

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 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 must 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 September 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 its 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.

Date: _____ Parent's Signature: _____

(Print Name) _____

Relationship to Student _____

Telephone No: () _____

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

Notes: Rule 1.9 of the LHSAA By-Laws, states that this contract shall remain in effect for the remainder of the student's eligibility. This means the contract only has to be signed once by both the student and his/her parent or guardian but the terms remain in effect for the student's entire high school career.

According to Rule 1.9.1 of the LHSAA By-Laws, without the signature of the student athlete and his/her parent/guardian, the student is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletic contests at all levels of play in all LHSAA sports at all LHSAA schools until compliance with Rule 1.9.1 is obtained from both parties.

Any student participating in an interscholastic athletic contest(s) without a properly signed contract shall be classified as an ineligible student and both the student and school shall be penalized according to Rule 1.9.1.

Signature of the LHSAA's contract does not necessarily mean the student athlete will be tested. Federal courts have consistently ruled participation in high school athletics is a privilege, not an educational right.

HOLD-BACK REPEAT STUDENT TRACKING FORM FOR IN-SCHOOL USE

To keep track of potential hold-back repeat students, it is strongly recommended the school principal complete and file this form on each student athlete entering the ninth grade.

Student's Name _____ Grade 9th

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Elementary/Middle/Jr. High School Attended</u>	<u>Passed/Failed</u>
<u>8th</u>	2016-17	_____	_____
_____	2015-16	_____	_____
_____	2014-15	_____	_____
_____	2013-14	_____	_____

I certify the information on this form to be true and accurate.

Signed _____ Date _____
Parent(s)/Guardian

Signed _____ Date _____
Student



A Fact Sheet for ATHLETES



HEADS UP CONCUSSION IN YOUTH SPORTS

WHAT IS A CONCUSSION?

A concussion is a brain injury that:

- Is caused by a bump or blow to the head
- Can change the way your brain normally works
- Can occur during practices or games in any sport
- Can happen even if you haven't been knocked out
- Can be serious even if you've just been "dinged"

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF A CONCUSSION?

- Headache or "pressure" in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double or blurry vision
- Bothered by light
- Bothered by noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Difficulty paying attention
- Memory problems
- Confusion
- Does not "feel right"

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I THINK I HAVE A CONCUSSION?

- **Tell your coaches and your parents.** Never ignore a bump or blow to the head even if you feel fine. Also, tell your coach if one of your teammates might have a concussion.

It's better to miss one game than the whole season.

For more information and to order additional materials free-of-charge, visit:
www.cdc.gov/ConcussionInYouthSports

For more detailed information on concussion and traumatic brain injury, visit:
www.cdc.gov/injury



A Fact Sheet for PARENTS

WHAT IS A CONCUSSION?

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

You can't see a 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 your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms yourself, seek medical attention right away.

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF A CONCUSSION?

Signs Observed by Parents or Guardians
If your child has experienced a bump or blow to the head during a game or practice, look for any of the following signs and symptoms of a concussion:

- 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 behavior or personality changes
- Can't recall events prior to hit or fall
- Can't recall events after hit or fall

Symptoms Reported by Athlete

- Headache or "pressure" in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double or blurry vision
- Sensitivity to light
- Sensitivity to noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Concentration or memory problems
- Confusion
- Does not "feel right"

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.

- Ensure that they follow their coach's rules for safety and the rules of the sport.
- Encourage them to practice good sportsmanship at all times.
- Make sure they wear the right protective equipment for their activity (such as helmets, padding, shin guards, and eye and mouth guards). Protective equipment should fit properly, be well maintained, and be worn consistently and correctly.
- Learn the signs and symptoms of a concussion.

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

1. Seek medical attention right away. A health care professional will be able to decide how serious the concussion is and when it is safe for your child to return to sports.

2. Keep your child out of play. Concussions take time to heal. Don't let your child return to play until a health care professional says it's OK. Children who return to play too soon—while the brain is still healing—risk a greater chance of having a second concussion. Second or later concussions can be very serious. They can cause permanent brain damage, affecting your child for a lifetime.

3. Tell your child's coach about any recent concussion. Coaches should know if your child had a recent concussion in ANY sport. Your child's coach may not know about a concussion your child received in another sport or activity unless you tell the coach.

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Parent and Student-Athlete Concussion Statement**

- I understand that it is my responsibility to report all injuries and illnesses to my coach, athletic trainer and/or team physician.
- I have read and understand the Concussion Fact Sheet.

After reading the Concussion Fact Sheet, I am aware of the following information:

Parent Initial	Student Initial	
_____	_____	A concussion is a brain injury, which I am responsible for reporting to my coach , athletic trainer, or team physician.
_____	_____	A concussion can affect my ability to perform everyday activities, and affect reaction time, balance, sleep, and classroom performance
_____	_____	You cannot see a concussion, but you might notice some of the symptoms right away. Other symptoms can show up hours or days after the injury.
_____	_____	If I suspect a teammate has a concussion, I am responsible for reporting the injury to my coach, athletic trainer, or team physician.
_____	_____	I will not return to play in a game or practice if I have received a blow to the head or body that results in concussion-related symptoms.
_____	_____	Following concussion the brain needs time to heal. You are much more likely to have a repeat concussion if you return to play before your symptoms resolve.
_____	_____	In rare cases, repeat concussions can cause permanent brain damage, and even death.

Signature of Student-Athlete	Date
Printed name of Student-Athlete	
Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date
Printed name of Parent/Guardian	



Act 352 "Serious Sports Injury Rule"

- Each high school must provide a "Comprehensive Sports Injury Management Program"
 - An athlete suspected of having a "loss of physical, mental or emotional function" injury by direct or indirect means, shall be immediately disqualified from participation
 - Each athlete removed from competition must be evaluated by a licensed Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) as soon as possible for diagnosis of serious or non-serious injury
 - An "on-site" appropriate health care provider (Licensed Medical Doctor, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Licensed Physician's Assistant, Licensed Nurse Practitioner or Licensed Athletic Trainer) may provide immediate medical clearance for return to play for any non-serious injury in accordance with their respective scope of practice
 - If "on-site" medical assistance is not available, the head coach shall be responsible for the removal of the athlete from practice/competition and ensure that medical treatment is rendered appropriately in a timely manner and to obtain medical clearance from MD or DO for return to play
 - Each sport shall have responsible individual who must complete the LHSAA's Sports Medicine Advisory Committee's "Beyond the Game" Educational Workshop (which is currently being written) designed to educate coaches and officials on the nature and risks of various potential serious sports injuries
 - Each student-athlete and the parent or legal guardian of the student shall document that they have viewed information regarding the risk of serious sports injuries
- Pertinent Definitions
 - Loss of Function- the immediate inability to perform sports specific activity and /or the prolonged inability to perform activities of daily living
 - Direct Injury- an injury which results from participation in the fundamental skills of the sport. This may include, but no limited to fractures, dislocations, injuries to the eyes, dental or other acute episode of musculoskeletal injury
 - Indirect Injury- an injury caused by a systemic failure (usually cardiac or respiratory in nature) as a result of exertion while participating in an activity or by complication which may be secondary to a non-fatal injury
 - Return to Play- a term used to describe the action when an athlete who has had a serious sports injury is released by an MD or DO to return to practice, conditioning or competition

By signing below, you (the athlete and parent/legal guardian) state that you have received and read the "Concussion Education and Awareness literature, have read the above related information on the "Serious Sports Injury Rule" and understand that your son or daughter must seek the appropriate medical clearance once the incident of concussion or serious injury has been observed.

Student-Athlete Name Printed

Student-Athlete Signature

Date

Parent or Legal Guardian Printed

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date