

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION / PARENTAL CONSENT / PHYSICIAN=S REPORT

(Separate Form Required for Each Year)

PART 1 - APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

(To be completed and signed by the student and parent or guardian.)

Name of Student _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Name of School _____ Date _____

ATHLETES: Eligibility to participate in school athletics is a privilege to attain, not an inherent right. To be eligible for your school team, in addition to the local school requirements, you must comply with the following Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Eligibility Requirements:

1. Citizenship

You must be a creditable citizen. Creditable citizens are those students whose conduct - both in school and out of school - will not reflect discredit upon themselves or their school.

NOTE: Conduct by the student involving law enforcement should be reported to your principal immediately.

2. Academics

Grades 9-12

You must have earned, the preceding semester of attendance, a minimum of 2.50 units of credit or have earned credit in 70% of the maximum allowable classes in which any student can be enrolled in the semester, whichever is greater.

Currently, you must be enrolled in, and regularly attending, courses that offer 2.5 units of credit or 70% of the maximum allowable credits which may be earned, whichever is greater.

Credits earned or completed after the close of the semester will not fulfill this requirement. Summer school courses for academic eligibility may count provided the course is necessary for graduation or promotion (no electives), and it is placed on the school transcript. No more than one credit in summer school shall be counted toward eligibility.

If you are beginning the ninth grade, you must have been promoted at the close of the previous school year.

You must be making satisfactory progress toward graduation as determined by your local school=s policies.

Do not drop courses without first consulting with your school principal, athletic administrator or counselor to determine whether it will affect your eligibility!

Grades 7-8

You must be enrolled in a normal course load for your grade at the member school.

You must have been promoted to a higher grade prior to the first day of classes for the new school year. However, even though you may have been promoted, you will be ineligible if you failed more than two courses the previous semester.

3. Transferring Schools

If you transfer schools and your parents do not move into the district of your new school, you will be ineligible for 365 days - unless you meet one of the exceptions listed in the MSHSAA Residence and Transfer Rules.

If you move with your parents to your new school district, you will be eligible at your new school provided you were eligible in all other respects at your former school. A student shall not be eligible to represent two different schools in the MSHSAA state tournament series in the same sport during the same season.

You and your parents must move to the new residence at the same time.

Always check with your school principal before you transfer to determine whether it will affect your eligibility.

4. Participation Limits

Grades 9-12

You are eligible to participate in any sport for a maximum of four seasons. Any part of a contest played during a season counts as a season of participation.

Your eligibility to participate in high school activities begins when you first enter the ninth grade and lasts for the next eight consecutive semesters (four years).

Grades 7-8

You are eligible for only your first two semesters of attendance in the 7th grade and for only your first two semesters in the 8th grade.

You are not eligible to compete with or against students enrolled in the tenth grade or above when you are enrolled in either the

seventh or eighth grade.

NOTE: Check with your school principal for exceptions to this rule if you are ineligible because of age.

5. Entering School

You must enter school within the first 11 days of the semester in order to be eligible.

6. Amateur & Awards Standards

After entering a member school, you will become ineligible in the sport concerned if you receive cash, merchandise or services for participating in an athletic contest or being an athlete. This restriction applies to all sports in which MSHSAA member schools conduct interscholastic programs. (Merchandise received shall not exceed \$25 suggested retail price.)

You may accept awards which are symbolic in nature, such as medals, ribbons, trophies, plaques, etc. for participating in a school athletic program.

You may accept awards which are merchandise and such award shall not exceed \$25 suggested manufacturer=s retail price.

Awards as described above presented by a person or group other than your school, must be approved in advance by your school principal and the suggested manufacturer=s retail price of a merchandise award shall not exceed \$25.

You may accept awards for participating in nonschool sponsored athletic competition only if the awards are symbolic in nature or the merchandise item does not exceed \$25 in suggested retail value. (See above.)

7. Age Limits

Grades 9-12

If you reach 19 years of age prior to July 1, you will be ineligible the next school year.

Over-aged eighth graders may move up to the senior high team to have eight semesters of eligibility.

Grades 7-8

In order to participate on or against teams made up of only seventh-graders, you must not have reached 14 years of age prior to July 1 preceding the opening of school.

In order to participate on or against teams made up of only eighth-graders, you must not have reached 15 years of age prior to July 1 preceding the opening of school.

In order to participate on or against teams made up of only ninth-graders, you must not have reached 16 years of age prior to July 1 preceding the opening of school.

However, you may participate with the next higher grade when you no longer meet the age limit for your grade.

NOTE: Check with your school principal for options available to you if you are ineligible for your grade level because of age.

8. Playing Under a False Name

If you compete under an assumed or false name, you immediately become ineligible.

9. Graduated Students

You will be ineligible to participate after graduation from a senior high school. Students who are granted an early release after their junior year are ineligible for further participation. (NOTE: You are eligible to participate in state-level events which extend beyond the date of your school=s graduation at the end of the spring semester of your senior year.)

10. Nonschool Competition

You may not practice for or participate with a nonschool team or in any organized nonschool athletic competition and for your school team in the same sport during the same season of the school team.

You may participate on a school team and a nonschool team in different sports during the same season; however, you may not practice for the nonschool team or participate in organized nonschool athletic competition on

the same day that you practice with or participate for the school team without prior approval of your school administrator.

You must receive approval in advance from your school principal in order to miss school time to practice for, travel to or compete in organized nonschool athletic competition.

You may not play at any time on an organized nonschool basketball, football, or volleyball team made up of only members of your school team unless: a) the teams are nontraditional as defined in 235.2-b with limits to out of season; or b) during the summer months when there is no limit on team rosters/lineups (235.2-b).

You will become ineligible in any sport in which you play as a member of a junior college, college or university team.

You may participate in international competition during the school year, however, the competition must meet the established criteria published in the MSHSAA Official Handbook and must be approved in advance by the MSHSAA Board of Directors.

Before you join a nonschool team or enter any nonschool competitive athletic event, your school principal or athletic administrator should be consulted to make certain these standards are met.

11. College Auditions and Tryouts

You may participate in a college tryout, audition or evaluation event for a specific sport outside the school season of the sport concerned (MSHSAA By-Law 242).

You may not miss school time to travel or participate in the event unless your absence is approved in advance by the school administrator.

You may not miss an MSHSAA-sponsored postseason athletic event to participate in or travel to and from the event.

NOTE: See your administrator before signing up and agreeing to attend any such events.

12. All-Star Games

You may not compete in an all-star game or contest before you complete your eligibility in each high school sport. Participation in an all-star game or contest before ending your high school eligibility will result in you becoming ineligible to participate in any high school sport.

A senior with no high school eligibility remaining for a specific sport may participate in one All-Star game for that sport during the school year. See your administrator before agreeing to play.

An all-star event is one in which an individual is invited to participate due to his or her high school achievements.

13. Recruiting of Athletes

You will be ineligible for your career at a school if you are influenced by a person or persons to attend upon promotion or transfer schools for athletic or activities purposes. You may, however, return to your original school and be ineligible for just 365 days.

14. Transfer for Athletic Reasons

You shall become ineligible for 365 days if you transfer to another school for athletic reasons, as defined in MSHSAA By-Law 238.

15. Sports Camps and Clinics

You may attend specialized summer athletic camp(s)/clinic(s) where you receive instruction or coaching from a member of your school=s coaching staff for a maximum of two calendar weeks in any one sport. A calendar week for any sports camp is defined as any seven consecutive days and any consecutive grouping of days shall be counted as one calendar week.

You may attend nonschool sponsored summer specialized sports camp(s) or group instruction for as long as you wish where you

do not receive instruction or coaching from a member of your school=s coaching staff.

During the school year outside of the school sport season, you may attend nonschool-sponsored specialized sports camp(s) or group instruction, provided: it does not result in any loss of school time, attendance does not occur within 14 days of the start of the school sport season for the sport concerned, it is not a team camp, no competition occurs other than limited scrimmaging, and no member of the coaching staff of the school you attend (or will attend) is involved in any way.

During the school sport season, you may attend a nonschool-sponsored specialized sports camp(s) or group instruction provided a school coach attends with you, camp attendance does not result in any loss of school time, it is not a team camp, there is no competition other than limited scrimmaging, and a school administrator approves your participation.

If an individual sport skills camp is sponsored by a school, a) you may attend any camp of your choice up to and including the summer preceding your entry into the 8th grade or b) after you enter the 8th grade, you may only attend a school-sponsored sports camp at the school you are enrolled to attend (for graduation) in grades 9-12 (unless a transfer in grades 9-12 occurs).

You or your parents must pay all camp/clinic fees, tuition and other related expenses. A scholarship, waiver of fees or a payment of travel expenses shall result in the loss of your eligibility.

Before attending any specialized athletic camp(s)/clinic(s) or group sport instruction, you should consult with your school principal or athletic administrator to make sure it meets the criteria published in the MSHSAA Official Handbook.

16. Sportsmanship

If you should commit an unsportsmanlike act while participating in an event, you could become ineligible.

If your conduct as a spectator is found to be unsportsmanlike, you could be barred from attending any further high school athletic contests.

The unsportsmanlike conduct of any spectator -- regardless of age -- could cause that spectator to be barred from attending school athletic contests.

17. Foreign Student Eligibility

You are eligible for varsity competition for one year only, provided you are participating in an exchange program listed by CSJET (Council on Standards for International Educational Travel).

No person associated with the school may be involved in your selection.

No member of the school=s coaching staff shall serve as a host family.

You must meet the age requirement of not reaching age 19 prior to July 1.

You must possess a current and valid visa.

You must have enrolled within the first 11 days of the semester.

You must meet all other general student-eligibility requirements.

If you meet all standards of eligibility except a CSJET program, you are eligible only for sub-varsity competition.

This application to represent my school in interscholastic athletics is entirely voluntary on my part and is made with the understanding that I have studied and understand the eligibility standards that I must meet to represent my school and that I have not violated any of them. I also understand that if I do not meet the citizenship standards as described above or if I am ejected from an interscholastic contest because of an unsportsmanlike act, it could result in me not being allowed to participate in the next contest or suspension from the team either temporarily or permanently depending upon the seriousness of the incident.

Signature of Student _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

PART II - PARENTAL CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

(To be completed and signed by the parent or guardian.)

Name of Student _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ School _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial) Mo. Day Year

Parents MUST check the sport(s) approved for participation.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer | <input type="checkbox"/> Track |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball/Softball | <input type="checkbox"/> Football | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrestling |

I hereby give my consent for the above student to represent his/her school in interscholastic athletics. I also give my consent for him/her to accompany the team as a member on its out-of-town trips and will not hold the school responsible in case of accident or injury whether it be en route to or from another school or during practice or an interscholastic contest. I fully understand that injuries can occur during interscholastic athletic participation. If I cannot be reached in the event of an emergency, I also give consent and authorize the school to obtain through a physician or hospital of its choice, such medical care as is reasonably necessary for the welfare of the student, if he/she is injured in the course of school athletic activities.

A student will not be permitted to practice or compete for a school until it has verification that he/she has basic health/accident insurance coverage. My son/daughter is covered by basic health/accident insurance for the current school year.

Insurance Company _____ Policy No. _____

Home Phone _____ Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

Business Phone _____ Address _____
(Street Address) (City or Town) (Zip Code)

PART III - PHYSICIAN=S REPORT FOR PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

(To be completed and signed by the examining physician.)

Student=s health history information below MUST be completed by parent or guardian before examination by your family physician. (Check your response.)

- | | Yes | No | | Yes | No |
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| 1. Head Injury? | ___ | ___ | 6. Any history of heart disease or murmur? | ___ | ___ |
| 2. Fainting? | ___ | ___ | 7. Recent or frequent bone or joint injuries? | ___ | ___ |
| 3. Shortness of breath? | ___ | ___ | 8. Any chronic lung condition? | ___ | ___ |
| 4. Easy Fatigue? | ___ | ___ | 9. Diabetes or diabetic tendency? | ___ | ___ |
| 5. Asthma? | ___ | ___ | 10. Date of last tetanus booster: _____ | | |

Additional Pertinent Information: _____

Pulse _____ Rhythm _____ Blood Pressure _____ Weight _____

Eyes _____ Describe any abnormality: _____

Lungs _____ Describe any abnormality: _____

Heart: Any abnormality should be diagnosed by examining physician before qualifying student.

Abnormality? ___ NO ___ YES If yes, describe: _____

Hernia? ___ NO ___ YES

Extremities and back. Please indicate any history of orthopedic defect(s): _____

Urinalysis _____ (if indicated) Blood Count _____ (if indicated)

Additional Pertinent Information: _____

I certify that I have completed the above evaluation and (do) (do not) recommend the student as being physically able to compete in the proposed interscholastic activities. (If student is not declared physically able to compete in all proposed interscholastic activities, list exceptions):

Date of Examination: _____ Signed: _____

Examining Physician (M.D., D.O)

This form is to be returned to the Building Athletic Director at the school which the student attends. A student will not be allowed to participate in interscholastic athletics, practices or contests, until all parts of this form are completed, signed by all concerned, and on file with the school.