Georgia High School Association
Student/Parent Concussion Awareness Form

SCHOOL: _____

DANGERS OF CONCUSSION

Concussions at all levels of sports have received a great deal of attention and a state law has been passed to address this issue. Adolescent athletes are particularly vulnerable to the effects of concussion. Once considered little more than a minor "ding" to the head, it is now understood that a concussion has the potential to result in death, or changes in brain function (either short-term or long-term). A concussion is a brain injury that results in a temporary disruption of normal brain function. A concussion occurs when the brain is violently rocked back and forth or twisted inside the skull as a result of a blow to the head or body. Continued participation in any sport following a concussion can lead to worsening concussion symptoms, as well as increased risk for further injury to the brain, and even death.

Player and parental education in this area is crucial – that is the reason for this document. Refer to it regularly. This form must be signed by a parent or guardian of each student who wishes to participate in GHSA athletics. One copy needs to be returned to the school, and one retained at home.

COMMON SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF CONCUSSION

- Headache, dizziness, poor balance, moves clumsily, reduced energy level/tiredness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Blurred vision, sensitivity to light and sounds
- Fogginess of memory, difficulty concentrating, slowed thought processes, confused about surroundings or game assignments
- Unexplained changes in behavior and personality
- Loss of consciousness (NOTE: This does not occur in all concussion episodes.)

BY-LAW 2.68: GHSA CONCUSSION POLICY: In accordance with Georgia law and national playing rules published by the National Federation of State High School Associations, any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be immediately removed from the practice or contest and shall not return to play until an appropriate health care professional has determined that no concussion has occurred. (NOTE: An appropriate health care professional may include licensed physician (MD/DO) or another licensed individual under the supervision of a licensed physician, such as a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or certified athletic trainer who has received training in concussion evaluation and management.

a) No athlete is allowed to return to a game or a practice on the same day that a concussion (a) has been diagnosed, OR (b) cannot be ruled out.

b) Any athlete diagnosed with a concussion shall be cleared medically by an appropriate health care professional prior to resuming participation in any future practice or contest. The formulation of a gradual return to play protocol shall be a part of the medical clearance.

By signing this concussion form, I give _____High School permission to transfer this concussion form to the other sports that my child may play. I am aware of the dangers of concussion and this signed concussion form will represent myself and my child during the 2015-2016 school year. This form will be stored with the athletic physical form and other accompanying forms required by the _____School System.

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

_____	_____	_____
Student Name (Printed)	***Student Name (Signed)***	***Date***
_____	_____	_____
Parent Name (Printed)	***Parent Name (Signed)***	***Date***

(Revised: 7/15)

Paulding County School District
Athletics Office

School Year _____

GRADE _____ MIDDLE NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION, INSURANCE, AND CONSENT FORM

Parents signature needed in four places

PLEASE PRINT

Name_____ Male ____ Female ____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

The student is domiciled at the above address located in the _____ School District.

(School must be notified if student moves from the above address)

Have you attended this Paulding County school for at least one full school year? Yes ____ No ____

You live with (Name of Parent/Parents/Guardian) _____

Date of Birth _____ Telephone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Date entered 9th grade _____ Grade level for this school year _____

PARENTAL CONSENT FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

WARNING: Although participation in supervised inter-scholastic athletics and intra-scholastic athletic clubs may be one of the least hazardous in which students will engage in or out of school, **BY ITS NATURE, PARTICIPATION IN INTER-SCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS INCLUDES A RISK OR INJURY WHICH MAY RANGE IN SEVERITY FROM MINOR TO LONG TERM CATASTROPHIC, INCLUDING PERMANENT PARALYSIS FROM THE NECK DOWN OR DEATH.** Although serious injuries are not common in supervised athletic programs or athletic clubs, it is possible only to minimize, not eliminate this risk.

Participants can and have the responsibility to help reduce the chance of injury. **PARTICIPANTS MUST OBEY ALL SAFETY RULES, REPORT ALL PHYSICAL PROBLEMS TO THEIR COACHES, FOLLOW A PROPER CONDITIONING PROGRAM, AND INSPECT THEIR EQUIPMENT DAILY.**

By signing this permission form, you acknowledge that you have read and understand this warning. **PARENTS OR STUDENTS WHO DO NOT WISH TO ACCEPT THE RISKS DESCRIBED IN THIS WARNING SHOULD NOT SIGN THIS PERMISSION FORM.**

I (We) hereby give consent for _____ to:

(1) Compete in athletics at _____ School of the Paulding County School District in Georgia High School Association approved sports *EXCEPT THOSE CROSSED* out below:

Baseball	Basketball	Golf	Volleyball	Tennis	
Cross Country	Football	Softball	Wrestling	Weight Training	
Rifle Team	Soccer	Track & Field	Cheerleading	Swimming	Lacrosse

(2) To accompany any school team of which the student is a member on any of its local or out-of-town trips;

(3) and, I hereby verify that the information on both sides of this form is correct and understand that any false information may result in my son/daughter being declared ineligible.

(4) Parents should contact Head Coach for information regarding injuries to their son/daughter.

This acknowledgement of risk and consent to allow participation shall remain in effect until revoked in writing.

_____ _____
*SIGNATURE(S) OF PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S) DATE

_____ _____
SIGNATURE OF STUDENT-ATHLETE DATE

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(DO NOT FOLD) **(Original on file at _____School)**

PAULDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETIC TEAM ONE-DAY SCHOOL-SPONSORED TRIPS

CONSENT

I hereby consent for_____ (student's name) to participate in school-sponsored trips, excluding overnight trips, associated with inter-scholastic athletic competitions. I understand that transportation may or may not be provided by the Paulding County School District. In the event transportation is not provided by the Paulding County School District, transportation will be the student's responsibility.

If any emergency medical procedures or treatment are required by the student during the trip, I consent to the trip supervisor(s) taking, arranging for, and consenting to the procedures or treatment in his/her discretion.

I release and waive, and further agree to indemnify, hold harmless or reimburse the Paulding County School District, the Board of Education, its successors and assigns, its members, agents, employees and representatives thereof, as well as trip supervisors, from and against, any claim which I, any other parent or guardian, any sibling, the student, or any other person, firm or corporation may have or claim to have, known or unknown, directly or indirectly, from any losses, damages or injuries arising out of, during, or in connection with the student's participation in the activity, any trip associated with the activity, or the rendering or emergency medical procedures or treatment, it any.

Signatures of Parents(s) or guardian(s) _____ Date _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Please INITIAL one of the following statements regarding insurance coverage for your son/daughter for the _____ school year, then sign below:

____ My son/daughter is adequately and currently covered by accident insurance that will cover injuries sustained while participating in inter-scholastic Athletics (including, but not limited to, Varsity, Junior Varsity and 9th grade Football), and intra-scholastic clubs and activities.

Company Providing Insurance: _____
Name of Insured: _____
Policy Number: _____

____ I wish to purchase the Benefit Plan provided by TW Lords. (I will submit a signed copy of this Benefit Plan to the Head Coach as proof of purchase.)

***SIGNATURE(S) OF PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S) _____**

Date _____

AUTHORIZATION

I understand that per The Georgia High School Association a **Preparticipation Physical Evaluation** must be performed by a physician to medically screen each student who participates in the athletic programs of the Paulding County School District. I further understand that a basic medical screening (the required physical exam) is general in nature and limited in its scope and does not indicate or assure me that my child is completely free from impairments. If I wish for a more detailed physical exam to be performed upon my child/ward then it is my responsibility to arrange and pay for such an exam. If this more detailed exam is performed, it is my responsibility to notify the Paulding County School District, and its appropriate employees, of any potential medical problems uncovered by any physical exam given to my child/ward other than the general physical required by the school system for athletic participation. I agree to fully waive any and all claims of whatever nature, fully and finally, now and forever, for my child/ward, for myself, my estate, my heirs, my administrators, my executors, my assignees, my agents, my successors, and for all members of my family, and to indemnify, release, defend, exonerate, discharge and hold harmless the Paulding County School District, their schools, their trustees, officers, Board members, Board of Education, employees, agents, coaches, athletic trainers, physicians, and any other practitioner of the healing arts (an "Indemnified Party") from any and all liability, personal or property damages, claims, causes of action or demands brought against the Paulding County School District or indemnified party arising out of any injuries to my child/ward or to his or her property or losses of any kind which may result from or in connection with his or her participation in any activity related to the athletic programs provided by the Paulding County School District.

My signature below attest that I have read, understand and concur with the information on this form, and that I give consent for my child to participate in the athletic programs as stated above.

***SIGNATURE(S) OF PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S) _____**

Relation to Student: (Please check one) **Date _____**

Mother _____

Father _____

Other _____ **Phone (W)** _____ **(H)** _____

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PAULDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Athletic Responsibility Acknowledgment

Athlete's Name High School Sport(s) Year

Prior to participating in any practice or tryout session for any interscholastic sport, each athlete must:

1. Successfully pass a physical examination by a registered physician and the copy of such examination must be on file in the athletic directors' office. One current physical examination per year is sufficient for all sports during that school year.

2. Return to his/her coach the Athletic Responsibility Acknowledgment Form properly signed.

As a student athlete participating voluntarily in interscholastic athletics in The Paulding County School District, I understand that:

1. I will abide by the Paulding County Schools student code of conduct, athletic code of conduct, the school's athletic handbook, the coaches team rules, and the rules of GHSA.

2. *I will conduct myself in an exemplary social manner at all times and understand that I may be suspended and/or dismissed based on violations occurring in or away from school.*

3. I will be responsible for all athletic equipment issued to me throughout the season, will return such equipment at the conclusion of the season, and will pay the current replacement cost for any of the equipment not accounted for by me at the end of the season.

4. I will not use or be in possession of tobacco, alcohol or narcotics. If I do use any of these substances, am in possession of such substances, or am suspended from school for use or possession of the substances, I will be subject to disciplinary actions as outlined in the athletic code of conduct.

5. I acknowledge that I have been properly advised, cautioned and warned by administrative and aching personnel *of my high school* that I am exposing myself to the risk of injury, including but not limited to, the risk of sprains, fractures and ligament and/or cartilage damage which could result in a temporary or permanent, partial or complete impairment in the use of my limbs, brain damage, paralysis; or even death. Having been so cautioned and warned, it is still my desire to participate in sports and to do so with full knowledge and understanding of the risk of injury.

6. I, along with my parents, certify that I have read and understand all of the Paulding County School District athletic policies in the student/parent athletic handbook and in order to be eligible for participation I must comply with all requirements listed.

Student signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent signature _____ **Date** _____

PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION
HISTORY FORM

(Note: This form is to be filled out by the patient and parent prior to seeing the physician. The physician should keep this form in the chart.)

Date of Exam _____

Name _____ Date of birth _____

Sex _____ Age _____ Grade _____ School _____ Sport(s) _____

Medicines and Allergies: Please list all of the prescription and over-the-counter medicines and supplements (herbal and nutritional) that you are currently taking

_____

_____

_____

Do you have any allergies? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please identify specific allergy below.
☐ Medicines ☐ Pollens ☐ Food ☐ Stinging Insects

Explain "Yes" answers below. Circle questions you don't know the answers to.

GENERAL QUESTIONS	Yes	No
1. Has a doctor ever denied or restricted your participation in sports for any reason?		
2. Do you have any ongoing medical conditions? If so, please identify below: ☐ Asthma ☐ Anemia ☐ Diabetes ☐ Infections Other: _____		
3. Have you ever spent the night in the hospital?		
4. Have you ever had surgery?		
HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU	**Yes**	**No**
5. Have you ever passed out or nearly passed out DURING or AFTER exercise?		
6. Have you ever had discomfort, pain, tightness, or pressure in your chest during exercise?		
7. Does your heart ever race or skip beats (irregular beats) during exercise?		
8. Has a doctor ever told you that you have any heart problems? If so, check all that apply: ☐ High blood pressure ☐ A heart murmur ☐ High cholesterol ☐ A heart infection ☐ Kawasaki disease Other: _____		
9. Has a doctor ever ordered a test for your heart? (For example, ECG/EKG, echocardiogram)		
10. Do you get lightheaded or feel more short of breath than expected during exercise?		
11. Have you ever had an unexplained seizure?		
12. Do you get more tired or short of breath more quickly than your friends during exercise?		
HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY	**Yes**	**No**
13. Has any family member or relative died of heart problems or had an unexpected or unexplained sudden death before age 50 (including drowning, unexplained car accident, or sudden infant death syndrome)?		
14. Does anyone in your family have hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, Marfan syndrome, arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy, long QT syndrome, short QT syndrome, Brugada syndrome, or catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia?		
15. Does anyone in your family have a heart problem, pacemaker, or implanted defibrillator?		
16. Has anyone in your family had unexplained fainting, unexplained seizures, or near drowning?		
BONE AND JOINT QUESTIONS	**Yes**	**No**
17. Have you ever had an injury to a bone, muscle, ligament, or tendon that caused you to miss a practice or a game?		
18. Have you ever had any broken or fractured bones or dislocated joints?		
19. Have you ever had an injury that required x-rays, MRI, CT scan, injections, therapy, a brace, a cast, or crutches?		
20. Have you ever had a stress fracture?		
21. Have you ever been told that you have or have you had an x-ray for neck instability or atlantoaxial instability? (Down syndrome or dwarfism)		
22. Do you regularly use a brace, orthotics, or other assistive device?		
23. Do you have a bone, muscle, or joint injury that bothers you?		
24. Do any of your joints become painful, swollen, feel warm, or look red?		
25. Do you have any history of juvenile arthritis or connective tissue disease?		

MEDICAL QUESTIONS	Yes	No
26. Do you cough, wheeze, or have difficulty breathing during or after exercise?		
27. Have you ever used an inhaler or taken asthma medicine?		
28. Is there anyone in your family who has asthma?		
29. Were you born without or are you missing a kidney, an eye, a testicle (males), your spleen, or any other organ?		
30. Do you have groin pain or a painful bulge or hernia in the groin area?		
31. Have you had infectious mononucleosis (mono) within the last month?		
32. Do you have any rashes, pressure sores, or other skin problems?		
33. Have you had a herpes or MRSA skin infection?		
34. Have you ever had a head injury or concussion?		
35. Have you ever had a hit or blow to the head that caused confusion, prolonged headache, or memory problems?		
36. Do you have a history of seizure disorder?		
37. Do you have headaches with exercise?		
38. Have you ever had numbness, tingling, or weakness in your arms or legs after being hit or falling?		
39. Have you ever been unable to move your arms or legs after being hit or falling?		
40. Have you ever become ill while exercising in the heat?		
41. Do you get frequent muscle cramps when exercising?		
42. Do you or someone in your family have sickle cell trait or disease?		
43. Have you had any problems with your eyes or vision?		
44. Have you had any eye injuries?		
45. Do you wear glasses or contact lenses?		
46. Do you wear protective eyewear, such as goggles or a face shield?		
47. Do you worry about your weight?		
48. Are you trying to or has anyone recommended that you gain or lose weight?		
49. Are you on a special diet or do you avoid certain types of foods?		
50. Have you ever had an eating disorder?		
51. Do you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with a doctor?		
FEMALES ONLY		
52. Have you ever had a menstrual period?		
53. How old were you when you had your first menstrual period?		
54. How many periods have you had in the last 12 months?		

Explain "yes" answers here

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_____

_____

_____

_____

I hereby state that, to the best of my knowledge, my answers to the above questions are complete and correct.

Signature of athlete _____ Signature of parent/guardian _____ Date _____

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Preparticipation Physical Evaluation

THE ATHLETE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: SUPPLEMENTAL HISTORY FORM

Date of Exam _____

Name _____ Date of birth _____

Sex _____ Age _____ Grade _____ School _____ Sport(s) _____

1. Type of disability		
2. Date of disability		
3. Classification (if available)		
4. Cause of disability (birth, disease, accident/trauma, other)		
5. List the sports you are interested in playing		
	Yes	**No**
6. Do you regularly use a brace, assistive device, or prosthetic?		
7. Do you use any special brace or assistive device for sports?		
8. Do you have any rashes, pressure sores, or any other skin problems?		
9. Do you have a hearing loss? Do you use a hearing aid?		
10. Do you have a visual impairment?		
11. Do you use any special devices for bowel or bladder function?		
12. Do you have burning or discomfort when urinating?		
13. Have you had autonomic dysreflexia?		
14. Have you ever been diagnosed with a heat-related (hyperthermia) or cold-related (hypothermia) illness?		
15. Do you have muscle spasticity?		
16. Do you have frequent seizures that cannot be controlled by medication?		

Explain "yes" answers here

Please indicate if you have ever had any of the following.

	Yes	**No**
Atlantoaxial instability		
X-ray evaluation for atlantoaxial instability		
Dislocated joints (more than one)		
Easy bleeding		
Enlarged spleen		
Hepatitis		
Osteopenia or osteoporosis		
Difficulty controlling bowel		
Difficulty controlling bladder		
Numbness or tingling in arms or hands		
Numbness or tingling in legs or feet		
Weakness in arms or hands		
Weakness in legs or feet		
Recent change in coordination		
Recent change in ability to walk		
Spina bifida		
Latex allergy		

Explain "yes" answers here

I hereby state that, to the best of my knowledge, my answers to the above questions are complete and correct.

Signature of athlete _____ Signature of parent/guardian _____ Date _____

Preparticipation Physical Evaluation
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM

Name _____ Date of birth _____

PHYSICIAN REMINDERS

1. Consider additional questions on more sensitive issues
   - Do you feel stressed out or under a lot of pressure?
   - Do you ever feel sad, hopeless, depressed, or anxious?
   - Do you feel safe at your home or residence?
   - Have you ever tried cigarettes, chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?
   - During the past 30 days, did you use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?
   - Do you drink alcohol or use any other drugs?
   - Have you ever taken anabolic steroids or used any other performance supplement?
   - Have you ever taken any supplements to help you gain or lose weight or improve your performance?
   - Do you wear a seat belt, use a helmet, and use condoms?
2. Consider reviewing questions on cardiovascular symptoms (questions 5–14).

EXAMINATION		
Height Weight ☐ Male ☐ Female		
BP / (/) Pulse Vision R 20/ L 20/ Corrected ☐ Y ☐ N		
MEDICAL	**NORMAL**	**ABNORMAL FINDINGS**
Appearance • Marfan stigmata (kyphoscoliosis, high-arched palate, pectus excavatum, arachnodactyly, arm span > height, hyperlaxity, myopia, MVP, aortic insufficiency)		
Eyes/ears/nose/throat • Pupils equal • Hearing		
Lymph nodes		
Heart[a] • Murmurs (auscultation standing, supine, +/- Valsalva) • Location of point of maximal impulse (PMI)		
Pulses • Simultaneous femoral and radial pulses		
Lungs		
Abdomen		
Genitourinary (males only)[b]		
Skin • HSV, lesions suggestive of MRSA, tinea corporis		
Neurologic[c]		
MUSCULOSKELETAL		
Neck		
Back		
Shoulder/arm		
Elbow/forearm		
Wrist/hand/fingers		
Hip/thigh		
Knee		
Leg/ankle		
Foot/toes		
Functional • Duck-walk, single leg hop		

[a]Consider ECG, echocardiogram, and referral to cardiology for abnormal cardiac history or exam.
[b]Consider GU exam if in private setting. Having third party present is recommended.
[c]Consider cognitive evaluation or baseline neuropsychiatric testing if a history of significant concussion.

☐ Cleared for all sports without restriction

☐ Cleared for all sports without restriction with recommendations for further evaluation or treatment for _____

_____

☐ Not cleared

- ☐ Pending further evaluation
- ☐ For any sports
- ☐ For certain sports _____

Reason _____

Recommendations _____

_____

I have examined the above-named student and completed the preparticipation physical evaluation. The athlete does not present apparent clinical contraindications to practice and participate in the sport(s) as outlined above. A copy of the physical exam is on record in my office and can be made available to the school at the request of the parents. If conditions arise after the athlete has been cleared for participation, the physician may rescind the clearance until the problem is resolved and the potential consequences are completely explained to the athlete (and parents/guardians).

Name of physician (print/type) _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Signature of physician _____, MD or DO

Preparticipation Physical Evaluation
CLEARANCE FORM

Name _____ Sex ☐ M ☐ F Age _____ Date of birth _____

☐ Cleared for all sports without restriction

☐ Cleared for all sports without restriction with recommendations for further evaluation or treatment for _____

_____

☐ Not cleared

- ☐ Pending further evaluation
- ☐ For any sports
- ☐ For certain sports _____

  Reason _____

Recommendations _____

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Name of physician (print/type) _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Signature of physician _____, MD or DO

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Allergies _____

Other information _____