

Important Information for Sport Physicals

Sports Physicals are due to the school nurse Physicals received after this date will still be accepted but may encounter delays in processing/participating. **Physicals received late will cause student to be held out of participating in practices/scrimmages/games.**

1. **DATE of EXAM** must be included on the first page.
2. Explain all **“yes”** answers in the space provided on the first page of History Form. **Without an explanation the school physician will not be able to approve the student athlete for participation.**
3. Complete each page completely including name, age, date of birth, sport, Medications, and signatures of athlete and parent.
4. Physical Examination Form, Pages 3 and 4, must be signed by a Doctor, Advanced Practice Nurse (APN), or Physician Assistant (PA).
5. **Cardiac Assessment Professional Development Module is now required for all sport physicals. This section must be signed by the person completing the physical exam.**
6. All completed forms should be given to the school nurse at your child's school. ***During summer hours the School nurse will not be available daily to collect physicals. Please place the physical in the **drop box in the security office at GHS.** Do not give the form to your child's coach, teacher or any other person in the school. The school nurse will be scheduling time to review and process sports physicals during the summer.
7. Please ensure that all information and appropriate clearances are attached to the Sport Physical

Frequently Asked Questions about Sports Physicals

1. **What is a “Sport Physical”:** a sport physical is actually an athletic pre-participation evaluation which is mandated by the New Jersey Department of Education. It is required for all students in grades 6-12 who want to participate in athletics and some competitive clubs. A physician, advanced practice nurse or physician's assistant must examine the student and review the health history to determine whether or not the student may participate in sports with or without limitations. The Sport Pre-participation Evaluation form will then be sent to the School Physician. He/She will provide written notification to the parent stating approval or disapproval of the student's participation in athletics based upon the medical report. Students cannot begin participating until the school physician completes the review process.
2. **How long is a Sports Physical good for?** A Sports Physical is good for 365 days from the date of the medical examination. If the examination is completed more than 90 days prior to the first practice session the student and parent are required to complete a Health History Update questionnaire. This form is available at the nurse's office or the main office of your child's school.
3. **What should I do if my child has asthma, a significant allergy or some other health issue requiring the use of medication?** In the event that the student has asthma, an allergy that requires the use of medication or other health condition requiring intervention, the student must provide a written order from his/her healthcare provider for the management of this condition. The Sports Physical form will not be forwarded to the school physician until all documentation is provided to the school nurse.

SPORT PHYSICALS ARE DUE TO THE SCHOOL NURSE

ATTENTION PARENT/GUARDIAN: The preparticipation physical examination (page 3) must be completed by a health care provider who has completed the Student-Athlete Cardiac Assessment Professional Development Module.

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 a copy of 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: <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma <input type="checkbox"/> Anemia <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> 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: <input type="checkbox"/> High blood pressure <input type="checkbox"/> A heart murmur <input type="checkbox"/> High cholesterol <input type="checkbox"/> A heart infection <input type="checkbox"/> 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

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 _____

NOTE: The preparticipation physical examination must be conducted by a health care provider who 1) is a licensed physician, advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant; and 2) completed the Student-Athlete Cardiac Assessment Professional Development Module.

PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM

Name _____ Date of birth _____

PHYSICIAN REMINDERS

- 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?
- Consider reviewing questions on cardiovascular symptoms (questions 5–14).

Date of Exam

| EXAMINATION | | | |
|---|---------|---|--|
| Height | Weight | <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | |
| BP | / (/) | Pulse | Vision R 20/ L 20/ Corrected <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> 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* • Murmurs (auscultation standing, supine, +/- Valsalva) • Location of point of maximal impulse (PMI) | | | |
| Pulses • Simultaneous femoral and radial pulses | | | |
| Lungs | | | |
| Abdomen | | | |
| Genitourinary (males only)* | | | |
| Skin • HSV, lesions suggestive of MRSA, tinea corporis | | | |
| Neurologic* | | | |
| MUSCULOSKELETAL | | | |
| Neck | | | |
| Back | | | |
| Shoulder/arm | | | |
| Elbow/forearm | | | |
| Wrist/hand/fingers | | | |
| Hip/thigh | | | |
| Knee | | | |
| Leg/ankle | | | |
| Foot/toes | | | |
| Functional • Duck-walk, single leg hop | | | |

*Consider ECG, echocardiogram, and referral to cardiology for abnormal cardiac history or exam.
 *Consider GU exam if in private setting. Having third party present is recommended.
 *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, a 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, advanced practice nurse (APN), physician assistant (PA) (print/type) _____ Date of exam _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Signature of physician, APN, PA _____

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 _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Allergies _____

Other information _____

HCP OFFICE STAMP

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN:

Reviewed on _____ (Date)

Approved _____ Not Approved _____

Signature: _____

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Name of physician, advanced practice nurse (APN), physician assistant (PA) _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Signature of physician, APN, PA _____

Completed Cardiac Assessment Professional Development Module

Date _____ Signature _____