Instructions for Sports Physical Forms

New Jersey School Law requires an athletic physical to be administered by the student's Healthcare Provider. If you do not have a medical home please contact the school as soon as possible so that we may refer you to NJ Family Care.

The Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation form consists of 4 pages (there is no longer a Part A and Part B).

Page 1 is the History Form which is completed and signed by the **parent/guardian** prior to the physical examination. The form is reviewed by the healthcare provider prior to the completion of the physical examination. **The date of examination must be completed by the healthcare provider.**

Page 2 is only for student athletes with special needs and is to be completed by the parent/guardian. The date of examination must be completed by the healthcare provider if used.

Page 3, Physical Examination Form and Page 4, Clearance Form are both to be completed by the healthcare provider. The provider must include the results of the physical examination and indicate whether the student is cleared for participation, cleared with restrictions/recommendations or not cleared for participation. Both forms must be fully completed and signed and dated by the healthcare provider.

Please check the forms before you leave your physician's office. You may delay your child being cleared if any required part is not completed.

***Our physicals are taken to the school doctor on Monday and returned on Thursday. Physicals taken on Thursday will be returned on Monday. Your child will receive a clearance note from our school doctor and the coach will be notified. Once cleared, the student will be approved to participate for 365 days from the date of examination.

For each season that your child participates in, a parent update is required by the State of NJ.

Student and Parent/Guardian must also read and sign the Sports Related

Concussion and Head Injury Fact Sheet and Acknowledgement form and Sudden

Cardiac Death in Young Athletes and Sign-Off Sheet

Please return directly to the school nurse during homeroom.

State of New Jersey DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Sudden Cardiac Death Pamphlet Sign-Off Sheet

Name of School District:	Lawrence Township
Name of Local School;	000
I/We acknowledge that we rece	ived 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-un-athletes
- Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association www.4lvcm.org
- American Heart Association www.heart.org

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SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH IN YOUNG ATHLETE

The Basic Facts on Sudden Cardiac Death in Young Athletes



American Heart Association

Learn and Live



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



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.

What are the most common causes?

Research suggests that the main cause is a loss of proper heart rhythm, causing the heart to quiver 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 musde, 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 arterles. 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)

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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.

Sports-Related Concussion and Head Injury Fact Sheet and Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement Form

A concussion is a brain injury that can be caused by a blow to the head or body that disrupts normal functioning of the brain. Concussions are a type of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), which can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally functions. Concussions can cause significant and sustained neuropsychological impairment affecting problem solving, planning, memory, attention, concentration, and behavior.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 300,000 concussions are sustained during sports related activities nationwide, and more than 62,000 concussions are sustained each year in high school contact sports. Second-impact syndrome occurs when a person sustains a second concussion while still experiencing symptoms of a previous concussion. It can lead to severe impairment and even death of the victim.

Legislation (P.L. 2010, Chapter 94) signed on December 7, 2010, mandated measures to be taken in order to ensure the safety of K-12 student-athletes involved in interscholastic sports in New Jersey. It is imperative that athletes, coaches, and parent/guardians are educated about the nature and treatment of sports related concussions and other head injuries. The legislation states that:

- All Coaches, Athletic Trainers, School Nurses, and School/Team Physicians shall complete an Interscholastic Head Injury Safety Training Program by the 2011-2012 school year.
- All school districts, charter, and non-public schools that participate in interscholastic sports will distribute annually this educational fact to all student athletes and obtain a signed acknowledgement from each parent/guardian and student-athlete.
- Each school district, charter, and non-public school shall develop a written policy describing the prevention and treatment of sports-related concussion and other head injuries sustained by interscholastic student-athletes.
- Any student-athlete who participates in an interscholastic sports program and is suspected of sustaining a concussion will be immediately removed from competition or practice. The student-athlete will not be allowed to return to competition or practice until he/she has written clearance from a physician trained in concussion treatment and has completed his/her district's graduated return-to-play protocol.

Quick Facts

- Most concussions do not involve loss of consciousness
- You can sustain a concussion even if you do not hit your head
- A blow elsewhere on the body can transmit an "impulsive" force to the brain and cause a concussion

Signs of Concussions (Observed by Coach, Athletic Trainer, Parent/Guardian)

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Forgets plays or demonstrates short term memory difficulties (e.g. unsure of game, opponent)
- Exhibits difficulties with balance, coordination, concentration, and attention
- Answers questions slowly or inaccurately
- Demonstrates behavior or personality changes
- Is unable to recall events prior to or after the hit or fall

Symptoms of Concussion (Reported by Student-Athlete)

- Headache
- Nausea/vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double vision or changes in vision

- Sensitivity to light/sound
- Feeling of sluggishness or fogginess
- Difficulty with concentration, short term memory, and/or confusion

What Should a Student-Athlete do if they think they have a concussion?

- Don't hide it. Tell your Athletic Trainer, Coach, School Nurse, or Parent/Guardian.
- **Report it.** Don't return to competition or practice with symptoms of a concussion or head injury. The sooner you report it, the sooner you may return-to-play.
- Take time to recover. If you have a concussion your brain needs time to heal. While your brain is healing you are much more likely to sustain a second concussion. Repeat concussions can cause permanent brain injury.

What can happen if a student-athlete continues to play with a concussion or returns to play to soon?

- Continuing to play with the signs and symptoms of a concussion leaves the student-athlete vulnerable to second impact syndrome.
- Second impact syndrome is when a student-athlete sustains a second concussion while still having symptoms from a previous concussion or head injury.
- Second impact syndrome can lead to severe impairment and even death in extreme cases.

Should there be any temporary academic accommodations made for Student-Athletes who have suffered a concussion?

- To recover cognitive rest is just as important as physical rest. Reading, texting, testing-even watching movies can slow down a student-athletes recovery.
- Stay home from school with minimal mental and social stimulation until all symptoms have resolved.
- Students may need to take rest breaks, spend fewer hours at school, be given extra time to complete assignments, as well as being offered other instructional strategies and classroom accommodations.

Student-Athletes who have sustained a concussion should complete a graduated return-to-play before they may resume competition or practice, according to the following protocol:

- Step 1: Completion of a full day of normal cognitive activities (school day, studying for tests, watching practice, interacting with peers) without reemergence of any signs or symptoms. If no return of symptoms, next day advance.
- Step 2: Light Aerobic exercise, which includes walking, swimming, and stationary cycling, keeping the intensity below 70% maximum heart rate. No resistance training. The objective of this step is increased heart rate.
- Step 3: Sport-specific exercise including skating, and/or running: no head impact activities. The objective of this step is to add movement.
- Step 4: Non contact training drills (e.g. passing drills). Student-athlete may initiate resistance training.
- Step 5: Following medical clearance (consultation between school health care personnel and student-athlete's physician), participation in normal training activities. The objective of this step is to restore confidence and assess functional skills by coaching and medical staff.
- Step 6: Return to play involving normal exertion or game activity.

1	ther information on Sports-Related Concussions and other Head Injuries, please visit: www.cdc.gov/concussion/sports/index.html www.nfhs.com					
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Signature of Parent/Guardian	Print Parent/Gu	ardian's Name	Date			

■ 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.)

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Has a doctor ever denied or restricted your participation in sports for any reason?			26. Do you cough, wheeze, or have difficulty breathing during or after exercise?		
Do you have any ongoing medical conditions? If so, please identify			27. Have you ever used an inhaler or taken asthma medicine?		
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AFTER exercise?			33. Have you had a herpes or MRSA skin infection?		T
6. Have you ever had discomfort, pain, tightness, or pressure in your chest during exercise?			34. Have you ever had a head injury or concussion?		
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,		Ĭ
Has a doctor ever told you that you have any heart problems? If so,			prolonged headache, or memory problems? 36. Do you have a history of seizure disorder?		╀
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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?		
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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?		1
16. 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 17. Have you ever had an injury to a bone, muscle, ligament, or tendon	Yes	No	53. How old were you when you had your first menstrual period? 54. How many periods have you had in the last 12 months?		_
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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 dwarlism)					
22. Do you regularly use a brace, ortholics, 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?					_
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25. Do you have any history of juvenile arthritis or connective tissue disease?			I control of the cont		

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■ PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION THE ATHLETE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: SUPPLEMENTAL HISTORY FORM

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■ PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM

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MUSCULOSK	ELETAL		-				TO THE RESERVE TO THE		
Neck									
Back						\perp			
Shoulder/arm						4			
Elbow/forearn						+			
Wrist/hand/fin	igers					+			
Knee						7			
Leg/ankle									
Foot/toes						_			
Functional Duck-walk	k, single leg hop								
^b Consider GU exa	chocardiogram, and ref m if in private setting. I ve evaluation or baselir	Having thir	d party pre	esent is recomm	nac history or exam, nended y of significant concussion,				
☐ Cleared for	all sports without r	estriction							
□ Cleared for	all sports without r	estriction	with rec	commendation	s for further evaluation or trea	tmen	t for =		
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	□ Pending further o	evaluation	n						
	☐ For any sports								
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Recommendati									
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Name of phys	sician, advanced p	ractice r	nurse (A	PN), physicia	n assistant (PA) (print/type),				Date
Address									Phone
Signature of p	physician, APN, PA	٠							

■ 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 recommendation	s for further evaluation or treatment for	
☐ Not cleared		
☐ Pending further evaluation		
☐ For any sports		
☐ For certain sports		
Recommendations		
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EMERGENCY INFORMATION		
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Other information		
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I have examined the above-named student and complectinical contraindications to practice and participate is and can be made available to the school at the reques	n the sport(s) as outlined above. A copy of the	physical exam is on record in my office
the physician may rescind the clearance until the prot (and parents/guardians).	lem is resolved and the potential consequence	es are completely explained to the athlet
Name of physician, advanced practice nurse (APN), physician	assistant (PA)	Date
Address		
Signature of physician, APN, PA		
Completed Cardiac Assessment Professional Development M		
DateSignature		
Date Signature		

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