

ANNUAL SPORTS ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION



STUDENT FULL NAME: _____

TODAY'S DATE: _____

STUDENT DATE OF BIRTH: _____ STUDENT ID#: _____ GRADE: _____

NOTICE TO PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

The School Board of Orange County, Florida ("SBOC") offers a variety of athletic sports activities to registered students and endeavors to have each high school and middle school be an active member of Florida High School Athletics Association in order for student athletes to participate in sanctioned sport competitions. By signing this agreement, the parent/legal guardian understands and agrees that there are inherent risks associated with the named student athlete participating in sports activities: including but not limited to pre-season conditioning, scheduled practices, scrimmages, games, competitions, and regional and state championships, and hereby gives permission for the named student to participate in sports activities as a student athlete.

NOTICE OF RESPONSIBILITY OF STUDENT ATHLETE AND PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

As the parent/legal guardian of the student athlete who will be participating in sports activities held by SBOC athletic programs, the parent/legal guardian understands and agrees to the following rules and responsibilities:

Qualifications to Participate

- a) Sports Screening Physical Exam of student athlete is required and the results shall be provided to the school athletics department designee (usually the Athletic Trainer) annually in accordance with FHSAA rules and guidelines. Physicals must be performed by a medical provider licensed in the State of Florida with no family relation to the student athlete. Athletics shall prevent the student athlete from participating if all required paperwork is not received 48 hours prior to deadline/try-outs.
- b) The student athlete is required to have an electrocardiogram ("ECG") prior to participation in any conditioning, practice or game. Failure to have an ECG will result in the denial of the student athlete's ability to participate in sports. The result of such ECG must demonstrate no abnormalities before the student athlete is allowed to participate in any conditioning, practice and game. If the student athlete has an abnormal ECG, the student athlete shall not be allowed to participate in any conditioning, practice and game until such time as a pediatric cardiologist or a cardiologist clears the student athlete for full participation. The student athlete will be required to provide his/her athletic trainer with written clearance that the student athlete is allowed to fully participate in conditioning, practices and games prior to being allowed to participate after an abnormal ECG result. Parent/legal guardian waives, releases and holds harmless SBOC, its employees and volunteers from any liability, including for claims of negligence, arising out of the ECG examination and/or any injury and/or death arising out of participation in any conditioning, practices and games after the ECG examination is completed. Parent/legal guardian waives, releases and holds harmless SBOC, its employees and volunteers from any liability, including for claims of negligence, for any injury and/or death arising out of participation in conditioning, practices or games after a student athlete is fully cleared to participate by a pediatric cardiologist or a cardiologist after an abnormal ECG. A student will only be required to have one ECG during his/her four years of participation while enrolled at OCPS.
- c) Attendance to all practices and games, including timely arrival and coming prepared, is a commitment by the parent/legal guardian and student athlete to his/her team, school, and the sport. The student athlete and parent/legal guardian agree to follow school directives regarding the student athlete's participation in the sports activities.
- d) Arrival and departure from sports activities is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian, unless specific SBOC designated transportation is provided. Parent/legal guardian waives, releases and holds harmless SBOC, its employees and volunteers from any liability arising from SBOC releasing the student athlete from the sports activities for individual return to home, whether his/her method and means is by foot, bicycle, motor vehicle or other various means by him/herself, friend, relative, or other persons at the student athlete's discretion.
- e) The student athlete's eligibility to participate in sports activities shall be determined by the school administration, in accordance with SBOC Code of Student Conduct, including but not limited to, the student athlete maintaining satisfactory grades, appropriate behavior, and compliance with team rules.

- f) Report immediately to SBOC Athletic Trainer or Athletic Director any and all injuries, changes in medical conditions, and/or medical treatments that occurred as a result of student athlete participating in sports activities or that may affect his/her ability to continue to participate in sports activities. Upon request, the student athlete will seek medical treatment and provide SBOC with medical provider records on eligibility to participate in sports activities. Participation in any sport activity may be withheld by SBOC at any time deemed appropriate and the student athlete shall not be allowed to resume sport activities without satisfactory medical provider note or records.
- g) If any sports document, physical exam form, or signature on such document has been falsified, misrepresented, or intentionally excluded, the student athlete shall be immediately suspended from the sports team and declared as ineligible status from all sports. Ineligible status and sport suspension shall be effective for one calendar year from the date of disclosure.
- h) The annual physical evaluation must be administered either by a licensed physician, a licensed osteopathic physician, a licensed chiropractic physician, a licensed physician assistant, or a certified advanced registered nurse practitioner. The ECG results must be interpreted by a pediatric cardiologist or a cardiologist.

ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK AND LIABILITY RELATING TO CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. **COVID-19 is extremely contagious** and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

SBOC will conduct certain extracurricular activities beginning in the Summer of 2021 and continuing into the 2021-22 school year. These activities, including pre-season conditioning, scheduled practices, scrimmages, games, competitions, and regional and state championships, will be conducted with safety protocols appropriate under the circumstances at the time. For the safety of all people involved, participants in the activities will be required to adhere to all safety protocols and are subject to immediate removal from the activities if they do not comply. Extracurricular activities are a privilege, and not a right, of public school students.

SBOC, has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, we cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, **attending activities where close contact may be inevitable will increase** your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19. By signing below, I agree that I will:

- Perform daily temperature checks on my child(ren) to screen for fever before arrival for the activity. Fever is defined as a temperature over 100.4 F or 38.0 C. If my child(ren) has a fever, I will not permit my child(ren) to participate in the Activity until he/she has been without a fever for at least 72 hours.
- Make a visual inspection of my child(ren) for signs of illness which could include: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, flushed cheeks, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity), fatigue, or extreme fussiness. If my child(ren) has exhibited any of these signs or symptoms, I will not permit my child(ren) to participate in the activity until he/she has been without signs or symptoms for at least 72 hours.
- Confirm that my child(ren) has not been in contact with someone who has either tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days or is waiting for test results. If my child(ren) has been in contact with such a person, I will not permit my child(ren) to participate in the activity until 14 days have elapsed since the time of contact and only then if my child(ren) are exhibiting no symptoms of COVID-19.
- Promptly pick up my child(ren) or arrange for pickup if signs or symptoms of illness are present. I understand that children are to remain home until illness-free for at least 72 hours without the use of medicine.

By signing this document below, I acknowledge and affirm all of the statements above. I also voluntarily assume all risks that I and/or the named student athlete may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 as a result of participation in the extracurricular activities, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, sickness, and/or death. I understand that the risk of exposure or infection may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself, my child(ren), SBOC staff, volunteers, or agents, other activity participants, or others not listed, and I acknowledge that all such risks are known to me.

In consideration of myself and the named student athlete being able to participate in the extracurricular activities, I, on behalf of myself, as well as anyone entitled to act on my behalf, hereby forever waive, release, and hold the School Board of Orange County, Florida, and its employees and agents harmless from any and all claims (including negligence), suits, liability, actions, judgments, attorneys' fees, costs, and any expenses of any kind resulting from injuries or damages, grounded in tort or otherwise, that I and/or the named student athlete, or my or our representatives, sustain during or related to student athlete's participation or involvement in the activities.

I hereby acknowledge and certify that I have read this document in its entirety; reviewed and explained the terms with the named student athlete; understand and agree to be bound by the terms on behalf of myself and the named student athlete.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (printed)

School Name