

# ANNUAL SPORTS ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION



STUDENT FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTICE TO PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIANS

The School Board of Orange County, Florida ("OCPS") 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 child 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 his/her child 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 OCPS 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. Athletics may prevent student from participating if all required paperwork is not received 48 hours prior to deadline/try-outs.
- b) 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. Student Athlete and Parent/Legal Guardian agree to follow school directives regarding the child's participation in the sports activities.
- c) Arrival and Departure from sports activities is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian, unless specific OCPS designated transportation is provided. Parent/Legal Guardian waives, releases and holds harmless OCPS, its employees and volunteers from any liability arising from OCPS releasing the student athlete from the sports activity 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.
- d) Student's eligibility to participate in sports activities shall be determined by the school administration, in accordance with OCPS Student Code of Conduct, including but not limited to, the student athlete maintaining satisfactory grades, appropriate behavior, and compliance with team rules.
- e) Report immediately to OCPS 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 activity or that may affect their ability to continue to participate in sports activity. Upon request, student athlete will seek medical treatment and provide OCPS with medical provider records on eligibility to participate in sports activity. Participation in any sport activity may be withheld by OCPS at any time deemed appropriate and the student shall not be allowed to resume sport activity without satisfactory medical provider note or records.
- f) If any sports document, physical exam form, or signature on such document has been falsified, misrepresented, or intentionally excluded, student athlete shall be immediately suspended from 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.

### PERMISSION AND RELEASE FOR STUDENT ATHLETE

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

#### Permissions and Releases

- a. Permission is granted for appropriate OCPS employee to render medical treatment to student athlete or OCPS employee to contact and authorize medical treatment by a third party first responder, nurse, physician or hospital in the event an injury occurs during a sports activity. Parent/Legal Guardian waives, releases and holds harmless OCPS, its employees and volunteers from any liability arising from such medical treatment.
- b. Authorization to release student athlete's medical records to/from OCPS is granted in order to coordinate sports related treatment with treating medical provider(s). This authorization may be cancelled in writing at any time. A cancellation will not change releases that happen before receipt of the cancellation. Parent/guardian releases and holds harmless OCPS from any liability resulting in the use and disclosure of received and disclosed medical records/information.
- c. Permission is granted to OCPS the right to photograph and/or videotape student athlete and further use of name, likeness, voice, and appearance in connection with publicity, advertising, promotional materials without reservation or limitation.
- d. Parent/legal guardian affirms that the student athlete has no other medical condition, prior medical treatment, including but not limited to surgery which may affect or limit the student athlete from actively participating in sports activities.
- e. Parent/legal guardian waives, releases and holds harmless OCPS, its employees and volunteers for any activity the student athlete may voluntarily participate in with the team (in uniform or not), including but not limited to fund raisers, parades, promotions, team building, public appearances, etc.
- f. By signing this form, I agree that I am giving up my child's right and my right to recover from OCPS and its Board Members, employees and agents, in a lawsuit for any personal injury, including death, for any claim based upon the negligence of OCPS, including any claimed negligence by OCPS in allowing my child to participate in any sport or for any claimed negligence by OCPS regarding the care of my child during practices or games when any injury or illness arises out of or relates in any way to my child's participation in sport.
- g. FHSAA's "Consent and Release from Liability Certificate" signed by the parent/legal guardian includes the release of "The School District" which shall apply to The School Board of Orange County, Florida, its elected officials, employees and volunteers and "School" shall be the OCPS school for which the student athlete is registered and participating in sports activity.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Name

**THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN FOR ALL STUDENTS ENTERING AN OCPS MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL WHO PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS ACTIVITIES.**



As a public service and member of the community, The School Board of Orange County, Florida allows “Student Athletes” to use school facilities, such as gymnasiums, weight lifting rooms, locker rooms, and sports tracks and fields. A Student Athlete participating in “Off-Season Sports Activities” at any Orange County Public School “OCPS” location is completely voluntary. **The School Board of Orange County, Florida shall not accept financial responsibility for payment of medical expenses in the event a student is injured during Off-Season Sports Activities or while on District Property.** You are encouraged to maintain insurance (health insurance or accident insurance) on your child/ward, covering any injuries or illnesses the student may incur on District Property.

**The supplemental accident policy purchased by OCPS does NOT provide coverage for students participating in Off-Season Sports Activities.**

**Parent/Guardian Statement:** I, the parent, named below, acknowledge receipt of this notice and give permission for my child/ward, named below, to participate in “Off-Season Sports Activities” held at OCPS District Property. I understand and agree that my child’s/ward’s participation is voluntary and any illness or injury incurred by my child/ward is not covered by any insurance maintained by The School Board of Orange County, Florida. I understand and agree to be financially responsible for any medical expenses incurred by my child/ward for any and all illness or injury incurred at Off-Season Sports Activities. This shall not preclude any gross negligence on the part of The School Board of Orange County, Florida or its employees.

I further confirm the following: **(Please select one and complete this form)**

\_\_\_\_\_ My child/ward does not have insurance and I agree that I will be financially responsible for all medical expenses in the event of an illness or injury my child/ward incurs at an Off-Season Sports Activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do carry insurance for my child/ward with insurance company \_\_\_\_\_; policy number: \_\_\_\_\_. If any insurance on my child/ward denies any medical expenses or cancels such insurance mid-term, then I further agree that I will replace such insurance or be financially responsible for all medical expenses in the event of an illness or injury my child/ward incurs.

Student’s Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
(one form per child)

Enrolled at School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian’s Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature and Acknowledgement by Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR’S OFFICE**

**Parent/Legal Guardian can purchase supplemental accident insurance on their child/children from School Insurance of Florida. Check out their website for reasonable priced insurance.**  
[www.schoolinsuranceofflorida.com](http://www.schoolinsuranceofflorida.com)

## Definitions:

- **District Property** – any land or improvement, property or facility owned, leased or used by OCPS.
- **OCPS** – The School Board of Orange County Florida, better known as Orange County Public Schools.
- **Off-Season Sports Activities** – any sports-related activity for a sport, sanctioned by the FHSAA, but the sport activity occurs outside of the FHSAA sports season. This may include, but is not limited to, open gyms, conditioning programs, sports camps, weight lifting, scrimmages.
- **Sports Season** – as determined by Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA), including sideline and competitive cheer. For marching band, the season will follow FHSAA calendar for football. For rowing, the season is the entire OCPS school year. Excludes OCPS summer break, unless FHSAA sport season allows for the sanctioned sport to extend into OCPS summer break.
- **Student Athlete** – any registered student of OCPS that has tried out and been accepted to an OCPS sports team or sport activity or is planning to try-out in the upcoming sports activity season. This shall also apply to any registered student of OCPS that has tried out and been accepted to an OCPS cheer squad/team, rowing/crew team or marching band (including their units, such as drill team, flag corp., majorette).