

INSURANCE WAIVER

Required for students grades 6-12 wishing to participate in athletics

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In order to participate in athletics, each student must have insurance coverage. The school makes the coverage available through **Student Assurance Service, Inc.** insurance.

Although insurance coverage is required, a student will not be required to purchase school insurance if you certify that your family policy already provides coverage as complete as the school insurance. Of course, you are free to purchase the school insurance regardless of the coverage of your family policy.

Football insurance is the most costly, and an injury in this sport may not be covered by your family insurance.

In order for your child(ren) to participate in athletics, school insurance must be purchased, which will cover the student in the sport participating in, or the following waiver form must be signed by the parent/guardian each year and be on file in our office before practice in that sport begins.

The signature below certifies that the student(s) listed will not be taking any form of insurance through the PCM Community School District. I/We have examined the statement of coverage provided above, and we feel that it is unnecessary to purchase insurance, which may otherwise be required, as we feel that our private insurance provides adequate coverage. We hereby release the PCM Community School District and its employees from any liability for injuries described in said statement of coverage.

Student's Name

Grade

Name of Insurance Company Providing Private Coverage

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

HEADS UP: Concussion in High School Sports

The Iowa Legislature passed a new law, effective July 1, 2011, regarding students in grades 7 – 12 who participate in extracurricular interscholastic activities. Please note this important information from Iowa Code Section 280.13C, Brain Injury Policies:

- (1) A child must be immediately removed from participation (practice or competition) if his/her coach or a contest official observes signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or brain injury in an extracurricular interscholastic activity.
- (2) A child may not participate again until a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and other brain injuries has evaluated him/her and the student has received written clearance from that person to return to participation.
- (3) Key definitions:
 - “**Licensed health care provider**” means a physician, physician assistant, chiropractor, advanced registered nurse practitioner, nurse, physical therapist, or athletic trainer licensed by a board.
 - “**Extracurricular interscholastic activity**” means any extracurricular interscholastic activity, contest, or practice, including sports, dance, or cheerleading.

What is a concussion?

A concussion is a brain injury. Concussions are caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body. Even a “ding,” “getting your bell rung,” or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious.

What parents/guardians should do if they think their child has a concussion?

1. **OBEY THE NEW LAW.**
 - a. Keep your child out of participation until s/he is cleared to return by a licensed healthcare provider.
 - b. Seek medical attention right away.
2. Teach your child that it's not smart to play with a concussion.
3. Tell all of your child's coaches and the student's school nurse about ANY concussion.

What are the signs and symptoms of a concussion?

You cannot see a concussion. Signs and symptoms of concussion can show up right after the injury or may not appear or be noticed until days after the injury. If your teen reports one or more symptoms of concussion listed below, or if you notice the symptoms yourself, keep your teen out of play and seek medical attention right away.

STUDENTS:

If you think you have a concussion:

- **Tell your coaches & parents** – Never ignore a bump or blow to the head, even if you feel fine. Also, tell your coach if you think one of your teammates might have a concussion.
- **Get a medical check-up** – A physician or other licensed health care provider can tell you if you have a concussion, and when it is OK to return to play.
- **Give yourself time to heal** – If you have a concussion, your brain needs time to heal. While your brain is healing, you are much more likely to have another concussion. It is important to rest and not return to play until you get the OK from your health care professional.

IT'S BETTER TO MISS ONE CONTEST THAN THE WHOLE SEASON.

Signs Reported by Students:

- Headache or “pressure” in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double or blurry vision
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Concentration or memory problems
- Confusion
- Just not “feeling right” or is “feeling down”

PARENTS:

How can you help your child prevent a concussion?

Every sport is different, but there are steps your children can take to protect themselves from concussion and other injuries.

- Make sure they wear the right protective equipment for their activity. It should fit properly, be well maintained, and be worn consistently and correctly.
- Ensure that they follow their coaches' rules for safety and the rules of the sport.
- Encourage them to practice good sportsmanship at all times.

Signs Observed by Parents or Guardians:

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Is confused about assignment or position
- Forgets an instruction
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes
- Can't recall events prior to hit or fall
- Can't recall events after hit or fall

Information on concussions provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For more information visit: www.cdc.gov/Concussion

Student's Signature

Date

Student's Printed Name

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

Student's Grade

Student's School

IOWA ATHLETIC PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

ARTICLE VII 36.14(1) PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.

Every year each student (grades 7-12) shall present to the student's superintendent a certificate signed by a licensed physician and surgeon, osteopathic physician and surgeon, osteopath, advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP), physician's assistant or qualified doctor of chiropractic, to the effect that the student has been examined and may safely engage in athletic competition. This certificate of physical examination is valid for the purposes of this rule for one (1) calendar year. A grace period, not to exceed thirty (30) days, is allowed for expired certifications of physical examination.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION (Please type or neatly print this information)

Student's Name _____ Male ___ Female ___ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____

Home Address (Street, City, Zip) _____ School District _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name _____ Date _____ Phone # _____

Family Physician _____ Phone # _____

HEALTH HISTORY (The following questions should be completed by the student-athlete with the assistance of a parent or guardian. A parent or guardian is required to sign on the other side of this form after the examination.)

- | | Yes | No | Does this student have / ever had? | | Yes | No | Does this student have / ever had? |
|-------|-------|-------|--|-------|-------|-------|--|
| 1. | _____ | _____ | Allergies to medication, pollen, stinging insects, food, etc.? | 20. | _____ | _____ | Head injury, concussion, unconsciousness? |
| 2. | _____ | _____ | Any illness lasting more than one (1) week? | 21. | _____ | _____ | Headache, memory loss, or confusion with contact? |
| 3. | _____ | _____ | Asthma or difficulty breathing during exercise? | 22. | _____ | _____ | Numbness, tingling or weakness in arms or legs with contact? |
| 4. | _____ | _____ | Chronic or recurrent illness or injury? | ***** | | | |
| 5. | _____ | _____ | Diabetes? | 23. | _____ | _____ | Severe muscle cramps or illness when exercising in the heat? |
| 6. | _____ | _____ | Epilepsy or other seizures? | ***** | | | |
| 7. | _____ | _____ | Eyeglasses or contacts? | 24. | _____ | _____ | Fracture, stress fracture or dislocated joint(s)? |
| 8. | _____ | _____ | Herpes or MRSA? | 25. | _____ | _____ | Injuries requiring medical treatment? |
| 9. | _____ | _____ | Hospitalizations (Overnight or longer)? | 26. | _____ | _____ | Knee injury or surgery? |
| 10. | _____ | _____ | Marfan Syndrome? | 27. | _____ | _____ | Neck injury? |
| 11. | _____ | _____ | Missing organ (eye, kidney, testicle)? | 28. | _____ | _____ | Orthotics, braces, protective equipment? |
| 12. | _____ | _____ | Mononucleosis or Rheumatic fever? | 29. | _____ | _____ | Other serious joint injury? |
| 13. | _____ | _____ | Seizures or frequent headaches? | 30. | _____ | _____ | Painful bulge or hernia in the groin area? |
| 14. | _____ | _____ | Surgery? | 31. | _____ | _____ | X-rays, MRI, CT scan, physical therapy? |
| ***** | | | | ***** | | | |
| 15. | _____ | _____ | Chest pressure, pain, or tightness with exercise? | 32. | _____ | _____ | Has a doctor ever denied or restricted your participation in sports for any reason? |
| 16. | _____ | _____ | Excessive shortness of breath with exercise? | 33. | _____ | _____ | Do you have any concerns you would like to discuss with your health care provider? |
| 17. | _____ | _____ | Headaches, dizziness or fainting during, or after, exercise? | | | | |
| 18. | _____ | _____ | Heart problems (Racing, skipped beats, murmur, infection, etc.?) | | | | |
| 19. | _____ | _____ | High blood pressure or high cholesterol? | | | | |

- Family History:**
34. _____ Does anyone in your family have Marfan syndrome?
35. _____ Has anyone in your family died of heart problems or any unexpected/unexplained reason before the age of 50?
36. _____ Does anyone in your family have a heart problem, pacemaker or implanted defibrillator?
37. _____ Has anyone in your family had unexplained fainting, seizures, or near drowning?
38. _____ Does anyone in your family have asthma?
39. _____ Do you or someone in your family have sickle cell trait or disease?

Use this space to explain any "YES" answers from above (questions #1-38) or to provide any additional information:

40. Are you allergic to any prescription or over-the-counter medications? If yes, list: _____
41. List all medications you are presently taking (including asthma inhalers & EpiPens) and the condition the medication is for:
 A. _____ B. _____ C. _____
42. Year of last known vaccination: Tdap (Tetanus): _____ Meningitis: _____ Influenza: _____
43. What is the most and least you have weighed in the past year? **Most** _____ **Least** _____
44. Are you happy with your current weight? **Yes** _____ **No** _____ **If no**, how many pounds would you like to lose or gain?
 Lose _____ Gain _____

FOR FEMALES ONLY:

1. How old were you when you had your first menstrual period? _____
2. How many periods have you had in the last 12 months? _____

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION RECORD (To be completed by a licensed medical professional as designated in Article VII 36.14(1).)

Athlete's Name _____ Height _____ Weight _____

Pulse _____ Blood Pressure _____ / _____ (Repeat, if abnormal _____ / _____) Vision R 20/ _____ L 20/ _____

	<i>NORMAL</i>	<i>ABNORMAL FINDINGS</i>	<i>INITIALS</i>
1. Appearance (esp. Marfan's)			
2. Eyes/Ears/Nose/Throat			
3. Pupil Size (Equal/Unequal)			
4. Mouth & Teeth			
5. Neck			
6. Lymph Nodes			
7. Heart (Standing & Lying)			
8. Pulses (esp. femoral)			
9. Chest & Lungs			
10. Abdomen			
11. Skin			
12. Genitals - Hernia			
13. Musculoskeletal - ROM, strength, etc. (See questions 24-31)			
14. Neurological			

Comments regarding abnormal findings: _____

LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL'S ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION RECOMMENDATIONS
(Please be precise when indicating at which level the student is cleared to participate.)

1. **FULL & UNLIMITED PARTICIPATION**
2. **LIMITED PARTICIPATION** - May **NOT** participate in the following (checked):
 Baseball Basketball Bowling Cross Country Football Golf Soccer
 Softball Swimming Tennis Track Volleyball Wrestling
3. **CLEARANCE PENDING DOCUMENTED FOLLOW UP OF** _____
4. **NOT CLEARED FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION DUE** _____

Licensed Medical Professional's Name (Printed) _____ Date of PPE _____

Licensed Medical Professional's Signature _____ Phone _____

PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S PERMISSION AND RELEASE

I hereby **verify** the accuracy of the information on the opposite side of this form and **give my consent** for the above named student to engage in approved athletic activities as a representative of his/her school, except those activities indicated above by the licensed professional. I **also give my permission** for the team's physician, certified athletic trainer, or other qualified personnel to give first aid treatment to my son or daughter at an athletic event in case of injury/illness and to share necessary information about the injury/illness with appropriate school personnel.

Name of Parent or Guardian, or student if 18 years of age (Printed) _____ Signature of Parent of Guardian, or student if 18 years of age _____

Address (Street/PO Box, City, State, Zip) _____ Phone Number _____