

Re: PHYSICALS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Mandated by state law, **All STUDENTS** are required to have a current up to date physical on file. All Students and Student Athletes **MUST** submit the completed Health Pack to SDA **prior to August 1st** of the current registration year.

The required forms can be accessed on our Saint Dominic Academy website under the Athletics tab>Health Pack. They are also found under the Parents tab> Forms/Notices>Health Pack.

In order to be compliant with the state, the Physician completing the Physical MUST complete the Cardiac Assessment Module. The date of completion of the module and signature of the physician must be present on the clearance form of the physical.

Along with the Pre-Participation Physical Exam, there is a pamphlet on "Sudden Cardiac Death", "Concussion and Head Injury Fact Sheet" and "NJSIAA Steroid Testing Policy". The readings/links are for your information and are available on the website.

Along with this provided information are **CONSENT FORMS** that **MUST** be signed by Parent/Guardian and Student for your child to participate in SDA interscholastic activities and Sports.

ALL Students are REQUIRED to complete Cardiac and Concussion Consent Forms.

ALL Athletes MUST complete Cardiac, Concussion and Steroid Consent Forms.

Students will **NOT** be permitted to tryout/practice or participate in any SDA activity without a fully completed Health Pack submitted to the Nurses Office.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Donna Butto RN

School Nurse

■ 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 Sch	nool Sport(s)				
Medicines and Allergies: Please list all of the prescription and over	r-the-co	unter m	nedicines and supplements (herbal and nutritional) that you are currently	taking	
Do you have any allergies? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please ide ☐ Medicines ☐ Pollens	ntify spe	ecific all	lergy below.		
Explain "Yes" answers below. Circle questions you don't know the ar		•	Li Tuuti Li Sunging maetta		
GENERAL QUESTIONS	Yes	No	MEDICAL QUESTIONS	Yes	No
Has a doctor ever denied or restricted your participation in sports for	103	110	26. Do you cough, wheeze, or have difficulty breathing during or		
any reason?			after exercise? 27. Have you ever used an inhaler or taken asthma medicine?		
Do you have any ongoing medical conditions? If so, please identify below: Asthma □ Anemia □ Diabetes □ Infections			28. Is there anyone in your family who has asthma?		
Other:			29. Were you born without or are you missing a kidney, an eye, a testicle		
3. Have you ever spent the night in the hospital?			(males), your spleen, or any other organ?		
4. Have you ever had surgery?			30. Do you have groin pain or a painful bulge or hernia in the groin area?		
HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU	Yes	No	31. Have you had infectious mononucleosis (mono) within the last month?		
Have you ever passed out or nearly passed out DURING or AFTER exercise?			32. Do you have any rashes, pressure sores, or other skin problems?		
6. Have you ever had discomfort, pain, tightness, or pressure in your			33. Have you had a herpes or MRSA skin infection? 34. Have you ever had a head injury or concussion?		
chest during exercise? 7. Does your heart ever race or skip beats (irregular beats) during exercise?			35. Have you ever had a hit or blow to the head that caused confusion, prolonged headache, or memory problems?		
8. Has a doctor ever told you that you have any heart problems? If so,			36. Do you have a history of seizure disorder?		
check all that apply: ☐ High blood pressure ☐ A heart murmur			37. Do you have headaches with exercise?		
☐ High blood pressure ☐ A heart murmur☐ High cholesterol ☐ A heart infection☐ Kawasaki disease Other:			38. Have you ever had numbness, tingling, or weakness in your arms or legs after being hit or falling?		
Has a doctor ever ordered a test for your heart? (For example, ECG/EKG, echocardiogram)			39. Have you ever been unable to move your arms or legs after being hit or falling?		
10. Do you get lightheaded or feel more short of breath than expected			40. Have you ever become ill while exercising in the heat?		
during exercise?			41. Do you get frequent muscle cramps when exercising?		
11. Have you ever had an unexplained seizure?			42. Do you or someone in your family have sickle cell trait or disease?		
12. Do you get more tired or short of breath more quickly than your friends during exercise?			43. Have you had any problems with your eyes or vision?		
HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY	Yes	No	44. Have you had any eye injuries? 45. Do you wear glasses or contact lenses?		
Has any family member or relative died of heart problems or had an unexpected or unexplained sudden death before age 50 (including)			46. Do you wear protective eyewear, such as goggles or a face shield?		
drowning, unexplained car accident, or sudden infant death syndrome)? 14. Does anyone in your family have hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, Marfan			47. Do you worry about your weight? 48. Are you trying to or has anyone recommended that you gain or		
syndrome, arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy, long QT syndrome, short QT syndrome, Brugada syndrome, or catecholaminergic			lose weight? 49. Are you on a special diet or do you avoid certain types of foods?		
polymorphic ventricular tachycardia?			50. Have you ever had an eating disorder?		
15. Does anyone in your family have a heart problem, pacemaker, or implanted defibrillator?			51. Do you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with a doctor?		
Has anyone in your family had unexplained fainting, unexplained			FEMALES ONLY		
seizures, or near drowning?			52. Have you ever had a menstrual period?		
BONE AND JOINT QUESTIONS	Yes	No	53. How old were you when you had your first menstrual period?		
Have you ever had an injury to a bone, muscle, ligament, or tendon that caused you to miss a practice or a game?			54. How many periods have you had in the last 12 months? Explain "yes" answers here		
18. Have you ever had any broken or fractured bones or dislocated joints?					
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?			-		
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I hereby state that, to the best of my knowledge, my answers to			•		
			Date		

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THE ATHLETE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: SUPPLEMENTAL HISTORY FORM

Date of Ex	am					
Name				Date of birth		
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36X	Aye	Grade	301001	Sport(s)		
1. Type o	of disability					
2. Date o	of disability					
3. Classif	fication (if available)					
4. Cause	of disability (birth, di	isease, accident/trauma, other)				
5. List the	e sports you are inte	rested in playing				
					Yes	No
6. Do you	ı regularly use a brad	ce, assistive device, or prostheti	c?			
7. Do you	use any special bra	ce or assistive device for sports	9?			
8. Do you	u have any rashes, pr	ressure sores, or any other skin	problems?			
		? Do you use a hearing aid?				
	u have a visual impai					
		vices for bowel or bladder functi	on?			
		comfort when urinating?				
	you had autonomic d					
			hermia) or cold-related (hypothermia) illnes	ss?		
	u have muscle spasti					
		ires that cannot be controlled by	y medication?			
Explain "ye	es" answers here					
Please indi	cate if you have eve	er had any of the following.				
					Yes	No
	al instability					
X-ray evalu	uation for atlantoaxia	l instability				
	joints (more than on	e)				
Easy bleed						
Enlarged s	pleen					
Hepatitis						
	a or osteoporosis					
	ontrolling bowel					
	ontrolling bladder					
	or tingling in arms o					
	or tingling in legs or	Teet				
	in arms or hands					
	in legs or feet					
	ange in coordination ange in ability to wall					
Spina bifid	,	<u> </u>			+	
Latex aller						
Explain "ye	es" answers here					
I hereby sta	ate that, to the best	of my knowledge, my answe	rs to the above questions are complete:	and correct.		
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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 · 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 . 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 ^aConsider ECG, echocardiogram, and referral to cardiology for abnormal cardiac history or exam. ^bConsider GU exam if in private setting. Having third party present is recommended.
^cConsider 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 __ 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/quardians). Name of physician, advanced practice nurse (APN), physician assistant (PA) (print/type)___ Address Phone _ Signature of physician, APN, PA _

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CLEARANCE FORM

Name	Sex LI M	ШF	Age	Date of birth
☐ Cleared for all sports without restriction				
$\hfill\Box$ Cleared for all sports without restriction with recommendations for	further evaluation or tre	atment	for	
□ Not cleared				
□ Pending further evaluation				
☐ For any sports				
☐ For certain sports				
Reason				
Recommendations				
EMERGENCY INFORMATION				
Allergies				
Other information				
I have examined the above-named student and completed clinical contraindications to practice and participate in the and can be made available to the school at the request of t	sport(s) as outlined	abov	e. A copy of	the physical exam is on record in my office
the physician may rescind the clearance until the problem (and parents/guardians).	is resolved and the	poten	tial conseque	ences are completely explained to the athle
Name of physician, advanced practice nurse (APN), physician assi	stant (PA)			Date
Address				Phone
Signature of physician, APN, PA				
Completed Cardiac Assessment Professional Development Module	e			
Date Signature				



HEALTH HISTORY UPDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Stud	lent	Age_	Grade
Date	e of Last Physical ExaminationSport		
Sinc	e the last pre-participation physical examination, has your son/daughter:		
1.	Been medically advised not to participate in a sport? If yes, describe in detail		_ No
2.	Sustained a concussion, been unconscious or lost memory from a blow to the head If yes, explain in detail		
3.	Broken a bone or sprained/strained/dislocated any muscle or joints? If yes, describe in detail		No
4.	Fainted or "blacked out?" If yes, was this during or immediately after exercise?		No
5.	Experienced chest pains, shortness of breath or "racing heart?" If yes, explain		No
6.	Has there been a recent history of fatigue and unusual tiredness?	Yes	 _ No
7.	Been hospitalized or had to go to the emergency room? If yes, explain in detail		No
8.	Since the last physical examination, has there been a sudden death in the family o under age 50 had a heart attack or "heart trouble?"	r has any 1	
9.	Started or stopped taking any over-the-counter or prescribed medications? If yes, name of medication(s)		No

State of New Jersey DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

$\frac{\textbf{Sudden Cardiac Death Pamphlet}}{\textbf{Sign-Off Sheet}}$

Name of School District:
Name of Local School:
I/We acknowledge that we received and reviewed the Sudden Cardiac Death in Young Athletes pamphlet.
Student Signature:
Parent or Guardian Signature:
Date:

Website Resources

- Sudden Death in Athletes www.cardiachealth.org/sudden-death-inathletes
- Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association www.4hcm.ora
- American Heart Association www.heart.org

Collaborating Agencies:

American Academy of Pediatrics New Jersey Chapter

3836 Quakerbridge Road, Suite 108 Hamilton, NJ 08619 (p) 609-842-0014 (f) 609-842-0015 www.aapnj.org



American Heart Association

1 Union Street, Suite 301 Robbinsville, NJ, 08691 (p) 609-208-0020 www.heart.org



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PO Box 500 Trenton, NJ 08625-0500 (p) 609-292-5935 www.state.nj.us/education/



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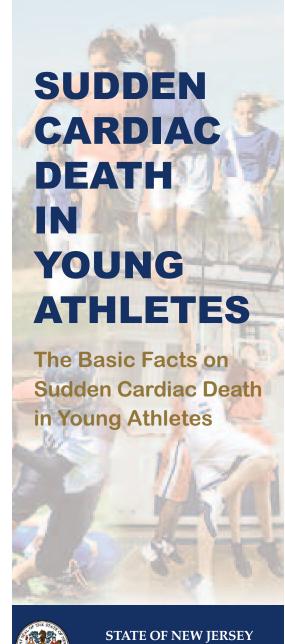
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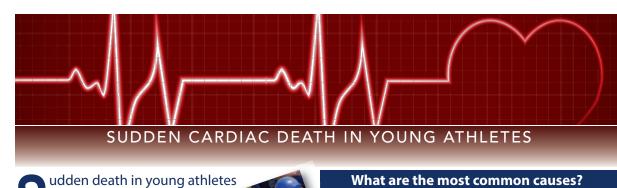
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Learn and Live



between the ages of 10 and 19 is very rare. What, if anything, can be done to prevent this kind of tragedy?

What is sudden cardiac death in the young athlete?

Sudden cardiac death is the result of an unexpected failure of proper heart function, usually (about 60% of the time) during or immediately after exercise without trauma. Since the heart stops pumping adequately, the athlete quickly collapses, loses consciousness, and ultimately dies unless normal heart rhythm is restored using an automated external defibrillator (AED).

How common is sudden death in young athletes?

Sudden cardiac death in young athletes is very rare. About 100 such deaths are reported in the United States per year. The chance of sudden death occurring to any individual high school athlete is about one in 200,000 per year.

Sudden cardiac death is more common: in males than in females: in football and basketball than in other sports; and in African-Americans than in other races and ethnic groups.

Research suggests that the main cause is a loss of proper heart rhythm, causing the heart to guiver instead of pumping blood to the brain and body. This is called ventricular fibrillation (ven-TRICK-you-lar fibroo-LAY-shun). The problem is usually caused by one of several cardiovascular abnormalities and electrical diseases of the heart that go unnoticed in healthy-appearing athletes.

The most common cause of sudden death in an athlete is hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (hi-per-TRO-fic CAR- dee-oh-my-OP-a-thee) also called HCM. HCM is a disease of the heart, with abnormal thickening of the heart muscle, which can cause serious heart rhythm problems and blockages to blood flow. This genetic disease runs in families and usually develops gradually over many years.

The second most likely cause is congenital (con-JEN-it-al) (i.e., present from birth) abnormalities of the coronary

arteries. This means that these blood vessels are connected to the main blood vessel of the heart in an abnormal way. This differs from blockages that may occur when people get older (commonly called "coronary artery disease," which may lead to a heart attack).

SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH IN YOUNG ATHLETES

Other diseases of the heart that can lead to sudden death in young people include:

- Myocarditis (my-oh-car-DIE-tis), an acute inflammation of the heart muscle (usually due to a virus).
- Dilated cardiomyopathy, an enlargement of the heart for unknown reasons.
- Long QT syndrome and other electrical abnormalities of the heart which cause abnormal fast heart rhythms that can also run in families.
- Marfan syndrome, an inherited disorder that affects heart valves, walls of major arteries, eyes and the skeleton. It is generally seen in unusually tall athletes, especially if being tall is not common in other family members.

Are there warning signs to watch for?

In more than a third of these sudden cardiac deaths, there were warning signs that were not reported or taken seriously. Warning signs are:

- Fainting, a seizure or convulsions during physical activity;
- Fainting or a seizure from emotional excitement, emotional distress or being startled;
- Dizziness or lightheadedness, especially during exertion;
- Chest pains, at rest or during exertion;

- Palpitations awareness of the heart beating unusually (skipping, irregular or extra beats) during athletics or during cool down periods after athletic participation;
- Fatigue or tiring more quickly than peers; or
- Being unable to keep up with friends due to shortness of breath.

What are the current recommendations for screening young athletes?

New Jersey requires all school athletes to be examined by their primary care physician ("medical home") or school physician at least once per year. The New Jersey Department of Education requires use of the specific Annual Athletic Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form.

This process begins with the parents and student-athletes answering questions about symptoms during exercise (such as chest pain, dizziness, fainting, palpitations or shortness of breath); and questions about family health history.

The primary healthcare provider needs to know if any family member died suddenly during physical activity or during a seizure. They also need to know if anyone in the family under the age of 50 had an unexplained sudden death such as drowning or car accidents. This information must be provided annually for each exam because it is so essential to identify those at risk for sudden cardiac death.

The required physical exam includes measurement of blood pressure and a careful listening examination of the heart, especially for murmurs and rhythm abnormalities. If there are no warning signs reported on the health history and no abnormalities discovered on exam, no further evaluation or testing is recommended.

When should a student athlete see a heart specialist?

If the primary healthcare provider or school physician has concerns, a referral to a child heart specialist, a pediatric cardiologist, is recommended. This specialist will perform a more thorough evaluation, including an electrocardiogram (ECG), which is a graph of the electrical activity of the heart. An echocardiogram, which is an ultrasound test to allow for direct visualization of the heart structure, will likely also be done. The specialist may also order a treadmill exercise test and a monitor to enable a longer recording of the heart rhythm. None of the testing is invasive or uncomfortable.

Can sudden cardiac death be prevented just through proper screening?

A proper evaluation should find most, but not all, conditions that would cause sudden death in the athlete. This is because some diseases are difficult to uncover and may only develop later in life. Others can develop following a normal screening evaluation, such as an infection of the heart muscle from a virus.

This is why screening evaluations and a review of the family health history need to be performed on a yearly basis by the athlete's primary healthcare provider. With proper screening and evaluation, most cases can be identified and prevented.

Why have an AED on site during sporting events?

The only effective treatment for ventricular fibrillation is immediate use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). An AED can restore the heart back into a normal rhythm. An AED is also life-saving for ventricular fibrillation caused by a blow to the chest over the heart (commotio cordis).

Effective September 1, 2014, the New Jersey Department of Education requires that all public and nonpublic schools grades K through 12 shall:

- Have an AED available at every sports event (three minutes total time to reach and return with the AED);
- Have adequate personnel who are trained in AED use present at practices and games;
- Have coaches and athletic trainers trained in basic life support techniques (CPR); and
- Call 911 immediately while someone is retrieving the AED.



NJSIAA STEROID TESTING POLICY AND PARENT/GUARDIAN CONCUSSION POLICY ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORMS

NJSIAA STEROID TESTING POLICY CONSENT TO RANDOM TESTING

In Executive Order 72, issued December 20, 2005, Governor Richard Codey directed the New Jersey Department of Education to work in conjunction with the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) to develop and implement a program of random testing for steroids, of teams and individuals qualifying for championship games.

Beginning in the Fall, 2006 sports season, any student-athlete who possesses, distributes, ingests or otherwise uses any of the banned substances on the attached page, without written prescription by a fully-licensed physician, as recognized by the American Medical Association, to treat a medical condition, violates the NJSIAA's sportsmanship rule, and is subject to NJSIAA penalties, including ineligibility from competition. The NJSIAA will test certain randomly selected individuals and teams that qualify for a state championship tournament or state championship competition for banned substances. The results of all tests shall be considered confidential and shall only be disclosed to the student, his or her parents and his or her school. No student may participate in NJSIAA competition unless the student and the student's parent/guardian consent to random testing.

NJSIAA Banned-Drug Classes 2012 - 2013

The term "related compounds" comprises substances that are included in the class by their pharmacological action and/or chemical structure. No substance belonging to the prohibited class may be used, regardless of whether it is specifically listed as an example.

Many nutritional/dietary supplements contain NJSIAA banned substances. In addition, the U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not strictly regulate the supplement industry; therefore purity and safety of nutritional dietary supplements cannot be guaranteed. Impure supplements may lead to a positive NJSIAA drug test. **The use of supplements is at the student-athlete's own risk**. Student-athletes should contact their physician or athletic trainer for further information.

(c) Diuretics

The following is a list of banned-drug classes, with examples of banned substances under each class:

(a) Stimulants (b) Anabolic Agents Àmiphenazole anabolic steroids amphetamine androstenediol bemigride androstenedione benzphetamine boldenone bromantan clostebol caffeine1 (guarana) dehydrochlormethylchlorphentermine testosterone cocaine dehydroepiandrocropropamide sterone (DHEA) dihydrotestosterone (DHT) crothetamide diethylpropion dromostanolone dimethylamphetamine epitrenbolone fluoxymesterone doxapram ephedrine gestrinone (ephedra, ma huang) mesterolone ethamivan methandienone ethylamphetamine methenolone fencamfamine methyltestosterone meclofenoxate nandrolone methamphetamine norandrostenediol methylenedioxymethamphetamine norandrostenedione (MDMA, ecstasy) norethandrolone methylphenidate oxandrolone nikethamide oxymesterone pemoline oxymetholone

acetazolamide bendroflumethiazide benzhiazide bumetanide chlorothiazide chlorthalidone ethacrynic acid flumethiazide furosemide hydrochlorothiazide hvdroflumenthiazide methyclothiazide metolazone polythiazide quinethazone spironolactone triamterene trichlormethiazide

and related compounds

(d) Peptide Hormones & Analogues: corticotrophin (ACTH) human chorionic gonadotrophin (hCG) leutenizing hormone (LH) growth hormone (HGH, somatotrophin) insulin like growth hormone (IGF-1)

All the respective releasing factors of the above-mentioned substances also are banned: erythropoietin (EPO) darbypoetin sermorelin

orange) and related compounds

stanozolol

(THG)

trenbolone

testosterone2

tetrahydrogestrinone

and related compounds

other anabolic agents

(e) Definitions of positive depends on the following:

1 for caffine – if the concentration in urine exceeds 15 micrograms/ml

2 for testosterone – if administration of testosterone or use of any other manipulation has the result of increasing the ratio of the total concentration of testosterone to that of epitestosterone in the urine of greater than 6:1, unless there is evidence that this ratio is due to a physiological or pathological condition.

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phendimetrazine

phenylpropanolamine

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phenmetrazine

phentermine

picrotoxine

pipradol prolintane strychnine synephrine



NJSIAA PARENT/GUARDIAN CONCUSSION POLICY ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

In order to help protect the student athletes of New Jersey, the NJSIAA has mandated that all athletes, parents/guardians and coaches follow the NJSIAA Concussion Policy.

A concussion is a brain injury and all brain injuries are serious. They may be caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. They can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. Even though most concussions are mild, <u>all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly</u>. In other words, even a "ding" or bump on the head could be serious. You can't see a concussion and most sports concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. If your child/player reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of concussion yourself, seek medical attention right away.

Symptoms may include one or more of the following:

- 1. Headache
- 2. Nausea/vomiting
- 3. Balance problems or dizziness
- 4. Double vision or changes in vision
- 5. Sensitivity to light or sound/noise
- 6. Feeling of sluggishness or fogginess
- 7. Difficulty with concentration, short-term memory, and/or confusion
- 8. Irritability or agitation
- 9. Depression or anxiety
- 10. Sleep Disturbance

Signs observed by teammates, parents and coaches include:

- 1. Appears dazed, stunned, or disoriented
- 2. Forgets plays or demonstrates short-term memory difficulties (e.g. is unsure of the game, score, or opponent)
- 3. Exhibits difficulties with balance or coordination
- 4. Answers questions slowly or inaccurately
- 5. Loses consciousness
- 6. Demonstrates behavior or personality changes
- 7. Is unable to recall events prior to or after the hit

What can happen if my child/player keeps on playing with a concussion or returns too soon?

Athletes with the signs and symptoms of concussion should be removed from play immediately. Continuing to play with the signs and symptoms of a concussion leaves the young athlete especially vulnerable to greater injury. There is an increased risk of significant damage from a concussion for a period of time after that concussion occurs, particularly if the athlete suffers another concussion before completely recovering from the first one. This can lead to prolonged recovery, or even to severe brain swelling (second impact syndrome) with devastating and even fatal consequences. It is well known that adolescent or teenage athletes will often under report symptoms of injuries. And concussions are no different. As a result, education of administrators, coaches, parents and students is the key for student-athletes' safety.

If you think your child/player has suffered a concussion

Any athlete even suspected of suffering a concussion should be removed from the game or practice immediately. No athlete may return to activity after an apparent head injury or concussion, regardless of how mild it seems or how quickly symptoms clear. Close observation of the athlete should continue for several hours.

An athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time and may not return to play until the athlete receives written clearance from a physician trained in the evaluation and management of concussions that states the student athlete is asymptomatic at rest and may begin the graduated return to play protocol. The graduated return to play protocol is a series of six steps, the first being a completion of a full day of normal cognitive activities without re-emergence of symptoms.

Day 2: light aerobic exercise, keeping the student's heart rate <70% max

Day 3: sport specific exercises: running, etc. No head impact activities.

Day 4: non-contact training drills such as passing, shooting. Some progressive resistance training.

Day 5: normal training/practice activities, following medical clearance.

Day 6: return to play involving normal game exertion or game activity.

You should also inform your child's Coach, Athletic Trainer (ATC), and/or Athletic Director, if you think that your child/player may have a concussion. And when in doubt, the athlete sits out.

For current and up-to-date information on concussions you can go to:

http://www.cdc.gov/ConcussionInYouthSports

http://www.nfhslearn.com



NJSIAA STEROID TESTING POLICY CONSENT TO RANDOM TESTING

By signing below, we consent to random testing in accordance with the NJSIAA steroid testing policy. We understand that, if the student or the student's team qualifies for a state championship tournament or state championship competition, the student may be subject to testing for banned substances.

Print Student-Athlete's Name

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian	Print Parent/Guardian's Name	Date				
NJSIAA PARENT/GUARDIAN CONCUSSION POLICY ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM By signing below, we agree to abide by the NJSIAA Concussion Policy. We have read and understand the risks associated with continuing to play with the signs and symptoms of a concussion.						
Signature of Student-Athlete	Print Student-Athlete's Name	 Date				
Signature of Parent/Guardian	Print Parent/Guardian's Name	Date				

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In Executive Order 72, issued December 20, 2005, Governor Richard Codey directed the New Jersey Department of Education to work in conjunction with the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) to develop and implement a program of random testing for steroids, of teams and individuals qualifying for championship games.

Beginning in the Fall, 2006 sports season, any student-athlete who possesses, distributes, ingests or otherwise uses any of the banned substances on the attached page, without written prescription by a fully-licensed physician, as recognized by the American Medical Association, to treat a medical condition, violates the NJSIAA's sportsmanship rule, and is subject to NJSIAA penalties, including ineligibility from competition.

Athletes may submit supplements and medications to Drug Free Sport AXIS to receive information regarding banned substances or safety issues. Athletes or parents may login to the NJSIAA account at www.dfsaxis.com using the password "njsports".

The NJSIAA will test certain randomly selected individuals and teams that qualify for a state championship tournament or state championship competition for banned substances. The results of all tests shall be considered confidential and shall only be disclosed to the student, his or her parents and his or her school. No student may participate in NJSIAA competition unless the student and the student's parent/guardian consent to random testing.

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