

Saint Paul's School – Sports Eligibility Packet – NEW ATHLETES

ATTENTION PARENTS:

Please find attached all of the paperwork that is required by the LHSAA for your child to be eligible to play sports in Louisiana. It is very important that all forms and all sections are filled out completely. If any form is missing signatures or dates, we will be required to return the forms to you delaying your child's ability to participate in practice or games. The last four digits of the child's **Social Security** number are required for registering your child with the LHSAA, and a **birth certificate** must be kept in each athlete's athletic file as well as in his main school file.

If you have questions, please contact Claire Coutrado, Athletic Secretary, at clairec@stpauls.com or (985) 327-1848. Our goals are to keep files up-to-date, and to keep the boys involved.

NEW ATHLETES MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING PAPERWORK BEFORE PARTICIPATING:

1. LHSAA Medical History Evaluation

The top of this form and the Parent's Waiver is to be filled out and signed by parents and Section II, the bottom of the form, is to be filled out by the physician conducting the physical. Physicals are valid for one year from date obtained.

2. LHSAA Substance Abuse/Misuse Contract and Consent Form

This form must be signed and dated by student, parent, principal and head coach.

3. LHSAA - Athletic Participation and Parental Permission Form

Part I – Please fill out in entirety.

Read eligibility requirements to make sure that none of these rules disqualifies your child.

Part II – Parent's Signature and Date

4. St. Paul's School – Emergency Information

It is important that we have updated information completed annually so that we can contact you if your child is injured while under our care. It also gives us permission to have your child treated if immediate attention is needed before you are available. Please include updated insurance information.

5. LHSAA Parent and Student-Athlete Concussion Statement

Due to the passing of The Louisiana Youth Concussion Act in 2011, parents and athletes are required to sign a concussion fact sheet annually as proof of your awareness of basic concussion protocol. This is a state law and is required for all sports.

6. Birth Certificate

If your child is playing sports at St. Paul's for the first time, please supply a birth certificate with his athletic packet. We are required to keep a copy in his athletic file.

7. LCMC Consent to Treatment and Waiver Liability Form

Beginning with the 2018-19 school year our athletic trainers are provided by LCMC Sports Medicine Group. This form gives them permission for treatment.

8. LCMC OTC Permission form

This will allow our trainers to give over the counter medicine to your son if needed.

Thank you for your help.

We look forward to another year of athletic success at St. Paul's school.

LHSAA MEDICAL HISTORY EVALUATION

IMPORTANT: This form must be completed annually, kept on file with the school, & is subject to inspection by the Rules Compliance Team.

Please Print

Name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____
 Sport(s): _____ Sex: M / F Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Home Phone: _____
 Parent / Guardian: _____ Employer: _____ Work Phone: _____

FAMILY MEDICAL HISTORY: Has any member of your family under age 50 had these conditions?

Yes	No	Condition	Whom	Yes	No	Condition	Whom	Yes	No	Condition	Whom
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heart Attack/Disease	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sudden Death	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arthritis	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stroke	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arm / Wrist / Hand L / R	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kidney Disease	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diabetes	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sickle Cell Trait/Anemia	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Epilepsy	_____

ATHLETE'S ORTHOPAEDIC HISTORY: Has the athlete had any of the following injuries?

Yes	No	Condition	Date	Yes	No	Condition	Date	Yes	No	Condition	Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Head Injury / Concussion	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neck Injury / Stinger	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shoulder L / R	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elbow L / R	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arm / Wrist / Hand L / R	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Back	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hip L / R	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thigh L / R	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Knee L / R	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lower Leg L / R	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chronic Shin Splints	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ankle L / R	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Foot L / R	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Severe Muscle Strain	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pinched Nerve	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chest	_____	Previous Surgeries: _____							

ATHLETE MEDICAL HISTORY: Has the athlete had any of these conditions?

Yes	No	Condition	Yes	No	Condition	Yes	No	Condition
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heart Murmur / Chest Pain / Tightness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asthma / Prescribed Inhaler	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Menstrual irregularities: Last Cycle: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seizures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shortness of breath / Coughing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rapid weight loss / gain
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kidney Disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hernia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Take supplements/vitamins
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Irregular Heartbeat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Knocked out / Concussion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heat related problems
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Single Testicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heart Disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recent Mononucleosi
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	High Blood Pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enlarged Spleen
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dizzy / Fainting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Liver Disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sickle Cell Trait/Anemia
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Organ Loss (kidney, spleen, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuberculosis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Overnight in hospital
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prescribed EPI PEN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Allergies (Food, Drugs) _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medications _____						

List Dates for: Last Tetanus Shot: _____ Measles Immunization: _____ Meningitis Vaccine: _____

PARENTS' WAIVER FORM

To the best of our knowledge, we have given true & accurate information & hereby grant permission for the physical screening evaluation. We understand the evaluation involves a limited examination and the screening is not intended to nor will it prevent injury or sudden death. We further understand that if the examination is provided without expectation of payment, there shall be no cause of action pursuant to Louisiana R.S. 9:2798 against the team volunteer health-care provider and/or employer under Louisiana law.

This waiver, executed on the date below by the undersigned medical doctor, osteopathic doctor, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant and parent of the student athlete named above, is done so in compliance with Louisiana law with the full understanding that there shall be no cause of action for any loss or damage caused by any act or omission related to the health care services if rendered voluntarily and without expectation of payment herein unless such loss or damage was caused by gross negligence. Additionally,

1. If, in the judgment of a school representative, the named student-athlete needs care or treatment as a result of an injury or sickness, I do hereby request, consent and authorize for such care as may be deemed necessary..... **Yes** **No**
2. I understand that if the medical status of my child changes in any significant manner after his/her physical examination, I will notify his/her principal of the change immediately..... **Yes** **No**
3. I give my permission for the athletic trainer to release information concerning my child's injuries to the head coach/athletic director/principal of his/her school..... **Yes** **No**
4. By my signature below, I am agreeing to allow my child's medical history/exam form and all eligibility forms to be reviewed by the LHSAA or its Representative(s) **Yes** **No**

Date Signed by Parent _____ Signature of Parent _____ Typed or Printed Name of Parent _____

II. COMPLETED ANNUALLY BY MEDICAL DOCTOR (MD), OSTEOPATHIC DR. (DO), NURSE PRACTITIONER (APRN) or PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT (PA)

Height _____	Weight _____	Blood Pressure _____	Pulse _____
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GENERAL MEDICAL EXAM :

	Norm	Abnl
ENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lungs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heart	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Abdomen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hernia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(if Needed)		

COMMENTS: _____

OPTIONAL EXAMS:

VISION:
 L: _____ R: _____ Corrected: _____

DENTAL:
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
 31 30 29 28 27 26 25 24 23 22 21 20 19 18 17

ORTHOPEAEDIC EXAM :

	Norm	Abnl
I. Spine / Neck		
Cervical	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thoracic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lumbar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
II. Upper Extremity		
Shoulder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elbow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wrist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hand / Fingers		
III. Lower Extremity		
Hip	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Knee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ankle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

From this limited screening I see no reason why this student cannot participate in athletics.

- [] Student is cleared
 [] Cleared after further evaluation and treatment for: _____
 [] Not cleared for: __contact __non-contact

Printed Name of MD, DO, APRN or PA _____ Signature of MD, DO, APRN or PA _____ Date of Medical Examination _____

This physical expires 13 months from the date it was signed and dated by the MD, DO, APRN or PA.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL - EMERGENCY/STUDENT INFORMATION FOR ATHLETES

STUDENT NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE #: _____ STUDENT CELL: _____

MOM EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DAD EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

STUDENT SS# (last 4 digits): _____ BIRTHDATE: _____
(student)

DAD CELL PHONE #: _____ DAD WORK #: _____

MOM CELL PHONE #: _____ MOM WORK #: _____

EMERGENCY NAME: _____
(other than parent)

EMERGENCY PHONE #: _____

INSURANCE CO. NAME: _____

INSURANCE GROUP #: _____

INSURANCE MEMBER ID #: _____

INSURANCE PHONE #: _____

ALLERGIES (IF ANY): _____

MEDICAL CONDITION(S): _____

INJURIES OR RESTRICTIONS: _____

MEDICINE TAKING CURRENTLY: _____

*** I hereby consent for a qualified physician or surgeon to examine and prescribe or perform treatment, including surgery that is deemed advisable for the welfare of the above named student-athlete.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____



Consent to Treatment and Waiver of Liability Form

I, _____ (parent/guardian) of _____ (student/athlete), understand that LCMC Sports Medicine (Children’s Hospital, New Orleans East Hospital, Touro Infirmary, West Jeff Medical Center, and University Medical Center) provides athletic training, first aid and certain other medical services in connection with certain athletic events and programs of _____ St. Paul’s School _____ (School/Event). In case of emergency or accident on the school grounds or during any school activity involving the student designated below, which in the opinion of school authorities or personnel of LCMC Sports Medicine requires immediate medical attention, I hereby grant permission to such school authorities and LCMC Sports Medicine personnel to render medical care and to obtain the services of qualified medical personnel to treat the condition unless I am present and request otherwise or until revoked.

I also hereby release and agree to hold harmless all entities of LCMC Sports Medicine, their employees and agents, including, but not limited to, the Athletic Trainers from any and all liability in case of accident, injury, damage or other mishap in connection with all medical services or athletic trainer services they provide the student.

Student Name AND Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name AND Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Phone Number



Parental Permission to Administer Over-The-Counter (OTC) Medication to Minors

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Email: _____ Cellphone: _____

Please list any allergies: _____

Please list any long-term medication(s) taken and the reason for taking the listed medication(s):

I, _____ (Parent/Guardian Name), by below signature, hereby hold the certified athletic trainer, NOEH, and St. Paul's School harmless in the administration of prepackaged, non-prescription OTC medications to the above listed student. I understand the certified athletic trainer will provide the medication in single dose only under a medical doctor's oversight. No medication will be given for long term use (longer than 3 consecutive days). NOEH, St. Paul's School and the certified athletic trainer accept no responsibility for OTC medications that are defective, either by their design or dosage recommendations, or are misused by the athlete. The misuse of medications will result in the athlete's loss of medication privileges. OTC Medications include:

- Motrin (ibuprofen)
- Tylenol (acetaminophen)
- Imodium (Loperamide)
- Heat Guard/Medi-Lyte (electrolytes)
- TUMS (bismuth subsalicylate)
- Glucose (glucose) *Only in case of identified diabetic necessity*
- Benadryl (diphenhydramine HCL) *Only in case of identified allergic reaction*

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

This authorization shall remain effective until the end of the 2019-2020 school year.



LHSAA SUBSTANCE ABUSE/MISUSE CONTRACT AND CONSENT FORM

This form must be completed and signed and kept on file with the school and is subject to inspection by the LHSAA Rules Compliance Team.

As an LHSAA athlete, I, _____, agree to avoid the abuse or misuse of legal or illegal substances, including anabolic steroids and other performance enhancing drugs. I hereby grant permission to be tested for substance abuse/misuse as a participant in any LHSAA sports program. I furthermore agree to cooperate by providing a urine or hair specimen for testing upon the request of my principal. I understand that should my specimen indicate the abuse or misuse of legal or illegal substances, I will be subject to action specified in my School Drug Policy for Student Athletes.

I, _____, parent/guardian of the undersigned student athlete, individually, and on behalf of my child, do hereby grant permission for and consent to said child being tested for substance abuse/misuse in accordance with his/her School Drug Policy for Student Athletes and I understand that if any specimen taken from him/her indicates abuse or misuse of legal or illegal substances, including anabolic steroids and other performance enhancing drugs, he/she will be subject to action specified in the School Drug Policy for Student Athletes for his/her school.

Dated: _____

Student Athlete

Dated: _____

Parent/Guardian

Dated: _____

[Handwritten Signature]
Principal

Dated: _____

[Handwritten Signature]
Head Coach or AD

1.9 ABUSE AND/OR MISUSE OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES - Each member school shall develop and implement a substance abuse/misuse policy including procedures for chemical testing of student-athletes. To be eligible for interscholastic athletics, prior to practicing or participating in a sport at an LHSAA school, a student-athlete and his/her parent(s)/guardian shall sign the LHSAA Substance Abuse/Misuse Contract developed and distributed to all schools by the LHSAA. Once signed, the LHSAA Substance Abuse/Misuse Contract shall remain in effect for the remainder of the student-athlete's eligibility. Schools may also have the student and parent/guardian sign a school issued form in addition to the LHSAA Substance Abuse/Misuse Contract. Schools shall be required to keep the signed form on file at the school.

1.9.1 The penalties for failure to have the required LHSAA Substance Abuse/Misuse Contract(s) for all students completed, properly signed, and maintained in the school files shall be:

1. A school shall be fined \$50 per student, per sport for each LHSAA Substance Abuse/Misuse Form not completed, properly signed, and on file with the school not to exceed \$500 per sport.
2. A student in violation of this rule shall not be ruled ineligible for this infraction, but shall be withheld from further team practices and interscholastic athletic participation until a copy of this form is completed and submitted to the Executive Director. The completed form must be faxed or postmarked prior to the athlete's participation

Signature of the LHSAA's contract does not necessarily mean the student athlete will be tested.

Louisiana High School Athletic Association

Athletic Participation/Parental Permission Form

This form must be completed and signed by the student-athlete's parent prior to a student's participation in an athletic contest and shall be kept on file with the school. It shall remain in effect for the remainder of the student's eligibility unless the student transfers to another member school. This form is subject to review/inspection by the LHSAA or its representative.

PART I: STUDENT INFORMATION (Please Print)

Student's Name: (Last, First, Middle) _____ School Year: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Last Four Digits of SSN: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

My child entered ninth grade in _____ (month and year). Last semester/year he/she attended _____ High School.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

A student athlete in an LHSAA school must meet the following rules to be eligible for interscholastic athletic competition:

<u>RULE</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
BONA FIDE STUDENT	A student shall be enrolled in and attending an LHSAA member school on a regular basis and taking the required number of subjects which shall be recorded on the student's official transcript unless student is a special education student or in the 8 th grade or below. A student shall be counted as a student on the daily attendance records of the school he/she attends. Attendance in one class makes you a student at that school.
ENROLLMENT	A student shall be enrolled and attending a school in the first 11 school days of the school semester at any school or will be ineligible for the first 30 school days.
AGE	A student shall not become 19 years of age prior to August 1 of this year.
PROOF OF AGE	A student shall provide legal proof of age, which meets the provisions of the LHSAA handbook, to the school administrator to be kept on file at school.
CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS	Once a student shall enter the ninth grade, he/she shall have eight consecutive semesters to play athletics. (EXCEPTION: Hold-Back Repeat Student – See Rule 1.20.6 of the LHSAA handbook)
SCHOLASTIC	For regular education high school students at the end of the first semester a student shall pass at least six subjects in all subjects taken. At the end of the year and prior to the next school year, a student shall must have earned at least six units with an overall "C" average for the entire previous school year as determined by the LEA in all units taken. All seniors must take at least four (4) subjects each semester. Special education students must consult the school principal, athletic director, or coach for scholastic information.
RESIDENCE AND SCHOOL TRANSFERS	Upon entering high school for the first time, a student shall have the choice to attend any member school located in the attendance zone in which the student resides with his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) or any other household with whom the student has been residing for the past calendar year and be immediately eligible unless an applicable exception applies. A transfer to another member school in the same attendance zone shall render the student ineligible for one calendar year.
UNDUE INFLUENCE	If a student shall has been recruited to a school for athletic purposes, he/she shall remain ineligible as long as the student attends that school.
AMATEUR	A student cannot play high school athletics if he/she loses their amateur status.
INDEPENDENT TEAM	In certain sports a student cannot play on a school team and an independent team during the same sport season.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION

A student shall annually pass a physical examination given by a licensed physician/ nurse practitioner that is in collaboration with a licensed physician or a licensed physician's assistant under the supervision of a licensed physician and complete an LHSAA Medical History Evaluation form prior to participating.

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION/

PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM a school shall only be required to have this form completed and signed prior to the first time a student participates in LHSAA athletics at the school unless the student transfers to another member school.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE/MISUSE CONTRACT & CONSENT FORM A school shall only be required to have this form completed and signed prior to the first time a student participates in LHSAA athletics at the school.

SUSPENDED AND

INELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Shall not participate in any interscholastic contest on any team at any school at any level.

LHSAA ELIGIBILITY RULES APPLY TO STUDENT-ATHLETES ON ALL TEAMS AT ALL LEVELS OF PLAY AT ALL LHSAA SCHOOLS

Eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics is a privilege a student earns by meeting standards outlined on this form and other regulations and policies set by the LHSAA and the student's school. If you have questions or do not fully understand an eligibility rule, check with your child's principal, athletic director or coach. By following the intent and spirit of the rules, you can help prevent violations which may penalize the student, his/her team and/or his/her school.

ONE INELIGIBLE STUDENT MAY DISQUALIFY YOUR WHOLE TEAM – KNOW THE ELIGIBILITY RULES

PART II – PARENTAL PERMISSION

I have read and reviewed the general requirements for high school athletic eligibility on this form and have discussed these requirements with my child. I understand additional questions/explanations and specific circumstances should be directed to my child's principal, athletic director or coach.

I certify the home address listed on this form is my sole bona fide residence and that I will notify the school principal immediately of any change in my residence, since such a move may alter the eligibility status of my child. All other information given is also accurate and current.

I give my permission for the athletic trainer to release information concerning my child's injuries to the head coach/ athletic director/principal of his/her school. Additionally, I give the LHSAA or it representative(s) permission to review my child's scholastic records and all required eligibility forms however submitted by the school or myself.

If the medical status of my child changes in any significant manner after he/she passes his/her physical examination, I will notify his/her principal of the change immediately.

I hereby give my consent and approval for my child to participate in any of the following LHSAA sports:

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|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| BASEBALL | GOLF | SWIMMING |
| BASKETBALL | GYMNASTICS | TENNIS |
| BOWLING | POWERLIFTING | TRACK AND FIELD |
| CROSS COUNTRY | SOCCER | VOLLEYBALL |
| FOOTBALL | SOFTBALL | WRESTLING |

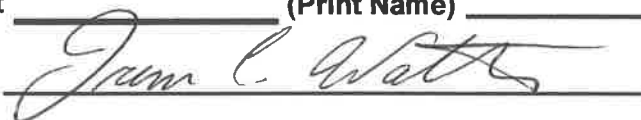
I certify all the information is correct, that I have read the summary of LHSAA eligibility rules below and I am in compliance with these standards. I also acknowledge that my child, by my signature below, has my permission to participate in interscholastic athletics during his attendance at this school. I also understand that this form shall only be completed prior to my child's first participation in any athletic contest of any sport and shall remain in effect for his/her entire athletic eligibility unless he/she transfers to another member school.

By signing below, I agree that my child and I will support and comply with all rules, policies and procedures of the LHSAA as set forth in its Handbook, including its Constitution and Bylaws.

Date: _____ Parent's Signature: _____

Relationship to Student _____ (Print Name) _____

(Principal Signature)





Parent/Athlete Concussion Information Sheet

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury that changes the way the brain normally works. A concussion is caused by bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body that causes the head and brain to move rapidly back and forth. Even a “ding,” “getting your bell rung,” or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious.

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF CONCUSSION?

Signs and symptoms of concussion can show up right after the injury or may not appear or be noticed until days or weeks after the injury.

If an athlete reports **one or more** symptoms of concussion listed below after a bump, blow, or jolt to

Did You Know?

- Most concussions occur *without* loss of consciousness.
- Athletes who have, at any point in their lives, had a concussion have an increased risk for another concussion.
- Young children and teens are more likely to get a concussion and take longer to recover than adults.

the head or body, s/he should be kept out of play the day of the injury and until a health care professional, experienced in evaluating for concussion, says s/he is symptom-free and it’s OK to return to play.

SIGNS OBSERVED BY COACHING STAFF	SYMPTOMS REPORTED BY ATHLETES
Appears dazed or stunned	Headache or “pressure” in head
Is confused about assignment or position	Nausea or vomiting
Forgets an instruction	Balance problems or dizziness
Is unsure of game, score, or opponent	Double or blurry vision
Moves clumsily	Sensitivity to light
Answers questions slowly	Sensitivity to noise
Loses consciousness (<i>even briefly</i>)	Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes	Concentration or memory problems
Can’t recall events <i>prior</i> to hit or fall	Confusion
Can’t recall events <i>after</i> hit or fall	Just not “feeling right” or “feeling down”

CONCUSSION DANGER SIGNS

In rare cases, a dangerous blood clot may form on the brain in a person with a concussion and crowd the brain against the skull. An athlete should receive immediate medical attention if after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body s/he exhibits any of the following danger signs:

- One pupil larger than the other
- Is drowsy or cannot be awakened
- A headache that not only does not diminish, but gets worse
- Weakness, numbness, or decreased coordination
- Repeated vomiting or nausea
- Slurred speech
- Convulsions or seizures
- Cannot recognize people or places
- Becomes increasingly confused, restless, or agitated
- Has unusual behavior
- Loses consciousness (*even a brief loss of consciousness should be taken seriously*)

WHY SHOULD AN ATHLETE REPORT THEIR SYMPTOMS?

If an athlete has a concussion, his/her brain needs time to heal. While an athlete's brain is still healing, s/he is much more likely to have another concussion. Repeat concussions can increase the time it takes to recover. In rare cases, repeat concussions in young athletes can result in brain swelling or permanent damage to their brain. *They can even be fatal.*

Remember

Concussions affect people differently. While most athletes with a concussion recover quickly and fully, some will have symptoms that last for days, or even weeks. A more serious concussion can last for months or longer.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU THINK YOUR ATHLETE HAS A CONCUSSION?

If you suspect that an athlete has a concussion, remove the athlete from play and seek medical attention. Do not try to judge the severity of the injury yourself. Keep the athlete out of play the day of the injury and until a health care professional, experienced in evaluating for concussion, says s/he is symptom-free and it's OK to return to play.

Rest is key to helping an athlete recover from a concussion. Exercising or activities that involve a lot of concentration, such as studying, working on the computer, or playing video games, may cause concussion symptoms to reappear or get worse. After a concussion, returning to sports and school is a gradual process that should be carefully managed and monitored by a health care professional.

It's better to miss one game than the whole season. For more information on concussions, visit: www.cdc.gov/Concussion.

Student-Athlete Name Printed

Student-Athlete Signature

Parent or Legal Guardian Printed

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature