### **Delphos Jefferson Physical Information Forms**

All forms MUST be completed before the athlete will be allowed to participate in practice or OHSAA Contests for the 2019 – 2020 season

All forms MUST be signed where requested to be valid

DO NOT wait until the week before your practice begins – You have ALL SUMMER If there are tryouts – You cannot try out & thus you cannot make the team



# GET THIS DONE EARLY



- Physical Form (WHITE)
  - You Complete & Sign @ Bottom Pages 1 & 2 Before your physical
  - o Physician Will Complete Pages 3 & 4
  - o Complete & Sign Pages 5 (Top & Bottom) & 6 (Bottom)
- Mercy Health / St. Rita's (GREEN)
  - o Read & Sign @ Bottom
- Concussion Information Sheet (BLUE)
  - Read first 2 pages
  - o Read & Sign the 3rd page
- Sudden Cardiace Arrest & Lindsay Law (YELLOW)
  - o Read First 2 pages
  - o Read and sign the 3rd Page
- <u>ImPact Sheet</u> (WHITE)
  - Read First Page
  - Sign the Consent Page
- Pay To Participate (GREEN)
  - o Read Pages 1 & 2
  - Sign @ Bottom of Page 1
  - Decide if paying all at once or if using a payment plan
  - o If using a payment plan you must meet with the Athletic Director to set this up.
- Parent / Spectator Code of Conduct (WHITE) Front
  - PLEASE READ This is the Board Approved Policy ( Do Not Return )
- NFHS Message (WHITE) Back
  - PLEASE Read this page -

- ( Do Not Return )

Athletic Office:

419-695-1786 X 414

ksmelser@delphoscityschools.org

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Signature of Student

The student has family insurance

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### PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION 2019-2020 HISTORY FORM – Please be advised that this paper form is no longer the OHSAA standard.

(Note: This form is to be filled out by the student and parent prior to seeing the medical examiner.) Date of Exam \_ Name \_\_\_ \_\_ Date of birth Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_ School \_Sport(s) Address Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Relationship Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_(W) \_\_\_\_\_(Cell) \_\_\_(Email) Medicines and Allergies: Please list the prescription and over-the-counter medicines and supplements (herbal and nutritional-including energy drinks/ protein supplements) that you are currently taking Do you have any allergies? Yes No If yes, please identify specific allergy below. Medicines Pollens Stinging Insects Explain "Yes" answers below. Circle questions you don't know the answers to. BONE AND JOINT QUESTIONS - CONTINUED 1. Has a doctor ever denied or restricted your participation in sports for any Do you regularly use a brace, orthotics, or other assistive device? reason? 23. Do you have a bone, muscle, or joint injury that bothers you? Do you have any ongoing medical conditions? If so, please identify Do any of your joints become painful, swollen, feel warm, or look red? below: Asthma Anemia Diabetes Do you have any history of juvenile arthritis or connective tissue disease? Other: 3. Have you ever spent the night in the hospital? Have you ever had surgery? Do you cough, wheeze, or have difficulty breathing during or after exercise? HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU Have you ever used an inhaler or taken asthma medicine? Have you ever passed out or nearly passed out DURING or AFTER Is there anyone in your family who has asthma? Were you born without or are you missing a kidney, an eye, a testicle (males), Have you ever had discomfort, pain, tightness, or pressure in your chest your spleen, or any other organ? Do you have groin pain or a painful bulge or hernia in the groin area? 7. Does your heart ever race or skip beats (irregular beats) during exercise? 31. Have you had infectious mononucleosis (mono) within the past month? Has a doctor ever told you that you have any heart problems? If so, check Do you have any rashes, pressure sores, or other skin problems? all that apply: 33. Have you had a herpes (cold sores) or MRSA (staph) skin infection? ☐ High blood pressure ☐ A heart murmur Have you ever had a head injury or concussion? ☐ High cholesterol □ A heart infection Have you ever had a hit or blow to the head that caused confusion, ☐ Kawasaki disease Other: prolonged headaches, or memory problems? Has a doctor ever ordered a test for your heart? (For example, ECG/EKG, 36 Do you have a history of seizure disorder or epilepsy? echocardiogram) 37. Do you have headaches with exercise? 10. Do you get lightheaded or feel more short of breath than expected during Have you ever had numbness, tingling, or weakness in your arms or legs after being hit or falling? 11. Have you ever had an unexplained seizure? 39. Have you ever been unable to move your arms or legs after being hit or falling? Do you get more tired or short of breath more quickly than your friends 40. Have you ever become ill while exercising in the heat? during exercise? 41 Do you get frequent muscle cramps when exercising? HEART HEALTH QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY Yes No 42. Do you or someone in your family have sickle cell trait or disease? Has any family member or relative died of heart problems or had an 43. Have you had any problems with your eyes or vision? unexpected or unexplained sudden death before age 50 (including 44 Have you had an eye injury? drowning, unexplained car accident, or sudden infant death syndrome)? 45. Do you wear glasses or contact lenses? 14. Does anyone in your family have hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, Marfan 46. Do you wear protective eyewear, such as goggles or a face shield? syndrome, arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy, long QT 47. Do you worry about your weight? syndrome, short QT syndrome, Brugada syndrome, or catecholaminergic Are you trying to gain or lose weight? Has anyone recommended that you do? polymorphic ventricular tachycardia? Are you on a special diet or do you avoid certain types of foods? 15. Does anyone in your family have a heart problem, pacemaker, or implanted 50. Have you ever had an eating disorder? 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 seizures, 16. FEMALES ONLY or near drowning? 52. Have you ever had a menstrual period? BONE AND JOINT QUESTIONS Yes No 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 How many periods have you had in the last 12 months? caused you to miss a practice or game? 18. Have you ever had any broken or fractured bones or dislocated joints? Explain "yes" answers here 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? 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) I hereby state that, to the best of my knowledge, my answers to the above questions are complete and correct.

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\_Signature of parent/guardian\_

No If yes, family insurance company name and policy number:



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### PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION 2019-2020 THE ATHLETE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS - SUPPLEMENTAL HISTORY FORM

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	Date of birth
Age Grade School	
. Type of disability	
2. Date of disability	
3. Classification (if available)	
4. Cause of disability (birth, disease, accident/trauma, other)	
5. List the sports you are interested in playing	
	Yes No
6. Do you regularly use a brace, assistive device or prosthetic?	
7. Do you use a special brace or assistive device for sports?	
B. Do you have any rashes, pressure sores, or any other skin problems?	
Do you have a hearing loss? Do you use a hearing aid?	
). Do you have a visual impairment?	
Do you have any special devices for bowel or bladder function?	
Do you have burning or discomfort when urinating?	
Have you had autonomic dysreflexia?	
Have you ever been diagnosed with a heat related (hyperthermia) or cold-related (hypothermia) illness?	
5. Do you have muscle spasticity?	
B. Do you have frequent seizures that cannot be controlled by medication?	
lease indicate if you have ever had any of the following	
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#### PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION 2019-2020

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM

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 or use condoms?
  - · Do you consume energy drinks?
- 2. Consider reviewing questions on cardiovascular symptoms (questions 5-14).

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<sup>e</sup>Consider ECG, echocardiogram, or referral to cardiology for abnormal cardiac history or exam.

Consider GU exam if in private setting. Having third part present is recommended.

<sup>c</sup>Consider cognitive or baseline neuropsychiatric testing if a history of significant concussion.

#### PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION 2019-2020

#### **CLEARANCE FORM**

Note: Authorization forms (pages 5 and 6) must be signed by both the parent/guardian and the student.

Name		Sex □ M □ F	Age	Date of birth	
☐ Cleared for all	sports without restriction				
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□ Not Cleared					
	Pending further evaluation				
	For any sports				
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Signature of physic	ian/medical examiner			, MD, DO, D.C., P.A. or A.	N.P
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#### PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION 2019-2020

### THE STUDENT SHALL NOT BE CLEARED TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS UNTIL THIS FORM HAS BEEN SIGNED AND RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL



#### OHSAA AUTHORIZATION FORM 2019-2020

I hereby authorize the release and disclosure of the personal health information of("School").	("Student"), as described below, to
The information described below may be released to the School principal or assistant or other member of the School's administrative staff as necessary to evaluate the Stu interscholastic sports programs, physical education classes or other classroom activities.	principal, athletic director, coach, athletic trainer, physical education teacher, school nurse dent's eligibility to participate in school sponsored activities, including but not limited to les.
participate in school sponsored activities, including but not limited to the Pre-participal eligibility of the Student to participate in classroom or other School sponsored activities.	udes records of physical examinations performed to determine the Student's eligibility to tion Evaluation form or other similar document required by the School prior to determining s; records of the evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of injuries which the Student incurred sions, training and competition; and other records as necessary to determine the Student's
professional retained by the School to perform physical examinations to determine the treatment to students injured while participating in such activities, whether or not such	School by the Student's personal physician or physicians; a physician or other health care a Student's eligibility to participate in certain school sponsored activities or to provide a physicians or other health care professionals are paid for their services or volunteer their onal who evaluates, diagnoses or treats an injury or other condition incurred by the student
I understand that the School has requested this authorization to release or disclose the Student's health and ability to participate in certain school sponsored and classroom a federal HIPAA privacy regulations, and the information described below may be redisclose understand that the School is covered under the federal regulations that govern this authorization may be protected by those regulations.	e personal health information described above to make certain decisions about the activities, and that the School is a not a health care provider or health plan covered by closed and may not continue to be protected by the federal HIPAA privacy regulations. I he privacy of educational records, and that the personal health information disclosed under
I also understand that health care providers and health plans may not condition the preparticipation in certain school sponsored activities may be conditioned on the signing	ovision of treatment or payment on the signing of this authorization; however, the Student's of this authorization.
I understand that I may revoke this authorization in writing at any time, except to the e by sending a written revocation to the school principal (or designee) whose name and	xtent that action has been taken by a health care provider in reliance on this authorization, address appears below.
Name of Principal:	
School Address:	
This authorization will expire when the student is no longer enrolled as a student at the NOTE: IF THE STUDENT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, THIS AUTHORIZATION IN STUDENT IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, THE STUDENT MUST SIGN THIS AUTHORIZATION IN STUDENT IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, THE STUDENT MUST SIGN THIS AUTHORIZATION IN STUDENT IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, THE STUDENT MUST SIGN THIS AUTHORIZATION IN STUDENT IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, THE STUDENT MUST SIGN THIS AUTHORIZATION IN STUDENT IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, THE STUDENT MUST SIGN THIS AUTHORIZATION IN STUDENT IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, THE STUDENT MUST SIGN THIS AUTHORIZATION IN STUDENT IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, THE STUDENT MUST SIGN THIS AUTHORIZATION IN STUDENT IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, THE STUDENT MUST SIGN THIS AUTHORIZATION IN STUDENT IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, THE STUDENT MUST SIGN THIS AUTHORIZATION IN STUDENT IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, THE STUDENT MUST SIGN THIS AUTHORIZATION IN STUDENT IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, THE STUDENT MUST SIGN THIS AUTHORIZATION IN STUDENT IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, THE STUDENT MUST SIGN THIS AUTHORIZATION IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, THE STUDENT MUST SIGN THIS AUTHORIZATION IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, THE STUDENT MUST SIGN THIS AUTHORIZATION IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, THE STUDENT MUST SIGN THIS AUTHORIZATION IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, THE STUDENT MUST SIGN THIS AUTHORIZATION IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, THE STUDENT MUST SIGN THE STUDEN	SUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN TO BE VALID. IF THE
Student's Signature	Birth date of Student, including year
Name of Student's personal representative, if applicable	
I am the Student's (check one): Parent Legal Guardian (docum	entation must be provided)
Signature of Student's personal representative, if applicable	Date

A copy of this signed form has been provided to the student or his/her personal representative

#### PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION 2019-2020

#### 2019-2020 Ohio High School Athletic Association Eligibility and Authorization Statement

This document is to be signed by the participant from an OHSAA member school and by the participant's parent.

I have read, understand and acknowledge receipt of the OHSAA Student Eligibility Guide and Checklist

https://www.ohsaa.org/Portals/0/Eligibility/OtherEligibilityDocs/EligibilityGuideHS.pdf which contains a summary of the eligibility rules of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. I understand that a copy of the OHSAA Handbook is on file with the principal and athletic administrator and that I may review it, in its entirety, if I so choose. All OHSAA bylaws and regulations from the Handbook are also posted on the OHSAA website at ohsaa.org.

understand that an OHSAA member school must adhere to all rules and regulations that pertain to the interscholastic athletics programs that the school sponsors, but that local rules may be more stringent than OHSAA rules.

! understand that participation in interscholastic athletics is a <u>privilege not a right</u>.

Student Code of Responsibility

As a student athlete, I understand and accept the following responsibilities:

I will respect the rights and beliefs of others and will treat others with courtesy and consideration.

will be fully responsible for my own actions and the consequences of my actions.

I will respect the property of others.

i will respect and obey the rules of my school and laws of my community, state and country.

I will show respect to those who are responsible for enforcing the rules of my school and the laws of my community, state and country.

I understand that a student whose character or conduct violates the school's Athletic Code or School

Code of Responsibility is not in good standing and is ineligible for a period as determined by the principal.

Informed Consent – By its nature, participation in interscholastic athletics includes risk of injury and transmission of infectious disease such as HIV and Hepatitis B. Although serious injuries are not common and the risk of HIV transmission is almost nonexistent in supervised school athletic programs, it is impossible to eliminate all risk. Participants have a responsibility to help reduce that risk. Participants must obey all safety rules, report all physical and hygiene problems to their coaches, follow a proper conditioning program, and inspect their own equipment daily. PARENTS, GUARDIANS OR STUDENTS WHO MAY NOT WISH TO ACCEPT RISK DESCRIBED IN THIS WARNING SHOULD NOT SIGN THIS FORM. STUDENTS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN AN OHSAA-SPONSORED SPORT WITHOUT THE STUDENT'S AND PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE.

I understand that in the case of injury or illness requiring treatment by medical personnel and transportation to a health care facility, that a reasonable attempt will be made to contact the parent or guardian in the case of the student-athlete being a minor, but that, if necessary, the student-athlete will be treated and transported via ambulance to the nearest hospital.

consent to medical treatment for the student following an injury or illness suffered during practice and/or a contest.

To enable the OHSAA to determine whether the herein named student is eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics in an OHSAA member school I consent to the release to the OHSAA any and all portions of school record files, beginning with seventh grade, of the herein named student, specifically including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, birth and age records, name and residence address of parent(s)or guardian(s), residence address of the student, academic work completed, grades received and attendance data.

consent to the OHSAA's use of the herein named student's name, likeness, and athletic-related information in reports of contests, promotional literature of the Association and other materials and releases related to interscholastic athletics.

understand that if I drop a class, take course work through College Credit Plus, Credit Flexibility or other educational options, this action could affect compliance with OHSAA academic standards and my eligibility. I accept full responsibility for compliance with Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and the passing five credit standard expressed therein.

I understand all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly. Further I understand that if my student is removed from a practice or competition due to a suspected concussion, he or she will be unable to return to participation that day. After that day written authorization from a physician (M.D. or D.O.) or an athletic trainer working under the supervision of a physician will be required in order for the student to return to participation.

l have read and signed the Ohio Department of Health's Concussion Information Sheet and have retained a copy for myself.

By signing this we acknowledge that we have read the above information and that we consent to the herein named student's participation.

\*Must Be Signed Before Physical Examination

Student's Signature	Birth date	Grade in School	Date
Parent's or Guardian's Signature			Date



### Medical Information Release for 2019-2020 School Year

We are the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) for a minor student athlete or I am an adult student athlete (18 years or older), and understand that the school I/my/our child attend(s) is under contract with Mercy Health-St. Rita's Sports Medicine to provide athletic training services for their student athletes.

I/we understand that health information related to me or my/our student athlete should be protected, but in order to provide the best treatment and the best opportunity for a safe and quick return to athletic activities, there may be instances in which the Certified Athletic Trainer (AT) should discuss information with regard to a student athlete's condition with others. Therefore, when injuries or medical conditions arise that require the AT's intervention, I/we give my/our permission for any AT from Mercy Health-St. Rita's Sports Medicine who is involved in my/our student athlete's care to discuss pertinent health information including, but not limited to, the type of injury/condition, the plan for treatment, and any athletic/sports participation limitations, with the following individual(s) when the situation warrants: team physician (where applicable), treating physician, family physician, dentist, emergency medical personnel, medical center/hospital personnel, coaching staff, athletic director, other AT(s), any health care provider or facility currently treating me/my/our student athlete, and me/us. The AT will communicate with the aforementioned individuals on an as needed basis and will use professional discretion and judgment to protect the student athlete's Personal Health Information (PHI). This release shall provide permission for any health care provider/facility, which is currently treating, or has treated me/my/our student athlete, to release information directly to the AT as part of the continuum of care.

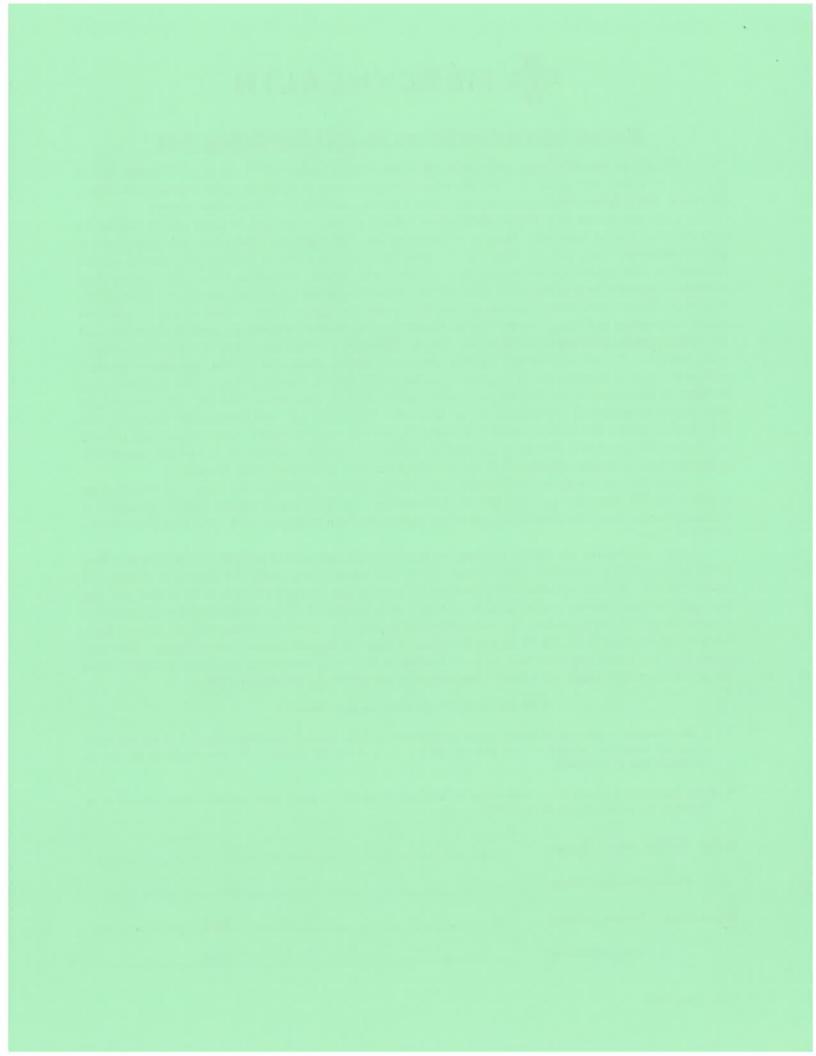
This disclosure may include records protected by federal confidentiality rules. The federal rules prohibit the AT from making any further disclosure of this information unless further disclosure is expressly permitted by the written consent of the person to whom it pertains or as otherwise permitted by 42 C.F.R., Part 2."

I/We understand that should a change be desired in the type of PHI to be discussed or with whom it can be shared, the individual who initially signed this release must make the request in writing and contact the AT. (Should a student athlete become 18 years of age during the course of the school year, the now adult student athlete would be able to make these changes.) I/we understand that should I/we revoke/change this authorization, the revocation/change will not cover any action that has already been taken by Mercy Health-St. Rita's Sports Medicine during the original granted authorization. I/we also understand that verbal approval may be given directly to the AT by the parent, guardian, or adult student athlete for a specific, single episode of communication and will be documented by the AT.

#### I/We have read and understand the above document.

- ∇ If this document is part of an on-line electronic signature process through your high school, then the electronic signature completed as part of that process will act as an electronic signature for this document during the academic year of 2019-2020.
- $\nabla$  If this document is presented by your school in hard copy form, please print, sign, and date below, and will be in effect for the academic year of 2019-2020.

Print: Stude	nt Athlete Name:	
Paren	t/Guardian Name:	
Signatures:	Student Athlete:	Date:
	Parent/Guardian:	Date:



# Ohio Department of Health Concussion Information Sheet For Interscholastic Athletics

Dear Parent/Guardian and Athletes,

This information sheet is provided to assist you and your child in recognizing the signs and symptoms of a concussion. Every athlete is different and responds to a brain injury differently, so seek medical attention if you suspect your child has a concussion. Once a concussion occurs, it is very important your athlete return to normal activities slowly, so he/she does not do more damage to his/her brain.

#### What is a Concussion?

A concussion is an injury to the brain that may be caused by a blow, bump, or jolt to the head. Concussions may also happen after a fall or hit that jars the brain. A blow elsewhere on the body can cause a concussion even if an athlete does not hit his/her head directly. Concussions can range from mild to severe, and athletes can get a concussion even if they are wearing a helmet.

#### Signs and Symptoms of a Concussion

Athletes do not have to be "knocked out" to have a concussion. In fact, less than 1 out of 10 concussions result in loss of consciousness. Concussion symptoms can develop right away or up to 48 hours after the injury. Ignoring any signs or symptoms of a concussion puts your child's health at risk!

#### Signs Observed by Parents of Guardians

- ♦ Appears dazed or stunned.
- Is confused about assignment or position.
- Forgets plays.
- Is unsure of game, score or opponent.
- Moves clumsily.
- Answers questions slowly.
- Loses consciousness (even briefly).
- Shows behavior or personality changes (irritability, sadness, nervousness, feeling more emotional).
- · Can't recall events before or after hit or fall.

#### Symptoms Reported by Athlete

- Any headache or "pressure" in head. (How badly it hurts does not matter.)
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Balance problems or dizziness.
- Double or blurry vision.
- Sensitivity to light and/or noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy or groggy.
- Concentration or memory problems.
- ♦ Confusion.
- ◆ Does not "feel right."
- Trouble falling asleep.
- Sleeping more or less than usual.

#### Be Honest

Encourage your athlete to be honest with you, his/her coach and your health care provider about his/her symptoms. Many young athletes get caught up in the moment and/or feel pressured to return to sports before they are ready. It is better to miss one game than the entire season... or risk permanent damage!

#### Seek Medical Attention Right Away

Seeking medical attention is an important first step if you suspect or are told your child has a concussion. A qualified health care professional will be able to determine how serious the concussion is and when it is safe for your child to return to sports and other daily activities.

- No athlete should return to activity on the same day he/she gets a concussion.
- Athletes should <u>NEVER</u> return to practices/games if they still have ANY symptoms.
- Parents and coaches should never pressure any athlete to return to play.

#### The Dangers of Returning Too Soon

Returning to play too early may cause Second Impact Syndrome (SIS) or Post-Concussion Syndrome (PCS). SIS occurs when a second blow to the head happens before an athlete has completely recovered from a concussion. This second impact causes the brain to swell, possibly resulting in brain damage, paralysis, and even death. PCS can occur after a second impact. PCS can result in permanent, long-term concussion symptoms. The risk of SIS and PCS is the reason why no athlete should be allowed to participate in any physical activity before they are cleared by a qualified healthcare professional.

#### Recovery

A concussion can affect school, work, and sports. Along with coaches and teachers, the school nurse, athletic trainer, employer, and other school administrators should be aware of the athlete's injury and their roles in helping the child recover.

During the recovery time after a concussion, physical and mental rest are required. A concussion upsets the way the brain normally works and causes it to work longer and harder to complete even simple tasks. Activities that require concentration and focus may make symptoms worse and cause the brain to heal slower. Studies show that children's brains take several weeks to heal following a concussion.





http://www.healthy.ohio.gov/vipp/child/returntoplay/concussion

#### Returning to Daily Activities

- Be sure your child gets plenty of rest and enough sleep at night – no late nights. Keep the same bedtime weekdays and weekends.
- Encourage daytime naps or rest breaks when your child feels tired or worn-out.
- Limit your child's activities that require a lot of thinking or concentration (including social activities, homework, video games, texting, computer, driving, job-related activities, movies, parties). These activities can slow the brain's recovery.
- Limit your child's physical activity, especially those activities where another injury or blow to the head may occur.
- Have your qualified health care professional check your child's symptoms at different times to help guide recovery.

#### Returning to Learn (School)

- Your athlete may need to initially return to school on a limited basis, for example for only half-days, at first. This should be done under the supervision of a qualified health care professional.
- Inform teacher(s), school counselor or administrator(s) about the injury and symptoms. School personnel should be instructed to watch for:
  - a. Increased problems paying attention.
  - b. Increased problems remembering or learning new information.
  - c. Longer time needed to complete tasks or assignments.
  - d. Greater irritability and decreased ability to cope with stress.
  - e. Symptoms worsen (headache, tiredness) when doing schoolwork.
- 3. Be sure your child takes multiple breaks during study time and watch for worsening of symptoms.
- 4. If your child is still having concussion symptoms, he/ she may need extra help with school-related activities. As the symptoms decrease during recovery, the extra help or supports can be removed gradually.
- 5. For more information, please refer to Return to Learn on the ODH website.

#### Resources

ODH Violence and Injury Prevention Program http://www.healthy.ohio.gov/vipp/child/returntoplay/

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/heedsup/besics/index.html">http://www.cdc.gov/heedsup/besics/index.html</a>

National Federation of State High School Associations www.nfhs.org

Brain Injury Association of America www.biausa.org/

#### Returning to Play

- 1. Returning to play is specific for each person, depending on the sport. Starting 4/26/13, Ohio law requires written permission from a health care provider before an athlete can return to play. Follow instructions and guidance provided by a health care professional. It is important that you, your child and your child's coach follow these instructions carefully.
- Your child should NEVER return to play if he/she still has ANY symptoms. (Be sure that your child does not have any symptoms at rest and while doing any physical activity and/or activities that require a lot of thinking or concentration).
- Ohio law prohibits your child from returning to a game or practice on the same day he/she was removed.
- Be sure that the athletic trainer, coach and physical education teacher are aware of your child's injury and symptoms.
- 5. Your athlete should complete a step-by-step exercise -based progression, under the direction of a qualified healthcare professional.
- 6. A sample activity progression is listed below. Generally, each step should take no less than 24 hours so that your child's full recovery would take about one week once they have no symptoms at rest and with moderate exercise.\*

#### Sample Activity Progression\*

Step 1: Low levels of non-contact physical activity, provided NO SYMPTOMS return during or after activity. (Examples: walking, light jogging, and easy stationary biking for 20-30 minutes).

Step 2: Moderate, non-contact physical activity, provided NO SYMPTOMS return during or after activity. (Examples: moderate jogging, brief sprint running, moderate stationary biking, light calisthenics, and sport-specific drills without contact or collisions for 30-45 minutes).

Step 3: Heavy, non-contact physical activity, provided NO SYMPTOMS return during or after activity. (Examples: extensive sprint running, high intensity stationary biking, resistance exercise with machines and free weights, more intense non-contact sports specific drills, agility training and jumping drills for 45-60 minutes).

Step 4: Full contact in controlled practice or scrimmage.

Step 5: Full contact in game play.

\*If any symptoms occur, the athlete should drop back to the previous step and try to progress again after a 24 hour rest period.

### Ohio Department of Health Concussion Information Sheet For Interscholastic Athletics

# Acknowledgement of Having Received the "Ohio Department of Health's Concussion and Head Injury Information Sheet"

By signing this form, as the parent/guardian/care-giver of the student-athlete named below, I acknowledge receiving a copy of the concussion and head injury information sheet prepared by the Ohio Department of Health as required by section 3313.539 of the Revised Code.

I understand concussions and other head injuries have serious and possibly long-lasting effects.

By reading the information sheet, I understand I have a responsibility to report any signs or symptoms of a concussion or head injury to coaches, administrators and my student-athlete's doctor.

I also understand that coaches, referees and other officials have a responsibility to protect the health of the student-athletes and may prohibit my student-athlete from further participation in athletic programs until my student-athlete has been cleared to return by a physician or other appropriate health care professional.

Athlete	——————————————————————————————————————	SEPARTMENT OF
	Date	
Parent/Guardian	Date	tal improve the health of

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# Sudden Cardiac Arrest and Lindsay's Law Information for the Youth Athlete and Parent/Guardian

- Lindsay's Law is about Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) in youth athletes. This law went into effect in 2017. SCA is the leading
  cause of death in student athletes 19 years of age or younger. SCA occurs when the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops
  beating. This cuts off blood flow to the brain and other vital organs. SCA is fatal if not treated immediately.
- "Youth" covered under Lindsay's Law are all athletes 19 years of age or younger that wish to practice for or compete in athletic activities organized by a school or youth sports organization.
- Lindsay's Law applies to all public and private schools and all youth sports organizations for athletes aged 19 years or younger whether or not they pay a fee to participate or are sponsored by a business or nonprofit. This includes:
  - 1) All athletic activities including interscholastic athletics, any athletic contest or competition sponsored by or associated with a school
  - 2) All cheerleading, club sports and school affiliated organizations including noncompetitive cheerleading
  - 3) All practices, interschool practices and scrimmages
- Any of these things may cause SCA:
  - 1) Structural heart disease. This may or may not be present from birth
  - 2) Electrical heart disease. This is a problem with the heart's electrical system that controls the heartbeat
  - 3) Situational causes. These may be people with completely normal hearts who are either are hit in the chest or develop a heart infection
- Warning signs in your family that you or your youth athlete may be at high risk of SCA:
  - o A blood relative who suddenly and unexpectedly dies before age 50
  - o Any of the following conditions: cardiomyopathy, long QT syndrome, Marfan syndrome, or other rhythm problems of the heart
- Warning signs of SCA. If any of these things happen with exercise, see your health care professional:
  - Chest pain/discomfort
  - Unexplained fainting/near fainting or dizziness
  - Unexplained tiredness, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Unusually fast or racing heart beats
- The youth athlete who faints or passes out before, during, or after an athletic activity MUST be removed from the activity.

  Before returning to the activity, the youth athlete must be seen by a health care professional and cleared in writing.
- If the youth athlete's biological parent, sibling or child has had a SCA, then the youth athlete must be removed from activity.

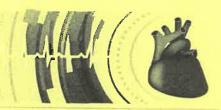
  Before returning to the activity, the youth athlete must be seen by a health care professional and cleared in writing.
- Any young athlete with any of these warning signs cannot participate in practices, interschool practices, scrimmages or competition until cleared by a health care professional.





- Other reasons to be seen by a healthcare professional would be a heart murmur, high blood pressure, or prior heart evaluation by a physician.
- Lindsay's Law lists the health care professionals who may evaluate and clear youth athletes. They are a physician (MD or DO), a certified nurse practitioner, a clinical nurse specialist or certified nurse midwife. For school athletes, a physician's assistant or licensed athletic trainer may also clear a student. That person may refer the youth and family to another health care provider for further evaluation. Clearance must be provided in writing to the school or sports official before the athlete can return to the activity.
- Despite everyone's best efforts, sometimes a young athlete will experience SCA. If you have had CPR training, you may
  know the term "Chain of Survival." The Chain of Survival helps anyone survive SCA.
- Using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) can save the life of a child with SCA. Depending on where a young athlete
  is during an activity, there may or may not be an AED close by. Many, but not all, schools have AEDs. The AEDs may be near
  the athletic facilities, or they may be close to the school office. Look around at a sporting event to see if you see one. If you
  are involved in community sports, look around to see if there is an AED nearby.
- If you witness a person experiencing a SCA: First, remain calm. Follow the links in the Chain of Survival:
  - Link 1: Early recognition
    - Assess child for responsiveness. Does the child answer if you call his/her name?
    - If no, then attempt to assess pulse. If no pulse is felt or if you are unsure, call for help "someone dial 911"
  - Link 2: Early CPR
    - Begin CPR immediately
  - Link 3: Early defibrillation (which is the use of an AED)
    - If an AED is available, send someone to get it immediately. Turn it on, attach it to the child and follow the
      instructions
    - If an AED is not available, continue CPR until EMS arrives
  - Link 4: Early advanced life support and cardiovascular care
    - Continue CPR until EMS arrives
- Lindsay's Law requires both the youth athlete and parent/guardian to acknowledge receipt of information about Sudden Cardiac Arrest by signing a form.

# Sudden Cardiac Arrest and Lindsay's Law Parent/Athlete Signature Form



What is Lindsay's Law? Lindsay's Law is about Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) in youth athletes. It covers all athletes 19 years or younger who practice for or compete in athletic activities. Activities may be organized by a school or youth sports organization.

Which youth athletic activities are included in Lindsay's law?

- Athletics at all schools in Ohio (public and non-public)
- Any athletic contest or competition sponsored by or associated with a school
- All interscholastic athletics, including all practices, interschool practices and scrimmages
- All youth sports organizations
- All cheerleading and club sports, including noncompetitive cheerleading

What is SCA? SCA is when the heart stops beating suddenly and unexpectedly. This cuts off blood flow to the brain and other vital organs. People with SCA will die if not treated immediately. SCA can be caused by 1) a structural issue with the heart, OR 2) a heart electrical problem which controls the heartbeat, OR 3) a situation such as a person who is hit in the chest or a gets a heart infection.

What is a warning sign for SCA? If a family member died suddenly before age 50, or a family member has cardiomyopathy, long QT syndrome, Marfan syndrome or other rhythm problems of the heart.

What symptoms are a warning sign of SCA? A young athlete may have these things with exercise:

- Chest pain/discomfort
- Unexplained fainting/near fainting or dizziness
- Unexplained tiredness, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Unusually fast or racing heart beats

What happens if an athlete experiences syncope or fainting before, during or after a practice, scrimmage, or competitive play? The coach MUST remove the youth athlete from activity immediately. The youth athlete MUST be seen and cleared by a health care provider before returning to activity. This written clearance must be shared with a school or sports official.

What happens if an athlete experiences any other warning signs of SCA? The youth athlete should be seen by a health care professional.

Who can evaluate and clear youth athletes? A physician (MD or DO), a certified nurse practitioner, a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse midwife. For school athletes, a physician's assistant or licensed athletic trainer may also clear a student. That person may refer the youth to another health care provider for further evaluation.

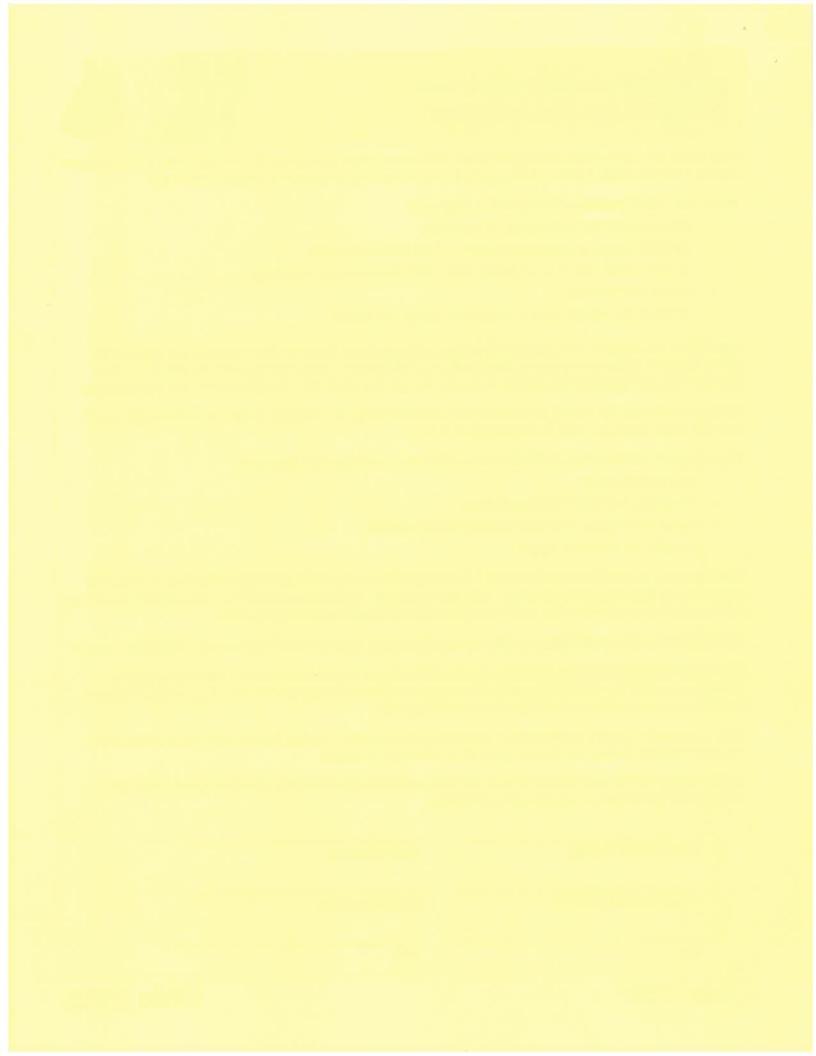
What is needed for the youth athlete to return to the activity? There must be clearance from the health care provider in writing. This must be given to the coach and school or sports official before return to activity.

All youth athletes and their parents/guardians must view the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) video about Sudden Cardiac Arrest, review the ODH SCA handout and then sign and return this form.

Parent/Guardian Signature	Student Signature
Parent/Guardian Name (Print)	Student Name (Print)
Date	Date









Dear Parent/Guardian,

Delphos Jefferson High School is currently implementing an innovative program for our student-athletes. This program will assist our team physicians/athletic trainers in evaluating and treating head injuries (e.g., concussion). In order to better manage concussions sustained by our student-athletes, we have acquired a software tool called ImPACT (Immediate Post Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing). ImPACT is a computerized exam utilized in many professional, collegiate, and high school sports programs across the country to successfully diagnose and manage concussions. If an athlete is believed to have suffered a head injury during competition, ImPACT is used to help determine the severity of head injury and when the injury has fully healed.

The computerized exam is given to athletes before beginning contact sport practice or competition. This non-invasive test is set up in "video-game" type format and takes about 15-20 minutes to complete. It is simple, and actually many athletes enjoy the challenge of taking the test. Essentially, the ImPACT test is a preseason physical of the brain. It tracks information such as memory, reaction time, speed, and concentration. It, however, is not an IQ test.

If a concussion is suspected, the athlete will be required to re-take the test. Both the preseason and postinjury test data is given to a local doctor or, to help evaluate the injury. The information gathered can also be shared with your family doctor. The test data will enable these health professionals to determine when returnto-play is appropriate and safe for the injured athlete. If an injury of this nature occurs to your child, you will be promptly contacted with all the details.

I wish to stress that the ImPACT testing procedures are non-invasive, and they pose no risks to your student-athlete. We are excited to implement this program given that it provides us the best available information for managing concussions and preventing potential brain damage that can occur with multiple concussions. The Delphos Jefferson administration, coaching, and athletic training staffs are striving to keep your child's health and safety at the forefront of the student athletic experience. Please return the attached page with the appropriate signatures. If you have any further questions regarding this program please feel free to contact me at 419-619-2328.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Grothause, AT, ATC



#### **Consent Form**

For use of the Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing (ImPACT)

I have read the attached information. I understand its contents. I have been given an opportunity to ask questions and all questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I agree to participate in the ImPACT Concussion Management Program.

Printed Name of Athlete		
Sport		
Signature of Athlete	Date	
Signature of Parent	Date	

PAID IN	FULL:	Cash	Check
			Check

**PAYMENT PLAN: ON BACK** 

# Delphos City Schools Pay to Participate Contract

Adopted by the Delphos City School Board of Education for the 2019-2020 school year.

The structure for the participation fee is as follows:

- \$125 Flat Fee for High School Students
- \$75 Flat Fee for Junior High Students
- Total Family Cap of \$250 (Tax Forms could be required for proof of dependents)

Fees must be paid in full prior to the first team practice unless payment plan is agreed upon—starting dates are set by OHSAA (Ohio High School Athletic Association)

- Students will not be allowed to participate in practice or team pictures until fees are paid in full or payment plan is agreed upon and being followed
- Team uniforms and equipment will not be issued until all fees are paid in full or payment plan is agreed upon and being followed.

#### Refund Policy:

- Refund will be granted if a student is cut from the team and is not participating in any other sport.
- Refund will be granted if the sport is cancelled due to insufficient numbers of athletes for the program and the athlete and is not participating in any other sport.
- Refund will be granted if a student leaves the district due to family withdrawing from the district prior to the 1<sup>a</sup> game.
- Any student who quits the team will **NOT** be eligible for a refund.
- Students asked to leave the team due to disciplinary reasons will **NOT** be eligible for a refund.
- Any actions beyond these listed will be evaluated by the administration.

Note: Once one sport has been completed for the school year by an athlete, the above refund policies do not apply.

I understand a participation fee is a financial assessment made by a school district for its students to participate on an extracurricular athletic team. Participation fees are *NOT* a guarantee of a spot on an athletic team or playing time on that team. All of the conditions of being a team member apply as if the fee does not exist, i.e. school/athletic conduct codes still apply. The participation fee does not give the payer of the fee a greater voice in how the program operates.

Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date	
Signature of Student	Date	
	Signature of Student	

Turn over for payment procedures and deadlines

Send Check / Money Order made payable to Delphos City Schools. Please note on payment "PTP" and athlete(s) names.

#### Include this signature page with payment.

Mail to:

Delphos City Schools ~ Athletic Director

901 Wildcat Lane Delphos, OH 45833

### Payments can also be delivered to the High School Athletic Office with the Completed Physical Packet.

Payments are due in full prior to the first day of practice in the sport participating in. Listed below are the due dates per sport.

Note – it is a one time fee per athlete so if you paid for a Fall Sport, there will be no payment for Winter or Spring Sports.

**Due Dates: Denial of Participation Date Fall Sports** • Volleyball, Golf, and Soccer ~ Prior to August 1, 2019 FRIDAY AUGUST 16th Football Cheerleading **Winter Sports** - Girls' Basketball ~ Prior to Oct. 25, 2019 FRIDAY NOVEMBER 08th - Boys' Basketball ~ Prior to Nov. 01, 2019 FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15th - Wrestling ~ Prior to Nov. 15, 2019 FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29TH - Basketball Cheerleading ~ Prior to Nov. 01, 2019 FRIDAY NOVEMBERE 15TH

**Spring Sports** 

Baseball/Softball
 Track
 Prior to Feb. 24, 2020
 MONDAY MARCH 09<sup>TH</sup>
 MONDAY MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>
 MONDAY MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>

If Pay to Participate monies are not paid by DENIAL OF PARTICPATION date above / or agreed upon payment plan payments are not up to date - Participation for OHSAA sponsored sports at Jefferson will be denied

#### To be filled out with the AD & PARENT TOGETHER:

Dates of					
Payment					
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## From The NFHS: A Message to Parents of Ohio High School Athletes

January 14, 2019

#### **DEAR MOM AND DAD: COOL IT**

By Karissa Niehoff, Executive Director of the National Federation of State High School Associations, and Jerry Snodgrass, Executive Director of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

If you are the mother or father of a high school athlete here in Ohio, this message is primarily for you.

When you attend an athletic event that involves your son or daughter, cheer to your heart's content, enjoy the camaraderie that high school sports offer and have fun. But when it comes to verbally criticize game officials or coaches, cool it.

Make no mistake about it. Your passion is admired, and your support of the hometown team is needed. But so is your self-control. Yelling, screaming and berating the officials humiliates your child, annoys those sitting around you, embarrasses your child's school and is the primary reason Ohio has an alarming shortage of high school officials.

It's true. According to a recent survey by the National Association of Sports Officials, more than 75 percent of all high school officials say "adult behavior" is the primary reason they quit. And 80 percent of all young officials hang up their stripes after just two years of whistleblowing. Why? They don't need your abuse.

Plus, there's a ripple effect. There are more officials over 60 than under 30 in many areas. And as older, experienced officials retire, there aren't enough younger ones to replace them. If there are no officials, there are no games. The shortage of licensed high school officials is severe enough in some areas that athletic events are being postponed or cancelled—especially at the freshman and junior varsity levels.

Research confirms that participation in high school sports and activities instills a sense of pride in school and community, teaches lifelong lessons like the value of teamwork and self-discipline and facilitates the physical and emotional development of those who participate. So, if the games go away because there aren't enough men and women to officiate them, the loss will be infinitely greater than just an "L" on the scoreboard. It will be putting a dent in your community's future.

If you would like to be a part of the solution to the shortage of high school officials, you can sign up to become a licensed official at HighSchoolOfficials.com. Otherwise, adult role models at high school athletic events here in Ohio are always welcome.

#### **Delphos City School District**

# PARENT/SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT AND SPORTSMANSHIP

As fans of the athletic teams of the Delphos City Schools you should acknowledge that you, as an adult, are a role model for our student athletes. We all need to remind ourselves that athletics are an extension of the classroom, offering learning experiences for our students. It is the hope and expectation of the Delphos City School District that our spectators have an understanding of the spirit of fair play, sportsmanship, and respect for others.

#### Parent/Spectator Conduct Guidelines

- Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being a good role model
- Treat players, coaches, game officials and other fans with respect
- If you as a parent have a concern, speak with the coach at an appropriate time and place never before, during or immediately after a contest. Make an appointment at a later time. The chain of command for concerns is the coach, athletic director/principal, superintendent and BOE.
- . Refrain from booing or heckling officials. Always remember, this contest is just a game
- Refrain from displays of anger and the use of profanity. These displays cannot be accepted
- Do not attend games while under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Do not attempt to coach or give direction to players during a contest. This undermines the objectives of the coaches and will likely embarrass your son or daughter
- Always remember that your ticket to a Wildcat athletic event provides you with the "privilege" of observing the contest and supporting your team, not berating the game officials, coaches or players.

Please understand that a failure to comply by the Code of Conduct may subject fans to disciplinary actions that could include, but not limited to, the following:

- Verbal Warning
- Written Warning
- Game Suspension
- Season Suspension

Please help to make attending Delphos Wildcat Athletic Contests an enjoyable experience for all of our fans and student athletes.

**Delphos City Schools BOE** 

School Administrators and Athletic Dept.