

Franklin Academy Palm Beach Gardens

Athletics Tryout Checklist

To participate in tryouts, **ALL items below must be completed and submitted by the day of tryouts — NO EXCEPTIONS.** Incomplete paperwork will result in ineligibility.

Required Forms & Documents:

- ☐ **EL2 Physical Evaluation Form**
 - Must be completed and signed by a licensed **Doctor (MD, DO, or Nurse Practitioner)**
 - **Only the official EL2 form is accepted — school health forms will not be accepted**
 - Must be dated within the past 12 months
- ☐ **EL3 Consent and Release Form**
 - Fully completed and signed by both **parent/guardian and scholar**
- ☐ **Scholar/Parent Athletic Contract**
 - Signed by both the scholar and parent/guardian
 - Acknowledges expectations, responsibilities, and commitment
- ☐ **Extra Curricular Behavior Contract**
 - Signed agreement outlining behavioral expectations for participation in athletics

Eligibility & Account Requirements:

- ☐ **No Service Hour Holds**
 - Parent/guardian service hours must be up to date — no holds allowed
- ☐ **No Outstanding School Fees**
 - Scholar's school account must be clear of all outstanding fees (e.g., uniforms, lost books, devices)

Participation Fee (If Selected for the Team):

If your scholar is selected for the team:

- A **\$220 athletic fee** must be paid **before** they are allowed to practice or participate in games or matches
- Payment instructions will be provided with the acceptance notification

Submission Deadline:

All paperwork must be submitted **no later than the day of tryouts — NO EXCEPTIONS**

Questions or Assistance?

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PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION (Page 1 of 4)

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MEDICAL HISTORY FORM

Student Information (to be completed by student and parent) *print legibly*

Student's Full Name: _____ Biological Sex: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

School: _____ Grade in School: _____ Sport(s): _____

Home Address: _____ City/State: _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ E-mail: _____

Person to Contact in Case of Emergency: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Emergency Contact Cell Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____ Other Phone: (____) _____

Family Healthcare Provider: _____ City/State: _____ Office Phone: (____) _____

List past and current medical conditions:

Have you ever had surgery? If yes, please list all surgical procedures and dates:

Medicines and supplements (please list all current prescription medications, over-the-counter medicines, and supplements (herbal and nutritional):

Do you have any allergies? If yes, please list all of your allergies (i.e., medicines, pollens, food, insects):

Patient Health Questionnaire version 4 (PHQ-4)

Over the past two weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems? (Circle response)

	Not at all	Several days	Over half of the days	Nearly everyday
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

GENERAL QUESTIONS		Yes	No	HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU (continued)		Yes	No
1	Do you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with your provider?			8	Has a doctor ever requested a test for your heart? For example, electrocardiography (ECG) or echocardiography (ECHO)?		
2	Has a provider ever denied or restricted your participation in sports for any reason?			9	Do you get light-headed or feel shorter of breath than your friends during exercise?		
3	Do you have any ongoing medical issues or recent illnesses?			10	Have you ever had a seizure?		
HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU		Yes	No	HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY		Yes	No
4	Have you ever passed out or nearly passed out during or after exercise?			11	Has any family member or relative died of heart problems or had an unexpected or unexplained sudden death before age 35? (including drowning or unexplained car crash)		
5	Have you ever had discomfort, pain, tightness, or pressure in your chest during exercise?			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)?		
6	Does your heart ever race, flutter in your chest, or skip beats (irregular beats) during exercise?			13	Has anyone in your family had a pacemaker or an implanted defibrillator before age 35?		
7	Has a doctor ever told you that you have any heart problems?						

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Student's Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ School: _____

BONE AND JOINT QUESTIONS		Yes	No
14	Have you ever had a stress fracture?		
15	Did you ever injure a bone, muscle, ligament, joint, or tendon that caused you to miss a practice or game?		
16	Do you have a bone, muscle, ligament, or joint injury that currently bothers you?		

MEDICAL QUESTIONS		Yes	No
17	Do you cough, wheeze, or have difficulty breathing during or after exercise or has a provider ever diagnosed you with asthma?		
18	Are you missing a kidney, an eye, a testicle, your spleen, or any other organ?		
19	Do you have groin or testicle pain or a painful bulge or hernia in the groin area?		
20	Do you have any recurring skin rashes or rashes that come and go, including herpes or methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)?		
21	Have you had a concussion or head injury that caused confusion, a prolonged headache, or memory problems?		
22	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?		
23	Have you ever become ill while exercising in the heat?		
24	Do you or does someone in your family have sickle cell trait or disease?		
25	Have you ever had or do you have any problems with your eyes or vision?		

MEDICAL QUESTIONS (continued)		Yes	No
26	Do you worry about your weight?		
27	Are you trying to or has anyone recommended that you gain or lose weight?		
28	Are you on a special diet or do you avoid certain types of foods or food groups?		
29	Have you ever had an eating disorder?		

Explain "Yes" answers here:

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Participation in high school sports is not without risk. The student-athlete and parent/guardian acknowledge truthful answers to the above questions allows for a trained clinician to assess the individual student-athlete against risk factors associated with sports-related injuries and death. Florida Statute 1006.20 requires a student candidate for an interscholastic athletic team to successfully complete a preparticipation physical evaluation as the first step of injury prevention. This preparticipation physical evaluation shall be completed each year before participating in interscholastic athletic competition or engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, conditioning, or other physical activity, including activities that occur outside of the school year.

We hereby state, to the best of our knowledge, that our answers to the above questions are complete and correct. In addition to the routine physical evaluation required by Florida Statute 1006.20, and FHSAA Bylaw 9.7, we understand and acknowledge that we are hereby advised that the student should undergo a cardiovascular assessment, which may include such diagnostic tests as electrocardiogram (ECG), echocardiogram (ECHO), and/or cardio stress test. The FHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee strongly recommends a medical evaluation with your healthcare provider for risk factors of sudden cardiac arrest which may include the special tests listed above.

Student-Athlete Name: _____ (printed) Student-Athlete Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ (printed) Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ (printed) Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____



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PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM

Student's Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ School: _____

HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL 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?	• 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?	• Have you experienced performance changes, felt fatigued, and/or experienced times of low energy during the past year?

- ☐ Verify completion of FHSAA EL2 Medical History (pages 1 and 2), review these medical history responses as part of your assessment.
Cardiovascular history/symptom questions include Q4-Q13 of Medical History form. *(check box if complete)*

EXAMINATION

Height:	Weight:
BP: / (/)	Pulse: Vision: R 20/ L 20/ Corrected: Yes No

MEDICAL - healthcare professional shall initial each assessment

NORMAL

ABNORMAL FINDINGS

Appearance • Marfan stigmata (kyphoscoliosis, high-arched palate, pectus excavatum, arachnodactyl, hyperlaxity, myopia, mitral valve prolapse [MVP], and aortic insufficiency)		
Eyes, Ears, Nose, and Throat • Pupils equal • Hearing		
Lymph Nodes		
Heart • 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 - healthcare professional shall initial each assessment

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		

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*Consider electrocardiography (ECG), echocardiography (ECHO), referral to a cardiologist for abnormal cardiac history or examination findings, or any combination thereof. The FHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee strongly recommends to a student-athlete (parent), a medical evaluation with your healthcare provider for risk factors of sudden cardiac arrest which may include an electrocardiogram.

Name of Healthcare Professional (print or type): _____ Date of Exam: ____ / ____ / ____

Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Signature of Healthcare Professional: _____ Credentials: _____ License #: _____



PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION (Page 4 of 4)

SUBMIT THIS MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY FORM TO THE SCHOOL

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MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY FORM

Student Information (to be completed by student and parent) *print legibly*

Student's Full Name: _____ Biological Sex: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

School: _____ Grade in School: _____ Sport(s): _____

Home Address: _____ City/State: _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ E-mail: _____

Person to Contact in Case of Emergency: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Emergency Contact Cell Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____ Other Phone: (____) _____

Family Healthcare Provider: _____ City/State: _____ Office Phone: (____) _____

SHARED EMERGENCY INFORMATION - completed at the time of assessment by practitioner and parent

☐ Check this box if there is no relevant medical history to share related to participation in competitive sports.

Provider Stamp (if required by school)

Medications: *(use additional sheet, if necessary)*

List: _____

Relevant medical history to be reviewed by athletic trainer/team physician: *(explain below, use additional sheet, if necessary)*

☐ Allergies ☐ Asthma ☐ Cardiac/Heart ☐ Concussion ☐ Diabetes ☐ Heat Illness ☐ Orthopedic ☐ Surgical History ☐ Sickle Cell Trait ☐ Other

Explain: _____

Signature of Student: _____ Date: ____/____/____ Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: ____/____/____

We hereby state, to the best of our knowledge the information recorded on this form is complete and correct. We understand and acknowledge that we are hereby advised that the student should undergo a cardiovascular assessment, which may include such diagnostic tests as electrocardiogram (ECG), echocardiogram (ECHO), and/or cardio stress test.

☐ Medically eligible for all sports without restriction

☐ Medically eligible for all sports without restriction after clearance by medical specialist for: _____

(If this option is checked, additional medical follow-up and clearance prior to sports participation is required. Use Form EL1/2S for documentation.)

☐ Medically eligible for only certain sports as listed below: _____

☐ Not medically eligible for any sports

Recommendations: *(use additional sheet, if necessary)*

In accordance with §1006.20(2)(c), F.S., I hereby certify that I am a practitioner licensed under Florida chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, §464.012, or registered under §464.0123, and in good standing with my regulatory board, or a practitioner who holds an active equivalent licensure issued by the state in which the medical evaluation was performed and that I, or a clinician under my direct supervision, have examined the above-named student-athlete using the FHSAA EL2 Preparticipation Physical Evaluation and have provided the conclusion(s) listed above. A copy of the exam has been retained and can be accessed by the parent as requested. Any injury or other medical conditions that arise after the date of this medical clearance should be properly evaluated, diagnosed, and treated by an appropriate healthcare professional prior to participation in activities.

Name of Healthcare Professional (print or type): _____ Date of Exam: ____/____/____

Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Signature of Healthcare Professional: _____ Credentials: _____ License #: _____

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**Consent and Release from Liability Certificate (Page 1 of 5)**

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School: _____ School District (if applicable): _____

Part 1: Student Acknowledgement and Release *(to be signed by student at the bottom)*

I have read the (condensed) FHSAA Eligibility Rules printed on page 5 of this "Consent and Release from Liability Certificate" and know of no reason why I am not eligible to represent my school in interscholastic athletic competition. If accepted as a representative, I agree to follow the rules of my school and FHSAA and to abide by their decisions. I know that athletic participation is a privilege. I know of the risks involved in athletic participation, understand that serious injury, including the potential for a concussion, and even death, is possible in such participation, and choose to accept such risks. I voluntarily accept any and all responsibility for my own safety and welfare while participating in athletics, with full understanding of the risks involved. Should I be 18 years of age or older, or should I be emancipated from my parent(s)/guardian(s), I hereby release and hold harmless my school, the schools against which it competes, the school district, the contest officials, and FHSAA of any and all responsibility and liability for any injury or claim resulting from such athletic participation and agree to take no legal action against the FHSAA because of any accident or mishap involving my athletic participation. I hereby authorize the use or disclosure of my individually identifiable health information should treatment for illness or injury become necessary. I hereby grant to FHSAA the right to review all records relevant to my athletic eligibility including, but not limited to, my records relating to enrollment and attendance, academic standing, age, discipline, finances, residence, and physical fitness. I hereby grant the released parties the right to photograph and/or videotape me and further to use my name, face, likeness, voice, and appearance in connection with exhibitions, publicity, advertising, promotional, and commercial materials without reservation or limitation. The released parties, however, are under no obligation to exercise said rights herein. I understand that the authorizations and rights granted herein are voluntary and that I may revoke any or all of them at any time by submitting said revocation in writing to my school. By doing so, however, I understand that I will no longer be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics.

Part 2: Parent/Guardian Consent, Acknowledgement and Release *(to be completed and signed by parent(s)/guardian(s) at the bottom; where divorced or separated, parent/guardian with legal custody must sign.)*

A. I hereby give consent for my child/ward to participate in any FHSAA recognized or sanctioned sport EXCEPT for the following sport(s):

List sport(s) exceptions here

B. I understand that participation may necessitate an early dismissal from classes.

C. I know of and acknowledge that my child/ward knows of the risks involved in interscholastic athletic participation, understand that serious injury, and even death, is possible in such participation and choose to accept any and all responsibility for his/her safety and welfare while participating in athletics. With full understanding of the risks involved, I release and hold harmless my child's/ward's school, the schools against which it competes, the school district, the contest officials, and FHSAA of any and all responsibility and liability for any injury or claim resulting from such athletic participation and agree to take no legal action against the FHSAA because of any accident or mishap involving the athletic participation of my child/ward. As required in F.S. 1014.06(1), I specifically authorize healthcare services to be provided for my child/ward by a healthcare practitioner, as defined in F.S. 456.001, or someone under the direct supervision of a healthcare practitioner, should the need arise for such treatment, while my child/ward is under the supervision of the school. I further hereby authorize the use of disclosure of my child's/ward's individually identifiable health information should treatment for illness or injury become necessary. I consent to the disclosure to the FHSAA, upon its request, of all records relevant to my child's/ward's athletic eligibility including, but not limited to, records relating to enrollment and attendance, academic standing, age, discipline, finances, residence, and physical fitness. I grant the released parties the right to photograph and/or videotape my child/ward and further to use said child's/ward's name, face, likeness, voice, and appearance in connection with exhibitions, publicity, advertising, promotional, and commercial materials without reservation or limitation. The released parties, however, are under no obligation to exercise said rights herein.

D. I am aware of the potential danger of concussions and/or head and neck injuries in interscholastic athletics. I also have knowledge about the risk of continuing to participate once such an injury is sustained without proper medical clearance.

READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY. YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD/WARD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT, EVEN IF YOUR CHILD'S/WARD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS AGAINST WHICH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS, AND FHSAA USE REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD/WARD MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR ELIMINATED. BY SIGNING THIS FORM, YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD'S/WARD'S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM YOUR CHILD'S/WARD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS AGAINST WHICH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS, AND FHSAA IN A LAWSUIT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, TO YOUR CHILD/WARD OR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM THE RISKS THAT ARE A NATURAL PART OF THE ACTIVITY. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS FORM, AND YOUR CHILD'S/WARD'S SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS AGAINST WHICH IT COMPETES, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE CONTEST OFFICIALS, AND FHSAA HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD/WARD PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM.

E. I agree that, in the event we/I pursue litigation seeking injunctive relief or other legal action impacting my child/ward (individually) or my child's/ward's team participation in FHSAA State Series contests, such action shall be filed in the Alachua County, Florida, Circuit Court.

F. I understand that the authorizations and rights granted herein are voluntary and that I may revoke any or all of them at any time by submitting said revocation in writing to my child's/ward's school. By doing so, however, I understand that my child/ward will no longer be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics.

G. Please check the appropriate box(es):

☐ My child/ward is covered under our family health insurance plan, which has limits of not less than \$25,000.

Company: _____ Policy Number: _____

☐ My child/ward is covered by his/her school's activities medical base insurance plan.

☐ I have purchased supplemental football insurance through my child's/ward's school.

I HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE *(only one parent/guardian signature is required)*

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed) Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed) Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

I HAVE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KNOW IT CONTAINS A RELEASE *(student signature is required)*

Name of Student (printed) Signature of Student Date



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Concussion Information

Concussion is a brain injury. Concussions, as well as all other head injuries, are serious. They can be caused by a bump, a twist of the head, sudden deceleration or acceleration, a blow or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with force transmitted to the head. You cannot see a concussion, and more than 90% of all concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. All concussions are potentially serious and, if not managed properly, may result in complications including brain damage and, in rare cases, even death. Even a "ding" or a bump on the head can be serious. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of concussion yourself, your child should be immediately removed from play, evaluated by a medical professional, and cleared by a medical doctor.

Signs and Symptoms of a Concussion:

Concussion symptoms may appear immediately after the injury or can take several days to appear. Studies have shown that it takes on average 10-14 days or longer for symptoms to resolve and, in rare cases or if the athlete has sustained multiple concussions, the symptoms can be prolonged. Signs and symptoms of concussion can include: (not all-inclusive)

- Vacant stare or seeing stars
- Lack of awareness of surroundings
- Emotions out of proportion to circumstances (inappropriate crying or anger)
- Headache or persistent headache, nausea, vomiting
- Altered vision
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Delayed verbal and motor responses
- Disorientation, slurred, or incoherent speech
- Dizziness, including light-headedness, vertigo (spinning), or loss of equilibrium (being off-balance or swimming sensation)
- Decreased coordination, reaction time
- Confusion and inability to focus attention
- Memory loss
- Sudden change in academic performance or drop in grades
- Irritability, depression, anxiety, sleep disturbances, easy fatigability
- In rare cases, loss of consciousness

DANGERS if your child continues to play with a concussion or returns too soon:

Athletes with signs and symptoms of concussion should be removed from activity (play or practice) immediately. Continuing to play with the signs and symptoms of a concussion leaves the young athlete especially vulnerable to sustaining another concussion. Athletes who sustain a second concussion before the symptoms of the first concussion have resolved and the brain has had a chance to heal are at risk for prolonged concussion symptoms, permanent disability and even death (called "Second Impact Syndrome" where the brain swells uncontrollably). There is also evidence that multiple concussions can lead to long-term symptoms, including early dementia.

Steps to take if you suspect your child has suffered a concussion:

Any athlete suspected of suffering a concussion should be removed from the activity immediately. No athlete may return to activity after an apparent head injury or concussion, regardless of how mild it seems or how quickly symptoms clear, without written medical clearance from an appropriate healthcare professional (AHCP). In Florida, an appropriate healthcare professional (AHCP) is defined as either a licensed physician (MD, as per Chapter 458, Florida Statutes) or a licensed osteopathic physician (DO, as per Chapter 459, Florida Statutes). Close observation of the athlete should continue for several hours. You should also seek medical care and inform your child's coach if you think that your child may have a concussion. Remember, it's better to miss one game than to have your life changed forever. When in doubt, sit them out.

Return to play or practice:

Following physician evaluation, the return to activity process requires the athlete to be completely symptom free, after which time they would complete a stepwise protocol under the supervision of a licensed athletic trainer, coach, or medical professional and then, receive written medical clearance from an AHCP.

For current and up-to-date information on concussions, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/concussioninyouthsports/> or <http://www.seeingstarsfoundation.org>

Statement of Student-Athlete Responsibility:

Parents and student should be aware of preliminary evidence that suggests repeat concussions, and even hits that do not cause a symptomatic concussion, may lead to abnormal brain changes which can only be seen on an autopsy (known as Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE)). There have been case reports suggesting the development of Parkinson's-like symptoms, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), severe traumatic brain injury, depression, and long-term memory issues that may be related to concussion history. Further research on this topic is needed before any conclusions can be drawn.

I acknowledge the annual requirement for my child/ward to view "Concussion in Sports" at www.nfhslearn.com. I accept responsibility for reporting all injuries and illnesses to my parents, team doctor, athletic trainer, or coaches associated with my sport, including any signs and symptoms of concussion. I have read and understand the above information on concussion. I will inform the supervising coach, athletic trainer, or team physician immediately if I experience any of these symptoms or witness a teammate with these symptoms. Furthermore, I have been advised of the dangers or participation for myself and that of my child/ward.

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed) _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed) _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Name of Student (printed) _____ Signature of Student _____ Date _____

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Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is a leading cause of sports-related death. SCA occurs when the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating. When this happens blood stops flowing to the brain and other vital organs. SCA is NOT a heart attack. A heart attack may cause SCA, but they are not the same. A heart attack is caused by a blockage that stops the flow of blood to the heart. SCA is a malfunction in the heart's electrical system, causing the heart to suddenly stop beating. SCA can cause death if it is not treated within minutes.

How common is sudden cardiac arrest in the United States?

There are about 350,000 cardiac arrests that occur outside of hospitals each year. More than 10,000 individuals under the age of 25 die of SCA each year. SCA is the number one killer of student-athletes and the leading cause of death on school campuses.

Are there warning signs?

Although SCA happens unexpectedly, some people may have signs or symptoms, such as but not limited to dizziness or light-headedness, fainting, shortness of breath, racing or skipped beats/palpitations, fatigue, weakness, chest pain/pressure or tightness. These symptoms may occur before, during, or after activity. These symptoms can be unclear and confusing in athletes. Some may ignore the signs or think they are normal results of physical exhaustion. If the conditions that cause SCA are diagnosed and treated before a life-threatening event, sudden cardiac death can be prevented in many young athletes.

What are the risks of practicing or playing after experiencing these symptoms?

There are significant risks associated with continuing to practice or play after experiencing these symptoms. The symptoms might mean something is wrong and the athlete should be checked before returning to play. When the heart stops due to cardiac arrest, so does the blood that flows to the brain and other vital organs. Death or permanent brain damage can occur in just a few minutes. Most people who experience a SCA die from it; survival rates are below 10%.

Florida law now requires student-athletes to undergo an electrocardiogram (ECG/EKG) prior to playing sports.

In accordance with §1006.20, Florida Statutes ("The Second Chance Act"), effective July 1, 2026, all students in grades 9–12 participating for the first time in any interscholastic athletic activity sanctioned by the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) must successfully complete an electrocardiogram (ECG) screening prior to engaging in any tryout, practice, workout, or other physical activity associated with participation on an athletic team.

ECG Exceptions: A student shall be granted an exception to the electrocardiogram requirement if the parent of the student objects in writing to the student receiving an electrocardiogram because the electrocardiogram is contrary to his or her religious tenets or practices, or if a licensed physician in good standing with the Board of Medicine or Board of Osteopathic Medicine, as applicable, provides a certificate of medical exception, or if a school district is unable to secure a public or private partnership that can provide a low cost ECG for the student.

Liability clause: In the case of any such exception or objection, there shall be no liability on the part of any person or entity in a position to otherwise rely on the results of such medical evaluation or electrocardiogram for any damages resulting from the student's injury or death arising directly from the student's participation in interscholastic athletics where an undisclosed medical condition that would have been revealed in the medical evaluation or electrocardiogram is a proximate cause of the injury or death.

Why do heart conditions that put youth at risk go undetected?

- Publications report up to 90% of underlying heart issues are missed when using only the history and physical exam;
- Most heart conditions that can lead to SCA are not detectable by listening to the heart with a stethoscope during a routine physical; and
- Often, youth do not report or recognize symptoms of a potential heart condition.

What is an electrocardiogram (ECG or EKG)? An ECG/EKG is a quick, painless, and noninvasive test that measures and records a moment in time of the heart's electrical activity. Small electrode patches are attached to the skin of your chest, arms, and legs by a technician. An ECG/EKG provides information about the structure, function, rate, and rhythm of the heart.

Why is an ECG/EKG beneficial to a young athlete?

Adding an ECG/EKG screening can suggest further testing or help identify heart conditions that can lead to SCA. An ECG/EKG can be ordered by your family healthcare provider to screen for cardiovascular disease or for a variety of symptoms such as chest pain, palpitations, dizziness, fainting, or family history of heart disease.

- ECG/EKG screenings should be considered every 1-2 years because young hearts grow and change.
- ECG/EKG screenings may increase sensitivity for detection of undiagnosed cardiac disease but may not prevent SCA.
- ECG/EKG screenings with abnormal findings should be evaluated by trained physicians.
- If the ECG/EKG screening has abnormal findings, additional testing may need to be done (with associated cost and risk) before a diagnosis can be made and may prevent the student from participating in sports for short period of time until the testing is completed, and more specific recommendations can be made.
- The ECG/EKG can have false positive findings, suggesting an abnormality that does not really exist (false positive findings occur less when ECG/EKGs are read by a medical practitioner proficient in ECG/EKG interpretation of children, adolescents, and young athletes).
- ECG/EKGs result in fewer false positives than simply using the current history and physical exam.

The American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association guidelines do support local programs in which ECG or EKG can be applied with high-quality resources.

Removal from play/return to play

Any student-athlete who has signs or symptoms of SCA should be removed from play (which includes all athletic activity). The symptoms can happen before, during, or after activity. Before returning to play, the athlete shall be evaluated and cleared. Clearance to return to play must be in writing. The evaluation shall be performed by a licensed physician, certified registered nurse practitioner, or cardiologist (heart doctor). The licensed physician or certified registered nurse practitioner may consult any other licensed or certified medical professionals.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the annual requirement for my child/ward to view the "Sudden Cardiac Arrest" course at www.nfhslearn.com. I acknowledge that the information on Sudden Cardiac Arrest has been read and understood. I have been advised of the dangers of participation for myself and that of my child/ward.

Name of Parent/Guardian *(printed)*

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date _____

Name of Parent/Guardian *(printed)*

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date _____

Name of Student (*printed*)

Signature of Student

Date _____



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School: _____ School District (if applicable): _____

Heat-Related Illness Information

Heat-related illness is a cause for concern for student-athletes who participate in high school sports in Florida. Especially vulnerable are those students who participate in conditioning and practices in the summer months and other times of extreme heat. Student-athletes suffer heat-related illness when their bodies cannot properly cool themselves by sweating. Sweating is the body's natural air conditioning, but when a person's body temperature rises rapidly, sweating just is not enough. Heat-related illnesses can be serious and life-threatening. Very high body temperatures may damage the brain or other vital organs and can cause disability and even death. Heat-related illnesses and deaths are preventable.

What are some common heat-related injuries in sports?

Exertional Heat Stroke (EHS): EHS is the most serious heat-related illness. EHS is a medical emergency. It happens when the body's temperature rises quickly, and the body cannot cool down. Student-athletes can die or become permanently disabled from EHS if not properly recognized and managed. EHS is one of the leading causes of death in young athletes, especially in Florida. The two main criteria for diagnosing EHS are rectal temperature $>105^{\circ}\text{F}$ (40.5°C) immediately post collapse and central nervous system (CNS) dysfunction. There are many signs and symptoms associated with EHS. Parents and student-athletes should familiarize themselves with these by viewing the free video resources provided by the National Federation of High School Sports (NFHS) or the FHSAA.

- EHS is preventable by taking the proper precautions and understanding the symptoms of someone who has become ill due to heat.
- EHS is survivable when quick action is taken by staff members that includes early recognition of symptoms and aggressive cold-water immersion.

Heat Exhaustion (EHI): Heat exhaustion is the most common heat-related condition observed in active populations including student-athletes. EHI is a type of heat-related illness. EHI is defined as the inability to continue exercise in the heat because the heart has difficulty providing enough oxygenated blood to all the working organs and muscles. It usually develops after several days practicing or conditioning in high temperature weather and not drinking enough fluids.

Heat Cramps: Heat cramps are painful, involuntary cramping often in the legs, arms, or abdomen with muscle contraction. Cramping usually occurs in the preseason conditioning phase when the body is not properly conditioned and more subject to fatigue. Heat cramps can easily be treated with rest, stretching of the muscle, and replacement of fluid and electrolytes. The exact mechanism of muscle cramps in warm environmental conditions is unknown but can be caused acutely by extensive dehydration and sodium losses or chronically via inadequate electrolytes in the athlete's diet. Although heat cramps are not a cause of sudden death, it can be confused with the more serious condition, exertional sickling.

Is my student at risk?

Yes, all student-athletes are vulnerable to exertional heat stroke and other heat-related injuries. While every student-athlete can succumb to EHS, newer data is reporting a high incidence of exertional heat stroke cases in football players, especially those who play the lineman position and in very lean distance runners. Research also states many reports of EHS emergencies are during summertime or preseason conditioning sessions. Other conditions that can increase your risk for heat-related illness include obesity, fever, dehydration, poor circulation, sunburn, and prescription drug or alcohol use.

What is the FHSAA doing to keep my student safe?

The FHSAA has published Policy 41, titled "Exertional Heat Illness". This policy provides specific procedures for schools to educate student-athletes and parents on EHI as well as strategies to prevent these injuries. FHSAA Policy 41 also provides procedures for schools to follow for preseason acclimatization, environmental monitoring, and the inclusion of cooling zones for the management of a student-athlete suffering from a heat injury.

How can I help to keep my student safe when it comes to the heat?

- Learn more about heat-related injuries in sports at <https://www.nfhs.org/media/1015695/ksi-5-pillars-of-exertional-heat-stroke-prevention-2015.pdf>
- Discuss nutrition, proper hydration, body weight, and the importance of sleep and rest with your family healthcare provider at the time for the sports physical
- Talk to your school and coach about safeguards they have in place to keep kids safe in the heat and what they will do for someone who becomes ill or injured
- Monitor fluid intake of your student while at home and routinely check in with your student-athlete to inquire about how they feel
- Report any concerns with your school's athletic trainer, team physician, coach, or your family healthcare provider

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the annual requirement for my child/ward to view the "Heat Illness Prevention" course at www.nfhslearn.com. I acknowledge that the information on Heat-Related Illness has been read and understood. I have been advised of the dangers of participation for myself and that of my child/ward.

_____ Name of Parent/Guardian (printed)	_____ Signature of Parent/Guardian	_____ Date
_____ Name of Parent/Guardian (printed)	_____ Signature of Parent/Guardian	_____ Date
_____ Name of Student (printed)	_____ Signature of Student	_____ Date



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School: _____ School District (if applicable): _____

Attention Student and Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Your school is a member of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) and follows established rules. To be eligible to represent your school in interscholastic athletics, in an FHSAA recognized and/or sanctioned sport, the student:

1. Must complete an EL3 for each school at which the student participates; **this form is non-transferable.**
2. Must display good sportsmanship and follow the rules of competition **before, during, and after** every contest in which the student participates. If not, the student may be suspended from participation for a period of time. (FHSAA Bylaw 7.1)
3. Must not provide **false information** to his/her school or to the FHSAA to gain eligibility. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.1.1.2)
4. Must be regularly enrolled in and in regular attendance at your school. If the student is a home education student, a charter school student, an alternative/special school student, a non-member private school student, or a Florida Virtual School Full-Time Public Program student, the student must declare in writing his/her intent to participate in athletics to the school at the student is permitted to participate. **Home Education students and students attending a non-member private school must complete additional paperwork prior to participating.** (FHSAA Bylaw 9.2, FHSAA Policy 16.6, and Administrative Procedure 1.8)
5. Must attend school within the **first ten (10) days** of the beginning of each semester to be eligible during that semester. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.2.3)
6. Must maintain at least a **cumulative 2.0 GPA** on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) prior to the semester in which the student wishes to participate. This GPA must include all courses taken since the student entered 9th grade. A 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student must have earned at least a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) during the previous semester. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.4.1 and F.S. 1006.15(3)a)
7. Must not have **graduated** from any high school or its equivalent. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.4.7)
8. Must not have enrolled in the 9th grade for the first time more than **eight consecutive semesters** ago. A 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student may not participate at any level if the student is **repeating** that grade level. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.5)
9. Must not turn **19 before July 1st** to participate at the high school level; must not turn **16 before July 1st** to participate at the junior high school level; and must not turn **15 before July 1st** to participate at the middle school level, otherwise the student becomes permanently ineligible. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.6)
10. Must undergo a **preparticipation physical evaluation** and be certified as being physically fit for participation in interscholastic athletics on a form (EL2) provided to the school. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.7 and F.S. 1002.20(17)b)
11. Must have **signed permission** to participate from the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) on a form (EL3) provided to the school. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.8)
12. Must be an **amateur**. This means the student must not accept money, gifts, or donations for participating in a sport, or use a name other than his/her own when participating. (FHSAA Bylaw 9.9)
13. Must not participate in an **all-star contest** in a sport prior to exhausting his/her high school eligibility in that sport. (FHSAA Policy 26)
14. Youth Exchange, Other International, and Immigrant students must be **approved** by the FHSAA Office prior to participation. Exceptions may apply. (FHSAA Policy 17)
15. Must refrain from **hazing/bullying** while a member of an athletic team or while participating in any athletic activities sponsored by or affiliated with a member school.

If the student is declared or ruled ineligible due to one or more of the FHSAA rules and regulations, the student has the right to request that the school file an appeal on behalf of the student. See the principal or athletic director for information regarding this process.

By signing this agreement, the undersigned acknowledge that the information on the Consent and Release from Liability Certificate in regard to the FHSAA's established rules and eligibility have been read and understood.

_____ Name of Parent/Guardian (printed)	_____ Signature of Parent/Guardian	_____ Date
_____ Name of Parent/Guardian (printed)	_____ Signature of Parent/Guardian	_____ Date
_____ Name of Student (printed)	_____ Signature of Student	_____ Date



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Please take the time to read the following information. These guidelines have been developed to help ensure that our athletic seasons are safe and successful here at Franklin Academy. Please review these guidelines with your child and sign the attached signature form specifying that you and your child understand and will participate in our athletic events appropriately. If any rules are broken, the administration, athletic director, and/or coach have the right to take appropriate actions outlined in this contract. Thank you for your assistance, and please feel free to email Coach Prescott, Athletic Director, at prescott-o'neal.johnny@franklin-academy.org with any questions or concerns.

FRANKLIN ACADEMY SPORTS CONSTITUTION

ATHLETICS REGISTRATION*

Extra Curricular Behavior Contract

Any student that has a negative lunch balance, returned check, or overdue book fee, will not be permitted to participate in field trips or special activities until all delinquent balances are paid in full. Students cannot participate if they have a service hour flag in PowerSchool.

ACADEMICS:

At Franklin Academy, academics are a priority. Athletes who have failing grades in any class will not participate in the game or practice for that week.

- Athletes who receive detention in any given week will have their playing time affected and must still attend that game. **No exceptions!**
- Athletes who receive a referral will be benched indefinitely pending further investigation. Benched athletes are still required to attend all practices and games. **No exceptions!**
- Athletes who are suspended from school are automatically dismissed from the team. **No exceptions!**
- No refunds will be given for athletes who are dismissed from the team, or who quit the team.
- If discipline is a consistent problem, your child may be dismissed from the team.
- Behavioral expectations of students participating in athletics at Franklin Academy remain the same as during the regular school day. This includes behavior on the bus as well at sporting events.
- At Franklin Academy, academics are a priority. Athletes that have a failing grade in ANY class will not participate in the game or practice for that week.
- Athletes will organize their time so that their academic responsibilities do not conflict with practices or games. Any work that athletes miss due to an athletic contest must be made up and turned in within two days. It is the athlete's responsibility to complete and turn in all makeup work!
- Athletes will respect and abide by all school rules, regulations, and policies. **No exceptions!**



- The Athletic Director and Administrative team holds the right to make any decisions that they feel will be in the best interest of the student-athletes.

TRANSPORTATION:

- Athletes can only be picked up by approved drivers
- Athletes will need to be picked up after away games and signed out with the coach.
- Only designated individuals on the completed form can sign out an athlete. Athletes can ONLY be signed out with the coach. A completed sign-out form must be on file in order for the coach to release the athlete at a game.
- Please pick up your athlete on time from every practice and game, in order to be respectful of the coach's time. **Late pickups will result in a \$1 dollar per minute charge.**

ATTENDANCE:

- Athletes must be in attendance for ½ of the school day in order to practice or participate in any game per FHSAA rules.

EXPECTATIONS:

- Franklin Academy has contracted services with our uniform vendor, and referees. The fee will be **\$220.00** per athlete for the entire sports season. This fee will cover all services.
- At Franklin Academy, academics are a priority. Athletes that have a failing grade in ANY class will not participate in the game or practice for that week.
- Athletes who receive a referral will not be able to play in any of that week's games. If games are played prior to the referral, the athlete will not participate in the following week's games. **No exceptions!**
- If an athlete receives a suspension, he/she will be dismissed from the team.
- Behavioral expectations of students participating in athletics at Franklin Academy remain the same as during the regular school day. This includes behavior on the bus, as well as, at sporting events.
- Athletes must maintain a 2.0 grade point average or above on a 4.0 grade point average unweighted scale for each marking period. If any athlete's GPA falls under the required un-weighted 2.0 grade point average, he/she will become IMMEDIATELY ineligible per FHSAA rules.
- Athletes will organize their time so that their academic responsibilities do not conflict with practices or games. Any work that athletes miss due to an athletic contest must be made up and turned in within two (2) days. It is the athlete's responsibility to complete and turn in all make-up work.
- Athletes respect and abide by all school rules, regulations, and policies.
- Uniforms must be returned at the completion of the session. If any piece is missing, the parent will be responsible for covering the cost.
- Administration holds the right to make any academic judgments that they feel will be in the best interest of student athletes.

SPORTSMANSHIP:



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Please be courteous and use positive remarks toward game officials, coaches, players and opposing teams. Remember parents, you are a role model for your child and you also represent Franklin Academy.

- Playing Time: This is based on hard work, attitude, and skill level. *Some athletes may get more playing time than others.*
- Athlete Ejections: If athletes are ejected from any sporting event for any reason, they will be benched indefinitely pending investigation and face possible dismissal from the team at the discretion of the athletic director, head coach, and administration.
- Concerns with Coaches: All Coaches follow a 24-hour rule "no contact" rule. This prevents both parties from saying things in the heat of the moment. Immediately after a game, coaches are unavailable for discussion. By email or by appointment, please contact the coach during school hours the following day. Include the Athletic Director in any correspondence with the coach.
- Suspension: Any athlete who is suspended during the season will be removed from the team.
- Athletes will conduct themselves in a manner as to bring respect to themselves, the team, and Franklin Academy.
- Participation is a season-long commitment. Any student who quits during the season will not be eligible for any other sport at Franklin Academy for the current and following seasons.
- Athletes will exhibit good sportsmanship on and off the field of play.

HEALTH INFORMATION:

- An up-to-date SPORTS physical form (EL2) must be completed by a doctor and on file with the school's Athletic Director prior to the tryout.
- Franklin Academy requires an interscholastic sports parental permission and physical form signed in order for any athlete to participate in practice or a game. It is the athletic director's responsibility to keep these on file.
- Head injuries and concussions are serious health concerns. Please consult your athlete's physician after a head injury for treatment issues. If an athlete has a concussion, he/she WILL NOT be allowed to play again until a doctor's note has been given to the athletic director stating that the athlete is cleared to play.
- It is the parents'/guardians' obligation to inform the school office if medical contact information changes.

Physical & Release Forms:

- Physical form to be completed by a physician and Release form to be completed may be found here: [EL2 Physical](#) and [EL3 Consent](#).

Parent Consent:

I hereby give my consent for _____ to compete in athletics for Franklin Academy.

For the Parent/Guardian:

Franklin Academy
5651 Hood Road, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418
561.348.2525 / www.franklin-academy.org



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I have read the expectations for Franklin Academy students and athletes as stated above. I agree to do our part to ensure that all students and athletes abide by the rules and expectations stated in this document. I understand the guidelines are in place to assist athletes in becoming the most successful individual they can be. **I fully understand that all student-athletes must return their Franklin Academy sports uniforms at the conclusion of the season. Students who do not return their uniform will have a hold placed on their student account, which will prohibit participation in all school and sports related activities until the uniform is returned.**

For the Student-Athlete:

I have read the expectations for Franklin Academy students and athletes as stated above. I agree to do my part to ensure that I abide by the rules and expectations stated therein. I understand the guidelines are in place to assist me in becoming the most successful student-athlete I can be, and I agree to dedicate myself to that goal by participating appropriately in all the areas defined in this document.

Student Printed Name_____
Student Signature_____
Date_____
Parent/Guardian Printed Name_____
Parent/Guardian Signature_____
Date



Extracurricular Activities Behavior Contract
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In order to ensure extracurricular activities are safe and enjoyable for all, each MYP scholar will be expected to demonstrate that he/she can display the proper conduct needed to participate in/attend such events. The following behavioral and procedural guidelines will be followed by MYP coaches, teachers, and the administration team in determining the eligibility of a student to participate in/attend the following events:

- Athletic Events
- Athletic Participation
- Drama/Thespians
- Any other extracurricular activity not mentioned

Scholars will be placed on probation for the following week and will NOT be eligible to attend any of the above-mentioned events if:

- A student receives a conduct score of 1 in one or more classes
- A student has an F that week in one or more classes

Scholars will NOT be eligible to attend any of the above-mentioned events if the following occur during the current school year quarter*:

- A scholar receives an administrative referral that leads to a suspension (Following the PBC District Discipline Matrix).

Per the Franklin Academy Parent/Student Handbook, if students are suspended during the first semester, they may be excluded from participating in any field trips, dances, or special events during the first semester. If a student is suspended during the second semester, they may be excluded from participating in any field trips, dances, or special events during the second semester.

A refund may not be given if a scholar becomes ineligible to attend a field trip or other paid school event or they voluntarily quit.

Please sign below and return this contract agreeing to the above-mentioned terms to Coach Prescott, MYP Athletic Director.

Parent Name _____ Parent Signature _____

Scholar Name _____ Scholar Signature _____

Scholar Grade: _____ Date Received: _____