

DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

CYO CONSENT FORM

(Revised, June 2017)

PARENT SECTION

ATHLETE'S NAME _____ BIRTH DATE (MM/DD/YY) _____

SPORT _____ SCHOOL/PARISH _____

ADDRESS _____ City _____ ZIP _____ EMAIL _____

GRADE _____ AGE _____ HOME PHONE _____ CELL _____

PARISH REGISTRATION _____ CITY _____

Does your child have asthma: Y N Does your child have allergies: Y N If yes, please list: _____

Please list any other medical issues: _____

PARENT CONSENT:

My daughter/son has my permission to participate in competitive sports in the Diocese of Greensburg CYO Programs. I do hereby release and forever discharge the above mentioned team, and/or parish/school/athletic association or their successors from any/all actions or suits in law or equity which I might hereafter have by reasons of injuries sustained by my child participating in sports or in transit to or from participation in sports. I also understand that it is my responsibility to determine my child's physical and mental readiness to participate in the Diocese of Greensburg Youth Ministry Athletic Program for this season. By signing this form we agree to abide by the Handbook of Policies, Rules and Regulations of the Diocese of Greensburg, which has been distributed to each program.

PRINT NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

PHYSICIAN SECTION

A physical examination of the athlete by a licensed physician must occur within one year of the athletic year (June 1 through May 31). The athlete will be ineligible to participate in diocesan sponsored athletics unless the following certification is executed:

I certify that on _____, I conducted a physical examination of _____ and I find, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty that the athlete is physically able to participate in the athletic program named above.

Signature of Licensed Physician _____ Date _____

Address of Physician _____ Phone _____

(Parent and Physician): Are there any physical or other restrictive limitation which the team, league, and diocese should be aware of which might restrict the athlete's participation in the program? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, specify: _____

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE (if attending Catholic school): _____

PASTOR/PAROCHIAL VICAR SIGNATURE: _____

(if parishioner, pastor must validate participation in CCD program.)

INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PARENT/GUARDIAN. THE ATHLETE WILL BE INELIGIBLE UNTIL THE FORM IS RECEIVED COMPLETED.

Athlete/Parent/Guardian Sudden Cardiac Arrest Symptoms and Warning Signs Information Sheet and Acknowledgement of Receipt and Review Form

What is sudden cardiac arrest?

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is when the heart stops beating, suddenly and unexpectedly. When this happens blood stops flowing to the brain and other vital organs. SCA is NOT a heart attack. A heart attack may cause SCA, but they are not the same. A heart attack is caused by a blockage that stops the flow of blood to the heart. SCA is a malfunction in the heart's electrical system, causing the heart to suddenly stop beating.

How common is sudden cardiac arrest in the United States?

There are about 300,000 cardiac arrests outside hospitals each year. About 2,000 patients under 25 die of SCA each year.

Are there warning signs?

Although SCA happens unexpectedly, some people may have signs or symptoms, such as:

- dizziness
- lightheadedness
- shortness of breath
- difficulty breathing
- racing or fluttering heartbeat (palpitations)
- syncope (fainting)
- fatigue (extreme tiredness)
- weakness
- nausea
- vomiting
- chest pains

These symptoms can be unclear and confusing in athletes. Often, people confuse these warning signs with physical exhaustion. SCA can be prevented if the underlying causes can be diagnosed and treated.

What are the risks of practicing or playing after experiencing these symptoms?

There are risks associated with continuing to practice or play after experiencing these symptoms. When the heart stops, so does the blood that flows to the brain and other vital organs. Death or permanent brain damage can occur in just a few minutes. Most people who have SCA die from it.

Act 59 – the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act (the Act)

The Act is intended to keep student-athletes safe while practicing or playing. The requirements of the Act are:

Information about SCA symptoms and warning signs.

- Every student-athlete and their parent or guardian must read and sign this form. It must be returned to the school before participation in any athletic activity. A new form must be signed and returned each school year.
- Schools may *also* hold informational meetings. The meetings can occur before each athletic season. Meetings may include student-athletes, parents, coaches and school officials. Schools may also want to include doctors, nurses and athletic trainers.

Removal from play/return to play

- Any student-athlete who has signs or symptoms of SCA must be removed from play. The symptoms can happen before, during or after activity. Play includes all athletic activity.
- Before returning to play, the athlete must be evaluated. Clearance to return to play must be in writing. The evaluation must be performed by a licensed physician, certified registered nurse practitioner or cardiologist (heart doctor). The licensed physician or certified registered nurse practitioner may consult any other licensed or certified medical professionals.

I have reviewed and understand the symptoms and warning signs of SCA.

Signature of Student-Athlete

Print Student-Athlete's Name

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Print Parent/Guardian's Name

Date

UNDERSTANDING OF RISK OF CONCUSSION AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

What is a concussion? A concussion is a brain injury that:

- Is caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body.
- Can change the way a student's brain normally works.
- Can occur during Practices and/or Contests in any sport.
- Can happen even if a student has not lost consciousness.
- Can be serious even if a student has just been "dinged" or "had their bell rung."

All concussions are serious. A concussion can affect a student's ability to do schoolwork and other activities (such as playing video games, working on a computer, studying, driving, or exercising). Most students with a concussion get better, but it is important to give the concussed student's brain time to heal.

What are the symptoms of a concussion?

Concussions cannot be seen; however, in a potentially concussed student, **one or more** of the symptoms listed below may become apparent and/or that the student "doesn't feel right" soon after, a few days after, or even weeks after the injury.

- Headache or "pressure" in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double or blurry vision
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Difficulty paying attention
- Memory problems
- Confusion
- Bothered by light or noise

What should students do if they believe that they or someone else may have a concussion?

Students feeling any of the symptoms set forth above should immediately tell their Coach and their parents.

Also, if they notice any teammate evidencing such symptoms, they should immediately tell their Coach.

The student should be evaluated. A licensed physician of medicine or osteopathic medicine (MD or DO), sufficiently familiar with current concussion management, should examine the student, determine whether the student has a concussion, and determine when the student is cleared to return to participate in interscholastic athletics.

Concussed students should give themselves time to get better. If a student has sustained a concussion, the student's brain needs time to heal. While a concussed student's brain is still healing, that student is much more likely to have another concussion. Repeat concussions can increase the time it takes for an already concussed student to recover and may cause more damage to that student's brain. Such damage can have long term consequences. It is important that a concussed student rest and not return to play until the student receives permission from an MD or DO, sufficiently familiar with current concussion management, that the student is symptom-free.

How can students prevent a concussion? Every sport is different, but there are steps students can take to protect themselves.

Use the proper sports equipment, including personal protective equipment. For equipment to properly protect a student, it must be:

The right equipment for the sport, position, or activity; Worn correctly and the correct size and fit; and used every time the student Practices and/or competes.

Follow the Coach's rules for safety and the rules of the sport.

Practice good sportsmanship at all times.

If a student believes they may have a concussion: Don't hide it. Report it. Take time to recover.

I hereby acknowledge that I am familiar with the nature and risk of concussion and traumatic brain injury while participating in interscholastic athletics, including the risks associated with continuing to compete after a concussion or traumatic brain injury.

Student's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

I hereby acknowledge that I am familiar with the nature and risk of concussion and traumatic brain injury while participating in interscholastic athletics, including the risks associated with continuing to compete after a concussion or traumatic brain injury.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Code of Conduct for Players

As an individual:

- I will develop my skills to the best of my ability and give my best effort in practice and competition.
- I will compete within the spirit and the letter of the rules of my sport, showing good sportsmanship and respect for the game officials.
- I will respect the dignity of every human being, and will not be abusive or dehumanizing of another individual

As a member of the team:

- I will place team goals ahead of personal goals
- I will be a positive influence on the relationships on the team
- I will follow the team rules established by the coach
- I will conduct myself in ways that are consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Player Signature

Player Name (Printed)

Date

School or Parish Name



Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians

Parent/guardian agrees:

- To remember that the players are children and they are playing for their enjoyment.
- To conduct her/himself in ways that are consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- To remain seated in the spectator area during the games and to not coach her/his child or other players during games and practices unless as one of the official coaches of the team.
- To refrain from confronting coaches at games; rather, speak to the coach at an agreed upon time and place.
- To refrain from confronting the players at any time.
- To be a positive role model and encourage good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every sporting event.
- To refrain from making derogatory comments about/or to players, coaches, parents of the opposing team, or officials.
- To learn the rules of the game and the policies of the program.
- To refrain from using alcohol, tobacco and other drugs at all sporting events.
- To praise children for competing fairly and trying her/his best.

As the parent/guardian of a child participating in the CYO Athletics Program in the Diocese of Greensburg, I certify that I have received a copy of the CYO Handbook (either hard copy or via electronic copy) and agree to adhere to the Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

Date

School or Parish Name

