



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 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

**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 occurring 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)

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(Parent/Legal Guardian)

ATHLETE ROSTER

APP. B-1

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: _____

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 or to minimize injuries.

By rule, the helmet is not to be used 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 with 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 four 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 the uniform. Shoulder pads that are too small will leave the shoulder point vulnerable to bruises or separation. If they are too tight in the neck area, a pinched nerve could result. Shoulder pads that are too large will leave the neck area poorly protected and will slide on the shoulders, making them vulnerable to bruises and separations.

Helmets must fit snugly at the contact points: front, back, and top of the head. The helmet must be safety "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 headaches, 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 rules, by using proper technique and by using only properly fitted equipment.

Signature of Athlete

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

ATH, #65 7/92

■ PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION THE ATHLETE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: SUPPLEMENTAL HISTORY FORM

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		
	Yes	No
6. Do you regularly use a brace, assistive device, or prosthetic?		
7. Do you use any 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 use 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.

	Yes	No
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 athlete _____ Signature of parent/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, 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, and use condoms?
- Consider reviewing questions on cardiovascular symptoms (questions 5–14).

EXAMINATION		
Height _____	Weight _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
BP _____ / _____ (/)	Pulse _____	Vision R 20/ _____ L 20/ _____ 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 ^a • Murmurs (auscultation standing, supine, +/- Valsalva) • Location of point of maximal impulse (PMI)		
Pulses • Simultaneous femoral and radial pulses		
Lungs		
Abdomen		
Genitourinary (males only) ^b		
Skin • HSV, lesions suggestive of MRSA, tinea corporis		
Neurologic ^c		
MUSCULOSKELETAL		
Neck		
Back		
Shoulder/arm		
Elbow/forearm		
Wrist/hand/fingers		
Hip/thigh		
Knee		
Leg/ankle		
Foot/toes		
Functional • Duck-walk, single leg hop		

^aConsider ECG, echocardiogram, and referral to cardiology for abnormal cardiac history or exam.

^bConsider GU exam if in private setting. Having third party present is recommended.

^cConsider cognitive evaluation or baseline neuropsychiatric testing if a history of significant concussion.

- 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 preparticipation physical evaluation. The athlete 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. If conditions arise after the athlete 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 (print/type) _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Signature of physician _____, MD or DO

■ PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION CLEARANCE FORM

Name _____ Sex M F Age _____ Date of birth _____

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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Allergies _____

Other information _____

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.
- c) It is mandatory that every coach in each GHSA sport participate in a free, online course on concussion management prepared by the NFHS and available at www.nfhslearn.com at least every two years – beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.
- d) Each school will be responsible for monitoring the participation of its coaches in the concussion management course, and shall keep a record of those who participate.

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

SIGNED: _____
(Student)

(Parent or Guardian)

DATE: _____

White - Coach

Yellow - Parent

Athletics #3 (New 6-13)

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