation
D.	Student found to have been in possession of, or criminally charged with, the use/possession of alcohol, illegal drugs, unauthorized use/possession of prescription drugs or other behavior altering substances.*	1st Offense – Suspension from athletic participation for 25 calendar days and a minimum of 10% of competition dates beginning with the date student is found to be in possession or charged. 2nd Offense – Suspension of 1 calendar year from athletic participation beginning with the date student is found to be in possession or charged. 3rd Offense – Permanent suspension from athletic participation.
E.	Student has unresolved felony charges or felony conviction.*	1st Offense – Suspension for 1 calendar year from athletic participation beginning with the date of arrest. 2nd Offense – Permanent suspension from athletic participation.
F.	A student who commits any of the following offenses may be suspended or permanently dismissed from a team: missing practice unless excused, truancy or skipping classes, acting in an unsportsmanlike manner when representing the school, any act at school or away from school which results in any discipline by school administration, or any act at school or away from school which in the opinion of the Principal reflects in a negative manner on the school or athletic program.	

* If out of season, consequences will begin on the GHSA start date for the next season with which the student is affiliated

NOTE: Parent/guardian must report any criminal charge or arrest of the student and related details to school athletic director or coach within 1 week of the charge or arrest, even during school breaks. Failure to do so may result in the student being suspended from athletic participation for (1) calendar year.

APPEAL PROCEDURE- Any student and/or parent/guardian wishing to appeal an athletic suspension must submit in writing through the Principal to the County Assistant Director-Student Support/Athletics the reason(s) why he/she should not be disciplined. This request will then be forwarded to the members of the review committee for their consideration. The review committee will consist of the Douglas County School System Assistant Director-Student Support/Athletics and two (2) system level administrators. Parent/guardian will be given a written statement on the decision of the committee.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____