



## Arlington Public Schools Athletic/Co-Curricular Participation Agreement

**Participation in athletics and co-curricular activities is a privilege.** Arlington Public Schools recognizes the value of athletic and co-curricular activities and how it supports the development of well-rounded adults while addressing students' interests and aptitudes.

**Student Behavior and Disciplinary Responsibilities:** APS encourages students to behave in a manner that promotes a positive learning environment. APS disciplinary policy prohibits bullying, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct and abuse, substance use, and other negative and potentially illegal behaviors. These policies are outlined on the APS website and in the APS Handbook. Students may be disciplined for violation of APS disciplinary policy while on school premises, in proximity to school premises, when coming to or going from school, while on school-owned and operated school buses or on chartered buses, while engaged in an approved and supervised activity on or off school premises, and when the good order, safety or welfare of the school or its students is affected as a result of the out of school action. A student participating in APS athletics and/or co-curricular activities who violates an APS disciplinary policy may, in addition to other disciplinary action, be suspended or expelled from participation in APS athletics and/or co-curricular activities, as determined by the appropriate APS staff member.

**Concussions and Students:** Concussions can occur in any sport or activity. A student who is identified as having, or is suspected of having, a brain injury will be removed from practice/game and not allowed to return unless cleared by a licensed health care provider as identified by *The Code of Virginia* §22.1-271.5. An athlete should not return to physical activity while still experiencing symptoms since the brain is particularly vulnerable to further injury and more permanent damage or even death. Concussions are managed best by a multi-disciplinary approach that includes the student-athlete, parent, school and medical personnel. By our signatures below, we (the student and his/her parent or guardian) acknowledge receipt of, and certify that we have read in its entirety and understand, "Concussion Fact Sheet" provided by the Arlington Public Schools which is also found at the secondary schools web site. We further understand that if we have any questions about the information we can contact the high school athletic trainer or director of student activities, or the middle school student activity coordinator. The high school athletic trainer has the final decision on the athlete's return to play status.

**Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risk:** We, the student and parents or guardians who have signed this form, consent to the athletic and/or co-curricular activity participation agreement and transportation through Arlington Public Schools. We agree to follow the rules and instructions of the APS Handbook, the student's school, the coaching staff, athletic trainers and the Virginia High School League (VHSL) and to abide by their administrative decisions. We agree to and understand the many risks involved in participation. We understand that injuries requiring medical attention, serious injuries, permanent disability or death can result from such participation. Further, because athletic participation involves shared facilities, equipment and physical contact, student are at increased risk for exposure to communicable diseases and skin infections. I choose to voluntarily accept all such risks. With the full understanding of the risks involved, we agree and accept all responsibility for the student's safety, health and welfare while participating in athletics and student activities.

This form should be signed by both the student and parent(s) or guardian(s).

BY SIGNING BELOW, I STATE THAT THIS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTOOD BY ME. I ACKNOWLEDGE ITS TERMS AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THEM.

_____	_____	_____
Student Athlete	Date	Print Student Name
_____	_____	
Parent or legal guardian	Date	

*Failure to sign this agreement does not exempt a student from the school's responsibility to enforce the agreement.*

**VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE, INC.**  
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## ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION/PARENTAL CONSENT/PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM

Separate signed form is required for each school year MAY 1 of the current year through JUNE 30 of the succeeding year.

For school year \_\_\_\_\_

**PART I- ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION**  
(To be filled in and signed by the student)

Male \_\_\_\_\_  
Female \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINT CLEARLY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address of Parents \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

This is my \_\_\_\_\_ semester in \_\_\_\_\_ High School, and my \_\_\_\_\_ semester since first entering the ninth grade. Last semester I attended \_\_\_\_\_ School and passed \_\_\_\_\_ credit subjects, and I am taking \_\_\_\_\_ credit subjects this semester. I have read the condensed individual eligibility rules of the Virginia High School League that appear below and believe I am eligible to represent my present high school in athletics.

### INDIVIDUALIZED ELIGIBILITY RULES

To be eligible to represent your school in any VHSL interscholastic athletic contest, you:

- Must be a regular bona fide student in good standing of the school you represent.
- Must be enrolled in the last four years of high school. (Eighth-grade students may be eligible for junior varsity)
- Must have enrolled not later than the fifteenth day of the current semester.
- For the first semester must be currently enrolled in not fewer than five subjects, or their equivalent, offered for credit and which may be used for graduation and have passed five subjects, or their equivalent, offered for credit and which may be used for graduation the immediately preceding year or the immediately preceding semester for schools that certify credits on a semester basis. (Check with your principal for equivalent requirements.) **May not repeat courses for eligibility purposes for which credit has been previously awarded.**
- For the second semester must be currently enrolled in not fewer than five subjects, or their equivalent, offered for credit and which may be used for graduation and have passed five subjects, or their equivalent, offered for credit and which may be used for graduation the immediately preceding semester. (Check with your principal for equivalent requirements.)
- Must sit out all VHSL competition for 365 consecutive calendar days following a school transfer unless the transfer corresponded with a family move. (Check with your principal for exceptions.)
- Must not have reached your nineteenth birthday on or before the first day of August of the current school year.
- Must not, after entering ninth grade for the first time, have been enrolled in or been eligible for enrollment in high school more than eight consecutive semesters.
- Must have submitted to your principal before any kind of participation, including tryouts or practice as a member of any school athletic or cheerleading team, an Athletic Participation/Parent Consent/Physical Examination Form, completely filled in and properly signed attesting that you have been examined during this school year and found to be physically fit for competition and that your parents' consent to your participation.
- Must not be in violation of VHSL Amateur, Awards, All Star or College Team Rules. (Check with your principal for clarification about cheerleading.)

Eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics is a privilege you earn by meeting not only the above-listed minimum standards, but also all other standards set by your League, district and school. If you have any question regarding your eligibility or are in doubt about the effect an activity might have on your eligibility, **check with your principal for interpretations and exceptions provided under League rules.** Meeting the intent and spirit of League standards will prevent you, your team, school and community from being penalized. Additionally, I give my consent and approval for my picture and name to be printed in any high school or VHSL athletic program, publication or video.

**LOCAL SCHOOL DIVISIONS AND VHSL DISTRICTS MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STANDARDS TO THOSE LISTED ABOVE.**

→Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN INELIGIBILITY FOR ONE YEAR.**

The pre-participation physical examination is not a substitute for a thorough annual examination by a student's primary care physician.

**PART II- MEDICAL HISTORY (Explain "YES" answers below)**

This form must be complete and signed, prior to the physical examination, for review by examining practitioner.  
Explain "YES" answers below with number of the question. Circle questions you don't know the answers to.

GENERAL MEDICAL HISTORY		YES	NO	MEDICAL QUESTIONS CONTINUED		YES	NO
1. Do you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with your provider?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		24. Have you had mononucleosis (mono) within the last month?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Has a provider ever denied or restricted your participation in sports for any reason?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		25. Are you missing a kidney, eye, testicle, spleen or other internal organ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Do you have any ongoing medical conditions? If so, please identify: <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma <input type="checkbox"/> Anemia <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> Infections <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		26. Do you have groin or testicle pain or a painful bulge or hernia in the groin area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Are you currently taking any medications or supplements on a daily basis?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		27. Have you ever become ill while exercising in the heat?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Do you have allergies to any medications?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		28. When exercising in the heat, do you have severe muscle cramps?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Do you have any recurring skin rashes or rashes that come and go, including herpes or methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		29. Do you have headaches with exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Have you ever spent the night in the hospital? If yes, why? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		30. Have you ever had numbness, tingling or weakness in your arms or legs or been unable to move your arms or legs AFTER being hit or falling?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. Have you ever had surgery?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		31. Do you or does someone in your family have sickle cell trait or disease?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU</b>			<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>			
9. Have you ever passed out or nearly passed out DURING or AFTER exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		32. Have you had any other blood disorders?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Have you ever had discomfort, pain, tightness, or pressure in your chest during exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		33. Have you had a concussion or head injury that caused confusion, a prolonged headache or memory problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Does your heart race, flutter in your chest or skip beats (irregular beats) during exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		34. Have you had or do you have any problems with your eyes or vision?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. Has a doctor ever ordered a test for your heart? For example, electrocardiography or echocardiography.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		35. Do you wear glasses or contacts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13. Has a doctor ever told you that you have any heart problems, including: <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 <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		36. Do you wear protective eyewear like goggles or a face shield?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				37. Do you worry about your weight?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				38. Are you trying to or has anyone recommended that you gain or lose weight?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				39. Do you limit or carefully control what you eat?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				40. Have you ever had an eating disorder?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				41. Are you on a special diet or do you avoid certain types of foods or food groups?			
				42. Allergies to food or stinging insects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				43. Have you ever had a COVID-19 diagnosis? Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
				44. What is the date of your last Tdap or Td (tetanus) immunization? (circle type) Date: _____			
14. Do you get light-headed or feel shorter of breath than your friends during exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<b>FEMALES ONLY</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
15. Have you ever had a seizure?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		45. Have you ever had a menstrual period?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY</b>			<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>			
16. Does anyone in your family have a heart problem?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		46. Age when you had your first menstrual period: _____			
17. Has any family member or relative died of heart problems or had an unexpected or unexplained sudden death before age 35 (including drowning or unexplained car crash)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		47. Number of periods in the last 12 months: _____			
18. Does anyone in your family have a genetic heart problem such as hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM), Marfan syndrome, arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy (ARVC), long QT syndrome (LQTS), short QT syndrome (SQTS), Brugada syndrome, or catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia (CPVT)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		48. When was your most recent menstrual period? _____			
19. Has anyone in your family had a pacemaker or an implanted defibrillator before age 35?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<b>EXPLAIN "YES" ANSWERS BELOW</b>			
<b>BONE AND JOINT QUESTIONS</b>			<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	#	>>	
20. Have you ever had a stress fracture or an injury to a bone, muscle, ligament, joint, or tendon that caused you to miss a practice or game?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		#	>>		
21. Do you currently have a bone, muscle or joint injury that bothers you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		#	>>		
<b>MEDICAL QUESTIONS</b>			<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	#	>>	
22. Do you cough, wheeze or have difficulty breathing during or after exercise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		List medications and nutritional supplements you are currently taking here:			
23. Do you have asthma or use asthma medicine (inhaler, nebulizer)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					

→ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ → Athlete's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART III- PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**

(Physical examination form is required each school year dated after May 1 of the preceding school year and is good through June 30 of the current school year)\*\*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

Height	Weight	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
BP /	Resting pulse	Vision R 20/	L 20/
		Corrected <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

MEDICAL	NORMAL	ABNORMAL FINDINGS
Appearance (Marfan stigmata: kyphoscoliosis, high-arched palate, pectus excavatum, arachnodactyly, hyperlaxity, myopia, mitral valve prolapse, and aortic insufficiency)		
Eyes/ears/nose/throat (Pupils equal, hearing)		
Lymph nodes		
Heart (Murmurs: auscultation standing, supine, +/- Valsalva)		
Pulses		
Lungs		
Abdomen		
Skin (Herpes simplex virus, lesions suggestive of MRSA or tinea corporis)		
Neurological		

MUSCULOSKELETAL	NORMAL	ABNORMAL FINDINGS
Neck		
Back		
Shoulder/arm		
Elbow/forearm		
Wrist/hand/fingers		
Hip/thigh		
Knee		
Leg/ankle		
Foot/toes		
Functional (i.e. Double leg squat, single leg squat, box drop or step drop test)		

Emergency medications required on-site:  Inhaler  Epinephrine  Glucagon  Other:

COMMENTS:

I have reviewed the data above, reviewed his/her medical history form and make the following recommendations for his/her participation in athletics:

- MEDICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR ALL SPORTS WITHOUT RESTRICTION
- MEDICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR ALL SPORTS WITHOUT RESTRICTION WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR FURTHER EVALUATION OR TREATMENT OF: \_\_\_\_\_
- MEDICALLY ELIGIBLE ONLY FOR THE FOLLOWING SPORTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason: \_\_\_\_\_
- NOT MEDICALLY ELIGIBLE PENDING FURTHER EVALUATION OF: \_\_\_\_\_
- NOT MEDICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR ANY SPORTS

By this signature, I attest that I have examined the above student and completed this pre-participation physical including a review of Part II- Medical History.

→ PRACTITIONER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ (MD, DO, NP or PA)+ DATE\*\*: \_\_\_\_\_

EXAMINER'S NAME AND DEGREE (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**+Only signature of Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Nurse Practitioner or Physician's Assistant licensed to practice in the United States will be accepted.**

Rule 28B-1 (3) Physical Examination Rule/Transfer Student (10-90)- When an out-of-state student who has received a current physical examination elsewhere transfers to Virginia and attaches proof of that physical examination to the League form #2, the student is in compliance with physical examination requirements.



**PART IV- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF RISK AND INSURANCE STATEMENT**

(To be completed by parent/guardian)

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child/ward) to participate in any of the following sports that are NOT crossed out: baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cross country, field hockey, football, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swim/dive, tennis, track, volleyball, wrestling, other (identify sports): \_\_\_\_\_

I have reviewed the individual eligibility rules and I am aware that with the participation in sports comes the risk of injury to my child/ward. I understand that the degree of danger and the seriousness of the risk varies significantly from one sport to another with contact sports carrying the higher risk. I have had an opportunity to understand the risk inherent in sports through meetings, written handouts or some other means. He/she has student medical/accident insurance available through the school (yes\_\_ no\_\_); has athletic participation insurance coverage through the school (yes\_\_ no\_\_); is insured by our family policy with:

Name of medical insurance company: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Policy number: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of policy holder: \_\_\_\_\_

I am aware that participating in sports will involve travel with the team. I acknowledge and accept the risks inherent in the sport and with the travel involved and with this knowledge in mind, grant permission for my child/ward to participate in the sport and travel with the team.

By this signature, I hereby consent to allow the physician(s) and other health care provider(s) selected by myself or the school to perform a pre-participation examination on my child and to provide treatment for any injury or condition resulting from participation in athletics/activities for his/her school during the school year covered by this form. I further consent to allow said physician(s) of health care provider(s) to share appropriate information concerning my child that is relevant to participation in athletics and activities with coaches and other school personnel as deemed necessary.

Additionally, I give my consent and approval for the above named student's picture and name to be printed in any high school or VHSL athletic program, publication or video.

To access quality, low-cost comprehensive health insurance through FAMIS for your child, please contact Cover Virginia by going to [www.coverva.org](http://www.coverva.org) or calling 855-242-8282.

**PART V- EMERGENCY PERMISSION FORM\***

(To be completed and signed by the parent/guardian)

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any significant health problems that might be significant to a physician evaluating your child **in case of an emergency:**

PLEASE LIST ANY ALLERGIES TO MEDICATIONS, ETC: \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE STUDENT CURRENTLY PRESCRIBED AN INHALER OR EPI-PEN? \_\_\_\_\_ LIST THE EMERGENCY MEDICATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
 IS THE STUDENT PRESENTLY TAKING ANY OTHER MEDICATION? \_\_\_\_\_ IF SO, WHAT? \_\_\_\_\_  
 DOES THE STUDENT WEAR CONTACT LENSES? \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF LAST Tdap OR Td (TETANUS) SHOT: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION:** In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to physicians selected by the coaches and staff of \_\_\_\_\_ High School to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for and to order the injection and/or anesthesia and/or surgery for the person named above.

DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER (WHERE TO REACH YOU IN AN EMERGENCY): \_\_\_\_\_  
 EVENING TIME PHONE NUMBER (WHERE TO REACH YOU IN AN EMERGENCY): \_\_\_\_\_  
 CELL PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

→ SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Emergency Permission Form may be reproduced to travel with respective teams and is acceptable for emergency treatment in needed.

→ I CERTIFY ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature

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